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## **Marco Bay Yacht Club**

**December 2014**

**Hello .... Member:**

### **Commodore's Message:**

Hey all Ya'll ....

November kicked off at CJ's on the Bay with the Welcome Back Party & Annual Meeting attended by 91 "hugging and kissing" and "welcoming back" Members. At the Annual Meeting segment on Nov 3rd, we elected our Bridge & Board members for 2016.

Congratulations to our newly elected 2016 Bridge members; **Vern Graham** (V/C), **Bob Boland** (R/C); and our newly elected Class of 2017 Board Members **Sharon Doggett**, **Dianne Kernan**, **Frank Mulligan**, **Sally Orth**; and also to **Rudi Landwaard** and **Paul Krueger** to replace Board seats vacated by **Vern Graham** & **Bob Boland**.

First Mates "Play in the Clay" - a creative pottery event - was hosted by Jo Ann Herndon for a capacity First Mates group on Wed, November 5th, at the Marco Island Center for the Arts.

Each First Mate created a special pottery treasure - turns out our First Mates are quite artistic - their new motto is: "Creative R Us"!

The 3 day Everglades Isle Motor Coach Resort event was co-hosted by **Betty Barter** & **John Putnam** on Friday, November 7th thru Sunday the 9th. Cruisers docking in **Everglades City** for the event included **Rear Commodore Al Saunders** & **First Mate Linda** on "Alley Oop", **Joe & Sue Anzalone** on "Knot Wading Around", **Larry & Rhona Kalkstein** on "Mighty Grateful", and **John & Ruth Putnam** on "My Ruthie". Three members driving motorhomes also made the trip to Everglades City; **Tom Dines**, **Frank & Marianne Mulligan**, and **Alan &**

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**Linda Sandlin.** Docktails kicked off the event Friday evening, followed by the amazing Miles Loud enthusiastically entertaining the capacity dinner and dancing crowd of 60 members Saturday evening, concluding with a cozy breakfast on a drizzly and overcast Sunday morning.

Mid-month witnessed the 11 day Marathon & Key West cruise departure coordinated by Fleet Captain team member **Ginny Rapp**. As usual, the flotilla was led southward by **P/C Brent Cook** and **First Mate Susan** on "Cookin'". Cruisers included **Barry & Claudette Gelfand** on "My Turn", **Dave & Mary Ellen Mount** on "Nauti Bouy", **Larry & Judy Sacher** on "Sachmo", **Chuck & Janice Hubscher** on "Sonatella", **John & Dianne Kernan** on "Wanderer V", **Bob & Joanne Herndon** on "Tennessee Waltz", and **Commodore Charlie Skillern & First Mate Paula** on "Sea Ya'll". Land Yachts joining the cruise group in Marathon included **Frank & Marianne Mulligan**, **Jack & Cheryl Coffin**, and due to boat troubles, **Al & Ginny Rapp**.

Activities included group trips to the movie "Fury", the "Eyecon" review at "La Te Da", and lots of Key West style "Fun in the Sun".

VERY IMPORTANT: If you have not yet sent in your 2016 Membership renewal letter, please do so as soon as possible!

After our 2016 Club enrollment is complete, our dedicated Club Roster staff, headed by our web and data manager **Dan Lowell**, will need time to amend everyone's personal information in order to have the Club Roster printed and ready for distribution at the Commodore's Ball in January. So .... Hurry, Hurry, Hurry .... send in your renewal now if you have not done so already!

By the time you read this we will have held the Holiday Party on Tuesday evening, December 2nd at the Hideaway Beach Club.

71 members attended enjoying a truly exceptional Hideaway buffet dinner with dinner and dancing music provided by the fabulous entertainment duo, "Billy Dean & Dawn".

Most gratifying events of the year are the Annual Marco Island Boat Parade and Street Parade events. It's a great opportunity to get together with your MBYC and island friends to decorate boats and floats or to participate by riding in the parade itself. It's an amazing island wide celebration of the Season!

