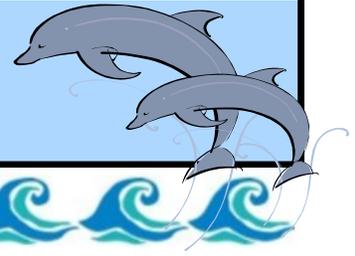


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**Carol Barkow,
Commodore**

Greetings Mariners

We are looking forward to soon having everyone back in PGI, ready to enjoy a great winter season of boating and partying with good friends. There is a lot to cover in the next couple of months and I want you to be aware of the big items coming up.

October general meeting will be Monday, October 27 at the PGICA. You will want to be there to get in on the swing of things. We hope to have our slate finalized for the 2026 Board of Directors. We only have two openings left, Social Director and Membership Director. Both positions are very important to our club, and we have had many people express an interest in participating or helping in some way. But Leaders for these committees have not stepped up. We only need a couple of people willing to attend board meetings once a month and keep everything straight on the calendar. So when we come asking - be ready to say "Yes".

Also, in October we will be presenting possible by-laws change. On the survey last spring, several members expressed an interest in being able to continue as Mariners members, while giving up boat ownership for a membership in a local Boat rental club. The October meeting will give everyone a chance to voice their opinions

The actual VOTE on this by-laws change will be held at the November meeting. We want to enable as many members as possible to participate – so plenty of notice to plan your November attendance. Remember, associate members can voice opinions, but they may not vote on the proposal.

The November general meeting will be held Monday, November 24 at the PGICA

There will be an election of 2026 Board members and A vote on the proposed by-laws change to allow boat rental club membership in lieu of individual boat ownership.

Also, in November we will be featuring a Boating Book Swap event. Some members have written boating books and will be on hand to sell them. OR, if you have some good boating books in your library that you would like to give away or swap for other books, bring them along to the November meeting and they will be displayed and available for others. Everything from your copy of Chapmans Piloting to ownership/maintenance manuals to boating magazines (two years old or newer).

(see page 3 Commodore)



**Gary Towers,
Cruise Director**

October brings cooler weather and an increase in boating activity. We are two thirds of the way through hurricane season without a named storm threatening our waters. Fingers

crossed as we get through the peak of the season uneventfully.



Two lunch cruises were planned for August with the first one a no go due to unfavorable weather. We did have a crew make it to Barnacles in North Captiva. Please keep bringing your preferred destinations and dates to the cruise committee for future cruise sign-up publication.

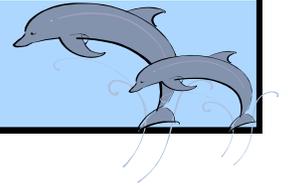
North Captiva Lunch Cruise Attendees:

Bobby & Julie Conte
Richard & Peggy Northrup

As of this writing I am about to publish an overnight cruise to Tampa that includes attending the Bucs vs Patriots game at Raymond James Stadium. I have contacted the harbormaster at Tampa Convention Center Marina. Plenty of slips are available and a short ride to the stadium and walking distance to downtown restaurants and the Tampa Riverwalk.

Discussions underway for another overnight cruise. Standby for details.

See you on the water.



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September & October Birthdays

9/4 Andy Droitcour
9/4 Cinthia Walberg
9/4 Rita Bass
9/4 William Willard
9/9 Linda Wiens
9/9 Bill Albers
9/11 Ginny Caldwell
9/11 Sarah Beall
9/12 Nancy Eggert
9/17 Tina Willard
9/20 Murray Goldenberg
9/24 Bobby Conte
9/25 Chris Caldwell
9/28 Mike Wiens
9/30 Eby Schulze
10/1 Jeri Julian
10/14 Peggy Northrup
10/15 Alan Singleton
10/15 Debra Kalitan
10/17 Karen Rolland
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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 9:30 a.m. All members are welcome.

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



Commodore (continued from page 1)

Carol Barkow

If you've got some novels featuring boating, sailing, fishing, or anything similar – bring it along. Books left behind will be donated to Goodwill or the public library.

Finally, both October and November will have interesting education programs on offer. See the comments from our Education Director for more details. Social events this fall and winter are in the works so be sure to get dates and detail from the Social Director. The Cruise Director will soon be posting possible upcoming cruises. Get on board Mariners, the season is about to get underway.

Education Director

Andy Droitcour



October General Membership Meeting

While out boating have you ever thought "what if I had an unanticipated serious emergency?" "What should I do to be better prepared?". Then when you got back to the dock you forgot all about it?

At this meeting Jim Ayres from the Peace River Power and Sail Squadron will address this issue. When you come to the meeting you have an expert go through the procedures that when implemented on your vessel will give you the confidence to take quick action knowing you are making the right choice.

Social Director

Ruth Sines-Dutcher



Oct. 16 ... Lunch with the Ladies

Ladies, I propose we enjoy a delightful seafood lunch together.

The Blue Dog, located at 4597 Pine Island Drive in Matlacha, is the chosen venue.

The date is **October 16**, and we plan to meet at 10:55 a.m.

As they do not accept reservations, we should gather around 10:55 a.m. to secure a table.

It would be wonderful to support these local establishments, as they are fully staffed and prepared to welcome us.

I believe it would be best to limit the guest list to twelve individuals.

I look forward to seeing you there. Susan Martin

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:

Joan Erickson. Membership Director

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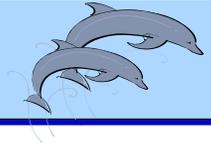
OR

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If your referral results in acceptance of membership, you will receive your choice of a Mariners hat or a Brewhouse gift card.

Current membership is at 128.

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Mariners Cruising



Upcoming Cruises

(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.

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

[Tamiami Tavern Monthly Breakfast, October 5, 2025](#)

[Lunch with the Ladies at the Blue Dog, Oct. 16, 2025](#)

[Trunk or Treat at Bal Harbor Plaza, Oct. 31, 2025](#)

[Welcome Back Picnic, Nov. 6, 2025](#)

[Friendsgiving at St. Andrews with the PGIslanders, Nov. 2025](#)

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Mariners Lunch with the Ladies, September 26

Joyce McCandless

Seven Mariner ladies gathered Friday, 26 September to enjoy good food and conversation at JellyBird Café and Bakery, located in Bal Harbor Plaza at the site of the original Penny's Restaurant. Discussion topics ranged from boats to books and travels to tiles, with many intermediate stops.

JellyBird is a family-owned and operated restaurant and bakery offering scratch cooking and homemade baked goods. Opened in mid-2024, JellyBird garnered two "best of" and two "finalist" awards in the 2024 "Best of Charlotte County" awards, announced in December. Kudos to our server, Jason, who was both personable and proficient.

Octobers Lunch with the Ladies is on 16 October at The Blue Dog hosted by Susan Martin.



Mariners Happy Hours

Joyce McCandless & Peter Guille

