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Hello Member

Commodore's Message

Hard to believe that's it's 2017 already! Where does the time go? As they say, time and tide wait for no one. We had a great time at The Commodore's Ball on Jan. 14th. Can't thank Bob Boland enough for a very busy and successful year, last year. Likewise, can't thank our Social Chair Marianne Mulligan(Commodorable) and Claudette Gelfand enough for a great "change of watch", all that attended had a fantastic time. We have another great year planned for you this year. We were on Boca Grande with our group of long-range cruisers led by Mike Brown (assisted by Barry Gelfand and Brent Cook) after spending four days at South Seas Resort on Captiva. We started with 15 boats at South Seas and had seven go to Boca Grande (eight headed back to Marco due to weather concerns). We headed back a day after planned due to those same weather concerns.

On Saturday Jan. 28th, we had " The Presentation of our Fleet", at our new home base for this year, The Esplanade Marina. After our ceremony, we had lunch at CJ's and we hope you were able to attend this yearly event. On the following Monday Jan. 30th we enjoyed our monthly Monday Madness from 4:30 until 6:30 PM again at CJ's. CJ's will be our Monday Madness venue for this year, come by boat or car, but come join us for some fun and

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friendship.

On Monday Feb. 6th the First Mates will be enjoying bingo at the Jewish Congregation of Marco, thanks to Diane Kernan and Shirley Southard.

On Wednesday Feb. 8th we will have a day cruise circumnavigating Marco Island, thanks to Chuck Hubscher, John Kernan, Doug Baillie, and yours truly.

On Tuesday Feb. 14th we will have a MBYC Board meeting. You can see that each month we have boating and social activities for everyone.

I can't thank our many volunteers that comprise our Bridge, Board, & Committees enough. The activities they plan and execute with the help of other volunteers are outstanding! This is your Boating Club, and together there in nothing that we can't do. Please join us at one or all of our planned events. Each month we will have a first mates event, day cruise, long-range cruise, Monday Madness, or other event for your participation and enjoyment. Look forward to seeing you at a club function.

Your Commodore ***Frank Mulligan***

Past Event Articles:

see all of the Event Picture Portfolios on the website

Commodore's Thank You Party



On Sunday afternoon January 8th Commodore Bob and First Mate Lyn hosted a Thank-You reception at their home. The purpose was to extend their appreciation to the Bridge, Board, Committee Chairmen and Chairwomen and to those who organized events during the MBYC 2016 year. It was a casual afternoon of sharing stories of 2016, a few appetizers and a little libation to celebrate. The 2016 year had great help and participation from its members, which made it an actioned packed year of fun and boating activities for all those who participated. Thanks again to all who helped make 2016 a memorable year.

Wahoo's Day Cruise



Small boat cruisers enjoyed perfect weather for their January 12 run up to the Wahoo Bar and Grille in Naples at Walkers Marine, known by many MBYC members as the former Jacks.

Eighteen boaters on six crafts, Lil Wanderer, Alley Oop, Shoel, Olivia Leigh and Marcia Ann, traveled Marco River north led by Sally and Don Orth on Princess II. Organizers Bob and Lynn Tuttle cruised to the party early to check on festivities. Betty Barter managed the fun and fabulous Reverse Bingo won by Commodore Bob Boland. Boaters were joined by twenty four members and guests arriving by car.

The beautiful Flying Bridge room at Wahoo's framed an ideal setting for conversation and comradery. The afternoon provided delicious choices of luncheons and a cash bar. Lunch choices were Caesar Salad with choice of grilled shrimp or grilled chicken, Fish and Chips Basket, Chicken or Vegetarian Quesadilla or a Wahoo Burger and Fries.

Wahoo's offered MBYC a complimentary corporate membership allowing any of our members to join Walker's Hideaway Marina of Naples for \$25.00 per year. Any MBYC member interested in more information on this membership should contact Audrey Kassem at Audrey@walksmarine.com or 239-405-4895.

South Seas - Boca Grande Cruise



South Seas report

On Monday, January 16th, 13 boats prepared to travel to South Seas Resort to Captiva Island. As usual, we broke the boats up into two speed groups and Therapy III leaving later on their own group called "eventually".

It was a fantastic day with light winds and one-foot seas, which drastically changed 5 days later, to high winds and 10-foot seas, etc.

Due to expected high seas, eight boats decided to return from South Seas for home, instead of the possibility of extending the second leg of the Cruise to Boca Grande for an unknown extended number of days. Cookin', Nauti Buoy, Seneca, Too Many Wakes, Miss Ava and O Sea D continued onto Boca Grande.

While at South Seas Marina (which is always a favorite marina), Monday, the boaters enjoyed dinner on their own. Tuesday, the group enjoyed a fantastic dinner in a private dining room at the Green Flash Restaurant. Wednesday, we celebrated Brent's Birthday with "Pizza Tails" and of course birthday cake.

