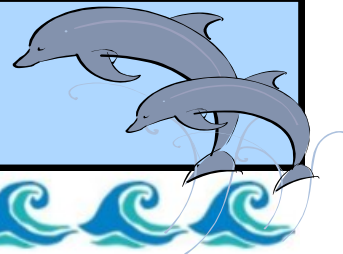


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**Barry Franzino Jr.,
Commodore**

Welcome Mariners,

Yesterday was the one-year anniversary of hurricane Ian. As I sit here doing this article, I can hear the workers on my roof,

putting on the tiles that I've been fighting for, for over a year. In addition, our boat hasn't left the dock since before the storm. Needless to say, frustration abounds but it's time to move forward. Though delayed, things are finally getting done and now optimism prevails. Time to get back on the water and enjoy our paradise.

Our board is working hard to move things forward and supply cruises and social events for the Fall season. Lots of time to get your participation credits up to date. We have also developed a new process for members to communicate with each other via text or e-mail. Just download the Stack Team App from your App Store and sign in. If you have any questions our vice Commodore Bobby Conte can help.

Remember to check the website for upcoming events and cruises. Season is around the corner and lots of our members will be returning. We look forward to seeing you and the water.



**Paul Baird,
Cruise Director**

It has been a slow summer for cruising, but the weather is getting nice and the snowbirds are returning. We have some interesting cruise opportunities coming up for the fall. Some

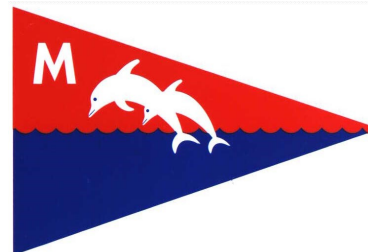
destinations that were wiped out by Ian are opening back up. With a little luck we will be having cruises to The Pink Elephant, Pink Shell, and Useppa as examples of places that are supposed to open back up soon. The Isles Yacht Club has rebuilt their transient/fuel dock and it should be opening soon, so we will have another lunch cruise there. We are also planning a cruise to points north in early December.

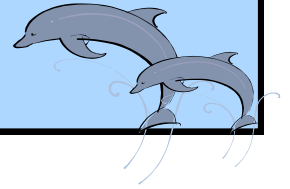
We are planning a series of cruises that are day cruises but a little farther away and more of an excursion than just a nearby lunch cruise. If you would like to hear more about these, contact Bobby Conte or me.

We could really use some cruise leaders for these cruises. If you are willing and able to help, please let me know. As always, if you have an idea for a cruise that is not on the schedule, let me know, it just must be on the schedule at least three days prior.

I haven't mentioned the ship's store for a while. If you haven't heard, the ship's store is now online. The link is on the website under the FYI dropdown menu. The Mariners logo can be printed or embroidered on an endless list of products. If the product you want isn't already displayed, it can easily be created, just contact me to ask how.

Looking forward to a great fall. See you out on the water!





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

October Birthdays

10/1 Jeri Julian
10/4 Mike Peters
10/4 Russ Brown
10/9 Carol Dewire
10/11 Joni Holmes
10/14 Peggy Northrup
10/15 Alan Singleton
10/15 Debra Kalitan
10/17 Karen Rolland
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Board

PGICA, 2001 Shreve Street
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or in need of some
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The Mariners of PGI New Communication App Up & Running.

Bobby Conte

The Mariners of PGI have a new additional communications app. Please go to your app store and download "Stack Team App."

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Stack Team App is a platform for any sporting club to manage their own app.

