



the **BAYLINES**

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Marco Bay Yacht Club

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Hello Member:

Commodore's Message:

Hey all Ya'll

April led off with a beautiful day and calm seas for the Day Boat Cruise to Venetian Bay. Led by the **Day Boat Fleet Captain Jim Heckenlaible**, there were 5 boats participating with 32 for lunch afterwards at Venetian Village. A special thanks to **R/C Al Saunders** for coordinating radio communications.

Jo & Doug Baillie's presentation of the Wild Goose Chase followed on another picture perfect day April 5th. There were 6 boats competing with 45 Members present for Lunch at CJ's afterwards. The winning 'Goosers" were: the **Brent & Susan Cook team**, the **Al & Linda Saunders team**, and the **Don & Sally Orth team**. Thanks to the Baillies for a great job!

On the 9th, the First Mates held the always popular AEDCPR Class presented and hosted by **Ginny Rapp**.

Yet ahead on April 27th, the First Mates will be treated to the Island Theatre Company presentation of "Always a Bridesmaid" at the Rose Auditorium on Marco Island. Thanks to our First Mates organizers **Sally Orth, Carolyn Cachiannes**, and **Jackie Hays**.

While the Day Boat trip to Cape Romano was cancelled due to questionable wind and water conditions, 6 Extended Cruise boats did go to Boca Grande Marina and South Seas Marina on the 11th thru the 19th. As participants, Paula and I can report that a good time was had by all. Gotta tell ya, those Extended Cruises are really fun! Ahead this month is the "Last Hurrah" Extended

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Cruise to Pink Shell Marina on May 6th - 10th. Many thanks to the Extended Cruise team headed by **Fleet Captain Mike Brown**.

All and all, a very busy and fun month for Marco Bay Yacht Club.

We will be holding Monday Madness this month again at the Old Marco Lodge Crab House our permanent home and where our burgee lives and flies. Last month at Monday Madness, we had at least 70 Members in attendance with **11 Guests** perhaps a record. I understand that there are several Member applications in process from these April Guests. Your Club is growing and strong! Consider bringing a Guest to our May Monday Madness!

This month will see many of our Members returning to their permanent homes for the Summer. Those remaining on Marco will miss our Northern Cousins in the MBYC Family during the Summer. We wish all of these Members safe travels, and a happy, healthy and memorable Summer. If you have your mail forwarded from Marco, you will still receive the Baylines. Please remember to mark your calendars for the important Welcome Back Party & Annual Meeting on November 3rd. It would be a good idea to frequently check the Club Calendar at www.marcobayyachtclub.com. Often there are last minute Events posted that you will want to be aware of as usual, this Summer has many Activities planned for the Club between now and the Welcome Back party. Check it out and sign up!

Whether you will be away from Marco or here for the Summer, it's a good time to remind you of the reciprocal arrangements with other Yacht Clubs available through Yachting Clubs of America. Check for possibilities relevant to you in the online Register of American Yacht Clubs at www.ycaol.com. and it's best to call ahead to verify.

For our Members that will be here for the Summer, we have so far 4 Dine-aRounds organized led off by **John & Dianne Kernan** with the 2nd Annual MiniGolf Tournament and Dinner on May 23. Following that, **Sue & Joe Anzalone** are sponsoring an Event on June 14, **Ray & Linda Rosenberg** will sponsor another in July (date to be determined), and the ever popular Grouper Dinner by **Jerry & Nancy Francis** will be held in August (date to be determined). If anyone would like to organize a Dine-a-Round for September please give me a call.

If you are spending money repairing (as I am) or upgrading your boat, you will need to remember that the Club now has discount privileges at (Jimmy) Walker's Hideaway Marina - 15% off

general merchandise and 10 cents off per gallon of fuel. Hideaway Marina has a partial stock of West Marine merchandise and will order non stocked West Marine merchandise all with the 15% discount. The Hideaway Marina discount cards have been issued locally by **Paula Skillern & Joe Anzalone** to as many Members as we have recently seen. I have a short list put together by **Sue Anzalone** of missing Member discount cards that we are aware of, however, if you have not advised Sue that you have not received a card, please call me personally and I will work with Walker to get you one.

As a reminder, there will be not be a Board Meeting in the Summer months of June, July, August and September, however, we are planning a virtual Board Meeting in mid Summer probably 2nd Tuesday in August to consider and admit new Members. Also, please note that the 'Baylines' does not publish in the 2 middle months of the Summer July & August.

So on the water or around town "Sea Ya'll" out there
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Commodore (Charlie) Skillern

Past Event Articles:

See all of the Event Picture Portfolios on the website

[Boca Grande-South Seas Trip](#)



Boca Grande/South Seas Trip Report

By Brent Cook

On Friday, April 11th, Too Many Wakes (Mulligans), Sonatella (Hubschers), A-Blast (Geschreis), Pinch Her (Thomasases), Knot Wading Around II (Anzalones) and Sea Ya'll (Skillerns) , led by Cookin' (Cooks), started out at 9:30 am for Boca Grande Marina. Unfortunately, Knot Wading Around II had an overheating problem and had to cancel their participation and return home for repairs.

