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Hello Member!

Commodore's Message

Greetings from the Bridge. As your new Bridge gets organized, we have jumped in with both feet to take on a few new projects. The first and biggest is a revamping of our website, eBlasts and email. We have experienced some difficulties in the past with members receiving notices of events and we are hoping that we can correct all of that. We will still have some issues as the process is not simple, so please bear with us as we work to improve our communications with all of you. Bob Gagnon has taken on this monumental task and will be asking for help from time to time to test things out.

January and February saw some unusually cold weather mixed in with some warmer than usual temps. Wind and wave conditions made boating a bit tricky. The extended cruisers did their annual January trip to Boca Grande and Captiva. The day cruisers had a quiet day at the beach. January's Monday Madness was a bit chilly but CJ's moved our location to a sunny spot and we were all quite comfortable. The Jet Ski group had a jet ski outing and are looking to get more people for future events. Don't worry if you go slow, they will have a fast and a slow group to accommodate everyone!

February saw the extended cruisers headed north to Sarasota. East winds interfered with the stop at The Vinoy in St. Pete. Some of the group headed to Venice for a couple of days and some headed to Tampa. All met up again at South Seas in Captive to round out the trip. The day cruisers had a very successful event Circumnavigating Marco with a great Monday Madness following on that same day.

March started with the Presentation of the Fleet on March 5th at the Esplanade 10:00 am. It was great to be able to get back to having our wonderful events. It was a beautiful day although a bit windy. Along with the Bridge boat, there were 7 boats and 1 jet ski participating in the ceremony on the water. After the ceremony, both the boaters and the land crew gathered for lunch at CJ's.

Our First Mates committee has met and has some amazing plans for the coming year. They are still looking for volunteers to help with some of the events. They have a Mexican Train event on March 15th for starters and have a list of other exciting events coming up. The extended cruisers will be heading to Burnt Store in Punta Gorda and Tween Waters in Captiva from March 14 - 20. Contact Brent Cook for more information. The day cruisers will have a Scavenger Hunt on March 24th. Contact Paul Kruger for more information. Our standing events are The Men's Breakfast at Hoots every Thursday morning and of course Monday Madness on the last Monday of the month at CJ's Star Bar

Please take lots of pictures at any Marco Bay events that you attend and forward them to Larry Sacher and Dan Lowell with a small write-up so that they can publicize our Club.

We only have a few short months left before we break for the summer and we are trying to pack in as much fun as possible.
We are looking forward to a year of fun!

Sandy LaMontagne,
Commodore

Past Event Articles:

see all of the Event Picture Portfolios on the website

Sarasota-St Pete-Venice Cruise Trip Report



Our February cruise was intending to go to Marina Jack in Sarasota, The Vinoy in St. Pete and The Crow's Nest in Venice but plans have a habit of changing. Going to Marina Jack were Cookin' (Brent & Susan Cook), Nauti Buoy (Dave & Mary Ellen Mount), Karine (Bob & Sandy LaMontagne), O Sea D (Vern & Ann Graham) and No Agenda (Mark & Joanne Daugherty).

All 5 of the boats made a successful trip to Sarasota and had a blast touring local attractions and dining in the many fine restaurants in town, including a great group dinner at Hyde Park Steakhouse.

After a five-day stay in Sarasota, the plan was to head north to The Vinoy in St. Pete and a Valentine's Day dinner at Parkside Grill. However, from past experience we all knew we would have to abandon that stop if there were high winds from the East and, sure enough, that was the forecast for our stay so alternate plans had to be made for that 4- night stop.

Of the five boats, Cookin', Nauti Buoy and No Agenda elected to turn south for a 2 night stay at the

Crow's Nest in Venice and a 3-night stay at South Seas in Captiva.

Karine and O Sea D opted to go north for a 4-night stay in Tampa but, as can happen to anyone, O Sea D ran aground in Sarasota Bay and ended up spending a few unplanned days in Bradenton while Karine motored on to Tampa for a couple nights.

As they say, "All's well that ends well" and all 5 of us were able to come back together for a few nights at South Seas to wrap up another great time on this 10-day cruise.

We hope you can plan to join us for one of our great adventures on the water.

