



# BAYLINES

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April was another busy month. It started out with a day boating trip to Cape Romano. Be sure to read **Jim Heckenlaible's** "fable" about the day. I dare you not to laugh! April 3<sup>rd</sup> was the First Mate's successful trip to Hamilton Harbor for the hands on learning class, "Women on the Water", organized **by Lucy Dotterweich**. I got word from the April extended cruisers (April 10-26) that they are having a good time. We will hear about their adventures in the June 'Baylines'. Our April Monday Madness was held at our home base, The Old Marco Lodge in Goodland, where we hang our flag and burgee.

Your Board of Directors voted to join the Chamber of Commerce at our April meeting. It is a way to get our name recognized and get advertising. In other actions, it was decided to upgrade our website. This would still allow basic site access for anyone interested in the Club but have secure/restricted access for members with a MBYC sign in. There are MANY other advantages to upgrading but I will leave that discussion to our webmaster, **R/C Charlie Skillern**. He will be working on this throughout the summer...stay tuned. The last action that I want to share with you is in regard to the Fleet Captain's Auction. The Club netted \$3,000, which will be divided equally between 3 organizations whose mission it is to help boaters and The Jean Oswald Memorial Fund of the USCG Station Fort Myer's Beach. The MBYC has a long history of supporting The United States Coast Guard Flotilla 95, The Marco Island Sail and Power Squadron and The Civil Air Patrol.

May activities include a First Mate's (and spouses) trip, organized by **Judy Sacher**, to see Menopause the Musical in Fort Myers. **Vern Graham and P/C Brent Cook** are planning a short cruise to Punta Gorda and Fort Myers on May 5-10 for our extended cruisers. These locations are close enough for day trippers to join the fun by land yacht. **Our Mad Monday will be at the Old Marco Lodge on May 20<sup>th</sup>** due to the Memorial Day holiday on the actual last Monday.

This is the month that many of our members who go to their northern homes for the summer. May you have a happy, healthy, memory making summer! We will look forward to hearing your stories when you return in the fall. Mark your calendars for the November 4<sup>th</sup> Welcome Back Party/Annual Meeting.

Your Commodore,  
Marcia Orsolini

# CAPE ROMANO DAY CRUISE

Photos by Dan Lowell



For those of you who were not able to make the Cape Romano outing on April 2, you can see that you missed a beautiful sunny day, a gorgeous white beach, and a LARGE group of fun-loving MBYCers. Thanks to Jim Heckenlaible for planning the event and for his hilarious pre-event e-mails.





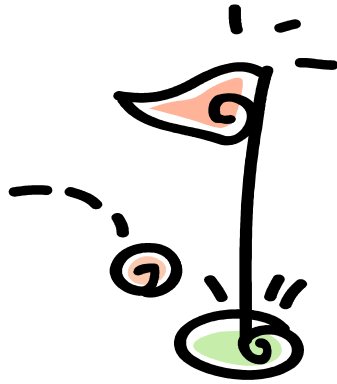






Tiger Woods, Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer and Phil Mickelson were not invited but **YOU** are to the

# FIRST ANNUAL MBYC MINI GOLF INVITATIONAL



**On June 21, 2013, the Summer Solstice**

Wagering encouraged Worthless Prizes awarded

Here are the details:

**6:00 PM Prematch barbecue at the Kernan's clubhouse,**  
1430 Cutler Court

Then off to the Marco Mini Golf on Winterberry Drive near **Sasso's**

All inclusive price \$15.00 per person: includes dinner, greens fee, club and one ball

Since this is the longest day of the year, the Marco Island City Council has been petitioned to **extend Marco Midnight to 10:00PM** on this occasion only. **Don't** miss this exciting late night sporting event.

Please RSVP to Dianne Kernan at 239 389-0314 or [dkernan@juno.com](mailto:dkernan@juno.com)



## MBYC LOOP CRUISE – Marco Island to Stuart Portion by Cindy Brown

Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, Cookin (Susan and Brent Cook and Teddy), Nauti Buoy (Mary Ellen and Dave Mount), Sachmo (Judy, Larry Sacher and Shmulie with Marianne and Frank Mulligan aboard), Ruufin It (Charmaine and Brad Smith and Wizard), and Therapy III (Cindy and Mike Brown) all arrived safely at Legacy Harbor Marina in Fort Myers. The afternoon was spent relaxing and a very good dinner was enjoyed by all at the Fireside Grill, a short walk from the marina.

