



Merry Mariners Boating Club

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Commodore's Comments

A Warm MMBC

Welcome to

New Member:

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As we approach the end of the year, I'd like to reflect on all that happened during my watch. We exist as a boating club, yet the friendships developed here go much deeper than just boating.

The bi-monthly planning meetings were very well attended. We met at the Cape Coral Shrine Club because the Sportsman's Club had not yet recovered from Hurricane Charley. The Shrine Club has served us well, and we are thankful for the privilege of using it. Meeting places are hard to come by here in Cape Coral.

The treasury is in great shape thanks to all of you who purchased 50/50 tickets at the planning meetings and the boating trips. We have sufficient funds in the treasury to totally fund the Holiday Party on January 8th, 2006. Combined with the dues we collected for 2006 we will leave the 2006 Board with ample funds to run the Club for the upcoming year.

I would be remiss if I didn't take some space to thank all the people who helped out during 2005. A list of those who helped would be a list of the membership! That is exactly what makes our club so special. Some members were involved in the planning meetings, some in the boating trips, some helped with the Cardboard Boat Race, and others helped in any way that they could. I'm deeply appreciative for all the help and support that I've received!

Rusty Ost, Commodore

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Holiday Pig Roast Starts Off New Year!

The Holiday Pig Roast will be held on January 8, 2006 at the Cape Coral Shrine Club. We will meet at 3:30 PM for fun, games and fellowship. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. The Club will supply all the food. Bring with you only what you would like to drink other than coffee. There is room behind the building for games. If you have a favorite game, bring it along. ... Croquet anyone?!

Coming Events: Boat..Laugh..Eat.. Repeat!

12/07 (Wednesday): Peace River Boat Tour & Luncheon 11:00 a.m.

\$22.95 per person. Get a taste of Olde Florida on the relaxing and fully narrated Peace River Nature Cruise aboard the "Nav-A-Gator". See flora and fauna; watch for Gators, Manatees, Eagles and more! Take I-75 North to Exit 170 (Kings Highway aka 769). Go East 3 miles and turn Right at the Yellow Nav-A-Gator Billboard. [Call 1-800-308-7506](tel:1-800-308-7506) to make a reservation and trip deposit. Don't Miss This Fabulous Trip! (On the web at: www.nav-a-gator.com for more information and Mapquest directions if needed.)

01/08/06 (Sunday): Pig Roast at Cape Coral Shrine Club 3:30 p.m.

Slate of Nominees for 2006 !

Commodore:	Bill Shallbetter
Vice Commodore:	Dee Seltzer
Secretary:	Betty Rodgers
Treasurer:	Elaine Dowd
Hospitality Chair:	Harrison Crossland
Membership:	June Ost
Telephone Committee:	Lorri Angelucci
Compassionate Care:	Glenn Traiger

After much soul-searching and urging we were able to fill a complete slate of officers for 2006. Special thanks to June Ost who offered to do Membership if Bill Shallbetter would be Commodore, and to each one of our members who were willing to take on "just one more project"!

* * * Of Special Note * * *

According to News-Press Boating writer Betsy Clayton, the Lee County Sheriff's Office has cut a ribbon on its new marine substation. The station's placement at Cape Harbour puts officers on the Caloosahatchee River around the Little Shell Island "funnel". A sheriff's boat will be at Tarpon Point Marina in the Cape, but the new spot at Cape Harbour will also feature an office, giving the public (that's Us!) more access and officers a safe have from storms. With snowbird and tourist season upon us, all local boaters can welcome those warm bodies in boats with the blue lights to "boost a learning curve". (Right, Rusty?)

Merry Mariners 2005 Officers

Commodore: Rusty Ost 945-6570

Vice Commodore: David Devine 573-9984

Secretary: Marilyn Mahoney 242-7342

Treasurer: Ron Morgan 542-8005

Destination Committee:

Merry Mariners I: Barb Szubinski 772-4350

Merry Mariners II: Al Seltzer 549-6531

Membership Chairman/Webmaster

Bill Shallbetter: 542-6426

Telephone Committee:

Lori Angelucci	Gale Connerly
Elaine Dowd	Ruth Lawrence
Judy Peluffo	Gerri Schoen

Nominating Committee:

Bob Purrone & Tony Dowd

Hospitality Chair:

Maggie Lann & Stan Maliszewski

50/50 Drawings:

Bonnie & Chuck Marthaler

Flotilla Outing at Channel Mark Restaurant !

To the shouts of "I Hate You!" and the reply "Why don't you just leave?", twenty intrepid Merry Mariners journeyed to the Channel Mark Restaurant on FM Beach, Wednesday October 5 for lunch. They experienced hysterical free entertainment courtesy of a delightfully boozy couple desperately trying to reach their moored "yacht" as they fought over one paddle in an attempt to maneuver a rather derelict raft across the channel. You missed a good one!!!

**FINALLY, A
WEDNESDAY
MM OUTING
WAS
SUCCESSFUL
TO PARROT
KEY ON
NOV 02!**

SeaTow Discounts to Merry Mariners!

The discount with SeaTow for members of Merry Mariners has been arranged. When your current towing policy runs out (whether with SeaTow or not), simply call the local SeaTow number (945-4820) and tell them you're a member of Merry Mariners. SeaTow will give you a \$10 discount on annual towing services. It is that easy. Remember to call the local office for this offer.