The background of the slide is a photograph of a vast, deep blue ocean meeting a bright blue sky with wispy white clouds. The horizon line is visible in the upper third of the image. The text is centered and rendered in a white, sans-serif font with a subtle drop shadow.

SYC 2009
17th Annual
Old Men of the Sea
Banquet

Presentation by John Jacobs
November 12, 2009

Be All That You Can Be!

- The Brave
- The Bold
- The Adventurers
- The First to the Bar

How did it all begin?

- During the summer of 1991, Vic Coletti, Burt LeVee, and I agreed to team up because we needed crew to sail out boats. We would rotate the boats, taking one of the three boats out each week. John Crampton joined the group later.
- Burt volunteered to secure the shirts with our new name "The Old Men of the Sea" on them. Being big thinkers, although we were only four in number, it was decided that we should order five shirts to provide for growth.
- (Frank Decker on Wings)



Yard Arm Article September 1991

- Our Senior Members have organized a Wednesday sailing club. If interested in sailing with one of the below listed organizers, please contact Burt LeVee, Vic Coletti, Frank Decker, Joe Strong, or John Crampton. ***Incidentally, wives are not invited, it's all stag.***

Fulton Cooke

- We joined the SYC in 1993. Ed Campbell took us under his wing, and very quickly I was sailing on Wednesday mornings. Ed went out most every week, as did Joe Strong and Ed Klaas, John Crampton and of course Burt LeVee. Walter Nordmann was the organizer of the group in those days. Burt LeVee was a stern skipper, insisting that his crew obeyed his every command. About 1995, we brought Cradle Song up from Melbourne and joined the weekly outing. The sad part of it all was the number of times we all went out to scatter the ashes of deceased members who had been a part of our group.



Yard Arm Article, February 1994

- The most recent outing included Cradle Song (Fulton Cooke), Wild Goose (Burt LeVee), and Bob Otworth's new toy, Pevensey. Cradle Song towed Pevensey back to the club because the engine would not start.

Old Men of the Sea – 1994

Is this Florida?



Yard Arm Article April, 1994

- The skipper of Wild Goose lost his hat, retrieved the hat and went aground in the process. From now on the southeast point of the property shall be known as Captain Bligh's Point.

Old Men of the Sea

| | | | | | |
|--------|----------|----------|--------|-----------|----------|
| Dick | Abbot | active | Ed | Klaas | resigned |
| Ray | Anderson | inactive | Bert | Levee | deceased |
| Howard | Bowie | inactive | Cliff | Mearkle | active |
| Ed | Campbell | deceased | Dick | Nagel | deceased |
| Vic | Colletti | deceased | Walter | Nordmann | deceased |
| Gene | Cooper | | Bob | Otworth | inactive |
| John | Crampton | deceased | Dave | Ross | |
| Frank | Decker | inactive | Harry | Rostagano | inactive |
| Fred | Fredlock | deceased | Larry | Smith | inactive |
| Dan | Kelly | active | Joe | Strong | deceased |
| | | | Bob | Walker | deceased |
| | | | Jim | Woodward | active |

The Tiki as it was then.



The Old Men of the Sea built the lanai.



Karl Monnier

- For several years, Bert Levee, John Crampton, Fulton Cooke, Joe Strong and others had been getting the Old Men of the Sea underway. In 1995. Bert and I were at the bar and he challenged me to sail. I said fine if he would play bridge. Bert played bridge on Friday and I sailed on Wednesday. I must say that Bert's bridge was probably better than my sailing skills.

My first sail - Bob Hock

- Before I was a member of SYC in 1995, Howard Bowie invited me to go sailing with the Old Men of the Sea. We went with Joe Strong and Walter Norman on Ariel! As we journeyed toward the north bridge, we had a minor boat problem, and quite a few curse words were used. Once the problem was solved, Joe asked me what kind of work I did. Howard declared, "He's the Sr. Pastor of St. John Lutheran ". There was a dead silence!! Walter finally broke the silence, turned to me and said: Well, I don't care who you are, I'm going to have a beer! Would you like one, Bob?" I quickly said: "I sure would!!" Walter and Joe became some of my dearest friends, from that moment on!

