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## **Marco Bay Yacht Club**

**April 2021**

*Hello .... Member*

### **Commodore's Message**

#### **Things are getting better!**

The virus changed everything.

Last spring, we were cancelling meetings, boat trips and activities. This spring we are looking to the future with hope for renewal, growth, and good health for everyone.

On Monday March 29<sup>th</sup>, over 30 folks attended Monday Madness at CJ's. The event began to look like times of the past. Dan Lowell made a new frame for our yacht club banner which will be on

display at the April CJ's Monday Madness event.

The Club had a very successful March cruise to Pink Shell and Legacy marinas and the Club is anticipating a great turnout for the April extended cruise to Marathon and Key West.

On Tuesday April 6<sup>th</sup> boaters traveled by car and boat to Everglade City for lunch. The day was beautiful with calm seas and everyone enjoyed the experience. Special thanks to Paul and Frank for putting this trip together. We are welcoming several new couples into the club and are still hoping that the expansion of our boundaries to welcome residents of Hammock Bay and Fiddler's Creek will result in additional members.

Permanent new docks are being planned on Marco Island and the Isles of Capri. More boaters are headed our way and we hope they may consider joining our club as well.

Brent Cook has finalized the cruising schedule for the coming year. Paul Krueger is working on future small boat trips. These schedules will be shared with you soon for your planning purposes.

Our social committee is working on a combination Welcome Back and New Members party at a restaurant in early November. A holiday party in early December and the Commodores Ball the first week of February are on the drawing board as well.

The challenges to events as you well know are trying to estimate the turnout, finding places that can accommodate us, finding entertainment, and all at an affordable price.

The committee is working on it and hopes to confirm some dates shortly. Stay tuned!

**Commodore**  
***Dr Robert H White***

**Past Event Articles:**  
***see all of the Event Picture Portfolios on the website***

### **Monday Madness March 2021**

March Monday Madness started off with Commodore Bob White and Photographer Dan Lowell setting up the MBYC banner on the new frame Dan had built to better display our Club logo and name. The event was well attended with about 40 MBYC members enjoying the beautiful ambience of Smokehouse Bay and the camaraderie of CJ's Star Bar. It was nice to see so many members enjoying being together sharing stories and laughter. As the season winds down let's make the April Madness the best of the year. It will be a great opportunity to say those last minute goodbye's to friends heading north for the summer. Same time same place, April 26 4:30 PM at CJ's.



## **Pink Shell Legacy**

### **Cruise Trip Report**

Our March cruise to Pink Shell Marina and Legacy Harbour Marina was a great time with long-time boaters as well as newer members of MBYC.

On March 13th Cookin' (Brent & Susan Cook), Nauti Buoy (Dave & Mary Ellen Mount), No Agenda (Mark & Joanne Daugherty) and O Sea D (Vern & Ann Graham) left Marco for Pink Shell in Ft. Myers Beach. A couple mechanical problems delayed the Grahams departure from Marco so Vern and Ann got to hone their night-time boating skills arriving at Pink Shell about an hour after dark.

On this four-day stay we all enjoyed a favorite dining establishment.....Fresh Catch where we were joined by the Sachers who came by car. It was a non-eventful Uber ride to the restaurant but found it difficult to get back to the boat as no Uber or Lyft drivers were available. The Grahams and Mounts began walking when they walked past an empty Uber in stalled traffic and Vern got them a ride. The Cooks and Daughertys also began walking when Mark found us a ride to the boats in the back of a pickup driven by a mother and her son who could not have been nicer.

The Grahams headed back to Marco on the 16th and Cookin', Nauti Buoy and No Agenda headed up the ICW on the 17th for the 16 mile trip to Legacy Harbour Marina. Just as the three of us got docked, we were joined by Hoosier Daddy IV (Dave & Jackie Cox) along with guests, and soon to be new MBYC members, Larry and Jan Gates on Heartbeat. In addition to us 5 boaters, we were joined by Land Yachters Mike and Cindy Brown.

In addition to dining at favorite eateries including Firestone, The Veranda, Fords and First Watch, Cindy Brown organized an evening at Broadway Palm Dinner Theater for the 12 of us. After dinner we were treated to a really outstanding production of "On Your Feet" which is the musical story of Emilio and Gloria Estefan.

One thing we discovered very quickly at Legacy was the overwhelming presence of Midges. If you're like me, you had no idea of what these non-biting nasty little bugs were but soon found they covered the entire boats overnight for 4 straight nights! I mean they were everywhere! In over a dozen trips to Legacy I had never encountered them. It happens they are the result of dramatic water releases from Lake O and normally last a few days but have been present now for over a month. Three weeks later, No Agenda is still finding them on their boat.

Overall this was another great cruise and we are very excited to have Larry and Jan Gates joining MBYC!

Brent  
Cruise Leader





## **Cruise to Everglade City**

Day Fleet Cruise to Everglade City and Lunch at the Rod & Gun Club

April 6, 2021

On another picture-perfect day for the Marco Bay Yacht Club Day Fleet, with sunny skies, light breezes, and a near flat Gullivan's Bay, P/C Al Rapp & P/C Frank Mulligan led eleven boats, 33 members and 2 prospective members on a beautiful trip through the Ten Thousand Islands and Everglades National Park to the Everglades City Rod & Gun Club. It was a spectacular ride!!!

They were joined by enough land cruisers to swell the total numbers to over forty! This was the last day fleet event for the 2020-21 season.

We are working on the calendar for the 2021-2022 season; it will be sent by eBlast in the late spring or early summer.



**Future Event Flyers:**

*click on any Flyer Title to open the Event on the website*

## **First Mates Luncheon**



***From: Member Margi White***

### **Calling all First Mates!**

Let's get together for a lovely luncheon at **Paradise**  
**Found on April 21, 2021 at noon.** We will be dining  
outdoors.

We are still working on the menu want to know how many of you would be  
interested in joining in with the First Mates for a little social outing.

Please contact Margi if you are interested. You can email her at

[ladym121851@gmail.com](mailto:ladym121851@gmail.com)

We hope this is the first of many First Mates gatherings in the year ahead. It has been  
too long and as we are becoming vaccinated getting together seems easier.

All Best,

***Margi White***



# Events Calendar

[Click Here to go to the calendar on the website.](#)

**13**      **Board Meeting**

SAT  
**17**      **Extended Loop Cruise**

MON  
**26**      **Monday Madness at CJ's**

May 2021

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TUE  
**11**      **Board Meeting**

MON  
**24**      **Monday Madness at CJ's**

October 2021

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TUE  
**12**      **Board Meeting**

THU  
**21**      **Legacy & Pink Shell Cruise**

November 2021

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TUE  
**9**      **Board Meeting**

THU  
**11**      **Cruising the Keys**

December 2021

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TUE  
**14**      **Board Meeting**

January 2022

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SUN      **January 9, 2022 - January 13, 2022**