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## **Marco Bay Yacht Club**

### **December 2017**

**Hello Member,**

#### **Commodore's Message:**

At this time of year we are well into the "Holiday Season". Thanksgiving, just past, reminds us of all we have to be thankful for, it is my favorite holiday of the year. We've had our Welcome Back Party in early November and now our Holiday Party in early December. Many of us will be busy with holiday parties this month and tend to be in a festive party mode.

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This year we certainly welcome the holiday spirit, especially after "Irma's" visit in September. Most of us have been preoccupied with recovering and repairing damage to our Island paradise left by Irma. While celebrating the holidays this year we will hear, Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, etc. everywhere we go. There will be an abundance of holiday music and people celebrating.

Yet, there are some among us who will have difficulty celebrating this season. They will have a hard time with all the festive celebrations surrounding them. We need to take a moment and recognize their plight. We have

two members that are having a very difficult uphill battle ahead of them, and we can help them.

As many know, Debbie Schroeder's son Damion had a very serious life altering accident. He was paralyzed from the waist down and is now in a rehabilitation facility working very hard to return home. Debbie and Bill are asking for prayers and donations to his fund, so that his home can be renovated for when he returns. The full story can be read on Debbie's Facebook page. Also, his story and donations can be made at [damionswarriors.com](http://damionswarriors.com). The PayPal site has been set up to help with his extraordinary medical and home renovation expenses.

Likewise, Dan and Lucille Dotterweich's son Danny III, has been battling multiple myeloma and is having a very difficult time with chemotherapy. Dan and Lucille ask you keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

As we celebrate the birth of our savior and the festival of lights, we can be thankful that we don't walk in Dan, Lucille, Bill or Debbie's shoes this year. Some people just get more than their share. Through our prayers hopefully we can help these fine people get through these life altering events.

We are fortunate to be here in paradise, as we boat around our Island and to other places together.

Remember to fly your club burgees and be good ambassadors for MBYC as you travel around Marco.

