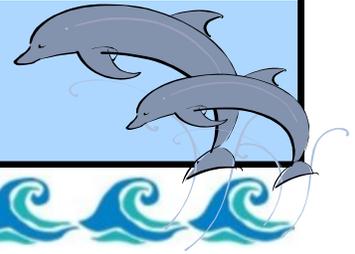


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**Carol Barkow,
Commodore**

The May cruise to Ft. Myers was joined by four boats and their crews: Gary and Julie Towers, Tom and Suzanne Martin, Paul Baird and Traci Goin, and Dennis and Shirla Cesari. The Barkows ended up

attending two of the three days in Ft. Myers and several of the fun events by car.

The highlight of the trip was a great tour of the Edison Ford Museum and Winter Estates. It's a beautiful and educational site and should be enjoyed by everyone. Also, it is a great place to take your out-of-state visitors. We dined at Izzy's Fish and Oyster on First St. one evening and the next day we tried the McGregor Grill. Both had excellent food and the upside of bringing a car to a cruise meant we got to venture away from only the nearby restaurants by hitching a ride. The Edison Marina is convenient to downtown Ft. Myers and has a number of slips available to transients.

Another very special cruise is planned for June, along with other fun days – but I will leave that to the Cruise director and Social Director to tell you about.

Upcoming items to consider include the schedule for recruiting several volunteers to serve on the 2026 Board of Directors. We need to invite the new volunteers to the November board meeting, which means they must be elected at the October General Meeting. In turn, we need to announce those names at the September meeting. So, there is little time to spare before we are asking YOU to take a turn. We will have five or six slots to fill.

If you have been a Mariner for more than a year, or for many years; If you have been enjoying and participating in fun cruises and events; If you have made the most of our many potlucks and parties and have never served on the board yet..... Consider your skills, and your responsibility to be among those who make the decisions.

Check with the current board members and I think you will find that no one job is a huge burden, and you will have helpers. We are even asking snowbirds and frequent travelers to volunteer. We will find a way to pair you up and give you a hand through the 'off season'.

(see page 3 Commodore)



**Gary Towers,
Cruise Director**

As we got into the month of May we saw many snowbird Mariners head north. Julie and I will return to our home near Chicago June 1 but expect to make a couple of visits to PGI during the summer.

The Lunch Cruise to Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club was well attended with over 30 Mariners dining. The dining area with its panoramic view of the harbor made for a perfect Sunday afternoon social setting. Many came by land, but some came by sea. Many thanks to Cruise Leaders Tom and Suzanne Martin.

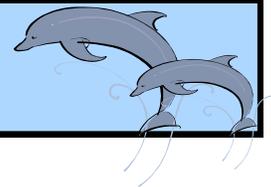
The overnight cruise to The Marina at Edison Ford in downtown Fort Myers did not disappoint. Situated next door to the winter estates of Thomas Edison and Henry Ford, the marina made exploring the estates and downtown on foot quite easy.

Traveling inland up the Caloosahatchee River was a first for us. While setting up my chart plotter for the trip, I was a bit puzzled at first as to why the channel marker numbers decreased as you made your way inland??? No red right return when coming from the gulf up the Caloosahatchee lest you might find yourself in shallow water. Now I understand that this waterway is part of the ICW. A segment that connects the Florida east coast ICW to the west coast ICW. The channel markers on the Caloosahatchee are a continuation of the same ICW logic.

While 5 boats were expected, the Barkows needed to turn back to PGI to resolve a mechanical issue. Nonetheless Dennis and Carol still led the cruise by taking the land route, joining us for dinner at Izzy's Fish & Oyster on day one and the estate tour on day two.

We took the guided tour of the Edison and Ford estates. Touring the grounds we were taken back to the late 19th century. A time of great innovation by two very noteworthy inventors and entrepreneurs. Situated on the shore of the Caloosahatchee River, their homes and guesthouse are kept furnished as they were in the time of Edison and Ford. Looking out at the river from the estate, you can imagine being there during an earlier time. The numerous fishing and river tour adventures they launched from here more

(see page 3 Cruise Director)



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General Membership

PGICA, 2001 Shreve St.
4th Monday at 7 p.m. (except December)

Board

PGICA, 2001 Shreve Street
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June Birthdays

6/3 MaryJane Burgess
6/4 Nancy Jo Krusinski
6/6 John Krusinski
6/7 Kate Albers
6/9 Dennis Cesari
6/10 Wayne Erickson
6/10 Bruce Ross
6/11 Don Kidwell
6/15 Don Leitch
6/17 Diane Lowy
6/18 Anita Hromish
6/24 Kathy Casazza
6/26 Jim Casazza

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Happy Birthday!





