

## SCOO Summary Report

### Moonlight Cruise at South River

July 18, 2008

Cruise Captains: Kathryn & Enrique Garcia and Suzy & Sam Alitto

On Friday, July 18, at about 1600, thirteen boats gathered at South River off the old cemetery for the scheduled Moonlight Cruise. The threat of showers never materialized and the day offered near-perfect weather with a caressing 5-10k SE wind. Eight boats rafted up with the remainder anchored separately. Before the official unveiling of the appetizers, many crew members enjoyed a swim—unintentional for some, but equally refreshing, they claimed.



*Raft-up at South River*

Theme for the social hour was “Nautical Trivia” with questions that challenged the collective knowledge of even the saltiest crews. First Place, with an unprecedented high score of 60%, went to the team of Joe and Paula Valinoti, Renee Dumont and Eric Lind (Judges’ note: rumors that this team had a couple of ringers and also may have pilfered some answers from other teams were rejected as unsubstantiated). Runner Up was the team of Ellie Finta, Nancy Piner, Mary Ann Lind and



*Cruise co-captains Suzy and Kathryn give results of Nautical Trivia contest*

Penny Monell (it was said they had a pirate expert on the team, also unsubstantiated). And the prize for Most Creative (“Throw me the line, dude” was given as the meaning of “Casting off”) went to the team of Bob and Marlene Miller and Dodge and Connie Hickman.



*Nautical Trivia contest Runner Up team  
Penny, Nancy, Ellie and Mary Ann*

As the sun set the raft broke up for the return home. Four boats remained in South River for the night. The others sailed away as a golden full moon rose through the low clouds and into the deep purple, clear skies. As we motor-sailed home an unidentified boat was seen ghosting past Garbacon shoal, a romantic end to a sun-filled day.

A special thanks to John and Julie Rahm on “Island Chariot” for so graciously hosting the social hour on their comfortable Island Packet. They are new to SCOO and we are sure that everyone will enjoy getting to know them.

Moonlight Cruise participating boats and crews were:

- “Cetacean” (Sam and Suzy Alitto)
- “Groundbreaker II” (Ed and Sandy Braun)
- “Il Gatto” (Joe and Paula Valenoti)
- “Island Chariot” (John and Julie Rahm)
- “Lulu” (Hans Nickstadt)
- “Miss El” (Tom and Ellie Finta)
- “Rakamah” (Ralph and Harriet Scharr)
- “Spindrift” (Bob and Marlene Miller)
- “Take Five” (Carl and Penny Monell)
- “TS” (Dodge and Connie Hickman)
- “Pelican” (Kathryn and Enrique Garcia with guests Nancy and Greg Piner)
- “Miranda” (Ken and Carol Small with guests Greg and Diane Held and kids)
- “Xanadu” (Richard Johns and Renee Dumont with guests Eric and Mary Ann Lind)



*Returning home at civil twilight*