Old Men of the Sea Annual Report 1996-97

- We now have 41 active members.
- Content runs aground due to poor navigation by Ed Velen and Fred Fredlock.
- Jen-Rac (Burt LeVee) went aground south on ICW.
- Ariel (Joe Strong) runs aground twice leaving boatyard.
- Ed Velen has increased his bribe for someone to run his boat aground so his name can be taken off of the Captain Mud plaque.

Old Men of the Sea

| | | |
|---------|-----------|----------|
| Bill | Ayers | |
| Don | Booth | resigned |
| Fulton | Cooke | resigned |
| Charles | Fisher | resigned |
| Jim | Franklin | deceased |
| Henry | Freeman | resigned |
| Howard | Heck | resigned |
| Bill | Hiller | inactive |
| Bill | Horgan | deceased |
| Bob | Hudgins | resigned |
| Ken | Jones | resigned |
| Bill | Jorgenson | deceased |
| Peter | Kramer | active |
| Jacques | LaFontane | deceased |

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|--------|-----------|----------|
| Bob | Miller | |
| Karl | Monnier | inactive |
| John | O'Donnel | deceased |
| Porter | Peadon | deceased |
| Don | Sanderson | deceased |
| Roger | Sherman | inactive |
| Bob | Shields | inactive |
| John | Unrue | deceased |
| Ed | Velen | active |
| Vic | Vickers | inactive |
| Bob | Weed | deceased |
| Al | Weiler | |

Old Men of the Sea - 1997



Sorry, I can't read the signs, but it looks like a women's rights protest to me.



Bob Hudgins

- Before joining the club in 1997, I went sailing with the OMOTS. As I recall John Crampton, Burt LeVee, Fulton Cooke, Porter Peadon, Walter Nordmann, Roger Sherman, Fred Fredlock and Bob Walker were part of the early starters. That was before my time. Sailing with Burt was an experience not to be forgotten. We all referred to Burt as Captain Bligh. Bob Walker asked if he could sail on my boat Harbor Hawke because he could handle the jib all by himself.



Jack Housley

- I first sailed with the Old Men of the Sea during 1998. My strongest memory of sailing with this great group of guys is a day during 2000 when an older Man of the Sea was at the helm, let the boom swing unexpectedly, and I ended up with several stitches in my forehead. It was well worth the inconvenience of a few stitches to sail with the Old Men of the Sea and solve all the world's problems while out in the blue Atlantic.

First Spice Cup Race, Sept. 9, 1998

- Six boats including Azure set out to sea for the first official race of the Old Men of the Sea. The results were: 4th Cradle Song, 3rd Azure, 2nd Kemosabe, and 1st Sassy.
- To the best of my knowledge, there was no cheating.

Fourth Spice Cup Race, Jan., 1999

- Light winds and 8 boats participating.
- 4th Azure
- 3rd Valhalla
- 2nd Content
- 1st Misty

Past Winners of the Spice Cup

- 1999 - Sassy, John Unrue
- 2000 - Kemosabe, Ed Klaas
- 2001 – Shadowfax, Howard Heck
- 2002 – Cradle Song, Larry Smith & Peter Kramer
- 2003-2008 – Sailaway, Phil Cornett

John Jacobs



- I started sailing with the Old Men of the Sea in 1998. In those days, after the sail, we would all gather at the bar (Debbie's Island). Conducted by Ed Klaas, there was a ritual of voting, on a scale of 1 to 10, of how good the day was. It was always a 10. Then Joe Strong would announce how many bonus points (bikinis) had been observed. Although I was new, I was always made to feel welcome. I have been going out almost every Wednesday since then and have made some wonderful friends. We have lost too many, but new people keep the spirit alive. I hope that those of us who have been around a while can make new sailors feel as welcome as I felt when I was new.

Annual Report, July, 1999

Ed Klaas

- We are growing by leaps and bounds. Now 56 strong, we increase by 5. There are 13 sailing vessels in the group.
- This year marks the passing of the 3rd member of the Old Men of the Sea. He was the 1st and only elected officer of our group serving from 1991 to 1999. We all respected and certainly will miss J. Walter Nordmann.
- I was convinced to accept the nomination to the job and was elected shortly thereafter. I will do my best to follow in J. Walter's footsteps.