Commodore (continued from page 1)

Carol Barkow

Several current board members are snowbirds and they have found it reasonable to carry on via computer and cell phone. Think about it – belonging to a club means you have some responsibility to raise your hand every few years and contribute to the leadership of the organization.

Cruise Director (continued from page 1)

Gary Towers

than a century ago.

The museum is loaded with inventions including original phonographs. Suzanne summoned a docent to play music on one of them. It was amazing to hear music coming from this ancient device.

Mariners on the cruise were Dennis and Shirla Cesari on Never Say Never, Paul Baird and Tracie Goin on Starbuck, Suzanne and Tom Martin on Sea Dancer and Julie and I on Final Approach.

For June we will have a lunch cruise to the Isles Yacht Club. Many thanks to Paul Baird for making the arrangements.

Also, in June we have the Tween Waters, Pink Shell & Cabbage Key Cruise June 19-28. Thanks to Mike Mankin for taking the lead on this. Tween and Pink Shell are relaxing resorts with large swimming pools to keep you cool. I look forward to seeing the pictures from this multi-stop overnight cruise.

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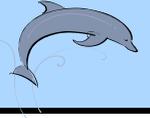
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Ruth Sines-Dutcher



May was a busy month with many Mariners traveling to northern states for the summer. We love to see everyone's adventures so go ahead and post a picture on our Facebook page.

Those Mariners still in Punta Gorda continue to enjoy our regularly scheduled activities including Happy Hour at The Village Brewhouse on Wednesdays, Pickleball, Thursday evening gathering at Gilchrist Park, Bullets and Brunch-now for men AND women, and the ever-popular Tamiami Tavern Sunday brunch. Please go to the website for details and further information.

The ladies enjoyed a lovely Lunch with the Ladies at the Rooftop of the Wyvern in May with Judi Whitcher hosting. We are looking forward to June's event, to be hosted by Commodore Carol Barkow, with the gentlemen invited to join the ladies and lunch to be held at **The Chef Thai and**

Sushi Bar and Grill, 12 Noon, June 10, 2150 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte. Sign up now!

We have many events coming up this fall and are actively seeking Mariners to volunteer in organizing – Trunk or Treat, Welcome Back picnic, Friendsgiving with the PGIslanders, and our Christmas Party. Contact Ruth for further information.

Membership Director

Joan Erickson



Mariners, we will continue to defer our Cruise credit through the end of 2025.

In the meantime, please feel free to refer anyone who shows interest in joining our club to me:

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Membership Director

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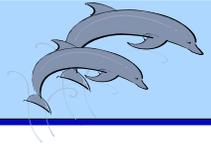


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Mariners Cruising



Upcoming Cruises

[Isles YC Sunday Brunch, Jun. 8, 2025](#)

[Tween Waters, Pink Shell, Cabbage Key Cruise, Jun. 19 – 28, 2025](#)



PLEASE NOTE: " *** " after the name of the cruise = Need Cruise Leaders

(More cruises to be determined)...

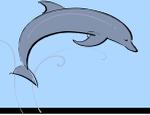


We want your ideas for lunch or overnight cruises! If you have an idea for a day cruise or overnight to one of your favorite places – or one you’ve wanted to visit – let Gary Towers know and we’ll get it on the calendar. Also – please consider leading a cruise – either to one already on the calendar 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](#)

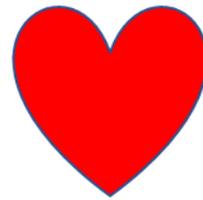
[Pickleball \(Summer Hours\) every Tuesday and Thursday at South County Park from 8-10 a.m.](#)

[Gilchrist Park Thursday Gathering, 5-7 p.m.](#)

[Bullets & Brunch on second Wednesday of each month](#)

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Mariners Lunch with the Ladies, May 13

Judi Whitcher

Up to the rooftop the lady Mariners went! The Ladies Lunch was located at Perch 360 on top of the Wyvern Hotel hosted by Judi Whitcher on May 13. Each lady was awarded a white rose from Judi.

Next Ladies Lunch is at noon on June 10 at the Chef Thai Sushi Bar & Grill hosted by Carol Barkow. For a special treat the ladies are invited to bring a favorite date, husband, or good friend to enjoy.



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Brunch Cruise at Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club, May 18

Tom and Suzanne Martin



Mike & Linda Wiens in the Bahamas





The Marina at Edison Ford Cruise, May 20

Dennis Barkow

