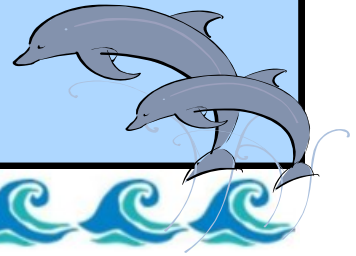


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**Bobby Conte,
Commodore**

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**

Hopefully no one's boat ended up drifting down the canal after Helene.....

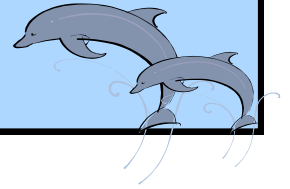
So, get ready for some cooler weather and nice days for cruising

in October.

Check the cruise signups on the web site... we'll be heading to Burnt Store Marina for an overnight on October 5, then the day boaters join us for a delicious brunch at Cass Cay Restaurant & Bar the next day. Sanibel Marina and Gramma Dot's Restaurant will be the two-night cruise October 11 to 13. Those ready to anchor out will gather on October 18 in Pelican Bay, with lunch on October 19 at Cabbage Key Inn and Restaurant. A lunch cruise to Laisley Crab House will round out the month on October 29. As always join us for even part of a cruise as your schedule permits. Also note that the reservations for slips are to be made by each captain, through Dockwa if available or a call to the dockmaster.

Let us know where you'd like to go for lunch or an overnight!





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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.

October Birthdays

10/1 Jeri Julian

10/14 Peggy Northrup

10/15 Alan Singleton

10/15 Debra Kalitan

10/17 Karen Rolland

10/20 Jim Hebeisen

10/24 Patti Conner

10/26 Betsy Pohle

10/27 Don Gordon

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you know is ill
or in need of some
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Alan Singleton



Starlink Service Plans

Starlink, SpaceX's satellite internet service, offers connectivity for boaters, allowing them to stay connected even while out on the water. Here are the current Starlink plans tailored for maritime use:

1. Boats Service Plans:

◇ Consumer Plan (Best for Coastal and Inland Waterways):

- **Monthly Cost:** Starting at \$165
- **Hardware Cost:** \$299
- **Data Allowance:** Unlimited Roam Data
- **Ideal Use:** Suitable for consumers along the coast and on inland waterways. It provides high-speed internet with download speeds ranging from 40 to 220+ Mbps and upload speeds of 8 to 25+ Mbps. [This plan is great for general internet usage while boating¹.](#)

◇ Mobile Priority 50GB Plan (Best for Ocean Navigation):

- **Monthly Cost:** \$250
- **Data Allowance:** Unlimited Mobile Data inland
- **Ideal Use:** Designed for navigation or weather monitoring on the ocean. [It prioritizes critical data needs for safety and navigation¹.](#)

◇ Mobile Priority 1TB Plan (Best for Streaming and Gaming):

- **Monthly Cost:** \$1,000
- **Data Allowance:** Unlimited Mobile Data inland
- **Ideal Use:** Perfect for streaming movies, video calls, and gaming while out on the ocean. [It provides ample data for entertainment and communication needs¹.](#)

2. Starlink Maritime Plans (Updated as of April 2023):

◇ 50 GB Priority Access Plan:


- **Monthly Cost:** \$250
- **Data Allowance:** 50 GB of priority access at sea.

◇ 1 TB Plan:

- **Monthly Cost:** \$1,000
- **Data Allowance:** [1 TB of data for high-speed internet usage while at sea².](#)

Keep in mind that Starlink's hardware is designed to withstand extreme conditions at sea, including cold, heat, heavy rain, and hurricane winds. You can integrate Starlink with your onboard networks via direct Ethernet connection or use the included Wi-Fi router. [Plus, you have the flexibility to pause and un-pause the service as needed¹.](#)

If you're interested, you can try Starlink for 30 days, and if you're not satisfied, they offer a full refund. [So, whether you're navigating coastal waters or venturing into the open ocean, Starlink aims to keep you connected with reliable internet service¹.](#)

Feel free to explore these options and choose the one that best fits your boating needs! 

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Social Director

Ruth Sines-Dutcher



This is certainly difficult to write this month given the recent Hurricane and devastation far and wide! September was a fairly quiet month socially. Hopefully we can all look forward to October and lots of friends and family visitors and fun and merriment. Keep folks in mind that are having a difficult time and help each other when you can. Looking forward to the upcoming season and lots of activities.

Membership Director

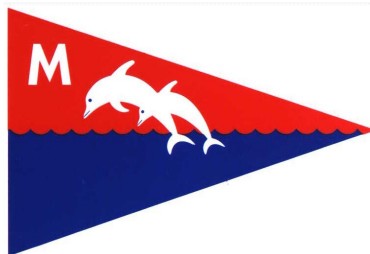
Joan Erickson



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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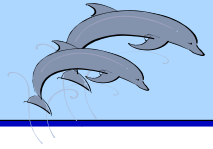


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Mariners Cruising



Upcoming Cruises

[Overnight Cruise to Burnt Store Marina, Oct. 5, 2024](#) ***

[Cass Cay Brunch, Oct. 6, 2024](#) ***

[Sanibel Marina Overnight Cruise, Oct. 11-13, 2024](#) ***

[Pelican Bay Anchor-out Cruise, Oct. 18, 2024](#) ***

[Cabbage Key Lunch Cruise, Oct. 19, 2024](#) ***

[Laisley Lunch Cruise, Oct. 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](#)

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

Mariners Lunch with the Ladies, September 19

Patty Edgecomb

September's Lunch with the Ladies was hosted by Patty Edgecomb at The Grill At 1951 . There were eight ladies in attendance. We had a very attentive waiter and lots of good food!



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