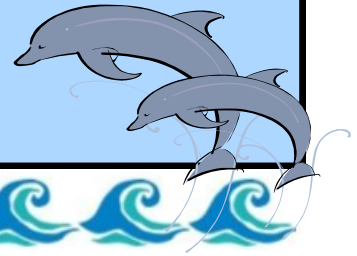


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**Bobby Conte,
Commodore**

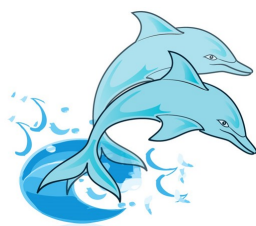
Another cold and windy January has come and gone. On days that were boatable, some did get out on the water. We started a new monthly poker run event for the Mariners. Along with a great day

on the water and a tasty lunch at Cass Cay, we raised \$30 for our treasury. Just for your information my pair of 8s were beaten by Richard Northrup's pair of Kings. The kindhearted soul that Richard is donated his winnings to the club. Hopefully, we will get more competitors this month. On February 9, we will be cruising the north ICW to do some sightseeing and exploring. We will spend several hours cruising with Kip pointing out interesting places, spots to eat and fuel points.

At the January meeting, we announced those with large boats can take their dinghy on a lunch cruise and receive a cruise credit. Also, next month we will be announcing a requested change to the By-Laws that will reduce the cruise announcement from three days to twenty-four hours. It is the board's hope to have a text communication app that will provide instant communication with club members (request to receive text messaging will go out) to announce a "Pop-Up" cruise. Club members send your suggestion to the Cruise Director for a destination and date for a cruise you would like to take. The director will announce it to see if other members would like to join and make it an official cruise.

Exciting stuff happening with the Mariners. Join us for "coffee and" before our next meeting to hear all that is happening. At the "coffee and" there will be bake goods for sale, great conversation, etc.

Get out on the waters and enjoy.



**Tom Martin,
Cruise Director**

The poker run on January 25 was attended by Bobby and Julie Conte (cruise leaders), Richard and Peggy Northrup, and Tom and Suzanne Martin. At the end of a spirited and bumpy run, we all

enjoyed a nice meal at Cass Cay Restaurant & Bar at Burnt Store Marina. The big winner was Richard, who graciously donated his winnings to the club.

Our overnight to Boca Grande Marina on January 26-27 was enjoyed by the Witchers, Toothakers, and Martins. The weather cooperated nicely, and we had a smooth cruise with calm seas, enjoyed some beach time, docktails, and then had a great dinner at Sisters Restaurant on Friday evening. The lunch Saturday at Miller's Dockside was tasty as always, after which we headed home.

Since the weather didn't allow the January cruise to Tween Waters, we're heading there for a two-night cruise February 20-22. Sign up soon!

We'll be rescheduling the day cruise exploring the ICW from Pelican Bay to Don Pedro, hosted by Bobby Conte, with tour guide Kip Conner pointing out the marinas, restaurants, and anchorages along the way to a nice lunch.

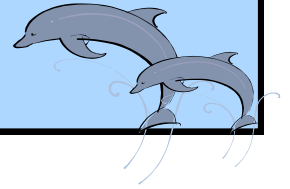
Plan on lunch at Cabbage Key on February 27, with the option of an overnight at Pelican Bay February 26.

March will start off with a fun cruise with a twist. On March 1 we'll meet at the Laishley Park city dock by 2:15. At 2:30 sharp the game begins - an outdoor escape room puzzle finding clues to the Ponce de Leon expedition. Is there really a fountain of youth??

We're meeting for lunch at the Riviera Grill on March 13, then to Marina Jacks in Sarasota March 22-24, with an optional pre-cruise anchorage at Don Pedro March 21.

The highlight for April is the annual Gathering of the Fleet at Burnt Store marina April 11-14. Be sure to sign up on the Mariners website AND make your own Dockwa reservation! Lots of fun in store - don't miss it!

We welcome your ideas for cruises and would love to have you join us at our monthly planning meetings!



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General Membership

PGICA, 2001 Shreve St.