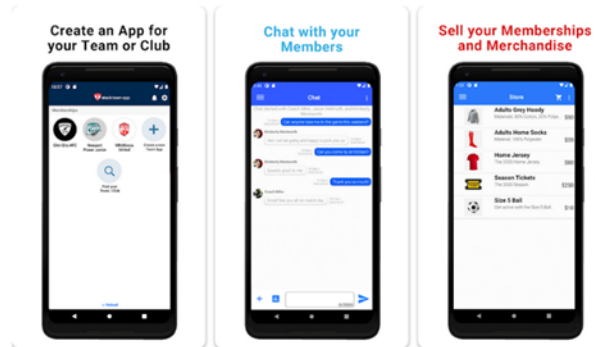


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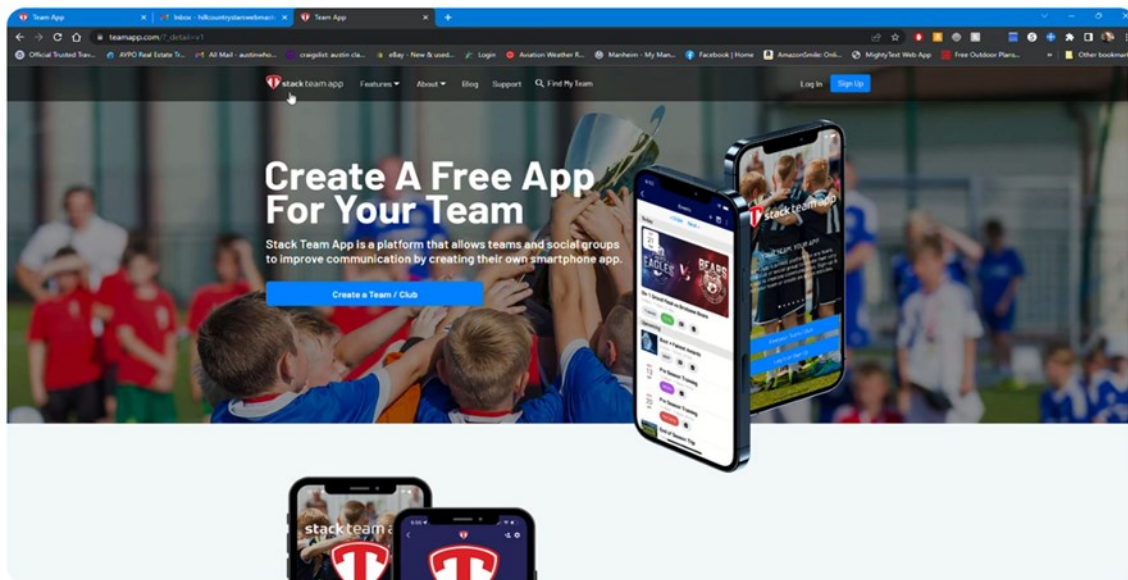
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Team App is a FREE and secure platform enabling any club to create their own customizable communication application. It will run on either a computer or smart phone. It is designed to improve member communication, activity scheduling, and a store to sell club clothing and associated items along with a method of on-line payments within the organization. Stack Team is an all-in-one team or club management tool allowing you to instantly send SMS alerts & messages to members or groups within the club. With this app, we can quickly schedule and manage events, post pictures, and stay connected with the club with instant posts and comments and know who will be at events with RSVP.

Once downloaded the app go to Youtube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UYyY4qNFT4Y>.

Follow instructions on how to sign up and find our club. Mariners of PGI.



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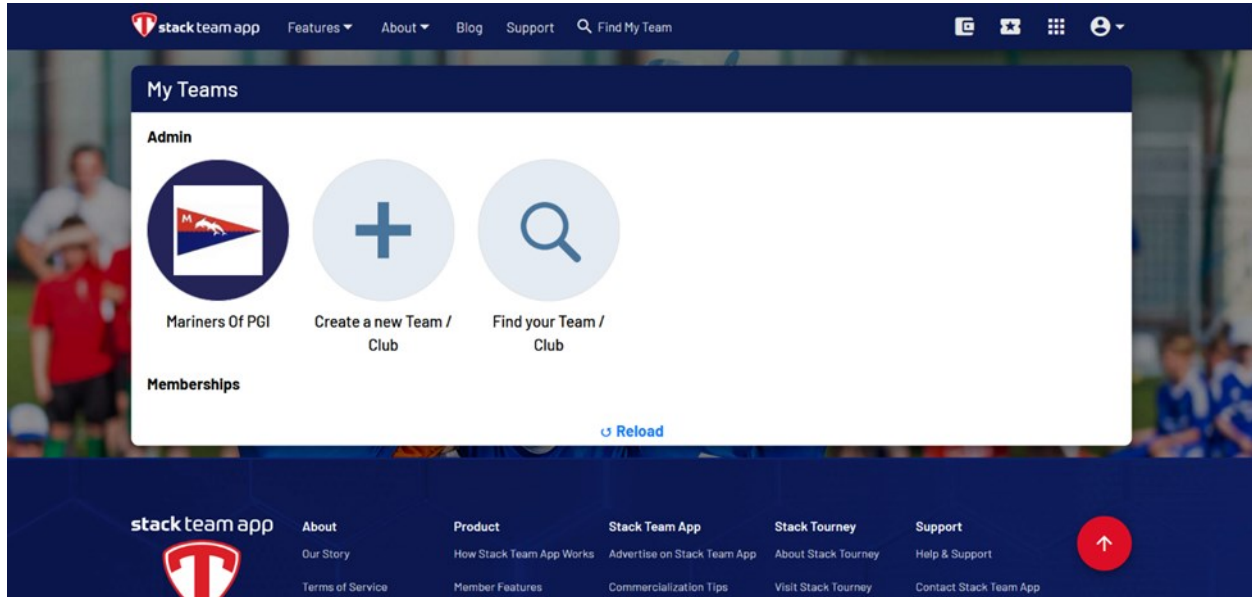
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Communication App (continued from page 3)

Bobby Conte

Select the Mariners Of PGI icon.



You should now be on the Mainers of PGI app. ENJOY.

For assistance, or if you have ideas to enhance or add to the app call:

Julie Conte 703-609-6755

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PS. The Ship Store is under construction and should be open for business before the end of this month.

Thank you.

