

## Cedar Key (Cont)

Sunday is always my favorite day. I guess because the crowd is thinned out, and the sailing seems to be the best. We started out for Snake Key, but the winds were calling us to go on out to North Key. Jose' Rodriguez was pacing us in his WW Potter 15, getting the most you can get out of the little boat. Jose' and his family have ordered a new Sanibel 18 which will be here next month. They are very excited! We spotted Paul and Dodie aboard Wing-It returning from North Key, but when they saw us heading there, they turned around and came along. Larry Whited with Ginny and Steve, Frank Wentzel and daughter Hilery in their sail canoe trimaran, Mark Stewart with Shark bait, and Eric Devoe and wife in their CLC Skerry, Moxie, all headed toward the pure white sand of the east side of North Key. This year there were no biting flies, perhaps due to the fresh breeze blowing along the beach. We beached Whisper and anchored along the shore in about 8 inches of water before setting up a folding beach chair. Out came an ice cold Corona and a sandwich. Like I said... it's a tough life.

We stayed long enough to relax, until the freshening wind began to call our names. Then, one at a time, the boats peeled off the beach like leaves from an old oak in the fall, and floated downwind toward Atsena Otie Key skipping along on the waves in the afternoon sea breeze. We'll be back. We've heard the winds of Cedar Key calling our names.

## Lake Harris and St. John's River Trips

The end of April featured the Lake Harris - Lake Eustis - Lake Dora trip and Mid May featured the St. John's River trip up into Lake George and Silver Glen Springs. Both trips were led by central Florida native, Phil Reed who lives in nearby Eustis. If you haven't had a chance to check out the great photos of these two trips, please visit our website!

<http://members.ij.net/wctss/wctss/index.htm>

Phil Reed, Dennis and Carol Marshall, Garrett Marshall, Art and Brenda in Brenda's SeaPearl Tri, and Ed and Becky Combs in their Trimaran attended the Harris Chain of lakes event in April, although I'm not sure they were ever all in the same lake at the same time!

On May 15 - 17 Phil Reed hosted the St. John's River trip to Silver Glen Springs. On this trip, the group stayed closer together. New member Mark Tripp with his son Seth sailed their Southcoast 23, Phil Reed sailed his Potter 19, Nick Lackey sailed his dark blue Ensenada 20, and Dennis and Carol Marshall sailed their new Com-Pac 17 Suncat.

Both trips were well organized and planned, and we have Phill Reed to thank for that. The photos of Silver Glan Springs, and camping on Blue Island on the St. John's River made me decide to offer that trip again to those who couldn't get away on May 15th - 17. So we'll offer that trip - starting at Astor Florida - on June 6 th - 9th. That's a Saturday - Monday, so we'll have a bit more time to explore the northern end of Lake George.

However, if the current weather conditions are prevailing on that weekend - with storms meeting in the center of the state every afternoon, we'll have a backup plan to rendezvous at Three Rooker's Bar -(sandbar) in St. Joseph's Sound just west of Tarpon Springs. Check the website, and the Yahoo Groups discussion forum for last minute details, or call me at 727-391-7927. Whatever you do, be safe this summer in the thunderstorms and tropical weather. Summer is really our "OFF" season, and it is usually too hot and rainy with little wind. But June isn't usually too bad, if you can take a dip in the water occasionally!

Ron Thweatt penned the following poem a few days after the Cedar Key Small Boat Meet. A sailor of many decades, he and his sweet wife have fallen in love with small boats and especially the Small Boat Meet at Cedar Key. It was a great pleasure seeing Ron again, and meeting his wife this year.

## WILL YOU SAIL WITH ME TONIGHT?

Will you sail with me tonight? There will be no wind.

Will you sail with me tonight?

As I pack the old worn canvas bag

I am reminded of past sailing days

Will you sail with me tonight?

The Moon is full, the boat is ready

Will you sail with me tonight?

The Sail lufts port then to starboard moved only by the water not by the wind

As the Light flickers from the burning oil, it casts a shadow on your loving Face

Will you sail with me tonight?

There is no wind that will make for no fright. We will anchor by the moon in the shadows of its light

We could just sit and look at the water or we could sit and look at each other or we ...Yes my Love we can do that also

The Sun is up with color all around

Coffee is ready

Did you sleep well my love? So did I

It will be the memory of moon light in your eye that will remind me of the night

Will you sail with me tonight?

I promise I will always hold you Tight.

Anchor is up, Cedar Key is to Port

Breakfast at Ann's

What a night!

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