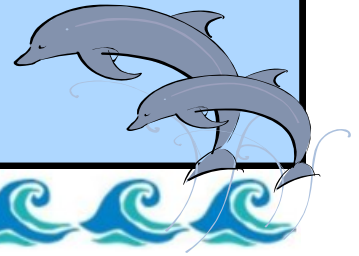


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**Barry Franzino Jr.,
Commodore**

Welcome Mariners.

Finally, one of the hurricanes came close enough to affect us. Even though it started with an "I", it was not nearly as eventful as last years storm Ian around this

time. Most of us just got some wind, rain, and a bit of storm surge. Seldom does the water come over our seawall, but this time it did. Downtown was flooded and both bridges closed. All in all, we weathered the storm and came out relatively unscathed.

Hurricane season is not over and we all must be vigilant and keep our eye on the south Atlantic and Caribbean. This is the small price we pay to live in paradise.

Remember to check the website and read the weekly bulletins for social and cruise events coming up in September and October. Also, of course is the Wednesday social at the Four Points Sheraton.

Stay safe, and Sandy and I will see you on the water.



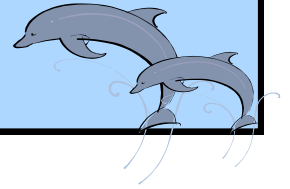
**Paul Baird,
Cruise Director**

August was another quiet month for cruising. We had one completed cruise. About half a dozen boats met at the Village Brewhouse for lunch.

Hoping everyone fared well during Idalia. It looks like the cruising destinations that we enjoy visiting have survived the storm and will be available for cruises. I heard that The Pink Shell resort's docks will be back in business before too long.

It won't be long until we get some cooler weather, and we can get back to some serious cruising! Email me any cruise ideas that you have for the fall. See you out on the water soon.





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Click [here](#) to view the Social Calendar and Sign-Up!

September Birthdays

9/1 Jane Fitzpatrick
9/4 William Willard
9/4 Rita Bass
9/4 Andy Droitcour
9/4 Cinthia Walberg
9/6 Phyllis Williams
9/7 Michael Koeneman
9/9 Linda Wiens
9/9 Bill Albers
9/11 Ginny Caldwell
9/12 Mike Lubell
9/12 Nancy Eggert
9/13 Laura Nikkel
9/16 Cynthia Lanza
9/17 Tina Willard
9/18 Jim Lanza
9/20 Murray Goldenberg
9/23 Paul Holmes
9/24 Bobby Conte
9/25 Chris Caldwell
9/28 Christine Demas
9/28 Mike Wiens
9/30 Eby Schulze

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Meetings

General Membership

PGICA, 2001 Shreve St.
4th Monday at 7 p.m. (except December)

Board

PGICA, 2001 Shreve Street
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If you or anyone
you know is ill
or in need of some
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Happy Birthday!

