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# *BAYLINES*

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## **Marco Bay Yacht Club**

### **February 2023**

*Hello .... Members,*

## **Commodore's Message**

Greetings Friends,

February has brought great weather for boating and 3 new members to our club. We are off to a fabulous start of the year. As many of you know I have been with the club for 6 years. I was secretary of the club before joining the Bridge in 2020. As Commodore my role is to guide the club to provide safe and robust boating events and social activities that will keep our membership engaged and growing. To do that I have assembled a spectacular team of volunteers, but we will still need each of you to assist us in meeting these goals.

I have learned that you get the most out of the club when you participate, and I hope you will consider volunteering some of your time and talents to help us have a phenomenal year. Some of the areas where we need assistance include:

- A champion for the Christmas Boat Parade
- A champion for a Kayak or Fishing interest group
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I have asked each member of the bridge, board, and our chairpersons to introduce themselves and let you know what they could use from our membership to make the year a success. I hope you will consider joining in and enjoy the planning as well as the events. Since there are so many to introduce, we thought it best to do a few each month.

We have some great long cruises planned for this month along with Poker, Canasta, Mahjong and Mexican Train games. There is a First Mates Happy Hour on February 22 at La Tavola. Our next day boat event is March 1 (circumnavigating Marco). The Presentation of the Fleet is planned for March 4 at the Esplanade with lunch at CJ's. Stay tuned to your email and our club calendar to learn of new events as they are posted. March is already starting to look busy.

Warm Regards and Safe Boating,

**Linda Gagnon, *Commodore***

# Your Leadership Team

## **Charlie Erker, Vice Commodore**

*I have been in the club for six years and I was first inducted onto the bridge in 2020.*

*My upcoming responsibilities will include rounding up and organizing the resources necessary to provide our club with a respectable land-based float to represent us in the upcoming Christmas parade. I will be reaching out to members who have a boat and trailer that can be decorated with lights powered by a generator. We have had a great crew in the past who have done this very successfully. I look forward to being part of this event in the future.*

*We have had a history of willing volunteers who enjoy this type of effort in the past.*

*Let's do it again!*

## **Anna Hutchings, Director Class of 2025 and Chairperson of the First Mates Committee** (with assistance from Sally Orth)

*My husband Chris and I have lived on Marco Island since 2012 and members of the MBYC since 2021. My role with the club this year is with the First Mates committee.*

*As chair of First Mates, (along with Sally Orth) we are organizing and planning activities for women of the club. All members are encouraged to contact Sally or I with suggested activities the group would enjoy and events you are willing to host.*

## **Judy Sacher, Membership Chairperson**

*My name is Judy Sacher and I am the membership chairperson for Marco Bay. I have been a member of the club since 2010. I also organize the Friday First Mates Canasta group.*

*The membership committee is really the whole club. Without your help our club cannot grow. If you have a friend who is interested in Marco Bay, let me know and I will make sure they get the application information.*

## **Deb Lowell, Club Secretary**

*The Secretary is responsible for keeping the minutes of the meetings of the Club and Board, issuing notices of all meetings of the Club, keeping a roll of its members and any other duties prescribed by the Board. I am co-editor of the Roster and keep the membership information updated in the Club's web-site database. Please keep me updated on any information changes so we can stay current.*

## **Dan Lowell, Photographer & Website Coordinator**

*I serve in multiple capacities for the club. I have been the club photographer since 2010. I also maintain the Our Newest Members page <https://marcobayyachtclub.com/our-newest-members/> and the Member Photo Gallery <https://marcobayyachtclub.com/member-gallery-2/>. I'm the co-editor of MBYC Roster*

*I create articles/posts which are the building block for most of the website content and assist in gathering info for Baylines. It is imperative that the planners of events submit an article regarding the event immediately after the event so that Baylines may be published in a timely schedule.*

*In addition, I coordinate annual membership renewal. In the Fall, each year, membership information and renewal forms are sent out. Your prompt reply is always appreciated, I often need assistance contacting delinquent responders and collecting renewal checks.*

## **Steve Stark, Director Class of 2025 and Day Fleet Captain**

*I have been with the club for almost two years and have been working with Paul Krueger to take on the responsibilities of the Day Fleet Captain. Day Fleet activities provide boat participants a great day on the water with*

*the opportunity to meet other members while learning/teaching others about*

*navigating our local waterways. Additionally, Day Fleet activities typically involve dining opportunities which have historically been equally*

*participated by members wanting attend by car.*

*Volunteers are needed to assist with planning and or captaining one of the Day Fleet activities for the upcoming 2023-2024 season.*

## Past Event Articles:

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

### Cruise to Boca Grande and 'Tween Waters January 12-21, 2023



The first stop on our January cruise was at Boca Grande Marina where Cookin' (Brent & Susan Cook), Nauti Buoy (Dave & Mary Ellen Mount), Karine (Bob & Sandy LaMontagne) O Sea D (Vern & Ann Graham), Hoosier Daddy (Dave & Jackie Cox with Guests, Andy & Linda Kelly), along with Mike and Cindy Brown by car all enjoyed a fun four-night stop. Boca Grande suffered from Hurricane Ian in that a few of our normal haunts were either not open or no longer exist. The South Beach restaurant we always enjoyed was demolished but others were still in business so we

enjoyed Scarpa's, The Outlet at the Inlet, and the two restaurants at the marina.

