



The Jib Sheet

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

7-12 IFDS Worlds

11 Monthly Meeting

14 Small Boat Races

19 Gilchrest Park Cruise

21-22 PPYC Golden
Conch Regatta

29 Spring Series #1
Upper Charlotte Harbor
Cruise

February

3-5 Charlotte Harbor Re-
gatta

8 Monthly Meeting

12 Spring Series # 2

16 Gilchrest Park Cruise

18-19 Valentine's Day
Massacre

19 Spring Series #3

26 Spring Series #4
Useppa/Cabbage Key
Cruise

Happy New Year
Let's Make 2012 The Best
Year Ever!

Important

Please join the Officers of the PGSC at the General Membership Meeting at 7:00 pm on January 11 for a series of "breakout" sessions intended to get input regarding future racing and cruising activities our club should pursue.

Here is a great opportunity to help guide the course for the PGSC. The club officers are looking to you for your suggestions and are eager to hear what you have to say.

The meeting will be held at the PGI Civic Assn, 2001 Shreve, Punta Gorda.

We hope to have a strong turnout for this important session.

Vice Commodore



I know it is a shock to a lot of members that I am the Vice Commodore, it still a little bit of a shock to me as well. It all started at my 1st PGSC meeting when I made the mistake of sitting next to Avice Sunter. At the break she suggested that I be Vice Commodore, and before you knew it she had nominated me and at the very next meeting, I was elected!

I thought that I would take this opportunity to tell you about my sailing background and what my goal is for 2012. I started sailing at a very early age with my Dad on Long Island Sound on our Celebrity day sailor. Although we sold the boat when we moved, I was hooked. I sailed whenever I could on family vacations and at camps.

After I graduated from James Madison and moved to Richmond VA, I saw an ad for a crew training class sponsored by Fishing Bay Yacht Club and signed up. It was 4 Tuesday nights followed by 2 days on the water. I was hooked, and started racing on a J27 in MORC.

For the next 6 years life revolved around racing, FBYC races, Hampton frost bite series, MORC East Coast and National events, Down the Bay, Governors Cut. My racing also ventured off the bay with a couple of Key West Race weeks.

I have been racing in PGSC races for the past 3 years and look forward to many more. My goal for 2012 is to attract new members and introduce them to sailing, both racing and cruising. Feel free to call me with your thoughts, in the office at 941 833-3268 or on my cell at 941 650-8123.

Austin Jambor

2011 Change of Watch Awards

Bob Crump Award - Dave Cleverly

Ed McDowell Award - Skip Vielhauer

Marilyn Brown Award - Sue Fuller

Bill McCue Award - Butch and Mary Dorey

Most Improved Racer - Learning to Fly - George Buckingham

Golden Duck - Tony Milan

Rear Commodore



While many of you know who Mike Busher is, many do not. I thought it would be good to introduce myself in this first article.

I started sailing at age 12 and initially learned by sailing an iceboat and a Penguin at Boy Scout camp. My first boat was homemade, purchased for \$135 with a gaff rig. I have had some kind of sailboat ever since. We purchased our first big boat, Serendipity, when I retired in November of '98. While we love to race, we enjoy cruising just as much, having traveled 30,000 miles on Serendipity, from Guatemala to Maine.

Sandy and I moved to Punta Gorda in 1999. I was at Skip Vielhauer's house within five days. I immediately joined the club and signed up for the coming Sunday's race. This was even after Sandy said I could not race her house, a ten ton 42' center cockpit cruising boat. I assured Sandy that we could race any boat, as long as it had a sail. We had just moved into our new house, after living on our boat for nine months.

This will be my second time on the PGSC board. I served as secretary in 2004. My reasons for volunteering this time are twofold. First, to fulfill an obligation to assist in our club's operation. Second, I would like to do everything possible to help rebuild our racing fleet back to its old strength. Hopefully you have seen some of the articles I have authored to date. I view these articles as a vehicle to promote racing.

In closing, I could use help in writing some articles, particularly while Sandy and I are away cruising. But most important, Bill Dixon is going cruising for a year. We are looking for someone to write for Water Life, as he did so well for many years. Give me a shout if you would like to help in this area. Thank you,

Mike Busher

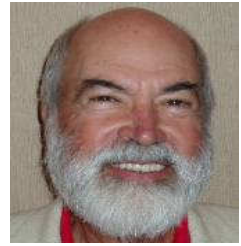
Secretary



Thanks to all the members for paying your **2012 Membership Dues**. Your actions help make it possible to have our terrific Racing and Cruising events and our great social programs. As I write this, we have 153 paid members. If you are among the 75+ that haven't paid yet, there is still time to get your dues in and be included in the 2012 Membership Roster. Just bring your payment to the January 11th meeting or mail it to PGSC, PO Box 510028, Punta Gorda, FL 33950. We can't guarantee your name and contact information will be included in the 2012 Roster if your dues are paid after January 11th, 2012. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me a secretary@pgscweb.com.

Vicki Welsch

Treasurer



This monthly meeting we present the annual “end of year” report. This will show the total income and expense for the year, as well as for each activity. This is our check on how well the proposed budget anticipated our needs.

By the time this article is posted, we will have completed our final transactions, and the accounting summary will be generated.

I am often asked about the flag flying from my masthead. Everyone wants to know what it is and why. It is a “bannerol” flying from a “pig stick” according to the dictionary of sailing terminology. You may have seen these flying from the masts of the square rigged sailing vessels of old. The term bannerol gives us the modern word “banner”. In more recent years the bannerol was replaced by a burgee.