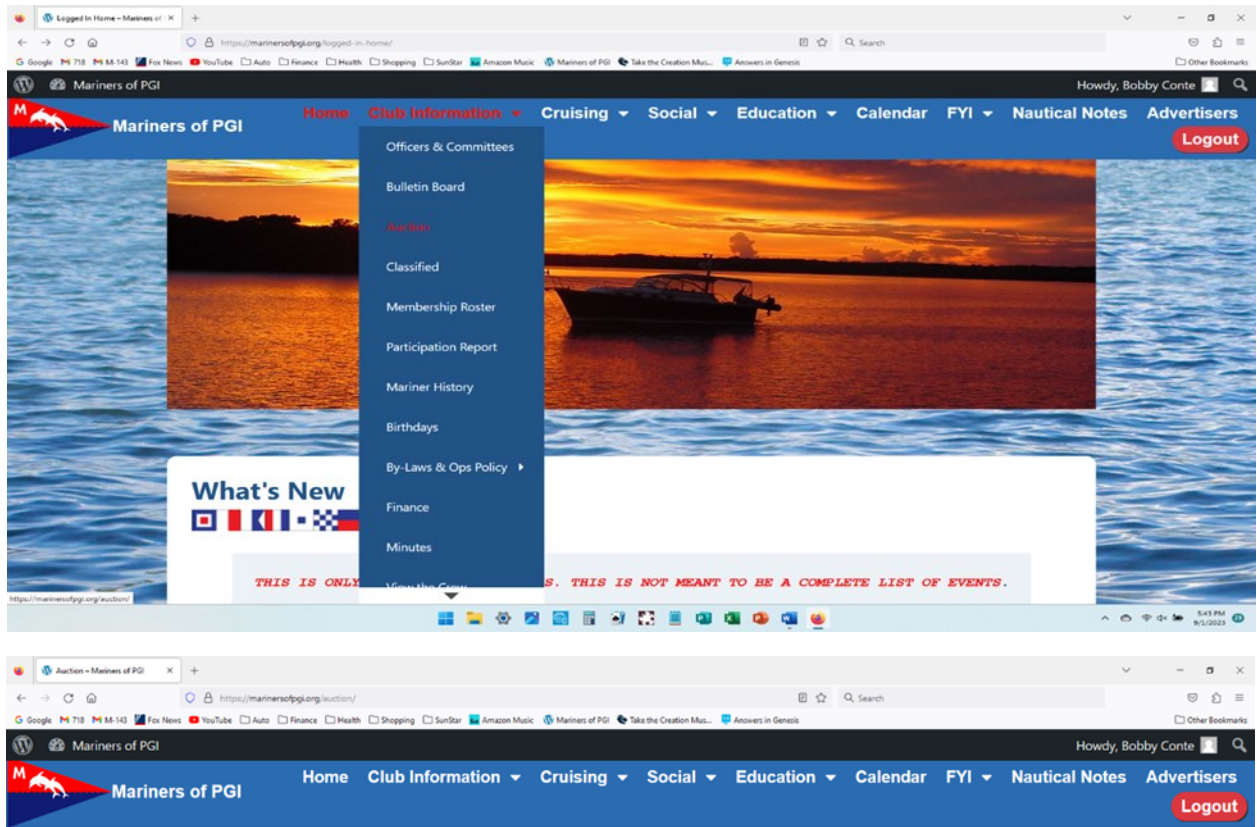




The Mariners of PGI “Silent Auction” is up and running.

Bobby Conte

Yes, The Mariners of PGI “Silent Auction” is up and running. Now all club members need to do is for them to log onto the site and list their donation for auction. Here are a few pictures to get you to the site to fill out the form. It’s very self-explanatory. Just fill in the blanks.



Item will be listed for 10 days following first offer.
After which the item will be sold to the highest bidder.

Up For Auction:



I have posted two items up for auction to demo the functionality of the site. Please help the club out by donating and listing your unwanted items up for auction. If you attended our last meeting, you noticed that our bank account is falling, it seems like, every month. The cost of all activities has risen, the cost of club supplies has risen. It is now at the point that our annual dues do not cover the items provided to new members. We are looking for ways to meet the club’s needs without raising dues. This Silent Auction is one of the ways the Board has chosen to accomplish that mission.

(see page 4 Silent Auction)



The Mariners of PGI “Silent Auction” (continued from page 3)

Bobby Conte

Although the two items listed are nautical in nature, your donations do not have to be nautical. They can be a household item of any sort that you can donate to assist the club. It can be a nice bottle of wine or if you're a business a gift certificate. Anything of value would be greatly appreciated.

The Board is doing their function to keep the cost of operation down. Please assist the Board in this endeavor.

PS. Advertiser of the month. I have tried for two months to have one of your advertisers send an article that can be placed in these Nautical Notes, with no success. If you are an advertiser in our club, or know one of our advertisers, and would like to have your/their article printed here please provide it to me next month by the 1st and I will ensure it gets posted.

Thank you, Bobby Conte, Vice Commodore.

Education Director

Mike Guler



Action Requested by the Punta Gorda Boater's Alliance

The Punta Gorda/Charlotte Harbor Boaters Alliance encourages all of its members to write to their representatives about the below pending legislation.

Congress is considering new bipartisan legislation that will halt a proposed 10 knot speed limit in coastal waters while taking steps to implement innovative solutions to protect endangered marine life.

The new legislation, the Protecting Whales, Human Safety, and the Economy Act of 2023, is sponsored by Senators Joe Manchin of West Virginia, John Boozman of Arkansas and Representatives Mary Peltola of Alaska and Buddy Carter of Georgia. The bipartisan legislation will advance innovative solutions to protect endangered marine life, while also halting overly restrictive federal regulations that would negatively impact coastal economies and limit boating access for Americans. The Protecting Whales, Human Safety, and the Economy Act of 2023 will:

- Prevent the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) from implementing a restrictive vessel speed limit that threatens boater safety and local economies up-and-down the coast; and
- Encourage NOAA to implement technology-based real time location monitoring solutions that will better allow boaters to maintain safe distances from marine life and avoid dangerous situations.

