

# **BAYLINES**





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#### PRESENTATION OF THE FLEET

#### By Commodore Al Rapp

One of the most time-honored events to any yachting group is the Presentation of its fleet. The island's oldest boating group, Marco Bay Yacht Club, celebrated this event on February 4, 2012. .

It was a wonderful day with small waves and gentle winds crossing over Smokehouse Bay as the vessels lined up on the west shore waiting their turn to pass in review. Two review vessels remained in wait: Rear Commodore Barry Gelfand's MY TURN, carrying the new Bridge, and Dave Mount's Nauti Buoy with the Past Commodores on board. The ceremony began with the National Anthem, History of the Club by Historian Larry Oswald and followed with Chaplin Alan Sandlin leading us in the invocation and the Blessing of the Fleet. As the Club's vessels passed in review, each gave the Captain's name, boat name, and the guests that were on board. Eleven vessels in all passed by the two review boats. Marco Bay members who watched and listened to the proceedings from shore followed along each segment with their VHF radios..

This is a long-standing tradition with Marco Bay Yacht Club, our 38<sup>th</sup> time this has been celebrated, more that any other Island yacht club. This tradition began centuries ago in the Mediterranean area and is celebrated in many yachting communities. Its original meaning was to ensure a safe and bountiful season, and today it also thought of as a symbol of a Club's safe boating season.

Following the Change of Watch, where the old bridge is replaced with the new, the blessing is traditionally done early in the boating season. MBYC's new bridge is under the leadership of Al Rapp, Commodore, Gerry Odenbach, Vice Commodore, and Barry Gelfand, Rear Commodore.

After all the vessels returned to shore at the Esplanade Dock, the 95 water and land participants joined together for a luncheon at CJs. There Commodore Al Rapp welcomed everyone to the event and Fleet Captain, Ginny Rapp, went over the Club's many boating activities that are scheduled over the next several months. Some of the events include Captain Cook's Pirate Party, a cruise to Captiva and Boca Grande, and the Sarasota cruise in March. The club has scheduled two boating education programs for our first mates or anyoe who wants to stay current in boating skills and knowledge.































#### Commodore's Message

Two months into 2012 and the Club is really rolling. We have completed three of our traditional gatherings, Change of Watch, Presentation of the Fleet, and the entertaining Captain Cook's Pirate Party. But we have plenty more activities to go before the season comes to an end.

Planned on the horizon are many more fun-filled events. Some of the boating activities include Wild Goose Chase, the annual trip to Sarasota, the Key West Cruise, and the Last Hurrah, this year's cruise to Charlotte Harbor. More boating fun is available at the On the Hook Party with a Picnic on the Beach, and a Day Cruise to Mangos for lunch. Oh, for you golfers, check with Bill Horton about signing up for the event at Burnt Store where you can go either by boat or by car.

Beginning a new trend in boating skills we have added two events, the First Mates Knot and Line class and, for the first time, Marine Max's Women on the Water. Everyone certainly enjoys all the great, fun events we have planned on the water. Now if we could only do something about the price of fuel.

Be sure to sign up early for the New Members party on March 27<sup>th</sup>. At the last board meeting six new members were accepted into the Club. Be sure to take some time and introduce yourself and welcome them. The Club is growing and we still have room for more, so talk to your boating friends about becoming members. MBYC is truly a home for anyone with a love of the Gulf waters here on Marco. We have so much to offer for boaters. You can't have more fun in a boat than you can have with Marco Bay Yacht Club.

The boat fire just last week off Caxambus Park can be a message to all boaters. Use this reminder to check inside your engine area. Look for any deterioration in your fuel system such as hoses, filters, or connections or anywhere there can be an opportunity for a fuel leak. Remember that USCG regulations require you to run your blower system for a minimum of four minutes before starting your gas engine vessel. Your nose is the best sensor for any stray fuel vapors; give a sniff.

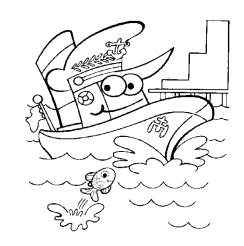
Have Fun but be smart and safe on the Water....