4th Monday at 7 p.m. (except **December**)

Board

PGICA, 2001 Shreve Street

4th Monday at 9 a.m. All members are welcome.

February Birthdays

2/2 William Eggert

2/4 Hugh Bass

2/6 Michael Mankin

2/7 Dawn Hayworth

2/8 Ann Slattery

2/10 Jane Leach

2/11 Julie Black

2/12 Anne Peltier

2/13 Edward Walberg

2/13 Laurie Betting

2/16 Chuck Busch

2/23 Patty Feather

2/27 Bigna Bandle

2/28 Sandy Franzino

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Happy Birthday!





Education Director

Alan Singleton



This is a follow up from our January Mariners Meeting from our guest speaker Arielle.

Thank you! It was a pleasure meeting your Club and hearing about all that you do as well (sounds like a lot of fun!). Feel free to reach out if you ever have any questions or see anything out in the Harbor. Part of our management relies on the observations from citizens (it takes a village 😊). As promised, here are a few links for folks to check out if they're interested:

- **Water quality data collected by FDEP volunteers:** <https://chnep.wateratlas.usf.edu/chevwqmn/>
- **Story Map with info on the artificial reef clean up:** <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/af1c6b5965764dbba0d684aab62ad573>
- **Seagrass data for Charlotte Harbor:** <https://chnep.wateratlas.usf.edu/seagrass/#seagrass-home>
- **Water Atlas waterbody dashboard:** [ArcGIS Dashboards](#)
- **FDEP Water Quality State dashboard:** [Water Quality Status Dashboard | Water Quality Dashboard](#)

Let folks know if they need help navigating any of these sites, they can reach out to me, and I will gladly walk them through whatever questions they have. 😊

Best,
Arielle



Also, Bill Eggert has volunteered to do a short talk and video for our meeting in February on their trip to France a few years ago. It was a seven-day voyage on a friend's boat on the Canal Marne from Strasbourg to Nancy. It will be a 10 to 15 minute talk.

Membership Director

Joan Erickson



Membership Director and Vice Commodore manned a table at the January 31 New Member Reception. We had lots of interest, which we hope will lead to numerous applicants.

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Social Director

Ruth Sines



With the Holidays behind us the Mariners gathered for our annual Change of Watch at Twin Isles Country Club on January 6. Everyone enjoyed a nice time with dinner and dancing while welcoming the new Board of Directors and thanking last year's members.

I am pleased to announce that next year's Change of Watch will be returning to the Isles Yacht Club in Punta Gorda Isles! Paul Baird has graciously agreed to sponsor us and plans are well underway for the party of the season! Much more information to follow.

Lunch with the Ladies – While rainy days kept us from our botanical garden experience, the weather did not dampen our spirits as we enjoyed a tasty lunch at Unwined in Downtown Punta Gorda. There was laughter and lingering as the white wine seemed like such a great choice on a rainy January day. We look forward to the rescheduled garden tour on April 2. Hope to see you there!

February Lunch with the Ladies will be hosted by Carol Barkow at Waterside Table at Sunseeker. Sign up is open and very active so please be aware we are limited to 20 attendees.

I have posted an excursion to Solomon's Castle on Feb. 15 led by your's truly and my beloved- Jim. We will leave PG at approximately 9:30 a.m. (site TBD) with an expected arrival of 10:20 a.m. Entry fee is \$39 for the tour of castle and the car museum and grounds. Lunch will be available at the restaurant on the grounds – in the garden outside the "Boat in The Moat." This is a unique and interesting day of fun and pun... join us for something different and fun!

Don't forget breakfast at Tamiami Tavern- the first Sunday of every month! Many people are still gathering and occasionally catch a glimpse of the infamous "Mike and Jess!"

PLEASE- refer to the calendar on our webpage and join your fellow Mariners for weekly social activities including Boys, Bullseyes and Breakfast, or Pickleball, or Happy Hour every Wednesday, Gathering at Gilchrist every Thursday. So much to do- so little time!

The Social Committee is continuing to look for volunteers- especially to host special events? bowling, Top Golf, Rodeo, Movie night, give me an idea....

