



THE SLOOP SCOOP

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New Board of Directors for 2009

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River District Regatta Fund Raising Efforts

The primary reason to participate in the River District Regatta is that it was organized to be a fund raiser for the Edison Sailing Center. To this end Regatta Chairperson, Joanne Russ has proposed a 50/50 raffle to raise funds. All members of the FMSC should be actively selling tickets for this raffle. Tickets are available from Lyne Lockhart at 239-671-1298 or thingstosay@live.com.

In addition, the students and instructors of Edison Sailing Center will be selling raffle tickets on their own and at an 'open house' at the West Marine store on 12901 McGregor Blvd. on Saturday April 25th, 2009.

West Marine has graciously committed to hold a Community Day Event to benefit the Edison Sailing Center. This one-day event will be held on Wednesday, April 29th from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm at the South Ft. Myers Store located at 12901 McGregor Blvd. All products purchased during that day will be discounted to wholesale pricing and 5% of the gross sales will be donated to the Edison Sailing Center.

All FMSC members are encouraged to promote the West Marine Community Day event. If nothing else, save up your boat supply purchases to be made on Wednesday the 29th of April at the McGregor Blvd. store. Call the store manager Eddie Ceden0 at 239-481-7447 ext. 3 for more information.

BOATPIX.com, Inc will be providing aerial photographs of all the boats participating in the River District Regatta.

Please visit the FMSC Web Site and click on River District Regatta and Links to discover more information about this regatta.

This is a worthy cause..... SPREAD THE WORD
Michael Connolly

Vice Commodore's Report

The last race.....River District Regatta May 2nd Club racing trophies will be distributed at the June meeting.

MESSMER CUP REGATTA

BOTY Event: NAPLES SAILING & YACHT CLUB

April 25-26, 2009

Call Jerry Watkins 239-643-1292 Sailing Fleet Captain

Language of the Sea

As spoke' by you an' me

Three sheets to the wind: "was originally three sheets in the wind" and referred to the erratic behavior of a ship that had lost control of its sails. When the sheet, or controlling line to the sail is let go, the sail ceases to function and instead flops about. Large ships of the eighteenth century would have been a handful to regain control of once they had lost steerage, thus ships and their movements were thought of in terms many sailors would be familiar with, namely that of the stumbling drunk.

CRUISING CORNER

The Cold Fronts from the North are starting to subside. Snow Birds are heading home. Water temps are rising. It must be springtime in Florida! This is the time of year for some really excellent cruising and where you ask? "MARGARITAVILLE" of course!!!



NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2009 @ 7:30



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Now most of us can only handle about a week of Old Key West per year and that seems to diminish every year we get older. But the time is here for our annual dose of offshore sailing, partying, hangovers and such.



When does this event take place you ask? April 16th, that's a Thursday. Why Thursday you ask? That will give us time to get there by the weekend when things get even wilder.

You see the Elders of the Club have gotten together to plan this whole thing and "They know best about Key West!"

See You Cruising,
Capt Bruce

Sailing Term to Unscramble

DOARSTRAB

Last months scrambled word: Freeboard

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