



the **BAYLINES**

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Hello Member

Commodore's Message:

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March 2015 has been a great month except for the snow, ice and cold. The club had many events including the Welcome New Members Dinner on the 1st of March, where we recognized 30 new boaters. The First Mates trip March 9th to the Festival Flea Market and Sawgrass Mills Mall was a shopper's delight, thanks to Sally Orth and Jackie Hays. Unfortunately our Fleet Captain's Auction planned for March 11th had to be postponed. You'll hear more about that later, as we have many great donations. On March 13th, Betty Barter's trip to Port Of The Isles was enjoyed by boaters and land yachts. The cruise to Sarasota left March 18th and returned safely on March 29th. Boaters were able to participate in all or part of the trip. On March 25th, seven boats and a few land yachts left Marco for Venetian Bay for a nice lunch and some great shopping. Monday Madness on the 30th of March was a whole bunch of social.

Upcoming events in April are: A fun picnic on Tiger Tail Point (Coconut Point) on April 1st, the third annual Mini Golf

Invitational on April 10th, the Abacos cruise and fly April 15th and April 19th, and, don't forget Monday Madness on April 27th.

Larry Sacher has worked with the Coast Guard Auxiliary (USCGAUX) to schedule a class of Boating Skills and Seamanship called USCG Weekend Navigation Course, on November 10th and 12th. The class size is limited to 20 people. If you would like a copy of the curriculum, email me and I'll send it to you. Another class will be scheduled shortly after called "Suddenly in Command". We are encouraging MBYC members to enroll. You will find a flyer explaining the registration process in the Baylines.

Also, please save the evening of November 12, 2015, which is the night of the last day of the course previously mentioned. Our club's Social Chairman, Marianne Mulligan, has reserved the restaurant Ciao Bella for our Welcome Back Party.

Our club is known for its fun loving camaraderie and its commitment to safe boating. We sometimes refer to our club as the "Good Ship MBYC". As all boaters know it takes constant effort to keep a boat "ship shape", seaworthy, and on a steady course. I want to thank all of our members for contributing to keeping our club on course. Whether on land or on the water, a lot of good people, new members and old, make it all work.

Focus on the horizon with great anticipation.

Your Commodore, Al Saunders

Past Event Articles:

See all of the Event Picture Portfolios on the website

Rookery Bay



First Mates at Rookery Bay Environmental Center

On Wednesday, February 4th thirteen of us had a very interesting visit to Rookery Bay. We began with a tour of the Educational Center. We learned about the natural habitat of this area and everything they are doing to protect and restore it. One of the highlights is an aquarium that shows how the mangroves grow and many of the creatures that live around them.

After our tour of the Educational Center we went on a nature walk with another great tour guide. It was fascinating to learn all about the three different types of Mangroves. There were, of course, many other types of plants and trees to discover.

When the tour was over most of us enjoyed lunch in the sunshine at Island Gypsy.

Clearwater Cruise



Here are some pictures from the Clearwater cruise. More details will follow later from one of the participants.

February Madness



A beautiful afternoon was enjoyed by all those who attended our February Madness at the Old Marco Lodge and Crab House. In true fashion the food, drink and fun was enjoyed on the open deck overlooking the water. Be sure to join us on our next Madness in March.

New Member Party



A new restaurant on Marco Island called Mario's was the setting for the New Members Party 2015. Cocktails were served around the bar area for Happy Hour, where everyone mingled and were able to meet some of the new members. The dining room was decorated with candles and the clubs colors. The dining room was full and comfortable for all our members. We all got to sit and enjoy each other's company. There was a mixture of "new" and "old" members at each table.

Commodore Al Saunders welcomed everyone and introduced 10 of our new members. Each of the women received a beautiful bouquet of red roses. It was wonderful to hear the background of the new members and welcome them to our club. Welcome aboard Bruce and Connie Kane, Paul and Karen Oldenburg, Ronald and Jane Peterson, Francis and Maureen Arnieri, and Glenn and Kathy Lubeznik. We also welcome aboard the new members who were unable to attend the function due to prior commitments: James and Isolde Andrews, James and Nancy Bruno, Mark and Jane Daugherty, Bob and Linda Gagnon, John and Janine Holm, Donald and Gayle Kleindl, Kevin and Cindy LaVallee, and Randy and Andrea Peifer. New Members were seated with their sponsors. What a great year for memberships in the club. We welcome you and are looking forward to getting to know all of you at future functions. We wish you fair winds and calm seas!

Our Club Chaplain gave an inspirational invocation before dinner was served. The members enjoyed a buffet of Dinner rolls, House salad with assorted dressings, and the entrees: Chicken Marsala, Sole Francese, Meat Lasagna, Cheese Lasagna and mixed vegetables. The staff made sure the buffet dishes were hot and full. The men were definitely happy with the large portions served. The meal was followed by a delicious dessert of Key Lime Pie and coffee.

