



the **BAYLINES**

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Marco Bay Yacht Club

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Commodore's Message:

It is an honor to serve the Marco Bay Yacht Club as your Commodore for 2015. Thank you for your support and confidence. I am very proud of the many who are poised to determine the direction and activities the club will take this year. There is a great deal of talent ready to keep us on course to prove that our club is the **best** yacht club on the island.

On January 17th, our Commodore's Ball was held at Hideaway Beach Club for the 36th Change of Watch followed by a well-planned evening of fun, food and dancing designed by Michelle Sheehan.

Our 2015 Presentation and Blessing of The Fleet was performed to a large number of club members and by-standers on Saturday, January 31, 2015, commencing at exactly 10:30 AM. We all took a moment to honor our club members who had sadly passed on this year. Frank Bayley, Fred Beier, Barbara Dines, Richard Hansen, and Ned Peirson. Mary Bayley, daughter Cheryl and husband Dave, placed a red rose onto the water for Frank, Sue Peirson placed a red rose for Ned, Vice

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Commodore Vern Graham followed for Richard Hanson, Rear Commodore Bob Boland for Barbara Dines, Chaplin Alan Sandlin for Fred Beier. Chaplin Alan Sandlin placed the final rose for all those members who have passed previously.

A number of club member's boats, under the guidance of the club's Fleet Captain, Mike Brown, passed the sterns of Bob Herndon's TenneSea Waltz , "The Bridge Boat", and Barry Gelfand's "My Turn" the Past Commodore's boat. As each boat passed in review, The Commodore, Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore stood at full dress attention and saluted the passing vessel. After the Review, 95 MBYC members had lunch at CJ's On the Bay Restaurant. Thank you to all who made the day a success especially Captain Bob Herndon, Captain Barry Gelfand, Sue Anzalone, Betty Barter, Dan Lowell, Alan Sandlin and Bill Horton.

Upcoming events: Jack's River Bar, February 11th, Cruise to Clearwater on February 13th – 26th, Mad Monday on the 23rd, and the New Member dinner on the 1st of March. Don't forget to save up "stuff" for the Fleet Captain's auction, March 11th. Also, register for the Port of The Isles trip March 13-15th.

Just a reminder, if you haven't already done so, get your boats inspected for this year by Owen Henning, Rudi Landwaard, John Moyer or Al Rapp.

Focus on the horizon with great anticipation.

Your Commodore, Al Saunders

Past Event Articles:

See all of the Event Picture Portfolios on the website

Thank You Party



Commodore's "Thank You" Party

On January 3rd, the Commodore's "Thank You" gathering was held on a beautiful Marco Saturday afternoon at Commodore Charlie and First Mate Paula Skillern's home on Nautilus Court. 40 or so VIVs attended out of an invited 61 "Very Important Volunteers" and spouses that gave their time to and served the Club during 2014.

Charlie grilled up some chicken and pork tenderloins for mini sandwiches while Paula was in the Kitchen preparing untypical appetizer and grazing fare. In a "drop in" format from 3pm to 5pm, the VIVs and their spouses spread out in the Skillern's home, lanais, and dock area enjoying the food, wine, and most importantly, each other.

Ron Peterson, a prospective member for the January 2015 Board meeting, was on hand with his electric Duffy boat offering excursion cruises to the Esplanade. Of course, while the electric boat cruise was underway, wine and appetizers were served on board.

Thank You gifts of "dinner and a movie" (if you like a pack of microwave popcorn for dinner with a RedBox movie voucher) were distributed to our valued VIV guests as an inadequate way for Charlie to offer a tangible "Thank You" to all of the support shown to the Club during 2014.

Commodore Charlie would like to offer his sincere "Thank You" to all members of the Club whether VIVs, event sponsors, hosts, hostesses, Bridge, Officers, or Board members or maybe most importantly, the Members that made it all possible with their support of our 53 Events this past year.

Thank You to all

Pink Shell & Legacy Cruise



On Monday January 5th the MBYC started it's first cruise of 2015.

We left from R-2 headed for Pink Shell Marina, Ft Myers, in several groups with a total of 8 boats; O Sea D, Sonatella, Che Jac, Nauti Bouy, Cookin, My Turn, Sweet Lips and Sea Y'all. Followed later in day by 2 more; Therapy and Tennessee Waltz. As we customarily do, we had docktails the first night. On Tuesday we were joined by three more boats; Wanderer V, A Blast and Gotta Luvit. That night dinner was at Mantanzas. While at Pink Shell, as usual, during the day some games were played, along with pool time and beach walking and the never ending boat cleaning and maintenance. On the cruise we were also fortunate to have Rudy Landwaard, a vessel safety inspector, who did several vessel inspections.