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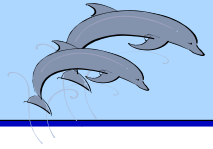
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Mariners Cruising



Upcoming Cruises

[Tween Waters Island Resort Overnight Cruise, Feb. 20-22, 2024](#)

[Last Sunday of the Month Sunset Lake Raft-up, Feb. 25, 2024](#)

[Cabbage Key Lunch Cruise, Feb. 27, 2024 ***](#)

[Ponce De Leon: In Search of the Fountain of Youth lunch cruise, Mar. 1, 2024](#)

[Riviera Bar & Grill Lunch Cruise, Mar. 13, 2024 ***](#)

[Lunch / Raft-up Cruise to Conte's, Mar. 16, 2024](#)

[Don Pedro Anchor-out, Overnight Cruise, Mar. 21, 2024](#)

[Marina Jack Overnight Cruise, Mar. 22-24, 2024](#)

[Laishley Marina / Celtic Ray Lunch Cruise, Apr. 1, 2024 ***](#)

[Burnt Store Lunch Cruise, Apr. 11, 2024](#)

[Nauti Oar Knot Regatta, Apr. 12-14, 2024](#)

[Naples City Dock Hop On / Hop Off Cruise, Apr. 29 – May 3, 2024 ***](#)

[Points North Cruise, June TBD ***](#)



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

(More cruises to be determined)....

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!



Upcoming and Reoccurring Social Events

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

[Pickleball \(winter hours\) every Tuesday & Thursday at South County Park from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Contact Laurie Betting](#)
[Also every Thursday at South County Park from 2 to 4 p.m.](#)

[Outdoor Social Gathering at Gilchrist Park, Thursday at 4 to 6 p.m. Contact Dennis Barkow](#)

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

[Tamiami Tavern Monthly Breakfast, Mar. 3, 2024](#)

[Dinner for Eight](#)

[Solomon's Castle Lunch, Feb. 15, 2024](#)

[Lunch with the Ladies at Sunseeker, Feb. 28, 2024](#)

[Downtown Hoedown at Laishley Park, Mar. 7, 2024](#)

[Mariner Regatta, Apr. 12-14, 2024](#)

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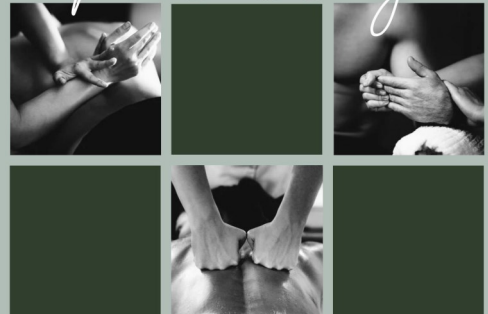
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Mariner's Happy Hour

Ruth Sines-Dutcher



Mariner's Gilchrist Social Gathering





Mariners Lunch With The Ladies, January 16

June Prosser-Toothaker & Judy Droitcour

The Lunch With Ladies was scheduled to be at the Punta Gorda Botanical and Sculptural Gardens on January 16, but inclement weather caused a cancellation. Instead, a few ladies braved the weather to meet up at Unwined on Sullivan Street.

Don't despair about missing the beautiful gardens due to weather. Judy and June are "no fools" so they grabbed the next unspoken for "Lunch With The Ladies hosting spot" — which is April.

So ladies - pull out your pens and mark your calendars - to "save the date" of April 2 at 11 for the rescheduled Mariners Lunch With The Ladies at Punta Gorda Botanical and Sculptural Gardens.

Another beautiful day for us to gather together to relax and unwind ☐.

February Lunch With The Ladies will be on February 28 at 11:15 at Waterside Table Restaurant in Sunseekers overlooking Charlotte Harbor and the pool.



Tamiami Tavern Monthly Breakfast, February 5



Very nice turn out for brunch at Tamiami Tavern on February 4! Remember brunch is the first Sunday of every month at 10 a.m.



Poker Run, January 24

Bobby and Julie Conte



Boca Grande Marina & Millers Dockside Cruise, Jan. 26-27

Tom & Suzanne Martin

