



MARCO ISLAND YACHT CLUB

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Marco Island Mardi Gras

By Roy Hershberger

Tuesday night, March 8th, the Marco Island Yacht Club brought the Carnival Season to a close with a fantastic Mardi Gras party. Mardi Gras is the final fling of merriment and frivolity before Ash Wednesday and Lent and then Easter.

The 96 participants were divided into 11 Krewes (tables) and just like the real Mardi Gras in New Orleans they "put on the show." As the guests arrived, they were greeted by their hosts Roy & Kathy Hershberger. Kathy who was born and raised in the French Quarter of New Orleans made sure the evening would be authentic. The guests were given "hurricanes" in Mardi Gras cups and masks for the maskless.

After cocktails, each Krewe gathered at their "Den" (table) where they were provided with beads and parading umbrellas. They also learned the surprising things that you can get with a pair of beads. One by one the Krewes had to parade to the buffet of such great New Orleans food as Jambalaya with Andouille sausage and blackened redfish with Cajun sauce among other dishes.

The Krewe of Perseus, led by Jan & Kelly Linman, with Betsy Beaver, Tom Jobe, Martha Ross, Ken Stroud, Linda &



Roy and Kathy Hershberger

Earl Meier and Roger & Linda Hall was first to parade and they set the bar very high for the others. The Krewe of Orpheus led by Bev & Bruce Novark with Angie Segler, Bernd & Helga Segler and Percy & Orangie Carter also made a very impressive showing.

Music, provided by DJ Steve Reynolds, set the beat for dancing and more parading and "2nd Lining". MIYC Members Earl & Linda Meier provided a photographic record of the frivolity with copies available to the Guests. Certain Guests may want to pay something to get the negatives.

Dessert was bread pudding with rum sauce and King Cakes, stuffed with Creole Cream Cheese, flown in from Randazzo's in New Orleans. Kathy Caruso got the "baby" in her piece of King Cake and therefore, following the tradition of Carnival Season will have to bring the King Cake to the next party.



Krewes vying for the "Most Improved Parading" Award

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More Mardi Gras!

Interspersed with the dancing was more parading with each of the Krewe's vying for the prize of "Most Improved". The Krewe of Proteus led by Dick & Karen Dowling with David & Kathy Caruso, John & Jan Miniutti and Doug & Phyllis Johnson made impressive gains, while the Krewe of Thor led by MIYC Past Commodore Mary Ann Kline was close behind them.

The Krewe of Rex, the legendary King of Carnival, with King & Queen Roy & Kathy Hershberger and Dukes & Maids, Steve & Judy Aldrovandi, Dick & Grace Pantano, and



Margot and Steve Roberts

MIYC Commodore Frank & Jan Rinker were the Judges for the costumes. They had a difficult time because of all the great costumes. After much drinking, they decided that the prize for the "Most Creative" went to Shelby Scornavacchi. The "Best Masks" went to Steve & Margot Roberts with



Vicki & Neil Bretthauer

their authentic Italian Mardi Gras masks. The "Best Couples Costume" was awarded to the Pirate King & Queen, Jim & Linda Marr. Dorothy Landwaard, in her stunning costume was awarded the DJ's Choice award. The easiest to decide was the "Best Depiction of Mardi Gras" award, which went to the absolutely beautiful Jester, Sheri Hoover.

As the dancing continued, doubloons hailed down on the crowd from the King of Rex. The Krewe of Endymion led by Kathy & Jim Lopas with John & Nancy Trube, made great improvements in their parading.



Bob & Diana Winterhalter

Representing Royalty from Old Europe, Queen Inga Christensen reigned over the Krewe of Zeus with her husband Duke Torben and her court of Marsha & Gary Riss, and Phyllis & Tom Grover.

Keeping a watchful eye over the authenticity of the festivities



Kathy & Jim Lopas

were Vicki & Neil Bretthauer and Bruce & Bev Norvark who had lived in New Orleans in the past and were familiar with Mardi Gras. Bill & Kathy Aufrecht would also be reporting back to their daughter, who presently lives in New Orleans.

Not to be outdone by the New Orleans Krewe's of Bacchas & Endymion who are famous for their Celebrity Kings, the Marco Island Yacht Club also had its own Celebrity King. As Mardi Gras was waning and Ash Wednesday and Lent fast approaching, our Celebrity King was busy getting ready for Easter. But the MIYC prevailed upon the Easter Bunny (Gary Riss) to make an appearance and reign over the final festivities.



Roy Hershberger, Cheri Hoover and Kathy Hershberger



The Easter Bunny (Gary Riss) With Kathy Hershberger

He paraded through the crowd throwing stuffed animals and doubloons.

After much competition throughout the evening, the prize for the "Most Improved Parading" went to the Krewe of Cleopatra

with Kay Gillespie, her guests and Gordon & Alice Comerford for their sheer energy.

At Marco Midnight, Mardi Gras ended with very tired but very happy guests, who themselves had put on a tremendous show. And although it is always great fun, we're very glad that it only comes once a year.



L-R: Jan Linman, John Trube, Kelly Linman, Kathy Lopas, Nancy Trube and Karen Dowling

Memorial Mass for Joy Shinn

May 4th at 11:00 AM

A Memorial Mass for Joy Shinn will be said by Father Pat Moynahan at San Marco Catholic Church. Joy and her husband Fred, are beloved former members of the MIYC.

There will be a reception immediately following the Mass at the Marco Island Yacht Club. Fred Shinn will be there to thank all those in attendance.



A Special Colors Ceremony



On Friday evening, March 18th, we had a very special Colors ceremony. We not only honored our flag and troops, we also honored the flag and troops of our Canadian cousins.

Commodore Frank Rinker remembered Ed Storie, one of our first Charter members, who passed away this week. Taps was performed by our own seasonal member, Joe Horton.