Our planned departure date from Pink Shell to Boca Grande was delayed a day due to a strong cold front coming down over the state bringing with it Gale force winds. We chose to stay an extra day at Pink Shell en lieu of travelling. So that night we got to enjoy the docktails which were planned for our first night at Boca. These were some of the best docktails ever. Our hats were certainly off to the First Mates for the feast that they put on.

We departed Pink Shell on Friday under clear skies and calm seas. Everyone, with the exception of Wanderer V, arrived safely into Boca and the dockmaster Susan, with her crew' did a terrific job getting us all tied up. We were joined at Boca with new members Randy and Andrea Peifer and their boat Last Dance. Dinner that evening was at the ever wonderful Pink Elephant. That day had cards, mahjong and mexican train all going on with some vessel maintenance and inspections as well. The next evening dinner was at the Eagle Grille where upon completion many sat around and watched theNFL playoff football game. On Sunday we had four boaters return home safely with calm seas. And the remaining 10 boaters departed, as planned, on Monday morning with all returning safely on calm seas

Commodores Ball



Commodores Ball

On Saturday January 17, Commodore Charlie Skillern passed his gavel to our new 2015 Commodore, Al Saunders. Obviously for such a momentous occasion we had a party; The 2015 Commodores Ball, held at Hideaway Beach. It was a great evening with wonderful food, music, dancing and a little libation to celebrate the occasion. The new Board and Bridge were introduced along with all the committee chairmen for this coming year. A giant thanks was extended to all the volunteers who made 2014 a great year for our club. We all look forward to 2015 with great expectations for a fun packed year.

As you can tell by all the pictures to follow, everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening and look forward to an active, fun packed participation in 2015.

Keywadden Picnic



KEEWAYDIN PICNIC

Wednesday Jan. 21st turned out to be a perfect day: warm, clear skies and calm Gulf waters. There were 10 boats and 40 people who invaded Keewaydin Island. When we arrived, we found Chuck Hubscher anchored in the middle of the channel with John Brinkoetter and Rick Geschrei shuttling the beautiful girls to the island shore. Once everyone was on shore, they rapidly erected their chairs and umbrellas. Bob Vroman supervised the assembly of the Big MBYC tent and the potty chair w/ tent. Many girls, throughout the day, came out of the potty tent with a big smile of relief. Of course during this time Joe Anzalone was busy assembling his rum still and that still was really a-whistling! Or was that Joe??

Bob and Linda Gagnon and Don and Gayle Kleindl endured the torturous first year initiation. There should not be any permanent damage, just big smiles. Throughout the day there were many laughs, giggles, and exaggerated stories. Late afternoon John Putnam led many of us back through Hurricane Pass (the short cut).

It was just a great day!! Thank you all for joining in!

What the Heck

January Madness



January's Monday Madness started off on a misdirection play. As people gathered at Marco Lodge and Crab house the place was locked tight. In true style that did not create one hiccup in the party animals of the MBYC. Commodore Saunders simply took charge and directed everyone to Marker 8 next door. As we took over Marker 8 everyone had a great time and had another great evening. Be sure to join us the last Monday of February for our next Madness event.

[Read More](#)

Future Event Flyers:

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

Jack's River Bar Luncheon

JACK'S RIVER BAR LUNCHEON

On Wed., February 11, 2015 please join MBYC members on a boat trip up the Gordon River for a 12:00 lunch date at Jack's River Bar.

The lunch menu is: Jack's Burger
Caesar Salad w/Mahi Mahi
Clubhouse deli sandwich
El Cuban sandwich
Bountiful Basket w/ chicken or fish

We will all met at Buoy # 8 at Big Marco Pass at 10:30 a.m. for a trip up the Gordon River. The small boats will travel under the route 41 bridge (10 foot clearance at high tide) to the Naples Harbour Marina and Jack's River Bar.

Please e-mail your rsvp asap and boat name to Jim at heck3@bevcomm.net

What the Heck

New Member Party



Welcome New Members

You and all MBYC members are cordially invited to attend the

Marco Bay Yacht Club New Member's Party!

Sunday, March 1, 2015

At a new restaurant on Marco Island

Mario's Neighborhood Bar & Grill

845 Bald Eagle Drive

Marco Island, Florida

Happy Hour 5:30pm – 6:30pm (Cash Bar)

(Mario's Happy Hour is from 3:00-7:00pm, if you would like to come early)

Dinner 6:30pm – til ?

