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## **Marco Bay Yacht Club**

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**Hello .... Member**

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

I have said this before but time sure flies by; this is my last Commodore's message for Baylines. I am not sure where the last year went but it sure flew by. This last month was packed with great events and contributions by our members; from after-hours at Bistro Soleil on November 29 followed by the Christmas Party on December 1, Boat Parade on the 10th, Street Parade on the 17th, Long John Party on the 24th and a great line up of events for January; our club remains active and engaged. Be sure to join us when you can at all the upcoming events listed on the Club calendar.

For some recent news, our Club's home, which was at the Old Marco Lodge and Crab House, has been moved to the Esplanade Marina where our Berge will fly in the marina office. This gives us a home and allows us to have guest slips and continue our participation in the Yacht Club of America. Many thanks to Bill Schroeder and Frank Mulligan for

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making this happen. There are so many people to thank this year, especially the Board, Bridge and those so important Committees, but let me just point out some recent contributions. Dan and Dottie Dotterweich volunteered their boat for the street parade pulled by Frank and Marianne Mulligans trailer. We contributed 46 bicycles to the charity designated by the Island Christmas Style committee. This is a result of Brent Cook and John Kernans challenge to beat the 8 we contributed last year. Thanks to Susan and Brent Cook for a great Long John Party to kick off Christmas. I believe this is there 10th wonderful year. I have to give a special thanks to Marianne Mulligan and Claudette Gelfand for a great Christmas Party and several parties planned for the future, starting with the Commodores Ball on January 14.

There is an active spring planned starting in January with our regular Board meeting on the 10th, a day cruise trip to Wahooís Bar and Grill on the 12th; the Commodores Ball on the 14th; a long cruise on January 16-24, the Presentation of the Fleet on the 28th followed by Monday Madness at CJís on the 30th. Be sure to check the monthly calendar for all upcoming events and please plan on joining us when you can.

A special heart felt "Thank You" to all of you who volunteered to take on the challenges of making this past year a very successful and enjoyable year. You are the foundation of our future so please stay involved; with your help we will maintain our success in future years. Thank all of you who helped me in my role as Commodore. It has been a delightful experience and a memory I will treasure in the future. I look forward to enjoying time with each of you in new travels and adventures.

Thanks again to all.

***Commodore Bob***



## Past Event Articles:

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

## The Miracle of the Multiplying Bicycles



So, the Cooks and Kernans were sitting on the lanai one Saturday afternoon reflecting on the success of last year's Christmas Street Parade. They and some other MBYC members donated 8 bicycles to needy kids at the end of last year's Street Parade. This made the whole event more fun for everyone.

"Let's see if we can get MBYC members to donate 40 bicycles this year," said the Cooks. "We have two weeks before the parade to make it happen," said the Kernans. "My spread sheet says that \$75 should get a kid's bike and a helmet," calculated Brent. "We can store them in our car warehouse," said Dianne. Thus, began the miracle of the multiplying bicycles. After an email blast on Sunday and a truly moving speech from Brent at Monday Madness, the cash started rolling in. Within 48 hours we had enough money to buy 46 bikes and 46 helmets and the car warehouse could hold no more. After several Walmart visits by Commodore Bob Boland and warehouseman John Kernan, we had the bikes and helmets in custody.

With help from Steve Stefanides, who oversees "Christmas Island Style", we donated the first 40 bikes to needy kids at the Guadalupe Center in Immokalee that serves hundreds of needy children. See the photo of the Guadalupe teachers and MBYC volunteers. Then the final 6 bikes were loaded on our boat trailer and donated for needy Marco kids at the reviewing stand of the Marco Island Street Parade.

Our many thanks to the MBYC folks that donated toward this year's bikes and helmets. What are we going to do next year?



## Holiday Party



On December 1st, at the Hideaway Beach Club, 70 members enjoyed the wonderful music and singing of Billy Dean and Dawn. Hideaway was beautifully decorated for the holidays. Huge wreaths sparkling with white lights decorated every window. The Christmas tree "greeted" members at the entrance to the room. A festive spirit was present and was a great start to the holiday season.

Immediately following Commodore Bob Boland's welcoming remarks, and Alan Sandlin's invocation, members proceeded to the buffet that consisted of various delicious food stations. The chefs did a fantastic job with the buffet consisting of a salad station with Caesar Salad, Wedge Salad and a delicious Brie en Croute. The pasta station had the members raving about the food which consisted of "made to order" pasta with your choice of shrimp, chicken, veggies, and two sauces. The chef maned a carving station, that included roast turkey and sliced ham choices rounding out the entree section of our buffet. The night was complete with an ice cream station which satisfied everyones sweet tooth! Hideaway's wait staff did a fantastic job making sure everyone had their drinks filled and our tables cleared.

The music of Billy Dean and Dawn entertained all the members. Most members took to the dance floor to enjoy both fast and slow music. Other members enjoyed socializing and listening to the music. They always get us in the holiday mood and what a great start to the holiday season!

