

Gulf Coast Sailing Club 2020

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Gulf Coast Sailing Club

Wishes You a

HAPPY FOURTH of JULY



Cruising & Racing Events

7/5/2020 – Sun - **Tequila Racing**- Come join the fun!

Email Frank Brown fbrown13@yahoo.com

7/19/2020 – Sunday – **Tequila Racing**

Sugden Summer One Design Series – 12 people (6 2-person groups) get the opportunity to train at Sugden this summer – starting June 11th, 3:30 – 7pm \$150 person, 5 dates, once a week

GCSC Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/gulfcoastsailingclub/>

Membership Renewal for the 2020-2021 Season

Get your Membership Renewed Renewal Form last page or >> <http://gulfcoastsailingclub.org/join/>



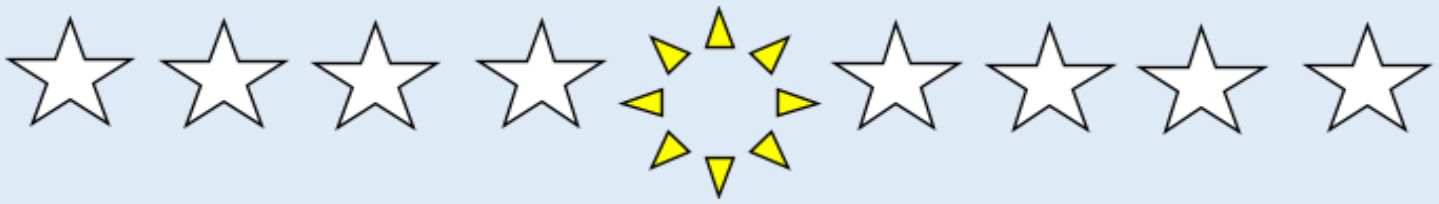
July 2020

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From the Helm

Commodore Bruce Harris

Hello everyone, it is my pleasure to introduce myself as your new Commodore for this year. Our club runs its fiscal year from July through June so that your new volunteer Flag Officers and Directors can plan and organize our seasonal events during the summer. We have a very exciting agenda for this year that includes many regattas, cruising events, training of new sailing enthusiasts and social events on land. Please take advantage of all of these opportunities! Sailing provides all of us the ability to hone our sail trim skills in a race while enjoying the beautiful anchorages in our area with cruising. GCSC is all about family involvement, so bring the kids and get them hooked on a sport that we all love. Speaking of our younger sailors, Sugden Sundays are a great opportunity for families to enjoy a picnic atmosphere while kids (and grandkids!) can get out on the water and sail the Precision 15s. I have seen big smiles among the younger group while sailing on the lake.

I'm sure that many of you, like me, are ready for this coronavirus pandemic to finally end! Unfortunately, we aren't there yet. As this message is typed, there is a marked increase of positive infections among those tested in Florida, especially among our younger people. Your club has taken the SARS-Cov-2 virus very seriously and have followed guidelines established for most sailing clubs around the country. This has included cancelling the remaining regattas scheduled for late March through May, cancelling our club meetings at the River Park Community Center, social distancing protocols for summer racing, and the use of Zoom for membership and Board of Directors meetings. We are following recommendations of the State of Florida and Collier County with respect to public gatherings for our own meetings; and where possible, will include a Zoom option for our members.

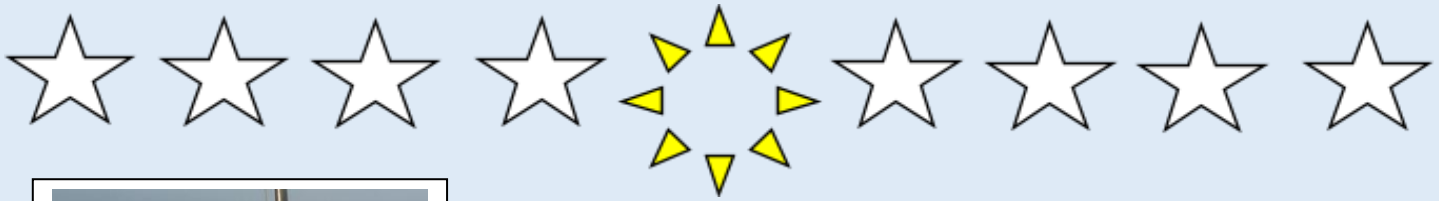
Has anyone noticed that its summertime in southwest Florida? For members of the Gulf Coast Sailing Club that means its time for our Tequila Series of racing! Several races around our Naples waters were held already, and we will have them approximately every two weeks through September 27th. These are organized as pursuit starts so that non-seasoned racers are comfortable without the crowded starting line. Everyone is encouraged to participate! Check out the schedule for dates.

With our transition to our new fiscal year, it is time for EVERYONE to renew their membership. Our club dues are minimal and we strive to keep them low by monitoring our costs very closely so that the value of your dues goes to you, the member. There are several different ways to make your membership current, including the link found on this newsletter, at any one of our membership meetings, or by a link in our new website that will be available soon. Thank you for your membership, your collaboration and most of all, your active participation!

Commodore Bruce Harris

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2020/2021 Season

Southwest Florida Inter-Club

Cruising and Day Sailing Programs

GCSC Fleet Captain Cruising – Rick Reed

Hi. I hope that you are well and getting out on the water.

As a newly elected director (also appointed as the GCSC Fleet Captain Cruising a few months ago), I thought that I would tell you a bit about myself. For those looking for our fun cruising events, a cruising schedule is included at the end of this note.

BACKGROUND: Jenn and I have been on Marco Island since 2012 but Jenn has been visiting Marco since 1975. Wow. We are Florida residents, spending 8 months, which is on the increase, in Florida and 4 months on Cape Cod.

Our blended family of four grown children span the US with one in LA, 1 in NYC and 2 in Boston, each happy and gainfully employed. Both of us are retired having spent 30+ years with Chubb Insurance, residing in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Jenn had a senior role managing new technologies and I managed Chubb's International technology/computer systems traveling 2 weeks a month for 20 years. Glad that's over.



My first sailing experience was at age 12 at Dartmouth College which began my lifelong love of sailing. My family were mountain lovers so spent more time in the mountains of New Hampshire than on the water during the next couple of decades with my first sailboat purchase in my early thirties, an 18 foot Tanzer (no not Tartan) that I sailed on the lakes of NH.

