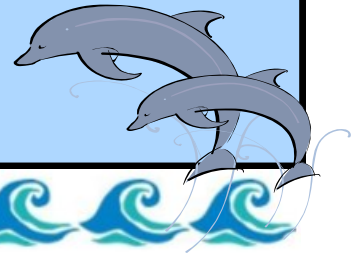


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**Bobby Conte,
Commodore**

This past month was a typical August in Florida, extremely hot and very humid. On top of that our rainy season had no structure to it. Rain came anytime during the day with little warning. We did get

to take a few cruises though with one standing out as spectacular for us small day boaters. The club decided to try a Sunday morning brunch cruise to Cass Cay at Burnt Store. It was a "bring a friend" cruise, with all on board receiving a cruise credit. We left the dock at 0830 and the water was like glass. Sun was up, temperature was in the low eighties, and there was no humidity. Picture perfect boating day. Four boats and thirteen club members attended. Cass Cay was ready for us when we arrived. Jim & Kathy Casazza were already docked on "Katering", a 58' Hatteras; Bob and Julie Conte cruised in on Ms Julie II, 26' Splendor Sunstar with Murr and Carol Goldenberg on board; Dennis and Shirla Cesari cruised in on their new 34' Mainship Pilot, "Never Say Never" with Glen and Kathy Mayer on board; Alan Singleton (Shawna on travel) cruised in on their new boat, 33' Pursuit and had Wayne and Joan Erickson on board. The return cruise was not hot and still a smooth ride.

When Tom Martin, our Cruise Director returns from vacation we will see about adding additional brunch cruises to our Cruise Page. The downside, you must get up early, the upside is temperature, humidity, and wind are all low. A great time of the day to cruise.

See you at The Brewhouse House for Wednesday night Happy Hour.



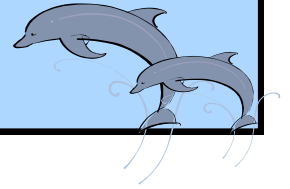
**Tom Martin,
Cruise Director**

The high point for August cruising had thirteen Mariners heading to Burnt Store Marina for Sunday brunch at Cass Key restaurant. Weather was great, food was delicious, and an enjoyable time

was had by all who attended. The temperatures and plentiful rain kept us from any overnights this month, but we look forward to getting our snowbirds and vacationers back and the cooler weather as we move into fall in Florida. There is a cruise to Tween Waters planned for September, as well as a lunch cruise to Village Brewhouse. We'll be posting soon a trip to Edison Ford Marina in Fort Myers, next to a nice Pinchers restaurant and next door to the Edison and Ford winter estates which are always worth a visit. Another Sunday brunch to Cass Key and some other old and new lunch spots will be on the September and October calendar as well.

Cruise credits on the website participation report have been updated - please have a look at your info and let me know if we missed a cruise you were on. Also, the Last Sunday Raft Up sometimes has no reporting as to who went, so in the future I'd like any of you that attend the raft up to email me at tmartin281@gmail.com so I can be sure to give you the cruise credit. As always, let me know if there's a new place or old favorite you'd like us to visit!





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Meetings

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.

September Birthdays

9/1 Jane Fitzpatrick
9/4 Andy Droitcour
9/4 Rita Bass
9/4 William Willard
9/4 Cinthia Walberg
9/6 Phyllis Williams
9/9 Bill Albers
9/9 Linda Wiens
9/11 Ginny Caldwell
9/12 Nancy Eggert
9/16 Cynthia Lanza
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9/18 Jim Lanza
9/20 Murray Goldenberg
9/24 Bobby Conte
9/25 Chris Caldwell
9/28 Mike Wiens
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[Red Tide Current Status](#)

[Daily Sample Map](#)

This map contains the last eight days of sampling and is updated daily at 5 p.m. Please be sure to click on individual dots for sampling details.

Red Tide Status Update for August 30, 2024

Current Conditions

The red tide organism, *Karenia brevis*, was not observed in samples collected statewide over the past week. We continue to use satellite imagery (USF and NOAA NCCOS) to help track nearshore and offshore conditions. For additional information please view:

- the **Southwest Florida Coast** [report](#) and [map](#).
- the **Northwest Florida Coast** [report](#) and [map](#).
- the **Florida East Coast** [report](#) and [map](#).

Fish Kills

No reports of fish kills suspected to be related to red tide were received from FWC's [Fish Kill Hotline](#) or Mote Marine Laboratory's [Beach Conditions Reporting System](#) over the past week.

