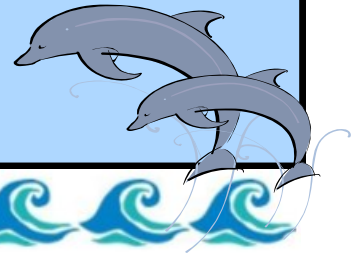


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**Bobby Conte,
Commodore**

The last few months have been very trying on everyone. You either lost or suffered damage to your house or boat. Or knew someone that lost or suffered damage to their house or boat. Or

both. Either way it is traumatic. It will take a long time to recover, and in the meantime, we are taking steps to alleviate some minor issues. If you haven't seen what follows in the Monday blast here is what we do doing moving forward.

Change in the cruise credits

Considering the recent storms several members have lost their boats, or experienced severe boat and/or home damage. In addition, the waters are a bit more dangerous to navigate due to debris in the harbor and canals. This has caused a hardship for many in being able to fulfill the cruise credit requirements. The board has decided it would be in the best interests of the membership to temporarily suspend the cruise credits for the remainder of 2024 and 2025.

Other credit requirements, for volunteer participation and meeting attendance will remain in place. Please plan to attend at least three meetings each year and earn one additional credit for volunteering in some club activity.

Most other club activities have not been affected by the weather. The Change of Watch and the Holiday Party are on the web site for your sign-up. Please sign up as soon as possible so final arrangements can be made.

Looking forward to a great Holiday Season to bring us all together for some laughs, great food, and a little dancing.

Happy Boating!

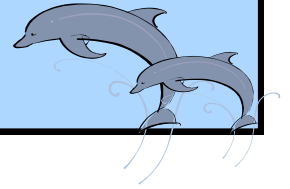


**Tom Martin,
Cruise Director**

The weather conspired against us in October - but we look forward to the end of hurricane season and the return of our snowbird friends! Let's give those who have a boat in the shop whatever help we can

and a ride to the lunch cruises! In November, plan to join us for lunches at Riviera and Cabbage Key, and an overnight to Sanibel Marina - with dinner at the famous Gramma Dots.





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Click [here](#) to view the Social Calendar and Sign-Up!

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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.

November Birthdays

11/1 Connie DiLillo

11/3 Audrey Bruning

11/3 Joyce McCandless

11/3 Mike Scharpf

11/9 Debby Dehmel

11/10 Michael Guler

11/16 Kip Conner

11/16 Julie Conte

11/19 Jeff Peltier

11/21 Peter Guille

11/22 Marijane Truting

11/27 Jacqueline Kerr

11/27 Arthur Sa

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you know is ill
or in need of some
Sunshine,
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Happy Birthday!





Education Director

Alan Singleton



SOS – YOUR MOBILE DEVICE AS A LIFELINE

Advancements in Mobile Networks
Allowing for Satellite Emergency Services



INTRODUCTION

What is Emergency SOS?

- A life-saving feature using satellite linked to your smart phone that allows users to quickly contact emergency services and designated contacts in urgent situations.

Why is it Important?

- It provides rapid assistance in emergencies, even when cellular service is unavailable.
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ACTIVATION



Android

- Quick Press: Press the power button multiple times rapidly.
- Custom Gesture: Set a personal gesture (e.g., pressing power and volume buttons simultaneously).
- Note: Currently Available for Google Pixel 9 Series and Samsung Galaxy Phones and Tablets.

Apple

- Hold Side Button and Volume Button: Press and hold until Emergency SOS slider appears.
- Rapidly Press Side Button: 5x to initiate Emergency SOS.
- Note: Currently Available for iPhone 14 and later.

KEY SOS FEATURES

Android

- Automatic Emergency Call
- Location Sharing with Emergency Contacts
- Emergency Messages “Prewritten”
- SOS Sounds and Flashing
- Create a Contact called “AAA My Medical Info”
- Customize
 - Emergency Contacts & Emergency Messages
 - Medical ID and Crash for Google Pixel
 - SOS Sounds and Flashing

Apple

- Automatic Emergency Call
- Emergency Contact Notification
- Crash Detection “Severe” Activates SOS
- Medical ID Sharing Vital Medical Info to 1st Responders
- Customize
 - Emergency Contacts
 - Medical ID
 - Crash Detection “Enable”

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ADDITIONAL SAFETY FEATURES

Android

- **Personal Safety App:** Allows for safety check-ins, sharing location with trusted contacts, with more features being added.
- **Find My Device:** Tracks your devices location remotely.