Al Rapp

Commodore

#### MARCH FLEET CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Hello Fellow Mariners!! February was a busy month for everyone in Marco Bay. Our boating events began with the Presentation of our Fleet in Smokehouse Bay, as pirates we braved the seas and



"iffy" weather for a great day of fun in Goodland at Captain Cook's Pig Roast, and on February 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, our larger boats set out for a wonderful cruise to South Seas/Boca Grande for five days of relaxation and fellowship.

A highlight of February was the inclusion of six new enthusiastic boaters to our Marco Bay family (Johnsons, Sheehans, Tschantz, LoRussos, Cachiares and Grahams). The Grahams (with Einstein) joined our group for the South Seas portion of the February cruise and signed up to go with us on the Sarasota and Key West trip. It was good to get to know them and we encourage **all** new members to participate in any of our upcoming boating events.

For the smaller boats, March brings the Wild Goose Chase on March 3rd and a Day Cruise Luncheon at Mango's on March 17th. For the larger boats, we will be cruising to Palm Island/Marina Jacks/Crow's Nest from March 8<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>. Again, your Fleet Captain encourages anyone who would like to come by land yacht for any portion of this fun cruise – *Welcome*. The Sarasota flyer has information for room reservations for all our destinations. We have reservations at the Golden Apple Dinner Theater in Sarasota to see "*DISENCHANTED*" on Sunday, March 11. There is space still available if you would like to join us for this event, so call Ginny Rapp if you are interested.

As Fred puts it so well....."There are good ships, there are wood ships and there are ships that sail the sea. But the best ships are friendships and may they ever be!"

Sea you on or near the water - Ginny Rapp, Fleet Captain



## KEEP A SHARP LOOKOUT FOR THESE COMING BOATING EVENTS!!!

**REVISED February 2012** 

**March 3rd** - **Wild Goose Chase** (Baillies & Muellers)

March 8th - 15th - Palm Island, Marina Jack, Crow's Nest

**March 17th** - **Day Cruise Lunch - Mango's** (Jim Lane)

**March 19th** - Ladies Knots Class (Owen Henning)

March 27th - New Member's Party - Marco Island Yacht Club

**April 4th** - Women on the Water - Hamilton Harbor\*

April 10th - 16th - Key West/Banana Bay

April 20, 21, 22 - On The Hook (Herndon)

**April 21st - Picnic On The Beach - Panther Key** 

<u>May 2nd - 7th -</u> Last Hurrah - Laishley/Burnt Store (Odenbach)

<u>May 5th -</u> Golf Outing at Burnt Store (Bill Horton)



### Sarasota Cruise

	Date:	March	8 to 15	5, 2012		
March 8 to 10:	9:00 A./	M. Leave Ma	rco to Pa	lm Island		
	Room R	eservations:	941-697-	4800		
March 8:	Docktail	s 5:30 p.m.				
March 9:	6:00 Wa	6:00 Water Taxi to "Rum Bay" for Dinner				
March 10 to 13: Leave Palm Island to Marina Jacks						
	Room Re	eservations:	(Hyatt) 94	41-953-1234	4	
March 10:	Docktail	s 5:30 p.m.				
March 11:	6:00 Dinner - Golden Apple Dinner Theater					
	"DISEN	CHANTED"	\$30.00/	Person		
March 12: FREE DA	Y - To Relax	and Do You	r Own Th	ing!!		
March 13 to 15: Leave Marina Jacks to Venice/0					est	
	Rooms:	Inn at the B	Beach 94	11-484-8471		
March 14:	6:00 Din	ner - Crow's	Nest (Up	stairs)		
March 15:	Leave V	Leave Venice/Crow's Nest to Marco				
Captain Meeting		(Monday)			Cay	
Your Name		Т	otal # of Po	eople		
Boat Name		Ca	ptain's Cel	l		
I have enclose	d monies for t	he Golden App	le <b>DisEnch</b>	nanted \$30.0	00/person	
			Make ch	ecks payable	to MBYC.	

Complete/Mail form to Ginny Rapp, 897 Collier Ct. #704, Marco Island, Fl. (393-4949)

### **MARCO BAY**

DAY BOAT CRUISE TO SMOKEHOUSE BAY MANGO'S FOR LUNCH



**DATE:** March 17<sup>th</sup>, Saturday

TIME: 11:00 am

MEET: North of San Marco - The River

South of San Marco - Caxambas Boat Ramp

**Monitor Radio Channel #72** 

CALL or EMAIL Jim Lane if you can come.