With the busy life of work, travel and family activity, we didn't buy our first large sailboat (Tartan 37) until my early 40s. Did limited cruising on the Chesapeake for 10 years as my job required extensive travel. Moved our sailing to Newport RI for a short time, sold the Tartan and started sailing Catalinas. Bought a place on Cape Cod and moved our sailing there. We currently own a 34 Catalina Tall Rig "*Patience*" in Florida and a Catalina 42 "*Makana*" up north. Sadly, we were only able to do a limited amount of sailing before retirement but have tried to make up for that recently. We are new to cruising here in southwest Florida and excited about building new friendships here.



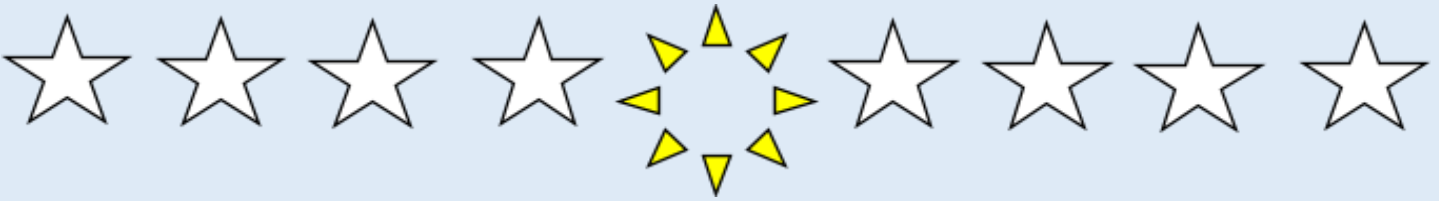
GCSC CRUSING: We have an exciting cruising schedule beginning in November. A list of upcoming events is included below. Be assured that we will follow the CDC Coronavirus guidelines on all cruises. Detailed guidelines for these cruises will be developed as we get closer to the cruise dates.

If you have other favorite cruising locations, please give me a call or e-mail me so that we can add to the cruising calendar. Thanks.

2020/2021 Cruising Event Schedule (GCSC+ SAMI):

Sunday Nov 29	Smokehouse Bay Raft-up Marco Island	A returning favorite. Sail in the morning, then meet at 1:00 PM for lunch and socializing. All watercraft are invited.
<i>MLK Weekend</i> Sat, Sun, Mon Jan 16-18	Pink Shell Fort Myers Beach Cruise	Cruise to a Beach Resort Marina Hotel with "Drive To" events at the Marina, the Resort Hotel and in town. Saturday evening barbecue and Sunday lunch at a local restaurant.
President's Weekend Fri-Mon Feb 12-15	Panther Key	A "Drive To" party Friday evening followed by a sail Saturday to an uninhabited island in the Keys about 25 miles south of Marco Island. Saturday night, sundowners and potluck on one of the larger boats. Sunday. Sundowners and a bonfire on the beach.
Saturday March 6	Raft Up Champney Bay Naples	Near Gordon's pass. Sail in the morning, then meet for lunch and socializing. All watercraft are invited.
Fri-Mon March 12-15	Marathon Key	This is a new event, the Marathon Seafood festival. Sail to the Keys overnight or take a more gradual cruise stopping each night along the way.
Saturday April 10	Smokehouse Bay Raft-up Marco Island	A repeat event but an option for those who want another single day event. Sail in the morning, then meet at 1:00 PM for lunch and socializing. All watercraft are invited.
Sat-Mon May 1-3	Pink Shell Cayo Costa	A new event. This offers a weekend sail option (Pink Shell) and an opportunity to extend your sail for a few more days with a visit to Cay Costa.

Looking forward to cruising with you in the fall. Be safe.



Many thanks go out to all those who volunteered to serve on the Board and those who volunteered to help out with committees for next year.

What a great team of volunteers! Thanks everybody!

Commodore – Bruce Harris

Vice Commodore – Bruce Leng

Rear Commodore – Jeff Gage

Treasurer – Paul Carlson

Secretary – Roseann Smith

Membership Committee--- Terry Nauck & Joan Kachel

Fleet Captain – Racing---Frank Brown

Fleet Captain—Cruising - - Rick Reed

Race Committee - - Susan Watkins, Chair

Sugden Coordinator – Vedran Vicevic

Speaking/Events Coordinator – Chuck Downton

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Social Media – Roseann Smith

Webmaster -- Cliff Elam - - Bess Seaby

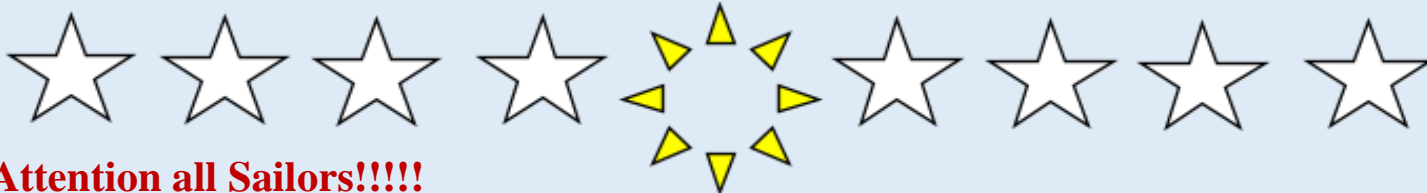
Communications Coordinator - - Jonnie Westerop

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As you know but might not appreciate fully, the Gulf Coast Sailing Club exists because of its wonderful volunteers. Each year we, the club members, select officers from the membership to guide our club forward but many more volunteers are needed for the club to survive and thrive.

Please visit the Club's web page at www.gulfcoastsailingclub.org to check out events.





Attention all Sailors!!!!

We have seen a huge increase in participation in the Tequila series since we changed the format to a pursuit start. Please email Frank Brown fbrown13@yahoo.com if you would like to be added to the scratch sheet. The next race is July 5th at 10:00 starting off the Naples Pier. You can see the calendar for other Tequila events, but they typically run every two weeks.