Apple

- **Find My:** Locate you iPhone, iPad, or Mac.
- **Privacy Settings:** Control location sharing and other privacy settings



TIPS TO USE EMERGENCY SOS



Social Director

Ruth Sines-Dutcher



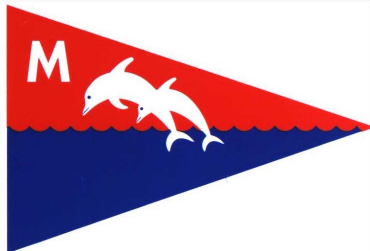
October was certainly a different month for the Mariners. Hurricane Helene at the end of September was followed October 9 by Hurricane Milton. The effects of both storms were widespread and left many Mariners in very difficult circumstances. As folks dealt with the effects of the storm, including the closing of Fisherman's Village and therefore our favorite gathering spot-the Village Brewhouse, we had our first "Flash Happy Hour" at UnWined Punta Gorda. It was a success with over 25 Mariners in attendance. It actually felt great to get out and chat with friends and have a few moments of 'normalcy'. We continued with this idea for the following two weeks and showed up for Happy Hour at Ortigia Cucina & Bar and Perch 360 Rooftop Restaurant & Bar on the rooftop of the Wyvern. Both Happy hours were very well attended, and more Mariners came to each event. Now that the Village Brewhouse has re-opened we will hold our regular Happy Hour

there on Wednesday evenings from 5-7 p.m., but don't worry, we will continue with the "flash " idea and you can watch our Facebook page, emails, or Blasts for future last-minute gatherings at new locations.

Social plans are also going strong with the Welcome Back Picnic right around the corner on November 15, the Christmas Party on December 7 and the Commodore's Gala and Change of Watch on January 18. Sign up on the website.

And finally, we are working on gathering household items, Marine items, etc. for participation in The Last Sunday of the month Flea Market at muscle Car City. Contact Ruth for pick-up, drop off instructions for donations. All proceeds will go to the club's general fund and be used for Mariner activities.

Feel free to contact me with any new ideas.



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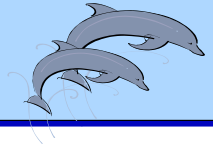


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Mariners Cruising



___Upcoming Cruises

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

[Sanibel Marina Cruise, Nov. 21-23, 2024](#) ***

[Last Sunday of the Month Sunset Lake Raft-up, Nov. 24 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!



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 and support commitments, by the end of the year.

Happy Cruising!

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

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

[Dinner for Eight](#)

[Tamiami Tavern Monthly Breakfast, December 1, 2024](#)

[Captain's Lunch at Monty's on the 3rd Thursday of the month, November 21, 2024](#)

[Lunch with the Ladies, Nov. 20, 2024](#)

[Last Sunday of the Month Flea Market \(starting Nov. 24\)](#)

[Eat Before We Meet, Nov. 25, 2024](#)

[Mariner Christmas Party, Dec. 7, 2024](#)

SAVE THE DATE Commodore's Gala and Change of Watch, Jan. 18, 2025 from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Isles YC

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Mariners Lunch with the Ladies, October 22

Julie Conte



October's Lunch with the Ladies was hosted by Julie Conte at the Little Good Times Diner. There were ten ladies in attendance.

November's lunch will be at Leroy's Southern Kitchen on November 20 hosted by Joyce McCandless.

Flash Happy Hour at Unwined Punta Gorda, October 16





Trunk or Treat, October 31

Ruth Sines-Dutcher

The Mariners ended the month with a fun gathering at Bal Harbor Plaza for what may be our first annual Trunk or Treat event. We invited and were joined by the Punta Gorda Isles Car Club. Altogether there were over 40 cars with lots of treats, decorations and costumes for the kids to enjoy.