The ladies enjoyed 4 days of playing Canasta while the men toured, ate, and repaired boats which is our normal past-time on these cruises.

After 3 days we bid farewell to the four friends aboard Hoosier Daddy who had to make an early departure.

Our next stop was at 'Tween Waters Marina on Captiva for the 4 remaining boats. In contrast to Boca Grande, Captiva had much more hurricane damage with only one restaurant on the Island open for business, one food truck in a parking lot, and one pizza take-out joint.

For two of our four-night stay we enjoyed outstanding meals in Old Captiva House at the resort and one night at the food truck.

As bad as Captiva was, Sanibel was much, much worse. The four couples shared two four wheelers and went to see Sanibel. Whatever you have heard or read, Sanibel is worse off. It appears it could take years for it to return to normal and those people and businesses need all the prayers we can offer on their behalf.

As the 4 boats got ready to depart for home Nauti Buoy had an engine that would not start so Dave and Mary Ellen rode home on Karine and returned for the boat a week later after Cummins installed a new port engine starter. That's boating!

Our next cruise is February 13th to Sarasota, St. Pete and Venice for 5 boaters, including two new members.

Brent

## Backwater Adventure On Personal Watercraft January 21, 2023



On January 21st, Bob Gagnon and Paul Schneeberger on Sea-Doos, along with Dan and Deb Lowell on their CraigCat, embarked on a backwater adventure into the mangrove islands southeast of Marco. Temps, winds and tides came together yielding a perfect day on the water.

Thank to Bob and Paul for sharing their back water experience. After a rest stop on Coon Key it was time to head back to Marco as the tides began to turn.

Looking forward to seeing more of you in the backwaters.

## Change of Watch Commodore's Ball January 22, 2023



On Sunday, January 22, The Marco Bay Yacht Club conducted its 53rd annual "Change of Watch" during which the Bridge for the next year is installed. Outgoing Commodore Sandy LaMontagne introduced the 2023-24 Commodore Linda Gagnon. Linda then installed Charles Erker, Vice Commodore, and Paul Schneeberger, Rear Commodore.

Sixty-six members enjoyed a dinner of either Filet Mignon or Grouper with red or white wine and an assortment of dessert options. A variety of music for dancing and listening enjoyment was provided by *Mirage*.

We had a good contingent of Past Commodores in attendance and took the opportunity to get a group picture. Included were Larry Sacher, Bob White, Sally Orth, Bob Boland, Rudi Landwaard, Marcia Orsolini, Alex Orsolini, and Brent Cook.

Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make the event a roaring success.



## Monday Madness January 30, 2023



The weather was perfect as the crowd began to gather at CJ's on the Bay, Star Bar for January Monday Madness. It was by far the best attended Madness since Covid. Also joining us were three potential new members, whose applications are being processed. In addition, there are two other applications from potential new members who could not attend.

The winners of the 50/50 drawing were:

Linda Gagnon	\$20
Dianne Kernan	\$35
Deb Lowell	\$55

Looking forward to seeing you all on February 27th for February Monday Madness.

## Scavenger Hunt February 1, 2023



On February 1st, Marco Bay Yacht Club held true to its motto "Boat and Play With Marco Bay" as members boarded their boats and embarked on a Photo Scavenger Hunt.

Eight boats full of eager hunters searched the waters at the north end of the island for answers to 18 clues. They searched for 2 dolphin dancing on a pink lanai, a waterside motel, a cottage the color of a fish, a turquoise pelican and much more.

The winning team was aboard the Riptide captained by Steve Jones. His crew included Sally Jones and Deb and Dan Lowell. Vern and Ann Graham aboard their boat O Sea D finished second. It actually was a tie broken by the number of photos taken of Adirondack chairs. Riptide stopped counting after 50 photos!

After the hunt 52 of us enjoyed a wonderful lunch at CJ's.