JLLane60@bellsouth.net Ph:954-868-7367



Vern & Ann Graham

We have recently retired and are now spending about 6 months a year at our home on Marco Island. We spend the other 6 months on Lake Pend Oreille at Priest River, Idaho.

Vern retired from the Canadian Pacific Railway after 38 years where he was Vice President U.S. Operations and President of DM&E Railroad. Vern presently serves on the Board of Loram Corporation, a Minnesota based company.

Vern and Ann have 2 daughters and 3 granddaughters along with an 11 year old dog named Einstein.

We have been boating since 1982 when we bought our first boat. When we retired on Marco it was conditional on buying a boat that could handle the Gulf. We have our 33' Chaparral, "Mutual Fun" to get us around.



**DOUGLAS AND PHYLLIS JOHNSON** 

Douglas Johnson and his spouse, Phyllis Johnson, hail from Gananoque, Ontario, Canada. Avid boaters, we are able to spend winter months on Marco Island, and summer months boating in the Thousand Islands.

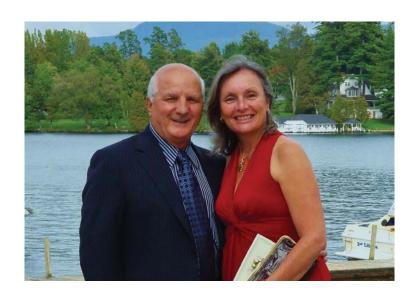
Members of Marco Island Yacht Club, we enjoy the social aspect of belonging to a Yacht Club, and have done so for many years, both in Toronto and in Marco Island.

We look forward to becoming active members of your Club.

Joe served in the United States Navy Submarine Service for four years in the navigation dept. He started his business 42 years ago as a commercial mechanical contractor. He has three children and five grand children who all live on Long Island, NY. Boating has been a part of his life for over 30yrs, including 15 years membership at the Stony brook Yacht club, serving four years as Fleet captain and 2 years as Trustee. Joe has earned a coast guard Masters license, owned up to a 45 foot Viking and now owns a 34 foot Pursuit that is used on Long Island, NY. Joe will retire in 2013 and we are planning on living on Marco Island from January to June each year. We have recently purchased a 25 foot center console, now docked at Eagle Cay.

Laurie has worked at a family owned marina for 17 years, in an administrative capacity. She has raised three children, who all live on Long Island, NY. She has always loved boating and the marine environment.

Laurie and Joe are looking forward to spending a lot of their retirement boating in and around Marco Island. They met each other through the marina community and married in 2010.



**JOE AND LAURIE LORUSSO** 



**Dave and Eve Tschantz** 

Dave and Eve became residents of Marco Island in 2001. We continue to return to Chagrin Falls, Ohio for a few months in the summer to visit family and friends. Eve was with the Cleveland Clinic Foundation for over 20 years until she found it difficult to coordinate long weekends in Florida with work. Something had to go. Dave remains active in several businesses in Ohio and Florida including aviation, custom packaging and the temporary employment industry. We began our love of boating on Lake Erie 26 years and 7 boats ago. We recently acquired a 285 OS Pursuit named Serendipity II for our Florida boat and are looking forward to new and exciting adventures.



John served as first lieutenant in the U.S.Army, 1964-66. He retired from IBM after 31 years as IBM vice-president and CFO IBM US, IBM Europe, and general. He was manager of IBM Solutions Unit. He served on the Board of Directors of IBM World Trade Corporation and Rolm Corporation. He graduated from Virginia Tech and State University of New York.

Carolyn was born in Oceanside, L.I. and has a degree from Carnegie Institute. She worked in the medical field as a medical assistant and X-ray technician. She has been a partner in Home Planning Consultants, an interior design company. She served on the Board of Directors of Wilton Family and Children's Aid, Project 88, and Schola Ministries.

#### Joe and Michelle Sheehan

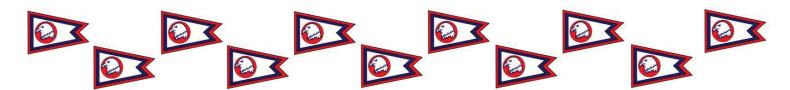
We were both born Washington, DC and grew up in that area. Joe went to college in Pennsylvania and came back to Washington after college where he drove a truck for a year while waiting to go into the Army. He meet Michelle that year, went into the Army, got married, and began a wonderful 45 years with Michelle. After the Army, Joe began his career with AT&T and lived and work for 25 years in the NJ and NY area. They have owned a house on Marco for about 17 years and still keep another home on Chesapeake Bay across from Annapolis.

