



# *the* **BAYLINES**

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## **Marco Bay Yacht Club**

*March 2015*

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**Commodore's Message:**

February 2015 has been a busy MBYC schedule but, wait, there's more.

Sally Orth and her First Mates tour to Rookery Bay on February 4<sup>th</sup> was well attended and included some Captains as well.

The annual Day Boat trip to Jack's River Bar planned by Jim Heckenlaible was smooth which included traveling up and back via the intercoastal. The dock hands were there to greet us and help us tie up.

The Extended Boat Cruisers left on February 13<sup>th</sup> and, for the most part, returned to Marco on the 25<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup>.

The Day boat picnic on the end of Sand Dollar Island was very well coordinated by Jim Heckenlaible right down to the tides and..... the weather. I don't know how he does the weather part but, it was a great day, and well attended.

March starts off with The New Members Dinner on March 1<sup>st</sup>. The MBYC has voted 15 new couples into the club since last March. Club uniform is the suggested dress of the evening.

First Mates Chair, Sally Orth, has arranged a club trip to the Festival Flea Market on March 9, 2015. I have heard that fleas will be available

at \$1.29 a dozen.

The semi-annual Fleet Captain's Auction is on March 11, 2015 at the Old Marco Lodge, Goodland. Please bring your slightly used marine or new items to be auctioned off at the event. The Auction not only provides revenue for our donations to the Coast Guard Auxiliary, the Power Squadron, the Civil Air Patrol and the Coast Guard Fort Myers Children's Fund, but are a lot of laughs. Please support your club by donating, attending, and buying.

The Club Port of The Islands trip will be the 13 – 15<sup>th</sup> of March. Contact Betty Barter on 239-642-7876 for info.

An extended cruise is planned from March 18 through the 29. Please contact Mike Brown for info.

A day cruise to lunch in Venetian Bay is scheduled for March 25.

Contact Jim Heckenlaible for info.

AND of course Mad Monday on March 30, at Old Marco Lodge, Goodland. 4:00 o'clock on.

By land or by sea there are many things going on. You'll read about events past and future on the following pages. Please attend all the activities that you can to support the club and have social fun.

Focus on the horizon with great anticipation.

**Your Commodore, *Al Saunders***

## Past Event Articles:

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

### Jacks River Bar



Brrrrrr... On Wed. morning, Feb. 11th, MBYC was welcomed by the eye opening, clear, deep blue skies and crisp temperatures from the North. Nothing like cleaning out your lungs with that great Minnesota air.

There were 6 packed boats and 50 plus people that made the journey to Jack's River Bar. MBYC boats took off from Marker 8 with the 3 captains, Betty, Sue and Linda, leading the way. Joe Anzalone wrestled away control when the ladies were heading to Key West. The trip actually turned out to be very comfortable and beautiful. Just lucky we have Global Warming, otherwise we would have needed ice breakers. The award for most courageous crew goes to Risings, Vromans and Putnams for starting their day near Caxambas Marina in the south, boating around Goodland and up the Marco River, even before anyone else was awake. When they arrived at the meeting place, we removed icicles from their noses.

The Sandlins had a written excuse to play hooky. Our concern is that they continue working to fund our Soc. Sec. checks. I hope they wrote off the trip for business purposes.

The only injury was me, Jim, bumping my leg on the Southard Comfort boat. I drew at least a couple drops of blood. (Even though Ferris and Randy are great friends, Ferris said he would represent me, stating there is no money in defending Randy. Ferris said the injury suit could be one of the biggest claims in FL this year!) I would settle for a couple beers.

With all the chirping and laughter, the luncheon was a success, another fun event for the Fun Club. Thank you all for attending!!!