Registration is open for the BOTY series by registering for the first race, The Commodores Cup 10-24-2020. Click on this link <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=13051> Please take the time to register for this first race, including all the contact information for your crew. Once you are in the system you can edit any data, but will never have to re-enter data, which will streamline registration for other events. SI, NOR, any updates and results will be emailed to you automatically by the yachtscoring platform.

You will notice on the last page of the registration, three options for payment.

1. If you paid for the BOTY series last year we are offering a credit for this years registration. You pay \$325.00
2. If you are new to the BOTY series you will pay \$595.00 for this year's registration
3. If you are only registering for the individual event you will pay \$85
4. Crew members can purchase brunch tickets, shirts, burgees and other stuff for sale. Skippers will receive one brunch ticket for the awards breakfast included with the registration for each event.

If you have questions about the process for registration or payment please call or email Jeff Gage. Jeffrey.gage@cbre.com 239 330-7665. Frank Brown will be providing all the details for race day.

Tequila Racing

What an awesome day was had! Look pretty scary in the morning with thunderstorms rolling all around but it cleared up and we really had a good day. When was light until about 1130 and then it filled in pretty solid from the west. Bad Kitty excelled in the light conditions! But we were all surprised by Pepper who was the first mono hull to cross the line. well done Scott! The vagabond crew has volunteered to put up overall trophies at the end of the series. kudos to them! The next event in the series will take place on July 5 and it will be run from the pier in Naples.

NEXT RACES -

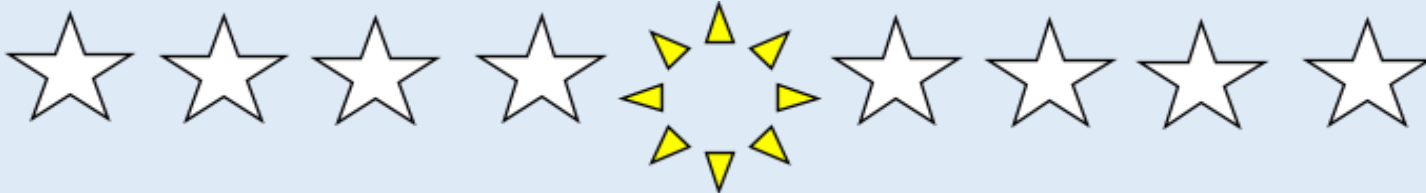
Sundays - July 5th and July 19, 2020

Email Frank Brown fbrown13@yahoo.com to participate in Tequila Racing

Join us!!!

Google Photos link - [2020-06-21-Tequila-Race](https://photos.state.gov/libraries/florida/2020-06-21-Tequila-Race)





Sugden Summer One Design Series

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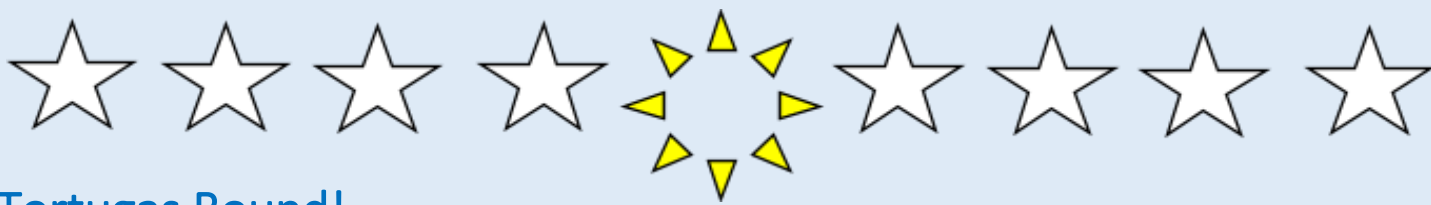
One design racing or recreational sailing!!!!

Jerry Watkins did it again. We have a wonderful opportunity to race or sail at Sugden Park every Thursday evening starting June 11th – July 9th. Five consecutive weeks for only \$150 per person [paid in advance with no refunds]. Weather cancellations will be raced on Thursday.



When:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive 3:30PM • Rig boats and get on the water by 4:00 • Race until 6:30PM • De-rig boats, clean up and leave 7:00PM <p>Five week series June 11 through July 9th Extensions available depending on interest levels</p>
Where:	<p>Sugden Park Sailing Center 4284 Avalon Drive Naples, FL 34112 239 252-4052</p>
What:	<p>(3) PRECISION 15s (3) 420s (2) HOBE WAVES</p> <p>Chase boat[s] included.</p>
Payment:	<p>\$150.00 per person in advance. Teams encouraged. Limited availability---First 12 paid sailors can race Click here to register and pay for each person</p>
Questions:	<p>Call Jeff Gage 239 330 7665 or email Jeffrey.gage@cbre.com</p>





Tortugas Bound!

By Jonnie Westerop

The Dry Tortugas trip Wes and I recently returned from could be described as heaven and hell. We traveled 110 miles each way, about 6 knots of speed. Traveling by boat across open water is probably always a bit intimidating. First off, we didn't sail. There was light winds coming from the wrong direction and big seas - it was really the 6' - 8' seas for the better part of both trips that made it a bit hellish. We left Marco Island on our sailboat,

Natamus, a 40.5 Hunter, at 10 pm on Thursday night - we were scheduled to leave at midnight, but since we were both up and ready to go, it seemed logical to get on our way. The night was truly dark, the moon did not rise until 1 pm that evening and it was a crescent at that. We were guided by the lights of Marco as we headed



out to sea, when we had the surprise of two large bangs hitting our boat, at the front of the boat and then near the propeller in quick succession. A log perhaps? We couldn't see it. By 1 pm the crescent moon was rising, the light was much better, and the seas were getting bigger, seeming to come from every direction, as the Marco lights faded we headed south. The gulf was much calmer around sunrise, the water became the color of cobalt - and we had a beautiful ride the rest of the day as we headed toward the Tortugas. The fort and the light house were the only land marks that could be seen - we followed the marked path to the anchorage near Fort Jefferson, dropped anchor in 12' of water - and enjoyed a swim in the turquoise water before sun down.



