

**Merry Mariners' Newsletter**  
**October, 2008**

Fellow Merry Mariners,

As we move into the fall season, "change" seems to be the appropriate theme. The long, hot, humid summer has finally changed to bring us cooler, dryer weather. This should prove to be a welcome change as we look forward to boat outings to *The Fish House* on November 5, *Cabbage Key* on November 18, and our land trip planned to the *Babcock Ranch* on November 3. Looking back, we have had two enjoyable outings this month to the *Lighthouse* and the *Harborside Grill and Tiki Bar*. Both of these were well-attended by our club members.

The election of officers at our October Planning/Business Meeting saw us vote for the change in leadership necessary to keep our boating club great! For those of you who missed this important meeting, the following members were elected to these positions for 2009:

*Commodore*—Phil Cartwright

*Vice-Commodore*—Bob Purrone

*Treasurer*—Pat Ernest

*Secretary*—Diane Jones

Besides Bob Purrone, many members of our current Executive Board indicated a willingness to continue in their present positions:

*Destinations*—Tom Satala

*Safety Education*—Joan and Wayne Church

*Activities Co-Chairs*—Sandy Thompson, Joan Church

*50/50*—Chuck Marthaler

*Compassionate Service*—Bonnie Marthaler

*Telephone Chair*—Lorri Angelucci

And, these members will assume the following important chair positions:

*Membership*—Betty Rogers

*Hospitality Co-Chairs*—Marty Ward, Rita Zucal

*Historian*—Mary Lou Battistini

During the October meeting, we also had five new members join our boating club: **Rich and Cathy Brower, Craig and Joan Jacobs, and Donna Rose**. More detailed info on these new members can be found on our website ([www.merrymariners.org](http://www.merrymariners.org)). Remember, to access our membership roster, type *merry* (don't use italics) in the user name slot and *boat-2008* for the password.

A reminder to those members who have not yet made reservations for our final get-together of the year—our Holiday/Christmas Dinner Meeting on December 11 at Porto Bello Restaurant. You need to notify me of your meal choices (prime rib, crab-stuffed grouper, or chicken picatta) ASAP, and **no later** than November 7. Cost is \$20.00 for members; \$35.00 for guests. Checks should be made out to **Merry Mariners Boating Club** and sent to me at: 4129 SE 9<sup>th</sup> Court, Cape Coral, FL 33904. Your club dues for 2009 (\$22.00/person) can be paid at the same time.

Looking ahead, a Merry Mariners "Shopping Weekend" at West Marine is planned for November 21, 22, and 23. During those three days, you will be able to receive a 10% discount on boat, motor, and electrical devices, plus a 20% discount on everything else in the store! To get the discount, you will need to identify yourself as an active member of the Merry Mariners Boating Club when checking out.

Recently I was informed by the Coast Guard Auxiliary that they were looking for new members with boats to help patrol our waterways. I interested, contact Jack Durkin, Personnel Officer, at (239) 945-6042.

And, finally, don't forget to call, visit or drop a card to our club members who are ill, hospitalized, or at home recovering. Those I know of include: Lorri Angelucci, Delores and Phil Buhner, Dennis Bastyr, and Harry Crossland. They would enjoy hearing from you.

We'll be looking forward to seeing everyone again on our future outings and especially at our Christmas/Holiday Dinner Meeting on December 11...one of the reasons Merry Mariners is the "Best Boating Club in Cape Coral"!!

Al Phelps, Commodore