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Hello Members,

Commodore's Message

Greetings MBYC Members,

What happened to March. I cannot believe it is now behind us. Unfortunately, our March Cruisers had to cut their trip a bit short due to weather concerns. The cruise was enjoyed even though it was shorter than planned. Safety is always our highest priority. April (and May) should be a great time for the Cruise to Key West and Marathon. All other March events went smooth including our circumnavigation of Marco, an Elton John (cover) concert, Bingo, First Mates Happy Hour, Mexican Train, Canasta, Poker, Maj Jongg and Monday Madness gatherings. That's quite a busy month and we had great participation for each of these events. We had a year high 24 (including new members learning) attend Canasta and nearly 40 people at Monday Madness. This month I'd like to thank Lydia Krueger

Sunday, April 9, 2023

for her social planning (concert and bingo), Anna Hutchings and Sally Orth for First Mates activities and Judy Sacher for Canasta.

I'd really like to offer a big thanks to our members. You are doing a great job recruiting your friends to the club. We welcomed 4 new couples in March and have several in the queue for April and May approvals.

Welcome aboard:

- Douglas and Kim Gaker
- Glen and Sandy Cook
- Jim and Cathy Collins
- David and Sandy Fuhrman

It's time to start looking ahead and I need to solicit some support. We need a few additional folks to host our summer Dine Arounds. We have a host for July and August (yay Bielawski and Doolittle). We still need a host for June and September. This just requires making a reservation and keeping track of who is attending. Each person takes care of their own check so there is no funds collection required.

We also need volunteers for parades. Let's help Charlie Erker bring us back to the parade route. We need a boat and trailer for the Street Parade and a Boat for the boat parade. I know we will have many hands to decorate, clean and participate in the parade once we identify the gracious supplier of the boats.

I hope to see many of you at our April events...our big trip to Three60 Market on April 12 (hosted by Barry Gelfand) is shaping up to be spectacular!!!

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

[An Evening With Elton John](#) [March 11, 2023](#)



An Evening with Elton John

On March 11th we saw and heard The Rocket Man Show, The Most Authentic Elton John Tribute Show in the World! at Jewish Congregation of Marco Island.

We had 27 MBYC members in attendance with Cindy Brown and Linda Saunders bringing their daughters.

The evening started with 15 of us enjoying dinner and drinks at the Marco Brewery. Then off to JCM I where Judy Sacher had arranged reserved, preferred seating for all us so we could sit together upfront.

Back to the 70s! "Elton John" had the audience engaged with singing along to our favorite tunes. In addition, he told us the story of his time with working Elton John.

The music was great, the costumes were over the top, and the energy amazing. First song? Benny and the Jets. Another great MBYC night!

Lydia Krueger

Cruise to 'Tween Waters March 14, 2023



'Tween Waters Cruise Trip Report

Our March 13-20 cruise ended up just to 'Tween Waters Marina on Captiva. Included on this cruise was Cookin' (Brent & Susan Cook), Karine (Bob & Sandy LaMontagne) O Sea D (Vern & Ann Graham), Divergent (Bill Schroeder) and Camelot (Alan & Linda Sandlin.

The ride up, via the Gulf, was in mostly pleasant seas, especially for Cookin' that followed in Karine's wake. When we came into Redfish Pass all of a sudden Divergent popped up like he had been a hidden submarine but we were happy to see him.

It was a pleasure to have the Sandlins join us on this cruise. It has been a long time since Alan and Linda have been able to join us on an extended cruise so we enjoyed their company very much for two of our three nights.

Dining options on Captiva are still very limited so for the most part we ate meals on the 'Tween Waters property at Old Captiva House and also on our own boats.

This cruise was planned for four nights at 'Tween Waters followed by three nights at Boca Grande Marina but mother nature had a rough forecast for both sea conditions and three days of stormy weather at Boca Grande. In consideration of that, we cut the seven-day cruise down to three days, eliminating the Boca Grande stop and cut one day off the 'Tween Waters stop and headed home early.

The ride home turned out to be slightly worse than forecast but nothing we couldn't handle so we had a very successful, but shortened trip, and a great time enjoying 'Tween Waters.

Brent

Bingo Night at JCMI March 13, 2023



MBYC BINGO NIGHT AT JCMI

Fifteen MBYC members, daughters & friends met for a night of BINGO at the Jewish Congregation of Marco Island on Monday, March 13

JCMI fed us well, with kosher hotdogs, chips, and all the fixings. Dinner was rounded out with pickles, coffee, tea along with a cookie. At intermission, they served ice cream, cake, cookies with coffee and tea. Wow!

The tally after two plus hours of bingo, talk and lots of laughs; Dianne Kernan and Margi White were both winners. Betty Barter was the MBYC bingo champion, winning twice. I'd say a good time was had by all.

Lydia Krueger

Let's Learn to Play Mah Jongg March 9 2023



Linda Gagnon hosted two sessions of beginner Mah Jongg training. These sessions were attended by 6 new players and one seasoned member to help in the training.

Mah Jongg takes time and practice, but these players are now on their way to understanding and enjoying this timeless game.

First Mates Happy Hour March 2023



This was our 3rd First Mates Happy Hour, and it was another huge success. We had prospective members join in the fun and longtime members re-engage. We sat outside at Speakeasy under the umbrellas and enjoyed drinks and snacks.

Some folks even stayed for their lobster special dinner. Thanks to Anna Hutchings for keeping our new Happy Hour tradition a fun time! Join the fun in April on the 19th for the next gathering at the Brewery.

Monday Madness March 2023 March 27, 2023



Nearly 40 members participated in Monday Madness on March 27th at CJs on the Bay. It was a beautiful evening for a gathering, and we had a prime location near the Star Bar.

We had many first-time participants and longtime friends joining together for a fun social evening. The group energy was infectious, and a good time was had by all. Our 50/50 drawing winners include Mary Shaw (\$20), Patti Bielawski (\$40), and one of our newest members Sandy Fuhrman (\$60).

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.

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April 13, 2023 @ 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

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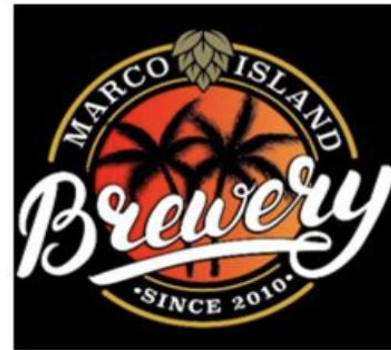


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April 19, 2023 @ 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

First Mates Happy Hour – April

Host: Anna Hutchings



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April 24, 2023 @ 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Monday Madness

CJs By The Bay



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April 25, 2023 - April 30, 2023

Cruise to The Galleon in Key West

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

Mah Jongg



Host Linda Gagnon

10:00 – 1:00

RSVP required for each event

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April 30, 2023 - May 4, 2023

Cruise to Faro Blanco in Marathon

Sunday, April 9, 2023