Thursday morning a group of eight took a walking tour of Fort Myers, something most of us had never done even though we'd spent time in Fort Myers on boat trips for many years. It was very informative, the docent was very knowledgeable and we enjoyed many anecdotes and stories of the early days of Fort Myers as well as hearing about the current rejuvenation project that is still ongoing. We have seen a big change in Fort Myers over the past few years. After lunch the women did some shopping, of course. Dinner was in a private room in the Veranda Restaurant where we enjoyed an exceptional meal and each other's company in a peaceful setting where we could all hear each other speak.

Friday morning we said goodbye to Brad and Charmaine who had to get back to their home port. Unfortunately they veered a bit off course after going through the Sanibel Bridge and could relax (not!) the rest of the day while SeaTow gave them a ride home.

The other four boats departed on the first leg of our trip across Lake Okochobee to Mary Ann and Roland Martin's Marina. The locks were a challenge, but we all arrived unscathed in time for dinner. While not the garden spot of Florida, the food was good, people were friendly, shops had some very nice things and the flowers were pretty in the flower boxes that lined the restaurant patio.

Our next stop was Sunset Bay Marina in Stuart. Now that we were all proficient at getting through the rest of the locks, the trip to Stuart was a breeze. Shortly after our arrival we were greeted by some fairly strong thunderstorms, but they cleared in time for us to enjoy outside dining at the marina restaurant, the Sailors' Return. Stuart has a lovely downtown area with a variety of shops (not your usual tourist t-shirt shops) and restaurants within a 5 or 6 block area, a Green Market on Sundays and a band shell down by the water where some enjoyed a good jazz band on Sunday afternoon with a beautiful water background. The ladies did our share of shopping after Sunday Brunch, then gathered in the lovely Captain's Lounge in the Marina to play mah jongg and watch the Golf Finals. Dinner was an excellent Italian Restaurant where once again we were given our own room to enjoy. Our final day together the ladies returned to downtown to make sure we hadn't left any store unturned, the men met us for lunch at Duffy's Sports Bar and Grill and then we returned to the Captain's Lounge for an afternoon of Canasta. With rain on and off and forecast for dinnertime, we once again ate at the Sailors' Return, inside this time, another enjoyable meal.

Wednesday morning we all sadly said our goodbyes with the Mounts and Browns heading north to Melbourne for their next stop and the Cooks, Sachers and Mulligans heading south to Palm Beach. The texting continues as we keep track of each group's progress, north and south.

Don't want you to think our trip so far has been without any stress or anguish other than the Smiths' misfortune, so we must mention that the Browns had a mechanic come to Ft. Myers to fix an oil leak, the Cooks also had a mechanic for a minor problem and the Mounts' boat had a minor engine problem in Ft. Myers on the morning of departure. The Browns also got hung up on a shoaled in channel entering Melbourne City Marina. This being said, all are well, all problems minor, and we are all enjoying the trip....so far!



### **Stuart to West Palm Beach by: Larry Sacher**

Thanks to our omniscient Cruise Captain Brent the ride from Stuart to Palm Harbor was far less treacherous as it relates to bridges than we anticipated! With 3 bridges right on the edge of Sachmo's clearance we were concerned about even more delays, but thanks to Brent's uncanny timing we got to the bridges right on time with other vessels requiring more clearance, thus we never had any issues. For those who were on the 2012 Loop you might recall Barry Gelfand claiming his intent to buy a number of the incredible mansions on the route (as well as their 100'++ little boats) but, alas, Barry and Claudette were still on their Australian odyssey and we weren't permitted docking privileges, but we can all dream, can't we?

All and all it was a great day on the water, fabulous views, and no disasters docking in Palm Harbor! Sorry for those who weren't with us, but there's always next year.