19 **SYC** 99
J. WALTER NORDMANN
MEMORIAL FOOTBRIDGE
Constructed By
OLD MEN OF THE SEA





*Smyrna Yacht Club
Old Men of the Sea
J. Walter Nordmann Award*

2009

*Dedicated Service
Peter Kramer*

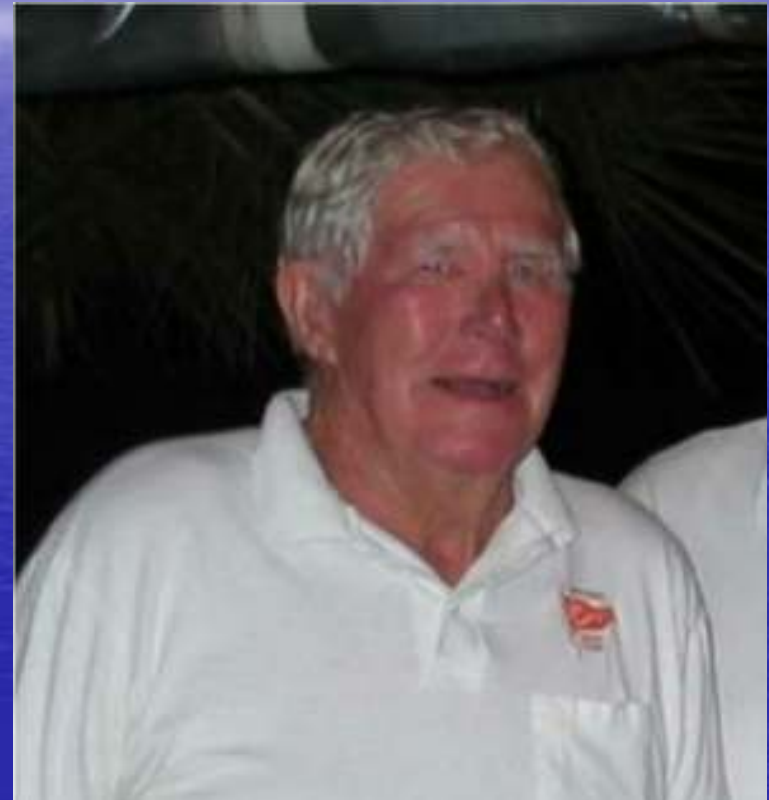


Spice Nite - Annual Report 2000

- On the second Wednesday of each month, we invite our female significant others to join us for serious hor d'oeuvres at Debbie's Island which are provided by one of the members. We call this Spice Nite (plural for spouse).

Annual Report, July 2003

- The Old Men of the Sea has grown to 73 members.
- We have designated Dan Kelly, aboard Playmate, in charge of WIND, and Fred Fredlock, usually also on Playmate, in charge of WEATHER. As a result we can be almost 100% assured to have good WIND and WEATHER.



Old Men of the Sea

| | | |
|--------|----------|----------|
| Tom | Benner | inactive |
| Walter | Brady | deceased |
| Vern | Cook | inactive |
| Gerald | Dennis | inactive |
| Don | Dietrich | active |
| Tom | Frash | deceased |
| Walter | Glenn | deceased |
| Fran | Grasso | inactive |
| Ken | Greene | inactive |
| Bob | Hock | active |

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|-------|---------|----------|
| Jack | Housley | active |
| John | Jacobs | active |
| Mike | Jarrett | active |
| Jack | Nelson | inactive |
| Nick | Pastis | inactive |
| Tony | Sciano | inactive |
| Peter | Stolpe | resigned |

