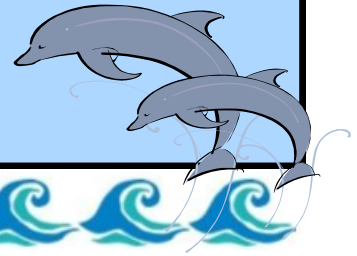


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**Bobby Conte,
Commodore**

Last month I wrote about a new type of cruise we were going to try, a day boat cruise with an overnight stay at the Cabbage Key Inn. Three boats participated in the overnight but unfortunately

4 other boats needed to cancel out for various reasons. The weather cooperated though the temperatures were soaring 90's and the one-hour cruise down to Cabbage Key was very pleasant with only a small chop. Ms. Julie II was the only day boat and docked at the Cabbage Cottage with Last One #5 and Sea Dancer snuggled into the marina. It was hot outside, so we all gathered at the Conte's two suite Cabbage Cottage which was air conditioned. We enjoyed adult beverages along with snacks, great conversation and a whole lot of humor. It was a great way to get to know each other a little bit more. We had a wonderful time at the Inn for dinner and even saw raindrops floating from the sky. Here we had more conversation, some kidding and lots of laughs. It was Ms. Julie II's first overnight stay, and she handled it like a seasoned sailing ship. All you other day boat captains who, like us, never ventured out for an overnight cruise really missed out on an outstanding experience. On the cruise back Julie and I decided we would probably join in on more overnight cruises where rooms are available. It will expand our ability to join club members with larger boats that overnight at marina's. Most of all it will expand our cruising experience by not limiting us to lunch cruising and sand bar afternoons. It is my hope as your Commodore to offer the club experiences that will expand our cruising horizon and our navigation skills.



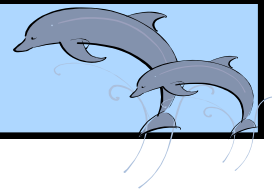
**Tom Martin,
Cruise Director**

We had some nice cruising in May in spite of the heat. Michael Mankin led a group of Mariners to fan favorite Tween Waters on May 28 and 29. Barry and Sandy Franzino, Richard Francios and

Debra Kalitan, Mike and Beth Guler, and Michael and Crystal Mankin enjoyed the pools and docktails in spite of the hot weather. A dinner and overnight at Cabbage Key Inn and Restaurant was enjoyed by Bobby and Julie Conte, Russ and Sara Burmeister, and Tom and Suzanne Martin. Many thanks to the Contes for the air-conditioned cottage for our "docktails" and lively conversation! We've all been there for lunch but can now report the dinner is excellent.

June has some nice cruises on tap. We're off to Tarpon Lodge for lunch on the 7th, then on the 13th Michael Mankin is leading a lunch cruise to Riviera to check out the new docks. Another lunch cruise on the 20th will be to the sandbar at Pelican Bay - BYO sandwiches and drinks! Overnight options in June include Palm Harbor the 10th and 11th, Tween Waters the 27th and 28th, and a cruise to the Hyatt marina in Sarasota July 16 and 17. Join us!





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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.

June Birthdays

- 6/3 MaryJane Burgess
- 6/4 Nancy Jo Krusinski
- 6/5 Deborah Sulla
- 6/6 John Krusinski
- 6/6 Denny Brown
- 6/7 Kate Albers
- 6/9 Dennis Cesari
- 6/10 Wayne Erickson
- 6/10 Bruce Ross
- 6/11 Don Kidwell
- 6/12 Marlen Cook
- 6/15 Don Leitch
- 6/17 Diane Lowy
- 6/18 Anita Hromish

If you or anyone you know is ill or in need of some Sunshine, please contact
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**Education Director****Alan Singleton**

For the Nautical Notes this month I wanted to remind everyone that Dennis Barkow performs Vessel Safety Checks for us, and everyone would be wise to have an inspection to make sure your vessel is safe to operate. Dennis's contact information is located below. This information is also located on the website under the Education Tab. Click on Safety Tab.

Vessel Safety Checks (VSCs)



VSCs are performed by United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and America's Boating Club (USPS) certified inspectors. These volunteer inspectors are actively interested in helping to promote safe boating. The purpose of the inspection is to help ensure that your boat is safe and is compliant with current Federal and State boating regulations.

The inspection is free and typically takes 30 minutes to an hour depending on the size of the boat, whether it has been previously inspected, etc. If your boat is found deficient, the inspector will tell you what you need to do to correct the situation and return to re-inspect once you have corrected the problem. The results of the inspection are strictly between you and the inspector – the forms are not sent to anyone unless you choose to do so. At the conclusion of a successful inspection, you will receive a current year VSC sticker which you should attach to your boat in the same area as the boat State Registration Sticker.

Contact Dennis Barkow for a Vessel Safety Check

djbarkow@gmail.com

262-664-5400

Please check your navigation lights.

Links to more information about the VSC program:

<https://cgaux.org/vsc/>

<https://americasboatingclub.org/index.php/scheduling-a-free-vessel-safety-check?highlight=WyJ2c2MiXQ==>

Old Flare Disposal

According to Dennis Barkow the only way to properly dispose of old flares is to contact the Sheriff's Department District 3. They call an officer off the street to accept the flares and that process may take up to 30 minutes. Here is the contact info for the Sheriff's Department:

Sheriff's Department

District 3 Office

3110 Loveland Blvd

Port Charlotte, FL 33980

(941) 258-3900

Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 am to 5:00pm

During our June 3 meeting I presented a short presentation on the Sharrow Propellers. They have engineered a new design that increases performance on powerboats both inboard and outboard.

