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Hello Member

Commodore's Message:

What a year!

As this is my last Commodore's message, I would like to say that it has been an honor for me to serve as your Commodore this past year. I would like to thank all of the Bridge, Board and Committee members for all the help and support they have given me and the Club. It is their hard work that keeps our Club running. They Plan and implement all our "fun events" and boat trips. They have made my job as Commodore easy and fun!

There is a group of very dedicated people who work in the background to keep our club on an even keel. They work mainly "behind the scenes". We all know our photographer Dan Lowell, but few realize he and Deb also keep our web-site working and up to date, they also do the herculean task of developing and printing our roster each year and help Cheryl with the Baylines as needed. Cheryl Coffin edits and produces our monthly newsletter the Baylines. Paul Krueger is

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responsible for the E-Blasts we receive. Bill Schroeder, our Treasurer and Linda Gagnon, our Secretary for the fine job they both do for us. This year Dan and Lucille took over our Ships Store, with my gratitude. Now due to a very difficult life altering situation that Dan and Lucille find themselves in, Joel and Sherry Fitzgerrald have agreed to step in and again run the store. This will be temporary, as Rudi plans on putting our store online in the immediate future. What a great Club and group of willing volunteers we are privileged to be associated with. I am both honored and grateful to have been your Commodore this past year. What a FUN CLUB!

We had a great Holiday Party in the beginning of December (see Dec. Baylines), followed by our regular Board Meeting. Next we participated in the Marco Island Style Christmas Street Parade. 22 volunteers led by Diane Kernan decorated our boat with Rudi's Sleigh and five new lit Dolphins. We were able to donate 18 bicycles and helmets and over \$ 375.00 worth of toys to the Guadalupe Center in Immokalee to disadvantaged children. In addition we had three walkers hand out over 12 bags (\$ 200.00) worth of Fun sized chocolate candy from Costco to the children along the parade route. You can be proud of your membership in our Fun Boat Club. Many along the parade route told us we had the best decorated float (boat) in the parade. Evidently the judges didn't agree this year. Maybe there's some politics in the judging so you can't win too many years, without them spreading it around.

January promises to be a busy eventful month as we begin to kick off our 50th Anniversary Year as the oldest and best Boat Club here on Marco. On this past Friday the 5th Mare and I held our Commodore's Thank You Party for the Bridge and Committee Chairs that enabled us to have a great productive year. We have our last Board Meeting, of this year, on Tuesday the 9th. All are cordially invited to attend the premier social event of the year Our Commodore's Ball and Change of Watch on Saturday the 13th at Hideaway. It will be a special event with a surprise gift and entertainment will be by the fabulous Cahlua and Cream. This will be the starting function of our 50th Anniversary Celebration with Rudi as your Commodore. On Monday Jan. 15th we have a boat

cruise to South Seas scheduled, then to Boca Grande, returning to Marco on Tuesday the 23rd. On Saturday the 27th the Annual Presentation of the Fleet takes place at the Esplanade Marina followed by lunch at C J's on the Bay. This year we are looking for more boats to participate so the decision has been made not to have a dedicated Past Commodore's Boat, all are expected to bring their own boats, if at all possible. We'll finish this month with Monday Madness at C J's on Monday Jan. 29th at 4:30 PM. Hope to see you there!

Hopefully, you see why we are called the FUN CLUB. As I leave the Bridge I hope you'll continue your fine support and volunteering spirit to help continue and build upon our success as a club with our new Commodore Rudi Landwarrd.

May the wind always be at your back.

May the saddest day of your future be
no worst than the happiest day of your past!

May misfortune follow you the rest
of your life, and never catch up.

And may the hinges of our friendship
never grow rusty!

*Your grateful Commodore, **Frank Mulligan***

Past Event Articles:

see all of the Event Picture Portfolios on the website

Legacy Cruise



On Saturday. December 2nd, Cookin' (Brent & Susan Cook), Sea Y'all (Charlie & Paula Skillern), Nauti Buoy (Dave & Mary Ellen Mount) and Divergent (Bill Schroeder) were headed out at 10:00 am to Legacy Harbor Marina in Ft Myers. As Cookin' was lowering the boat off the lift the Captain noticed that only 3 corners of the boat were going down. A quick call to the other boats advised them to proceed without the Cruise Leader and that Cookin' would join them when they could.

Thanks to a quick response by All Bright Electric, the problem was determined to be damaged wiring to the starboard rear lift motor and in less than 2 hours Cookin' was on the water and headed to Legacy at 28 knots in very calm seas.

Cookin' arrived at Legacy just in time to catch up with the other boaters for a great lunch at Joe's Crab Shack adjacent to the marina. Saturday night found Charlie, Paula and Bill watching football in the Captain's Lounge at Legacy while the Mounts and Cooks enjoyed a street-side dinner at Izzy's downtown.