What a beautiful place! The fort was built in 1853, a massive brick structure with walls 8' thick so cannonball fire would not penetrate and moats all around the pentagon shaped building, the interior area held an open field of trees, grass, birds - a pleasant surprise. There was never any armed conflicts at this fort, it was used for a number of purposes including military housing, quarantining plague victims, the union used it to blockade the confederate ships during the civil war, were some of its uses. Running/climbing around the ruins was quite entertaining, you have gorgeous ocean views from every gun window, and a green foliage filled center. This was nesting season for birds who had traveled from far and wide to participate - tens of thousands of birds



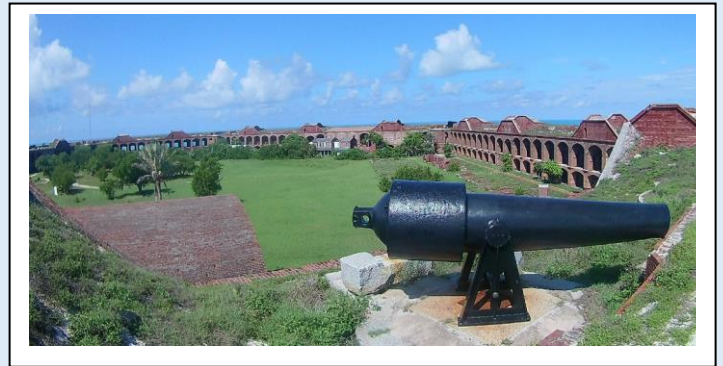
migrated next to the fort on Bush Island - diving, ditching, playing – all night long the noise of the birds went on. Loud and chaotic – like kids playing.



My favorite part was the water and what was in the water. Schools of fish, barracudas, and schools of 5' tarpon – it is a magical place. We traveled on our dinghy to Loggerhead Key where the lighthouse was located on the second day. A few of the rangers live in the ramshackle houses at the base of the lighthouse – too many hurricanes? On the far side of the island we snorkeled the area to see lots of colorful fish and coral – we saw very few boats or people around – you really have the area to yourself. We decided to return to Loggerhead Key the next day to snorkel some more of the area, our outboard suddenly started giving us trouble about half way through the half hour ride – we made it to the island – and were subsequently towed back by the helpful park rangers. “One ride for free”, so we

stayed nearer the boat and Fort Jefferson the rest of our visit.

There were two airplanes with floats and a ferry that brought visitors from Key West (70 miles east) everyday – the only way onto the Tortugas – that and a personal boat of course. There is no communication, internet, phone service – off the grid completely. We brought in everything we needed – water, food, batteries – you have to be completely self-sufficient. Natamus carries 120 gallons of water, I was being careful for fear of not having enough – we have still not emptied it. I will take more and longer showers on the back of the boat next time. Diving off the boat was miraculous, the mornings were completely calm, I couldn't tell where the water ended and the sky began, but the luxury of diving in whenever the moment called for it was really something special. I could actually see the bottom of my boat, the marks from the object we hit the first night were readily apparent on the bow and the rudder there were chips out of the paint.



One of the hellish difficulties we found was keeping our boat anchored when a squall with 35 knot winds would hit in the middle of the night. The whole anchorage would awaken, turn on their boats in case they needed to avoid bumping into other boats. Little fishing boats would come in in the evening, anchoring a bit too close. Wes and I had decided to stay longer to see more of the enchanting reefs, but at 3 am on Tuesday another nice squall came in, only this time we were moving. We were just about in 6' water, and when we moved we were in 29' feet – with the extra fishing boats parked about us, we

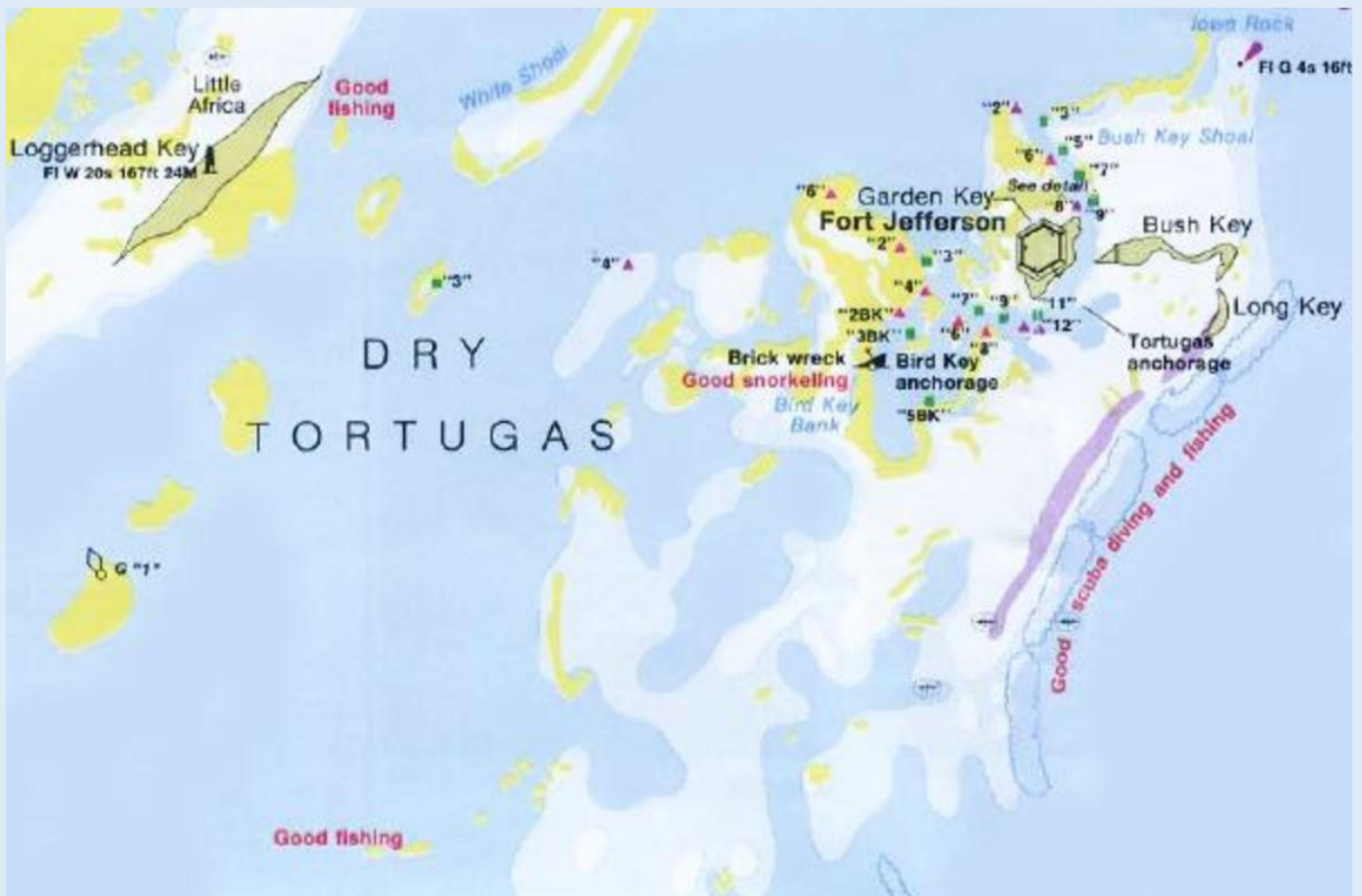
could not get anchored again, and finding a new location in the dark would not be a great idea. We decided to pack it in, and head home. We followed the marked channels out (and we had our electronic tracks from when we came in) so off we went. The moon was up and the water was pretty calm – the big seas with large waves coming at us hit us about sunrise. 8' seas on the nose, we altered our course slightly to avoid banging the boat through the big seas coming from every different direction. It finally calmed down around 5 pm – we had a nice smooth journey when we arrived after 9 that evening to Marco Island.

