SSCA C r u i s e r s' Bulletin Submission Guidelines

I encourage everyone (Commodores, Cruisers and Associates) who has knowledge, advice and inspiration to share with other SSCA members to submit a Letter to the *Cruisers' Bulletin.* Don't worry about **how** you write. **What** you write is more important. Letters should generally be between 1,500 to 2,500 words, but longer letters will be considered. Submissions for Around & About are generally shorter, between 150 to 300 words and are for short updates or notices to cruisers. Here are a few guidelines to help you compose your Letter for the *Bulletin:*

1. Include as much information specific to cruising as you can find. Use Latitude and Longitude, show depths in feet, describe anchorage conditions, specify any new changes to check-in or procedures, give contact information (email, website or phone numbers) for services, marinas, provisions and other help that you received.

2. Separate your article into subheadings such as General, Anchorages, Available Services, Check-in/out, Provisioning/ Restaurants, Internet/Phone, Inland Travels or Land Excursions, Problems encountered, etc.

3. Technical articles are also needed. If you've had a good experience with cruising equipment and would like to share that with others, let us know. Write to us about equipment that worked as you thought it should (or not), repairs, best deals, favorites, tech toys, etc.

4. Save your document as a WORD document with your boat name in the title and please use your Spell Check.

5. Only press ENTER when you are starting a new paragraph! Generally, please try to keep formatting to a minimum.

6. Check all web addresses and emails used in your article before you send it to us.

7. Try to be fair with your descriptions of problems you encountered or troubles you experienced.

8. Photos are encouraged. Attach as a .jpg file with a dpi of 300.

9. Send your contributions to editor@ssca.org.

10. **Publishing Schedule:**
    I will publish your Letter as soon as space permits. Please remember that because of editing, proofing and design time, the deadline for an issue is approximately six weeks before the issue release. Deadline for the January issue is Nov. 15, for example.

Your comments and suggestions are always welcome!

SSCA Editor