



COMMODORES CORNER

Hope you all are having a great summer! Lots of us are out of town visiting and touring and we look forward to seeing you when you return.

The by law committee has completed their review of the current by laws and have made changes to reflect current practices. The Board saw them on Monday and made some additional changes. The Board will vote on them at the September Board Meeting and then a copy will be sent to the membership for review. The Club will vote on the new bylaws at the October General Meeting. My sincerest thanks to the committee, Tim Podley, Patty Zeiler, Bob Purrone, Ted Clark and Rick Ziemba for their hard work and dedication to this project. We are also now legal as a 509(a)6 charitable organization. Thanks to Ed Wallach for his hard work on this.

My email has apparently been hacked again. I will NEVER ask for gift cards. Delete and report.

Ann Banash, Commodore
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General Meeting

The next meeting will be on August 5 at the Power Squadron. The meeting will be a Pizza party with the Club supplying all the food.

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 At 6:00. The meeting will resume right after dessert is served Please arrive at the Power Squadron prior to 5:30, you will be assigned a table and it is expected that you will sit at that table.

Upcoming Boat Trips

Rear Commodore Bob Purrone

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The updated calendar is on page 2

. **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 June Meeting. You can sign up as Skippers or Crew at the General Meetings or when the notices are emailed 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)

Theres still time to sign up for the dinner/dance on Wednesday July 23rd at 5:30 at Cape Cabaret for Deb and the Dynamics if it isnt sold out. There is a \$5 per person cover charge. Call Cape Cabaret (239 549-3000) and tell them you're with the Merry Mariners, let Anne know you're coming, and we will be seated together.

The next activity will be a beach trip and lunch at Venice Beach on Friday September 25. Anne will have a signup sheet at the pizza dinner or you can contact her directly to sign up.

Membership Update

Judy Hartig

Our roster stands at 109 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)

Margaret still needs help in the kitchen. Please contact her if you'd like to help.

Pot Luck:

Kate Rouse(k.rouse54@gmail.com)

.Kate will be sending the notice for the Pizza party very soon. You must reply if you are coming so that we make sure we have enough pizza for everyone. When she receives your reply, she will send a 'thupbs up' back to you. Please check for that to be sure she received your reply. 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 happily iron on your decal. Bring your shirt to the meeting and I'll get it done and back to you.

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.

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 There have been revisions to the original schedule with many trips changed to Tuesdays or Thursdays. **AS ALWAYS, DATES AND LOCATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE, BUT THE MOST CURRENT CALENDAR CAN BE ALWAYS BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE: merrymariners.org.**

Please remember to respond promptly when you receive the notice and to include your phone number!

JULY

Thursday July 24th NEW LOCATION – The Landings, Ft Myers

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

Thursday, November 6th Green Flash

DECEMBER

Tuesday, December 9th Holiday Party-GENERAL MEETING-Cape Cabaret