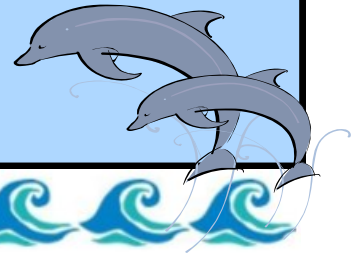




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Commodore**

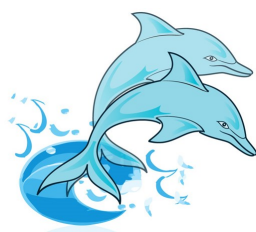
I would like to thank everyone who worked on or participated in this year's Regatta. Especially Laurie Betting's excellent planning and execution. I received so many comments from long time

members that this was among the best Regatta in their memory. They felt like the club had gone back to its roots. Also, Brad Betting excellent game hosting, all the chef's, and Barry's Bloody Mary's. The weekend was absolutely perfect. Great Job.

Also, a big round of thanks to Joyce McCandless and her committee for another Eat Before We Meet. Food was great and it brought lots of members out. The 50/50 had the biggest payout out I can remember. (We may have to send a 1099 for this one?).

Hopefully you all are aware that the Wednesday Night Social has moved back to Fishville. We are now meeting at the Village Brew House and have most of our old tables back. Please join us every Wednesday for cocktails and conversation.

The last item I wanted to bring to your attention is a new type of cruise the club is offering, a dayboat overnight stay. Most of us have enjoyed lunch at Cabbage Key, but they also serve a great dinner (<https://cabbagekey.com/dining/dinner/>) and have slips and even cottages available to spend the night. If anchoring out is your preference, there's a nice anchorage just across the ICW from Cabbage Key, another on the east side of Useppa, and our favorite Pelican Bay is only a few miles north. Docktails at 6:00, dinner at 7:30. This is a busy week for them – if you plan to go, **please sign-up ASAP** and **call Cabbage Key directly to book a slip! The Cruise Leader for this is Dennis Barkow.**



**Tom Martin,
Cruise Director**

April was a nice month for boating and cruising once the wind died down. Nights at anchor or at a slip were still cool enough to leave the air conditioners off and enjoy the evening breezes.

On April Fool's Day, we had a Celtic Ray lunch cruise, led by June Prosser and Deb Sulla, which saw a dozen Mariners having lunch at Celtic Ray. Boats were tied up at Laishley Park Municipal Marina and a nice walk to the restaurant got the appetites going.

Roger Black led an overnight cruise to Pelican Bay with four boats. They enjoyed great sailing weather and cocktails on the beach. If you haven't yet anchored out in Pelican Bay, you're missing one of the best places in Florida - sign up next time!

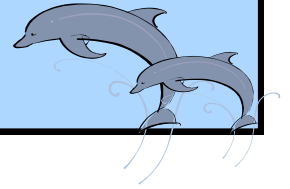
To kick off the Gathering of the Fleet weekend, Michael Mankin led a lunch cruise to Cass Key restaurant at Burnt Store Marina. Twenty-four Mariners on twelve boats enjoyed a great lunch, then most spent the afternoon and night at the marina.

The next day the weather was perfect to start the Gathering of the Fleet. By early afternoon we had twenty-two boats at Burnt Store Marina, with many more Mariners arriving by car, all ready for the camaraderie, great food, fun and games. Many thanks to the Bettings for hosting a great weekend!

Kip Connor then led a "Slow Cruise to Marco Island", which soon became a classic hop-on hop-off, as Mariners joined and left the cruise at various points along the route. Stops included Pelican Bay, Fort Myers Beach, Pink Shell Beach Resort & Marina, and Tween Waters Island Resort & Spa.