What the Heck

## Presentation of the Fleet



On January 31 the MBYC held the Presentation and Blessing of the Fleet. It was a blustery day but in the sun very nice. Captain Bob Herndon Captained the Bridge Boat, TenneSea Waltz and the Past Commodore Boat Captained by Barry Gelfand anchored to review the MBYC Fleet. Chaplin Alan Sandlin gave the blessing followed by Commodore Saunders who administered the presentation. After the ceremony all boats docked at CJ's and enjoyed a wonderful lunch. There were over 95 present for lunch and the festivities/announcements that followed. There are a lot of upcoming functions so be sure to watch for the announcements and be sure to sign up early. It was a great event for our club and congratulations to all who helped organize another terrific, fun filled day.

# Future Event Flyers:

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

## 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

## Festival Flea Market



Come Join Marco Bay Yacht Club's First Mates   
On an Air Conditioned Bus to the Festival Flea Market  
and SAWGRASS MILLS OUTLET MALL

**When:** Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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!!!!!!

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

Betty Barter has organized a fun-filled weekend at the  
Port of the Islands  
March 13-15

All small and big boaters are welcome for the weekend.

Friday March 13: Docktails at 6 PM at the Tiki Hut  
Bring a dish (food) to share

Saturday March 14: Continental Breakfast  
(included if you have a room)  
Optional activities to be planned  
Group dinner at restaurant (order off the menu)

Sunday March 15: Group Breakfast-Self Pay, depending on tide  
Return home

Call for reservations before March 3rd  
239-394-3101  
Say you're with the MBYC

Rooms are \$141.90 per night  
Boats are \$1 per foot/per night

Please notify Betty Barter when you have made your reservation  
860-833-8224  
239-642-7876

## Sarasota Cruise

Marco Bay Yacht Club



## *Sarasota Cruise*

March 18th to 29th

March 18 – 20: Palm Island Marina

March 20 – 25: Marina Jacks in Sarasota

March 25 – 29: Crow's Nest Marina in Venice

March 29: Return to Marco Island

If your schedule will not permit you to take the entire cruise, please feel free to join up or depart as you wish.

If you have not signed up, and would like to participate in this cruise, please contact Brent Cook at 269-370-8003 or email me at: [Brent@Brentcook.net](mailto:Brent@Brentcook.net)

## Venetian Bay Lunch

from Day Fleet captain Jim Heckenlaible

### Lunch at Venetian Bay

Wednesday, March 25, 2015

(note new date)

Please join MBYC boaters for lunch at Bayside Grill  
in the Village on Venetian Bay, in Naples.

We will enter Doctor's Pass from the Gulf, just north of  
Naples Pier. We'll then proceed north to The Venetian Village.  
Bridge clearance is 11.6 ft. We will begin by meeting all boaters  
at buoy # 8 (also known as the red and green center buoy at  
Big Marco Pass) Use channel 72 on your radio.

We will launch at 10:00 a.m. with lunch at 12:00.

We will have time to use those credit cards  
in some of the many shops after lunch.

If your boat is in dry dock, come by car.  
Please r.s.v.p. before Mar. 17, to Jim Heckenlaible.

E-mail [heck3@bevcomm.net](mailto:heck3@bevcomm.net),

or call 952-715-7055

or mail this form to:

Jim Heckenlaible

929 Collier Court B301

Marco Island, FL 34145

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# of people\_\_\_\_, by boat\_\_\_\_, by car\_\_\_\_

Name & length of boat \_\_\_\_\_

Looking forward to seeing all of you!