The annual Marco Island Boat Parade will be held on Saturday, December 6th. **Bob & Jo Ann Herndon** are putting their boat, "Tennessee Waltz", in the parade again this year. **Barry Gelfand** and assistant **Bob Boland** are heading up the creative boat decorating effort. **P/C Joe Doggett** (Ho Ho Ho!) is scheduled to be Santa riding on a giant sleigh on the bow of

Bob's boat. All of Santa's elves (this can be you!) will be riding on the boat, either behind the sleigh on the foredeck or in the back of the boat. Contact **Barry** at 978.302.9961 if you would like to be a Santa's elf and/or help decorate the boat.

The following Saturday, December 13th, is the annual Marco Island Street Parade. **Sharon Doggett** is coordinating that event and hosting the decorating of our Club float in her driveway. We are planning to use the same theme - Santa and his elves - in the Street Parade as in the Boat Parade. Call **Sharon** at 239.248.9112 if you would like to help decorate and/or ride on the float. The More the Merrier!

Finally, please note that the Club will not host a Monday Madness in December due to our collective busy Holiday party and travel schedules.

In January, the Club will be cruising to Pink Shell & Boca Grande January 5th thru January 12th. If you are interested, call Fleet Captain team member **Vern Graham** to see if there is availability for this cruise. .... and Lastly .... the Commodore's Ball and Change of Watch will be held on Saturday evening, January 17th, at the Hideaway Beach Club. This is our Club's "don't miss" gala event of the year. If you have not already done so, call **Michelle Sheehan** for a reservation at (239) 389-9194.

Please express your interest and/or make your reservations for these events as soon as possible. Details are on the Club Calendar at [www.marcobayyachtclub.com](http://www.marcobayyachtclub.com)

So .... on the water .... or around town ....

"Sea Ya'll" out there ....

Commodore (Charlie) Skillern

## Past Event Articles:

*See all of the Event Picture Portfolios on the website*

### October Madness



As the end of October nears we, who endure the Marco summers, begin looking forward to October Madness and experiencing the first surge of returning friends. In anticipation thereof, Madness moved outside of CJ's to the Star Bar on the promenade. The promenade was decked out for Halloween with spiders and webs. The first to arrive were Jack and Betty Barter followed shortly thereafter by Ferris and Leslie Arnolds. Judy Sacher appeared to be terrified of the spiders overhead. Jim Heckenlaible and Dan Dotterweich seemed to be in competition to see who would be the first to get a drink to his spouse. The fluorescent lime-green MBYC shirts were the rage. The turnout was great and everyone seemed to enjoy catching up on events of the summer.

### Welcome Back



Season is certainly here and everyone was in a celebrating mood as MBYC had their Welcome Back Party on November 3 at CJ's. Rumor has it everyone enjoyed their time reconnecting with our northern friends and the start of a fun-filled season of boating, friendships and creating new memories. So enjoy the pictures as they tell the whole story themselves.

## Everglades City Cruise



### **Everglades City Cruise November 7,8 & 9, 2014**

Bad Betty Barter brought it all back to Everglades City just as promised. This year's Everglades City extravaganza was bigger than ever with a sell-out crowd of 60 members. The Motor Coach Lodge couldn't serve any more of us! (Be sure to get your reservation in early for next year's event, unless we can convince the lodge to go out and purchase more place settings!)

Our members showed up by boat and motor home. Originally, we had eight boats scheduled to cruise, but due to illness (Kruegers and Landwards suffered Ebola like symptoms!), we eventually got down to four boats: Putnams, Anzalones, Saunders and Kalksteins, and three motor homes: Dines, Mulligans and Sandlins. MANY others drove down and stayed in the Everglades Motel.

The weather was absolutely beautiful Friday and Saturday for the trip. A few members slid into the pool and hot tub prior to the party. The Friday night docktail party was attended by approximately 30 of our gang. As usual, we had way too much food, but somehow it seemed to dwindle down toward the evening. If awards were to be given out for most calories per bite, I am quite sure that Sigrid's chocolate bars were the hands down winner! (A little prejudice here. I wasn't sure at first, but by the third one I was convinced.