Old Men of the Sea - 2003



2004



Bob and Phyllis Hudgins



John Crampton & Bob Shields

2004



- Mearkles, Abbots, and Kramers

2004



- Cornetts, Blackwoods, Cookes, Jacobs

Old Men of the Sea

| | | |
|--------|-----------|----------|
| Gary | Appleton | active |
| Jack | Becklund | resigned |
| Ron | Blackwood | active |
| Jim | Clary | resigned |
| Phil | Cornett | active |
| George | Crisman | resigned |
| Ron | Fries | active |
| B.T. | Gladden | resigned |
| Dick | Hill | active |
| Bob | Hopkins | resigned |
| Neal | Imhoof | deceased |
| Art | Jones | resigned |

| | | |
|--------|-------------|----------|
| Austin | Lilly | inactive |
| Guy | Mariande | resigned |
| George | Markovits | deceased |
| Bill | McCoy | resigned |
| Stan | Penton | deceased |
| Ken | Ragsdale | active |
| Bill | Shomberg | |
| Bill | Strickland | |
| Walter | Syrotiak | active |
| Frank | Thomas | |
| Larry | Topham | active |
| Dave | Westerheide | active |
| Jim | Wyman | active |

Old Men of the Sea 2007



In Memory Of

- Walter Brady
- Ed Campbell
- Vic Colletti
- John Crampton
- Jacques la Fontane
- Tom Frasch
- Jim Franklin
- Fred Fredlock
- Walter Glenn
- Bill Horgan
- Neal Imhoof
- Bill Jorgenson
- Ed Kenny
- Bert Levee
- George Markovits
- Dick Nagel
- J. Walter Nordmann
- John ODonnel
- Porter Peadon
- Stan Penton
- Don Sanderson
- Joe Strong
- John Unrue
- Bob Walker
- Bob Weed

How is the sailing,
John?



Jim, your stool at
the Tiki is still
reserved.

A perfect 10 with
bonus points.



Here's to you, Freddie.



Old Men of the Sea

| | | |
|---------|----------|----------|
| Patrick | McGinnis | divorced |
| Stewart | Pinsof | active |
| Frank | Spalla | inactive |
| Ward | White | active |
| Steve | Calvert | active |
| Steve | Franklin | active |
| Armondo | Guerra | active |
| Norm | Himes | active |
| John | Kelley | active |



Why do we sail every Wednesday?

Is it for the comaraderie!

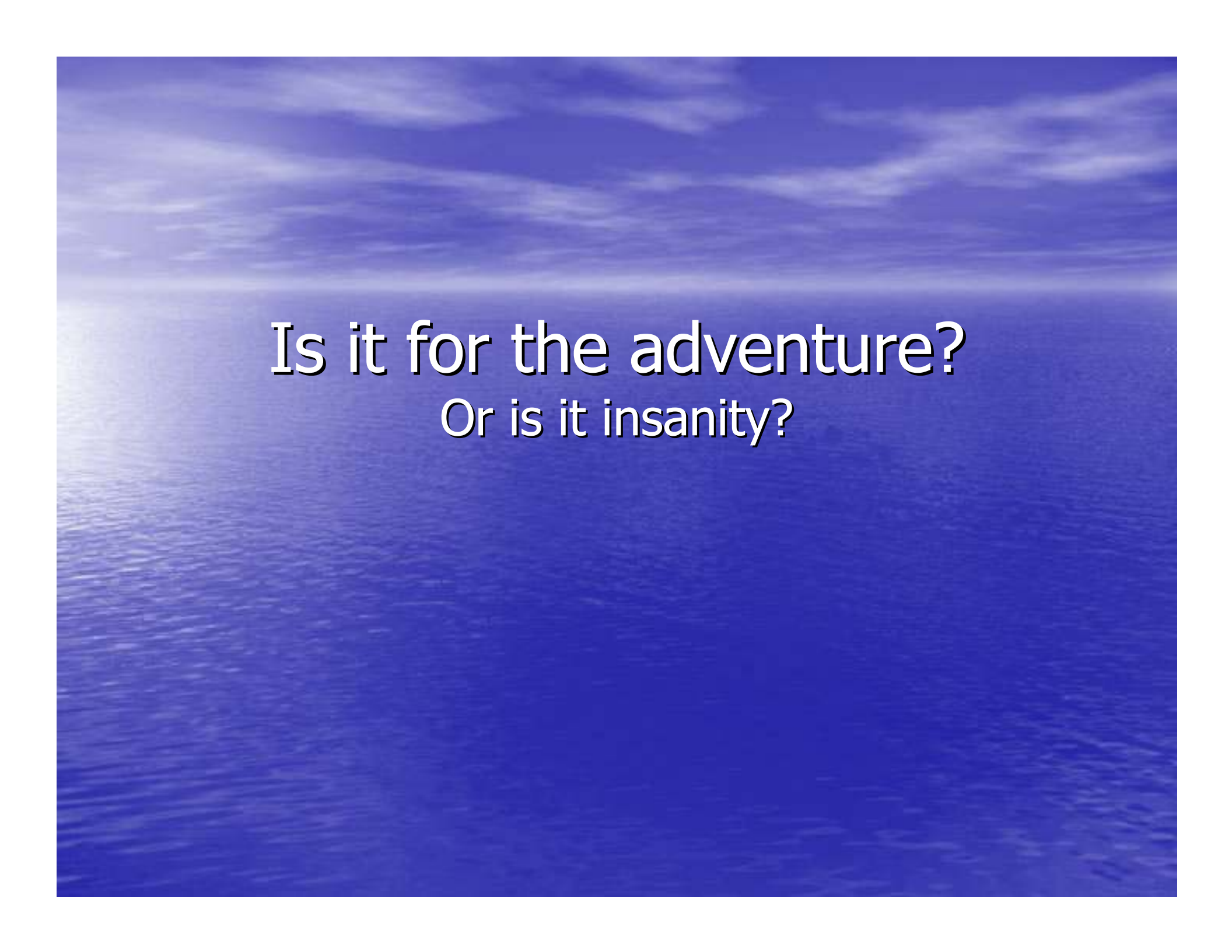
- What is Lois doing in there?