Joe has played with his boats since 15 years old and they have gone as high as 40 ft powerboat and 30 ft Sailboat. Michelle is really the fisherman of the group. We are now back to more manageable size boats both here and in Maryland.

Michelle is active in many of the club activities on Marco and we both look forward to new friendships with MBYC.



JOHN AND CAROLYN CACHIANES



## Marco Bay Yacht Club

## **WELCOME ABOARD PARTY**

## JOIN THE CREW TO WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

When: Tuesday, March 27, 2012

Time: 6:00PM - Cocktail Hour (cash bar-tax & gratuity included)

7:00PM - Buffet Dinner

Where: Marco Island Yacht Club

Valet parking will be provided

Attire: Club Uniform suggested for Men

Dressy Casual for Women

Co-Chairpersons

Mary Ellen Mount (574-320-5572) & Cindy Brown (973-390-5780)

Please return this portion with your check made payable to "MBYC":



Cindy Brown 1641 Caxambas Court Marco Island, FL 34145

Marco Island, FL 34145	
Name(s):	
# Attending:	
Amount Enclosed: people @ \$25.00 =	(please - no guests)
(club is subsidizing the cost of this event)	

\*NO RESERVATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED AFTER MARCH 18TH \*\*

## Captain Hook's Pig Roast

#### By Brent Cook

On Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> 74 pirates and wenches gathered for their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Captain Hook's Pig Roast. As in 2011, the windy weather presented a challenge for the 20 boats that had signed up to make the cruise to the Calusa Marina but about 6 hearty captains and crew did make it by boat, with the rest of the pirates coming by land yacht.

Just before noon the weather cleared and the pig was ready, along with slaw, beans, chips and pickles so everyone dug in for a hearty good meal. From the leftovers, it appears the pirates really liked the pork. While everyone brought their own drink, there was hardly a drunken pirate to be found, although some might have thought Jack Barter must have been drunk to come as a transvestite pirate.....whoever heard of such a thing anyway! Captain Bly must have been turning over in his grave. . .

Following lunch Captain Dave Besuden led the pirates and wenches in his annual game ritual with a bottle of Captain Morgan Rum going to the first place winners in the egg toss, three-legged race, best waiter/waitress, best putter, and the hula-hoop contest, which was won for the 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive year by wench, Susan Cook.

The day turned out beautiful and the event was a wonderful success! Thanks to all who joined in to make it so!







































## Let's Head Back to the Keys!!!

April 10 - 9:00 am Depart for Galleon in Key West

April 10 - 5:30 pm Heavy Docktails

**April 11 - Noon - Ferry to Sunset Key/Latitudes** 

April 12 - 5:30 pm Schooner Western Union Sunset

Cruise - (\$35/ea)

**April 13 - 9:00 am Depart for Banana Bay** 

April 13 - 5:30 pm Docktails

**April 14 to 16 – Games/Pool/Books/As Little As Possible** 

April 16 - Back to Marco

Name:	_Guests:
Boat Name:	_
I have enclosed \$35.00/p	erson for sunset cruise.
I need to have accommod	lations to stay on land.
Mail to: Ginny Rapp, 897 Collies	r Ct. #704, Marco Island

### **Monday Madness**

























## PANTHER KEY – ON THE HOOK BEACH PARTY April 20, 21,22

### **COME JOIN US FOR A FUN PICNIC ON THE BEACH!!**

Captain Bob and the larger boats will cruise to Panther Key and spend Friday, April 20, and Saturday, April 21, on the hook. Captain Jim will lead the smaller boats on Saturday, April 21, to Panther Key for a BEACH PARTY. Bring chairs, BYOB and a side dish to share. MBYC will supply hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, plates, cups, utensils, paper towels and aluminum foil. Marco Bay Mariners have the option to stay overnight either on the HOOK or on the BEACH. Either way the stars are incredible out there in "no man's land"!! For those brave souls who spend the night, breakfast will be served on TenneSea Waltz, 9:30 am, Sunday morning. YOU MUST LEAVE YOUR WORRIES AT HOME!

