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Hello Members

Commodore's Message

April is underway. The Easter company has started to trickle off the Island and we are hanging on to the last bits of Spring before people think about heading out for the Summer. Hold on...we still have lots to do before the MBYC slows down for the season.

On April 22, we will be off for a day fleet cruise to HavAnnA Café. Please RSVP Steve Stark with details of your attendance. Whether you want to April 17, 2024

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take your own boat or ride with friends, Steve can assist in planning. Those who wish to drive are also encouraged to attend.

The Beach picnic on March 7th was a success and boaters enjoyed easy parking, a great beach setting and a fun picnic. A big thanks to Paul Schneeberger for planning this event.

We had a fun time at Monday Madness in March, and we will have our next Monday Madness event on April 29th at 4:30 at CJ's on the Bay. Please remember to wear your name tag.

Our long-range cruisers had a nice trip this month (more in Baylines and the next cruise leaves April 25th for Faro Blanco and Hawks Cay. Land cruisers are always welcome to join the fun, but you will need to make your own reservations. If you are interested, please reach out to Brent Cook.

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

- Howard and Kate Lipkin
- Brad and Tanya Henderson

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

It's time to plan our Dine-Arounds for the Summer. We will need a host each month to coordinate reservations for those who wish to attend. These were wonderful and well attended outings this past summer and I hope we can do the same this year. Please let me know if you are willing to host.

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 Monday Madness March 2024



A wonderful group of MBYC members gathered at CJ's Star Bar for drinks and time with friends. We were delighted to welcome Dianne and John Kernan back from their trip to Australia and New Zealand, and to see other new and long-term members. We were delightfully surprised to see Dick & Nancy Traiser who we haven't seen for some time. Joel and Sherry Fitzjarrald, whose home sustained major damage from Ian, attended and gave us an update on the recovery process.

The winners of the March 50/50 raffle were Dianne Kernan, Holly Erker and Dan Lowell.

Be sure to join us on April 29th for April Monday Madness.

Cruise to 'Tween Waters & Pink Shell



Our March 11-15 cruise included 6 boats on a great cruise to Tween Waters Marina on Captiva.

The following boats had a great cruise in the Gulf to Redfish Pass into Tween Waters:

- Cookin' Brent Susan Cook
- Karine Bob & Sandy LaMontagne
- Little Suzy George Suzy Korpash
- Top Shelf Mike & Maria Adamson
- No Agenda Mark & Joanne Daugherty
- Tranquil Moments II Rob & Jean Taylor

Our group enjoyed touring both Sanibel and Captiva on a rented 6 passenger street-legal cart where we found still ongoing repairs from the devastation left behind by Hurricane Ian.

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While on Captiva we did find restaurants that had re-opened since our last visit including The Mucky Duck, RC Otters, The Green Flash and Old Captiva House. It was a great visit, with good friends to the quaint old-Florida style Tween Waters Marina. On March 15th while Karine went north to Boca Grande, because they missed that marina in January, the remaining 5 boats headed south to Pink Shell Marina. We had a nice calm one hour ride down the ICW.

The Pink Shell Marina has been fully rebuilt since Ian and the resort was back in full operation.

Dave O'Conner, the Pink Shell Dockmaster, greeted us on the dock and managed to keep the 5 boats in close proximity to one another.

Fort Myers Beach remains pretty devastated from the hurricane but most of the debris has been hauled away and just an empty beach remains for much of the town.

We all enjoyed a nice sunset dinner at Rae's on our first night there and visited a new to most re-located restaurant on the ICW called Fresh Catch Bistro.

Forecasted sea conditions meant we cut our 4 nights stay down to 3 nights but by doing so we had a great ride back to Marco in pretty calm seas.

Most of us on this cruise are now looking forward to boating to Marathon and Duck Key in late April and early May for our last cruise of this season.

Brent Cruise Leader

Tigertail Lagoon Beach Picnic, March 7, 2024



The MBYC beach picnic at Tigertail Lagoon was held on Thursday, March 7th. Mother Nature provided us with warm temperatures, moderate cloud cover, calm seas and light winds. Our beach anchorage was pristine. Originally we had nine boats scheduled to participate. Unfortunately, two boats had mechanical issues and one had a scheduling conflict. The members that were able to make the trip were: Paul and Susan Schneeberger, on "Always Happy". Steve and Kathy Stark, Fred, and Becky Bunting, on "Soggy Dollar". Jon Schroeder and Betty Ann Berejik on "Hydra Sport". Jeff and Patti Jo Wilson on "Muddy Water" Mike and Maria Adamson on "Mini-Me" Joel and Sherry Fitzjarrald on "Hurricane Shoel"

Several of us enjoyed deli sandwiches from Big Al's. All in all, it was a great day at the beach....relaxing, shelling, and exercising (playing Corn hole).

Our plan is to do a similar trip in the fall.

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.

April 2024		
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THU 18	April 18, 2024 @ 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm Poker Host: Larry Sacher To be added to the Poker List, contact Frank Mulligan	
FRI 19	April 19, 2024 @ 12:15 pm - 4:00 pm Canasta Host: Judy Sacher	Host Judy Sacher RSVP required for each event
^{MON} 22	April 22, 2024 Cafe HavAnna Chokoloskee Host: Steve Stark	
THU 25	April 25, 2024 - April 30, 2024 Long Range Cruisers – Faro Blanco Marathon	

 THU
 April 25, 2024 @ 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

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



Host Judy Sacher RSVP required for each event





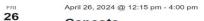


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Canasta

Host: Judy Sacher

MON 29

Monday Madness CJs By The Bay

April 29, 2024 @ 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

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April 30, 2024 - May 4, 2024

Long Range Cruisers – Hawks Cay Duck Key

May 2024

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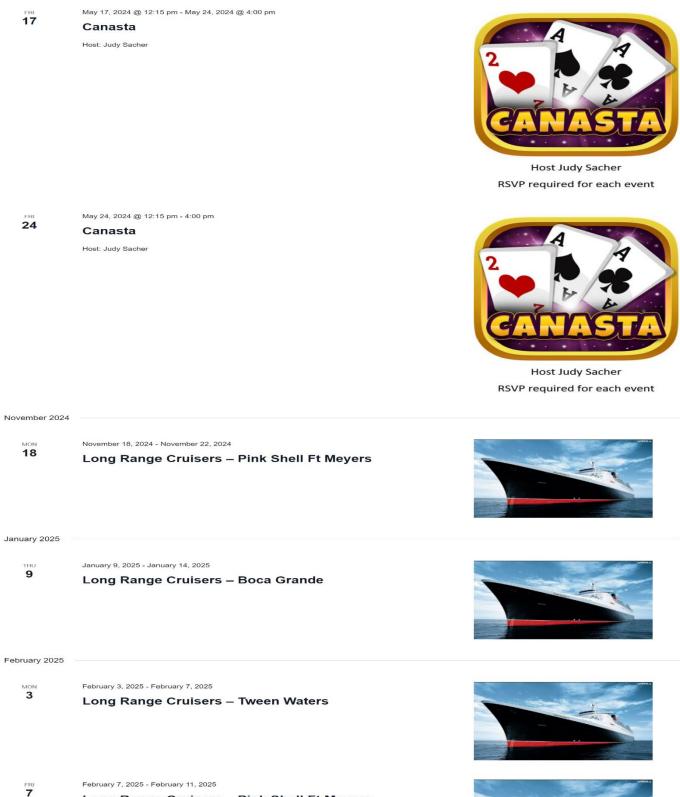
May 3, 2024 @ 12:15 pm - 4:00 pm **Canasta** Host: Judy Sacher

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