We all had a great time and we were happy to welcome the new members into our club. The "Fun Club". We look forward to having them cruise with us and join us for the clubs activities.

Sand Dollar Picnic



Sand Dollar Point Picnic - March 25, 2015

Fog, fog, and more fog. But on Wednesday morning of the picnic, Commodore Al Saunders raised his arms over Marco Island and the skies cleared. The power that man has!! Slowly the boats came through the narrow passage on Tiger Tail Point during low tide. One of the first boats was the Kruegers with the Landwards as mates. Of course Dorothy leaped off the boat and then started doing cartwheels down the beach. Then she said "Oops. I need my cane." No wonder poor Rudy is exhausted from chasing her! After the club tent and women's potty tent were set up, everyone settled in for a day of fun and laughs. The only casualty was when a wind gust blew over an umbrella and struck Randy Southard in the head. The witch doctors on call said that Randy would come to his senses in about 2 - 3 years. Shirley was excited. She has been waiting for over 50 years. The most relaxed person seemed to be Doug Baillie reclining in his chair. Doug had the women fanning him with palms and feeding him grapes and cookies. With all the socializing, we almost forgot to eat. Someone said, "Dig in" and our commodore sure did! We're not sure what Al dug his face into (nose and mouth covered with a white powder?) but he sure had a big smile !! The day was absolutely perfect with a breeze coming across the bay. You know you had a great time when your face is sore from smiling and your stomach sore from laughing!!

What the Heck

Port of the Isles



PORT OF THE ISLANDS CRUISE MBYC MARCH 13, 14, and 15, 2015

We finally made it back to the Port of the Islands, On March 13th, three boats headed out, Anzalones, Gagnons and Saunders. Friday night, docktails were held in the screened tiki hut, With sixteen attending. There was enough food for a week. The best cooks belong to MYBC. Games were played, mahjonn, play nine, pony canasta, and phase ten.

Saturday AM, several Couples met for breakfast in the hotel restaurant, some went to the pool, some toured the area And some lounged on their boats. Lunch was in the tiki hut and more games were played. Saturday night dinner was served in the hotel. Sixteen attending. Barthers, Doggetts, Gagnons, Putnams, Saunders, Heckenlaibles, Anzalones and Orsolinis. Again the games continued.

On Sunday morning we met for breakfast and about 11AM, The boats headed back to Marco. The three days were perfect Weatherwise. All had a good time. We will have to repeat this trip soon.

Betty Barter

Sarasota Trip Report

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On March 18th six boats, Cookin', Therapy III, Nauti Buoy, My Turn, Sea Ya'll and Sweet Lips departed Marco for the Palm Island Marina at Cape Haze. It was a nice ride up the ICW and we arrived in plenty of time to wash the boats and relax before our "Docktail Party" under the pavilion beside the pool.

On day two we ventured over to Palm Island for a golf cart and walking tour of the island before lunch. After lunch the ladies played games and the men solved the world's problems while lounging in the heated pool. That evening we all dined together at Liverock's.

On Friday three boats, My Turn, Sea Ya'll and Sweet Lips headed back South for two nights at Pink Shell while Cookin', Therapy III and Nauti Buoy headed to Marina Jack for five nights. During our stay we celebrated Mike's 74th Birthday (after 75 he is going back down) at the Hyde Park Steakhouse where we were treated to wine and dessert by his daughter Robyn.

The five nights in Sarasota were filled with plenty of sunshine, a movie, shopping and eating, eating and eating.

On the 25th the three Sarasota boaters headed back south in the ICW to The Crow's Nest in Venice for a three night stay. The weather turned a little cooler and windy but we all doubled up our spring lines and had a great time despite the wind and rain. Two things we never miss in Venice are the Soda Shop downtown and dining at the Crow's Nest Restaurant both of which were as good as ever.

On Saturday Therapy III headed on down the ICW for a rendezvous with their granddaughter at South Seas while Cookin' and Nauti Buoy went on for a night at Pink Shell before returning to Marco early on Sunday morning with the seas behind us. Therapy III returned home on Monday.

Venetian Village



LUNCH AT BAYSIDE

On the morning of Wednesday, March 25, 2015, we were greeted by clear skies, but by 9:00 a.m. the fog rolled in and you could not see your nose. But with Joe Anzalone leading the seven boats, the skies cleared. Not even the Fog Gods want to mess with Joe!?! The trip up turned out to be beautiful and we had convenient docking with additional slips.

By 11:30, 40+ people started to be seated for a tasty lunch at the Bayside Grill. Leslie, again, was beautiful in her lovely hat. With lunch finished early, some people went shopping while others boated back home. The waters were actually smoother going back to Marco.

Thank y'all for making a joyous trip to Venetian Village!