Arriving in Palm Harbor early afternoon, the Cooks, Mulligans and Sachers settled in at the beautiful Palm Harbor Marina with a quick "re-load" at Publix, followed by some great Pizza at Grimaldis of Brooklyn. The next morning a trolley ride to City Center led to a great disappointment for Susan Cook and Judy Sacher to discover that Black Market/White House was no longer there, but a nice lunch at Cheesecake Factory more than compensated. Following a brief respite another trolley ride brought us to the movies to see "Olympus Has Fallen", a fun, action-packed fictional attack on the White House. Dinner at E.R. Bradley's provided us with horrendous service but good company. The next day we were back to City Center, financial gain for Macy's as the ladies shopped and an introduction to Greek food for some at Opa. We ended the night with a fun free concert at "Climatis by Night", and then a left-overs buffet in the Club Room at Palm Harbor Marina. The next morning an early departure for Bahia Mar!

### **West Palm Beach to Ft Lauderdale by: Marianne Mulligan**

The Southern Loopers left West Palm on the 19th to get to the Air Show the following day in Fort Lauderdale. We left @ 9:50am and arrived at Bahia Mar at 2:30 pm after a gazillion bridges along the ICW. Sachmo and Cookin' attempted to get fuel on arrival but the gas dock was full with 100 foot and bigger yachts. We could not squeeze our tiny boats in so we had to wait until departure to fuel up. After getting settled, the Cooks, Sachers and Mulligans hopped a cab and had a wonderful dinner at Ruth's Chris Steak House.

The next day Susan and Marianne hopped the trolley to go to Publix to stock up on some essentials. We were thrilled that the iPhone had an app which showed you where the trolleys were at all times which made it easy to time the trip back to the Marina.

After much anticipation, we all gathered on Sachmo to have lunch and watch the Air Show from the boat. We waited and waited and waited. Occasionally a couple of planes would fly over and then we waited some more. As one said it was a pathetic show and we soon gave up. Since we were all together we figured we would teach the guys canasta since it was an overcast day. The jury is still out on whether we will get them to play again, but the girls sure had fun. The weather got worse and there were torrential rains and thunder and lightning. We even had tornado warnings. The heavens opened up so we ate at the hotel at Breezes and listened to some island music. Judy raved about the ribs. The rest of us were non committal about the food.

Sunday we all hopped the Water Taxi to explore the waterways of Fort Lauderdale. We missed Lil' Mo terribly!!! We learned the history of some of the waterway mansions and each boat we saw was larger than the next. We hopped off at Las Olas Blvd and after some shopping we had lunch at the Cheesecake Factory. Judy and Larry received a call from their son who said he would be flying into Fort Lauderdale and would meet up with them later. What a nice surprise for them! They did get together later that day.

We tried to take the water taxi to the 15th St Fisheries but it was more than a half hour late and it started raining again so we all headed back to the hotel to eat there again; more ribs!

Monday was davit removal day for Sachmo. Poor Lil' Mo! Judy and Larry took their trolley ride to Publix to get their supplies. When they returned we all got on the trolley to go to the movies to see "Oblivion" with Tom Cruise who played a character named Jack. We couldn't decide which was worse, the Air Show or the movie. I guess we could flip a coin. By this time we also realized that Brent "doesn't know Jack". It started raining when we first arrived, and now it was starting to pour after the movie. Rain ponchos were the fashion statement of the day. We could not get a cab so we hopped on a city bus....and looked like a bunch of drowned rats. We took the bus to the mall to PF Changs for dinner and we found out, after a great dinner, that the waitress could not add up a bill. Finally, we got a cab home and prepared to leave the next day. A good time was had by all!

### Ft Lauderdale to Duck Key & Home by: Brent Cook

After fueling up both boats the Southern Loopers left Ft Lauderdale deciding that seas were calm enough to run the Atlantic from Ft Lauderdale to Duck Key and cut the travel time in half. Things started out pretty good until just after we made the turn south at the Ft Lauderdale outer marker. That's when we were chased down by Tow Boat US and told we were in a restricted zone and nearly in the path of an oncoming submarine. We could see the sub coming toward us, and would have passed it without difficulty, but were told to turn back north then either go out past the three-mile mark or turn west and stay within ½ mile of shore. We opted for the shore and got a good look at the sub as we passed it in only 45 feet of water. Rick Geschrei assured me by phone that, due to our small size, we would have been hard to hit with a torpedo! Thank Goodness!

The remainder of our five-hour ride to Duck Key (much better than 9 hours via the ICW) was uneventful in pretty calm following seas.

For those of you that have been to Duck Key the marina has not changed much although the marina restaurant did burn down about a week before our arrival (Dave Mount said it wasn't any good anyway) and the dock-master said the slips would all be rebuilt by the summer of 2014. That is sure good news!