Get those boats ready for some nice cruising in May. We'll be off to lunch at Village Brewhouse on May 8, then to crowd favorite Riviera Grill on May 21. Overnights are planned for Tween Waters Island Resort & Spa (my favorite marina...) on May 28 and 29, led by Michael Mankin. On May 30, Dennis Barkow is cruise leader for a dinner and overnight at Cabbage Key Inn and Restaurant. We've all been there for lunch - the dinner is reportedly excellent. Overnight at a slip there, in one of their rooms or cottages, or anchor out just across the ICW.

(see page 4 Cruise Director)



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General Membership

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PGICA, 2001 Shreve Street

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May Birthdays

5/2 James Grifo

5/3 Roger Black

5/8 Mike Slattery

5/12 Judy Droitcour

5/16 Cindy Verhoven

5/19 Gary Burgess

5/23 Patty Edgecomb

5/23 Beth Guler

5/24 Joan Erickson

5/27 Gary Towers

5/30 Glen Mayer

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Happy Birthday!

**Education Director****Alan Singleton**

Securing your boat for hurricanes

Its that time of year again. Here is a checklist from the US Coast Guard that offers many great suggestions for the upcoming Hurricane season.

The following suggestions are to be taken when a hurricane is forecast to strike near or directly in your area. Implement your emergency marine plan, secure your boat, then remove yourself and your family to safety. If possible, remove your boat from the water and secure it on land. Listen to weather reports. Listen regularly for updates on approaching hurricanes. You will need to know when the hurricane is near enough to implement your hurricane plan for securing your boat.

Attaching lines:

- When tying to pilings double all lines.
- Rig crossing spring lines fore and aft from a tangential.
- Attach lines high on pilings to allow for tidal rise. Make sure lines will not slip off pilings. Wrap lines twice around pilings making sure they do not overlap. Do not use cinch knots or hitches around the piling.
- Cover all lines at rough points.
- Install fenders to protect the boat from rubbing against the pier, pilings and other boats.
- Avoid tying too many lines to a single cleat. This creates too much stress to the cleat. Do not tie lines perpendicular to the cleat, tie at an angle across the face of the cleat.

Anchoring:

- If you are anchoring your boat away from land, use three anchors set 120 degrees apart which will allow the boat to swing and face the wind. Use anchors suitable for the bottom above which you will secure your boat. Use anchor weights well above ones you normally use.
- Rig chafe gear.
- Set fenders

Cross-tying in canals:

- Check with the property owner that is all right to tie your boat to his property across the canal.
- Double mooring lines.
- Tie to both shores, both port and starboard, fore and aft.

Removing external equipment and attachments. When a hurricane watch is declared strip your boat of all movable equipment such as canvas, outriggers, sails, dinghies, radios, cushions, deck boxes, biminis and roller furling sails. Tie down everything you cannot remove, such as tillers, wheels, booms, etc. Securing outside cabinets, drawers, windows, equipment.

- If possible, remove plexiglass windscreen and store in secure area.
- Tape shut all exposed drawers and cabinets.
- Tape the seams of windows and hatches to keep wind from entering the cabin.
- Check pedestal seats to be sure they are locked securely.
- Remove deck furniture if possible or group in a corner and lash it to railings.
- Remove PFDs and rafts.
- Lock and tape windows with duct tape. Tape all joints and seams on windows on the outside. Leave window covers in place.
- Tape around all hatch covers and doors.
- Sail craft should lash rudders.

Securing engines:

- Small engine vents should be covered with duct tape. If the engine vent is larger cover with plywood and tape along edges.
- Exhausts can be secured with wood plugs or larger inflatable balls.
- Generators under open cockpit decks should be covered with plastic sheets.
- Close water intake sea cocks.
- Plug exhaust outlets with bungs.
- Fuel and water tank vents should be taped.

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Cruise Director (continued from page 1)

Tom Martin

Join us for a cruise - they are always a great time! And don't hesitate to let us know if you want to plan a cruise to your favorite place!