Brent

Monday Madness January 2022



It was a bit chilly for our January Monday Madness. CJ's, however, moved our tables from the usual place to a spot directly in the sun. It made all the difference in the world! We were very comfortable and even a little too warm at times.

Our crowd was a bit smaller than usual but I chalk that up to the unseasonably cool weather we were having. We had a potential new member stop by to ask all about us. He noticed the Club uniforms which were being worn for pictures of the new Bridge.

Betty did her usual superb job selling raffle tickets to the 50/50 drawings. The old saying that lightning never strikes twice was disproved in this month's raffle, when Jack Bruinsma won both 50/50 drawings. Congratulations Jack. All in all, a successful time.

Monday Madness is the perfect venue to make new friends and catch up with old friends. See you there.

2022 02 01 Jet Skiing in the Ten Thousand Islands



Jet skiing in the Ten Thousand islands.

When I received the flyer with regards to the Jetski group, I thought “wow” what a neat experience, if only I had a Jetski.

So, when I attended Monday Madness in January, I mentioned to Bob Gagnon that it must be pretty cool to explore areas where our boats cannot go.

The first words out of Bobs mouth was, “what are you doing tomorrow”? I said nothing of any importance. Bob says “do you wanna go jet skiing”? I said “Sure”,

To best describe the experience. I said it was better than the best ride at Disney World. The route we took was south of Marco Island. We entered in at Sugar Bay just southeast of Goodland and wound our way to Panther Key. I was amazed at the speed and maneuverability of these modern jetskis. I had not been on a jetski in over 20 years. Bob stood on his ski most of the trip. I felt more comfortable sitting, while bringing my center of gravity down.

On the way back we took what was called “The Beach Route”. This route goes along the islands that are facing Gullivan Bay - from Panther Key, behind Hog, White Horse and Gullivan Key. From there

we stopped and decided to take an alternate route back.

We both read the article in the Coastal Breeze about the flamingo that was hanging out with the white pelican flock. We decided to see if we could find the flock. The waves in Gullivan Bay we're small about 1 foot so we crossed south of Cape Romano to see if we could find them. We found the White pelicans but not the flamingo. Bob said he might be in the interior of Kice island. Unfortunately, we were three hours into a receding tide and it was not safe to go into this area.

I would suggest any member of the club if they want a great experience on a jetski, to talk to Bob. I think it's a great activity and probably will be a nice incentive for other jet skiers on the island to join our club.

[2022 02 28 Circumnavigate Marco](#)



The Almost Annual Circumnavigate Marco and Paradise Found Luncheon, 2022, is now in the history books. It was a delightful event with a total of 65 MBYC members and guests (Fifty one people arrived by boat and 14 by car). The Circumnavigate Marco event began under the skillful leadership of Captains Al Rapp and John Kernan. Captain Rapp led boats from Caxambus while Captain Kernan led the boats from the Jolly Bridge. It was quite a sight to see the 14 boats arrive and dock at the Paradise Found Restaurant.

When the MBYC members arrived, one thing was very apparent, they were very happy to see each other. Conversations and laughter began immediately and continued throughout the event. Smiles and warm wishes were everywhere! The atmosphere was casual as people visited with friends from table to table and got their own drinks to assist the staff.

The club was welcomed by Paradise Found owner, Mr. Jim Paradise and his staff. The staff worked very hard to provide friendly and helpful service along with great food.

Thanks to all who participated. The MBYC can look forward to another great Almost Annual Circumnavigate Marco event in 2023. See you then!!

2022 02 28 Monday Madness



Despite the fact that 66 members participated in Circumnavigate Marco, there was a good turn-out for February Monday Madness at CJ's on the Bay Star Bar at the Esplanade.

About 32 MBYC members were in attendance. We enjoyed meeting Betty Barter's daughter and grandson.

A familiar refrain was; where did all these people come from and when are they leaving. It seems that this year, normal migration patterns have been altered for variety of reasons. I suppose we are adjusting to the New Normal?

The 50/50 raffle saw Sally Orth excitement turn to disappointment when she discovered that her number was not the winner. It must have been the noise generated by all the excitement. The three winners were Shirley Southard - \$25; Margi White - \$30, Mary Ellen Mount - \$40. I understand that Dave was unsuccessful in his attempt to convince Mary Ellen to split it with him. Everyone seemed to enjoyed the fun and camaraderie with friends under the beautiful sunset over Smokehouse Bay.

