



Newsletter #7 January 2025

COMMODORES CORNER

Happy New Year!

The 2024 holiday party is in the books, and while generally everyone who attended had a good time it wasn't without glitches and we are reexamining all aspects of the event. There will be a survey at the February meeting and an on-line version for members who don't attend the meeting. We want the holiday gathering to appeal to a majority of the members and the answers to the questions will help the board plan a successful event.

Thanks to the hardy souls who ventured to Snug Harbor last Monday in the cold. Warmer weather is coming, and I am looking forward to many wonderful trips with you all this year.

The long-awaited cookbook will be available soon. Alla Wilson has been working on this for two years and we will announce the timing and price as soon as possible.

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

General Meeting

The first Meeting of the New Year will be held on Tuesday February 4, 2025 at the Power Squadron. We're going to change 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 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 tentative 2025 schedule is on page 2. As always, dates and venues are subject to change. Remember that if a trip becomes a drive, members 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 February 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)

So far we have about 25 attending "Grandma's Murder Club" starring our very own Eileen Haas-Linde at Cultural Park theater on Saturday February 1st with dinner prior at Misto's. It's a small venue and tickets are selling fast. 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 3 new members who will be introduced at the February meeting 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.

Pot Luck:

Kate Rouse(chair) k.rouse.54@gmail.com, Linda

Wayne lindajwayne@gmail.com Jackie Tracy gonzette52@icloud.com

A big Thank You to Linda Biancotti who served on the committee for two years and has decided to take a break and to Jackie Tracy for stepping up to take her place. As always, please respond promptly!

Clothing Sales

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

Orders for embroidered shirts will be taken at the February meeting only, with delivery at the April meeting. There will be T-s, V-necks, the popular denim shirts, hats, and more with the MM flag embroidered on the front available at our cost. We will no longer be ordering the screen printed shirts with the logo on the back as the minimum to order is too high. 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.

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 "Man Overboard" procedure at the February 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 AS ALWAYS, THE MOST CURRENT CALENDAR IS ON OUR WEBSITE.

Tuesday February 4th **GENERAL MEETING

Friday, February 7th Pink Shell

Friday, February 21st Green Flash

MARCH

Wednesday, March 5th Nervous Nellies (Ed)

Monday, March 24th Cabbage Key

APRIL

Tuesday, April 1st **GENERAL MEETING

Friday, April 4th Picnic TBD??

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 2nd Holiday Party-GENERAL MEETING-TBD

Monday, December 8th Barnacles & Mainstay