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Marco Bay Yacht Club MARCH 2024

Hello Members,

Commodore's Message

Spring is in the air...well, at least it doesn't feel like winter anymore. The club is already rolling with events on and off the water. We had a lovely day fleet event with a cruise to the Rod and Gun Club hosted by Jonathan Schroeder (with help from Steve Stark). Thanks, Jonathan. We have a beach picnic planned for March 7th hosted by Paul Schneeberger. I hope everyone can attend.

I want to thank Rob and Jean Taylor for letting us use their magnificent boat for the Presentation of the Fleet on February 24th. Our Chaplain Alan Sandlin reviewed the club history and offered a blessing, and 6 vessels were presented in the procession. It is always a great way to start the new year with a formal ceremony celebrating our club and remembering those who are no longer with us. We all enjoyed a wonderful lunch at CJ's following Page 2 of 10 the ceremony, and I sincerely thank Sally Orth for coordinating this fabulous event. She is a crucial part of our club and greatly appreciated!

The long-range cruisers had a lovely trip this month to Sarasota, St. Petersburg, and Naples and their next trip is scheduled in mid-March.

Our new Chairpersons are already planning your future events. I am sure they will have some lovely parties for us to enjoy in the Fall.

The club continues to gather for social outings and games. The weather at this month's Monday Madness was splendid, though the crowd was a little lighter than usual. Many of us enjoyed the evening.

I would like to introduce two new members who were approved at the February Board meeting. Welcome aboard:

- Peter and Stephanie Cosola
- Tom and Helen McCollough

You can find their write-up on our New Members Web Page. You just need to Login as a Member, and this is the default landing page.

We are starting to plan more events for next year. Please let me know if you would like to be involved in any of the following. We REALLY NEED your participation to make this club the best it can possibly be!

- Baylines Team
- eBlast Communications
- Website Updates
- Parade Planning
- Public Relations & Event write-ups

Share a task with a Friend.

Safe boating and happy times with the Fun Club of Marco Island

Commodore Linda Gagnon

Past Event Articles: see all of the Event Picture Portfolios on the website 2024 02 27 Cruise to Rod & Gun Club



Our lunch trip to the Rod & Gun Club was finally blessed with great weather and water conditions and was very well attended with thirteen boats and sixty-three participants. It was a wonderful sight to see the MBYC burgee flying on a parade of 13 boats gliding through the gulf with a blue sky and fluffy white clouds.

However, it was not without unexpected events. The Caxambas group started the morning by polishing their props in the picket fence channel next to Horrs Island, and one of the larger boats ran into challenges in the Everglades channel.

At the Rod and Gun Club we had the whole outside veranda to ourselves with the pool on one side and the channel on the other side. Our servers did a great job of accommodating our large group and the food was delicious. There was lively conversation at every table and many people met each other in person for the first time. An overall wonderful day with a smooth ride back to our home ports. Also, a big shout out to Jon Schroeder for all the heavy lifting with coordinating this event!

Presentation of the Fleet 2024



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Commodore's Thank You Party 2024



On February 18th, Commodore Linda Gagnon had a little "Thank You" party for many board members, chairpersons and volunteers. Those that were able to join enjoyed Michelbob's ribs, chicken, and pulled pork on a very rainy Sunday afternoon. Fortunately, the weather didn't dampen the fun, and everyone made the best of an indoor picnic.

Happy Hour February 2024



On February 21st, MBYC First Mates held their second Happy Hour of the year, hosted by Sally Jones. Twelve women met at La Tavola for a fun filled Happy Hour. We had longtime, new, and prospective members join in the outing.

Monday Madness February 2024



The weather at this month's Monday Madness was splendid, though the crowd was a little lighter than usual. However, those who attended had a great time catching up and enjoying the waterfront weather offered by CJ's Star Bar. The winners of February 50/50 drawing were Dan Lowell, Vern Graham and Jeff Wilson.

Club Announcements: see all of the Event Picture Portfolios on the website Marco Bay Yacht Club Ship's Store



FEATURED PRODUCTS



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https://mbyc.spiritsale.com/

Events Calendar > <u>Click Here</u>

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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Day Fleet – Beach Picnic Host: VC Paul Schneeberger

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 March 11, 2024 - March 15, 2024

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 Long Range Cruisers – Tween Waters Captiva

 March 14, 2024 @ 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

 Mah Jongg







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













Long Range Cruisers - Pink Shell Ft Meyers

March 15, 2024 - March 19, 2024

Mon March 18, 2024 @ 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm 18 Bingo Host: Lydia Krueger

- 20 March 20, 2024 @ 4:00 pm 6:00 pm First Mates Happy Hour – Speak Easy Host: Sally Orth
- MON March 25, 2024 @ 4:30 pm 6:00 pm 25 Monday Madness CJs By The Bay

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 March 28, 2024 @ 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

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 Mah Jongg



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





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CJs By The Bay

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