Photo by Ken Pagach

A Member We All Need to Know

Many of you may remember that we welcomed KR (Kim) and Patty Wright back to the Club in October 2010. Kim and Patty had been on leave from the Club since Kim had been in active service in the US Army. He spent five years with US Central Command (CENTCOM), the command in charge of fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan. He ended his career as part of the US Southern Command. The end of January, the Club had the honor to host

Colonel Kim Wright's Retirement Celebration from the US Army. We were able to capture a picture of the retiring Colonel with our Commodore/Chairman!

Our own 'club soldier' has had an extremely distinguished career in the military as well as having a civilian position as a B-777 Captain with United Airlines. (Kim is continuing in his position with United Airlines.) Colonel Wright was commissioned a Second Lieutenant and earned his BS from the United States Military Academy in 1973. He also holds a Master of Science Degree and a Ph.D. in Business



Commodore Frank Rinker with retiring US Army Colonel KR Wright who is a member of the Club

Management from LaSalle University and a Master of Strategic Studies Degree from the United States Army War College.

Colonel Wright's career took him to positions of great responsibility and leadership throughout the world. His commendations, decorations and awards for his service are too numerous to mention.

Colonel Wright had a great role model for his Army Career. His father, Merl, retired from the

Army October 31, 1982 after serving over 40 years in uniform. Merl joined the US Army on May 10, 1943 serving in World War II and landing on Utah Beach in Normandy, days after D-Day. As a Combat Engineer, he fought his way across France, was at Bastogne during the Battle of the Bulge, and finally occupied Germany.

Thanks to Colonel Wright and his family for their service to our country.

MIYC ST. PATRICK'S EXTENDED CRUISE

By Jim Marr

The planning for this excellent adventure was exemplary. Cruise Captain Paul and Diane McCarthy worked tirelessly for many months prior to the cruise, selecting destinations, making reservations, recruiting participants and finally, preparing the sailing instructions packet which was provided to each participant. They even prepared a "Welcome to your destination Gift Bag" for each vessel. The bag contained various St. Pat-

The stand in Cruise Captain was Jim Marr. Dean and Sheri Heard were supposed to participate on their vessel "No Problems" however, the boat had an engine problem. They drove to two of the destinations to enjoy the happy hour and evening meals with us.

Participants in the cruise were:

Jim and Linda Marr – RSM Bluewater
Doug and Phyllis Johnson – Tu' Eres El Viento
Jim and Mary Carleen Ferry – Current Obsession
Gary and Marsha Riss – Far From Normal
Lee and Dorothy Harkness – Zephyr V
Roy and Kathy Hershberger – Tigress
David and Christine Hain – Heres To
Dave and Mary Varisco – Play N Hooky



The entire crew enjoyed dinner at the Crab House at Laishley Marina

rick's Day Celebration items. Thank you, thank you Paul and Diane.

Unfortunately, several days prior to the cruise, the McCarthys discovered they had brought home a nasty cold virus from a previous cruise destination. They decided to quarantine themselves and stay home so as not to infect the other cruisers. Thank you again!



The Cruisers left Celtic Ray for the River City Grill, their dinner destination.



L-R: Doug Johnson, Jim & MaryCarleen Ferry, Lee & Dorothy Harkness, Linda & Jim Marr and Phyllis Johnson

The weather could not have been better. Destinations included Tarpon Point on the Caloosahatchee River in Cape Coral. Then on to Laishley Park Municipal Marina way back in Charlotte Harbor on the Peace River, where we celebrated St. Patrick's Day in Punta Gorda. After buying shrimp caught just a few hours before, from a shrimper in the marina, the group headed back to Cape Harbor Marina near our first destination in Cape Coral.

There were many stories and great fellowship shared on the docks, visiting each other's boats and dining out at great restaurants. You should participate in the next cruise.

It is truly an excellent adventure!



Bear & Cosette reluctantly donned their St. Patrick's Day finery

2nd Annual MIYC Art Show Well Attended

This year's Art Show, which began on Friday the 25th at Happy Hour, featured a wonderful and diverse display of the talents that are present within the membership and their immediate family. Ten artists and an author featured 42 works of art and the author offered a book signing. And, as last year, the offerings were diverse and of interest to all who saw them. What a wonderful show!



Of course, the art show wouldn't be possible without the artists. It's always a lot of work to drop off, exhibit and then pick up cumbersome and sometimes fragile art. Without these artists' willingness to participate and share their art there couldn't be a show. Thanks to Wanda Coady, Karen Dowling, Michele Fennell, Peter Fennell, Thomas Flynn, Linda Hall, Len Messineo, Don Mills, JoAnn Sanborn, Vicki Simms and Ken Stroud for sharing your wonderful work.

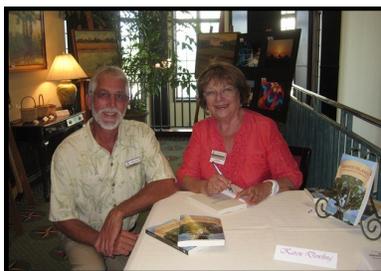


Like last year, Michele Fennell coordinated the

show but she didn't (and couldn't have done it) alone. Michele would like to especially thank Jan Linman who was instrumental in assisting with the set up of the show. Her calm demeanor and excellent advice made the task of set up



go smoothly. Another special thanks goes to Ken Stroud. If not for him, there wouldn't have been a show. Ken was kind enough to loan the club 20 easels from the Art League. This required the monumental task of moving these heavy and awkward easels to and from the MIYC ... a truly daunting task. Ken did the delivery all by himself but had some much needed help from



Pete Fennell for the return. Thanks to you, Ken and Pete, there were 20 pieces of art that were properly displayed. Thanks to all involved, this much anticipated exhibit was another great success this year.

Fine Dining at Marco Island Yacht Club

The most recent MIYC Fine Dining Event was held Tuesday, March 29th. Matthew Davis from Johnson Brothers Liquor Company again joined us to feature cava and wines from all over the world! Nick Clemente, our Food and Beverage Manager, told us about the food that Chef Dan Johns prepared for us. As usual, we were welcomed with a sparkling wine, Centillo Sparkling Cava from Spain.