Names:		Boa	t Name:	Nun	nber on E	3oat
Overnight	_ Just Daytime Fun		Please call or so	end your	reserva	tions to:
Bob and Jo Her	ndon 1211 Redwood	d Ct.,	Marco Island, Fl.	34145	Phone:	423-534-
4997						

By Rick and Linda Geschrei

On Wednesday February 15<sup>th</sup>, COOKIN, GOTTA LUVIT, TOO MANY WAKES AND SONATELLA left Marco Island and headed to South Seas on Captiva, stopping at Rum Runners for lunch. They encountered smooth seas and light winds and all arrived safely. On Thursday February 16<sup>th</sup>, SEA CROP, RIP RAPP, ILLINI GIRL, REGAL TIME AND MUTUAL FUN II encountered similar weather conditions and also arrived safely at South Seas. That evening a wonderful bring -your–favorite-dish buffet of food and beverages was set up in a conference room provided by the marina staff. Everybody had a good time and it was an excellent time to meet new club members, Vern and Ann Graham.

On Friday morning and afternoon we were able to rent two poolside cabana's to enjoy the beautiful weather, the cool beverages and the warm pool waters. That evening, we rode the South Seas trolley to the properties edge and walked the remaining distance to RC OTTERS restaurant. An excellent meal was served and enjoyed and as an added bonus we were able to sing Happy Anniversary to Mike and Cindy Brown who had arrived on Captiva that afternoon.

The next morning all boats with the exception of ILLINI GIRL and MUTUAL FUN II who headed home Marco Island, traveled to Boca Grande marina. It was a short 14nm trip and everyone arrived safely.

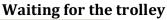


And we're off!



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**Enjoying the local fare** 





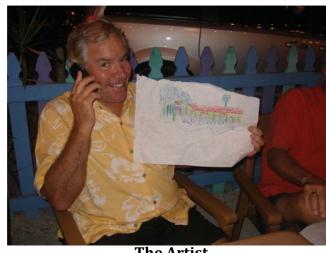
They love Docktails



We found it!



Fred and his Harem



The Artist



46 Years Married!



The Boys' Club







The Girls' Club

#### South Seas/Boca Grande

#### Part II

Saturday morning after all boats were fueled and ready to go, we said good-bye to Illini Girl and Mutual FUN II. They had to head back to Marco. Therapy III continued to stay at South Seas with their family. So seven boats continued on to Boca Grande; the seas were calm and the wind was light. We arrived in good time and after docking, some of us had lunch at the marina. We also rented golf carts to get around the city. The weather was beautiful. On both days, the women got some shopping in and played Mah Jong at the Gasparilla Inn. The first night we ate at Eagle Grill upstairs at the marina, everyone loved the meal, plus we had a private room! Sunday night we ate at the Pink Elephant. Again we had our own room, which was especially fun. (The Bush family has dined in that room.) The food was outstanding, the company was even better and we all left very full. Monday morning we all got ready to leave and had a nice breakfast at Third St. Café. When we left Boca Grande, the weather couldn't have been any better, slight winds out of the north, seas 1-2 ft. allowing arrival back on Marco Island around 3pm. Some boaters had to use lodging, I would recommend both the South Seas Resort and the Gasprilla Inn to anyone. Thanks to all who helped; we'relooking forward to seeing you all real soon.



**Dinner at Eagle Grill** 





Al loves his ice cream







We cruise, we eat





Look for and welcome these new members

Doug and Phyllis Johnson
Joe and Michelle Sheehan
David and Eve Tschantz
Joe and Laurie LoRusso

John and Carolyn Cachianes

Vern and Ann Grahan

At the February board meeting, a change in a by-law was voted on and approved.

Present by-law: Be a resident of Marco Island, Isles of Capri or Goodland.

Changed by-law: Be a resident of Marco Island, Isles of Capri, Goodland or a community on the 951 corridor to include but not to extend beyond Fiddler Creek.





### LAST HURRAH MAY 2-7, 2012

LAISHLEY PARK MARINA, Nights of May 2, May 3 (Wednesday & Thursday)

BURNT STORE MARINA & INN, Nights of May 4, 5, 6 (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)

Cruise through Charlotte Harbor to Laishley Park Marina and enjoy Docktails and appetizers the evening of Wednesday May 2. On Friday depart on a brief cruise to Burnt Store Marina and that evening meet the land cruisers at the Tiki Pavilion for Docktails (BYOB, and an appetizer to pass). PC & MC Bill Horton will review the Fifth Annual Golf Tournament details for Saturday. Land cruisers may also arrive Saturday morning for the tournament, but be sure to stay through the evening for the Fifth Annual Awards Ceremony and the catered "Cinco de Mayo", south of the border, dinner party. Soft drinks provided; BYOB!