Education Director (continued from page 3)

Alan Singleton

Securing the cabin:

- Breakables should be placed in boxes down low.
- Clear out elevated cabinets where the boat's movements will spill contents out.
- Heavy objects in cabinets and drawers should be removed to prevent opening.
- Loose furniture and accessories and cushions should be secured. Raise Venetian blinds and take down drapes.
- Move furniture from windows if possible.
- Carpeting should be taken up as water may be forced into cabins.
- Duct tape door jambs to reduce water leaks.
- Bedding should be stripped and stored in a safe place. Mattresses should be wedged on end.
- The refrigerator should be cleaned out of all perishables and glass containers. Firmly lock the door. If your refrigerator is AC/DC turn it off to preserve batteries.
- Close sea cocks for heads.
- Close and plug all sink drains.
- Disconnect and stow power cords.
- Circuit breakers should be turned off.

Davits and lifts:

- Remove your boat from the davit or lift if possible. Else in preparing for a hurricane the following guidelines are offered:
- Secure your boat to the lift structure fore and aft.
- Turn off the power to your lift.
- Remove all canvas, loose gear, cushions and electronics.
- Raise the lift as high as possible.
- Remove your drain plug and be sure to check your bilge for any loose debris that could clog your drain.
- Be sure your battery is fully charged and turn off all electrical systems except your bilge pump.
- Cover all deck vents with duct tape.

Trailers Consult with your trailer's manufacturer prior to performing these procedures.

- Take your boat on its trailer to your chosen place for hurricane protection.
- Tie your boat to the trailer generously.
- Place blocks between the frame members and the axle inside each wheel.
- Let about half the air out of the tires.
- Fill the boat one-third full of water to help hold it down.
- Secure your boat and trailer with heavy lines to fixed objects (such as large trees, utility poles, sturdy buildings). Lines should be tied, if possible, in four directions, for protection against the shifting wind directions. Screw anchors firmly in ground.

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Ruth Sines-Dutcher



April was an exciting month for the Mariners as we started off the month with a lovely Lunch With the Ladies at the Peace River Botanical gardens. A private tour was enjoyed through the gardens followed by a nice, boxed lunch and wine under the Arbor next to the Koi Pond. Thank you June Toothaker and Judy Droitcour for hosting this wonderful adventure.

The highlight of the month and probably the year was the Naughty Oar Knot Regatta held at Burnt store Marina and hosted by Laurie and Brad Betting. Indeed, the heartbeat of the club could be felt throughout the event with fun, fellowship and friendships abounding throughout the grounds and boats. The event was well attended by boat and by land and Mariners are already looking forward to next year's Regatta.

April also brought the club back to Fisherman's Village for happy Hour! So many folks are excited to get back to our old "stomping grounds" and have been enjoying conversations and friendship at The Village Brewhouse on Wednesdays from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to stop by for a cocktail and bring a friend who might enjoy the camaraderie of our club. Thank you, Carol Barkow, for securing our new location.

Plans continue for the Commodore's Gala for Jan. 18, 2025. The committee continues to work hard to finalize every detail.

Social events may slow a bit during the hot summer months as some go North and others find time to travel. The Social Committee is always looking for new ideas and volunteers to help in other planned events including the Welcome Back Picnic- date to be determined, and the Christmas Party- to be held Dec. 7 at the PGICA. Contact Ruth as needed at 607-316-0461 or rutsin@yahoo.com/

Membership Director

Joan Erickson



Patty Edgecomb and Joan Erickson represented the club at the April PGICA New Members Reception. It was a lively session with several new members who showed interest in our club. Please forward contact information if you meet someone who needs application information.

Mariners Membership remains at 151.

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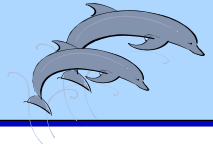
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___Upcoming Cruises

[Village Brewhouse Lunch Cruise, May 8, 2024 ***](#)

[Marina Jack Cruise, May 14-16, 2024 ***](#)

[Riviera Lunch Cruise, May 21, 2024 ***](#)

[Last Sunday of the Month Sunset Lake Raftup, May 26, 2024](#)

[Tween Waters Marina Cruise, May 28-29, 2024](#)

[Cabbage Key Overnight Cruise, May 30, 2024](#)

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



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

(More cruises to be determined)...