Mine is used to keep the ospreys from roosting on the masthead. Yes it works very well.

Jerry Haller

Marine Advisory

A Marine Advisory Committee (MAC) meeting was held December 8, 2011. Following are topics that impressed me as important.

The MAC is waiting cost estimates to remove a section of RR trestle at Boca Grande. Somehow the county allowed the trestle to deteriorate to the point that 100 feet of trestle has NO support. It is just hanging there. This could mean hundreds of 16X16 creosote soaked timbers floating in the ICW. No 2011 moneys will be allocated till the price to safely remove this hazard is known. The total trestle is 8,500 feet long, so you can plan on several of your tax dollars going there for many years to come.

City of Punta Gorda asked for \$150,000 to dredge the Basin by the PG boat club. Much discussion, no action was taken, Sure to come back before MAC in 2012

The launch ramp at Cattedock point in South Gulf Cove has received all necessary permits. Construction may begin soon. An off the cuff guess of 2013 was made for first boats to launch. Thankfully it will have 70 trailer parking spaces and 30 car only spots.

Certainly County Parks and Recreation will be back before MAC with their hands out as construction begins.

Big news is that my resignation was accepted. I am a free man. Sarah Buck was recommended to the Board of County Commissioners as my replacement. She should be on board for the January meeting, and be informing you about the fate your registration and tax dollars in the February jib sheet.



Racing



Happy New Year! This year is going to be jam packed with activity. Eat your veggies and get to bed early. Don't miss any of the fun. The IFDS races start Jan 9th.

The IFDS pre worlds in December confirmed that the Harbor can challenge and that the IFDS sailors are great on and off the water. Three times as much racing in January! When you see these racers in town let them know we are glad they are here.

A great start to the year but there is much more:

PPYC **Golden Conch** Jan 21-22

Charlotte Harbor Regatta Feb 3-5

Conquistador Cup March 3-4

IYC Leukemia Cup Regattas March 18th and 24-25th



The Spring Race Series is changed. Racers had a meeting to discuss how to schedule races around Sundays with low tides that would jeopardize passage to and from the Harbor. Here is what was recommended and approved by those present: 1) Number of races reduced from 7 to 6 to allow for a specialty race April 1st, 2) best 4 results scored gives 3 dates to enjoy other activities, and 3) Race times are managed for improved water depth and passage to/from the dock.



Races Jan 29 and Feb 12 start at 1100 hrs

Races Feb 19, Feb 26, Mar 11 and Mar 18th start at 1300 hrs

Participation in Racing is well below levels of four years ago. We plan to have open discussion of reasons and remedies at the Jan 11th general meeting. Racers please attend and bring your ideas.

Some years back we had more racers who were cruisers, and vice versa. I will trial a Fun Pursuit event beginning March 10th and continuing on Saturdays until May 19th. This will be a free, staggered start event of about two and a half hours sailing. The finish times are used to adjust start times to the point where most finishes are within a 10 minute interval and a raft up social is practical. The start time offsets are like a golf handicap in promoting participation and skill development. I need your feed back to further the construction and enjoyment of this concept that has enlivened many sail clubs.

Tony Milan will be planning the Specialty Races April 1st, and June 10th. Give him your input at the January meeting.

Pete Welch

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The **PRSPS** is a Safe-Boating advisory member of the Punta Gorda Boaters Alliance

Gasparilla Marine Update

During the November “Pitcher of Beer” cruise to Gasparilla Marina—in which 16 boats from PGSC participated—we were disappointed to learn that Gasparilla Marine did not seem to be in operation. Many of us have used this facility in the past for short hauls, bottom work and other boat repairs.

We have since learned that the facility is now operating as “Gasparilla Marina Service Center” and is open and ready to serve. The flier we received in our neighborhood contained contact information and a neighbor of ours is having the bottom done on his boat as we speak.

Here are the particulars:

Gasparilla Marina Service Center

15601 Gasparilla Road

Placida, FL 33946

941-697-2280 or 800-541-4441

Bill Welsch

Member Ads

Nautical Items to sell? Send your ad to NewsEditor@pgscweb.com

Wanted

Slip for 25' Sailboat. Al Giroux 625-8545.

alsandy1@comcast.net

For Sale

Kevlar 155% **Racing Genoa Jib**. Excellent condition. Was built for a Morgan 24/25. Would probably fit on most 25 foot boats with a head foil system. I sold my boat. If the size will fit your boat, try it. You'll like it!

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941-613-2912

36' Jeanneau Sailboat 1982

5 foot draft; Yanmar diesel engine; dripless stuffing box; new rudder; new auto helm; new wind, speed & depth indicators. Martel feathering prop, roller furling & cruising spinnaker; dutchman mainsail storing system. New batteries; new water tanks; new auto helm;..sleeps 10. SECOND OWNER . \$39,999. bblindemann@hotmail.com 941-697-4218

2005 Colgate 26

4.5' draft, 5hp longshaft Mercury Tacktick speed, depth, heading, timer. AGM battery w/solar panel, North Kevlar 155, 2 jibs, North Main, North class spinnaker, CD asymmetrical spinnaker, VHF w/cockpit RAM, drysailed (no bottom paint), 2 spinnaker poles, whisker pole, boat cover, port- a-potty (never used). Boat clean/no damage. Bill 637-1306

1973 Ranger '23

2 Foresails, 2 mainsails, battery, anchor. 3.9' draft. Kept on lift. **\$1,500.**

Joe 204-7547 or 627-3093

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Nick 941-889-7858

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