*There are good ships and wood ships.*

*Ships that sail the sea.*

*But the best ships are friendships.*

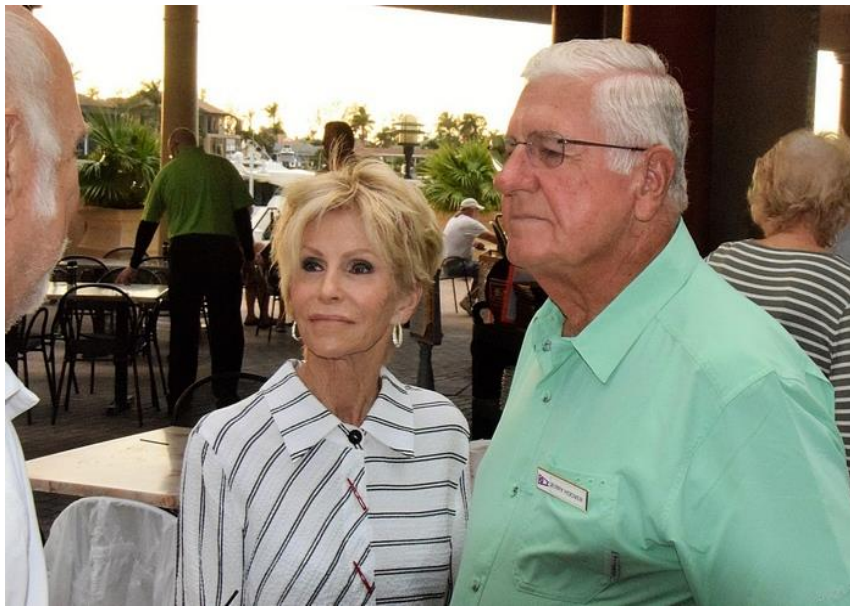
*May they always be.*

**Your Commodore, Frank Mulligan**

## Past Event Articles:

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

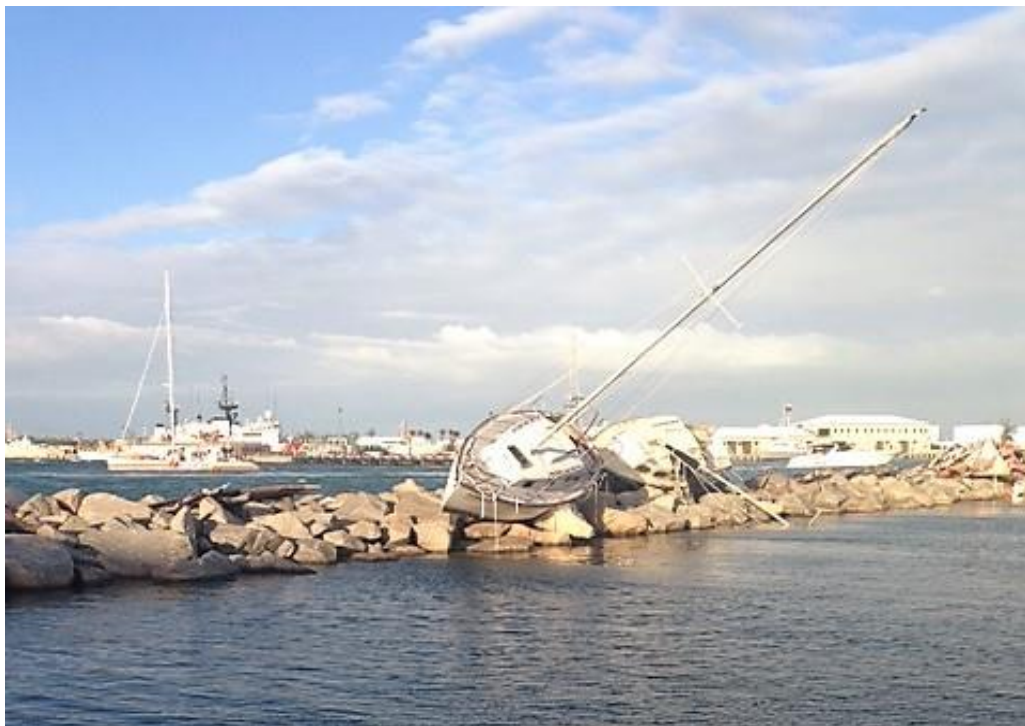
### November Monday Madness



Another perfect Marco Island fall evening created the perfect setting for visiting around CJ's Star Bar, sharing refreshments and catching up with friends we haven't seen for a while. The turnout was terrific in spite of the fact that many member were still away for family Thanksgiving holiday gatherings back home. It was nice to have time to get better acquainted with two of our newer members, Jerry and Cherie Hoover and Nick and Marjorie Ligelis. Monday Madness is the perfect venue to venture out and get acquainted with other members that we don't know.



## Key West Cruise



On Monday, November 13th, Cookin' (Brent & Susan Cook), My Turn (Barry & Claudette Gelfand), Nauti Buoy (Dave & Mary Ellen Mount, Therapy III (Mike & Cindy Brown) and My Cherie (Jerry & Cherie Hoover) headed out of Marco to Faro Blanco on Marathon. We were thrilled to have the Hoovers on their first MBYC cruise.

Our cruise was originally scheduled to depart directly to The Galleon in Key West but the group made the decision to make Faro Blanco a preliminary stop so we could get a better handle on the weather forecast for our return from Key West because several in the group had Thanksgiving plans and had to be back.

The cruise to Faro Blanco had us in gusty winds from the Northeast so once we passed Cape Romano we headed toward shore for a reasonably good ride to Marathon. However, once we docked at Faro Blanco the north winds came right into the channel and really rocked the boats, especially My Turn, for 2 days and nights.

