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Hello Members,

Commodore's Message

One look at the MBYC December calendar is all you need to see that this club is firing on all cylinders!

- Monday Madness
- Canasta
- Mah Jongg
- Mexican Train
- Christmas Tree Lighting
- Bingo
- Poker
- Holiday Party on the Marco Princess
- Christmas Island Style Street Parade
- Café HavAnna in Chockoloskee Day Fleet Journey
- Jet Ski Outing

The long-range cruisers set out in January to Boca Grande and Captiva I just have to say WOW. What a fun club we have. There are activities for every interest and every type of boater. Thank you to everyone who contributes to make this happen. There are many of you, and I am glad we have each of you making this such a wonderful club for all to enjoy.

As you may already know, Charlie Erker has decided to step off the Bridge for next year. I will continue as your Commodore for one more year. Paul Schneeberger will become Vice Commodore and Bob Gagnon will join the Bridge as Rear Commodore.

We still need help and I urge you to step up and help us keep the momentum moving forward.

I want to wish each of you Happy Holidays and Happy New Year! Enjoy time with family and friends and I look forward to kicking off 2024 with the Club.

All Best,

**Commodore,
*Linda Gagnon***

Past Event Articles:

see all of the Event Picture Portfolios on the website

Circumnavigate Marco 2023

November 30, 2023



Monday, November 30, the winds were calm and the gulf smooth, as six vessels filled with adventurous Marco Bay boaters, embarked on a cruise to Paradise Found for our almost annual Circumnavigation of Marco Island. A total of 48 members enjoyed fine food in a wonderful water front venue.

Paradise Found docking, table service and food were all very good. Ability to order off the menu and have individual checks this year was a welcome enhancement.

The addition of a few questions to the Day Fleet event registration process resulted in boaters offering a total of 30 spots for others to join. As a result, 14 participants, who would have otherwise driven, took advantage of the offer and enjoyed several wonderful hours on the water. A great way to get better acquainted with other club members. If you are a land cruiser, please consider this option for future cruises.

Please join us on our next cruise event.

Monday Madness November November 30 2023



A good crowd gathered at CJ's on The Bay for Monday Madness on November 27th 2023. The weather was a little cool that night but 40 plus folks came out to socialize with friends. We were pleased to have some potential new members join in the fun.

Our 50/50 winners:

3rd place: Paul Schneeberger \$20

2nd place: Lyn Tuttle \$32

1st place: Dan Lowell \$42

Wishing each and everyone a very Merry Christmas.

Holiday Party 2023 December 3, 2023



Holiday Party on the Marco Princess

We arrived to beautiful sunny skies and a man dressed in red, with a white beard and funny hat greeting passengers as they embarked on the ship. Surprise, Santa joined the party and got to pose with many members of the club. Unfortunately, the sunny skies gave way to thick fog as we made our way to the Gulf for a sunset. We missed the sunset but had a fabulous dinner with friends as we cruised around the canals. The Club raised over \$1,500 for Toys for Tots. Thanks, Sally Orth, for making the beautiful tree that was raffled off and congratulations to Susan Cook for winning the prize!

As always, Bonnie Pilat organized a fabulous party with fun scratch tickets and a special gift for all.

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.

December 2023

THU
14 December 14, 2023 @ 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Mah Jongg



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

THU
14 December 14, 2023 @ 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Poker
Host: Don Orth



FRI
15 December 15, 2023 @ 12:15 pm - 4:00 pm
Canasta
Host: Judy Sacher



Host Judy Sacher
RSVP required for each event

THU
21 December 21, 2023 @ 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Poker
Host: Dave Hodgkinson



FRI
22 December 22, 2023 @ 12:15 pm - 4:00 pm
Canasta
Host: Judy Sacher



Host Judy Sacher
RSVP required for each event

THU
28 December 28, 2023 @ 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Mah Jongg



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

THU
28 December 28, 2023 @ 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Poker
Host: Doug Baillie



January 2024

THU
11 January 11, 2024 - January 15, 2024
Long Range Cruisers – Boca Grande



MON
15 January 15, 2024 - January 19, 2024
Long Range Cruisers – South Seas Captiva



THU
25 January 25, 2024 @ 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Commodore's Ball
Commodore's Ball & Change of Watch @
Hideaway



February 2024

FRI
2 February 2, 2024 - February 7, 2024
Long Range Cruisers – Marina Jack Sarasota
Long Range Cruisers -



WED
7 February 7, 2024 - February 11, 2024
Long Range Cruisers – St Pete



SUN
11 February 11, 2024 - February 13, 2024
Long Range Cruisers – Crows Nest Venice



TUE
27 February 27, 2024
Day Fleet – Everglade City / Rod & Gun Club Lunch
Host: Jon Schoeder



March 2024

THU
7 March 7, 2024
Day Fleet – Beach Picnic
Host: VC Paul Schneeberger



MON
11 March 11, 2024 - March 15, 2024
Long Range Cruisers – Tween Waters Captiva



FRI
15 March 15, 2024 - March 19, 2024
Long Range Cruisers – Pink Shell Ft Meyers



April 2024

FRI
26 April 26, 2024 - April 30, 2024
Long Range Cruisers – Faro Blanco Marathon



TUE
30 April 30, 2024 - May 4, 2024
Long Range Cruisers – Hawks Cay Duck Key