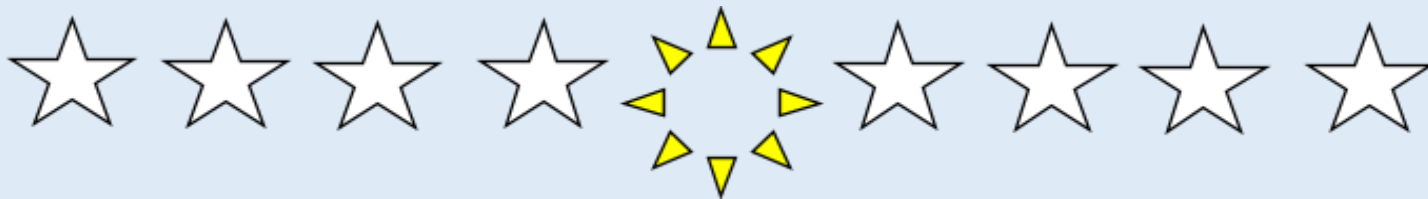
Going on a journey like this shows you all the weaknesses in your boat. We let out a lot of chain the first night for anchoring, but got too close to other boats when the squall came. A bigger anchor might help, we'll have to retrofit the boat to get a 55 pounder on. I spoke with a crew from one of the big yachts on Marco, he said their boats move as well when they anchor at the Tortugas. The anchor grabs sand so not much to hold onto – maybe anchoring further out from the Fort would have helped, less chance of hitting one of those pesky little fishing boats. Also, go by the light of the moon – it's beautiful and it really lights the way. Looking forward to going again, hopefully all of our equipment will be working.



Join us next time!

Jonnie Westerop





2019/2020 Season Southwest Florida Inter-Club

Gulf Coast Sailing Club – Sailing & Cruising

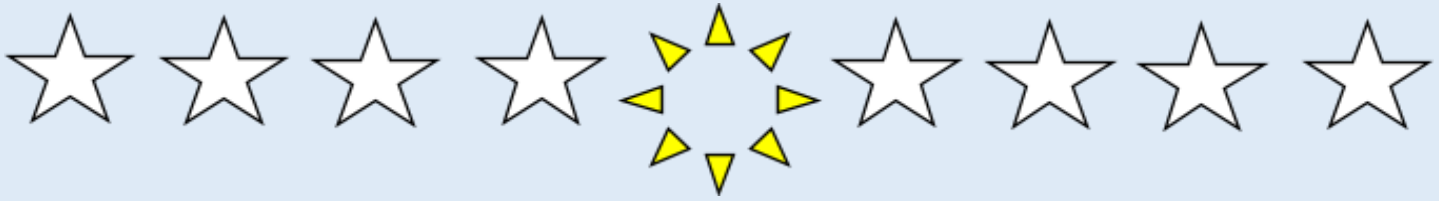
Sailing Calendar 2020 / 2021 (As of 4/1/2020)

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DESCRIPTION	Sponsor	Event Date
Sugden Midweek Summer Sailing 2	GCSC	Thursday, July 2, 2020
Tequila Summer Racing	GCSC	Sunday, July 5, 2020
GCSC Meeting Harolds Place	GCSC	Wednesday, July 8, 2020
Sugden Midweek Summer Sailing 3	GCSC	Thursday, July 9, 2020
Sugden Midweek Summer Sailing 4	GCSC	Thursday, July 16, 2020
Tequila Summer Racing	GCSC	Sunday, July 19, 2020
Sugden Midweek Summer Sailing 5	GCSC	Thursday, July 23, 2020
Tequila Summer Racing	GCSC	Sunday, August 2, 2020
GCSC Meeting Harolds Place	GCSC	Wednesday, August 12, 2020
Tequila Summer Racing	GCSC	Sunday, August 16, 2020
Most Memorable Labor Day to Davis Island Tampa 8-28 to 8-29	Tentative	Friday, August 28, 2020
Board of Directors Meeting	BOD	Sunday, August 30, 2020
Tequila Summer Racing	GCSC	Sunday, August 30, 2020
Board of Directors Meeting	BOD	Thursday, September 3, 2020
Most Memorable Labor Day Return to Naples 9-4 to 9-5	Tentative	Friday, September 4, 2020
GCSC Meeting Harolds Place	GCSC	Wednesday, September 9, 2020
Tequila Summer Racing	GCSC	Sunday, September 13, 2020
Tequila Summer Racing	GCSC	Sunday, September 27, 2020

SAILING EVENTS 2020 to 2021		6/26/2020 11:55
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Board of Directors Meeting	BOD	Thursday, October 1, 2020
BOTY Somerset Regatta Skippers Meeting	CMCS	Friday, October 2, 2020
BOTY Somerset Regatta Race Day	CMCS	Saturday, October 3, 2020
BOTY Somerset Regatta Awards	CMCS	Sunday, October 4, 2020
GCSC Meeting Harolds Place	GCSC	Wednesday, October 7, 2020

