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## **Marco Bay Yacht Club**

### **JANUARY 2025**

*Hello Members*

### **Commodore's Message**

It's 2025. Let's make this the best year ever for the Marco Bay Yacht Club! This is also my last message as Commodore of this special organization. It has been a pleasure to serve as your Commodore for the last two years. It has been a fulfilling endeavor, and I believe as an organization we have done a fine job to promote good times on land and sea.

Speaking of fun on Land and Sea...did you get a chance to see our float in the Christmas Parade? Our theme was Fun on Land and Sea, and a group of very dedicated members worked to decorate and accompany the float on the parade route. A big thank you Naples Marine for supplying the boat for us to use (and Steve Stark for arranging this). They were outstanding to work with! I also want to thank each of the folks who helped: Bob Gagnon

January 15, 2025

assisted by Ace Gagnon trailed the float. Our decorators included: Brent & Susan Cook, Jerry and Cherie Hoover, Marcia & Alex Orsolini, Randy & Shirley Southard, Kelly Rogers, Dave Doolittle, Howard Lipkin and Bob Gagnon. Our walkers included: Kelly Rogers, Dave & Sylvia Doolittle, Anne & Gary Vanic, Cherie Hoover and Alex Orsolini. Put this on your list for next year. It was a blast!!

Mother Nature did not play well for our Dec. 9 trip to the Rod and Gun Club for lunch. Our members still arrived by land for a lovely lunch. Thanks to Steve Stark for planning this event.

Bob Gagnon led two PWC rides in December (Rabbits and Turtles) with members, their families and prospective members.

Our Cruisers, led by Brent Cook, plan to go to Boca Grande in mid-January. Please join me for our Change of Watch/Commodore's Ball on January 31. We will welcome your new Commodore, Paul Schneeberger, and the new Bridge and Board as I say farewell.

It is going to be an exciting gala at Hideaway Beach Club with entertainment by Kellee Kaysee. Our social team has been working hard to make this a special event. Maria Adamson, Sandra Fuhrman, Mary Shaw and Anne Vanic are committed to making this an enjoyable evening for all. Please note that we now have to pre-purchase alcoholic beverages. This can be done by check prior to the event or you can use your credit card during the first 30 minutes of the party. Look for an eBlast with the details soon. Please join us every month for Monday Madness on the last Monday of each month. We will be there on January 27th , and I hope to see you there. This month we had a great crowd!

Check out our calendar for the upcoming activities. Safe Boating,

Linda Gagnon  
Commodore

## Past Event Articles:

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### [Holiday Party 2024](#)



We kicked off the holiday season with a fabulous party at the beautiful Island Country Club of Marco Island. A good time was had by all with wonderful food, cheer and friendship. Members danced the night away to an amazing four piece band Geezers N' Paradise.

Sally Orth did her annual raffle for Toys For Tots and raised over \$1,000 for the non- profit organization. Sally also generously made a stunning holiday tree which one of our members won with the winning raffle ticket. It was a memorable night of laughter and fun which got everyone into the holiday spirit

## Rod and Gun Club 2024



On December 11th, twenty Day Fleet participants enjoyed a lunch outing at the historic Rod and Gun Club in Everglade City. For those who have visited Everglade City know that nothing moves fast there, including fulfillment of our lunch orders, allowing extra time for catching up with other members. Having said that, the staff was as friendly as always, and the food was good. Despite being a beautiful Fall day to be outside, the forecasted wind and water conditions led to a cancellation of the boating portion of the event. That turned out to be the right decision. While in Everglade City, a couple additional dining options were explored for future event consideration.

Stay tuned!

## Monday Madness December 2024



The December Monday Madness took place on the day prior to New Year's Eve. The weather was ideal for an outdoor gathering.

Despite the Star Bar being crowded and service being slow, it did not put a damper on our time together. We relished sharing holiday stories with friends and discussing our plans for the upcoming year. Monday Madness serves as a great opportunity to meet new members and reconnect with long-time members you may not know. If you don't usually attend, come join us on January 27th, at the Star Bar at CJ's on the Bay for January's Monday Madness.

See you there!!!

## JSIG Dec 2024



The MBYC Jetski Special Interest Group (JSIG) finished 2025 in memorable fashion.

The last weekend of the year we took both a Turtle Ride and a Rabbit Ride. The Turtle Ride on Saturday involved 4 jetskis and a Craig Cat. There was a breakdown about 75 minutes into the ride and one of the vessels needed to be towed out to open water to meet up with a commercial tow vessel. A great example of why you never go out alone.

