



Fleet News



**Phil Johnston
Fleet Captain**

I hope everyone had a pleasant holiday season. During December boating activities, as usual, were kept to a minimum because of the holidays but were more than made up for by the spectacular Snowflake Ball Fleet-In, led by the Carol and Marv Market and Doris and Bob Ferry. In addition, the New Years' Eve fleet-in led by Barb and Gene Greco and Cathy and Ralph Sangiovanni was exceptional. This fleet-in was a great way to welcome the New Year with a bang.

As I write this in December, and thinking of the New Year, we have three close-by events planned for January. The Cape Harbor cruise, in conjunction with the "Paint the Cape" event, a Ft. Myers City Docks cruise, as well as a fleet-in for the Commodore's Ball. All of these events were planned as close-by cruises in the event of unexpected weather. We will report on the results of these cruises next month.

Your Cruise Committee has a number of exciting cruises planned for 2010. Over the next three months we have the Naples Yacht Club/Marco Island Ferrari Festival cruise, a Miami Boat Show cruise, the Moss Marina/Shrimp Festival

cruise, and a Cabbage Key/Boca Grande cruise.

Later in the year we have cruises planned to Isles, Venice/Sarasota, as well as the annual Gunkhole 7 cruise.

Don't forget the South Seas Resort Mother's Day cruise, which is our largest event. We intend to have at least 40 boats for this enjoyable excursion, so sign up and join in the fun.

Please go on the Royal Palm web site, which has the most current information about cruises. Don't forget to make a special point of attending the first Wednesday of the month Boaters' Meeting, where you will hear more detailed information about our up-and-coming cruises and other boating activities. We look forward to seeing you there!

SUNSHINE LADY

A ray of sunshine goes out to Club members who are shut-in, hospitalized, convalescing, or grieving for a loved one. Let us know where sunshine is needed.

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TITLE: "The First Quarter"
Between each winter solstice
and each spring/

The length'ning days of in-
solation bring/

Much joy to hearts of lub-
bers - land and sea;/

This yearly change is doubly
blessed for me./

On land I welcome, day by
day the breeze/

Which slowly stirs the buds
on all our trees?/

At sea, capricious breezes
grow more slack/

When e're I shift from port
to starboard tack./

Renewal from the winter's
days of gloom/

Is that which makes us
smile, and flowers bloom/

Each year's ecliptic path is
quartered thus/

It's Mother Nature's great-
est gift to us./

So don't bewail old winter's
cold and wrath;/

The vernal equinox will
change its path./

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