



# Newsletter March 2024

## General Meeting

Our next meeting of 2024 will be on Tuesday April 2 at the Power Squadron on 47<sup>th</sup> Terrace. Please use only the back door from the parking lot.

Kate Rouse ([k.rouse.54@gmail.com](mailto:k.rouse.54@gmail.com), Linda Biancotti ([livelife4@gmail.com](mailto:livelife4@gmail.com)) or Linda Wayne ([linda.j.wayne@icloud.com](mailto:linda.j.wayne@icloud.com)) will be contacting their groups about two weeks prior to the meeting with what your group will be bringing to the potluck if attending. Please respond as quickly as possible, only to your group leader, whether you are coming or not, and what you will be bringing. If you are bringing a guest, let your group leader know. Guests must also bring the assigned dish. Your dish should be enough to feed 8-10 people. 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 pick a number for your table assignment. You must sit at your assigned table, it's a great way to meet new people. Then drop your food with the Galley Crew in front of the kitchen. No one is allowed in the kitchen except the Galley Crew. It is helpful if you include a card with the ingredients with your dish.

**Upcoming Boat Trips** Rear Commodore Bob Purrone ([Sanibelbob1@comcast.net](mailto:Sanibelbob1@comcast.net))

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 mandatory that you include your phone number when responding. The calendar for the rest of the year is on page 2.

**Land Activities** Anne Kiefer ([dr.annekiefer@gmail.com](mailto:dr.annekiefer@gmail.com))

The next event is on May 2 and is a trip to the Naples Botanical Garden with lunch after. The price of admission is \$20 per person and is payable in advance. More information and Sign-up will be available at the April meeting. Please bring a check with you made out to Merry Mariners and give it to Anne when you sign up.

**Membership Update** Marianne Bell ([rbmb2@comcast.net](mailto:rbmb2@comcast.net))

Since the February meeting we have added Evi Menz, Tim and Beth Taylor, Didi Watts and Donna Fuller to the roster. We are now full at 125 and will be accepting applications for the waiting list. If you know anyone who wants to join our fun group, please contact Marianne.

**Galley Crew** Margaret Dorin ([margaretdorin@comcast.net](mailto:margaretdorin@comcast.net))

We had over 90 members at the February meeting, and when there's that many, it takes quite a while to get through the line. Please go through as quickly as possible. Also, please don't bring anything that has to be cooked, we can keep food warm. Volunteers are still needed to help in the kitchen. PLEASE see Margaret after the meeting.

## COMMODORES CORNER

Welcome to Spring!

We have some exciting things planned for the rest of the year as restaurants re-open and docks are fixed.

I am looking for a volunteer to join the Executive Board as Secretary. Alla Wilson had to resign for personal reasons, and we need someone to step in. The Board meets every other month on the second Monday at 4PM. Please contact me if you are interested.

A reminder that the membership list, website, and Facebook page are to be used only for Club business and activities. Please no solicitations or advertising. Vice Commodore Patty Zeiler is the new Facebook administrator. Members can post Club related pictures on the site. Contact Patty for more information.

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 of the one you're interested in joining.

Ann Banash [ann.merrymariners@yahoo.com](mailto:ann.merrymariners@yahoo.com)

## Clothing Sales

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

Last call for screen printed shirts with the logo on the back. We need a minimum of 25 shirts before we can order them. We have several members interested, but not the 25 we need. If you want one, or more, please bring your checkbook with you to the meeting. We will have several styles available.

## Cookbook

Alla Wilson ([al.wilson39@yahoo.com](mailto:al.wilson39@yahoo.com))

Please send, or resend if you haven't done it already, your recipes to Alla. You can take a picture of the recipe, type it up and send it or bring it to the April meeting and give it to her.

## Compassionate Care

Pat Zeidman ([patriciazeidman@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## Safety and Education

Ron Sheridin ([skypilot49@yahoo.com](mailto:skypilot49@yahoo.com))

As most of you know the Board has instituted a mandatory Waiver of Liability that must be signed before you can participate in any boating or land activities of the Club. Thanks to all of you who have already signed, and if you haven't, we will have copies at the April meeting.

## Calendar

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| Monday March 25       | Cabbage Key  |
| Tuesday April 2       | General Meeting at the Power Squadron                  |
| Thursday April 4      | Picnic (Location TBD) More info coming soon!           |
| Wednesday April 24    | Pinchers at Edison                                     |
| Wednesday May 1       | Mystery Cruise   |
| Thursday May 2        | Trip to Naples Botanical Garden and lunch              |
| Friday May 24         | Boat House on Route 31                                 |
| Tuesday June 4        | General Meeting at the Power Squadron                  |
| Thursday June 6       | Lighthouse   |
| Monday June 24        | Snug Harbor  |
| Wednesday July 10     | Gramma Dot's   |
| Friday July 26        | Three Fishermen  |
| Thursday August 1     | Drive trip to Breakfast (location TBD)                 |
| Tuesday August 6      | General Meeting at the Power Squadron                  |
| Monday August 26      | Waterfront Restaurant on Pine Tuesday October 1 Island |
| Friday September 6    | Barnacles ?  |
| Thursday September 26 | Petey's at Matanzas                                    |
| Tuesday October 1     | General Meeting at the Power Squadron                  |
| Monday October 7      | Pinchers at Edison                                     |
| Friday October 25     | Doc Fords  |
| Monday November 4     | Green Flash  |
| Tuesday December 3    | Holiday Party at the Standard at Sabal Springs         |
| Friday December 6     | Barnacles  |

As always, trips are subject to change 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.

If you have any suggestions or topics that should be included in the Newsletter, please contact Ann Banash [ann.merrymariners@yahoo.com](mailto:ann.merrymariners@yahoo.com).