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Vice Commodore

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The Punta Gorda & Charlotte Harbor Boaters Alliance Needs You

The following is from President John Walsh:

The PG/CHBA will have at least three openings for board positions for 2024. Our organization is vital to recreational boating and the marine industry in Southwest Florida. We have built strong relationships with The City and The County and through our relationship with The Southwest Florida Marine Industry Association we have a lobbying presence in Tallahassee. This organization has been involved in most of the critical decisions in this area since it was formed after Hurricane Charlie: **Buckley's Pass; Weather Stations on the harbor; Securing funding for the police department, through MAC grants, a new boats and derelict boat removal; Purchasing; "Clear Head" -the pump out boat-through a MAC grant; authoring the Waterfront Development Plan contained in the City Master Plan; The "Dock Match Program"; and many many more projects over the past 18 years.**

I have been President of The Boaters Alliance for five (5) of the last six years and on the board for six years. While I have thoroughly enjoyed serving the boating community It is time for new blood and new energy for this vital organization. Your delegate to The Boaters Alliance or the alternate for your organization can serve on the board.

If qualified and willing members do not step up I fear for the organization.

John Welsh
President
Punta Gorda/Charlotte Harbor Boaters Alliance
<https://www.boat2puntagorda.org/>

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.



November 27 General Membership Meeting

Start studying for the ever-popular Nautical Trivia Contest, brought to you by Richard Northrup.

Splice the Main Brace!

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Social Director

Cindy Verhoven



It sure is nice to see cooler weather return and some of our Snowbirds! The Mariners enjoyed a great potluck dinner with a lot of friendly faces for our September Eat Before We Meet. September also included our quarterly Dinner For Eight which is always a good time with good food and good friends.

Our monthly Lunch With The Ladies continues to be a huge success. The ladies met at Nan's Thai Noodle in September and will be held at Ginger Dim Sum on October 11.

The Mariners will start having breakfast at Tamiami Tavern on the first Sunday of each month. Please sign up now for our first meet up on October 1.

The Mariners also are continuing the Walkie Talkies on Fridays and the Merry Mermaids on Tuesdays this Fall. Participation should increase as the heat subsides.

Make sure you mark your calendar now for our Change of Watch/Annual Gala! It will be held at Twin Isles Golf and Country Club on January 6, 2024, from 6 to 10 pm. The theme for the event is Caribbean. John Patti has been hired to play steel drums and Jeff Hughes of the Tropical Avenue band has been hired to step up the tempo. Twin Isles has also agreed to provide us a Tropical Signature Drink. A really good time will be had by all!

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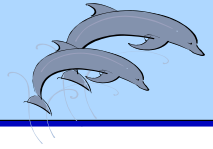
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[Columbus Day, Canada Thanksgiving Day Lunch at Village Brewhouse, Oct. 9, 2023 ***](#)

[Pelican Bay Anchor-out, Oct. 14, 2023 ***](#)

[Laishley Crab House Lunch Cruise, Oct. 18, 2023 ***](#)

[Riviera Lunch Cruise, Oct. 20, 2023 ***](#)

[Tarpon Lodge Lunch Cruise, Oct. 25, 2023 ***](#)

[Burnt Store Marina Overnight Cruise, Oct. 28, 2023 ***](#)

[Last Sunday of the Month Sunset Lake Raft-up, Oct. 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 p.m. Contact Dennis Barkow](#)

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

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

[Aerobics on the Water, every Tuesday at 11 a.m. Call Cindy Verhoven with any questions.](#)

[Tamiami Tavern Monthly Breakfast, November 5](#)

[Lunch with the Ladies, October 11, 2023](#)

[Dinner for Eight](#)



Membership Director

Suzanne Martin



It's fall... at least that's what the calendar says.

Our Mariner members are returning from the North and soon we will be back in full swing with lunch dates and cruises.

Our numbers are holding at 185 members, which is a positive sign that our retention rates are doing great.

Don't forget Happy Hour at the Sheraton on Wednesday nights.

What's a robot's favorite snack???

Computer chips 🤖 😄

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, September 7

Patty Edgecomb

The September Lunch with the Ladies was hosted by Patty Edgecomb at Nan's Thai Noodle in Port Charlotte on September 7.

October's Lunch with the Ladies will be on October 11 at Ginger Dim Sum hosted by Patti Conner.



Dinner For Eight, September 23

Pete and Cindy Verhoven





Dinner For Eight, September 29

Ken and Karen Rolland





Tamiami Tavern Monthly Breakfast, October 1

Our first Tamiami Tavern Monthly Breakfast was a lot of fun. We had three Mariner couples, the Franzinos, the Rolands and the Gulers. The food and service were great and we even had a chance to say hi to Jess, one of our favorite bartenders from the past happy hours at the Village Fish Market.

The next Tamiami Tavern Monthly Breakfast will be on November 5. I recommend everyone to sign up and get a great start to your week by having a wonderful brunch with the Mariners.



Happy Hour at Four Points Sheraton, October 4



Tween Waters Cruise, October 1

