



Newsletter January 2024

COMMODORES CORNER

I will be sending a newsletter out bi-monthly just prior to the General Meeting to update the membership on items of interest.

Since our last meeting we have lost two long time members. Bob Morris and Susan Zanni both passed recently and will be greatly missed. Bob's Services were earlier this month, and a Celebration of Life for Susan will be scheduled in late February.

We are returning to the Power Squadron, 917 SE 47th Terrace for our bi-monthly meetings. Parking is available on 47th or behind the building, but you can only enter the meeting by the parking lot door.

It's really hard to hear when we're outside during Boat Trips, so the meetings will be much shorter in the future. New members will be formally introduced at General Meetings.

We need volunteers on some of the committees, so please don't be shy, and get involved with the club. It's a great way to meet members.

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General Meeting

The first meeting of 2024 will be on Tuesday February 6 at the Power Squadron. Kate Rouse (k.rouse.54@gmail.com), Linda Biancotti (livelife4@gmail.com) or Linda Wayne (wkw53047@gmail.com) have contacted their groups about what you are to bring to the potluck if attending. Please respond as quickly as possible to your group leader. If you are bringing a guest, let your group leader know. It is expected that they will also bring a dish. We need to know how many people are attending and that we have enough food.

Potlucks and the Pizza Party in August are BYOB, and you can also bring snacks for the table.

When you arrive at the meeting, see Kate at the front door and pick a number for your table assignment, it's a great way to meet new people. Then drop your food with the Galley Crew or on the table in front of the kitchen. -No one is allowed in the kitchen except the Galley Crew. It is helpful if you include a card with the ingredients with your dish.

Upcoming Boat Trips

Rear Commodore Bob Purrone (Sanibelbob1@comcast.net) arranges the trips and sends out notices about 10 days before a scheduled trip. You can sign up as Skippers or Crew at the General Meetings or when the notices are sent. It is essential that members respond to the notices immediately confirming attendance. It is mandatory that you include your phone number when responding.

A calendar for the first six months is on page 2.

Land Activities

Anne Kiefer (dr.annekiefer@gmail.com) chairs this committee and is looking for new members to help plan future outings. The next event is a Tina Turner Tribute concert at Cape Cabaret on Sunday March 3. There's still time to sign up by calling Cape Cabaret at 239 549-3000, pay the cover charge (\$31.50 per person) and tell them you want to be at the Merry Mariners Table. members

Membership Update

Marianne Bell (rbmb2@comcast.net) is the Membership Chair and welcomed new members Tim and Sherri Podley, Lil Bator, Joyce Murray Sally Aarons and Gregory Miller.. The current membership stands at 117 out of a maximum of 125 and we have 7 pending applications who have not completed the requirement to attend two events. . If you know anyone who wants to join our fun group, please contact Marianne.

Galley Crew

Margaret Dorin (margaretdorin@comcast.net) runs the kitchen for our meetings and needs some additional permanent volunteers. It's only 5 times a year and requires you to come at 4 to set tables, serve the food, and clean up after. PLEASE contact Margaret if you'd like to help!

Clothing Sales

Peggy Talbot (PTPEG@aol.com) and Fran Hoden (jfhodes13@gmail.com) will be at the February Meeting and will be taking orders for shirts and hats. There are several styles available with the logo on the front, and you can have your name on there too! In order to get the screen printed shirts with the logo on both sides we need a minimum of 25 shirts and we will keep a list of members who want the screen printed shirts, and will order those when we get 25.

Cookbook

Alla Wilson (al.wilson39@yahoo.com) chairs this committee. There was a little glitch, and the cookbook was not quite done as they hoped, and we essentially have to start over. Alla would appreciate it if you would **resend** any recipes directly to her. You can also submit new recipes if you haven't sent them before.

Compassionate Care

Pat Zeidman (patzeidman@gmail.com) sends cards to members who are ill, having surgery or have suffered the loss of a loved one. Please send an email to her as soon as you have information.

Calendar

Wednesday January 24	Boat Trip to Deep Lagoon
Tuesday February 6	General Meeting at the Power Squadron
Wednesday February 7	Boat Trip to Doc Fords
Wednesday February 28	Boat Trip to Green Flash
Sunday March 3	Tina Turner tribute at Cape Cabaret
Friday March 8	Boat Trip to Three Fishermen
Monday March 25	Boat Trip to Cabbage Key
Tuesday April 2	General Meeting at the Power Squadron
Thursday April 4	Picnic
Wednesday April 24	Boat Trip to Pinchers at Edison
Wednesday May 1	Mystery Cruise
Friday May 24	Boat Trip to the Boat House on Rte 31
Tuesday June 4	General Meeting at the Power Squadron
Thursday June 6	Boat Trip to the Lighthouse
Monday June 24	Boat Trip to Snug Harbor

Because many restaurants don't have their docks ready, July – December is still TBD and will be filled in as the year progresses. As always, trips are subject to change venues or changed to drive trips because of weather. If a trip becomes a drive trip it is expected that members and guests who signed up will drive to the restaurant. They often bring in extra help to accommodate our large group and expect us all for lunch.