

BAYLINES



THE LAST HURRAH

Everyone had a blast at the Last Hurrah – Pool-A-Rama!! Six boats left Marco bright and early to begin our adventure at Palm Island Marina on Tuesday morning, May 3rd. Palm Island is a beautiful, quiet little marina tucked away in Cape Haze at the far south end of Lemon Bay. The inviting pool and a locally popular seafood restaurant, Leverock's, were only steps away from our boats. We had the whole facility to ourselves, so for lunch everyone pitched in making a delicious potluck feast prepared by our talented first-mates at the Palm Island poolside. For dinner, we all took the little water taxi (I think Bob Herndon felt like it was the Titanic!!) to Rum Bay restaurant on Knight Island, where Al and Susan found some delicious ice cream cones for dessert.



On Thursday, we left our quaint, secluded little Palm Island paradise for the lush, tropical Captive paradise, South Seas. There we were met by the Glefands and DeHanas in My Turn and our seven boats made up “M” and “N” docks at the far end of the marina. Mother Nature tried to ruin our docktail party that night by sending an evening thunderstorm, but Marco Bay Fun Club persevered and we tucked into the South Seas Marina community Room. It seems that the best food of the cruise comes from our own first mate’s galilees. For our docktail/pot luck party we had a delicious feast of homemade meatballs, bang bang shrimp, chicken, ham/cheese and seafood sandwiches, egg/sausage quiches with a scrumptious chocolate desert and lemon cake. No one went home hungry that night, and Mother Nature promised good times ahead by sending the most beautiful, color filled full rainbow from the bay waters across the sky.

The new pool facility at South Seas is hard to beat. Marco Bay had two “Free” cabanas at the far end of the pool away from all the commotion overlooking a beautiful blue bay where the manatees and dolphins played. The girls also played and played and played Mah Jongg, and the guys just relaxed on the cushy lounge chairs reading books or listening to “FOX” news between dips in the cool pool waters. That evening, we all took off in different directions to explore one of the many inviting Captiva restaurants or to watch the gorgeous South Seas sunset on the beach.



Then it was off again to our third and final destination, Tarpon Point Marina in Cape Coral. Once we were docked, everyone abandoned ship to join the Herndons on Tennessee Waltz and Captain Bob took us by water for a yummy lunch at Rum Runners. Soon we were back again to investigate the Tarpon Point Pool and new shops at the marina. As it was Kentucky Derby Day, all the Marco Bay first mates donned their festive, flowered derbies for a dip in the pool and the captains, though not as colorful as their first mates, also took advantage of the sunny day and the cool pool waters.



For the evening meal, we all met for dinner at Marker 92, the derby decorated first mates and their captains, and the Fleet Captain began to ask the inevitable Pool-A-Rama question "Which Pool Did You Enjoy the Most and Why??" The conclusion of this fleet captain is that there were THREE winners because all three resorts had something very special to offer.

For our last supper, the boaters all gathered at the marina harbormaster's patio where Captain Al grilled up fresh hamburgers and giant Hebrew National hot dogs for everyone. As we watched the final sunset of our cruise, everyone agreed that boating is great fun and being out on the water with friends is the best!!

Remember *"There are good ships and there are wood ships, and there are ships that sail the sea....But the best ships are friendships, and may they ever be!!"*

See You Soon.....Fleet Captain Ginny

Article by Ginny Rapp

Photos by Ginny Rapp and John Putnam

Commodore's Message

May is the month that a lot of us love to hate.....we hate to leave Marco and all of our MBYC friends and activities but love to see family, especially our grandchildren, who are waiting for us up north.

The Club did enjoy several fun activities in May including the "Last Hurrah" cruise to Palm Island Marina, South Seas Marina and Tarpon Pointe Marina. Once again, our Fleet Captain, Ginny Rapp, outdid herself with the organization of this great cruise. Read more about this event in her Trip Report.

On May 23rd we held our Monday Madness a week early to avoid a conflict with Memorial Day and we also moved back to our summer venue at CJ's on the Bay. We had a great time and a good turn-out for this monthly gathering of MBYC friends.

Just because summer has arrived, and a number of us have gone north for a few months, doesn't mean the activities are over. Again this year the Club is holding its Summer Dine-A-Round Series for our full-timers. Included in this issue is the flyer for these four dinners being organized by Sue and Joe Anzalone, Jerry and Nancy Francis and Bob and Ginny Vroman. Be sure to reserve your place early

Our Monday Madness will also continue throughout the summer on the final Monday of each month. Remember we will be at CJ's on the Bay!

By the time you read this Susan and I will be in Michigan enjoying time with family and friends but also looking forward to seeing each of you again in October for the continuation of the fun we have all been having as MBYC members.

See you on shore or on the water!

Brent Cook

Commodore

AHOY BOATERS AND LAND YACHTERS!!

May is the month that is the saddest month for your Fleet Captain, because it is the "So-Long Until Next Season" time when you say "See ya again in the Fall!" to all your boat lovin buddies.



We had a great trip to Palm Island, South Seas and Tarpon Point for our Last Hurrah/ Pool-A-Rama. Seven boats participated and we were happy to have the DeHanas' join our group with the Gelfands in South Seas and Cape Coral.

Next Fall we will start our season with a **Back To The Keys** trip in October to Key West and Banana Bay. Then in November we have **Everglades City** planned for the weekend of Nov. 18-20, followed by **Between The Holidays** after Thanksgiving from Nov. 28th – Dec. 5th. Our **LOOP CRUISE** will be for 12 days after the holidays from Jan. 5th – Jan. 17th. We will be stopping at many fun filled destinations like West Palm Beach, Ft. Lauderdale, South Beach and Marathon.