Chef Dan Johns served Poached Pacific Blue Prawns with an apple, pear and cranberry salad which was paired with a Maryhill White Blend, Columbia Valley from Washington State.

Our second course featured Spicy Thai Curry Chicken with stir fry vegetables paired with a Bridlewood Viognier Reserve from the Central Coast of California.

Our third course featured a char grilled NY Strip of Veal with



sundried tomato pesto with gnocchi paired with Terre Del Volschi Velletri Reserva from Italy. You couldn't find a better meal in Florence! What there is more?

Our fourth course was oven roasted herbed Bison with manchego and grana padano cheese potato gratin paired with Apothic Red Wine Makers Blend from California.

Finally, Chef Dan made sure we ended with something for everyone's sweet tooth; a very non-traditional pumpkin cheesecake with a hazelnut and caramel drizzle paired with a St. Urban Hot Estate Riesling from Germany. General Manager Alain Prion and Nick Clemente fielded many orders for these wonderful wines.

The next fine dining dinner will be Tuesday, April 26th. No matter what the menu or the wines, you will always have an enjoyable evening!

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD COMMENTS

As Chairman, one receives a variety of comments about the operation of our club, obviously some with praise and others lacking praise for the operation of our club. The good news is that recently there have been more favorable than unfavorable comments. As a matter of fact, Martha Ross took her valuable time to review a stack of recent dining comment cards and she reports that the majority of the comments were very favorable. Several members have told me that our overall operation is as good as it gets. Certainly those of us who attended the Mardi Gras party went away extremely pleased.

Perhaps my recent memorandum offering two of our slips for sale to members caused some concern about our finances. And rightly so, as our Board of Directors would not have approved the resolution to sell two slips to members if our current financial projections were a bit more favorable. In reality, the eight slips that we own represent a significant money drain and the rental market has been extremely poor in the past and the outlook is not any better. Each slip costs about \$4500 in maintenance fees and land taxes. We have a buyer for one of the slips and it is our intention to establish a cash reserve with the proceeds.

Continuing on a positive note, we have accepted 24 luncheon, 6 seasonal and 2 trial memberships since the first of the year. We are pleased to report that we also approved 3 new equity memberships. Recently we initiated a special business luncheon privilege in conjunction with member sponsors. We are pleased to report that we have approved 4 of the applicants and we are informed that more are on the way. I extend a hearty thank you to Laverne Davy and her membership committee. Clearly expansion of our luncheon meal service is a step in the right direction. As a matter of fact, I try to dine for lunch several times a week. Where can one buy gourmet soup and half sandwich for \$8.66 while watching the new bridge construction?

Actually our club activities have been well attended in February and March. Reciprocal have been coming in from the cold north in greater numbers than last year. Our weather has been fantastic! On Sunday March 13th we had 208 guests for brunch. On the 22nd of March, we had 99 luncheon guests from the Naples Yacht Club. I had the fantastic experience to greet and meet about 89 of the folks as they came on their boats for an 11:00 AM cocktail hour. Our club received many very kind remarks from the Naples visitors. Elmer, the MIMA Dockmaster was also the topic of many kudos for his excellent service. Interesting to note, on the same day our Day Cruise Captain Michael Benigno took a large group from our club to the Naples Yacht Club. Way to go Michael!

So where are we financially as we come to the midway point in our fiscal year? Our Treasurer Rudi Landwaard tells me that after looking once more into his crystal ball, he sees some light at the end of the tunnel. Presently, Rudi and our Controller Lisa Luft are projecting a near break-even financial year end coming September 30th. Our General Manager Alain Prion is managing our labor and supplies so as to maintain our high standard for service and to minimize the costs. We will find it necessary to adjust the dining schedule from time to time to facilitate operational efficiency. We will continue to keep our membership informed as the balance of the year unfolds. We earnestly request that our members use the club frequently and bring your friends and neighbors along as your guests. The folks from the Naples Yacht Club were very complimentary about our food! Many of them promised to return from time to time to enjoy our menu and our hospitality.

Franklin G Rinker
Chairman



Frank Rinker
Chairman of the Board

**Now is a good time to sit down with your calendar and make your plans for March and beyond.
Dining Reservations - 239-394-0199 Special Events - 239-393-5073**

**LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE -
BUT SO IS A GOOD CANASTA HAND!**

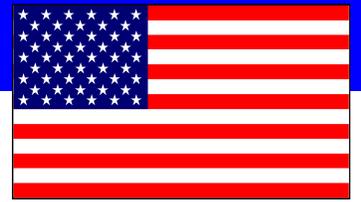
Calling all future, rusty or up to speed Canasta players for a really fun time of playing Canasta and lunch at the Yacht Club on Thursdays at 9:30 am.

Contact Dorothy Landwaard for details at dll573@live.com or 239-389-4444.



Jo Harper, Jan Linman, Kathy Hershberger, Judy Aldrovandi

Soldier's Angels Update



Thank you members of Marco Island Yacht Club! We recently raised \$1,657 during our annual fundraiser to be used for our men and women serving in the military in Iraq and Afghanistan. The monies were raised during the clubs, "Red, White and Blue Night" with entertainment from Goodland's favorite, comedic resident, Stan Gober. The Soldiers Angels committee held a fifty-fifty raffle, a Chinese Silent Auction and the highlight of the evening ... a live auction for an American Flag. This was not just an ordinary American Flag. The flag had been shipped to some of our troops in Afghanistan along with boxes of items requested by our heroes. The soldiers took our flag and flew it over their base and returned it with a beautifully, framed certificate of authenticity stating this fact. It included an appreciation for the clubs support in helping to keep their morale high with our emails and shipments to them. The flag brought in brisk and generous bidding culminating with a \$520 winning bid. It is sure to be a piece of history.

The Chinese Silent Auction featured items generously donated by Marco Island Merchants. They included oil paintings, a statue, jewelry, garden items and gift cards

from restaurants and a spa, just to name a few of them.

