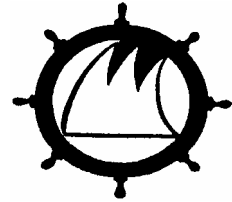


Windscoop



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE WINDLASSES

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From the Helm

Paula Shur, Captain

It has been my pleasure and honor to helm the even keeled SS Windlass this year. We have navigated a direct course to another year of fun and friendship. I am forever grateful for the wisdom of my Advisory Board who carefully watched the compass and adjusted the sails. I thank each crewmember for her support this year.

I continue to be amazed at the many talents of each Windlass. Gayle Pinkowski and Anne Morris piloted a most adventurous Winter Luncheon in the Southern Hemisphere, the area of water south of the Clearwater Memorial Bridge. Jeanie Byrd has gone above and beyond the call of duty by keeping the prams in tiptop shipshape. Sally Irving and Sarah Erb planned a heart warming soup cruise for us. Most importantly Pram PRO Georgia Jensen and Sunfish PRO Elsa Soto and their crews competently conducted our races. Thank you ladies!

The much anticipated Windlass Volunteer form is available on the website <http://windlasses.org/formsandnews.htm>. Please take advantage of this opportunity to share your many talents with us, by completing the form and returning it to next year's Captain at our April 27 General Membership meeting.

Pat Besch will be missed immensely. She left us with not only wonderful memories, but also her Windlass Early Years Project. Ann Newton and Sylvia Mabe have agreed to complete Pat's documentation of the beginning years of Windlasses. Thank you Ann and Sylvia.



CRUISE NEWS

By the time you all read this the Soup Cruise ala Fat Thursday will have been another wonderful time for the Windlasses. Sally Irving took the helm and turned the clubhouse into New Orleans (before Katrina). Great food and a good turn-out are always the way. Varied pre-lunch recreation was the cruise plan. The next Cruise, one that always cruises, is the shrimp cruise in April. We plan on another "no lady left behind", event with cruiser support boat and lots of fun at Caladesi. See you all then!

Susan and the Cruise Committee

Spring Series

March

2 1st Race Day
(Windscoop Available)
9 2nd Race Day
16 St. Patrick's Day Race
(Board Meeting)
23 3rd Race Day
30 No Sailing

April

6 4th Race Day
13 5th Race Day
20 6th Race Day
27 Grandmother's/Empty
Bracelet Race
(Board/ General Meeting)

May

4 Island Race
11 Spring Luncheon
(Board] General Meeting)
18 Shrimp Cruise
25 Joint Board Meeting

June

1 Halibut Race

Race Committee

Lisa Conlon, Race Chairman

The winter series has been quite extreme...from hardly any wind to blustery conditions! At least we were able to complete the majority of races this series. As always, it was great to be out on the water. It is hard to believe we have only one series left-The Spring Series. Hopefully, the weather will continue to cooperate so we can get in as many race days as possible. Please note: we have 6 race days instead of 5 for the spring series, to look forward to.

Barbara Meyer, assistant race chairman, will be in charge of the spring series, to continue her training for next year. Any comments or suggestions, please send them her way.

I would like to thank all the race committee members for all their hard work this year.

A big thanks to Cheryl Twining for such a great job organizing and supplying all the race equipment. Also, thanks so much, to everyone who has volunteered their time, week after week, to make two race courses successful, especially Elsa Soto and Georgia Jensen for doing such a great job as PRO's.

Look forward to seeing you out on the water.



Florida Women's Sailing Association

Marti Page – FWSA Delegate

It's hard to believe that we have only one more series left in this sailing year and that my time as serving as your Windlasses FWSA delegate is coming to a close. Thanks to everyone who helped make my job such an enjoyable one!