On the way to Boca Grande the group split up with A-Blast leading Sonatella and Too Many Wakes on a fast trip to Boca so they could be docked when the other 3 boats arrived at noon. Later that day we were joined by Camelot (Sandlins) making 7 boats for our Friday arrival. A Docktail party was held Friday night and, as usual, we enjoyed an MBYC feast.

On Saturday we were joined by Sweet Lips (Landwards) by boat and Hubleys and Mike Doshen by land yacht. We were sorry that Mary was under the weather and could not join us.

The new marina at Boca is outstanding with all new docks, electric and pump-out stations right at the individual slips. Susan, the Dockmaster, did an outstanding job of putting all of us together making for a wonderful time in the marina.

Saturday night was our large group dinner for all 19 of us at The Eagle Grille where we utilized the outstanding private dining room and enjoyed their wonderful menu. It was a great evening of fun together with good friends and terrific food.

Boca Grande is a great place to explore on golf carts and Sunday and Monday were "Explore the Island" days for everyone, ending with another group dinner on Sunday at the Pink Elephant and on Monday at a new restaurant (at least to us boaters) called Temptations, a place we will certainly return to. Thanks to Rick and Linda Geschrei for this "new find".

Sunday we bid farewell to the Sandlins who had to head home and on Tuesday morning the Thomases and Skillerns headed out for Marco while the Cooks, Landwards and Mulligans headed to South Seas. Unfortunately, the Skillerns only made it about 6 or 8 miles before one engine quit and their "good engine" would not restart so they ended up being towed to South Seas and were just pulling into the channel when Cookin', Sweet Lips and Too Many Wakes arrived there as well. After Sea Ya'll was safely under tow, Pinch Her headed back to Marco arriving home alone but safely in reasonable seas.

On Wednesday morning A-Blast and Sonatella boated home in slightly rough seas but they too arrived home safe and sound.

From Tuesday afternoon thru Friday night Cookin', Too Many Wakes, Sweet Lips and Sea Ya'll ate, drank, played games, had 2 pizza parties and worked on the engine problems on Sea Ya'll. All in all, we had a great time together!

Late Friday afternoon, while waiting for a mechanic to arrive at Sea Ya'll, Mulligans headed for home in a failed attempt to beat the high seas. They made it safely to Marco at about 6 pm in what Frank called 5' seas but what Marianne said were actually 10' seas. We'll let you decide who was telling the truth but Marianne had on a life jacket and was clinging to the life ring the entire ride home.

At 7 am on Saturday morning Cookin', Sea Ya'll and Sweet Lips departed South Seas for home hoping to beat the projected 4' to 5' seas and 2 out of the 3 of us accomplished that goal arriving home at 10:30 am in anywhere from smooth to 2' seas. Once again, unfortunately, Sea Ya'll had an engine shut down just north of Wiggins Pass. After a failed attempt by Charlie to reset a breaker he decided to run on one so Cookin' and Sweet Lips continued home. Shortly thereafter Sea Ya'll headed into port at Wiggins Pass for a slip at Pelican Isle Yacht Club.

About an hour after docking at Pelican Isle, Charlie called to say they had restarted the "bad engine" and was again underway to Marco. About 10 minutes into the Gulf Charlie again called to say that his bad engine had shut down but that they were headed for Gordon Pass on one engine and would proceed home via the ICW. Being Saturday of Easter weekend, Charlie reported that the inexperienced boaters on the ICW were creating bigger wakes than the rough seas in the Gulf.

By 2 pm on Saturday afternoon, all of the 8 boats that had participated in the Boca Grande/South Seas Cruise were home and safely returned to their slips or lifts. I think all 8 boaters would agree that, while there were boat issues, everyone had a great time with great friends on this cruise.

Venetian Village



The MBYC finally made the trip to the Bayside Grill at Venetian Bay in Naples. We all knew it would be a great trip when at the Monday Madness, Commodore Skillern and Dr. Joe Doggett held hands and walked to the edge of the dock, put their hands to the water, and said, "Be calm". Immediately, the skies cleared for a beautiful sunset and the seas went flat. Good job guys! (Actually, I sort of plagiarized a little from the Sunday church readings. Oh well, at least I wasn't sleeping?!?)

Tuesday turned out to be perfect! The only snag was Jack Barter and company taking a side shopping trip on the Isle of Capri. The US Boat came to the rescue and they made the rest of the trip by car. Wes and Sabine got an early start and were seen putting along and we all arrived at the same time.

The lunch was attended by 32 MBYC members. Once at the Venetian Bay, the girls went shopping while the boys stood outside securing their credit cards. Leslie was spotted looking at some new hats. Everyone gathered at 1:00 for a great lunch selection with the most incredible view of the Bay.