## 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**

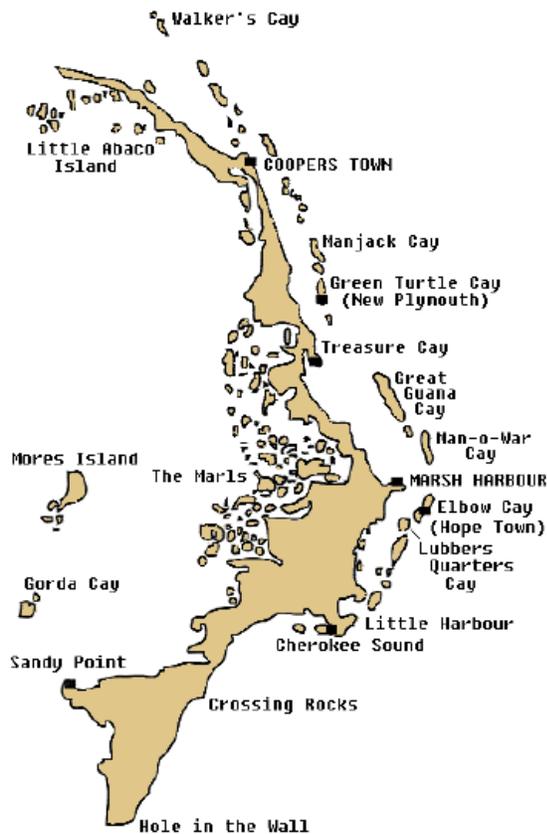
Then off to the Marco Mini Golf on Winterberry Drive.  
All inclusive price \$25.00 per person: includes dinner, greens fee, club and  
one ball.

Don't miss this exciting sporting event.

**Please RSVP to Dianne Kernan at 239 389-0314 or  
[dianne@diannekernan.com](mailto: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](mailto:john@johnkernan.com) to get on the Abacos distribution list. More info will be coming later.

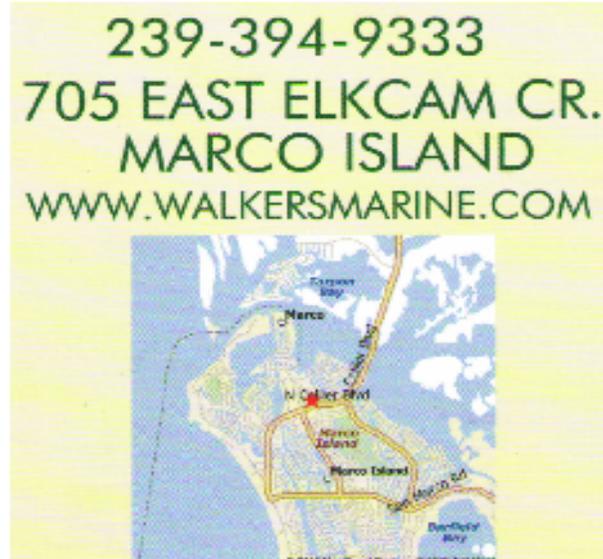
# Articles, Announcements, & Club Notices:

## 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.*

March, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li> New Member Party :: Sunday, March 01, 2015</li><li> Festival Flea Market :: Monday, March 09, 2015</li><li> Board Meeting :: Tuesday, March 10, 2015</li><li> Fleet Captain's Auction :: Wednesday, March 11, 2015</li><li> Port of the Isles :: Friday, March 13, 2015</li><li> Palm Island/Sarasota/Vencie Extended Cruise :: Wednesday, March 18, 2015</li><li> Venetian Village Lunch :: Wednesday, March 25, 2015</li><li> Monday Madness :: Monday, March 30, 2015</li></ul>
April, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li> Cape Romano Picnic :: Wednesday, April 01, 2015</li><li> Easter :: Sunday, April 05, 2015</li><li> Mini Golf Invitational :: Friday, April 10, 2015</li><li> Board Meeting :: Tuesday, April 14, 2015</li><li> Abacos Cruise + Fly / Hotel plans :: Wednesday, April 15, 2015</li><li> Abacos Land Cruise :: Sunday, April 19, 2015</li><li> Monday Madness :: Monday, April 27, 2015</li></ul>
May, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li> Board Meeting :: Tuesday, May 12, 2015</li><li> Monday Madness :: Monday, May 18, 2015</li></ul>
September, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li> Labor Day :: Monday, September 07, 2015</li></ul>
October, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li> Board Meeting :: Tuesday, October 13, 2015</li></ul>
December, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li> Hanukkah Begins :: Sunday, December 06, 2015</li><li> Christmas :: Friday, December 25, 2015</li></ul>



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