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## Marco Bay Yacht Club March 2020

#### Hello .... Member, Commodore's Message:

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#### It's an exciting time for Marco Bay Yacht Club!

After multiple meetings and much discussion by the Long Range Planning Committee (Chair Vice Commodore Bob White; Sandy LaMontagne; Brent Cook; Charlie Skillern; Sally Orth; and Rudi Landwaard) a Motion to expand the boundaries of MBYC to include the communities of Hammock Bay and Fiddler's Creek, subject to all our other requirements, was made and the 1st Reading was approved by the Board at the regular Feb. Board Meeting, while the 2nd Reading was approved at a Special Called Meeting. Eligible Members voted to support the Motion, thus our By-Laws have been amended to include these land-locked communities.

Approval of the change is a tremendous opportunity for Marco Bay to add new Members; growth is the most important thing we can do at this time as many of our older members have either sold their boats or are no longer boating.

An ambitious advertising and social media campaign are in the development process led by our Membership Chair, Judy Sacher, including an article that will appear in local media following the final Membership vote. It's hard not to see the growth that is going on in our area, and we need to capitalize on that as some of the other boating clubs are aggressively seeking members as well.

There are a number of upcoming boating and social events in March. March 4 we'll have the traditional Circumnavigate Marco Island (a great learning experience for newer members) along with dining and dancing at Paradise Found in Goodland. March 8 is the Welcome Aboard New Members Party where we formally introduce our newest Members: Debbie and Bruce Boyer, Herb and Ginny Jermanok, Linda and Steve Miner, Paul and Susan Schneeberger, and Nancy and John Taylor. Saturday March 14 the Cruisers head to South Seas Resort and then Pink Shell before returning home the 22. For all those who prepared for the Senior Pirates event don't forget to wear your pirate costumes to the March 30 Monday Madness! All upcoming events are on the website: marcobayyachtclub.com

#### **Summer Dine-a-Round**

It's not too early to start thinking about hosting one of our summer dine-a-rounds. Members volunteer to host at the location of their choice each month between May and September; last year we covered areas from Marco all the way to North Naples! If you're interested in hosting an event, please let Marianne Mulligan know the month that works best for you; you choose where we're going.

#### Commodore

#### Larry Sacher

### **Past Event Articles:**

see all of the Event Picture Portfolios on the website

## **Presentation of The Fleet**





Undaunted by seas and weather that simply made boating not feasible, more than 50 came to what became a very fun Presentation of the Fleet, starting with our Historian/Chaplain Alan Sandlin who shared some very interesting information regarding the formation of Marco Bay. We then followed the traditional protocol, including honoring Members and former Members who had passed away this past year. CJ's did their usual job of providing a very good lunch, and a great time was had by all. Now that this has happened 2 years in a row, perhaps on next Commodore, Bob White, will have better luck!

Larry Sacher Commodore

## **Commodore's Thank You**



Petit Soleil was the venue for the traditional Thank You Party hosted by outgoing Commodore Sally and First Mate Don Orth for the Very Important Volunteers (VIV) of Marco Bay Yacht Club. It is our volunteers that keep the Fun Club of Marco humming along. Everyone in attendance enjoyed the hors d'oeuvres buffet, the drinks and the camaraderie.

If you are not already a Very Important Volunteer, please contact a member of the Bridge to identify where your talents can be used to keep MBYC the FUN club of Marco Island.

## First Mates Bingo



On February 10th, Marco Bay Yacht Club's First Mates had a fun filled evening of Bingo at the Jewish Congregation of Marco Island. 16 First Mates and 4 Captains played Bingo. Kosher hot dogs with all the trimmings, cake, cookies and ice cream were served. The chairpersons for the evening were Susan Cook and Cherie Hoover who gave Valentine gifts to everyone making us all winners! The only Bingo winner in our group was Jerry Hoover – Way to go!!!!

Susan & Cherie First Mates

## **St Petersburg Cruise**





March 6, 2020

Our February Cruise was one of our more extended cruises of the season encompassing 5 different marinas over 12 days.

Participating in the cruise were: **Cookin'** (Brent & Susan Cook) **My Cherie** (Jerry & Cherie Hoover) **Karine** (Bob &Sandy LaMontagne) **Nauti Buoy** (Dave & Mary Ellen Mount) **Cheers** (Dan & Rick Woodworth & their sister Lex)

Marina stops on this cruise included: Boca Grande Marine for 1 night Marina Jack in Sarasota for 5 nights The Vinoy in St. Pete for 2 nights Twin Dolphin in Bradenton for 2 nights Crow's Nest in Venice for 1 night

Originally we were scheduled for 4 nights at The Vinoy but had to bug out 2 days early to avoid high NE winds that would have created extremely rough conditions in The Vinoy so we added the Bradenton stop that is well protected behind a steel seawall.

While Cheers was only with us for Boca Grande and a short stop in Sarasota, it was nice to have the brothers along and we enjoyed meeting Lex.

We were also joined by Mike and Cindy Brown via Land-Yacht for 4 nights in Sarasota where we all celebrated their 54th anniversary at Hyde Park Steakhouse.

Everyone, including our car guests, had a great time. We hope more boaters (and Land-Yachters) will join us on future cruises.

Brent Cruise Leader

## **February Madness**





February's Monday Madness saw a fantastic turnout of more than 40 people, including 2 new Members (Schneeberger's and Taylor's), as well as a few prospective new members. Thanks to our new 50-50 Raffle person, the irrepressible Betty Barter, we were able to pay 4 places. Marjorie Tessier struck first, followed by Dave Mount cashing in twice and Deb Lowell taking the grand prize!

#### **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.

	2020
March, 2020	<ul> <li>Welcome Aboard Party at ICC :: Sunday, March 08, 2020</li> <li>Board Meeting :: Tuesday, March 10, 2020</li> <li>Cruise to South Seas Marina :: Saturday, March 14, 2020</li> <li>Cruise to Pink Shell :: Wednesday, March 18, 2020</li> <li>Everglades City Lunch Cruise :: Tuesday, March 24, 2020</li> <li>Monday Madness at Cl's - Pirate Theme :: Monday, March 30, 2020</li> </ul>
April, 2020	First Mates Bunko :: Monday, April 06, 2020 Board Meeting :: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 Lake 'O' Loop Cruise :: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 Monday Madness at CI's :: Monday, April 27, 2020
May, 2020	Board Meeting :: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 Monday Madness at CI's :: Monday, May 18, 2020
November, 2020	First Mates & Spouses Mini Golf :: Friday, November 06, 2020 Welcome Back Party at Bistro Soleil :: Tuesday, November 10, 2020
December, 2020	Holiday Ball at ICC :: Sunday, December 06, 2020



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