And... **Thank you** to those of you who were so supportive on February 6th as we hosted our 2nd (and last) interclub for this sailing year. The four clubs that visited that day had a great time sailing and "lunching" with us on those delicious salads that we ordered. Thanks to **Sharon Kachurak** and her helpers who decorated so beautifully with a Valentine theme. The racing results were as follows: 1st place: Dinghy Dames, 2nd place: Windlasses and 3rd place: Salty Sisters
Other interclub race results include: Jan. 11th at Venice Bitter Ends: 1st place: Bitter Ends, 2nd place: Windlasses, 3rd place: Dinghy Dames. On Jan. 31st at Pass-a-Grille: (only individual scores were awarded) 2nd Place: Sylvia Mabe. Then on Feb. 14th at Davis Island Dinghy Dames: individual scores: 1st place: Marti Page.

Windlasses, now is your chance to "catch the passion for sailing" and sign up for the following interclub events! On March 15th we will visit the Venice Bitter Ends (note change of date) and March 24th we will race with the Treasure Island TI Tackers. On April 20th we'll be seeing the Sarasota Luffing Lassies. Be sure to mark your calendars for this year's **Rainbow Regatta** scheduled for Tuesday, April 18th hosted by the St Pete Salty Sisters. Watch for more details to follow as the date draws nearer.

The FWSA Sonar Championship Regatta is scheduled to take place on May 19th and will call for crewed boats and training clinics so if you are interested respond ASAP to begin.

Here we go into Spring! May your hearts be filled as you reflect upon the days we spend together in sunshine and storm. I am, like many of you, very thankful for the wonderful sailing club of Windlasses and the special relationships we will **always** share and remember.



St. Patrick's Day Race

Sure, and don't ya know it's time for the wearin' of the green? March 16 will be the date and won't we all be having a brilliant time? Don't forget to wear something green! Be sure to sign up in the pram shed and don't you be forgetting to write your fleet (or sail number for them sunfishers) beside your name. There's a sign up sheet for them little jobs we all gladly do, as well. It's be a **GRAND** and **GLORIOUS** day, won't it now? Don't wait too long now because the deadline for sign up is the 9th of March.



Spring Splash

at the home of Jean and Jack Shelling
Countryside
Waterside Activities & Sunset Supper
Saturday, March 25th, 4:00pm

\$12 per person—Guests welcome
Casual Dress
Line dancing by Georgia Kayak Relay Races
Great Prizes!



To reserve, send your "Windlasses" check to:
Jean Shelling
3036 Woodsong Lane
Clearwater, FL. 33761
(by March 17th)

Nominating Committee

Jan Risberg; *Ex-Officio*

The election of the 2006/07 Windlass officers will be at the next general meeting on **April 27th** (prior to races). According to our by-laws, if you will be making a nomination of your own, it must be submitted to the committee in writing and have prior consent from the nominee.

Captain;	Georgia Jensen
Race Chairmen;	Barb Meyer
Assistant Race Chair.;	Denise Bissonnette
Treasurer;	Theresa Schweiger
Secretary;	Leah Hayes
Cruise Captain;	Patsy Massarelli



SPRING LUNCHEON

May 11, 2006
at the Clearwater Yacht Club
The general meeting will begin at 10AM, followed by awards, lunch and of course;
WONDERFUL ENTERTAINMENT FEATURING THE TALENTED "NEW SALTS"!!
Cost \$15.00
Watch for the sign up sheet on the bulletin board.



FLEET ASSIGNMENTS SPRING SERIES 2006



PRAMS

A	AA	AAA	B	BB	BBB	C
Abilock	Major	Bohlmann	Ewert	Bugenhagen	Goldberger	Boylan
Bissonnette	Morris	Grieger	Foote	Gattas	James	Casey
Byrd	Risberg	Kachurak	McIntyre	Kirk	Lion-Cachet	Gravitz
Conlon	Seal	Massarelli	Proefke	Kuhn	Patton	Jacobi
Lucas	Story	Ross, C	Russell	Pinkowski	Renner	McShane
Mabe	Wolski	Rush	Shellenberger	Shelling	Sanders	Norberg
Page					Smith, L	Ross, K
Szelistowski						

SUNFISH



A	B	C
DeCosta	Dick	Erb
Glaser	Diehl	Martens
Irving	Elwood	McConnell
Komar	Hall	Meyer
Newton	Hayes	Morris
Reeves	Kohl	Phelps
Shur	Schweiger	Regenauer
Williamsom	Twining	Williams, F.
	Wieher	Williams, S.

