



COMMODORES CORNER

Welcome to summer! We've had some wonderful boat trips recently and I'm looking forward to many more!

The bylaw committee is meeting, and we are doing a complete review. The plan is to get the revised bylaws out to the membership prior to the October General Meeting where they will be discussed, and we will hopefully vote to accept them then. Members who are not present at the meeting will be able to send their comments prior to that meeting.

There has been considerable discussion over the past several years about the tradition at General Meetings to assign seats. This has been done to encourage members to mingle with folks they don't know and to welcome new members. We have heard that some members have not been sitting at their assigned tables, preferring to sit with friends, or saving seats, and we have heard from some other members who have not felt welcomed to tables. For the time being we are going to continue and enforce the tradition, but the Board is looking for feedback from members and the Bylaw committee is considering adding a clause to the bylaws. Please email or text me privately with your thoughts and if you have ideas about any ways to make this better.

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General Meeting

The next meeting will be on June 3, 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 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)

Our next activity will be to the Peace River Botanical Gardens with lunch at Peace River Seafood on Thursday May 22. We will meet in the parking lot at 10am. It's a beautiful garden, an easy walk and with its location right off the Peace River there is always a breeze. They do have wheelchairs and places to rest. Depending on how many attend, the price will be between \$15 and \$17. **Please contact Anne by Monday to sign up.** We have also reserved tables at Cape Cabaret to see and dance to Deb and the Dynamics on Wednesday July 23rd. There is a \$5 per person cover charge. Call Cape Cabaret and tell them you're with the Merry Mariners, let Anne know you're coming, and we will be seated together.

Membership Update

Judy Hartig

Our roster stands at 108, 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.

Pot Luck:

Kate Rouse(k.rouse54@gmail.com)

You will hear from Kate with what you will be expected to bring to the meeting on June 3. When she receives your reply, she will send a 'thumbs 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.**
To view the most current Calendar, go to our website at merrymariners.org.

MAY

Thursday, May 29th. Boat House Rte. 31

JUNE

Tuesday, June 3rd **GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, June 10th Barnacles

Friday, June 20 Lighthouse

JULY

Thursday July 10th Parrot Key

Thursday July 24th 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

Thursday, November 6th Green Flash

DECEMBER

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