Respiratory Irritation

Respiratory irritation suspected to be related to red tide was not reported in Florida over the past week. For recent and current information at individual beaches, please visit Mote Marine Laboratory's [Beach Conditions Reporting System](#) and for forecasts that use FWC and partner data, please visit the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's [Gulf of Mexico Harmful Algal Blooms Forecast](#).

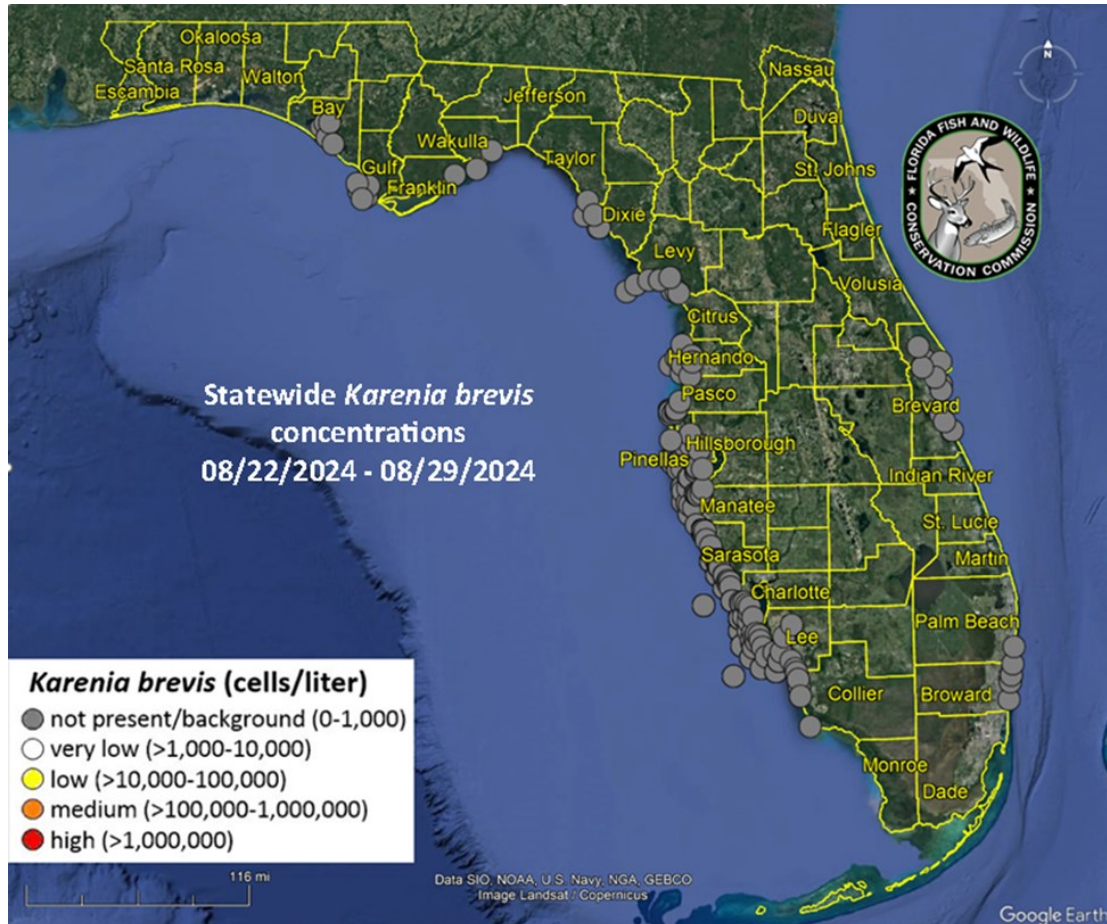
Forecast

Forecasts by the [USF-FWC Collaboration for Prediction of Red Tides](#) for Pinellas County to northern Monroe County predict northwestern movement of surface waters and variable transport of subsurface waters in most areas over the next 3.5 days.

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Statewide Red Tide Status Map (August 30, 2024)



View a larger [map](#) (August 30, 2024).

To see detailed information on this week's samples, view the current [Statewide Google Earth map for August 30, 2024](#). By using Google Earth, you can zoom in to specific locations and click on stations to see detailed information, including sample date and cell concentration. You must have Google Earth installed on your computer to view this map; the software can be downloaded from the [Google Earth website](#).

The next status report will be issued on Friday, September 6th. Please check our [daily sampling map](#) which can be accessed from the top of this page.

Archived status maps can be found in our [Flickr gallery](#). **Previous regional status reports and maps** can be found on our [red tide resources](#) page.

Latest Red Tide Status Report Available by Phone

Call 866-300-9399 at anytime from anywhere to hear a recording about red tide conditions throughout the state. Standard calling charges apply.