Starting Times for the SPRING SERIES 2006

Prams:	Sunfish
AAA, B, BB 9:15 AM	all Fleets (3 races/day) 9:45AM
A,AA 10:30 AM	
BBB, C, CC 11:45 AM	

Education—Carol Elwood

Look on the Education board each week for a racing tip or two. Ann Newton has graciously offered to meet with the New Salts after their races each week during the winter series to answer any questions and continue to help them along.

PRAM Duty Assignments; Spring Series 2006

RACE DATE	3/2	3/9	3/23	4/6	4/13	4/20	
AAA B & BB Fleets	Anchor out by 8:30 Painters & hose out	Ross, C	Rush	McIntyre	Massarelli	Kuhn	Shellenberger
	Crash boat duty at 10:15	Russell	Grieger	Proefke	Bohlmann	Foote	Bugenhagen
	Pram Shed radio duty @ 10:15	Kirk	Ewert	Shelling	Kuhn	Pinkowski	Gattas
A, AA Fleets	Race Committee (if needed)	Abilock	Conlon	Mabe	Page	Abilock	Bissonnette
	Crash Boat @ 8:30	Szelistowski	Lucas	Page	Byrd	Story	Seal
	Pram Shed radio duty @8:45	Bissonnette	Mabe	Major	Wolski	Risberg	Morris
BBB, C & CC Fleets	Recover crash boat and equipment	Renner James	Patton Goldberger	Norberg Jacobi	Ross, K Windsor	Gravitz Auman	Casey Smith, L
	Anchor in, & rinsed Painters & hoses in	Norberg	Regenauer	Patton	Regenauer	Renner	Lion-Cachet
	Sweep Pram Shed, empty trash, lock locker, Pram Shed and Club House	Sanders Boylan	Smith, L Auman	Gravitz McShane	Bowes Wernet	Simon James	Borree Goldberger

SUNFISH Duty Assignments; Spring Series 2006

RACE DATE	3/2	3/9	3/23	4/6	4/13	4/20
Load & Launch Crash Boat	Reeves McConnell	Meyer Shur	Hayes Dick	Wieher Kohl	DeCosta Glaser	Irving Diehl
Clean Club House	Hall Martens	Twining Phelps	Schweiger Williamson	Williams, S Komar	Erb Wieher	Williams ,F Shur

RACE COMMITTEE	Race Week 1	Race Week 2	Race week 3	Race Week 4	Race Week 5	Race Week 6
Arrive by 8:30a.m. to report to RC signal boat. Perform RC duties as necessary. Alternate RC in Parentheses	Soto (pro) Hicks Negley Lightner (Newton)	Negley (pro) Hicks Lightner Newton	Soto (pro) Hicks Negley Lightener (Newton)	Soto (pro) Hicks Negley Lightener (Newton)	Soto (pro) Hicks Negley Lightener (Newton)	Soto (pro) Hicks Negley Lightener (Newton)

SUNFISH FINAL STANDINGS WINTER SERIES 2006

A FLEET			B FLEET			C FLEET		
Place	Name	Points	Place	Name	Points	Place	Name	Points
1	Komar	13	1	Diehl	12	1	McConnell	9
2	Shur	14	1	Hayes	12	2	Meyer	12
3	Glaser	23	2	Twining	16	3	Williams,F	24
3	Reeves	23	3	Kohl	24	4	Williams, S	25
4	Irving	24	4	Elwood	41	5	Erb	36
5	DeCosta	37	5	Schweiger	56	6	Morris	56
6	Williamson	37	5	Weiher	56	6	Phelps	56

