



# THE SLOOP SCOOP

The Official Newsletter of the Fort Myers Sailing Club  
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## Officers

Commodore: Joe Martinez	481-6369
Vice Commodore: Rick Lancaster	849-2242
Treasurer: Jeri Schvenski	337-3866
Secretary: Gail Wabeke	656-6136
Cruise Director: Bruce Schvenski	337-3866
Assistant Cruise Director: Brent	

## New Board of Directors for 2009

Walt	222-9962
Arnie	656-4475
Paul	489-0403
Morgan	567-0518

Joe opened the meeting welcoming everyone. Christmas Party will be held at Walter and Sharon's house (5326 Mikado Court in Cape Coral) on January 17<sup>th</sup>. starting at 3pm. Please bring a dish to share and your own poison. Food, beer, sodas and mixers will be provided by the Club as usual. Give Walter or Sharon a call at #222-9962 to RSVP.

Directions: Go South on Del Prado Blvd (below Cape Coral Pkwy). Where Del Prado turns to El Dorado...don't take curve on El Dorado...go straight, Mikado Court...1/2 way down on the right 5326 Mikado Court.

Update on the Web Site. Brian (our current webmaster), Joe, Elizabeth and Rick had a meeting for a learning session on how to handle the web site. Paul & Brent McDill presented us with a history and goals of the club that Joe read to all of us. Really good job, guys! It was also decided that Brent would be our new Webmaster (with a little help from Brian).

He introduced Joanne to talk about the Edison Sailing Center upcoming World Regatta beginning October 30<sup>th</sup>.-31<sup>st</sup>. and running for 9 days. They need volunteers for all aspects of the Regatta. Their next meeting will be February 3<sup>rd</sup>. at 7pm at the LARC

Center of Fort Myers on Hansen St. and Evans Avenue. Call Joanne for more information #863-244-1928.

The River District Regatta was discussed. Joe called North Star Yacht Club but has not received a call back from them to date. Joanne has agreed to again be Chairperson for the Regatta with some reservations.

She will need more help and input from members. Let's all get together and give her a hand. There will be a meeting at Joe & Elizabeth's house (2319 La Salle Avenue, Fort Myers, Florida) on January 19<sup>th</sup>. at 7:30pm to get a plan together. Give Joe or Elizabeth a call if you need directions, #481-6369.

It was brought up that Gail may step down as Secretary because of other commitments and hand it over to Joanne to present new ideas or format of the newsletter with more participation from club members. A motion was made that the final decision would be made at the next meeting when Gail is present.

## Vice Commodore's Report:

Rick announced that the Edison Gulf Race has been changed from February 21-22 to February 14<sup>th</sup> (also a club race) and the April 18<sup>th</sup>. Club Race will be changed to March 21<sup>st</sup>. There may be a cruise to the Keys planned in April. In addition, the standings to date for Club races are as follows:

Tied	1 <sup>st</sup> .	Essence & Meritorious	5 Points
	2 <sup>nd</sup> .	Vakalele	11 Points
	3 <sup>rd</sup> .	Laurali	12 Points
	4 <sup>th</sup> .	Fair Trade	17 Points
	5 <sup>th</sup> .	Blank Check	22 Points

It was discussed adjusting Essence's and Meritorious's handicaps by 5 seconds during the second half of the racing season to compensate for the spread in the standings. Will be discussed further at next meeting.



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The race was officiated by Dan, Stephanie & Gail aboard "Mystery" on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. All went well. Thanks for a job well done. 3 Races were completed. Results attached. Here's a picture of our new flag girl!



Mike Connolly introduced Marty and John Nagle to the club. They just moved to Cape Coral and may be interested in becoming members. For the time being, John would like to crew. Welcome! Mike also told us he has contacted West Marine and they have included us on their list for the River District Regatta.

## Sailing Term to Unscramble

**toscniahno**

Last month's scrambled word: SHEAVE

CRUISING CORNER: After winding up another year, I was reminiscing about old times. Here are a few pics of some old club functions.



Austin Powers Halloween 2003



Key West Aboard America 2005



Key West Sloppy Joe's 2005



Christmas Party Raft Off 2006

To more cruising and good times for the New Year! Captain Bruce.



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