



the **BAYLINES**

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Marco Bay Yacht Club

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Hey all Ya'll

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Welcome to the New Year and to the 2015 Season on Marco Island!

The recent Holiday Season was packed full with several Holiday events. Leading off, a dozen or so Members enjoyed the Marco Island Tree Lighting on November 29th hosted by **Sharon & P/C Joe Doggett**. Thanks to their early stakeout, we had a great, up front vantage point at Veteran's Park for the event. On December 2nd, the Club held the annual Holiday Party on Tuesday evening at the Hideaway Beach Club. 71 members attended - enjoying a truly exceptional Hideaway buffet dinner with music provided by the fabulous entertainment duo, "Billy Dean & Dawn". A truly festive evening saw our Members enjoying the fabulous buffets, each other, and dancing the night away.

Two of the most "Camaraderie Creating" events of this past year were the Christmas Island Style Boat Parade and the Street Parade events. Again this year, **Bob & Jo Ann Herndon** offered their boat, "TenneSea Waltz", to be massively lighted and expertly decorated for the Marco Island Boat Parade. **Barry Gelfand & Bob Boland** headed up the boat decorating effort with **P/C Joe Doggett** as "Santa" riding on a giant sleigh on the foredeck of Bob's boat. Our own "Santa's elves" and a glittering array of wrapped packages surrounded "Santa". After the Boat Parade, **P/C Bill & Cea Horton** yet again graciously hosted the Boat Parade Party at their home for 74 parade excited Members.

To cap it all off, the next day we were notified that our Club's entry won the "Most Creative" Boat Parade prize.

Congratulations to the Club, the organizers, and to all involved! The following Saturday, December 13th, Marco Island held the annual Christmas Island Style Street Parade with **Sharon & P/C Joe Doggett** hosting the decorating of our Club's entry in their driveway. A couple dozen Members joined **Barry Gelfand & Bob Boland** to decorate **P/C Bill & Cea Horton's** "boat float" - in a style similar to the Boat Parade, but this time with a giant snowman as "Santa" on the sleigh - and another smaller snowman as the boat "driver". After getting into our parade position, we all enjoyed sandwiches and cookies provided by **Sharon & P/C Joe Doggett**. Promptly at the scheduled 6:30p start, **Bob & Sharon Burns** drove our entry onto the Street Parade route - San Marco Rd at Bald Eagle down San Marco Rd to S Barfield Drive. The crowd lined the route 3-5 deep - kids, teenagers, parents and lots and lots of grandparents.

Particularly excited and enjoyable were the wide eyed kids, especially the really young ones. Our "elves" walked along side the "boat float" offering candy to all - especially to those who professed to having "been good".

On January 5th thru January 12th, our Club will be cruising to Pink Shell & Boca Grande / Gasparilla Island. If you are interested in joining this cruise, call Fleet Captain team member Vern Graham to see if there is availability for this Cruise. We have 14 or so signed up now, but there are usually last minute drop outs.

On January 17th of the New Year, **First Mate Paula Skillern & I** would like to cordially invite YOU to the Commodore's Ball & Change of Watch on Saturday evening at the Hideaway Beach Club. Cocktails at 6p, dinner at 7p - this is our Club's "don't miss" Gala Event of the Year. After dinner and a traditional Change of Watch ceremony at which **R/C Al Saunders** will assume the helm of MBYC, we will be entertained by the Barry Newman duo. Playing a variety of music we all know and love, Barry is expert at energizing our Members to get up and dance, dance, dance. If you have not already done so, call our Super VIV Social Chairperson **Michelle Sheehan** for a reservation at (239) 389-9194.

After the December Monday Madness break for the busy Holidays, we will resume Monday Madness at Old Marco Lodge at Goodland on January 26th, hosted by our then **Commodore Al Saunders**.

A picnic at either Keewaydin or Coconut Point Picnic is scheduled

to be hosted by our **Day Fleet Captain Jim Heckenlaible** for January 21st, with the alternate date a February picnic location. eBlasts will advise further as to final location, departure time, etc.

At 10am on January 31st, we will hold the annual and traditional Presentation of the Fleet behind The Esplanade on Smokehouse Bay. Then **Commodore Al Saunders** will host this event - followed by lunch at CJ's on the Bay at The Esplanade.

In February, MBYC will cruise to Clearwater Harbor, offer 2 Day Boat events, and hold the February edition of Monday Madness. These events will be more thoroughly covered in the February Baylines - in the meantime, these events are on the Club Calendar at www.marcobayyachtclub.com/. For your 2015 planning, most if not all events thru May are now on the Club Calendar. Visit our Club website today!