Is it for the competition?

- The award for physical fitness.





Is it for the adventure?
Or is it insanity?

Ponce Inlet is one of the most dangerous. We face it every Wednesday.

- Sometimes it is a little rough.
- We haven't lost anyone yet???



The Inlet

- Sometimes the surfing is good.



The Inlet

- Sometimes it is like a pond.

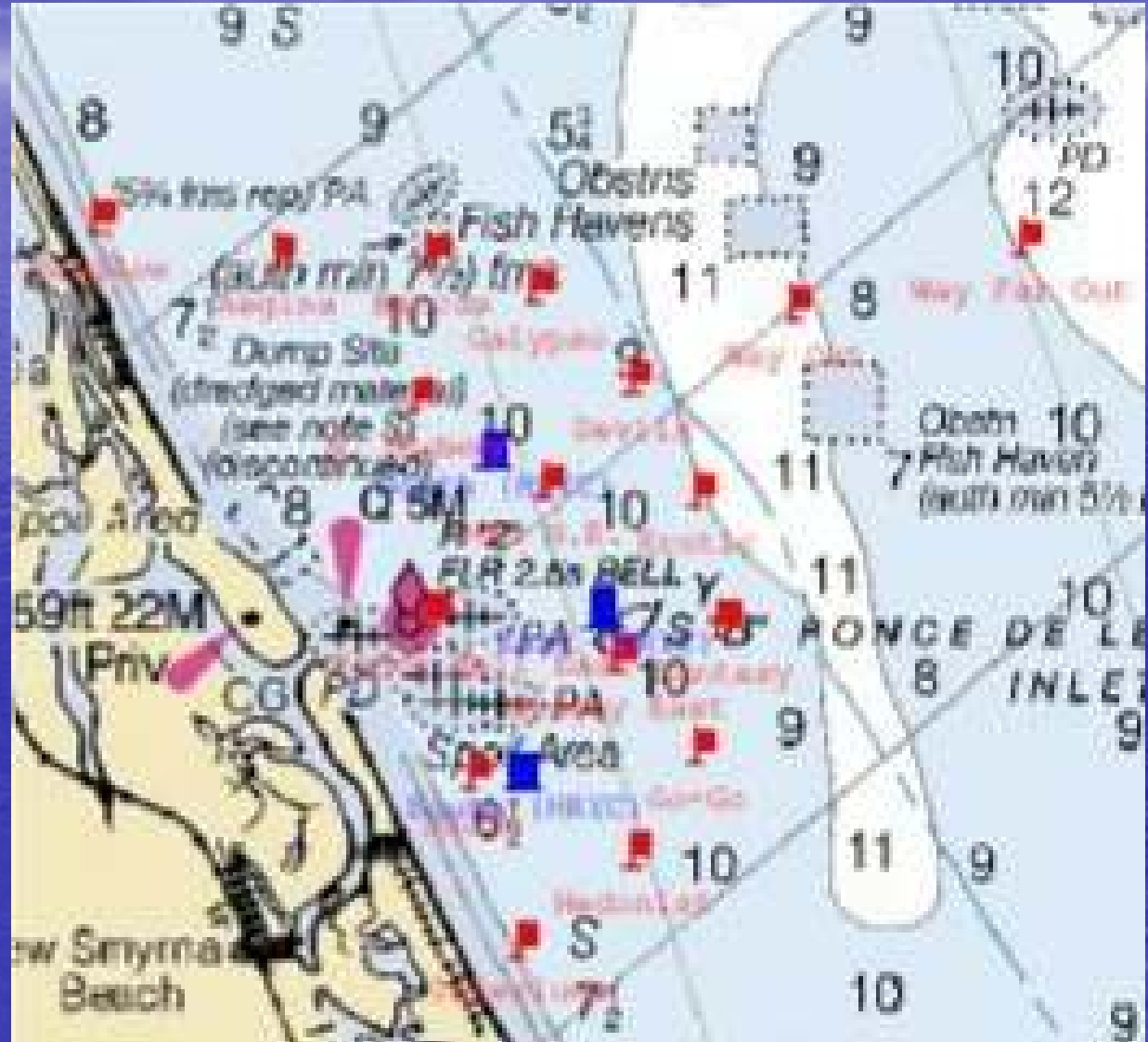


The Inlet

- Sometimes it is mysterious.



What is the lure of those mystical islands known only by a name and a GPS way point?



Most of all we do it for the sailing!

- Sailors, some captains, some able bodied crew, congregate at the Smyrna Yacht Club. They know the nature of the wind, when the gentle sea breeze comes, and when that breeze turns into a wind that stirs up white caps in proving its strength.