On Saturday, many of the gang went out for a local breakfast while the boaters pretty much ate aboard. The girls then gathered for a few rounds of Mahjong and Canasta while the guys drove to the Crab House to take in the Minnesota/Iowa football game.....and I have to brag that Minnesota won handily! Happy hour at the motor lodge began promptly at 4 and the place filled up quickly.

Dinner was served at 6 and then the fun began. This year's very special treat was entertainment by Myles Loud, "The Real Marco Cat". Myles played for three hours without a break and he had everyone up and jumping. His voice, both natural and in imitation is superb. His song selections, terrific. He interacted with the large crowd on a

very one to one basis (just ask Larry, Gayle, Pat, Lucille and Sally) and got several to ham it up with the mike. Everyone was especially moved by his rendition of Neil Diamond's "Coming to America". The place was jumping right up to the final bell at 10 and even the house staff was commenting on how much they enjoyed the show. We hope to see more of Myles at future Club events.

A few of us walked back to the boats after the show. It was a beautiful evening with rolling clouds in a dark blue sky lit by a near full moon. The sound of the water quietly lapping on the sides of the boats was truly pleasant. Boating is such a wonderful experience.

Sunday morning brought the light rain that had been forecast, but we still had 30 members arrive for our Sunday brunch.....and what a brunch! Some of us nearly exploded, I swear. I saw Al Saunders sneak by the buffet table at LEAST twice pretending to just examine the leftovers. No one was fooled.

The Motor Lodge management very graciously told us all that we could stay another night free of charge if the weather inhibited us, but it was only light rain and the seas were quite calm. We all made it back after a quite pleasant ride. After all, we are boaters!

Hats off to Betty Barter for hosting this fourth annual gala event. I think that everyone would agree that it is certainly a major highlight of the year and we hope that it continues as a tradition. It was Ruth's and my great pleasure to assist her with some of the details this season.

**John & Ruth Putnam**

## Marathon/Key West Cruise



Early Friday morning, November 14th, eight Marco Bay Boats left Marco for Marathon Marina (Nauti-Boy, Sachmo, Cookin, Sonatella, SeaYa'll, Tenne Sea Waltz, Wanderer V and My Turn). From the land Mulligan's, Rapp's and Coffin's planned to meet the boaters in Marathon to join in the fun, games and good times during the Marathon Marina part of the cruise- November 14 to the 17th. As usual Mother Nature had her own plans and the boats had to leave Marathon a day early to catch good seas, but MBYC "wheelies", alas land yachters, met for dinner in Marathon at the Barracuda Grill.

They toasted all the sea cruisers, who had reached their destinations and were tucked away safely in their various ports-of-call; Gelfands back in Marco, Herndon's, Kernan's, Skillern's safe in Islamorada at Plantation Marina and Cook's, Mount's, Hubscher's and Sacher's who went on to Key West. Everyone had a great time playing games and docktails were plentiful as usual, but a highlight of the trip was our dinner at Keys Fisheries where it was rumored that Bob ate at least 3 dozen stone crab claws!!

The stormy weather followed us to Key West and for several days we found indoor entertainment. Larry and Judy offered their boat for docktails, several went to the movies and /or museums and games were played in the shelter of Curry Mansion or the Galleon's rooms. The cold NE windy 60-70 degree days altered some of the planned activities, but our goodhearted flexibility opened up many other activities for fun, i.e. dinner at the Commodores Club, A & B Lobster House, LaTeDa and the Cafe Marquesa.

The Mulligans, who stayed in their motor home, and the Rapps, who stayed at a bed and breakfast, were able to join in most of the good times. Sachmo left for Marco a day early on Nov. 23 and Cookin, Nauti Buoy and Sonatella followed on Monday Nov. 24th.