The buffet will be: House salad w/assorted dressing, Chicken Marsala, Sole Francaise, Meat and/or Cheese Lasagna and Key Lime Pie for dessert.

All this for one low price of \$35.00, all inclusive.

So don't delay, fill out the tear off below and mail it, with your check, payable to MBYC to: **Marianne Mulligan, 832 S. Heathwood Drive, Marco Island, FL 34145**

Questions call Marianne at 239 393-2229 Deadline is Feb 13th

Suggested attire for men is club uniform. No Guests please!

Sponsors please make an effort to be there to introduce your new member and make them feel welcomed. Show them what a gracious and fun loving group we are!!!

Names: _____

_____ #of people x \$35=\$ _____

Festival Flea Market



Come Join Marco Bay Yacht Club's First Mates
On an Air Conditioned Bus to the Festival Flea Market
America's Largest Indoor Flea Market

When: Monday, March 9th, 2015

Where: Meet the Bus at the small Publix

Time: Bus will leave at 9:00A.M. & return at 6:00P.M.

Cost: \$45.00 per person (includes \$20.00 worth of Festival coupons plus snacks and wine on the bus)

There are over 500 stores, booths & kiosks. The Festival Flea Market includes an antique mall and food court.

Send your check by February 23, made payable to MBYC to

Judy Sacher 1191 Ludlam Court, Marco Island, FL 34145

Name _____

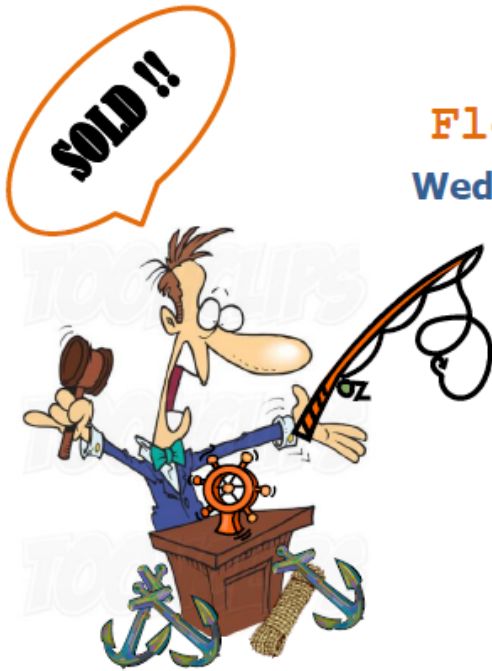
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Number of Persons _____ at \$45.00 per person _____

Questions should be directed to Judy at 239 777 4604

Guests are welcome. Once all the seats are sold, reservations will go on a waiting list. So mail your check today!!!!!!

Fleet Captains Auction



Marco Bay Yacht Club Fleet Captain's Auction Wednesday, March 11, 2015 – 11:30AM Old Marco Lodge, Goodland

Come by car or boat to the Bi-Annual Auction and help raise funds for local boating organizations.

This is a great opportunity to donate your boating and fishing gear that you no longer need, and we will auction it off.

Or, consider stopping by West Marine, and donating something new to the auction.

Lunch is \$17 per person and includes coffee, tea, soda, and gratuities

Questions? Contact Mike Brown at 239-642-4214

To Register, please return form below with your payment.

Fleet Captain's Auction Marco Bay Yacht Club

Your Name _____ Total # of People _____

Guest's Names _____

Lunch Choices:

Please indicate how many of each:

- _____ Fish Taco's - Grilled white fish served on a flour soft taco with lettuce, tomato, mixed cheese, pico de gallo & sour cream served with black beans and rice
- _____ Fried Shrimp Basket - with cocktail sauce and french fries
- _____ Grilled Chicken Sandwich with sweet potato fries
- _____ Cheeseburger - ½ pound of ground meat served medium with American cheese on a potato roll with french fries
- _____ Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad - with croutons and shredded parmesan cheese

Please return this form by February 28, 2015, with your check made payable to MBYC to:

Mike Brown
1641 Caxambas Court
Marco Island, FL 34145

[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 (Friday-Sunday)

All small and big boaters are welcomed for the weekend.