This is - amazingly - my last "Baylines" Commodore's Message ... but seekers of "Southern Culture" despair not ... as I am reserving a bit more "Southern Lore" for the Commodore's Ball - sign up today!

It has truly been a pleasure serving as your Commodore in 2014-15. I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to Everyone in the Club - the many that offered their help, advice and encouragement, those that just said "good job", our **Bridge**, our **Board**, our **Committee Chairpersons**, our **VIVs** (Very Important Volunteers), and **all our MBYC Members** that continue to make it possible for MBYC to be the Best Yacht Club and perhaps the Best Club (period) on Marco Island. 26 !!!! New Members joining us in 2014-15 likely agree! My sincere hope is that you have enjoyed your Club this past year as much as I have.

Thanks to All Ya'll !

Sail on - and may you always have Fair Winds Marco Bay Yacht Club!

So on the water or around the Island
"Sea Ya'll" out there

Commodore (Charlie) Skillern

Past Event Articles:

See all of the Event Picture Portfolios on the website

November Madness



November's Monday Madness at the Esplanade was a delightful afternoon with wonderful weather. All the MBYC member and guests enjoyed a wonderful event. Be sure to mark your calendar and join us on Monday January 26 for another great Madness event.

Holiday Party



The Holiday Party was a great introduction to the Holidays. Everyone was in their finest dress and revved up for a great time with dinner followed by a night of dancing. As you will see by the photos all who attended had a great time and looking forward to our next dinner dance at the Commodores Ball in January.

Breakfast



Breakfast at the Sandbar has become a tradition with a few of the members who regularly joining each other for breakfast and an exchange of stories and ideas. These are a few of the latest pictures.

Boat Parade



The Boat Parade and party to follow at the Horton's was pretty spectacular and a lot of work on the part of all those who helped decorate the boat and who set up for the party after the parade. A special thanks to the Herndon's for the use of their boat for the parade and allowing the MBYC to decorate it and captain it through the parade route. Also a special thanks to the Horton's for a terrific party following the parade. It was also a special treat to have one of the many categories for boats entering the event. We were well represented and made the cover of the Eagle.

Street Parade



Christmas Street Parade 2014

By Sharon Doggett

We had a perfect day for the Christmas Parade! The air was crisp and clear. All helpers were excited and a whole boatload (pun intended) of toys were ready to be loaded and donated to the Naples Women's Abuse Center. I would like to thank ALL of the people that helped to decorate the Hortons' boat: Bill Horton, Marianne Mulligan, John and Carolyn Cachiannes, John and Dianne Kernan, Dan and Lucy Dotterweich, Charlie and Paula Skillern, Chris and Nancy Eames, Al and Marcia Orsolini, Bob Boland, Barry Gelfand, Bob and Sharon Burns for once again using their vehicle to pick up, pull, and deliver the boat back, and of course Rick at Performance Marine for the loan of the trailer. We worked at the design and incorporated the sleigh that Bob Boland and Barry Gelfand had built for the Boat Parade. It was to get one more use only after Joe Doggett reinforced it so we could tie it to the bow of the float. Thanks Joe for the use of all those tools. More ropes and tiedowns were needed for the Snowman that was to drive the sleigh and boat! All of this work called for some needed coffee and snacks! We finished up in about 3 hours.

The final result ended with a simple supper while waiting for the parade to start, then on to the fun. And fun we had! The guys wore elf hats and passed out candy to the kids on the parade route, (there were so many kids that Sharon Burns got out of the tow vehicle to help pass out the candy) while the women on the float wore elf adornments and waved, shouted "Merry Christmas", and took care of the speaker system playing Christmas music. (thanks Barry for getting that set up for us) When we got to the judges station, it took about 15 people to get the toys and three bicycles that our members donated to the Abuse Center off of the boat and delivered to the sleigh on the ground. It was almost overwhelming when

the judges started applauding our efforts. Thanks to ALL who participated and donated. You make me proud to be a member of such a wonderful, generous group of people!

Sunday afternoon many of the people that had worked decorating the boat came to get everything put back into our storage building, and on Monday the boat was back at the Hortons dock and the trailer was back to Performance Marine. Altogether it is a four day process, but well worth the effort to be part of this community and give back for all of our blessings.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy New Year!