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Future Event Flyers:

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

Mini Golf Invitational

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

THIRD ANNUAL MBYC MINI GOLF INVITATIONAL



On Friday, April 10, 2015
Wagering encouraged

A HUGE TROPHY WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE WINNER
Semi fabulous prizes will also be awarded for another great quiz
created by Juanita Henning

Here are the details:

**5:30PM Prematch Cocktails & Barbecue at the Kernan's clubhouse,
1430 Cutler Court**

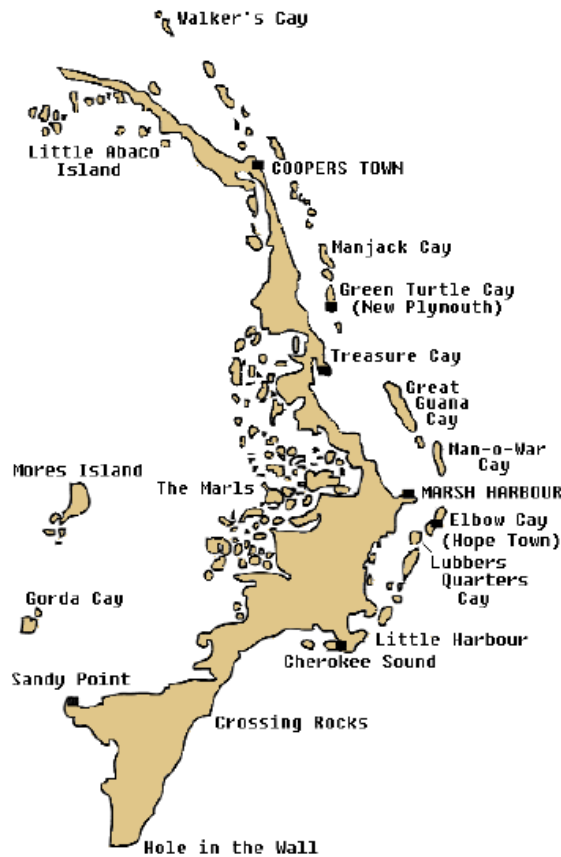
Then off to the Marco Mini Golf on Winterberry Drive.
All inclusive price \$25.00 per person: includes dinner, greens fee, club and
one ball.

Don't miss this exciting sporting event.

**Please RSVP to Dianne Kernan at 239 389-0314 or
dianne@diannekernan.com**

Mail check payable to Dianne Kernan, 1430 Cutler Ct, Marco Island, FL 34145

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 starting 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 4/23 Marsh Harbor, Abaco Beach Resort and Boat Harbor Marina
<http://www.abacobeachresort.com/index.php>

4/23 to 4/27 Treasure Cay, Treasure Cay Beach Marina and Golf Resort <http://treasurecay.com/>

4/27 to 4/30 Hope Town on Elbow Cay, Hope Town Inn and Marina <http://www.hopetownmarina.com/>

4/30 to 5/3 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 to get on the Abacos distribution list. More info will be coming later.

Articles, Announcements, & Club Notices:

151110 Navigation Course

USCG Navigation Course



When: November 10 & 12, 2015

Where: Flotila 95 at Caxambas Boat Park

Cost: \$50.00 per person, make your checks payable to:
Flotila 95

Registration: Complete your registration on page 2, submit with your check and send to: Joe Riccio, 428 Marquesas CT., MI. 34145

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary's Navigation Course is a comprehensive course designed for both experienced and novice powerboat and sailboat operators. The course is divided into two major parts designed to educate the boating enthusiast in skills required for a safe voyage on a variety of waters and boating conditions.

USCG NAVIGATION COURSE REGISTRATION

NAME:

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DAY PHONE:

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Events Calendar:

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

April, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cape Romano Picnic :: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 Easter :: Sunday, April 05, 2015 Mini Golf Invitational :: Friday, April 10, 2015 Board Meeting :: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 Abacos Cruise + Fly / Hotel plans :: Wednesday, April 15, 2015 Abacos Land Cruise :: Sunday, April 19, 2015 Monday Madness :: Monday, April 27, 2015
May, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Meeting :: Tuesday, May 12, 2015 Monday Madness :: Monday, May 18, 2015 Memorial Day :: Monday, May 25, 2015
September, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Labor Day :: Monday, September 07, 2015 Labor Day :: Monday, September 07, 2015
October, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Meeting :: Tuesday, October 13, 2015 Legacy/Pink Shell Cruise :: Thursday, October 15, 2015
November, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Meeting :: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 Welcome Back Party :: Thursday, November 12, 2015 Faro Blanco/Galleon Cruise :: Friday, November 13, 2015 Thanksgiving Day :: Thursday, November 26, 2015
December, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hanukkah Begins :: Sunday, December 06, 2015 Board Meeting :: Tuesday, December 08, 2015 Christmas :: Friday, December 25, 2015



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