Thursday, MBYC group had a fun time for Dinner at Doc Fords in a private room, as we were 26 people.

During the days the Ladies spent time playing Mah Jongg and Canasta, walking along the beach, shopping and relaxing by the pool. The guys spent their time telling boating war stories, working on boats, playing Mexican Train, and also relaxing by the pool.

On his maiden voyage, the Cooks had a new chick magnet "Timmy". He had wonderful time, and is "a true boater".

Friday was departure day, 8 boats to Marco & 7 boats to Boca Grande. As usual, everyone had a great time.

Boca Grande report

Friday morning six boats took off for the short trip from South Seas Resort to Boca Grande Marina. This is always a favorite of many of us and we were sorry that the forward-looking weather report kept some of our group from continuing the trip. My Turn and Sonatella were scheduled to return to Marco, and they were joined by Sea Y'all, Gotta Luvit, Che Jac, Sweet Lips, A-Blast, and Divergent, some with conflicting appointments that would not allow for extra days if the weather and/or seas made it necessary to extend

our return date, and some with memories of our “rough” trip back from Marathon on our previous cruise.

Cookin' (Cooks), Nauti Buoy (Mounts), Therapy III (Browns), Too Many Wakes (Mulligans), Seneca (Brooks Wood and Sandy King) and Miss Ava (Mike Carter and Ava Dotti) were welcomed at Boca Grande by the Grahams on O Sea D who cruised up the day before. Also joining us in Boca Grande was Dianne Kernan who drove up – already missing the camaraderie of the boat cruises since putting their boat, Wanderer V, on the market. Several beautiful days were spent touring the island by golf cart, shopping, playing Triple Canasta and Mexican Train Dominoes (and Susan Cook even gave Ava her first Mah Jongg lesson), eating, eating and eating some more! Two group dinners were planned by Brent at the Eagle Grille at the Marina and Temptations Restaurant, both excellent.

The weather was beautiful except for Monday which had some clouds and sprinkles and a very early morning short downpour. Winds were high and our brave captains made their way across the island by golf cart to check the gulf waters. It was decided to delay our departure one day to allow the seas to settle down. No one seemed to mind staying an extra day. The trip back to Marco on Wednesday was only a little bumpy, but the weather was beautiful and everyone enjoyed the ride, including the Cooks' adorable new puppy, Timmy.

We were all happy to have Brooks and Sandy (1st cruise with MBYC) and Mike and Ava (2nd cruise although Mike was a member years ago) with us. We enjoyed spending time and getting to know them all and are always happy to have new cruisers. Our almost monthly cruises are a wonderful way for new people (with or without their boats) to get to know our members. Most cruises are planned with hotels/motels either on the marina site or nearby.

February's cruise goes to Palm Island, Sarasota, St. Petersburg and Venice. Plan to join us on all or part of the trip. Contact Brent Cook or Mike Brown for information.

Commodore's Ball



The Forty Third Marco Bay Yacht Club Change of Watch/ Commodores Ball was held January 24th at the Hideaway Beach Club. Ninety people attended the event. The women were dressed in their gowns and formal dresses and the men looked handsome in their tuxedos or club uniform. The tables were set in a blue and white theme with beautiful floral arrangements from Bella Florals by Theresa. The evening started with a Receiving Line of the present and incoming Bridge. Each lady attending was present a rose. This was followed by Happy Hour featuring hot hors d'oeuvres, a wonderful dinner, and once again a Bananas Foster dessert which everyone enjoyed. Alan Sandlin delivered the invocation.....for which we are grateful.

Commodore Bob Boland thanked the Bridge, Directors and Chairpersons for their contributions to the club. Commodore Boland also introduced members of the Civil Air Patrol and the Marco Island Sail and Power Squadron.

Our new Commodore Frank Mulligan Jr. introduced the Bridge officers, Directors, and Chairpersons for 2017 stating it is the involvement of the members of the club that makes the club such a success. He encouraged everyone to participate in club activities and to volunteer to help on committees. This is what makes our club the "Fun Club". Commodore Mulligan also thanked Bob Boland and Lyn Bedell for all their hard work during the year, making it a year enjoyable for all!

Myles Loud provided hours of music for all to enjoy. Everyone was having a good time on the dance floor. People were still up dancing way past Marco Midnight! Hideaway Beach Club was gracious to let us stay and have a good time. Thank you all for making this Commodores Ball such a great success.

Presentation of The Fleet



Presentation of the Fleet was held Saturday January 28th under balmy sunny skies at the Esplanade Marina. Our Bridge was aboard "Tennessee Waltz" captained by Bob Herndon with his FM JoAnn. Our Past Commodores were aboard "My Turn" captained by Barry Gelfand with his FM Claudette. After the National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance Frank Mulligan, Commodore welcomed everyone and introduced those aboard the Bridge boat and Past Commodores boat.