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Social Director

Ruth Sines-Dutcher



May was the month for the “mass exodus”. Many Mariners head to northern Regions to escape the summer heat in Florida but some of us were able to get together for a fun afternoon at the Dutcher’s for our “Talk Derby to Me” celebration of the 50th Annual Kentucky Derby! What a great time with beautiful hats, plentiful food and flowing pineapple bourbon punch- a popular choice! The weather was perfect, and everyone enjoyed watching the race in exciting anticipation of filling their pockets with CASH. In the end Patti Feather chose the lucky ticket and walked away with \$100!

Hopefully we will have other Mariners volunteer this summer to possibly host similar get togethers for those folks who are in town. (Maybe 4th of July??)

In the mean, time enjoy your summer and hopefully Mariners can find each other at home or far away at our summer homes- the Dutchers were recently traveling and fortunate enough to be hosted by the Witchers at their lovely New Hampshire Lakefront home for lunch and a boat tour! Maybe someone will find us in New York or others where they landed for the summer?

Happy hour continues on Wednesday evenings at The Village Brewhouse from 5-7pm so stop by and enjoy a cocktail with your fellow Mariners.

Lastly, I would like to remind everyone to save up those unwanted treasures and Jim and I will start collecting them at our house in late September/ early October (depending on how much wandering we do between our NY home and our return to Florida). I am looking for volunteers to form a committee to help set up/ tear down/ sell our treasures at the Swap Meet at Muscle Car City- held the last Sunday of the month. We would like to be ready for October and possibly November with all proceeds going to our annual Change of Watch Gala.

Membership Director

Joan Erickson



Mariners, your Board of Directors want your thoughts on how you would promote participation in cruises. While many members enjoy cruises that are posted on the website, we want to be sure we're fulfilling everyone's expectations. Please feel free to contact any Board member to share your ideas.

If you arrange a cruise of at least three boats, please send a picture, along with your destination, to Tom Martin, Cruise Director, to assure cruise credits are recorded.

Would you like to receive Participation Credits for attending Happy Hour? Inquiring minds (the Board) want to know.

Happy cruising, Mariners!

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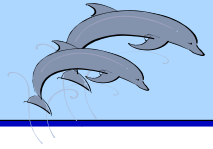
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Mariners Cruising



___Upcoming Cruises

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

[Tarpon Lodge Lunch Cruise, Jun. 7, 2024](#) ***

[Palm Harbor Overnight Cruise, Jun. 10-11, 2024](#) ***

[Lunch on the Sandbar – Pelican Bay, Jun. 20, 2024](#) ***

[‘Tween Waters Overnight Cruise, Jun. 27-28, 2024](#) ***

[Last Sunday of the Month Sunset Lake Raft-up, Jun. 30, 2024](#) ***

[Riviera Bar & Grill Lunch Cruise, Jul. 11, 2024](#) ***

[Sarasota Hyatt Marina Overnight Cruise, Jul. 16-17, 2024](#) ***

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



(More cruises to be determined)...

We want your ideas for lunch or overnight cruises! If you have an idea for a day cruise or overnight to one of your favorite places – or one you’ve wanted to visit – let [Tom Martin](#) know and we’ll get it on the calendar. Also – please consider leading a cruise – either to one already on the calendar that needs a leader, or one you propose to a favorite restaurant or marina.

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 Village Brewhouse](#)

[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 Lime Tequila, Jun. 19, 2024](#)

[Tamiami Tavern Monthly Breakfast, July 7, 2024](#)



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“Talk Derby to Me” party, May 4

Ruth Sines-Dutcher

What an AWESOME “Talk Derby to Me” party with lots of festive Mariners!!! Congratulations to Patty Feather on winning the big money!!!



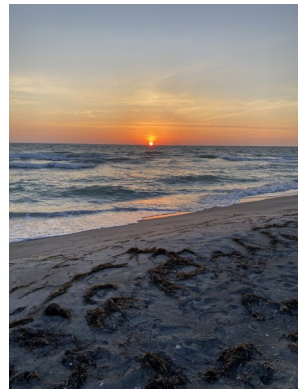
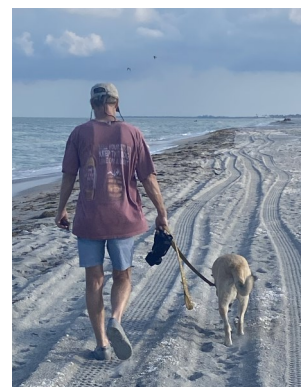
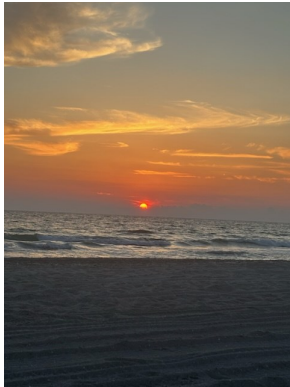
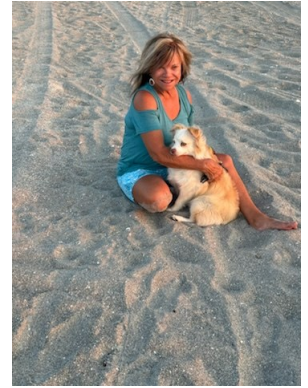
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'Tween Waters Overnight Cruise, May 28-29

Mike Mankin

It was HOT, but the pool was nice and cool! Mike and Crystal Mankin led fellow Mariners Barry and Sandy Franzino, Deb Kalitan and Richard Francoise, Mike and Beth Guler on an overnight cruise at 'Tween Waters.



Cabbage Key Overnight Cruise, May 30

Tom Martin





Mariners Around the Country!

Where in the world are the Mariners?? We would be interested in knowing where you are and what you are enjoying. Here are some photos so far.