BOTY Naples Commodores Cup Skippers Meeting	NSYC	Friday, October 23, 2020
BOTY Naples Commodores Cup Race Day https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=13051	NSYC	Saturday, October 24, 2020
BOTY Naples Commodores Cup Awards	NSYC	Sunday, October 25, 2020
Board of Directors Meeting	BOD	Thursday, November 5, 2020
Sugden Sailing Preferred Date	Tentative	Sunday, November 8, 2020
GCSC Meeting Community Center	GCSC	Wednesday, November 11, 2020
BOTY Festival of the Islands Skippers Meeting	CMCS	Friday, November 13, 2020
BOTY Festival of the Islands Awards	CMCS	Saturday, November 14, 2020
BOTY Festival of the Islands Race Day	CMCS	Saturday, November 14, 2020
Pursuit Sail - Racers and Cruisers	GCSC	Sunday, November 15, 2020
Sailing Heals Event www.sailingheals.org	Tentative	Monday, November 16, 2020
Ladies Day Regatta Skippers	GCSC	Friday, November 20, 2020
Ladies Day Regatta Awards	GCSC	Saturday, November 21, 2020
Ladies Day Regatta Race Day	GCSC	Saturday, November 21, 2020
Cruising Raft Up Smoke House Bay	SAMI	Sunday, November 29, 2020
Board of Directors Meeting	BOD	Thursday, December 3, 2020
BOTY Ft Myer to Naples Offshore Regatta Skippers Meeting	GCSC	Friday, December 4, 2020
BOTY Ft Myer to Naples Offshore Regatta Race Day https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=13052	GCSC	Saturday, December 5, 2020
Pursuit Sail - Racers and Cruisers	GCSC	Sunday, December 6, 2020
GCSC Meeting Community Center - Holiday Party	GCSC	Wednesday, December 9, 2020
Naples Boat Parade of Lights	NSYC	Saturday, December 12, 2020
Sugden Sailing Preferred Date	Tentative	Sunday, December 13, 2020
Marco Boat Parade of Lights	Date	Thursday, December 17, 2020
GCSC Meeting Community Center	GCSC	Wednesday, January 6, 2021
Board of Directors Meeting	BOD	Thursday, January 7, 2021
BOTY New Years Cup Regatta Skippers	GCSC	Friday, January 8, 2021
BOTY New Years Cup Regatta Race Day https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=13053	GCSC	Saturday, January 9, 2021
BOTY New Years Cup Regatta Awards	GCSC	Sunday, January 10, 2021
Cruising MLK Weekend Pink Shell 1-16 to 1-18	GCSC	Saturday, January 16, 2021
Golden Conch Regatta	PPYC	Saturday, January 16, 2021
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Sugden Sailing Preferred Date	Tentative	Sunday, January 17, 2021
Martin Luther King	Date	Monday, January 18, 2021
Super Bowl Sunday FYI	Date	Sunday, January 31, 2021
Board of Directors Meeting	BOD	Thursday, February 4, 2021
BOTY Winter Commodores Cup Skippers Meeting	CMCS	Friday, February 5, 2021
BOTY Winter Commodores Cup Race Day	CMCS	Saturday, February 6, 2021
BOTY Winter Commodores Cup Awards	CMCS	Sunday, February 7, 2021
GCSC Meeting Community Center	GCSC	Wednesday, February 10, 2021
Cruising Panther Key Pre-Cruise Dinner	SAMI	Friday, February 12, 2021
Cruising Panther Key 2-13 to 2-15	GCSC	Saturday, February 13, 2021
Sugden Sailing Preferred Date	Tentative	Sunday, February 14, 2021
BOTY Naples To Ft Myers Offshore Regatta Skippers Meeting	CMCS	Friday, February 19, 2021
BOTY Naples To Ft Myers Offshore Regatta Race Day	CMCS	Saturday, February 20, 2021
BOTY Naples To Ft Myers Offshore Regatta Awards	CMCS	Sunday, February 21, 2021
Conquistador Cup Punta Gorda Skippers Meeting		Friday, February 26, 2021
Conquistador Cup Punta Gorda Race Day		Saturday, February 27, 2021
Conquistador Cup Punta Gorda Awards		Sunday, February 28, 2021
Board of Directors Meeting	BOD	Thursday, March 4, 2021
Cruising Raft Up Champney Bay	GCSC	Saturday, March 6, 2021
Sugden Sailing Preferred Date	Tentative	Sunday, March 7, 2021
GCSC Meeting Community Center	GCSC	Wednesday, March 10, 2021
Arrive Marathon Key 3-12 to 3-15	GCSC	Friday, March 12, 2021
BOTY Classic Regatta Skippers Meeting	GCSC	Friday, March 19, 2021
BOTY Classic Regatta Race Day	GCSC	Saturday, March 20, 2021

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BOTY Classic Regatta Awards	GCSC	Saturday, March 20, 2021
Board of Directors Meeting	BOD	Thursday, April 1, 2021
Easter Sunday	Date	Sunday, April 4, 2021
GCSC Meeting Community Center	GCSC	Wednesday, April 7, 2021
BOTY Bud Light Regatta Skippers	GCSC	Friday, April 9, 2021
BOTY Bud Light Regatta Race Day https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=13055	GCSC	Saturday, April 10, 2021
BOTY Bud Light Regatta Awards	GCSC	Saturday, April 10, 2021
Cruising Raft Up Smokehouse Bay	GCSC	Saturday, April 10, 2021
Bud Light Regatta Pursuit Sail - Racers and Cruisers	GCSC	Sunday, April 11, 2021
Sugden Sailing Preferred Date	Tentative	Sunday, April 18, 2021
BOTY Messmer Cup Regatta Skippers Meeting	NSYC	Friday, April 23, 2021
BOTY Messmer Cup Regatta Race Day https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=13056	NSYC	Saturday, April 24, 2021
BOTY Messmer Cup Regatta Awards	NSYC	Sunday, April 25, 2021
Cruising Pink Shell/Cayo Costa 5-1 to 5-3	SAMI	Saturday, May 1, 2021
Board of Directors Meeting	BOD	Thursday, May 6, 2021
GCSC Meeting Harolds Place	GCSC	Wednesday, May 12, 2021
BOTY Most Memorable Regatta Skippers Meeting	NSYC	Thursday, May 20, 2021
BOTY Most Memorable Regatta Race Day	NSYC	Friday, May 21, 2021
BOTY Most Memorable Regatta Race Day https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=13057	NSYC	Saturday, May 22, 2021
BOTY Most Memorable Regatta Awards	NSYC	Sunday, May 23, 2021
BOTY Return to Reality Regatta Skippers Meeting	NSYC DIYC	Thursday, May 27, 2021
BOTY Return to Reality Regatta Race Day	NSYC DIYC	Friday, May 28, 2021
BOTY Return to Reality Regatta Race Day	NSYC DIYC	Saturday, May 29, 2021
BOTY Return to Reality Regatta Awards	NSYC DIYC	Sunday, May 30, 2021
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Hi!

