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## **Marco Bay Yacht Club**

**MARCH 2023**

**Hello .... Members,**

### **Commodore's Message**

Greetings MBYC Members,

It's hard to believe we are already into the month of March. We continue to have great times on the water and on the land. In the last month we got together to Circumnavigate Marco and have a fabulous lunch at Paradise Found. Thank you, Paul Krueger and Steve Stark, for planning such a fun event. We also kicked off the new boating year with a nice Presentation of the Fleet at the Esplanade. That was really fun! Thanks Fleet Captain Brent Cook for coordinating the water-based activity. It was smooth and easy, and we enjoyed a lovely lunch at CJ's. Our monthly Monday Madness at CJs also drew a big crowd!

Long boat cruisers have been active, cruising to St. Pete and Sarasota in February and planning to leave shortly for Tween Waters Marina and Boca Grande Marina. Hopefully the fabulous weather will hold for their journeys. First Mates have been busy with games, happy hour and more. March will continue to offer First Mates social time with Canasta, Mexican Train, Maj Jongg, a class on how to play Maj Jongg, concerts, Bingo and our next Happy Hour gathering on March 22. That's a lot of activity. Take a look at the list view on our calendar to make sure you know what's happening. Thanks to Anna Hutchings and Sally Orth for planning new events.

Our Men have gotten together for breakfasts and Poker, and they are welcome to join in for First Mates' concerts and Bingo. Perhaps we will get a volunteer to plan even more fun for the men in the group. We hope to welcome 6 new members at our forthcoming March board meeting, and I know there are even more in queue. I am sure they will receive a warm welcome from club members.

We welcomed 6 new members in February. Glad to have you in the group:

- Michael & Jeanette Hale
- George & Suzy Koprash
- Jonathan Schroeder & Betty Ann Berejik

I'll share more next month. Have fun as we all "Boat and Play with Marco Bay"!

Kind Regards,

Linda Gagnon, Commodore

## Past Event Articles:

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

### Sarasota, St. Pete & Venice Cruise Trip Report February 13-24, 2023



The first stop on our February cruise was at Marina Jack in Sarasota where Cookin' (Brent & Susan Cook), Karine (Bob & Sandy LaMontagne), O Sea D (Vern & Ann Graham), Little Suzy (George & Suzy Koprash) and Aurevoir Y'all (Mike & Jeanette Hale) docked for our annual four-night visit to this great marina.

While they were only able to stay with us for a couple of days, it was fantastic to have time with our newest members, George and Suzy and

Mike and Jeanette. I guess we didn't scare them off because they are both joining us again on our March cruise.

Our next stop was at the St. Pete Municipal Marina in St. Petersburg for Cookin', Karine and O Sea D. We always enjoy this stop because it is right in downtown St. Pete and almost everything is within walking distance.

After three nights in St. Pete we waved goodbye to Vern and Ann as they headed back to Marco so Vern could catch a flight out of town. Cooks and LaMontagnes enjoyed a great dinner and a stop at Kilwins on the final night in St. Pete.

On Wednesday, February 22nd, Cookin' and Karine left St. Pete for our final stop at the Crow's Nest in Venice. We headed out of Tampa Bay into the Gulf for the 50 mile run to Venice in nice seas at about 26 kts.

A stop in Venice is not complete without dinner at The Crow's Nest and lunch at The Soda Shoppe and we did both during these final two days of the cruise. On Friday the two of us headed back to Marco in nearly flat seas for a great end to a wonderful 10-day cruise.

Our next cruise is March 13 th to 'Tween Waters in Captiva and Boca Grande for 9 boaters, including all 3 of our newest extended cruise members.

Brent

## Captains Poker



MBYC hosts a Texas Holdem game most weeks within the winter season. There are about a dozen regulars and an occasional guest or new member prospect. The last game was hosted by our new member prospect IrvP. We now use real coins to make it easier to close out at the end of the game, but it is all small change. As P/C Frank Mulligan says "Where can you get this much entertainment for less than \$10." He also states that he has so many good friends from MBYC because of the boating and social activities. I have to agree – If you participate, you will make many good friends.

The best hand of the day. P/C Frank bet big on the straight only to get spanked by a pocket pair of 5's. All the drama of WPT (World Poker Tour) and a huge payout of about \$5.

It's all a lot of fun and there are no ringers in the group. If interested in playing, please respond to the host listed in the regular eBlasts that are sent out. Games are often limited to 8 players. Games last for 2-3 hrs. in the mid afternoon.

## First Mates Canasta February 10, 2023



Many of our First Mates meet on Friday at 12:15 pm at the local Marco Island Jewish Synagogue to play Triple Canasta. This event is hosted by Judy Sacher. At our game on February 10, 2023 we honored Judy for organizing and facilitating Canasta every week. Judy was presented with a gift basket and a "Canasta Queen" t-shirt. Thanks again to Judy for hosting our very fun Canasta Friday's.

Monday Madness  
February 27, 2023



The winners of the 50/50 drawing were:

3rd place: \$22 Hollie Erker

2nd place: \$30 Ginny Jermanok

1st place: \$40 Patti Jo Wilson

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

## MBYC Circumnavigation and Luncheon at Paradise Found March 1, 2023



On March 1, 2023, 9 boats and 57 people descended upon Paradise Found for the Marco Bay Yacht Club "almost annual" Circumnavigation and Luncheon. It was a spectacular day! Sunny & warm, reasonably calm water and a high tide. Perfect!

Led by incoming Day Fleet Captain, Steve Stark, boaters in the southern group met at the Caxambas Marina and made their way into the gulf, meeting the northern group near the Jolly bridge.

On to Paradise Found where the food was great, the hospitality gracious, and the drinks were plentiful. Club attendees ate 32 grouper sandwiches, which I am told is some kind of record. After lunch, 4 die-hard boats completed the circumnavigation.

Thanks to Steve and Commodore Linda Gagnon, who stepped in during my COVID induced absence.

A great time as always with MBYC.



## Presentation of the Fleet March 4, 2023



March 4, 2023 was a beautiful day on the water for our Presentation of the Fleet ceremony. The Bridge was hosted by Dave and Jackie Cox on their 54' boat 'Hoosier Daddy V'. A brief history of the club and a Blessing of Fleet was given by our resident Chaplain, Alan Sandlin. Participants on water and land could hear the entire program on their VHF radios. Fleet Captain Brent Cook organized the boats on the water and 7 vessels were presented to Commodore Linda Gagnon and Vice Commodore Charlie Erker. Charlie laid a rose in the sea for those who have passed this year (Lawrence Oswald and Ellen Dilk) and a special rose for all those loved ones who have gone before.

After the ceremony 51 members gathered for a lovely lunch at CJ's

# 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 2023

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

MON  
**27**      March 27, 2023 @ 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm  
**Monday Madness**

CJs By The Bay



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



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**24**  
April 24, 2023 @ 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm  
**Monday Madness**  
CJs By The Bay



TUE  
**25**  
April 25, 2023 - April 30, 2023  
**Cruise to The Galleon in Key West**

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



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

SUN  
**30**  
April 30, 2023 - May 4, 2023  
**Cruise to Faro Blanco in Marathon**