Dinner that night at Ocean Restaurant, at the resort, was good with everyone having plenty of left-overs that were polished off for lunch on Thursday. Wednesday night was the highlight dinner at The Hideaway Café just down the road a piece. It is always a treat and didn't disappoint. Judy even remembered the music that was playing the prior year and got the owner to change the CD so she could step back in time!

When we started out 16 days on the water seemed like a lifetime but all good things must come to an end and after spending a couple relaxing days around the pool at Hawks Cay we headed back to Marco on Friday morning about 9:30 and had a wonderful four-hour ride back to Marco in wonderfully flat seas!

Both the Northern and the Southern Loopers had a wonderful cruise and wish that more of you could have joined us. If you have not done this trip it is a great experience and one you won't soon forget. Maybe next time you too can come along! Our thanks to Fleet Captain Mike Brown for all his leadership in putting this cruise together.

We wish our Northern Loopers, the Mounts and Browns, safe travels as they continue on their month-long cruise!

Finally, Teddy and Schmuele can't type but both put in their Ruf-Ruf for a dog gone good time!





## THANK YOU FROM MESF

The Marco Eagle Sanctuary Foundation extends a great big **Thank You** to our “fined feathered friends” from the Marco Bay Yacht Club for attending the Third Annual NEST FEST on April 6<sup>th</sup> at the Island Country Club. Marianne and Frank Mulligan, Susan and Brent Cook, Joanne and Bob Herndon, Marcia and Alex Orsilini, Martha and John Brinkoetter, Ginny Rapp, Diane Kernan, and Judy and Larry Sacher were a great flock of party people! This group can rock and roll on the dance floor! (Bob Herndon, hope your knees are okay)

MESF extends a very special thank you to Marianne Mulligan for her time and efforts, and to Judy Sacher, the adorable queen of 50/50 raffle tickets!

Congratulations to the top two Faux Feather Contest Winners, Alex Orsilini and Joanne Herndon!

MESF is most appreciative of your support and your warm and friendly good will.

Kind regards,

Linda J. Turner

Director of Operations

Marco Eagle Sanctuary Foundation

Carl H. Way

Founder and Chairman

Marco Eagle Sanctuary Foundation

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DONATION TO MARCO ISLAND  
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DONATION TO CIVIL AIR PATROL**







## **EVERGLADES ISLE/MOTOR COACH RESORT**

**NOVEMBER 8, 9, AND 10**

Friday, Nov. 8 – Boats leave Coon Key light in AM (TBA)

We will meet at the pool of the Motor Coach Resort at 6 pm

Bring enough food for 8 people and BYOB

Saturday, Nov. 9 – Breakfast and lunch area on your own (with the others)

At 6 pm, a catered dinner will be served.

There will be live entertainment for listening and dancing.

Sunday, Nov. 10 – Brunch will be served at 10 am.

Departure – Whenever you are ready to leave (tides)

**CALL THE EVERGLADES CITY MOTEL (239) 695-4224 ASAP FOR RESERVATIONS**

13 rooms are reserved for MBYC - \$90 plus tax per night

More information will follow in the September Baylines regarding boat slips, golf carts, riding in another boat, etc. Call Jack or Betty Barter (860) 250-6642 before May 17 or after May 24 for further information or questions.

## MBYC PRODUCTS



### Marco Bay Yacht Club \* Ships Store \*

#### *'Insignia Items' for sale*



*2nd price is for 2XL sizes*

Club Tie	\$30
Burgee	\$20
Jacket Patch	\$20
Name Tags	\$10
Roster	\$10
License Plate	\$4
Caps	\$12
Polo Shirts	\$20-\$22
Visors	\$12
Polo Shirts	\$20-\$22
Tank Tops	\$14
Jackets (navy w red trim)	\$65-\$67
Tote Bags	\$20

#### **Featuring this Month:**

Tees -pocket, hvywt, embroidered	\$15-\$18
Polo - Sport Tek	\$29-\$31
Hooded Sweat - Port & Co	\$35-\$37

**Have your items monogrammed at:**

**Sunshine Stitchers**

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# MAY 2013



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Satur
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5	6 Cruise	7	8	9	10	11
						
12	13	14 Board Meeting CANCELLED	15	16	17	18
						
19	20 Monday Madness	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	
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