

JEAN ORR

CANDIDATE BIO — SECRETARY

JEAN ORR has been a member of the Sarasota Sailing Squadron since 2022 and learned to sail by taking lessons from Akan Staniforth and then joined the Luffing Lassies and Fleet 154 in 2023. Jean has been an active volunteer serving as Awards Chair for the Luffing Lassies' Leadership Team and establishing an Entertainment Committee for a prior Squadron Commodore. Jean also works on Race Committee, Squadron maintenance and hurricane cleanup, and two years ago she started a weekend sunfish sailing group to provide another practice day on the water.



Jean's interest in serving as Secretary is to help navigate the challenges facing the Squadron as it completes transitioning to a 501(c)(3) organization, and SYS begins work on their new building. The fundraising efforts to complete Squadron projects and the new SYS building will require transparent, consistent communication to members.

Jean's former work as a senior manager for a multi-billion defense/national security/health technology company as well as her work in all executive roles on several boards have prepared Jean with the necessary leadership skills to serve as Secretary of the Squadron. With nearly 40 years in leadership roles — corporate and nonprofit — Jean believes she can serve that role well.

Beyond the Squadron, Jean is an active volunteer in the broader Sarasota community. She has been a guide at the Mote Aquarium and, more recently, joined the Mote Seagrass Restoration

Initiative whose mission is to restore imperiled coastal ecosystems across Florida through genetics resiliency, enhanced propagation technologies, and biogeochemical impacts testing.