Reports are updated on Friday afternoon except during holidays, in which case the report will be released on the closest day. Additional information, if available, is provided on Wednesday afternoon. To receive an e-mail when the current status has been updated, visit our [subscription](#) area.

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Additional Information

For additional information about red tide and the current red tide bloom, including information on how to report a fish kill or other wildlife effects, consult health authorities about human exposure, or locate other resources, visit our [Red Tide-Related Hotlines and Information Sources](#) article.

Blue-Green Algae Bloom Information

Additional information regarding the current status of algal blooms in South Florida is being consolidated and posted on the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's website: <https://floridadep.gov/dear/algal-bloom>.

Key for Results

Description	K. brevis abundance	Possible effects (K. brevis only)
NOT PRE-SENT- BACK-GROUND	background levels of 1,000 cells or less	no effects anticipated
VERY LOW	> 1,000 - 10,000 cells/L	possible respiratory irritation; shellfish harvesting closures when cell abundance equals or exceeds 5,000 cells/L
LOW	> 10,000 - 100,000 cells/L	respiratory irritation; shellfish harvesting closures; possible fish kills; probable detection of chlorophyll by satellites at upper range of cell abundance
MEDIUM	> 100,000 - 1,000,000 cells/L	respiratory irritation; shellfish harvesting closures; probable fish kills; detection of surface chlorophyll by satellites
HIGH	> 1,000,000 cells/L	as above, plus water discoloration

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Pursuant to section 120.74, Florida Statutes, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission has published its [2022 Agency Regulatory Plan](#).



Social Director

Ruth Sines-Dutcher



August was as hot as ever! The Mariners continue to find ways to share fun times together - on and off the water.

Our Brunch at Tamiami Tavern continues to be very popular every first Sunday of each month. A few ladies even met there on August 14 for a lovely luncheon with lots of lively conversation.

Happy Hour continues each Wednesday from 5-7 p.m. at the Village Brewhouse- except when they are doing a little remodeling! A quick adjustment and we all happily met at Harpoon Harry's where a fun time was had by all!

We are still looking for volunteers to help Commodore Bobby with the Welcome Back picnic- date to be determined. It is always a hit with a large attendance. Let's start planning now.

The Christmas Party committee will be meeting via Skype in September to firm up plans for our party at PGICA on December 7. Call Ruth or Carol Barkow to volunteer for this upcoming event.

Commodore Bobby continues to host the Commodore's lunch at Monty's every 3rd Thursday of each month- sign up on the website.

A friendly reminder- start saving your stuff! We will be accepting donations in early October for our participation in the Swap Meet at Muscle Car City on October 27. Let this be your inspiration to clean out those storage areas in your garages, under your beds, wherever you hide all that "stuff" you are never going to use again. Call Ruth with questions/ or to volunteer for this event.

Membership Director

Joan Erickson



Mariners, welcome back to regular meetings, and better cruising weather.

Please check your participation record for the year and complete your meeting attendance, cruises, and support commitments, by the end of the year.

Happy Cruising!

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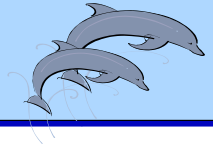
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___Upcoming Cruises

[‘Tween Waters Overnight Cruise, Sep. 3-6, 2024](#)

[Village Brewhouse Lunch Cruise, Sep. 16, 2024 ***](#)

[‘Tween Waters Weekend Pool Party, Sep. 27-29, 2024 ***](#)

[Last Sunday of the Month Sunset Lake Raft-up, Sep. 29, 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](#)

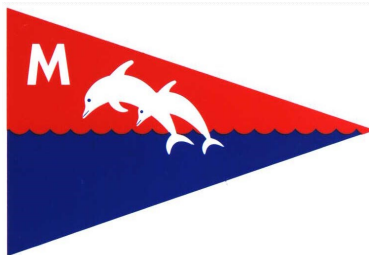
[Outdoor Social Gathering at Gilchrist Park, Thursday at 5 to 7 p.m. Contact Dennis Barkow](#)

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

[Dinner for Eight](#)

[Tamiami Tavern Monthly Breakfast, October 6, 2024](#)

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



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Burnt Store Cass Cay Sunday Brunch Cruise, August 11

Tom Martin



Mariners Lunch with the Ladies, August 14

Ruth Sines-Dutcher

August's Lunch with the Ladies was hosted by Ruth Sines-Dutcher at Tamiami Tavern. We had an intimate group with lots of conversation and good food!





Wednesday Happy Hours

Ruth Sines-Dutcher



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