



Newsletter #8 March 2025

COMMODORES CORNER

It's been an interesting winter and 'dry' season with several of our boating trips being cancelled because of wet and cold weather. Thank you to all who drive to the venues. Its really important because the restaurants 'staff up' for our group. Better boating weather is coming!

The results of our survey about the Holiday Party are in. Basically, it showed that what we're doing is good, but in another location and having it on another date farther away from Thanksgiving. We are tentatively scheduling for Tuesday December 9th. Music, dancing and Santa with the gift exchange were clear winners, with formal (party) attire edging out casual dress. We will be exploring some other venues over the next few months and will make an announcement at one of the General Meetings.

Please feel free to contact any of the members of the Board – all their contact information is in the Newsletter - if you have any questions or concerns or if you want to get more involved. We still need some volunteers on a couple of committees. It's a great way to meet new people.

Ann Banash, Commodore

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General Meeting

The next meeting will be on April 1, 2025 at the Power Squadron. We have changed the format a bit to streamline the meetings.

Happy Hour will be from 5-5:30

We will start the meeting at 5:30 while the galley crew sets up for dinner 6:00 dinner

Meeting will resume right after dessert is served

Please arrive at the Power Squadron prior to 5:30.

Upcoming Boat Trips

Rear Commodore Bob Purrone

(Sanibelbob1@comcast.net)

The next trip will be to Pinchers at Edison on Monday March 21st. This is a change of venue because the weather is not looking good, so Bob has opted for a shorter trip and an easily drivable one if necessary. We'll get to Cabbage Key eventually. **Remember that if a trip becomes a drive, members who have signed up for the boat trip must still attend** as the restaurants often provide extra help for our usually large group. Bob will have sign-up sheets at the Upcoming trips at the April Meeting. 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.

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)

Our next activity will be to another play, Southern Fried Funeral at Cultural Park Theater with our very own Eileen Haas-Linde on Friday March 21st. with dinner prior at Misto's at 5pm.. We had a really good time at the last play and decided to do it again, on opening night this time. There is still time to get your tickets and come to dinner. Call the theater for tickets and contact Anne for dinner reservations.

Membership Update

Judy Hartig

Our roster stands at 107, with several pending applications. and we have room for some new members. If you know someone who would be interested in joining the Club, please bring them as guests to a meeting or boat trip and contact Judy for the application.

Galley Crew

Margaret Dorin(margaretdorin@comcast.net)

A few volunteers are still needed to help in the kitchen. Please contact Margaret if you'd like to help.

Annual Picnic

Past Commodore Ed Wallach has graciously invited us all to his house for the annual picnic on Thursday April 3rd at 11AM. The Club provides most of the food (Hamburg, hot dogs, water etc) but we will ask at the meeting on the 1st for volunteers to bring some additional items. Eds address is 127 SW 57th Street. The pool and spa will be open so bring your suits! Bob Purrone will be sending an email about this and will need a head count so please respond promptly to him.

Pot Luck: Kate Rouse(chair) k.rouse.54@gmail.com, Linda Wayne lindajwayne@gmail.com Jackie Tracy gonzette52@icloud.com

You will be hearing very soon from your Pot Luck person what you will be expected to bring to the meeting on April 1st. As always, please respond promptly!!!

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

The new iron-on the decals with the logo will be available at all the General Meetings. Cost is \$8.00 for the logo for dark or light shirts. \$3 for the flag or \$10 for both that you can iron on to any of the club shirts or any shirt of your own. I purchased a Heat Press machine for another purpose, and will bring it to the meeting if you want to bring a shirt and get it done there.

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.

Safety

Ron will be doing a presentation about throwing lines and tying to cleats at the April meeting.

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 to the website with all the old newsletters from previous Commodores. It's really interesting to see how some things never change.

Calendar

Destination Chairperson: Bob Purrone (239) 691-5850. sanibelbob1@comcast.net or Ed Wallach (954) 649-6791 edwfla127@comcast.net GO TO MERRYMARINERS.ORG FOR THE MOST CURRENT CALENDAR

MARCH

Monday, March 24th Pincers at Edison

APRIL

Tuesday, April 1st **GENERAL MEETING

Friday, April 4th Picnic at Ed Wallach's

Monday, April 21st Mystery Cruise?

MAY

Wednesday, May 7th Deep Lagoon

Monday, May 19th. Boat House Rte. 31

JUNE

Tuesday, June 3rd **GENERAL MEETING

Friday, June 6th Lighthouse

Monday, June 23rd Junkanoo Below Deck

JULY

Wednesday, July 9th Snug Harbor (Ed)

Friday, July 25th Matanzas/Petey's

AUGUST

Tuesday, August 5th **GENERAL MEETING(Pizza)

Friday, August 8th Breakfast-Drive-(Ed)

Monday, August 18th Phuzzy's-(Ed)

SEPTEMBER

Monday, Sept. 8th Doc Fords

Wednesday, Sept. 24th Pinchers @ Edison

OCTOBER

Tuesday, October 7th **GENERAL MEETING

Friday, October 10th Parrot Key

Monday, October 20th Junkanoo Below Deck

NOVEMBER Friday, November 7th Green Flash

DECEMBER Tuesday, December 9th Holiday Party-GENERAL MEETING-TBD

Monday, December 8th Barnacles & Mainstay