The donors included: Marco Island Florist; Skin Renewal Systems; Creative Interior Design; Living Styles; Chloe's; Your Island Home; The Blue Heron Restaurant and Akamai Accents. We also had some door prizes given to us by our club's own author, Karen Dowling, and The Bakery Boutique. The mother and sister of one of our current Marine adoptee's sent a beautiful gift box of things which were all made in their home state of North Dakota.

The winners of the Chinese Silent Auction, who gave me permission to print their names in this article were: Susan Volp, Judy Aldrovandi, and Jan Linman. Of course many more walked away with terrific gift baskets and prizes. I would also like to thank Jack and Cindy Strack who donated \$100 to Soldiers Angels. This was our best fundraiser yet and, once again, I am so extremely proud of our patriotic and benevolent club members for their continued support. Many, many thanks and May God Bless.

MIYC Champagne Sunday Brunch

Every Sunday

10 AM - 1 PM

Join us for a lovely day of dining at the Club.

\$18.95 pp++ Member Price

Reservations - 394-0199



Email Blasts

MIYC has changed the source of our email blasts (our way of letting you know what's happening at the Club). **Please add the following email address to your contacts list in order to avoid E Blasts going to your spam file.** marcoislandyachtclub@replybm23.com

The blasts are sent only to the main email address on your roster. If you would like to receive email blasts on other email addresses, please call Lisa at the Club. 394-0199 Or send Lisa an email: lisa@marcoislandyachtclub.net



MIYC Web Bill Payment

You can now view and pay your invoice on line! It is fast, and it is easy. Here are the steps:

- Access the MIYC Web site at www.marcoislandyachtclub.net.
- Click on the "Members Only" section at the far right of the screen.
- Sign in using your member number and password.
- Click on the "Member Statements" Option, third from the left under the picture.
- Click on the "Pay Now" box.
- You will see the green sign-in screen for the JONAS e-payment Service.
- First time users: Click On the "New User" option in the Green Box at the bottom of the screen. New users will need to set up the account information with the bank. This is a first-time only process, and a few extra screens. (For future payments, sign in with the user ID and password you will be asked to create here.)
- Screen 1: **New User Information**
 - *Fill out the information boxes as requested. You will be asked to create your own personal User Name and Password. You can key in your same User Name and Password (that you already have) that accesses the "Members Only" Section on the Web Site, or create a separate and unique User Name and Password for the JONAS e-payment Service.
 - *Click "Next" at the bottom.
- Screen 2: **Provide Member Details**
 - *Fill in and
 - *Click "Next" at the bottom.
- Screen 3: **Provide Payment Details**
 - *Provide Date and payment amount. (For subsequent payments, you will change the payment date and amount.)
 - *Click "Next" at the bottom.
- Screen 4: **Provide Banking Details**
 - *Fill out with your checking / savings account information. (You may set up more than one checking and/ or savings account from which to make payments, and choose which one to use at the time you make payments in the future.)
 - *Click "Next" at the bottom. You will only see the last digits of your accounts when you use this function again. It is secure.
- Screen 5: **Review Page.**
 - *If all is correct, Click "Make Payment."
- Screen 6: **Confirmation of Transaction**
 - *Please print for your records.



*Please make your
reservations Early!
239-394-0199*

Attention!

Did you know? MIYC Club Members receive **50%** off drinks during Happy Hour on Fridays. (44% happy hour discount then a 10% member discount! The cumulative discount is equal to 50%!)
Gratuity and Sales Tax are figured on the lower amount.

AROUND THE CLUBHOUSE...

The General Manager's View



Alain Prion
General Manager

It's April and the weather is great!! Your Club has been a beehive of activity. We had a great month of March with a spectacular Mardi Gras celebration. Kudos to Mr. and Mrs. Hershberger, our King and Queen for the evening,

who did a fantastic job of organizing this event. The month culminated with our Art Show and a Rock and Roll Happy Hour.

Looking forward to April; Boater's Night will be April 6 with a presentation on yacht buying and selling with our own Mr. Tony Balsamo. Another Rock and Roll evening is planned for the Tax Payers Bawl on the 15th. Check your calendars for all upcoming events. Please don't forget to make your reservation early for our Easter Brunch

on April 24th, this year our Brunch will be open from 10am to 2pm so book early in order to reserve the time and table you would like to have. Finally, the Key West Cruise the last week of April is an all around Club favorite.

If any of our members are going back north for the summer this month please stop by or call us with any address changes or information you would like us to change.

Remember that Friday Happy Hour is 2 for 1 with your discounts and you always receive a 10% discount when dining at the Club.

See you at the Club!

Alain



Ship's Store

Spring bright colors dominate the items for sale at the Ship's Store, particularly in Ladies Polos. If grandchildren are coming, or you are heading North to see them for Easter, youth tees are available in gold, royal blue, and red. These have ball caps to match in red and royal blue. What a treat for the little ones!

There are also new long sleeve, easy care shirts for Ladies and Men in pink/white and in blue/white respectively.

We're right across from the rest rooms as you go to the Burgee Bar. Our staff is waiting to help you.

So spring into action before the size or color you prefer is sold out.



Look at our new MIYC Website !

To improve member communication and service while reducing costs, we have enhanced our MIYC administrative system and Web Site. You can now log on to our state-of-the-art Web Site to view MIYC facilities, review up-coming events, and make reservations. Anchorlines – current and past issues - are accessible on-line.

You can also view the Club roster with current member phone numbers and emails, which will makes it easier to stay in touch. Additionally, you can access your account record, billing information down to the chit detail, and make online

payments.

This information is protected on a secure server and requires a password to access. We feel this is a good step forward in providing better member communication and information while streamlining operations and reducing costs. Please sign on and update your information:

www.marcoislandyachtclub.net

Go to Members Only and follow the instructions.

Look What's Happening at The Club This Season!!