- As the SYC fleet enters the magnificent Atlantic, the noise of the engines is replaced with the sound of the water breaking against the hull.
- The awesome swells spraying against the jetty rocks, and the tolling bell of the sea buoy fade into the distance as the fleet begins the day's adventure on the high sea.



The Fleet and it's Skippers

Please come to the front as your name is called.

Ariel, Ron Fries & Jim Wyman.

- A little boat can take a blow too.
- Can you name all of the owners?



Bobsy, John Alden

- She loves the ocean.



Courtship, Steve Franklin

- The new skipper on the water.



Cradle Song, Peter Kramer.

- The pole was too long.



Incommunicado,
Dave Smith.

- England swings.



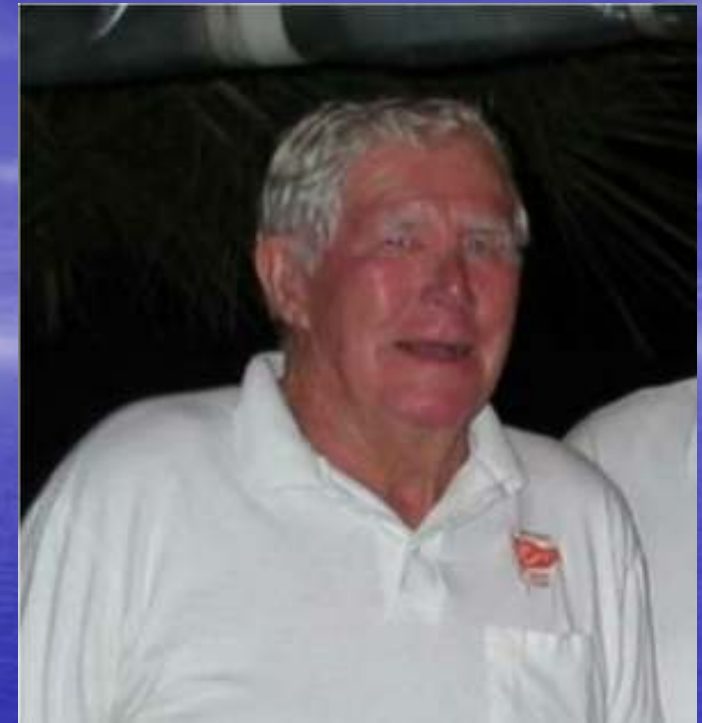
Misty, John Jacobs.

