



Newsletter #5 September 2024

General Meeting

COMMODORES CORNER

As the season turns to Fall, its time for elections to the Board for next year and signing up for the Holiday party.

If you haven't already, you will be receiving an e-mail from Marianne Bell and the Nominating Committee announcing the candidates for the 5 elected Board members. They are also listed in this Newsletter. The slate will be voted on at the October meeting, with installation in December.

Marianne has decided to step down from Membership Chair and Patty Limandri (50/50) has moved. We will be looking for volunteers to fill these two positions. Please contact me if interested.

The Holiday party will be held on Tuesday December 3, 2024, at the Lake House at Sabal Springs in North Ft Myers. Details are on page 3. We have new music this year with Sound Wave, a really fun and danceable duo. Registration will be available at the October General Meeting, and by mail or Zelle if you can't attend the meeting. so bring your check book and sign up! Deadline for registration is November 10, 2024.

We still need volunteers on some of the committees, so please don't be shy, and get involved with the club. It's a great way to meet members. Contact me or the committee chair.

Ann Banash, Commodore
ann.merrymariners@vahoo.com

Our next meeting of 2024 will be on Tuesday October 1, at the Power Squadron on 47th Terrace. Please use only the back door from the parking lot.

Kate Rouse (k.rouse.54@gmail.com, Linda Biancotti (livelife4@gmail.com) or Linda Wayne (linda.j.wayne@icloud.com) will be contacting their groups about two weeks prior to the meeting. **Please respond as quickly as possible, only to your group leader, whether you are coming or not**, If you are bringing a guest, let your group leader know. We need to know how many people are attending and that we have enough food.

Potlucks and the Pizza Party in August are BYOB, and you can also bring snacks for the table.

When you arrive at the meeting, see Kate at the door and get your table assignment. You **MUST** sit at your assigned table, it's a great way to meet new people. No one is allowed in the kitchen except the Galley Crew.

Slate of Officers for Election at the General Meeting:

Commodore: ANN BANASH
Vice Commodore: TIM PODLEY
Rear Commodore: BOB PURRONE
Treasurer: RUSSEL BELL
Secretary: PATTY ZEILER

If you wish to propose alternative nominations, you can do so by contacting Marianne before September 30, 2024. No nominations will be taken from the floor.

Upcoming Boat Trips Rear Commodore Bob Purrone (Sanibelbob1@comcast.net)

This time of year, we seem to have more crew than boats. Boats will be assigned first to members who signed up at the General Meetings and then in the order that replies are made to the email notice. Once the boats are full everyone else will be asked to drive.

You can sign up as Skippers or Crew at the General Meetings or when the notices are sent about 2 weeks prior to the trip. It is essential that members respond to the notices immediately, confirming attendance and it is mandatory that you include your phone number when responding. The calendar for the rest of the year is on page 2.

Also, please note that if there are issues or concerns at any of the restaurants we go to, please address them directly to Bob or the person in charge of the trip. and not with the restaurant staff.

Land Activities

Anne Kiefer (dr.annekiefer@gmail.com)

By the time you receive this the September activity to Venice Beach and Finns will be history. There are no land activities in November or December and details for January will be forthcoming.

Membership Update

Marianne Bell (rbmb2@comcast.net)

Membership now stands at 123 so we have some room for new members. If you know anyone who wants to join our fun group, please contact Marianne.

Galley Crew

Margaret Dorin (margaretdorin@comcast.net)

October Meeting is a Pot Luck. BYOB and anything else you want to eat. It is essential that you respond to the email you receive from your group leader to let us know that you're coming so that we have enough food. For the Pot Lucks, volunteers are still needed to help in the kitchen.

Clothing Sales

Peggy Talbot (PTPEG@aol.com) and Fran Hoden (jfhodes13@gmail.com) co-chairs

The new Iron-On decals were introduced at the May meeting and will be available at the October meeting also. The large decal is available in either White (for dark colored clothing) or Black (for light colored clothing). Prices are \$8. for the large decal and \$3 for the flag decal. ... or buy both for \$10. Bring cash or check. Members can order shirts with the embroidered flag and your name on the front, then you can iron-on the large decal on the back. Shirt orders will be taken at the February meeting only, but the decals will be available at the General Meetings.

Compassionate Care

Pat Zeidman (patriciazeidman@gmail.com)

If you know any members who are ill, having surgery or have suffered the loss of a loved one, please send an email to Pat as soon as you have information.

Cookbook

Alla Wilson (al.wilson39@yahoo.com)

Alla is working on the Cookbook. If you haven't already sent in your recipes, please send them to Alla ASAP!

Safety

Please remember when you are on a boat and the boat is docking that you **do not** stand until the Captain and crew handling lines have secured the boat to the dock and you are told that it's OK to "move about the cabin".

Newsletters

Bill Shallbetter has added a link on the website with all the old newsletters from previous Commodores. It's really interesting to see how some things never change.

Calendar

Wednesday September 25	Pinchers at Edison
Tuesday October 1	General Meeting at the Power Squadron
Monday October 7	Pink Shell!
Friday October 25	Doc Fords
Monday November 4	Green Flash
Tuesday December 3	Holiday Party at the Lake House at Sabal Springs
Friday December 6	Barnacles

As always, trips are subject to changes of dates or venues or changed to driving trips because of weather. If a trip becomes a driving trip it is expected that members and guests who signed up will drive to the restaurant. The restaurants often bring in extra help to accommodate our large group and expect us all for lunch.

Remember, the latest updated calendar is always on our website; merrymariners.org.

Merry Mariners Holiday Party

Tuesday December 3, 2024

The Lake House at Sabal Springs

3410 Club View Drive, N. Ft Myers

5-6 PM Cocktails (Cash Bar – NO BYOB) and Appetizers

6PM Dinner \$35. For Prime Rib, \$27. For Fish or chicken. Guests \$50/\$38.

Dancing with Sound Wave. from 7 until 10

Visit from Santa! Each person who brings a generic gift worth \$10 will go home with a gift.

50/50 raffle

Attendees: _____

Email: _____

Meal Choice: (please indicate how many of which meal)

Prime Rib au jus \$35.

____ Rare ____ Medium ____ Well done

____ Parmesan Crusted Chicken w/dijon sauce \$27.

____ Mahi Mahi Francaise (lemon, white wine) \$27.

All entrees served with rolls, salad, Twice-baked potato. green beans almondine and desert.

Who would you like to sit with:

Payment can be mailed or Zelle.

Mailed: form with a check made out to Merry Mariners and mailed to Ann Banash 1128 SW 18th CT Cape Coral, 33991

Zelle to 413-772-9894 with Holiday Party in subject line and email the form to ann.merrymariners@yahoo.com.

Confirmation will be sent to you via e-mail when the form and check (Zelle) have been received. If you do not receive confirmation, contact Ann!

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS November 10, 2024.