April 2011



April 6th
Ext. Cruise Meeting
Boaters' Night
April 8th
 MIYC Men's Golf
 Happy Hour
April 15th
 MIYC Men's Golf
 Happy Hour
Taxpayer Bawl
April 19th
Men's Lunch
April 20th
Ladies' Luncheon
April 22nd
 MIYC Men's Golf
 Happy Hour
Evening Colors
April 24th
Easter Brunch
April 26th
Fine Dining
April 27th
Ladies' Bridge
Sunset Cruise
April 28-May 2
Ext. Cruise - Key West
April 29th
 MIYC Men's Golf
 Happy Hour

May 2011



May 4
Boaters' Night
May 6
 MIYC Men's Golf
 Happy Hour
May 8
Mother's Day Brunch
May 13
 MIYC Men's Golf
 Happy Hour
May 17
Men's Lunch
May 18
Ladies' Luncheon
May 20
 MIYC Men's Golf
 Happy Hour
Evening Colors
May 24
Fine Dining
May 27
 MIYC Men's Golf
 Happy Hour

June 2011



June 1
Boaters' Night
June 3
 MIYC Men's Golf
 Happy Hour
June 10
 MIYC Men's Golf
 Happy Hour
June 17
 MIYC Men's Golf
 Happy Hour
Evening Colors
June 24
 MIYC Men's Golf
 Happy Hour

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MIYC Men's Golf League

Whether you are a beginner or a "seasoned" pro, join the Friday Men's Golf League. The league is based on the principal that it's supposed to be fun.

The MIYC Men's Golf League plays every Friday morning followed by a lunch with the entire group. The lunch is optional. They have special tournaments once a month (i.e. you're only allowed 4 clubs in your bag, or best ball with part-

ners, or net scores with handicaps, etc.). The guys play at Hibiscus thru April 30th and at the Glades Country Club from May 1st thru October 31st. This is our sixth year at The Glades! The cost is very reasonable.

Call Silky Sullivan (239-393-9125) to find out more and to sign up to play. It's a good way to meet more Marco friends.



SAVE THE DATES!!!

A PEEK AT THIS SEASON!!

April 15
 April 19
 April 20
 April 24
 April 26

Taxpayers' Bawl
 Men's Lunch
 Ladies' Luncheon
 Easter Brunch
 Fine Dining

Fine Dining
 Ladies Luncheon
 3rd Annual Golf Tournament

May 24
 May 18
 Date to be announced

The Social Committee meets at 10:30 am on the second Friday of each month. Please join us. We welcome all whether you intend to participate or just listen in.

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Apr	LO, WD Apr 26	open	open	open	open	open
May	WD May 24	open	open	open	open	May 1, 8, 15
Jun	c	Jun 1/ Jun 15	LO	open	open	June 19
Jul	c	Jul 6/ Jul 20	LO	HH-D	c	July 17
Aug	c	Aug 3/ Aug 17	LO	HH-D	c	Aug 21
Sep	c	Sep 7/ Sep 21	LO	HH-D	c	Sep 18
Oct	c	Oct 5/ Oct 19	open	open	c	Oct 16
Nov	WD TBD	Nov 2, 16, 23	open	open	open	Nov 20, 27
Dec	c	open	open	open	open	open
Jan	LO, WD Jan 24	open	open	open	open	open
Feb	LO, WD Feb 21	open	open	open	open	open
Mar	LO, WD Mar 23	open	open	open	open	open

Open Lunch-Dinner

Closed

Open Partial Month

Brunch on Third Sunday

Boater's Night

Lunch Only

Club Night Dining

Happy Hour-Dinner

Wine Dinner

The Fine Dining/Wine dinner is the 4th Tuesday Jan-May.

Lunch begins on Tuesdays in January on Tuesday the 17th through April.

Hours and Days of operation are subject to change.

Boaters' Night

Wednesday, April 6th

Cocktails at 6 PM Dinner served at 7 PM



Tony Balsamo, owner of Black Pearl Yacht Sales,
will speak about
"The Process of Buying and Selling a Yacht"



Menu

\$15.80++ (Member Price) 394-0199

Spinach and Gorgonzola Salad with Strawberries
and Mushrooms with Raspberry Vinaigrette

Char Grilled Baseball Sirloin with a Port Wine Demi glace
Sour Cream and Chive Whipped Potato and Vegetable du Jour

Pineapple Upside Down Cake



TAXPAYERS' BAWL

APRIL 15, NATURALLY!

**HAPPY HOUR 5PM TO 7PM - WE NEED IT!
ENTERTAINMENT BY MFB (MARCO'S FINEST BAND)**



BUFFET MENU

Took the House Salad
First Born Baby Shrimp and Government Cheesy Macaroni
Arm and a Leg of BBQ Chicken
Nonprofit Blackened Grouper
Farmer's Vegetable Medley
Pound of Flesh Roasted Pork loin with a Backyard Mushroom Demiglace
garnished with Mashed Fools Gold Potato
Tax Return assorted Cakes and Pastries

\$25.99++ Member Price

You made it through Tax Day - you deserve a break!
Misery loves company, so join your fellow taxpayers at the Club for drinks, food and dancing.
Wear your saddest threads and dance your troubles away.

SORRY, not a tax deductible event
Save whatever pennies and other coins you have left after Uncle Sam takes his cut.
We'll donate them to Soldier's Angels - a tax deduction.

Save your leftover tax forms. We'll recycle them.

MEN'S LUNCH



Tuesday, April 19th

11:30 AM - Gather 12 Noon - Lunch

Alan Sandlin will give a presentation on Marco Island and the Mackle Brothers.

Menu

Corned Beef Reuben with Sauerkraut, Swiss cheese,
Thousand Island dressing with either French Fries or homemade wood chips.

Pineapple Upside Down Cake

\$15.95++ (With MIYC card) **Reservations - 394-0199**



Ladies' Luncheon



Wednesday, April 20th
11:30 AM Gather - 12 Noon Lunch

SEX AFTER 50

This is the one you've been waiting for.