Marco Bay cruisers did not enjoy the best weather for most of the trip, but once again, good times were had by all - good food, good friends and good comradery.

**Ginny Rapp**

## **Hamilton Harbor**

Again, those attending the Hamilton Harbor luncheon lucked out with a perfect day of warm soothing sun and calm seas.

The morning began with Commodore Skillern taking off early to clear the route of crab traps. When we all arrived at Hamilton Harbor to dock, we noticed hundreds of crab traps dragging behind Commodore Skillern's boat. There were no pictures taken this year, but there was over 50 MBYC members to witness the fabulous luncheon. We can all look at next year's pictures when we'll all look better and another year younger!

And again, what function would be complete without Leslie wearing one of her beautiful striking hats!

We gathered on the comfortable patio overlooking Gordon's Pass and enjoyed the mouth-watering buffet of grilled fish, hamburgers, Hamilton's famous hand cut fries, Caesar salad and a selection of fruit. For desert we had delicious homemade cookies that no one wanted to take but everyone ate.

Thank y'all for attending and making it an enjoyable, fun and happy day. What the Heck

**Kerry and Jim**



## Future Event Flyers:

*click on any Flyer Title to open the Event on the website*

### MBYC Boat Parade Party

## MBYC BOAT PARADE PARTY

DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2014

PLACE: Bill & Cea Horton's  
1103 Edington Place

TIME: 1745 HRS (5:45 PM)

Beer Wine & Soft Drinks

Heavy Appetizers and Desserts

\$10:00 per person **Reservations by Monday December 1st**

Please make checks Payable to MBYC

Mail to Cea Horton 1103 Edington Pl  
Marco Island, FL 34145  
Phone # 642-8928

**Please car pool if possible parking is limited**

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Commodores Ball 2015



*Commodore Charlie Skillern and First Mate Paula Skillern  
Cordially Invite you to the ...*

# **Marco Bay Yacht Club**

## **Commodore's Ball & Change of Watch**

*Hideaway Beach Club*

*Saturday, January 17, 2015*

*6:00 pm ~ Cocktails*

*7:00 pm ~ Dinner*

### *Menu*

*Filet Mignon*

*Jumbo Shrimp stuffed with Crabmeat*

*Potato & Vegetable Dessert, Coffee, & Tea*

*Member cost - \$70. Guest cost - \$84.50*

*(excluding family members)*

*Cash Bar .... tax & gratuity included in drink price*

*Valet Parking .... & gratuity included in cost*

*Dress Code .... Black Tie or Club Uniform*

*Entertainment by Barry Newman*

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# Members attending \_\_\_\_\_ # Guests attending \_\_\_\_\_ Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Please make checks to: MBYC ~ no checks accepted after January 10, 2015  
Send reservations to: Betty Barter  
1128 Bald Eagle Drive ~ # 204  
Marco Island, FL 34145

## 2015 Day Boat Cruises

### **FUTURE DAY BOAT EVENTS**

Watch For Details Next Month

Wed January 21st	Keewaydin Island or Coconut Point Picnic
Wed February 11th	Jack's River Bar Lunch
Wed February 25 <sup>th</sup>	Coconut Point or Keewaydin Island Picnic
Wed March 4th	Venetian Village Lunch
Fri-Sun March	13th-15th Port of the Isles
Wed March 25th	Poker Run
Wed April 1st	Cape Romano Picnic

## Return to Port of the Islands

### **RETURN TO THE PORT OF THE ISLANDS**

Betty Barter has organized a fun-filled weekend at the Port of the Islands  
March 13 - 15 (Fri. - Sun.)

All small and big boaters are welcomed for the weekend.

Friday, March 13 Docktails at 6:00 p.m. at the Tiki Hut  
Bring a dish (food) to share ???

Saturday, March 14 Continental Breakfast (included)

Optional activities to be planned ???

