



# THE SLOOP SCOOP

The Official Newsletter of the Fort Myers Sailing Club  
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## New Board of Directors for 2009

Walter	222-9962
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Paul	489-0403
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## MEETING MINUTES

### Vice Commodore's Report

Rick was unable to attend the meeting. Come to July meeting for trophies and season results.

### Old Business

Four people showed up for the 6:00 o'clock pre-meeting for the third annual River District Regatta. Eddie and Kevin from West Marine, our major sponsor for the Regatta were guests at the meeting. 5% of the day's proceeds were contributed to the Edison Sailing Center. They had their biggest day of the year! A \$900 check was presented to Ross and Stephanie Webb.



The Fort Myers Sailing club presented a check for \$1,050.00 to Ross and Stephanie Webb for six scholarships. Stephanie asked to move the Regatta to

the end of April. Joe brought up moving the race to the beach where there would be more involvement from other clubs.



“Winning isn’t always important” A special recognition award was given to Harvey by Bruce for good sportsmanship and steadfast participation in the club’s series racing.

The River District Regatta trophy is on display at the French Connection. This is the same trophy that was used for the annual “Shuckers River Race”. Dan brought up that in the past different members of the club would take turns having the trophy at their homes for display. Stephanie mentioned they would like to have it for display at the Edison Sailing Center Junior Olympics.

Joanne brought up having a float in the Edison Parade. More later.

Several members brought up the disappointment with Boat Pics.

### New Business

Mike Alexander brought to Joe putting together a mini summer series where we get boats out on the river on a Saturday night with possibly a raft off or a night downtown. Bruce brought up that the Fort Myers Yacht Basin went down on their rates \$1 per foot for the summer.

July 4<sup>th</sup> will be decided at the next meeting.

Joanne asked for volunteers for the World Regatta in October.



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## Cruising Corner GAIL LOSES 330 LBS!

Well, she's been carrying around this excess weight long enough. I'm talking about that old, rusty, non-running, non-rebuildable Atomic 4 Inboard Engine aboard her 1977 O'Day 27.

A few years ago, she installed a new outboard on her transom, but the rusty old Atomic 4 in the bilge remained until recently. Now 330#s is a lot to lose in one shot, so we put her on a "Jenny Craig" Diet. We removed the starter, alternator, water pump, manifold, fly wheel and head. I figure that slimmed her down to a little under 200#s. This brought her to a more manageable weight to wrestle the hulk out of the motor

compartment.



Anyone need an anchor!!!

In further news, Dan Lancaster had his boat hauled out at Charlotte Harbor Boat Storage for a bottom job. I went along and was impressed with this facility. I am planning my next haul out there in the fall. It's about a 65 mile trip from here...a little further than Glades Boat Yard, but there are no draw bridges to deal with and only one lock, which you operate yourself. We made the trip in 11 hours averaging 6 Knots.

The Pelican Bay trip on Memorial Day Weekend was a great success and we had a terrific turnout. I will keep you informed on any future cruises.

CAPT. BRUC



Dan and Bruce removing the Oil before the removal....

### Sailing Term to Unscramble:

NCGNMUAHIN

Last months scrambled word "Galley"

### Language of the Sea

As spoke' by you an' me

**Starboard:** predating the twelfth century and its Middle English roots. A combination of *steering oar* and *board*, the ship's side, became starboard, or the right-hand side of the boat looking forward.



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