This year we have a new sexpert - Donna Alpert from Dr. Caroline Cederquist's office.
She'll discuss both emotional and physical relationships and help us understand and improve both.

DON'T MISS IT!

INVITE ALL YOUR FRIENDS! An interesting, helpful and fun girl gathering.

Menu

Teriyaki Chicken with Cashew with vegetable stir fry over steamed rice.

NY Cheesecake with fresh Blueberry Compote.

If you just want to enjoy a great lunch with the Ladies of the Club, please come and bring your friends, too!

\$15.95++ (When you present your MIYC Member Card) **Reservations - 394-0199**

Please Make Your Reservations Early! 394-0199



Easter Sunday Brunch



Sunday, April 24th
10AM - 2PM

Menu

Traditional Brunch in addition to a carving station with Leg of Lamb with Mint Infused Jus, accompanied by fresh Baby Spinach Salad with fresh Mozzarella and Spring Berries.

Vegetables: Fresh Poached Asparagus in butter.

Yukon Gold and Goat Cheese Potato Gratin

Assorted Cakes and pastries

\$29.95 Member Price
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Fine Dining at the Marco Island Yacht Club



Tuesday, April 26th

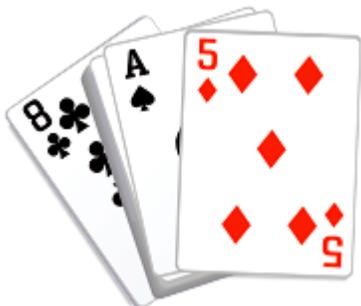
6 PM Reception 6:30 PM Dinner

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MIYC Womens' Bridge Luncheon



Wednesday, April 27th (Fourth Wednesday)
11:30 AM

Get your foursome lined up and enjoy a nice lunch.
Then spend a relaxing afternoon of Bridge.

For info and reservations call: Nancy Trube 393-2486

\$15.95++ (When you present your MIYC Member Card) **MIYC - 394-0199**



Boating Events

COMMODORE'S CORNER



Frank Rinker
Commodore

February and March have been very busy months for our MIYC boaters. In addition to our many activities, several of our members travelled by land to 2011 Florida Council of Yacht Clubs "Change of Watch" held at the Eau Gallie Yacht Club in Melbourne on March 11-13, 2011. Those of us attending had a great time and the pleasure of see-

ing our own Gary Riss become Treasurer, the first of several rungs on the way to becoming the FCYC Commodore one day. The FCYC Clubs meet six times per year at one of the 36 clubs. Our next turn comes in May of 2012.

The big event on our April calendar is our 4th annual Conch Republic Cruise to Key West starting on the 28th and returning on the 2nd of May. This cruise is advertised as a "Land and Sea" cruise with many of our members going by car as well as by boat. Our Extended Fleet Captain Lee Harness and Cruise Captain Gary Riss are holding a mandatory Captains' meeting

on Wednesday April 20th. Contact Gary if you are interested as he is always resourceful at finding dock space or hotel rooms. We always have a good time, even if it takes 14 hours to get there on the "Barefoot Contessa".

We were saddened recently as we were informed of the passing of a great yachting friend, Mr. Edward Storie on March 9, 2011 at his home in Whitby, Ontario. Ed and his lovely wife Betty were charter members of our club before health forced their retirement in 2009. Ed was a member of the RCYC (Royal Canadian Yacht Club) for twenty five years. Ed was 95 years young at the time of his passing. I am certain that Betty would appreciate hearing from those of our members who knew her and Ed. Contact Syd Mellinger for more information. So as the busy season winds down, let us continue with participation in the day cruises, extended cruises and sunset cruises. Boaters' night will continue through the summer.

Franklin G. Rinker
Commodore

SCHEDULE OF KEY ACTIVITIES

Bridge Meetings (9AM 1st Wed.)

Open for anyone to attend

Future Bridge Social Events

Colors (make a reservation for dinner)

Friday, April 15

Boaters' Nights (Jim Marr 239-389-2139)

jimsyacht@msn.com

April 6

Sunset/Moonlight Cruises (Stuart Curtis 394-4548)

stuartcurtis@marcocable.com

Day Cruises (Michael Benigno 393-2513)

m Beni@marcocable.com

April 26 Hamilton Harbor

Sailing Events (Lois Dixon 515-205-7047)

dixonk11@aol.com

Extended Cruises (Lee Harkness 642-3575)

lhark@embarqmail.com

April 6, 5PM Cruisers' Mtg.-

Before Boaters' Night

April 28 - May 2 Key West Cruise

Safety and Training (Earl Meier 389-5423)

earlmeier@aol.com

Reservations - Please

Please don't forget to make a reservation when dining at the Club. This courtesy enables the Club staff to provide you with the service you deserve. Please be prepared to be seated at your reserved time. This keeps the momentum of the kitchen flowing.

Please wear your nametag! New Members and Staff appreciate the gesture. Thank you.





FCYC Update



Gary Riss
FCYC West Coast
Fleet Captain

The March FCYC General Meeting and Change of Watch was held at the Eau Gallie Yacht Club. EGYC is located at Indian Harbor Beach on the Banana River with a commanding view of Dragon Point on Merritt Island and the Indian River and ICW to the west. MIYC was represented by Commodore Frank and Jan Rinker, Rear Commodore Jim and Linda Marr, Past Fleet Captain Jim and Mary Carleen Ferry, FCYC Alternate Director Torben and Inga Christensen, Dick and Grace Pantano, David and Christine Hain, and FCYC Treasurer Gary and Marsha Riss.

Friday night we were treated to an evening event, themed "Let's Fly Away" which included buffet stations providing the culinary delights of Paris, Zurich, Tokyo, Honolulu, and Rome.

Saturday morning the FCYC Executive Committee met to review issues and prepare for the General meeting to follow in the afternoon. Concurrently, the spouses and guests left in two vans to spend the day visiting the Brevard Art Museum, the Rosseter House Museum and Gardens, and touring Eau Gallie's "Main Street" which features shops of local artists.