Just wanted to let you know that I have totally re-done and expanded the materials in the Hurricane Prep Checklist that you signed up for.

It now includes [five documents](#) for you. Three are new and the other two are substantially revised:

- 10 Tips to Prepare for a Hurricane
- Pre-Hurricane Things to Get and Check
- Editable Hurricane Checklist - At Anchor and Aboard
- Editable Hurricane Checklist - On a Mooring and Evacuating
- Editable Hurricane Evacuation Packing List

[Click here](#) to get them in The Boat Galley Resource Center.

Hurricane season is always a little stressful, but having a plan makes it a lot less so.
Hopefully, these documents make it a little easier for you.

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Preparing for a Major Hurricane

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What do you do if there's a major hurricane –Category 3 or above –bearing down on your boat? Surviving the storm involves a certain amount of luck but you can substantially up your odds with good preparation.

CHECK YOUR INSURANCE - Double-check your insurance policy for required preparation for a major hurricane. Also re-read the hurricane plan you filed, stating how you would prepare. Should a claim be necessary, you'll have to prove you fulfilled your obligations. Be sure to take your policy with you when you evacuate!

SAILS OFF – NOT TIED Sails must come down for any hurricane, doubly so for a major one. Tying off a roller furled sail (genoa or main) is simply not sufficient against hurricane-force winds, which will tug at the exposed edges of the sail and pull out a little pocket –first six inches, then twelve. It doesn't seem like much, but when winds are 70,100or 130knots, that's enough sail area to put substantial pressure on your lines and anchoring. Your sail will be shredded, but that's not the worst part. During Hurricane Marty (2003, La Paz, Mexico), marina docks were pulled apart by "sailing" boats, which then crashed into other boats and docks, pulling them free as well. In other storms, we've seen cleats ripped out of docks and boat decks due to the force of the wind in just a scrap of unwound sail. Boats on the hard have been toppled or flipped, creating a chain reaction. Additionally, most insurance policies will not pay out if sails are left on. Getting sails off is arguably the most important thing you can do to help your boat survive the storm.

STRIP THE DECKS Reducing windage is key to reducing the stresses on your lines, mooring/anchor or jackstands. Removing sails was the first –and biggest –part but get everything else inside that you can. Bimini, dodger, flags, grill, decorative lights, MOB pole and throwable, window covers, cockpit cushions . . . it all adds up.

Find a secure place inside the boat or ashore for the dinghy–davits are about the worst possible place as the dinghy will catch wind, act as a good-sized sail and possibly rip the davits off.

LINES Having new lines of the right size and type is critical. Whether it's dock lines, mooring lines or anchor snubbers, if your boat is in the water the lines are the only thing keeping it in place. In Hurricane Irma, our boat was one of only a very few in Boot Key Harbor with literally zero damage. We think that it was roughly 50% luck as no other boats careened into us, but the other 50% was our prep –and part of that were our brand-spanking-new lines. The boat right beside us, which did not put new lines on, broke free from its mooring and was a total loss. After the storm, I pulled up their mooring pennant with the remains of their mooring lines on it. Every single one had simply broken in the middle (not at a chafe point). Sunlight, stretching, chafe and salt all take a toll on the fibers with even a few months' use, weakening the line and lessening its ability to stretch and absorb shock. Only one mooring failed in Boot Key Harbor, but 172 boats broke free of moorings. Don't use large, low-stretch lines for a storm. Lines need to be able to stretch to take the shock that waves and wind gusts will generate. Undersize lines can part from the shock loads but oversize lines that don't stretch will pull cleats and other attachment points out. Nylon three-strand rope is the best combination of strength, stretch and abrasion resistance. We use one size larger than our "everyday" lines as a compromise between the need for elasticity and strength.

CHAFE GEAR The other part of the "line" equation is protecting them from chafe. Fire hose is the chafe gear of choice. Fire departments are required to periodically replace hoses and generally give the old away for free if you ask. Cut pieces about 10" long. Make a small hole about an inch from one end, pass the line through the hose, and then use a piece of light line through the hole you made to tie the fire hose to the cleat, stanchion, or dock. Don't tie the chafe gear to the line, despite what many books say. If you tie it to the line, it will not stay in the right place as the line stretches during the storm.

USE MULTIPLE LINES TO MULTIPLE ATTACHMENT POINTS - Use as many lines as possible, going to different attachment points on both ends. If one cleat, piling or dock section fails, you want something else holding your boat. Any long tails on lines should be tied off so that they don't become damaging whips during the storm.

SHUT DOWN SYSTEMS - Disconnect from shore power –hurricanes and electricity are a bad combination. Close seacocks other than for bilge pumps and engine, if you leave the keys in the engine (see below). Turn off and clean out the refrigerator. You don't want the refrigerator to drain batteries that may be needed for bilge pumps. We made a conscious decision to tie our solar panel in place for Hurricane Irma instead of removing it, realizing there was a good chance we'd lose it in the storm (we didn't). But we were evacuating five days before the storm was forecast to arrive and we wanted our batteries to stay fully charged to power the bilge pumps if needed.