Marianne Mulligan & Claudette Gelfand





## [MBYC 2017 Cruise Schedule](#)

### *MBYC 2017 Cruise Schedule*

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

January 16 - 20 to South Seas Marina  
January 20 – 24 to Boca Grande Marina

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](mailto:Brent@Brentcook.net) or Mike Brown at: [mikebrownvd@gmail.com](mailto:mikebrownvd@gmail.com).

Your MBYC Cruise Team



# Articles, Announcements, & Club Notices:

## Bentley Visit



Over the past couple of months, I have had the opportunity to visit with some of our MBYC members who have recently move to the Bentley Community in North Naples. I received a call from Sydney Mellinger in early November in response to our mailing regarding updating her contact information and photo. I offered to drop by her condo and snap an image for the 2017 roster. Deb and I decided that since Iguana Mia, our favorite Mexican restaurant in SW Florida, was nearby we'd make an adventure of it. We shared a table with the Mellingers at the Commodore's Ball one year but didn't know them well. We had a delightful visit and a great meal on our way home.

About a week later John Kernan suggested that a group of us go and visit the Hennings who just recently moved into a unit in the building adjacent to Sydney's. Jack Barter and I rode along with John after our men's Thursday morning breakfast at the Sand Bar. Owen welcomed us at the elevator in his usual jovial manner. Juanita had just made a batch of cookies that we enjoyed with a cup of coffee. Yet another delightful visit. One can't help but feel great when you realize that your efforts are truly appreciated.

Please consider contacting and visiting these wonderful MBYC members if you plan to be up in their area. Visits of small groups mean a lot and will help maintain ties with the club.

Dan & Deb Lowell.

## Farewell to Wanderer V





They say that a boater's two happiest days are when he/she buys the boat and when it gets sold. That's not true for Wanderer V. We are truly sorry to say "Goodbye," but we have literally gone every place we can think of going, several times. Before we purchased her new from Grand Banks in Ft Lauderdale on November 17, 2007 we had never owned (or even driven) a larger powerboat. All the other Wanderers were sail boats from 30 up to 63 feet. We hired a powerboat consultant to help us pick the right vessel.

That was nine years ago and when we docked her in Ft Lauderdale on November 15, 2016 we could look back on these memories from our log. We cruised Wanderer V for a total of 15,646 nautical miles including 3 trips to the Chesapeake Bay, 8 passages to the Bahamas and even one voyage to New Orleans, plus many great MBYC extended cruises. Our dog, Bob, usually traveled with us. We visited 268 ports and anchorages (many several times), welcomed 40 guests for stays of a week or more and burned 34,178 gallons of diesel fuel. Now this is scary, we spent the equivalent of two years aboard, and we "almost" never had an argument. And we never ran aground. The props have never been off the boat. We ran our sailboats aground on a regular basis.

Now we are going back to sailing in the South Pacific, Australia and New Zealand, which we loved before we bought Wanderer V. But, Lil Wanderer is still on our boat lift and ready for MBYC short cruises.

John and Dianne Kernan, and Bob the dog.

## 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.*

2017	
January, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Board Meeting :: Tuesday, January 10, 2017</li><li>Wahoo's Grill Day Cruise :: Thursday, January 12, 2017</li><li>Commodore's Ball :: Saturday, January 14, 2017</li><li>South Seas (Captiva) Cruise :: Monday, January 16, 2017</li><li>Boca Grande Cruise :: Friday, January 20, 2017</li><li>Presentation of the Fleet :: Saturday, January 28, 2017</li><li>Mad Monday :: Monday, January 30, 2017</li></ul>
February, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Board Meeting :: Tuesday, February 14, 2017</li><li>Palm Island Cruise :: Wednesday, February 15, 2017</li><li>Marina Jack (Sarasota) Cruise :: Friday, February 17, 2017</li><li>The Vinoy (St Pete) Cruise :: Monday, February 20, 2017</li><li>Crow's Nest (Venice) Cruise :: Friday, February 24, 2017</li><li>Mad Monday :: Monday, February 27, 2017</li></ul>
March, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Board Meeting :: Tuesday, March 14, 2017</li><li>Pink Shell (Ft Myers Beach) Cruise :: Friday, March 17, 2017</li><li>Tarpon Point Cruise :: Tuesday, March 21, 2017</li><li>Mad Monday :: Monday, March 27, 2017</li></ul>
April, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Board Meeting :: Tuesday, April 11, 2017</li><li>Easter Sunday :: Sunday, April 16, 2017</li><li>Keys Hopper Cruise :: Thursday, April 20, 2017</li><li>Mad Monday :: Monday, April 24, 2017</li></ul>
May, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Board Meeting :: Tuesday, May 09, 2017</li><li>Mad Monday :: Monday, May 22, 2017</li></ul>



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