The event was planned by Don and Sally Orth and Jack Bruinsma

## Future Event Flyers:

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

### Almost Annual Circumnavigation

March, 1 2023

#### **The MBYC Day Fleet**

***Almost Annual Circumnavigation with Luncheon Under the Chickee at Paradise Found.***

**March 1, 2023, at 11 AM**

**Luncheon Rain or Shine.**

**Rain Date for Circumnavigation is March 2**

#### **Boating**

Participants leaving from South of Winterberry can meet Steve Stark at the Caxambas Marina for a 9:40AM departure to meet the other boaters in front of the Yacht Club by the Jolley Bridge at 10:30. (Steve will be on his 27' blue and white Four Winns with a blue Bimini top) From the bridge, the group will proceed to Paradise Found at 10:35 for the 11:00 luncheon. If you choose, complete the circumnavigation with Steve after the luncheon

#### **Landcruiser's**

Meet us at Paradise Found at 11:00 AM

**Please Sign Up and provide Luncheon Choices ASAP  
But No Later than February 26**



# 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.**

February 2023

MON  
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February 13, 2023 - February 18, 2023  
**Cruise to Marina Jack in Sarasota**



THU  
16

February 16, 2023 @ 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
**Poker**



Date : Thursday, Feb 16 2:00PM  
Host : Frank Mulligan  
Limit : 8 Players

FRI  
17

February 17, 2023 @ 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm  
**Canasta**



Host Judy Sacher

RSVP required for each event

SAT  
18

February 18, 2023 - February 22, 2023  
**Cruise to St Pete Municipal Marina**

WED  
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February 22, 2023 - February 24, 2023  
**Cruise to Crow's Nest in Venice**

WED  
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February 22, 2023 @ 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
**First Mates – Happy Hour**



THU  
23 February 23, 2023 @ 10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
**Mah Jongg**



Host Linda Gagnon  
10:00 – 1:00  
RSVP required for each event

THU  
23 February 23, 2023 @ 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
**Poker**



Date : Thursday, Feb 23 2:00PM  
Host : Doug Baillie  
Limit : 6 Players

FRI  
24 February 24, 2023 @ 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm  
**Canasta**



Host Judy Sacher  
RSVP required for each event

March 2023

WED  
1 March 1, 2023 @ 9:30 am - 3:00 pm  
**Circumnavigate – Paradise Found**

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3 March 3, 2023 @ 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm  
**Canasta**



Host Judy Sacher  
RSVP required for each event

SAT  
4 March 4, 2023 @ 10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
**Presentation of the Fleet**



**Marco Bay Yacht Club - PRESENTATION OF THE FLEET**  
SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2023 please (RSVP BY FEB 24<sup>TH</sup>)  
10:00 AM Boats Gather in Front of the Esplanade  
10:30 AM Ceremony and Review of the Fleet  
11:30 AM Lunch at C/Fs on the Bay  
BOAT DOCKING IS AVAILABLE FOR 7 BOATS. PLEASE CONTACT LINDA GAGNON IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO COME BY BOAT AND LET ME KNOW IF YOU WILL NEED DOCK SPACE. BOATS SHOULD MONITOR VHF CHANNEL 72

THU  
9 March 9, 2023 @ 10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
**Mah Jongg**



Host Linda Gagnon  
10:00 – 1:00  
RSVP required for each event

SAT  
11 March 11, 2023 @ 7:00 pm - 10:30 pm  
**Elton John Tribute Concert**

**The Rocket Man Show**  
The Most Authentic Elton John Tribute Show in the World



When: Saturday March 11 at 7:30 PM  
Where: Jewish Congregation of Marco Island, 221 Winterberry Dr.  
Cost: Priority seating \$40 per person

MON  
13 March 13, 2023 - March 17, 2023  
**Cruise to Tween Waters Marina**

MON  
13 March 13, 2023 @ 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm  
**Bingo**

**BINGO**

Jewish Congregation of Marco Island  
991 Winterberry Drive

Join your MBYC friends at a reserved table on **Monday, March 13** for Bingo and dinner featuring a kosher hot dog with all the fixings, chips, pickles, and dessert



Doors open at 5:30  
Cost is \$17 for two cards or \$24 for three cards,  
payable at the door

You MUST RSVP by 5 PM Friday, March 10  
Host: Lydia Krueger

FRI  
**17**      March 17, 2023 - March 20, 2023  
**Cruise to Boca Grande Marina**

THU  
**23**      March 23, 2023 @ 10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
**Mah Jongg**



Host Linda Gagnon  
10:00 – 1:00  
RSVP required for each event

April 2023

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SUN  
**9**      April 9, 2023  
**Easter Sunday**

WED  
**12**      April 12, 2023 @ 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
**First Mates – Botanical Garden**

**FIRST MATES EVENT**  
**At the Naples Botanical Gardens**  
Wednesday, April 12, 6pm  
Bird of Paradise Paint & Sip



THU April 13, 2023 @ 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

**13**

**Mah Jongg**



Host Linda Gagnon  
10:00 – 1:00  
RSVP required for each event

TUE April 25, 2023 - April 30, 2023

**25**

**Cruise to The Galleon in Key West**

THU April 27, 2023 @ 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

**27**

**Mah Jongg**



Host Linda Gagnon  
10:00 – 1:00  
RSVP required for each event

SUN April 30, 2023 - May 4, 2023

**30**

**Cruise to Faro Blanco in Marathon**

November 2023

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THU November 23, 2023

**23**

**Thanksgiving**