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Hello Members

Commodore's Message

Good-bye 2023 and hello 2024! I was ready for a new year...how about you? The nice thing about entering a new year is that we have so much potential ahead of us. Don't get me wrong, 2023 was a wonderful year for the Marco Bay Yacht Club and I know 2024 will be even better. I am still eagerly looking forward to the potential 2024 has in store.

We are sorry to see a few of our 2023 Board and Chairpersons move on but we were lucky to have them work for us this past year. Charlie Erker has been a good Vice Commodore for the club. He and Holly did a great job on the Street Parade. Dave Cox has been a steady supporter on our Board. Bonnie & Stan Pilat have made great contributions to the club, and we appreciate their leadership and planning for our social events over the past few years. Cheryl Coffin has been a rock in producing Baylines for us for many years. Brad Shaw was instrumental in getting articles published

and Anna Hutchings was extremely good at getting First Mates together.

We welcome several new members into key roles for 2024. Jeff Wilson and Jack Bruinsma join the Board as class of 2026 representatives and Kelly Rogers has filled an open seat from our Class of 2025. John Taylor will continue in our class of 2024 joined by Dan Lowell who will serve out the rest of the year to replace Dave Cox. There is a group of 4 taking on our Social Chairperson role and I know Maria Adamson, Sandra Fuhrmann, Mary Shaw and Anne Vanic will do a great job. Theresa Kisscorni has agreed to manage our First Mates programs for 2024. Lydia Kruger is also ready to step in as our Sunshine person. Judy Sacher will continue as our membership chairperson.

We will welcome Paul Schneeberger as our new Vice Commodore and Bob Gagnon will join the bridge as Rear Commodore. Dave Doolittle will continue as Treasurer. Deb Lowell will continue as Secretary and Dan Lowell will shore up the Photographer, Roster and Web Site roles. Our Fleet Captains, Brent Cook and Steve Stark will continue to lead our long-range cruisers and day boating events.

We have opportunities for more to participate in the leadership and operation of the club and I hope you will consider joining in. We are looking for a Public Relations person and people to start transitioning into technology jobs to support Dan and Bob.

We have a full calendar for January with cruises to Boca Grande and South Seas Captiva. The First Mates will enjoy a Happy Hour event on January 17th at the Speakeasy. Poker, Canasta, Mah Jongg will continue with their regular schedules. Our big Commodores Ball and Change of Watch will occur on January 25th at the Hideaway Beach Club. This promises to be a special event in a beautiful location with food, fun and dancing.

I look forward to seeing everyone at forthcoming events with MBYC, the Fun Club of Marco Island.

**Safe Boating,
Linda Gagnon**

Past Event Articles:

see all of the Event Picture Portfolios on the website

Day Fleet HavAnnA Cafe Cruise

December 11, 2023



MBYC Cruise to HavAnnA Cafe in Chokoloskee: Planning a day of sun, tropical scenery, and culinary delights, we anticipated a cruise to HavAnnA Cafe in Chokoloskee. Little did we know, the journey would take unexpected turns, transforming a simple outing into a memorable adventure.

The boating portion of the cruise hit a roadblock as a small craft advisory forced the cancellation of the maritime option. Undeterred by the change in plans, we embraced the challenge and pivoted to a land cruise.

As we dined, we found ourselves immersed in the captivating outdoor ambiance of HavAnnA Cafe. The venue, adorned with vibrant flowers, transported everyone to the laid-back charm of Key West. The unexpected beauty of the surroundings elevated the overall experience, turning a setback into a serendipitous discovery.

Surprisingly, the setbacks of the day fueled enthusiasm rather than dampening spirits. Some boaters suggested considering another trip to The HavAnnA Cafe in the future. The collective interest and eagerness for a repeat adventure spoke volumes about the resilience and camaraderie among our members.

MBYC in MI Street Parade 2023 December 9, 2023



Thanks to each of you who participated in the MBYC parade event, you all made it a spectacular event. From the decorators, to the walkers and riders it was perfect. Logistical and nourishment support from Holly Erker was so appreciated. Alex Orsolini lending his generator and running down at the last minute for a final top off was great. Rudi stopping by to add decoration support was appreciated and Barry Gelfand's music was a huge addition to the impact of our float. It would not have even happened without the support of Steve Stark to secure the boat and Charlie Erker to assist in this effort. Brent Cook's on site coordination and decorating knowledge was greatly appreciated. Basically, the club came through as a team to make this happen.

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.

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