On Wednesday everyone but Therapy headed down Hawks Channel to The Galleon in Key West. Unfortunately Therapy III had suffered a stabilizer breakdown and had to remain docked in Faro Blanco waiting for parts. Not to be left behind, the Browns called up an Uber for a ride to Key West and stayed near the marina at the new Marker Resort Hotel.

We had a wonderful time in Key West hitting all of our favorite dining places including Pepe' s. Hard Rock Cafe, A&B Lobster House, Two Friends and of course LaTeDa. After dinner at LaTeDa, we all attended the Cabaret Show featuring Randy Roberts. As happened before, Mike Brown got the aisle seat and became Randy's target throughout his, or is it her, entire performance.

The storm damage was very evident in Marathon with debris piled up pretty high on both sides of US-1 and on all of the side streets. Unlike Marco, the Marathon debris was mostly construction debris, appliances, golf carts and some vegetation.

The hurricane damage on Key West had been mostly cleaned up so downtown was in normal condition for Key West. The big damage in Key West was the 190 destroyed sailboats that had been moored in the bay. Every sailboat in the bay broke free from the mooring and was either piled on the rock jetty, on the beach at Sunset Key: or had sunk.

On Friday, the 17th the Browns Ubered back to Marathon to their repaired boat and on Saturday the four boats in Key West headed back to Marco via Hawks Channel, Moser Channel and along the shoreline to Marco.\*\*\*\*\*The entire cruise was great fun and we hope more of our extended cruise boaters will join us on more of our cruises this season.

Brent



**Holiday Party**



Marco Bay Yacht Club held its annual Holiday Dinner Dance at Hideaway Beach Club on the evening of December 1st. Our members started the Holiday Season with another wonderful event at Hideaway overlooking the gulf. As always, the dining room was very festive: decorated with Christmas trees and beautiful wreaths that were lit on all the windows.

The evening started with a cocktail reception where the members could mingle with all their friends. All the ladies and gentlemen were dressed in their holiday attire. Many of the men had their Christmas and holiday ties on and received many compliments.

Once again Alan Sandlin gave a beautiful innovation at the start of the dinner. This was followed by a buffet which consisted of a salad station with several salads and a Bruschetta display, a ham and turkey carving station with all the accoutrements, a "made to order" pasta station offering three pastas with your choice of shrimp, chicken, veggies and two sauces which was served by three chefs and an ice cream dessert table. Hideaway wait staff did a great job, as they always do, keeping our drinks filled and our tables cleared.

Certainly, a highlight of the evening was the entertainment. Billy Dean and Dawn were wonderful and delighted everyone with their musical selections for listening and dancing pleasures. While some members socialized and enjoyed listening to the music, many took to the dance floor to enjoy both slow and fast dances.

Thanks to Billy Dean and Dawn for an evening of exceptional entertainment, and thank you all for making this another successful Marco Bay Yacht Club Event.

Marianne Mulligan and Claudette Gelfand Social Chairs

## Future Event Flyers:

*click on any [Flyer Title](#) on the website to open the Event and download the flyer*

## [MBYC 2018 Cruise Flyer](#)

### *MBYC 2017-2018 Extended Cruising Schedule*

The cruise team (Mike, Brent, Barry & Charlie) would like you to consider joining us on one of our January thru May 2018 cruises.

January 15 - 19 to South Seas Marina  
January 19 - 23 to Boca Grande Marina

February 19 - 21 to Palm Island Marina  
February 21 - 26 to Marina Jack  
February 26 - 28 to Pink Shell Marina

March 16 - 19 to South Seas Marina  
March 19 - 22 to Naples Sailing & Yacht Club

April 16 to May 10 to Palm Coast  
(This 24 day cruise is to Palm Coast & returning thru the Keys)

Most cruises are set up so that you can partake of the entire cruise or choose to just do part of the itinerary. While we all frown upon any boat traveling alone, usually we have several boats wishing to only do part of a cruise, as well as some who wish to extend for several days.

In most cases, hotel accommodations, at the marina or nearby, are available for anyone wishing to come by either small boat or by car or just not wanting to overnight on their boat.