Lunch Cruise to YOUR CHOICE!

Let's try something different for the nearby lunch cruises. If you want to boat to lunch, let Tom Martin know where you plan to go by the Sunday noon before the date, so we can post it next day in the Monday blast. If the cruise is three days or more in the future (Thursday or later) cruise credit will be available – otherwise just enjoy the camaraderie and lunch! Please avoid a date conflicting with the other scheduled social and cruise events!

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 Recurring Social Events

[Happy Hour every Wednesday at 5:00 p.m., at Penny's](#)

[Pickleball \(summer hours\) every Tuesday and Thursday at South County Park from 8-10 a.m.](#) Contact Mike or Beth Guler

[Outdoor Social Gathering at Gilchrist Park, Thursday at 5 to 7 p.m.](#) Contact Dennis Barkow

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

[Dinner for Eight](#)

[Lunch with the Ladies at Farlows on the Water , May 29, 2024](#)

[Tamiami Tavern Monthly Breakfast, June 2, 2024](#)



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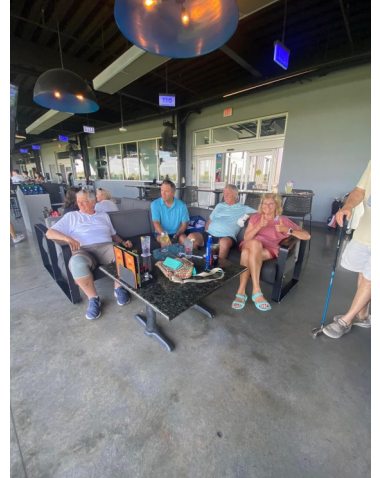
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Top Golf, April 2

Laurie Betting

Although no green jackets were awarded, we all left with some pride intact. Other shots were sworn to silence! Roger took the first round and Brad was ahead when our 2 hours clicked down way too fast! Julie started out strong and Ruth not only was the most improved but also had the best celebration dance. Bobby was Steady Eddy. The food and drinks were excellent. Everyone agreed... let's do it again in the fall. Also looking at Tiger Woods mini golf.



Laishley Marina / Celtic Ray Lunch Cruise, April 1

Bill & Nancy Eggert



Lunch cruise to Laishley Municipal Marina with walk to Celtic Ray Public House.

Great weather, wonderful group of friends!

Tamiami Tavern Monthly Breakfast, April 7

Richard Northrup

A nice group for Sunday Brunch at Tamiami Tavern!

Mike joined us for our picture. Lots of fun was had by all!

Lunch with the Ladies, at The Botanical Gardens, April 2

Judy Droitcour & June Prosser-Toothaker





Nauti Oar Knot Regatta, April 12-14

Laurie Betting

The 2024 Mariner's of PGI Regatta, Nauti Oar Knot, is one to remember. Yes, there were plenty of activities to entertain the masses, sixty-six participants, but it was the causal gatherings and conversations at the pavilion, on the docks and boats that brings a smile to our faces.

Two of the eleven boats, Sharps and Bettings, braved the Thursday high wind conditions and enjoyed an evening playing games. The high tide put water over the docks and we thought we would have to dingy between boats. Eventually we were able to walk the dock and gather on Driftwood. The ladies took all! Better luck next time Wayne and Brad.

Friday morning the fleet started to arrive and the energy was palpable. Mariners were greeted with a warm welcome and custom Koozies that many put to use over the weekend. As always, there were many hands to grab lines and offer assistance with power cords and fenders.

Activities kicked off at 4:30 with the first ever Yappy ½ hour. Milo (and Shawna and Alan) are truly host and hostess with the mostess. The pups left with Regatta logo kerchiefs and treat bags. Milo also hosted an impromptu ice cream social for the pups on Saturday with special puppy ice cream. I know, as some of the Mariners wanted in on it and were told, not for you!

