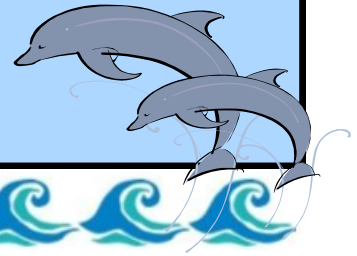


# Nautical Notes



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**Bobby Conte,  
Commodore**

Welcome to the Dog Days of Summer. The intense Florida heat has arrived, and the afternoon cooling monsoon rainfall has started. This makes lunch cruising and day boating difficult and

uncomfortable. The overnight boaters will find cruising with the air conditioner on high a great way to spend a night on the water. As I sit in my lanai with my morning cup of coffee, I note the water is like glass with no heat or humidity and again at dinnertime the water is like glass with no scorching heat and low humidity. This is a great time of day to go out on the water. Thinking we should do some impromptu evening sunset raft-ups or dock-tails. Whatever your boating is during this time of year, be safe, stay hydrated and have fun. We miss our northern friends and hope you are enjoying your dog days of summer as well and look forward to hearing of your adventures. Share your photos wherever you are as we enjoy hearing from you and seeing what you have been up to.



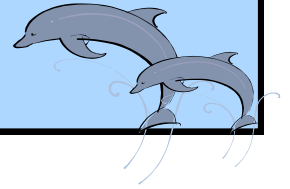
**Tom Martin,  
Cruise Director**

June was a good month to be in the pool instead of the boat it seems. We had at least one 108-degree day (OK that's the "feels like" temp but it sure did). We're trying not to be jealous of our

snowbird friends enjoying the cooler weather up north - we miss you all. And of course, the rains we needed earlier in the year have finally arrived with a vengeance, spoiling some boating plans. We did have a few Mariners get to lunch at Riviera, but none had the three boats required to make it an official cruise. July has an opportunity for an overnight (two nights) to the Hyatt in Sarasota - where a lovely pool would welcome us. Let me know if you'd like more information on that one. Keep in mind that if you can join us for just one night of any two-night cruise, you are more than welcome. We'll be posting a couple more lunch cruises soon, with at least one on a weekend. We're always eager to hear suggestions for places you'd either like to go or are already planning to go - pick a place and date and we'll get the word out. Let us know if any Mariners saw some fireworks from the boat on the 4th!

## Happy Hour at Village Brewhouse, July 3





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7/13 Brad Betting

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7/21 Marian Wright

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Happy Birthday!



Education Director

Alan Singleton



## 6 Boating Trends Growing in 2024 From Marine Max

*Get ready to explore the forefront of maritime innovation and excitement!*



The dynamic world of boating offers rapid technological advancements that continually redefine the on-water experience. Staying in the loop with the latest trends and exciting developments can be a thrilling challenge. But fret not, as we've put together a curated list of the top six current trends expected to make an even bigger impact in 2024.



### 1. Smaller boats, More Tech

High-tech features are becoming increasingly popular in smaller boats, leading to an increasing demand for them in 2024 over the large luxury yachts. Boats like the [2024 Aquila 28 Molokai](#) come with abundant luxury features like high-quality craftsmanship, exceptional handling and maneuverability, state-of-the-art technology at the helm, open plan layout, fully-equipped galley, and a cozy cabin all packed into its 28 ft. length.

### 2. Autonomous Technology

[Docking your boat](#) can be one of the most intimidating parts of boating. New autonomous features in boating have made it easier! Volvo Penta has released a groundbreaking [Assisted Docking system](#) that's as high tech as it sounds. Using sensors, GPS-based dynamic positioning, joy sticks and advanced algorithms you can find yourself pulling up to the dock with precision and ease. There's also exciting new tech like the [Seakeeper Ride](#) that senses the boat's activity and automatically uses the boat's rotary blades to reduce the pitch and roll for a more comfortable ride. Advancements in autonomous boating are increasing in popularity for their ease and comfort.

*(see page 4 Education Director)*



### 3. Boat Customization

Technological advancements have revolutionized the landscape of boat customization, rendering it more accessible than ever. The advent of custom 3D printed accessories, such as cleats and speaker grills, alongside the growing popularity of luxury features like premium finishes, reflects an increasing demand in the maritime market. From fully equipped sport boats to luxury yachts that allow owners to personalize every detail down to the stitch color, boat enthusiasts worldwide are actively pursuing customization options that seamlessly align with their unique lifestyles.