Group dinner at restaurant (order off the menu)

Sunday, March 15 Continental breakfast (included)  
Return home

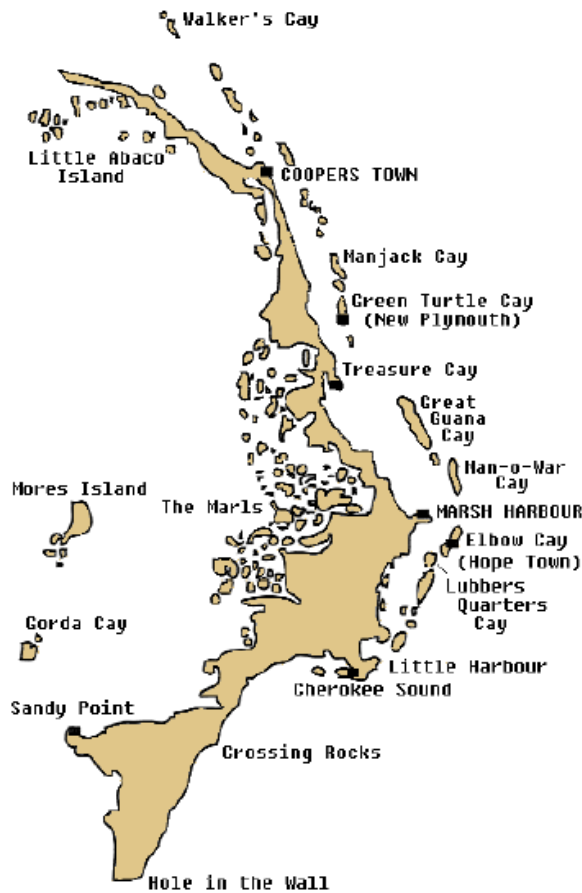
Call for reservations before Feb. 3, 2015 239-394-3101 Say you're with MBYC

Rooms are \$141.90 per night  
Boats are \$1.00 per foot per night

Please notify Betty Barter when you have made your reservation.

Boating details to follow

## Abacos Land Cruise



## MBYC ABACOS LAND CRUISE April 19, 2015 to May 2, 2015

Eight MBYC yachts are headed for the Abacos next spring and you can join the fun even if you don't want to take your boat.

The Abacos are a chain of roughly 100 islands and cays at the very north end of the Bahamas. They were settled by a group of loyalists families who fled the US mainland after the American Revolution. Every island/cay has beautiful uncrowded beaches, great fishing, cozy anchorages and friendly people. We will start our cruise at the largest town, Marsh Harbor, which has the international airport. Then land cruisers will move via MBYC yachts to HopeTown, Treasure Cay, and Green Turtle Cay before returning to Marsh Harbor for the flight back to the USA. We will also be visiting Man-O-War Cay and Great Guana Cay for day trips using the inter-island ferry. Each of these stops has a cute little town with quaint shops, good restaurants, sandy beaches and interesting bars.

All land cruise hotels are located at the same marina where the MBYC fleet will be docked.

4/18 to 4/22 Marsh Harbor, Abaco Beach Resort and Boat Harbor Marina

<http://www.abacobeachresort.com/index.php>

4/23 to 4/25 Hope Town on Elbow Cay, Hope Town Inn and Marina <http://www.hopetownmarina.com/>

4/26 to 4/29 Treasure Cay, Treasure Cay Beach Marina and Golf Resort <http://treasurecay.com/>

4/30 to 5/2 Green Turtle Cay, Green Turtle Club <http://www.greenturtleclub.com/>

As you can see, the MBYC fleet will be cruising the Abacos for 15 days. And you can come for all or just part of the fun. If you arrive in Marsh Harbor after we have departed, just take one of the inter-island ferries to catch up to the armada. And if you want to leave early, just take the ferry back to Marsh Harbor.

If you are considering joining the Abacos party, **DON'T DO ANYTHING NOW**, except send an email to [john@johnkernan.com](mailto:john@johnkernan.com) to get on the Abacos distribution list. More info will be coming later.