Joyce and Peter hosted the Friday evening Docktails at the Pavilion. The atmosphere was warm and inviting. The appetizers were a full course meal and then some. After folks meandered to the dock and enjoyed a beautiful sunset and conversation.

Saturday morning Bobby, Julie, Jim and Jim laid out a breakfast fit for a hungry Captain and First Mate. We had electrical load problems, but Bobby was prepared with a propane grill. You can't be a successful Captain unless you can problem solve on the fly!

Shawna kicked off a Scavenger hunt with instructions that added an additional level of challenge. Unfortunately, some of our teams failed to read the instructions but turned it around in the end. Points were granted if they made her and Alan laugh. We have some very creative Mariners! For example, something that starts with a "T" toilet paper with a T-shirt on a plunger in a toilet. One team, God bless them, seemed to spend an inordinate amount of time at Headhunters sampling the Bloodys. They did not win but we are certain they had a great time. The final winner was Team two and they received a Mariner license plate and sticker.

We gathered again for the Knot So Newlywed game hosted by our own Brad Eubanks. Couples in the hot seat were the Contes, Dutchers, and Dehmels. The audience members also played along. We now know more about the love life of our Mariners.... you must ask Debby about the Volkswagen escapade. The grand prize selected especially for



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Nauti Oar Knot Regatta, April 12-14 (continued from page 9)

Laurie Betting

them was wine wrapped with a sticker that had a picture of their boat, boat name, and Mariner logo. All three couples received the same "Grand Prize". The Barkows were the winning audience participants and also received wine wrapped with the Regatta and Mariner logo. We followed this with an awards ceremony and acknowledged the winners of the Peter Guille Pickleball Tournament, the Scavenger Hunt and Brad and I thanked the many hosts and hands that made this weekend so special. To that end, I must share that I was deeply touched by comments from some of our members....."I can feel the heartbeat of the Club, again"....."I appreciated the way you randomized the Scavenger Hunt teams as I got to know members that I really hadn't visited with much before"...."Events like this will keep seasoned members and draw new members". New members and Regatta participants Julie and Gary Towers jumped in with both feet! They are going to be great active members. Kip offered a Blessing of the Fleet that could easily become our Club Blessing. Beautiful.

Sunday morning's Progressive Dock Breakfast was hosted by Barry and Sandy. Of all the posts on Facebook it was the picture of Barry offering up a Bloody that got the most comments. Even members unable to attend were fondly recalling his special concoction. Gary was hand delivering his 5#'s of bacon. Not to be outdone, Judy put together a presentation fit for a fine restaurant and the Singleton's had a yogurt bar with every granola imaginable. We did not leave hungry.



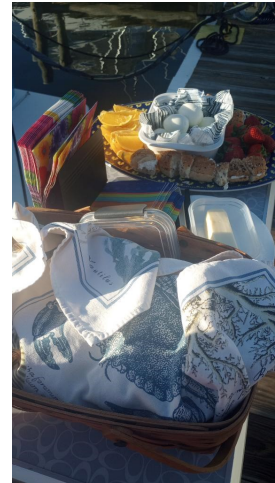
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Laurie Betting





“Eat Before We Meet” Comfort Food! April 22

Joyce McCandless

Our April Mariners’ meeting was preceded by an Eat Before We Meet (EBWM). With a theme of “Comfort Food”, our talented chefs prepared 15 different dishes, including mains, sides, salads, and desserts. Everything was REALLY yummy. In a bit of a change from our normal EBWM, folks had the option of bringing a dish to share or filling a plate for \$10 (with proceeds going to the 2025 Change of Watch). Three Mariners chose this option; hopefully more will do so in the future. More than 30 attended, with several volunteers helping with set-up and clean-up (and earning a participation credit in the process)! As is very often the case, there were plenty of leftovers; these were nicely packaged in foil pans by the clean-up crew and delivered that evening to the Veterans’ Village on Taylor, where they were gratefully accepted.



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Marco Island Cruise, April 16-25

Kip and Patti Conner