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

Saturday, March 14th Continental Breakfast
(included if you have rented a room)

Optional activities to be planned

Group dinner at restaurant (order off the menu)

Sunday, March 15 Group Brunch – Self Pay
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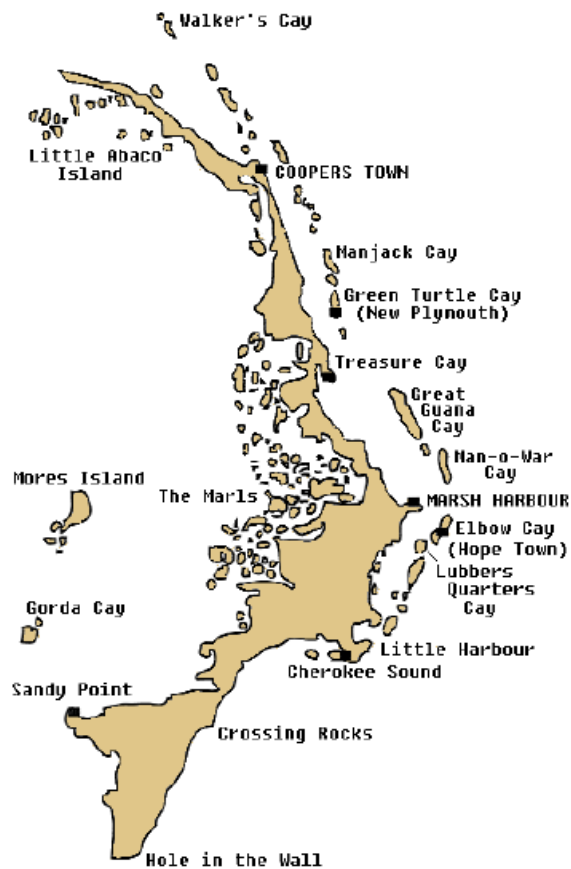
Call for reservations before Feb 3rd to 860-833-8224 or 239-394-3101
Say you're with MBYC

Rooms are \$141.90 per night

Boats are \$1.00 per foot per night

Please notify Betty Barter when you have made your reservation.

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:

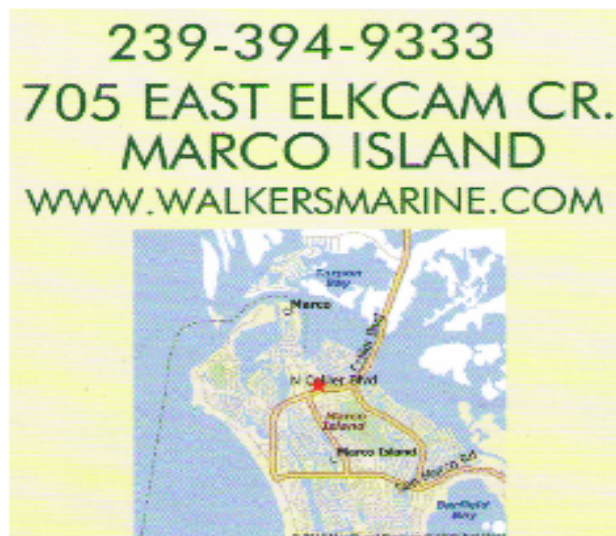
Walkers Hideaway Marina discounts



is proud to offer MARCO BAY YACHT CLUB Members these discounts:

15% on all general merchandise

\$1.10 a gallon on ethanol free fuel



Just a few of the many SERVICES of WALKERS HIDEAWAY MARINA:

Full Ship's Store with lunch counter offering:
subs, drinks, beer, wine, hot pizza, sandwiches

Boat Storage with free haul and launch

Ethanol Free (no corn) Fuel

full Mechanical Services

Boat washing, waxing, and detailing

Full line of Marine parts
























Paddle Boat rentals

Fishing Rod rentals

Free Transportation to and from Marco hotels

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.*

February, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rookery Bay Tour :: Wednesday, February 04, 2015 Board Meeting :: Tuesday, February 10, 2015 Jack's River Bar Lunch :: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 Clearwater Cruise :: Friday, February 13, 2015 Monday Madness :: Monday, February 23, 2015 Coconut Point or Keewaydin Picnic :: Wednesday, February 25, 2015
March, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Member Party :: Sunday, March 01, 2015 Venetian Village Lunch :: Wednesday, March 04, 2015 Festival Flee Market :: Monday, March 09, 2015 Board Meeting :: Tuesday, March 10, 2015 Fleet Captain's Auction :: Wednesday, March 11, 2015 Port of the Isles :: Friday, March 13, 2015 Palm Island/Sarasota/Vencie Extended Cruise :: Wednesday, March 18, 2015 Poker Run :: Wednesday, March 25, 2015 Monday Madness :: Monday, March 30, 2015
April, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cape Romano Picnic :: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 Easter :: Sunday, April 05, 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"> Last Hurrah Cruise - Location TBD :: Tuesday, May 05, 2015 Board Meeting :: Tuesday, May 12, 2015 Monday Madness :: Monday, May 18, 2015



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