TAKE PHOTOS - Thoroughly document your hurricane prep in case you have to make an insurance or FEMA claim. Show that you followed your hurricane plan. Don't take just a few photos; take 50 to 100 detailed photos of how and where every line is attached and protected from chafe, as well as overall shots showing the sails off and decks stripped as well as the general configuration of lines. Be sure to take these with you!

HELP YOUR NEIGHBORS - Part of surviving a hurricane is not having another boat slam into yours. While location plays some role in this, don't rely on luck alone. Having well-prepared boats around you is key. Once your boat is ready, see if any of your neighbors need a hand. We have been told that most of the damage to boats in Boot Key Harbor during Irma was caused by one large boat that broke free, slammed into docks and broke them free, and then this whole pile started hitting other boats and breaking them free. In Hurricane Marty in La Paz, it was a few boats that had left roller-furling jibs on that that led to the destruction of most of one marina. Your boat is only as safe as the boats around it.

LOCK YOUR BOAT –OR NOT? - Should you lock your boat when you leave it? There are pros and cons; it's a personal decision. We did not lock Barefoot Gal when we evacuated for Irma, realizing that she could be looted while we were gone. We also left the keys in the ignition in case she broke free and needed to (and could) be moved. We figured that if Barefoot Gal was damaged, someone might try to come aboard to save her (another boat in the harbor was lost before the storm when Good Samaritans couldn't get inside quickly enough to stop her from sinking). Or someone might have needed tools, food or even a place to sleep. We decided that the potential reward

of leaving the boat unlocked –both for us and others in the community –far outweighed any additional risk: we were already at serious risk of losing her!

EVACUATE EARLY - Above all else, get yourself, your family and pets to a safe place. Much as it pains me to say it, boats are things. Don't risk your life to try to protect yours. Evacuate early, particularly if you will have to use public transportation. Expect significant delays. The first step in hurricane recovery is to survive the hurricane so that you can recover from it.

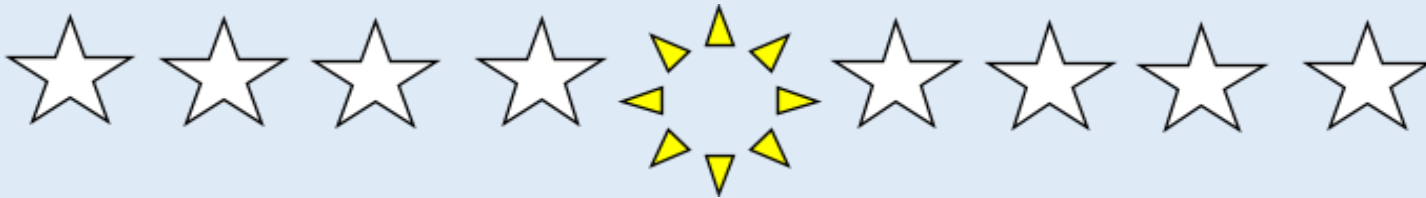
EXTRA: THE UNSEEN POST-HURRICANE DANGER - Unfortunately, major hurricanes result in sunken and wrecked boats littering the water, along with building debris. Some dangers are obvious, such as broken masts, tangled rigging and boards with nails protruding. Less obvious is the fact that all the destroyed boats have severely polluted the water with diesel, gas, and oil, holding tank contents, battery acid, engine coolant and every other liquid aboard the boat. Cuts that contact the water will quickly become infected; treat immediately with antibiotic ointment and seek medical help at the first sign of infection. If you get in the water to secure or refloat a boat, take extreme care not to swallow water or get it in your eyes or lungs. Again, seek medical attention immediately if you do –before you have any symptoms of a problem. One friend of ours, preparing his sunken boat to be raised after Hurricane Irma, had a near-drowning experience and ended up on life support for six days due to the diesel fuel and other things coating his lungs (he did make a full recovery). Almost all divers had respiratory infections that required medical treatment.

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16 Time-Tested Nav Tips to Get You Home

These fundamental navigation tips may help get you home when things go kablooeey.

May 12, 2020 By Chris Caswell

A Seaman's Eye

It wasn't a dark and stormy night. It was just plain dark. Heading home to our marina about 20 miles away, it was blacker than an undertaker's overcoat. But, no worries, the pale green digits on the GPS showed that I was on track for my home waypoint. All was right with the world.

That is, until the midway point, when the GPS went blank. No amount of jiggling (or swearing) would bring it back to life.

Fog, dark of night, foul weather—these are the times that try a skipper's soul. For those of us who didn't achieve much success in high school mathematics, the thought of losing a GPS and having to work out complicated navigational formulas by hand is enough to raise the hackles on our necks and whiten our knuckles on the wheel.

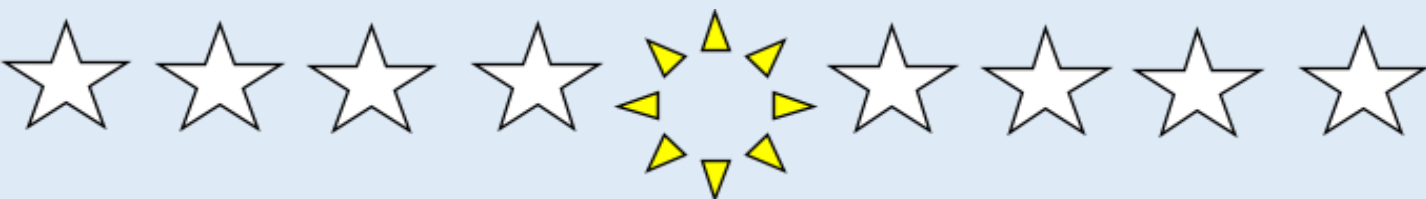


But there are some tricks that seamen have used to navigate for centuries that don't require higher mathematics. Some are good for emergencies like the one on that dark night, some are useful even in good weather, and a few are part of the "seaman's eye," a quick and simple art that is already your primary navigational tool in good weather.

Everyone says that our navigational black boxes are fail-safe, but, buyer beware. Think about how often your home computer, sitting in a warm, dry, vibration-free environment, suddenly goes on the fritz. Anyone who claims that his electronics have never had a glitch is either lying or is on his first voyage. For that reason, you must—must—carry paper charts. If you don't, then shame on you, and you deserve to get lost.

Follow this link for Navigation Tips

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