



the **BAYLINES**

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Commodore's Message:

On April 1st Jim Heckenlaible gave us a great day trip to the Tigertail Point/Coconut Sand beach for a boating day of fun and memories. On the 10th, the Third Annual Mini Golf Invitational hosted by Dianne and John Kernan included cocktails and dinner at their home. On the 14th a cruise left for the Abacos. They are still there and having a great time. On Monday the 27th, the last Monday Madness of 2015 at the Old Marco Lodge was held. To the singing of TAPS the club flag was lowered and the US flag was returned to the flagpole.



May is here and, in some cases, some members have headed for home. The Baylines become a great medium to keep in touch regarding the past months gatherings as well as future ones.

For the summer on Marco, we will have monthly Dine-A Rounds. Hosts for June are Sharon and Joe Doggett, July is Litha and Jim Lane, in August is Nancy and Jerry Francis with their famous Fresh Fish Dinner and Gayle and Pat Thawley for September.

We also have our Mad Mondays. On May 18th we have reservations at CJ's Gazebo at 4:00 PM and will remain at CJ's Gazebo for June 29th, July 27th, August 31st, September 28th, October 26th, and November 30th. The extended cruises have trips on October 15th and November 13th.

The Coast Guard Aux course that I explained in the April Baylines still has a few seats as of this writing. Linda and I took the course in 2009 using our own hand held GPS units. They now provide a number of them as part of the course tools. The course is two 1/2 day sessions, the mornings of November 10th and 12th from 9 AM to 1 PM each day.

Therefore, the Board meeting will be at 2:00 on the 10th and the Welcome Back Party will be on the evening of the 12th.

That's enough for dates and schedules. Please enjoy the following pages of your Baylines. Thank you to all who contribute to the production and implementation of the Baylines. Collectively it works. Viewing it on line does save paper and mailing costs.

Looking forward to the safe return of the Abacos cruisers and hearing about their adventures.

Focus on the horizon with great anticipation.

Your Commodore, Al Saunders

Past Event Articles:

See all of the Event Picture Portfolios on the website

Coconut Point Picnic

COCONUT POINT PICNIC

April 1, 2015

CENSORED

Sorry. What happens on Coconut point stays on Coconut Point!! Everyone who was there is sworn to secrecy. The e-mails with all the names and photos have been forever deleted - "POOF" ??? to protect the innocent as well as the guilty.

Have a great summer! See you all at the Hamilton Harbour Lunch on Thursday, Oct. 29, 2015.

I want to thank everyone for making the effort to participate in all our events. Fun!!

What the Heck

Mini Golf Tournament



Forty-seven top mini golfers from all over Marco Island arrived at the home of John and Dianne Kernan ready to battle for the title of 2015 Marco Bay Yacht Club Mini Golf Champion. The group first fortified themselves with a many course dinner including appetizers, pulled pork, chicken, lots deserts, plus substantial liquid "refreshment." Every head was also scratched dealing with a demanding trivia quiz authored by Jaunita Henning. Then a dozen teams were dispatched to the Marco Golf and Garden where Rear Commodore Bob Boland held off all challengers with an amazing score of 38 to win the 2015 Championship.

[Abaco Islands](#)



The Marco Bay Yacht Club's Abaco Islands Adventure

Seven boats from the Marco Bay Yacht Club start their 3 week adventure, some boats leaving on or before April 14, stopping first in Marathon, then Ft. Lauderdale.

The Abaco Islands lie in the Northern Bahamas - 180 miles east of south Florida. They comprise the main islands of Great Abaco and Little Abaco, along with smaller barrier cays (pronounced keys). On April 16th, all 7 boats meet up spending the first night at the Old Bahama Bay Marina located in West End, Grand Bahama Island, only 80 miles from Ft. Lauderdale.

West End, also referred to as Settlement Point, is the oldest town and westernmost settlement on the Bahamian island of Grand Bahama. It is the current capital of Grand Bahama. It is also the third largest settlement in the Bahamas.

April 17 it's off to Spanish Cay to spend the day and night in its beautiful 3-mile long paradise of tropical beaches and palm groves, surrounded by boundless horizons of aquamarine waters and pristine coral reefs. Here members of the yacht club sign a teshirt and leave it as a souvenir proudly hung on the ceiling at the marina's bar and grill.

The 3rd day they settle in at Marsh Harbor's Boat Harbor Marina for 5 nights. From there, many ferries are available to take to places like the famous Nippers on Great Guana Cay, where fun was had by all.

Tomorrow, off to Man-O-War Cay to visit the boat museum, where early Loyalist settlers started the tradition of handcrafting boats more than two centuries ago.

Only about 300 people live on the skinny, 2½-mile-long Man-O-War Cay, many of them descendants of the first settlers.

On the 23rd 10 more members will be flying in and meeting in Treasure Cay, more pictures to follow.

Future Event Flyers:

click on the event on the website to see the details

No Flyers at this time!

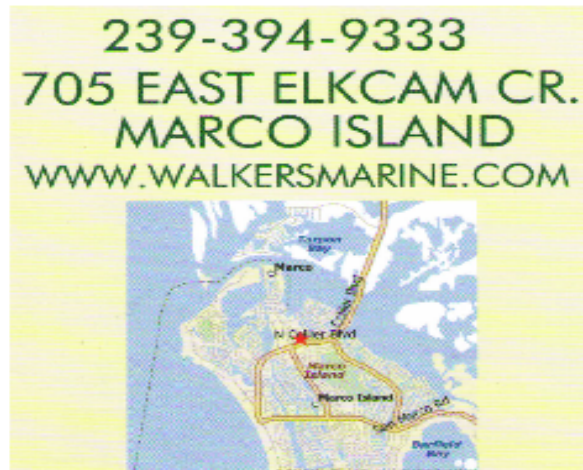
Articles, Announcements, & Club Notices:

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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.*

May, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Meeting :: Tuesday, May 12, 2015 Mad Monday at CJ's Gazebo :: Monday, May 18, 2015 Monday Madness :: Monday, May 18, 2015 Memorial Day :: Monday, May 25, 2015
June, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mad Monday at CJ's Gazebo :: Monday, June 29, 2015
July, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mad Monday at CJ's Gazebo :: Monday, July 27, 2015
August, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mad Monday at CJ's Gazebo :: Monday, August 31, 2015
September, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Labor Day :: Monday, September 07, 2015 Mad Monday at CJ's Gazebo :: Monday, September 28, 2015
October, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Meeting :: Tuesday, October 13, 2015 Legacy/Pink Shell Cruise :: Thursday, October 15, 2015 Mad Monday at CJ's Gazebo :: Monday, October 26, 2015 Hamilton Harbour Luncheon :: Thursday, October 29, 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 Mad Monday at CJ's Gazebo :: Monday, November 30, 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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