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Hello Members,

Commodore's Message

As we slide into May and wrap up the first half of our season I will pause to reflect on our progress. This club has welcomed several new members and I find that inspirational. Friends are bringing friends and that is the best endorsement that this is indeed the 'FUN CLUB' of Marco Island. Our boating activities have been slightly impacted by the weather but that has not stopped the spirit and drive for comradery and fun. We tackled our trip to Market Three 60 by car and it was just as enjoyable to have lunch with friends inside the restaurant. We'll try to do this by boat again next year. Our long-range Cruisers have also had a few weather issues but travel when safe and enjoy their time on the water. Our land-based events continue to provide us with entertainment. First Mates Happy Hour, Mexican Train, Canasta, Poker, and Maj Jongg and Monday Madness keep

us connected to friends. We had nearly 50 participate in Monday Madness this month. It was wonderful to see friends. I was especially pleased to see Joel and Sherry Fitzjarrald who have been working to rebuild from Ian storm destruction.

We welcomed 2 new couples and are pleased to have some old friends back with us in the club.

Welcome aboard:

- Mike and Maria Adamson
- Ed and Theresa Kisscorni

Welcome Back:

Bruce and Connie Kane

Stay tuned for at least 3 more couples to be added in May.

We have started working on our website and have improved the online membership application. Please feel free to refer friends who are interested in the club. We will continue to work on this project over the summer and hope to have a much better presence for showing our strengths and providing a useful tool for our members.

Unfortunately, we also experienced a deep loss this month and will miss our friend Dave Mount. Our hearts are with Mary Ellen during this very difficult time.

If you are headed to your summer home, travel safely. We are already working on our Welcome Back Party, Christmas Party, and many events for the fall. We have hosts for Dine-Around activities all summer and will continue to gather for Monday Madness at CJ's. Canasta will run through the summer so those on the island can stay connected!

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

Three60 Market Cruise April 12, 2023



Unfortunately the weather gods produced heavy rain and strong winds forcing us to make a good decision to go to the Three60 by land cruisers. Rebeca was great and saved the inside restaurant for our group of 43 MBYC members. We all had great food and wonderful camaraderie. We sure are lucky to have so many great boating friends to do so many fun things. Hopefully next year we can do this trip by boat, which everyone enjoys. See you next year at the Three60. Barry

First Mates Happy Hour April 19, 2023



First Mates continue to enjoy a mid-month social gathering at a local establishment. This month we met at the Brewery for libations and conversation. Several men joined the fun after the girls finished their gathering for drinks. It is great that this event inspires the men gather for dinner. Thanks to Anna Hutchings for keeping our new Happy Hour tradition a fun time! Join the fun in May on 19 for the next gathering.

Monday Madness April 2023 April 24, 2023



Nearly 50 members participated in Monday Madness on April 24 th at CJs on the Bay. Hard to imagine that this was a slow month since it was almost our largest attendance of the year. Several smaller groups followed the event with dinner out. It was a beautiful evening for a gathering. Our 50/50 drawing winners include Margi White (\$20), new member Beth Povlow (\$30), and Linda Sandlin (\$45).

Cruise to Marathon Trip Report May 2, 2023



Marathon Cruise Trip Report

Our April/May cruise to Faro Blanco Marina was a great time for members of MBYC.

On April 27th Cookin' (Brent & Susan Cook), Karine (Bob & Sandy LaMontagne), Little Suzy (George & Suzy Koprash) and Top Shelf (Mike & Maria Adamson) left Marco for Faro Blanco Marina on Marathon.

That evening we had a great dinner together at Lazy Days where we enjoyed a fun waterside evening of food, fellowship and a terrific sunset over the Atlantic Ocean. Page 7 of 8 Friday things started happening at the marina in preparation for the 1st Annual 7 Mile Offshore Boat Races that were to begin on Saturday.

For many of us this was our first in-person Offshore Race and we got to witness the races right in front of our slips at Faro Blanco with turns 5 and 6 just off the marina entrance.

Saturday's races went off as planned and we had a ring-side seat. It was amazing to us that somewhere around a hundred spectator boats were anchored just north of the race course while we watched from the Faro Blanco beach and from the upper deck of Karine.

The races on Sunday were more challenging with high winds and rough seas at turns 1 and 2 where 3 boats flipped over and another one flipped on the straightaway. After these 4 flips the Coast Guard stopped the race before all of the boats had even been in a race. Thankfully there were no injuries.

Sunday evening was the race party on the Faro Blanco grounds right behind our boats. The place was rocking with music, dancing, food and spirits well into the night.

On May 1st we celebrated milestone birthdays for both George Koprash and Maria Adamson with dinner that evening at The Butterfly Café at Tranquility Bay Resort.

We all had such a great time that we have already booked the same weekend in 2024 and hope to be part of the races again.

We hope more of you can join us in 2024!

Brent Cruise Leader

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