The recreational boating industry strongly supports this balanced, bipartisan policy. Please write to your members of Congress and urge them to support and cosponsor the Protecting Whales, Human Safety, and the Economy Act of 2023 which will bring innovative, high-tech solutions to the protection of endangered marine life and protect recreational boating access for American families across the country.

September 25 General Membership Meeting

Jim Lanza was the Mariner representative at the Active Shooter Training Course conducted by the Punta Gorda Police Department. Jim will pass on the lessons to the rest of us at the General Membership Meeting on September 25.

October 23 General Membership Meeting

Tom Little and Harris Bowers will present the history of the Punta Gorda Christmas Boat Parade and let us know how to get involved.

Splice the Main Brace!





Social Director

Cindy Verhoven



As the dog days of summer wind down, the Mariners Social Committee will be gearing up to bring our members together for exciting new activities. Lunch With the Ladies continues to be a popular event. In August we met at Ichi Hibachi for a Japanese treat and the ladies will meet for lunch on September 7 at Nan's Thai Noodle in Port Charlotte. In September we will also start holding Sunday brunches once a month at Tamiami Tavern.

It's not too late to sign up for our Dinner for Eight. Our quarterly dinner held at Mariners' homes will be held again the end of September. Make sure you sign up soon if you would like to join us.

The Social Committee has also started physical activity events for our members this summer. The Merry Mermaids meet every Tuesday at 11:00 at Phyllis William's pool for water aerobics. The Walkie Talkies also meet every Friday at 9:00 at Fishermen's Village for the 4.8 mile Harborwalk. Hopefully, participation will increase for even more fun when the weather starts to cool and our Snowbirds return!

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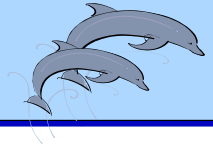
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Mariners Cruising



Upcoming Cruises

[Riviera Lunch Cruise, Sep. 8, 2023](#) ***

[Village Brewhouse Lunch Cruise, Sep. 11, 2023](#) ***

[Riviera Lunch Cruise, Sep. 15, 2023](#) ***

[Laishley Crab House Lunch Cruise, Sep. 20, 2023](#) ***

[Riviera Lunch Cruise, Sep. 22, 2023](#) ***

[Last Sunday of the Month Sunset Lake Raftup, Sep. 24, 2023](#) ***

[Laishley Crab House Lunch Cruise, Sep. 27, 2023](#) ***

[Riviera Lunch Cruise, Sep. 29, 2023](#) ***

PLEASE NOTE: " *** " after the name of the cruise = Need Cruise Leaders

(More cruises to be determined)....



Upcoming and Reoccurring Social Events

[Happy Hour every Wednesday at 5:00 p.m., at Four Points Sheraton Library](#)

[Pickleball \(summer hours\) every Tuesday & Thursday at South County Park from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Contact Mick Whitney](#)

[Outdoor Social Gathering at Gilchrist Park, Thursday at 5:00 p.m. Contact Dennis Barkow](#)

[Boys, Bullseyes, Breakfast, Tuesdays at 9 a.m. Contact Jim Lanza](#)

[Mariner Walkie Talkies every Friday at 9:00 a.m. at Fishermen's Village to walk the Harborwalk.](#)
Don't forget your bottled water and sunscreen! Call Cindy Verhoven with any questions.

[Dinner for Eight](#)

[Aerobics on the Water, Next Date Sept. 12, 2023 and more to follow](#)

[Lunch with the Ladies, Sept. 7, 2023](#)



Membership Director

Suzanne Martin



Hopefully everyone had little or no damage from the wraths of Idelia.

No new members to report, but I expect that to change when our population grows in the fourth quarter .

Take care of yourselves and each other.

Does your "View the Crew" photo need updating?

Let us know, and at the next general meeting we will have a club photographer available before the meeting to take updated photos of our members. Just email neditor@marinersofpgi.org.

If your photo needs to be updated, stop by and have a new one taken!



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Lunch with the Ladies, August 3

Carol Goldenberg

The August Lunch with the Ladies was at Ichi Hibachi hosted by Joan Erickson on August 3. It looks like they had a great time.

Also be sure to catch the September Lunch with the Ladies hosted by Patty Edgecomb at Nan's Thai Noodle in Port Charlotte on September 7.