While most cruises fill up quickly, there are normally cancellations and, up to now, we have always been able to accommodate all who wish to join in.

While cruises will be led by various Team Members, to sign up for a cruise please contact Brent Cook at: [Brent@Brentcook.net](mailto:Brent@Brentcook.net) . Cruising is the best way to make new friends, enjoy the camaraderie, see new places, enjoy the favorite old ones.....and enjoy time on our beautiful water.

The MBYC Cruise Team



## Events Calendar :

*Go to the Events Calendar on the website with live links,  
then click on Event date to open the Event info & Flyer  
Flyers opened from the website Calendar will be printable.*

<b>2017</b>	
December, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="color: cyan;">■</span> Photo Scavenger Hunt :: Thursday, December 07, 2017</li> <li><span style="color: orange;">■</span> Board Meeting :: Tuesday, December 12, 2017</li> <li><span style="color: red;">■</span> Hanukkah Begins :: Tuesday, December 12, 2017</li> <li><span style="color: red;">■</span> Christmas :: Monday, December 25, 2017</li> <li><span style="color: green;">■</span> No Monday Madness in December :: Monday, December 25, 2017</li> </ul>
<b>2018</b>	
January, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="color: red;">■</span> New Years Day :: Monday, January 01, 2018</li> <li><span style="color: orange;">■</span> Board Meeting :: Tuesday, January 09, 2018</li> <li><span style="color: green;">■</span> Commodore's Ball :: Saturday, January 13, 2018</li> <li><span style="color: blue;">■</span> Cruise to South Seas Marina :: Monday, January 15, 2018</li> <li><span style="color: blue;">■</span> Cruise to Boca Grande Marina :: Friday, January 19, 2018</li> <li><span style="color: cyan;">■</span> Presentation of the Fleet :: Saturday, January 27, 2018</li> <li><span style="color: green;">■</span> Monday Madness at CJ's :: Monday, January 29, 2018</li> </ul>
February, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="color: red;">■</span> Super Bowl LII :: Sunday, February 04, 2018</li> <li><span style="color: orange;">■</span> Board Meeting :: Tuesday, February 13, 2018</li> <li><span style="color: red;">■</span> Valentine's Day :: Wednesday, February 14, 2018</li> <li><span style="color: blue;">■</span> Cruise to Palm Island Marina :: Monday, February 19, 2018</li> <li><span style="color: blue;">■</span> Cruise to Marina Jack :: Wednesday, February 21, 2018</li> <li><span style="color: blue;">■</span> Cruise to Pink Shell Marina :: Monday, February 26, 2018</li> <li><span style="color: green;">■</span> Monday Madness at CJ's :: Monday, February 26, 2018</li> </ul>
March, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="color: orange;">■</span> Board Meeting :: Tuesday, March 13, 2018</li> <li><span style="color: blue;">■</span> Cruise to Tarpon Point Marina :: Friday, March 16, 2018</li> <li><span style="color: blue;">■</span> Cruise to Naples Sailing &amp; Yacht Club :: Monday, March 19, 2018</li> <li><span style="color: green;">■</span> Monday Madness at CJ's :: Monday, March 26, 2018</li> </ul>
April, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="color: orange;">■</span> Board Meeting :: Tuesday, April 10, 2018</li> <li><span style="color: blue;">■</span> Cruise to Palm Coast &amp; Keys :: Monday, April 16, 2018</li> <li><span style="color: green;">■</span> Monday Madness at CJ's :: Monday, April 30, 2018</li> </ul>
May, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="color: orange;">■</span> Board Meeting :: Tuesday, May 08, 2018</li> <li><span style="color: green;">■</span> Monday Madness at CJ's :: Monday, May 21, 2018</li> <li><span style="color: red;">■</span> Memorial Day :: Monday, May 28, 2018</li> </ul>
December, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="color: green;">■</span> Holiday Party :: Saturday, December 01, 2018</li> </ul>



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