Sunday morning we followed Bill's advice to walk to First Watch for an early breakfast at 10:00 am (at least it was early for Paula) only to find a very long line waiting for breakfast. After a 30 minute wait we had a fantastic breakfast that included "Millionaire's Bacon" for a 50 cent up-charge. We boaters were glad it was only 50 cents because it is difficult to be a "Millionaire" and own a boat too.

Sunday and Monday were taken up with Canasta, Mexican Train and shopping downtown. On Sunday night we hit the streets again for dinner on the sidewalk at Ford's Garage and on Monday night we enjoyed a beautiful courtyard dinner at The Veranda.

On Tuesday morning Sea Y'all and Divergent headed back to Marco on a beautiful blue-sky calm day that was picture perfect for boating.

Tuesday night the Cooks and Mounts were back in town for a great pizza dinner at Capone's where the staff was made up of gangsters and the hostess was delightful in her flapper dress.

On Wednesday morning Nauti Buoy had a small piece of swim-platform teak replaced then it was back to First Watch for the Cooks and Browns before leaving Legacy for a great ride back to Marco Island.

The cruises this season have been fantastic and we hope you will find room in your schedule to join us.

Brent
Cruise Leader

Street Parade



"We were robbed! Knowledgeable observers all over Marco Island were stunned when the winners of the street parade contest were announced and the MBYC was not among them. As in the past we decorated Commodore Frank Mulligan's boat in his driveway. But this year we chose lighted dolphins pulling Santa's sleigh in front of an "island" of lighted palm trees. And of course, MBYC elves walked beside the float passing out candy to the kids. Over 20 of our members participated in decorating and parading the float, which was cheered by locals and visitors all along the parade route. Maybe next year?"

Future Event Flyers:

click on any Flyer Title on the website to open the Event and download the flyer

Commodore's Ball



*Commodore Frank X. Mulligan Jr. and Marianne Mulligan
Cordially invite you to*

*The Marco Bay Yacht Club
Commodore's Ball – Change of Watch
Hideaway Beach Club*

Saturday, January 13th, 2018

5:30 PM – Cocktails by the Pool, Weather Permitting

6:30 PM – Dinner Main Dining Room

Antipasto Display

Filet Mignon & Shrimp stuffed with Crabmeat

Potato & Vegetable

Peach Melba Station and Ice Cream, Coffee and Tea

Member's Cost \$79.00

Guest Cost \$85.00 (excluding Family Members)

Cash Bar (tax & gratuity included in drink prices)

Valet Parking included in cost

Dress Code – Black Tie or Club uniform

Entertainment by the Cahlua and Cream

Name:

Please seat me with _____

(we will try to honor requests, but not guaranteed)

of Members attending _____ # of Guests attending _____

Total Enclosed _____

Make checks payable to MBYC – no checks accepted after January 8th, 2018

*Send reservation and checks to: Marianne Mulligan, 832 S. Heathwood Dr., Marco
Island FL 34145*

[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 . 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

Articles, Announcements, & Club Notices:

Cuba Cruise



Cuba.....Go there while you can!!

Before we give you a summary of our recent cruise to Havana, the unanimous consensus of our group is that we are so happy that we made the decision to go on this trip.

Starting out with 20+ cabins and ending up with 4 (and 3 additional cabins including Martha and John's son and friends), we were all a bit anxious about the decision to make the trip in spite of the bad press about travel to Cuba that had made headlines in recent weeks. And so on Monday, December 4, 2017, our MBYC group, Mulligans, Brinkoetters, Southards and Whites embarked on our four night, five day cruise out of Miami. Thanks to the addition of Randy's skillful preparation of very tasty Bloody Mary's (even with pickles as garnish), we started our vacation as we made our way to the Miami Port in a chauffeured A Carr Mini van.

The embarkation process for this cruise on the Norwegian Sky was very smooth, and before long we were having lunch in the Palace Dining Room and getting ready for our arrival the next morning to Havana. After a relaxing afternoon, dinner, a show, and some sleep, (and a stop at the casino for some of us!!) we were ready for our day and a half visit to Havana. We were prepared for interrogations and lots of questions by Cuban officials, as we were given our pre-arranged Visas for our "People to people" approved visit. Needless to say, we were welcomed into the country without any fanfare (a stamp of our passport and a screening of our bags) and went outside to meet our guide for the day, Reniel. Although we could have booked our tours with the cruise line, we decided to try it on our own. After much research, Margi found a highly recommended company for much less than the price of the cruise tours. The six of us (Martha and John did the tours with their son and friends) set off for a two hour walking tour of Old Havana followed by a three hour ride in two old (1951 and 1955) convertibles with our drivers and guide. We learned so much about Cuba, Havana, the history and people. We were ecstatic passengers with our hair blowing in the wind as we breezed down the Malecon (boardwalk) heading out of Old Havana through the other parts of the city.