Thanks to everyone for attending the luncheon and to Rear Commodore Al Saunders for manning the radio communications.

What the Heck

Wild Goose Chase



What a gorgeous day for the MBYC Wild Goose Chase! There was such a nice turnout. One of the highlights was the inclusion of two of the Cook's grandchildren who said they would like to do it again!

John Kernan was signed up but was unable to join us due to his recent injury. However, Diane was able to participate in the fun. Also, due to illness, the Cachiannes had to take a pass. We missed both of them but know that they will be ready to the next chase!

Josette and Mike Bonnewitz, who are relatively new members, were back on Marco as they are building a new home. It was so much fun to have them help us pick up the GEESE at the end and to have them aboard on the Baillie committee boat.

This year, the clues were easier than in the past and everyone said they enjoyed being able to find most of the GEESE. In fact, we had a three-way tie between the Cooks (COOKIN'), Saunders (ALLEY OOP), and Orths (PRINCESS II). To break the tie, we played a game of seven-card stud with two wild card jokers. The Cooks won with a pair of Queens, the Saunders came in second with a pair of fours, and the Orths came in third with an "almost flush". The booby prized went to Pravato (Abbondanza).

Sadly, DOCKED OAR D and the "Doc" were docked! The Doggetts took their boat to the Anzalone's pier on Friday in order to get in a good position for the beginning of the event on the north end of Marco Island. Unfortunately, the boat would not start on Saturday morning. Those who were docked were Doggetts, Orsolini, Edgar, & Diane Kernan. Boo Hoo! However, they all came for the lunch at CJ's on the Bay. CJ's did such a nice job serving our group. We are so fortunate to have this restaurant located in such a beautiful setting for our festivities where we can also dock our boats.

Thanks to all of the wonderful participants.

Future Event Flyers:

[open the Event on the website, in the Calendar]

"Last Hurrah" will be May 6th - 10th with 7 boats signed up to go!

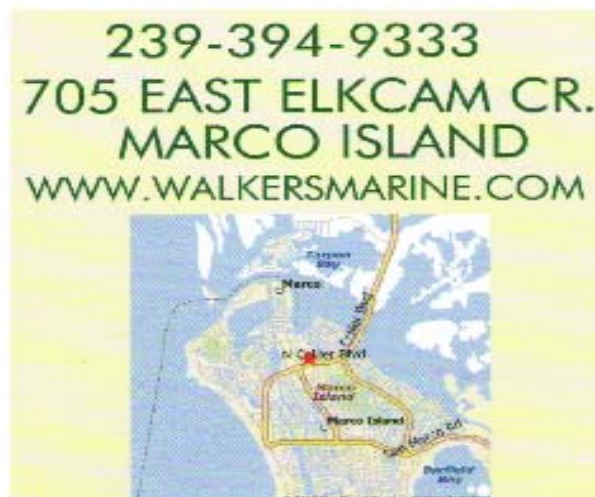
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Boat washing, waxing, and detailing

Full line of Marine parts

Paddle Boat rentals

Fishing Rod rentals

Free Transportation to and from Marco hotels

Notice - Sand Bar

!!WARNING!!

Please take note of this notice outlining hazardous sand bars in the Naples inter-coastal waterway

Boater Safety Tip



Sand bars in Naples intercoastal waters are constantly shifting. Be especially careful near markers 27 and 28 on the way to Marco Island. There were two accidents with injuries in that location in January, both with experienced captains traveling in the channel. Another safety tip: When your boat is on-plane, encourage all passengers to be comfortably seated and close cabin doors. Safe boating everyone!

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.*

May, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none">"Last Hurrah" Cruise - Destination TBD :: Tuesday, May 06, 2014Board Meeting :: Tuesday, May 13, 2014Mini Golf Tournament :: Friday, May 23, 2014Monday Madness :: Monday, May 26, 2014
June, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Summer Dine Around :: Saturday, June 14, 2014Monday Madness :: Monday, June 30, 2014
July, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none">4th of July Celebration Gathering :: Friday, July 04, 2014Monday Madness :: Monday, July 28, 2014
August, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Monday Madness :: Monday, August 25, 2014
September, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Monday Madness :: Monday, September 29, 2014
October, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Board Meeting :: Tuesday, October 14, 2014Extended Cruise - Location TBD :: Thursday, October 16, 2014Bonefish Lunch :: Saturday, October 18, 2014Monday Madness :: Monday, October 27, 2014Day Boat Hamilton Harbor Lunch Cruise :: Wednesday, October 29, 2014
November, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Welcome Back Party :: Monday, November 03, 2014Everglades City Cruise/Party :: Friday, November 07, 2014Board Meeting :: Tuesday, November 11, 2014Key West/Marathon Cruise :: Thursday, November 13, 2014Monday Madness :: Monday, November 24, 2014Thanksgiving :: Thursday, November 27, 2014Marco Island Tree Lighting :: Saturday, November 29, 2014



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