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: A group of rooms is being held at the Marina Inn Hotel at Burnt Store Marina Resort. Call 800-859-7529 to reserve your room (price range is \$80-\$90.00 per night) and mention you are with Marco Bay Yacht Club.

GOLF EVENT: Saturday May 5, shotgun start at 12:30 PM, the cost is \$16 per person for greens fee and includes cart rental. We will collect \$5 cash per player for prizes at the start. This event is a "scramble" event where all players can participate, regardless of golfing ability, on this short par 3 and par 4 golf course. Players will be assigned to 4 person teams by the Golf Committee according to golfing experience indicated on the sign-up sheet. Committee decisions are final and disagreements are not tolerated and trouble makers will walk the plank!

<u>CINCO DE MAYO PARTY</u>: Saturday evening a catered casual dinner will be provided at the Marina Tiki Pavilion and the cost is \$16.00 per person. Soft drinks will be provided (BYOB). PC and MC Bill Horton will review the Fifth Annual Golf Tournament results and award the awesome prizes!

Please review the signup sheet that follows to register for these combined events! Contact

Bill Horton (642-8928) for Burnt Store Inn and golf information.

Contact Gerry

Odenbach (394-1210) for Laishley Park and Burnt Store boating.





### SIGN UP SHEETS

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BURNT STORE MARINA & INN, Nights of May 4, 5, 6 (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)

### Registration Deadline April 23, 2012

We are cruising to Laishley Park MarinaBurnt Store Marina
NameGuests
Boat NameCaptain's Cell Phone
Boat LengthBeamDraftMake
Berth Preference; Stern In: Port Starboard Power: (30 or 50 Amp) SEND
THIS FORM TO: Gerry Odenbach, 1421 Salvadore Court, Marco Island 34145
We are attending the Fifth Annual Golf Tournament and/or the Mexican Dinner: Name of
GolferNovice golfer?Experienced Golfer?Name of Golfer
Novice golfer? Experienced golfer? Total number of players:
@ \$16 each = Total Payable to MBYC Total number for dinner on Sat:
@ \$16 each = Total Payable to MBYC We are staying at the Burnt Store
Marina Inn and have made our reservation Y/N SEND THIS FORM TO: Bill Horton, 1103
Edington Place, Marco Island 34145



## It's that time of the year again!!

Time to get your vessel's safety equipment examined

Your club inspectors are waiting.

## **Right Stuff**

Call our MBYC certified VESSEL EXAMINERS directly

Owen Henning 394.1228

Gerry Odenbach 394.1210

Rick Geschrei 394.2824

Al Rapp 393.4949



## MARCO BAY YACHT CLUB

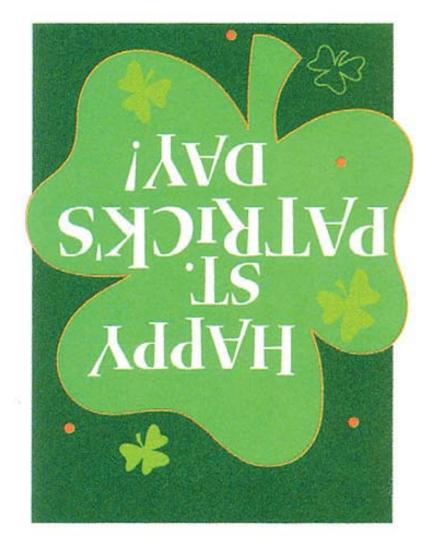
#### **MARCH 2012**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Wild Goose Chase
4	5	6 Board Meeting 10:00	7	8 Sarasota Cruise	9	10
11  SPRING FORWARD	12	13	14	15	16	17 Day Cruise
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Monday Madness Old Marco Lodge	27	28	29	30	31

#### LOOK FOR THESE EVENTS IN APRIL:

10 – Key West/Banana Bay Cruise

20-22 – On-the-Hook/Picnic



Marco Bay Yacht Club P.O. Box 13 Marco Island FL 34146



**MARCH 2012**