Future Event Flyers:

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

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. pp Guest cost - \$84.50 pp

(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

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

Presentation of the Fleet

Presentation of the Fleet
Marco Bay Yacht Club
2015 Presentation of the Fleet
Saturday, January 31

10:00 AM Boats gather in front of the Esplanade

10:30 AM Ceremony and Review of Fleet

11:30 AM Lunch at CJ's On The Bay

Boat docking will available along the seawall at the Esplanade

Boats should monitor channel 72

Lunch Choices:

- 1. CJ's Tropical Cobb Salad**-mango, avocado, shrimp, boiled egg, bacon, feta cheese over baby greens w/vinaigrette
- 2. Philly Cheese**-Shaved prime rib, sautéed onions, crimini mushrooms and American cheese w/fruit or fries
- 3. Fish Sandwich**-Fish filet, breaded and fried, dressed with tartar sauce, lettuce and tomatoes with fries or fruit.
- 4. Chicken Sandwich**-Grilled chicken breast dressed with pecan-wood smoked bacon, tomato, pepperjack cheese, and avocado relish and served on a whole wheat bun with fries or fruit.

Soft drinks, ice tea, and American coffee included, along with tax and tip for \$18 per person.

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Name _____ Menu# _____

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We are coming by Boat__ Car__ #of people___ x \$18=\$ _____

Mail form & check (MBYC) to Sue Anzalone, 899 Joy Circle by
January 23. (my phone # 642-0728)

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

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

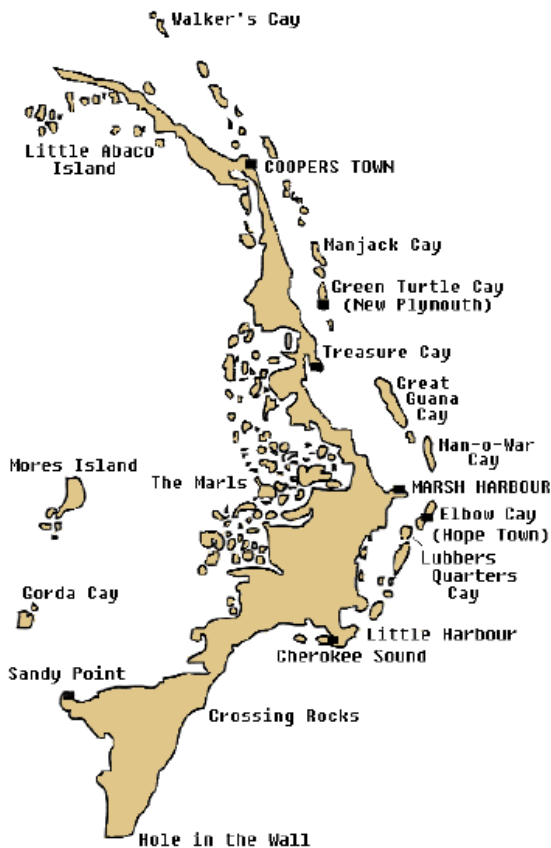
2015 Day Boat Cruises

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 th	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

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 to get on the Abacos distribution list. More info will be coming later.

Articles, Announcements, & Club Notices:

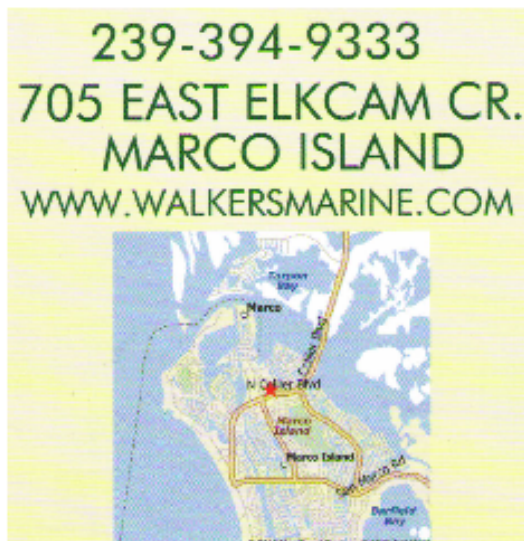
Walkers Hideaway Marina discounts



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

15% on all general merchandise

\$.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.*

2015	
January, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ New Year's Day :: Thursday, January 01, 2015■ Pink Shell & Boca Grande Cruise :: Monday, January 05, 2015■ Board Meeting :: Tuesday, January 13, 2015■ Commodore's Ball :: Saturday, January 17, 2015■ Keewaydin or Coconut Point Picnic :: Wednesday, January 21, 2015■ Monday Madness :: Monday, January 26, 2015■ Presentation of the Fleet :: Saturday, January 31, 2015
February, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Board Meeting :: Tuesday, February 10, 2015■ Jack's River Bar Lunch :: Wednesday, February 11, 2015■ Rookery Bay Tour :: 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">■ Venetian Village Lunch :: Wednesday, March 04, 2015■ Board Meeting :: Tuesday, March 10, 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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