# Articles, Announcements, & Club Notices:

## Did you know?

There is MBYC newsletter content that you may be missing if you are not reading your newsletter online. Due to printing and mailing costs we only include 2 pictures for each trip or event. Also, the printed version comes out a couple of weeks later, due to printing, folding, and mailing time.

On the online version, you can click on "[Read More](#)" and see all the pictures for that event.

To open and print any flyer click on the Flyer Title.

***click on any Flyer Title to open the Event on the website***

We hope you will take the time to look at the email newsletter online and see what you have been missing.

## Events Calendar:

*Go to the website Calendar with live links,  
then click on Event date to open the Event info & Flyer  
Flyers opened from the website Calendar will be printable.*

December, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><span style="color: green;">█</span> Holiday Party :: Tuesday, December 02, 2014</li><li><span style="color: green;">█</span> Marco Island Boat Parade Party :: Saturday, December 06, 2014</li><li><span style="color: orange;">█</span> Board Meeting :: Tuesday, December 09, 2014</li><li><span style="color: green;">█</span> Marco Island Street Parade :: Saturday, December 13, 2014</li><li><span style="color: red;">█</span> Hanukkah Begins :: Tuesday, December 16, 2014</li><li><span style="color: red;">█</span> Christmas :: Thursday, December 25, 2014</li><li><span style="color: green;">█</span> No Monday Madness :: Monday, December 29, 2014</li></ul>
January, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><span style="color: red;">█</span> New Year's Day :: Thursday, January 01, 2015</li><li><span style="color: blue;">█</span> Pink Shell &amp; Boca Grande Cruise :: Monday, January 05, 2015</li><li><span style="color: orange;">█</span> Board Meeting :: Tuesday, January 13, 2015</li><li><span style="color: green;">█</span> Commodore's Ball :: Saturday, January 17, 2015</li><li><span style="color: cyan;">█</span> Keewaydin or Coconut Point Picnic :: Wednesday, January 21, 2015</li><li><span style="color: green;">█</span> Monday Madness :: Monday, January 26, 2015</li><li><span style="color: blue;">█</span> Presentation of the Fleet :: Saturday, January 31, 2015</li></ul>
February, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><span style="color: orange;">█</span> Board Meeting :: Tuesday, February 10, 2015</li><li><span style="color: cyan;">█</span> Jack's River Bar Lunch :: Wednesday, February 11, 2015</li><li><span style="color: blue;">█</span> Clearwater Cruise :: Friday, February 13, 2015</li><li><span style="color: green;">█</span> Monday Madness :: Monday, February 23, 2015</li><li><span style="color: cyan;">█</span> Coconut Point or Keewaydin Picnic :: Wednesday, February 25, 2015</li></ul>
March, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><span style="color: cyan;">█</span> Venetian Village Lunch :: Wednesday, March 04, 2015</li><li><span style="color: orange;">█</span> Board Meeting :: Tuesday, March 10, 2015</li><li><span style="color: cyan;">█</span> Port of the Isles :: Friday, March 13, 2015</li><li><span style="color: blue;">█</span> Palm Island/Sarasota/Vencie Extended Cruise :: Wednesday, March 18, 2015</li><li><span style="color: cyan;">█</span> Poker Run :: Wednesday, March 25, 2015</li><li><span style="color: green;">█</span> Monday Madness :: Monday, March 30, 2015</li></ul>
April, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><span style="color: cyan;">█</span> Cape Romano Picnic :: Wednesday, April 01, 2015</li><li><span style="color: red;">█</span> Easter :: Sunday, April 05, 2015</li><li><span style="color: orange;">█</span> Board Meeting :: Tuesday, April 14, 2015</li><li><span style="color: blue;">█</span> Abacos Cruise + Fly / Hotel plans :: Wednesday, April 15, 2015</li><li><span style="color: blue;">█</span> Abacos Land Cruise :: Sunday, April 19, 2015</li><li><span style="color: green;">█</span> Monday Madness :: Monday, April 27, 2015</li></ul>



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