PRAM FINAL STANDINGS SPRING SERIES 2006

A FLEET			AA FLEET			B Fleet		
Place	Name	Points	Place	Name	Points	Pace	Name	Points
1	Mabe	6	1	Page	8	1	Story	6
2	Conlon	12	2	Szelitowski	10	2	Shellenberger	18
3	Byrd	16	3	Bissonnette	14	3	Pinkowski	19
4	Risberg	18	4	Grieger	18	4	Bugenhagen	23
5	Abilock	29	5	Massarelli	29	5	Kirk	25
			6	Bohlmann	48	6	Shelling	26
			6	Rush, C	48	7	Kuhn	35
			7	Ross, C	50	8	Ewert	43
			8	Kachurak	66			
			9	Major	66			

BB FLEET			BBB FLEET			C FLEET			CC FLEET		
Place	Name	Points	Place	Name	Points	Place	Name	Points	Place	Name	Point
1	Patton	9	1	Foote	5	1	Goldberger	6	1	McIntyre	4
2	Renner	12	2	Proefke	11	2	Gravitz	10	2	Norberg	9
3	Casey	14	3	Russell	13	3	Boylan	14	3	Bowes	11
4	Hackett	18	4	Sanders	17	4	James	16	4	Friedman	30
5	Jacobi	26	5	Ross, K	19	5	Auman	20	5	Iakovel	40
6	McShane	27	6	Wernet	23	6	Windsor	23	6	Regenauer	40
			7	Todd	44				6	Simon	40
			8	Hallstrom	50						
			8	Borree	50						

Please Remember to fill out the Windlass Volunteer Job Form

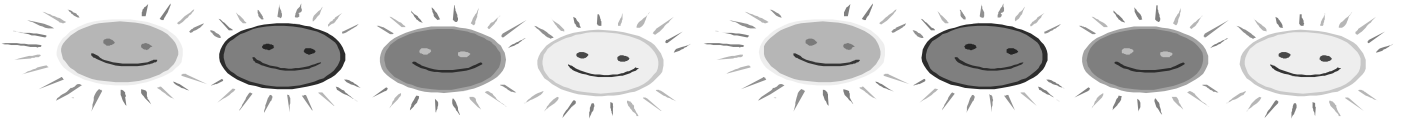
It's all part of being a volunteer sailing club!

Share the Work!

Share the Fun!

We are only as good as those who take the time to participate in all aspects of the Windlasses. Please pitch in this year and make 2006/07

the Best Sailing Season yet!



Sportsmanship Trophy

Lisa Glaser, Sportsmanship Chairmen

It's that time of year when we need to think about nominations for this year's Sportsmanship award. There will be a poster in the Pram shed with an envelope for nominations. The form is on the Web site, and will be available on the poster as well. We are looking for nominees who show good sportsmanship on and off the water. The vote will be taken at a General Meeting on April 27th and the winner will be announced and presented the Sportsmanship Trophy at the Spring Luncheon. It's a real honor just to be nominated for this award by your

ATTENTION DUNEDIN RESIDENTS!

On March 14th, Dunedin residents have an opportunity to protect our special sailing area at the Dunedin Marina by voting YES on charter amendment #2, "Sale of City Owned Recreational or Open Space Lands." If the amendment passes, the City of Dunedin would be required to receive referendum approval from the residents of the City of Dunedin, prior to selling this prime piece of real estate. Please encourage all of our Dunedin friends to support this important amendment.



It has been an honor serving my fellow Windlasses with the Windscoop for 2005/06. While most of us can download the information we need from web site, the Windscoop is a necessary piece of reaching those without computer access as well as a form of keeping a documented history of the Windlasses. Thank you for letting me fulfill this need for the past year!

Editor- Rebecca Hallstrom