- You're playing my song!



Playmate, Dan Kelly

- In charge of wind.



Rhapsody, Ed Velen

- Melodious and fast!
- Ed Sings too. His favorite is the Red Rose Café.



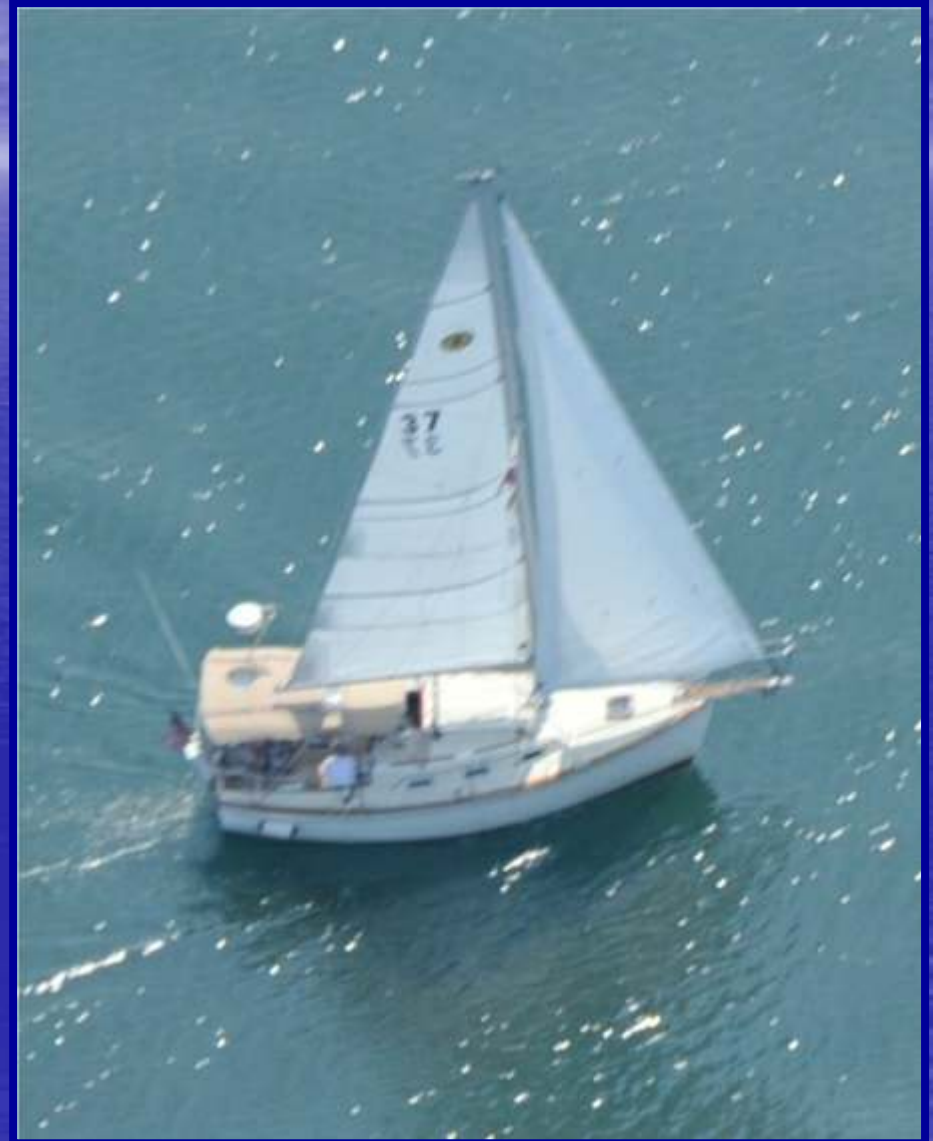
Sailaway, Phil Cornett

- Hard to beat in light air.
- Why is everybody always picking on his handicap?