The Rabbit Ride scheduled for Sunday was pushed out to Monday due to wind. Once in the backwaters, the water is always calm, but getting there no one likes to get splashed in the open water this time of year. For both rides we had mostly MBYC visiting family members and/or prospective new members.

## Marco Island Street Parade 2024

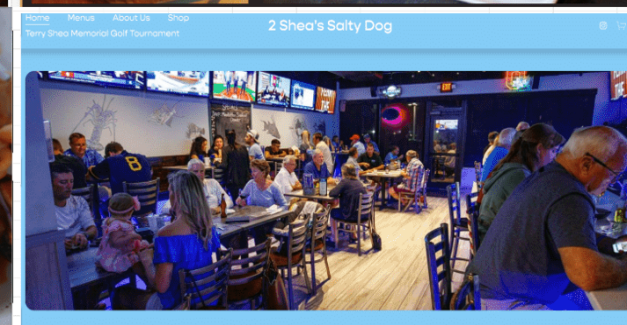
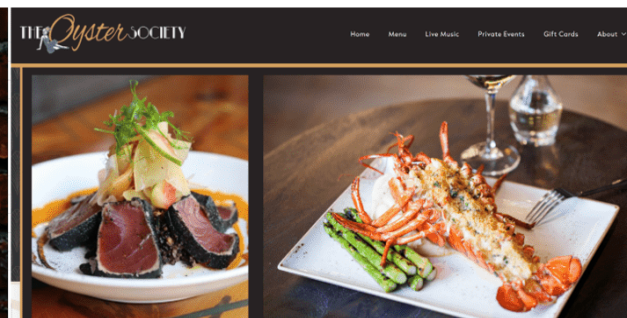


The Marco Bay Yacht Club was proud to participate in the Holiday Street Parade this year. Naples Marine generously donated a 26' pontoon and trailer for us to decorate and show off during the parade.

Sixteen club members and one club dog came together to decorate and/or accompany the float on its journey. We chose a theme of Fun on Land & Sea since we are the 'FUN' club of Marco Island. From whimsical octopi to lighted pelicans and marlins, the float really glowed. Even the Gagnon's truck was decorated with a fun scene. We had lighted Christmas trees, Octopi and a Shark walking alongside the float with candy for the kids. Although we did not win a prize, we were definitely one of the best floats in the parade!!

# Articles, Announcements, & Club Notices:

A quick request to all MBYC members, to express your appreciation to our local vendors who contributed many items for our Welcome Back Party raffle baskets. These vendors include The Speak Easy, Oyster Society, DaVinci's and Two Shea's Salty Dog.





# 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.**

SAT  
**11**

January 9, 2025 - January 14, 2025

## Long Range Cruisers – Boca Grande



TUE  
**14**

January 14, 2025 @ 9:30 am - 10:30 am

## Monthly Board Meeting

We will meet In person in the New Life Community Church Social Hall, 489 W. Elkcam Circle, Marco Island and via Zoom.



THU  
**16**

January 16, 2025 @ 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm

## Poker

Host: To be added to the Poker List, contact Frank Mulligan



THU  
**16**

January 16, 2025 @ 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm

## Poker

Host: Fran Mulligan To be added to the Poker List, contact Frank Mulligan



FRI  
**17**

January 17, 2025 @ 12:15 pm - 4:00 pm

## Canasta

Host: Judy Sacher



TUE  
**21**

January 21, 2025

## Day Fleet – Beach Picnic

Host: VC Paul Schneeberger



THU  
**23**

January 23, 2025 @ 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm

### Poker

Host: Dave Doolittle To be added to the Poker List, contact Frank Mulligan



FRI  
**24**

January 24, 2025 @ 12:15 pm - 4:00 pm

### Canasta

Host: Judy Sacher



MON  
**27**

January 27, 2025 @ 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

### Monday Madness

CJs By The Bay



THU  
**30**

January 30, 2025 @ 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm

### Poker

Host: Larry Sacher To be added to the Poker List, contact Frank Mulligan



FRI  
**31**

January 31, 2025 @ 12:15 pm - 4:00 pm

### Canasta

Host: Judy Sacher



FRI  
**31**

January 31, 2025 @ 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

### Commodore's Ball – Change of Watch

Commodore's Ball & Change of Watch @ Hideaway