A top priority in planning our Marco Bay Boat Trips is that everyone who wants to join us for all or part of the cruise destinations/events will be able to come. If you travel by land yacht, there will be information on places to stay close to the marina areas within walking distance of our MBYC group. Mark Your Calendars!

See you again next season on or near the water....Capt. Ginny

KEEP A SHART LOOKOUT FOR THESE COMING EVENTS:

Oct 17th – 23rd Back To The Keys - Key West/Galleon & Banana Bay/Marathon

Nov 18th – 20th Everglades Isles – Everglades City by Car, Small Boat or Cruiser

Nov 28th – Dec 5th Between the Holidays – Laishley Park, Legacy, Naples Bay

Dec 4th - Naples Bay Resort - Bonefish – Day Boat
Cruise Luncheon



Jan 5th – 17th Loop Cruise – Stuart, West Palm, Ft. Lauderdale, Miami, Marathon

MBYC Panther Key Picnic

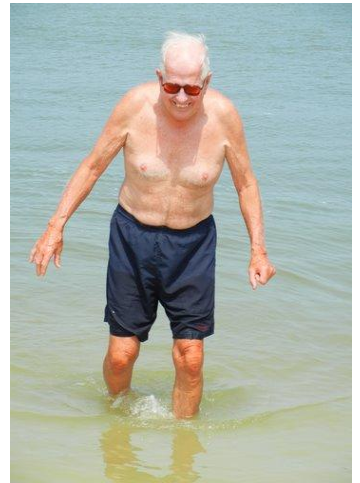
It was hot and steamy, the food was fabulous, and the horseshoes were flying.

About 50 members gathered at Panther Key April 30th for a picnic party fest. Commodore Cook led a group from the Coon Key Light over to Panther Key. Some boats ventured over on their own and were very helpful with getting boats anchored and safely ashore as well as carrying supplies ashore for set up. Dennis Rising was extremely helpful shuttling members ashore who had to anchor out in deeper water. It was nice to have the opportunity for both small and large vessels to be able to join together for a Club function.

Alex and his friend Steve, who was visiting from Chicago, manned the grills and cooked for all who attended. The extra dishes that were shared by members were excellent and all agreed it was another food extravaganza.

Susan Cook reported that there were six boats that anchored out in the bay overnight; four boats rafted up and had a great time for the rest of the afternoon and into the evening. There was plenty of leftovers for all and they had a great evening. Two of the smaller boats, the Sandlin's and Engstrom's, stayed just off-shore. They built a fire in the evening that was a beacon in the otherwise pitch-dark of the night. Do you think they told pirate ghost stories? Panther Key does have a pirate history!







Marco Bay Yacht Club Summer Dine- A- Round Series

June 18 at 6 p.m.

The Jolly Cricket

720 Fifth Avenue South, Naples

Please reserve with Ginny Vroman at
389- 2531 by June 12.

July 23 at 5 p.m. for cocktails,
6 p.m. for dinner

Eurasia

8793 Tamiami Trail East, Naples

Please reserve with Sue Anzalone at
643- 0728 by July 17.

Menu at www.eurasiaofnaples.com

August 27 at 6 p.m. for
cocktails and dinner

Konrad's

Marco Island

Dinner will be fresh- caught grouper
provided by Jerry and Nancy Francis.
Please reserve with Nancy Francis at
642- 1413 by August 21.

September 17 at 6 p.m.

Bamboo Café

755 12th Avenue South, Naples

Please reserve with Ginny Vroman at
389- 2531 by September 11.

Menu at [www.bamboocafefrenchhomecooking.com/ Menu.html](http://www.bamboocafefrenchhomecooking.com/Menu.html)

Be a part of the summer fun!

We wish to extend deepest sympathy to Helga Wilkins at the death of her husband, Mark. Helga is currently at her home in California.

We are happy to report that Bill Hamlin is recovering nicely from his stroke.

Bob Herndon is also doing well, as you can see from his smiling face in the "Last Hurrah" pictures.

Keep Dave Brandt in your prayers during this difficult time.

Jerry Francis wanted to add to the Dine-Around information Bert Howell's name as a contributor to the grouper dinner.

Your editor will be limping to Minnesota this week and will be "reporting" from there until October. Have a wonderful summer!



NOTICES

MBYC PRODUCTS



Marco Bay Yacht Club

✧ Ship's Store ✧



'Insignia Items' for sale

Club Tie		\$30
Burgee		\$20
Jacket Patch		\$20
Name Tags		\$10
Roster		\$10
License Plate		\$4
Hats (Caps)		\$12
Visors	NEW ITEM !	\$12
Polo Shirts (2XL add \$2)	NEW ITEM !	\$18
Tank Tops	NEW ITEM !	\$14
Roster	NEW ITEM !	\$10

Featuring this Month:

Jackets		
Navy-Red Trim 2XL add \$2	NEW ITEM !	\$65
Tote Bags		\$20

Have your Items monogrammed
at:

Sunshine Stitches

1106 1/2 N Collier Blvd

Marco Island, FL 34145

239-970-0200

Marco Island Chamber of Commerce
Building

Email or Call your order
to:

E-mail:

Phone:

Al or Linda
Saunders

239.642.0394

Luther or Jackie
Hays

239.821.7566

MARCO BAY YAGHT CLUB

◀ May ~ June 2011 ~ July ▶						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Summer Dine- Around
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Monday Madness C.J.'s	28	29	30	Notes:	

COMING IN JULY:

4 - 4th of July fireworks

23 – Dine-Around

27 – Monday Madness