### 4. More Options for Power

From electric motors for a quiet and eco-friendly ride to high-performing outboard motors, there's never been more options for finding the right power to meet your boating needs. Efforts for sustainability in boating bring on an increasing variety of electric motors, even for water-sport enthusiasts like in this [Nautique Super Air GS22E](#). Or if you're looking for a high-performing outboard engine, the impressive advances in the [Mercury Verado 600](#) V12s and V10s offer impeccable performance while remaining quiet and smooth. Need something in the middle? Hybrid boats are gaining in popularity for their flexibility in choosing to appropriate power for different boating conditions offering more versatility.

### 5. Larger Center Consoles

Though smaller boats are increasing in popularity, it doesn't mean the thrill of a larger center console isn't still in demand. More space means more room for fun and your favorite boat brands are making it happen. Center consoles are typically thought of as a versatile boat and popular models like the [Boston Whaler 42 Outrage](#) boasts a striking 42.5 ft. in overall length and offers a spacious deck for ample seating making it perfect for your crew of avid anglers or a thrill-seeking adventurers. The extra space also allows room for an expansive cockpit, comfortable helm station, galley, double berth and private head for comfortable overnight stays on the water.



### 6. High-Speed Internet at Sea

Gone are the days of having a limited signal on the water. The demand for connectivity has satellite tech, like Starlink, increasing significantly in popularity for yacht owners. Starlink offers the capability for streaming, making video calls, and playing video games while underway or anchored just as you would on land. Additionally there's options for utilizing cellular data, Marine WiFi systems that are a plug and play device, or using a more portable BGAN (Broadband Global Area Network) that work like a mobile hotspot.

These are just some of the many innovations in boating! Stay tuned for future advances and more trends in upcoming communications. And to help keep your boating maintenance and adventures on track for 2024, download the [MarineMax App](#) for Boating Made Easy™.



## Social Director

Ruth Sines-Dutcher



The summer months are "cruising" by with lots of hot weather and many Mariners traveling to various cooler destinations. Lots of pictures are being shared on Facebook- check out the Mariner's Facebook page! For those club members who remain in PGI the fun times continue. Lunch with the ladies was enjoyed by 10 members at Lime Tequila- hosted by Shawna Flanders. A lovely time was had by all. Commodore Bobby Conte has started a Men's lunch at Monty's on the third Thursday of each month at noon. Although attendance wasn't good at the first scheduled lunch, he is hoping some of his fellow Captains will join him this month on July 18. Let's get out and enjoy some male bonding.

Sign-ups have started for first Sunday of the month brunch at Tamiami Tavern- sign up now and join the Northrups for a wonderful time.

Wednesday Happy Hour continues at Village Brewhouse as well as Thursday Outside Gathering- hosted by Dennis and Carol Barkow. In June they even went OTB to Sunseeker's for a great time!

Lastly, I would like to remind everyone to save their special "treasures" for collection this fall when Jim and I get back from NY. We are looking forward to organizing/ participating in the Swap Meet at Muscle Car City in October as a fund-raising event for the Mariners. See everyone soon.

## Membership Director

Joan Erickson



Fellow Mariners, feel free to invite friends & neighbors to join us at Happy Hour, a meeting, or a cruise. Share the fun and camaraderie that we enjoy.

Keep on cruising!

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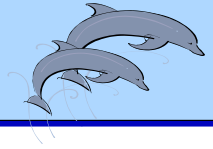
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## Mariners Cruising



### Upcoming Cruises

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

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

[Last Sunday of the Month Sunset Lake Raft-up, Jul 28, 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](mailto: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](#)

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

[Captain's Lunch at Monty's on the 3rd Thursday of the month](#)

[Lunch with the Ladies at the Perfect Caper, Jul. 26, 2024](#)



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## Mariners Lunch with the Ladies, June 19

Shawna Flanders

On June 19, Lunch with the Ladies was hosted by Shawna Flanders at Lime Tequila. Eleven ladies shared a Mexican lunch and maybe a few Margaritas.

July's Lunch with the Ladies will be hosted by Debbie Dehmel at the Perfect Caper on July 26.



## Outdoor Social Gathering at Gilchrist Park, June 13

Carol Barkow

There is usually a gathering at Gilchrist Park on Thursday evenings, but Gilchrist was flooded tonight so we went and enjoyed Sunseeker Resort in Charlotte Harbor. Good times! Any Mariners are welcome to join the Thursday Gathering (yes, our spouses came too!)

