



# THE SLOOP SCOOP

The Official Newsletter of the Fort Myers Sailing Club  
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## Updated 2008/2009 Racing Calendar

November 15 <sup>th</sup>	One the River
December 6 <sup>th</sup>	“Commodore’s Cup” Co hosted with CMCS Boat of the Year & Club Race Ft. Myers Beach
January 3 <sup>rd</sup>	One the River
February 21 <sup>st</sup>	“Edison Regatta” Boat of the Year & Club Race Ft. Myers Beach
April 18 <sup>th</sup>	One the River
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	“River District Regatta” Boat of the Year

## Koozie Cups Have Arrived

Colors - Supplies limited on some colors. After 4 purchased \$2.00 each.

Cost by Quantity Purchased	Colors	Approx. Color	
1	\$3.00	Navy	Gone
4	\$10.00	Royal	
5	\$12.00	Lime	
6	\$14.00	Grape	
7	\$16.00	Orange	
8	\$18.00	Maroon	Light Grape
9	\$20.00	Forest Green	
10	\$22.00	Scarlet	Light Red
11	\$24.00	Turquoise	

## FMSC Website

The website is in construction at [fortmyerssailingclub.com](http://fortmyerssailingclub.com). If anyone has anything to share please call Jeri.

## Cruising Corner

LOA, PFD, GPS, FMSC, CIA, FBI.....Holy Mackerel, the list is endless. These groups of letters, of course, are acronyms used to shorten up things like Personal Flotation Device to “PFD”. Some have been around for years and some have just been recently invented.

Case in point, all new “VHF” radios are equipped with “DSC”. Some of you have probably heard or read about them and some of you may even have one. The “DSC: or Digital Selective Calling provides easy, effective means for routine communication with other boats and shore facilities. A VHF radio with DSC connected to a GPS receiver and properly installed antenna is the most effective way to call for assistance since it automatically broadcasts your position and identity as well as your verbal message.

With a DSC capable radio, all initial calls including assistance requests, are made by transmitting a digital hailing call on Channel 70. To make an emergency call with DSC equipped VHF, you simply lift the cover over the “Distress” or “Emergency” button and hold it down for 5 seconds. Your radio will beep to let you know that it has sent your Distress Message along with your unit’s Maritime Mobile Service Identity Number (MMSI), which uniquely identifies your vessel. It also broadcasts your position provided the radio is connected to a GPS unit. All DSC equipped radios within range will sound an audible alarm on receiving the call regardless of the individual unit’s volume level setting. All will know who and where you are effectively taking the “Search” out of “Search and Rescue” equation.

Routine hailing calls to other vessels and shore stations are also done digitally via Channel 70 by calling their MMSI numbers, just as you would dial a phone number. It’s a great system and it works.

So, if you still don’t have a “VHF” radio equipped with “DSC”, order one “FOB” and file for a “MMSI” ASAP.

Captain Bruce, MMSI #367315010



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## Bottom Cleaning Party

As discussed at our last meeting, we are going to St. James City for a Bottom Cleaning Party on October 11, 2008. Pegasus II will be there Friday through Sunday, October 10-12 if anyone wants to make a mini-cruise out of it....weather permitting of course.

Any questions give me a call at 229-3080 or ring me on Channel 72, MMSI#367315010.

## Sailing Term to Unscramble

CLSUL

Last months scrambled word: WATERLINE

## Language of the Sea

As spoke' by you an' me

*Down the Hatch:* the origin of this phrase is born from a drinking expression, has its origins in loading cargo onto ships as you might expect. As the cargo is put into the hold it travels down the hatch, and appears to be consumed by the ship.

## This space could have been your article

Thanks to the Cruising Director for his monthly contribution.

YOU can always contribute your monthly article and remember.....anytime you have any suggestions/stories/editorials for the newsletter, please forward to [gwabeke@aol.com](mailto:gwabeke@aol.com). All mail will be considered for upcoming issues. If I don't receive any articles, I will publish as I see fit! "Pirate Girls Rule"



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