The Bridge boat had FM Commodore Marianne Mulligan, V/C Rudi Landwaard & FM Dorothy, R/C Sally ORTH & FM Don, Chaplin Alan Sandlin & FM Linda, our indispensable Photographer Dan Lowell & FM Deb, and guests Syd Mellinger and Nancy Adams.

The P/C boat had P/C Bob Boland & FM Lyn Bedell, P/C Al Saunders & FM Linda, P/C Charlie Skillern & FM Paula, P/C Marcia and P/C Alex Orsolini, P/C Brent Cook & FM Susan, and P/C Bill Horton & FM Cea aboard.

Following a short history of the MBYC read by Vice Commodore Rudi Landwaard our Chaplin Alan Sandlin conducted our annual Memorial Service for our recently deceased members. We had special guests Syd Mellinger and her daughter Nancy Adams on board to Memorialize their husband and father P/C Jim Mellinger. Other recently deceased members were Pat Kenworthy, Jean Matthews, Bill Walsh, Lynn Smith, P/C Paul Meyers, John Rothschild, and all other previously deceased members of MBYC. A symbolic rose was placed for each.

Mike Brown, our Fleet Captain confirmed that "the Fleet" was ready for review. Although seven of our 100 member's boats were originally signed up to attend this annual ceremony only two boats actually showed up for this annual tradition. Sonatella, captained by Chuck Hubscher and O Sea D, captained by Vern Graham proceeded past the Bridge and P/C boats. We had a large contingent of members lining the deck at the Esplanade Marina. We then proceeded to have lunch at CJ's on the Bay.

A good time, with great fellowship was had by the over 60 members in attendance. Our Fun Fund Raising Committee again raised \$ 300- for our Club's contribution fund.

Frank Mulligan, Commodore MBYC

Future Event Flyers:

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Your short cruise team has already planned six cruises for the balance of 2017. None of these cruises conflict with current Extended Cruise schedule. Please mark your calendar for the first three below:

Wednesday February 8 Circumnavigate Marco organized by Frank Mulligan and Chuck Hubscher. A semi fabulous trophy will be awarded to the vessel or couple completing the circumnavigation.

Monday March 13 Raft Up organized by Larry and Rhona Kalkstein will attempt to break the existing world raft up record set in 2010 of 1651 connected boats. More details to come.

Tuesday April 18 Escape the IRS on Gilligans Island organized by the Kernans and Orsolinis. MBYC boaters, many in costume, will hide out and picnic on a deserted island somewhere in the Everglades. There will be a casting call for the 7 principal roles in this production.

More fun short cruises are already planned for May, October and November.

MBYC Extended Cruises Thru May

MBYC 2017 Cruise Schedule

Your cruise team is excited to present the remainder of the 2017 cruise schedule thru May.

February 15 - 17 to Palm Island Marina
February 17 – 20 to Marina Jack
February 20 – 24 to The Vinoy in St Pete
February 24 – 27 to The Crow's Nest in Venice

March 17 - 21 to Pink Shell Marina
March 20 - 24 to Tarpon Point Marina

April 20 – 24 to Hawk's Cay Marina
April 24 – 30 to Faro Blanco Marina
April 30 – May 3 or 6 to The Galleon & Conch Harbor

The cruises are set up so that you can partake in 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 having some who wish to extend for several days.

Please look over the cruises and let us know if you are interested in joining any of them so we can add you to the list of fun.

In most cases, hotel accommodations, at the marina or nearby, are available for anyone wishing to come by small boat or by car.

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.

To sign up for a cruise please contact Brent Cook at: Brent@Brentcook.net or Mike Brown at: mikebrownvd@gmail.com.

Your MBYC Cruise Team

Events Calendar :

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then click on Event date to open the Event info & Flyer
Flyers opened from the website Calendar will be printable.*

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February, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Circumnavigate Marco Island :: Wednesday, February 08, 2017 Board Meeting :: Tuesday, February 14, 2017 Palm Island Cruise :: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 Marina Jack (Sarasota) Cruise :: Friday, February 17, 2017 The Vinoy (St Pete) Cruise :: Monday, February 20, 2017 Crow's Nest (Venice) Cruise :: Friday, February 24, 2017 Mad Monday :: Monday, February 27, 2017
March, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MBYC Raft-Up :: Monday, March 13, 2017 Board Meeting :: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 Pink Shell (Ft Myers Beach) Cruise :: Friday, March 17, 2017 Tarpon Point Cruise :: Tuesday, March 21, 2017 Mad Monday :: Monday, March 27, 2017
April, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Meeting :: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 Easter Sunday :: Sunday, April 16, 2017 Escape The IRS on Gilligan's Island :: Tuesday, April 18, 2017 Keys Hopper Cruise :: Thursday, April 20, 2017 Mad Monday :: Monday, April 24, 2017
May, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Meeting :: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 Mad Monday :: Monday, May 22, 2017



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