Commodore Stanley discussed an award presented to him at the Executive Committee meeting by Fleet Captain Tom Smith attesting to his accomplishment in the art of high speed anchoring - a reference to an incident when a rogue wave ripped the anchor from the bow pulpit causing the chain to get wrapped around the port prop.

Government Affairs Chairman Perlet reported the following at the federal level:

The mandatory carrying of EPRIB transmitters on all recreational vessels when operating more than three miles off shore is being evaluated by the USCG. The USCG acquired the authority to implement this regulation under the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010. An exception to this requirement would be for vessels equipped with a GPS connected VHF radio when operating within 20 miles of the coast. FCYC will continue to watch for implementation of any new regulations.

The USCG is considering whether it should mandate the wearing of life jackets by everyone aboard a recreational boat less than 26 feet in length while outside of a cabin.

The U.S. Coast Guard strongly advises against all operation of and travel by U.S. yachts and sailing craft, or by U.S. citizens on foreign registered yachts and sailing craft, on the Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea, Somali Basin and the western parts of the Indian Ocean.

Perlet reported the following legislative initiatives at the state level:

Sen. Negron has introduced a bill (SB 1025) that would lift the fishing license requirement for both residents of Florida and non-residents to recreationally fish in both freshwater and salt water. FWC spokesman Lee Schlesinger said that the bill if passed could have "lots of ramifications on wildlife conservation pro-

grams and law enforcement." It is not clear how this change would affect the Federal fishing license requirements.

Representative Gaetz has introduced legislation (HB 4025) that repeals the Yacht and Ship Brokers' Act and removes certain provisions relating to licensing, escrow depository and closing transactions. This could have a significant effect on members

selling their boats. We are trying to determine whether an alternate proposal will protect boaters.

Senator Negron has also introduced legislation essentially decriminalizing non-reckless violations of navigation rules. SB 512.

Perlet reported the following regulatory activities at the state level:

Under Florida statute, the FWC, in consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), must establish a pilot program regulating anchoring and mooring outside

of marked public mooring fields. The FWC has selected the west coast cities of Sarasota and St. Petersburg and Monroe County in the keys and east coast locations in Stuart/Martin County and St. Augustine as sites for the mooring field pilot programs.

Items of interest from attending clubs:

Venice YC dock expansion is underway until July. They are open for fuel but not visiting boats until the construction is completed.

Smyrna YC has additional dock space.

Key Biscayne YC clubhouse is under renovation but the docks are open.

The award for most members in attendance went to Marco Island YC. Pensacola YC took home the honors for the furthest distance traveled by boat and Smyrna YC won for the most boats at the meeting.

The Yachtsman of the Year Awards went to:

West Coast

Most Clubs Visited Mark and Bev MacMahon
Isles Yacht Club

Most Miles Traveled Jackie and Bob Whitaker
Isles Yacht Club

East Coast

Most Clubs Visited Tom Scholl Marathon Yacht Club
Most Miles Traveled Bill Melman Marathon Yacht Club

The next General Meeting will be at the Moorings Yacht Club on May 14, 2011.

Gary C. Riss, FCYC Treasurer



L-R: Inga & Torben Christensen, Jan & Frank Rinker, Linda & Jim Marr, Marsha & Gary Riss, MaryCarleen & Jim Ferry, David Hain, Grace & Dick Pantano and Christine Hain



Ray Starzman, FCYC Rear Commodore, presenting plaque to Jim Marr, MIYC Rear Commodore

MIYC Evening Colors



Evening Colors

Friday, April 15th
6:00 PM

Happy Hour 5 - 7 PM (Drinks Half Price!)
Dinner in the Harbor Room 6 - 9 PM

Come see this moving & interesting ceremony.

Plan on staying for Dinner.
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Boaters' Night



NEXT BOATERS' NIGHT:

Wednesday, April 6th
Sign-up - 393-5073

Questions: Jim Marr - 389-2139



Captain Jim Marr
Rear Commodore

From the Rear Commodore



Our speaker for the March Boater's Night was Jim Hunt from Marine Max Naples who also brought several new boats to our marina for display. He also reviewed the upcoming Women On Water program which was conducted with twelve students on two vessels March the 23rd. See the separate article in this month's Anchorlines and

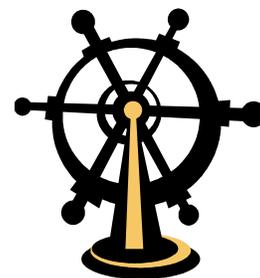
thank the Marine Max people when you see them.

For April, Tony Balsamo, Principal of Black Pearl Yacht Sales will discuss the process of buying and selling a yacht. This discussion would be applicable to the purchase of a new

vessel or trading in your existing vessel for a new one. The services of the Yacht Brokerage portion of Black Pearl's business will also be discussed. Think of some questions you would like Tony to address and send them to me or write them down and bring them to the April Boater's Night.

Boater's Night will continue throughout the year. If there are topics or particular guest speakers you would like to suggest, please send your request to me. Thank you.

Captain Jim Marr, Rear Commodore
jimisyacht@msn.com 239-389-2139



Check out the web cam which shows the Jolly Bridge view from the MIYC!

http://www.marconews.com/webcams/jolley_bridge/



WOW Women on Water



WOW – What a class!

(WOW is the **MarineMax Women on Water® Class**)

By Jim Marr - Rear Commodore

Thank you, thank you to Marine Max for conducting the WOW class, Wednesday March 23 at the Marco Island Yacht Club.

From: Linda, Nancy T., Sheri, Kathy, Sharon, Meredith, Nancy M., Beth, Sally, Emmy and Doris.



Marine Max brought two new boats, a 45' Sea Ray and a 30' Boston Whaler for our Ladies to practice their boating skills.



After a classroom session they headed out to sea.

The 450 Sundancer with Zeus Pod Drives was a dream to drive.



