



Newsletter #12 November 2025

General Meeting

The next General Meeting will take place at the Holiday Party on December 9th at Cape Cabaret. The new officers who were elected at the October Meeting will take over at that time. Regular meetings will resume in February.

New Officers

The following were elected at the October Meeting.

Commodore: Tim Podley
Vice Commodore : Ted Clark
Rear Commodore/Destination Chair: Bob Purrone
Secretary: Patty Zeiler
Treasurer: Russ Bell
Past Commodore – Ann Banash

Wear your name badges!!!

The Board voted at the last meeting to raise the fines for not wearing a name badge to \$1.00. effective January 1, 2026. The Club issued badge or your name embroidered on a Merry Mariners Shirt are both acceptable. Badges need to be worn at General Meetings and Boat Trips. If you need a new one, contact Judy Hartig. The cost is \$10.00

Upcoming Boat Trips

Rear Commodore Bob Purrone

(Sanibelbob1@comcast.net)

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. 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 of the upcoming trips at the General Meetings. You can sign up as Skippers, Crew or drivers at the General Meetings or when the notices are emailed about 10 days 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)

A HUGE Thank You to Anne Kiefer who is stepping down after 10 years as Activities Chair. She has coordinated some really fun activities with the last being a very well attended dinner at Rumrunners. Ann Banash will be taking over as of December and will be helped by a committee of Anne Kiefer, Ellen Zester and Eileen Haas-Linde. Stay tuned, we'll announce the January activity soon!

COMMODORES CORNER

I cannot believe how quickly two years has gone by. It has been an absolute pleasure being your Commodore and I especially want to thank the Board members who have served with me. The Club runs smoothly because of the hard work that these Chairs and their committees do!

Thank you to all who came to the October meeting and passed the new bylaws. If you weren't at the meeting and want a copy they are on the website and can be downloaded from there.

HOLIDAY PARTY

The deadline is fast approaching and if you haven't signed up you need to contact me immediately. It will be at Cape Cabaret on Tuesday December 9th. We have great entertainment with Michael D'Amore who is the lead singer for the Capri's. It should be a fun night. We will do a survey after the party to see how we go forward in the coming years.

Ann Banash, Commodore
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or text to 413 772-9894

Membership Update Judy Hartig (judyhartig01@yahoo.com)

Our roster stands at 114 with several new members joining in January. We still 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.

Russ Bell has sent out the Dues notices. The cost of \$22 per person remains the same and is due before December 31st.

Pot Luck: Kate Rouse(k.rouse54@gmail.com)

Kate will contact everyone in the Club for the General Meetings and will let you know what to bring to the Potluck. You MUST respond to her!!!! We will also be looking for members to sit at the check-in table. Carolyn Clark has volunteered for the February Meeting.

Galley Margaret Dorin (margaretdorin@comcast.net)

At the General Meetings, Margaret has asked that members do not bring crockpots as there aren't enough outlets to accommodate all of them. Please try to bring the aluminum pans that fit into the chafing pans that we have that will keep food hot. Also, when the meeting is done, please pick up any of your food that is left, please don't leave it for the Galley crew to throw away!!!

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

February is the month that we sell the logo shirts and Peg and Fran will have samples of the embroidered shirts at the meeting. We no longer sell the screen printed shirts as we have the new iron on decals that can be put on any shirt that you own. The decals are 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.

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.

Fundraising

Eileen Haas-Linde will be stepping down as Fundraising Chair and the 50/50 raffle. Her budding acting career makes it very hard for her to get to evening meetings, so Tim will be looking for someone new. It's a fun job but needs someone who goes on most of the boat trips and general meetings. If you think this is the job for you, please contact Tim!

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.**

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

NOVEMBER

Thursday November 20 MYSTERY CRUISE

DECEMBER

Monday December 1 – Barnacles

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

The 2026 calendar will be available soon!