See you Monday, March 28, same time and place, for March Madness.

2022 03 05 Presentation of the Fleet



On Saturday, March 5th, the Marco Bay Yacht Club celebrated their annual Presentation of the Fleet. It was a beautiful day for the parade of boats to gather in Smokehouse Bay in front of the Esplanade Marina.

Commodore Sandy LaMontagne, Vice Commodore Linda Gagnon and Rear Commodore Charlie Erker, along with a few guests, were onboard the vessel KARINE to greet the fleet. The ceremony started with the National Anthem and the Pledge of Allegiance. The club's history was enthusiastically given by Linda Sandlin. Alan Sandlin, Club Chaplain, gave the invocation and Blessing of the Fleet.

The Club joined in a moment of silence to honor those members who had passed and roses were placed in the water in their memory. The Fleet Captain, Brent Cook, then acknowledged that the Fleet was ready for review and led the procession. As the boats approached the Bridge Boat, the Captain identified his boat, himself and those aboard. The Bridge then saluted as they passed. There were 7 boats plus a jet ski participating in the review.

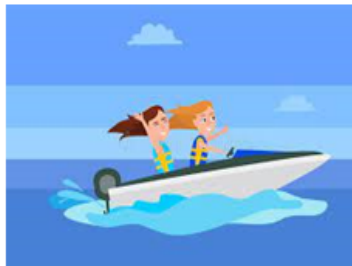
At the conclusion of the ceremony, the boats were docked at the Esplanade Marina where they and the many members who watched from land enjoyed a wonderful luncheon at CJ's on the Bay.

Future Event Flyers:

click on any Flyer Title on the website to open the Event on the website

Scavenger Hunt - March 24, 2022

MBYC



Thursday, March 24th

The hunt will begin at 9:30 with lunch at CJ's at 11:30!

We will meet between the bridge and the MIYC on the Marco River. Look for Sally and Don's Hurricane (White with Blue Trim). Where you will pick up your clues and instructions

Bring: cell phone, Marco street map, local nautical chart, GPS, Binoculars, MBYC roster, pencils or pens. At the sound of the horn let the HUNT BEGIN!!

If you aren't going to hunt please join us for lunch.

The cost for lunch is \$28.00 per person non-alcoholic drink, tax and tip included

Events Calendar > [Click Here](#)

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.

March 2022

MON March 14, 2022 - March 21, 2022
14 **Burnt Store & Tween Waters Cruise**

TUE March 15, 2022 @ 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
15 **First Mates – Mexican Train**

MBYC
First Mates
Join us on Lynn Tuttle's Lanai
for a morning of
Mexican Train



Tuesday, March 15th
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Limited to 16 people
Look to your email for an eBlast with details

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MON March 28, 2022 @ 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm
28 **Monday Madness at CJ's**

TUE March 29, 2022 @ 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
29 **First Mates – Line Dancing**

First Mates - Line Dancing



MBYC First Mates
Put on your boots and grab your cowboy hat and
join us for a

LINE DANCING CLASS
JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT!!

Tuesday, March 29th
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Please wear hard soled shoes (no tennis shoes or flip flops)
Look to your email for an eBlast with details

April 2022

TUE April 12, 2022
12 Everglades City Cruise & Lunch at Rod & Gun Club

TUE April 12, 2022 @ 10:00 am - 11:30 am
12 Board Meeting

MON April 18, 2022 - May 5, 2022
18 Mini Loop Cruise

MON April 25, 2022 @ 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm
25 Monday Madness at CJ's

THU April 28, 2022 @ 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
28 First Mates – Beach Bracelet

Join MBYC's First Mates
and Create
a Beaded Beach Bracelet with Clasp



Thursday April 28, 2:00 p.m.
R.S.V.P. to Anna Hutchings

Maximum 10 persons
Cost \$15.00
Look to your email for an eBlast with details

May 2022

TUE May 10, 2022 @ 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
10 Board Meeting

MON May 23, 2022 @ 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm
23 Monday Madness at CJ's

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