Sea U There, Ward White

- Cruising in comfort.
Never in a hurry.



Twilight, Mac Smith

- Mac Smith from HRYC usually sails single handed.



Valhalla, Don Dietrich

- Quick and competitive.
- Don needs to stay home and sail her more.



Spindrift, Dave Westerheide

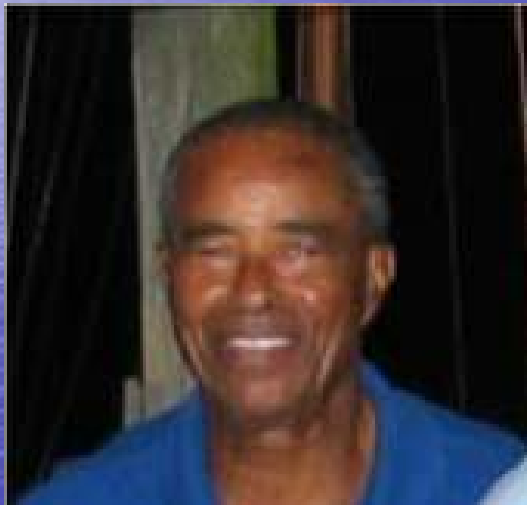
- A good sailor.
- We would like him to sail more often.



These guys have been around a while.



These too.



New Faces



New Faces



Old Men of the Sea

| | | |
|---------|------------|--------|
| Bill | Biedenbach | active |
| Dennis | Cannon | active |
| Skip | Deigel | active |
| Clint | Jeckovich | active |
| Hank | Keller | active |
| Dale | Lilyfors | active |
| Bruce | Mowrey | active |
| Ron | Nekula | active |
| Peter | Satterlee | active |
| Harry | Taylor | active |
| Richard | Taylor | active |
| Dick | Tucker | active |

A few we are hoping for.

- Chris Jones
- Jack Watkins
- Hakan Norlin
- John Tatum
- Charlie Murphy
- Dave Brangaccio

Able Seaman Training

The background of the slide is a deep blue gradient. On the left side, there is a bright, glowing light source that creates a shimmering effect across the surface, which appears to be water with gentle ripples. The overall atmosphere is serene and professional.

Spice Cup Awards

- We race on the 1st Wednesday of each month.
- During the season from Oct. 2008 – Sept. 2009, We had 12 races.
- Awards are based on the best of 7 races for each boat.

Spice Cup Awards

- Sailaway raced in 11 of 12 races.
- Misty, Rhapsody, and Twilight raced in 10 of 12 races.
- Incommunicado raced in 5 of 12 races.
- Each boat won at least 2 races.
- Counting the best of 7 races, 4th place was decided by 1 point.
- The 2nd and 3rd place boats were tied. 9 races had to be counted to break the tie.



*Smyrna Yacht Club
Old Men of the Sea
2009*

Spice Cup Regatta Series

*Most Competitive
Incommunicado
Dave Smith*





*Smyrna Yacht Club
Old Men of the Sea
2009*



*Spice Cup Regatta Series
Fourth Place
and
Special Award for Seamanship
Twilight
Mac Smith*



*Smyrna Yacht Club
Old Men of the Sea
2009*

Spice Cup Regatta Series

*Third Place
Misty
John Jacobs*





*Smyrna Yacht Club
Old Men of the Sea
2009*

Spice Cup Regatta Series

*Second Place
Rhapsody
Ed Velen*





*Smyrna Yacht Club
Old Men of the Sea
2009*

Spice Cup Regatta Series

*First Place
Sailaway
Phil Cornett*



On a scale of 1 to 10, it is always a perfect 10!

- The sun is well into its descent signaling time for the fleet to find the inlet. The sailors' minds turn to anticipation of the Yacht Club's inviting bar and the opportunity to share notes while refreshing with a cold brew. At the end of the always perfect day, the sailors pause to remember the great mariners that bequeathed to them this wonderful brotherhood known as "The Old Men of the Sea" as well as those who are no longer with them in body but will always be close in spirit.