Marianne had reserved seats for us that evening for the show at the Tropicana. Again, by doing this directly with the Tropicana, we paid about half the price that we would have through cruise excursions. Our guide negotiated with the two drivers to pick us up at 8:45pm for the ride to the show and to drive us back to the ship about 4 hours later. Again, not only was the experience a "once in a lifetime," making the 40 minute drive in the

open convertibles, but the cost was quite inexpensive. We all loved the show, which was a cabaret of talented and colorfully dressed young men and women expressing themselves and their Cuban heritage through music and dance. The ladies were given a flower and the men a cigar upon entering the outdoor venue. A bottle of rum and cans of coca cola were provided on the table, as well, to add to the "flavor."

After a day of relaxing at sea, we arrived at the Norwegian private island on Thursday morning. It was a beautiful beach to relax and continue our pastime of eating and drinking! Back to the ship for our final evening at sea, before arriving back to Miami on Friday morning.

If ever you have the chance to visit Havana, we highly recommend taking advantage of the opportunity. A great time was had by all.

New and used Boat 'stuff' for Sale!

Larry Sacher, 239-588-0112:

Regrettably, due to my back issues, we've sold our boat. I've got some items that are products that most boaters need or should have:

FLUKE TruRMS Clamp Meter 323, never used \$114.95

Simultalk 24G Headsets with Chargers, perfect for docking, includes charger: retail: \$289.99

Panasonic "Tough Book", 256 GB drive, 4 GB memory, pre-loaded with Rose Point Coastal Explorer (total retail \$1,951).

Rose Point Coastal Explorer (the best route planning and GPS software there is!); pre-loaded on above Tough Book with 1 additional key still available (Retail \$365).

2 Dahon folding bicycles with carry bags in reasonably good condition, serviced each year; retail \$300/each.

Interested? Make an offer!

Larry Sacher, 239-588-0112

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Marco Bay Yacht Club * Ships Store *

'Insignia Items' for sale



2XL sizes \$2 extra

Club Tie	\$30
Burgee	\$25
Jacket Patch	\$25
Name Tags	\$10
Roster	\$10
License Plate	\$4
Caps	\$12
Men & Ladies Shirts	\$25-\$31
Light Weight Jackets	\$30
Six Pack Coolers	\$20
Jackets Legacy (navy w red trim)	\$65
Waterproof Jackets	\$95

Featuring this Month:

Tees -pocket, hvwt, embroidered	\$10
Hooded Sweat - Port & Co	\$25



Have your items monogrammed at:

Sunshine Stitchers

1106 1/2 N Collier Blvd
Marco Island, FL 34145
239-970-0200

Marco Island Chamber of Commerce Building



Email or Call your order to:

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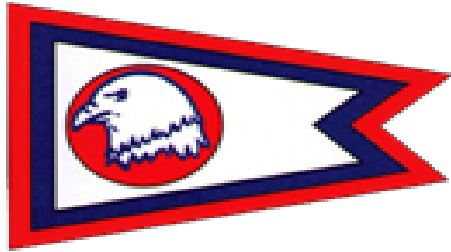
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Events Calendar :

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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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January, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Commodore's Ball :: Saturday, January 13, 2018Cruise to South Seas Marina :: Monday, January 15, 2018Cruise to Boca Grande Marina :: Friday, January 19, 2018Presentation of the Fleet :: Saturday, January 27, 2018Monday Madness at CJ's :: Monday, January 29, 2018
February, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Super Bowl LII :: Sunday, February 04, 2018Board Meeting :: Tuesday, February 13, 2018Valentine's Day :: Wednesday, February 14, 2018Cruise to Palm Island Marina :: Monday, February 19, 2018Cruise to Marina Jack :: Wednesday, February 21, 2018Cruise to Pink Shell Marina :: Monday, February 26, 2018Monday Madness at CJ's :: Monday, February 26, 2018
March, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Board Meeting :: Tuesday, March 13, 2018Cruise to Tarpon Point Marina :: Friday, March 16, 2018Cruise to Naples Sailing & Yacht Club :: Monday, March 19, 2018Monday Madness at CJ's :: Monday, March 26, 2018
April, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Board Meeting :: Tuesday, April 10, 2018Cruise to Palm Coast & Keys :: Monday, April 16, 2018Monday Madness at CJ's :: Monday, April 30, 2018
May, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Board Meeting :: Tuesday, May 08, 2018Monday Madness at CJ's :: Monday, May 21, 2018Memorial Day :: Monday, May 28, 2018
December, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Holiday Party :: Saturday, December 01, 2018



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