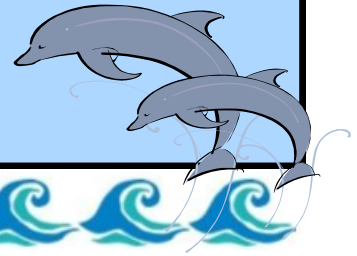


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**Carol Barkow,
Commodore**

Happy New Year to you all. The Mariner's winter season is starting with a host of plans for cruises and events for everyone to enjoy. There are cruises scheduled on January 11 for a luncheon at the beautiful

Tarpon Lodge and an overnight cruise Jan 15-17, with a stop at Palm Harbor and on to Sarasota. There are many land-based lodgings at Sarasota, so if you come up the ICW in your dayboat, you can spend the night and join the rest of the cruisers for some sightseeing and restaurant exploring. Other cruises will be added to the calendar as Gary Towers and the new cruise committee ramp up. Keep an eye on your weekly Eblast, and the website calendar for new things added to the list.

Social events are on the calendar as well. Every Mariner is invited to the Commodores Gala on January 18. It promises to be a highlight event, with dining, music and dancing for all, at the Isles Yacht Club. I hope to see you there.

I will be excited to begin 2025 with lots of new support on the Board of Directors. Social events organized by Ruth Sines Dutcher, and cruising with Gary Towers will be a great time. We also have a returning Secretary, Karen Rolland; and Membership Director Joan Erickson who did a great job last year and will keep the momentum going. Our new treasurer is Keith Feather, and Andy Droitcour will be handling education programs. The board experienced Mike Guler will serve as Vice Commodore and of course Bobby Conte has ascended to Past Commodore status. What a great group to plan a year with. I hope you will offer them your support and give a great big "YES" to requests for help with each and every program.

We have climbed over the peak created by a pandemic, lots of life changes and oh yes, a couple of hurricanes, and for many of us it's been one crisis after another. But we are resilient, and we are looking forward to the winter weather, which is the weather so many of us moved to Florida to enjoy.

With our snowbirds back in Punta Gorda, and lots of excitement to do new things; WELCOME to all you 2025 Mariners. Let's keep the party going.

Carol Barkow
2025 Commodore



**Tom Martin,
2024 Cruise Director**

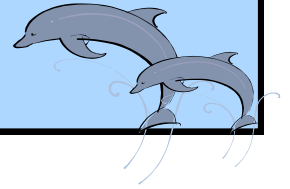
December cruises had a hungry group of eight Mariners heading for lunch at Riviera grill on the 13th, enjoying some nice weather and a chance to get out on the water.

On December 19, four couples cruised to Boca Grande Marina for lunch at Millers Dockside, then explored the town and beach before heading back to the boats. The island is still recovering, so restaurant choices were limited - we ended up back at Millers Dockside for a very nice dinner - supporting the local economy for sure! We said farewell to friends and the island the next morning and made our way home under sunny skies and calm seas.

In January, Mariners are looking forward to a visit to the beautiful Tarpon Lodge on Pine Island for lunch, then later in the month a two-night cruise to Sarasota, where we'll stay at Marina Jack. The marina is very close to town, so there will be many opportunities for things to do as well as good restaurants to choose from. Make reservations on Dockwa for Marina Jack.

It's also not too early to sign up for the February overnight to Tween Waters - sign up on the Mariner website as always, then call the Marina directly to make your reservation.





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January Birthdays

1/2 Helene Gordon
1/7 Carol Goldenberg
1/9 Keith Feather
1/10 John Dohoney
1/13 Arthur Bruning
1/15 Rosie Rissel
1/15 Jennifer Ross
1/21 Nicole Ross
1/23 Pete Verhoven
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PGICA, 2001 Shreve St.
4th Monday at 7 p.m. (except **December**)

Board

PGICA, 2001 Shreve Street
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If you or anyone
you know is ill
or in need of some
Sunshine,
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Education Director

Andy Droitcour



Highlights of the Guler's recent trip to New Zealand and Australia will be presented by Mike Guler.

Any suggestions for educational topics appropriate for the Mariners are welcome. Anyone interested in being a member of this year's education committee please reply to: Andy Droitcour at 401-480-1855

Social Director

Ruth Sines-Dutcher



What a whirlwind of a year it has been - literally! We have all been busy enjoying each other's company both on the water and on land. December brought us a great Christmas party which we plan to have again next year! I hope everyone enjoyed the rest of the Holiday Season with family and friends - near and far, and are looking forward to another year of GREAT TIMES with the Mariner Clan. Happy New Year to all!

Sign up NOW for the Commodore's Ball and change of Watch to be held on January 18 at The Isles Yacht Club - it is going to be a lovely celebration of our Club's 25th Anniversary!

Membership Director

Joan Erickson



TIS THE SEASON! ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT IS DUE.

Thank you to all those who have already submitted their \$35.

For those who have yet to do so, you may drop it off at the Association or mail it to Joan Erickson at 623 Santa Margerita Ln

Please submit your dues by January 31st.

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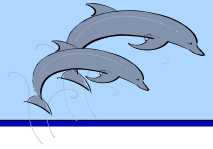
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Mariners Cruising



Upcoming Cruises

[Tarpon Lodge Lunch Cruise, Jan. 11, 2025 ***](#)

[Palm Harbor / Sarasota Overnight Cruise, Jan. 15-17, 2025 ***](#)

[Last Sunday of the Month Sunset Lake Raft-up, Jan. 26, 2025 ***](#)

[Tween Waters Overnight Cruise, Feb. 11-13, 2025 ***](#)

[Riviera Grill Lunch Cruise, Feb. 20, 2025 ***](#)

[Last Sunday of the Month Sunset Lake Raft-up, Feb. 23, 2025 ***](#)

[Tarpon Point & Pink Shell Overnight Cruise, Mar. 11-15, 2025](#)



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 Gary Towers 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 every Tuesday and Thursday at South County Park from 8-10 a.m.](#) Contact Mike or Beth Guler

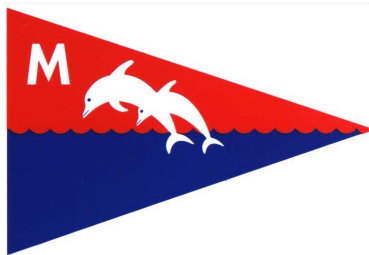
[Gilchrist Park Thursday Gathering, 4-6 p.m.](#)

[Commodore's Gala & Change of Watch, Jan. 18, 2025](#)

[Lunch with the Ladies at JB's Corner Cafe, Jan. 21, 2025](#)

[Last Sunday of the Month Flea Market, January 26, 2025](#)

[Tamiami Tavern Monthly Breakfast, February 2, 2025](#)



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Riviera Grill Lunch Cruise, December 13



Mariners Lunch with the Ladies, December 18



December's Lunch with the Ladies was hosted by Jacqueline Kerr at the Pizza Gorda. There were nine ladies in attendance.

January's lunch will be at JB's Corner Cafe on January 21 hosted by Patti Conners.

Miller's Dockside Lunch Cruise, December 19





Happy Hour, December 18



Come join in the fun at our weekly happy hour from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Village Brewhouse in Fisherman's Village. Looks like we had some special guests in December, the polar bear twins!

Gilchrist Park Thursday Gathering, December 19