They learned to go forward and reverse and that if you got into trouble, who to call, where the flares were and how to up and down the anchor.



Docking was the most fun. "Emmy you did it just right".

"Nancy you are doing great. Let the dock do the work."



The MIYC Staff knew we would be hungry when we got back to the Club.

Thanks again to Captains Harry Wilby and Jim Hunt from Marine Max.





Boating Events

M.I.Y.C. – Extended Cruises for 2011!

EXTENDED CRUISE NEWS MARCO ISLAND YACHT CLUB

Eight vessels cruised to Punta Gorda led by substitute Captain Jim Mar. You can read all about it elsewhere in this issue. Our next cruise is the big one to Key West. Cruise Captain Riss reports a whole bunch of boats and four wheelers signed up.

Don't forget the cruise planning meeting on April 6 at 5:00PM before boater's night.

Apr 6, 5:00PM (Boaters night)	Cruise meeting @MIYC		Lee Harkness
Apr 24	HAPPY EASTER		
Apr 28 to May 2	Key West		Gary Riss
May 24-25	Naples Yacht Club		Dean Heard
June 16	Esplanade Marina		Brooks Wood
July 6-17	Bahamas Fling		Paul McCarthy
August	TBD		
September	TBD		
Oct 14-?	Sarasota-St Petersburg		Gary Riss ??

Comments or changes may be e-mailed to lhark@embarqmail.com or by phone to Lee Harkness 642-3575.

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**FREE BOATING SAFETY CHECK
ON MARCO ISLAND**

Free safety inspections of your boat are offered to Marco Island Yacht Club and Marco Island Marina Association members by certified vessel examiners at the marina. The certified vessel examiners also make house calls at your convenience, an appointment may be scheduled by calling Port Captain Rudi Landwaard at (239) 389-4444. There is no penalty if you don't

pass the inspection, but those who do, will be awarded a U.S. Coast Guard / U.S. Power Squadron Courtesy Marine Examination decal for display on their vessel. We want 100% of our boats to sport the inspection decal.



Rudi Landwaard
Port Captain



Rules for Boat of the Year 2011 Calendar Year



Extended Cruise Boat of the Year

- Only events planned and sanctioned by the Fleet Captain - Extended Cruises are counted for Boat of the Year.
- The Fleet Captain publishes in Anchor Lines the planned events. The Fleet Captain also defines the length of the event.
- You receive one point for each overnight aboard for planned, sanctioned event. The maximum points are limited to five for a single event.
- If individuals extend the cruise beyond the planned number of days, no additional points are awarded.
- The member family boat that accumulates the most points on boats that have been or are owned or rented by that club family membership receives the Boat of the Year recognition at the following year's Commodore's Ball. No membership can claim points for taking more than one boat to an event. They can, however, receive points, if they use different boats for different events or purchase a new boat.
- Each participant should inform the Fleet Captain - Extended Cruising of their participation in an event. If a member family does use more than one boat, they must inform the Fleet Captain - Extended Cruises which boat to assign all of their Extended Cruise points.
- The Extended Cruise Boat of the Year winner names and the boat name will be engraved on the perpetual trophy.

Day Cruise Boat of the Year

- Day cruise events planned and sanctioned by the Fleet Captain - Day Cruises are counted toward the Day Cruise Boat of the Year.
- One point for each event that a member used one of his boats to attend the planned and sanctioned event.
- In addition, a member can earn Day Cruise points for:
 1. Regatta support boats: Committee Boat, Mark Boats, Pin Boat, Press Boat, Spectator Boat, Photographer Boat, etc.
One point per day on the water.
 2. Sunset Cruise: One point for each time a member volunteers to operate their boat for the event and the event is executed
 3. Presentation and Blessing of the Fleet: One point for each membership's participation in the event.
 4. Other on the water events that may come up that are sanctioned in advance by the Bridge.
- Each participant should inform the Fleet Captain - Day Cruises of their participation in an event. If a member family does use more than one boat they must inform the Fleet Captain - Day Cruises which boat to assign all of their Day Cruise points.
- The Day Cruise Boat of the Year winner names and the boat name will also be engraved on the perpetual trophy.

The Bridge



Lois Dixon
Fleet Sailing Captain

Thoughts from the Fleet Sailing Captain

The MICKYS youth sailing program is growing and has evolved into the Marco Island Community Sailing Center, or MICSC.

To the right is the new Logo which was developed by the City.

The Center will be located adjacent to MIYC on the beach at the foot of the bridge. Docks are being constructed now.

Special thanks to Tony and Mary Balsamo for the donation of a three

well floating dock. This dock will be part of the sailing center when the construction is complete.

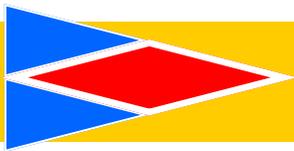
The dock was relocated from Naples by Jim Marr and Dean Heard. Thanks to all!



Marco Island Community Sailing Center



Marco Island Parks and Recreation 239-642-0575 



Notice to FCYC Mariners

The Venice Yacht Club has been issued a permit to expand our docks and construction will commence on or about March 1, 2011. Please notify your club that Venice Yacht Club reciprocal docks will not be available from March 1, 2011 thru June 30, 2011. Please call ahead if you are planning a visit in late February or early July 2011, to ensure that the reciprocal slips will be completed.

Fuel will still be available during the construction but Mariners should call the dock master's office (941-483-3625) for

availability and new temporary location of the fuel dock.

When completed, we will now be able to provide holding tank pump out as well.

Thank you for your patience during this phase of our construction.

The Board and Management
Notice to FCYC Mariner
Venice Yacht Club



DAY CRUISE

Tuesday, March 22 was a beautiful day for a cruise to the Naples Yacht Club with some boats going up in the gulf and others taking the intracoastal waterway. There was a lot of traffic, being spring break but we made it to a beautiful setting with 25 of us having lunch on the outdoor deck. The club was easy to find because moored in front of it was a 140' yacht named "HILARIUM" But no one could tell us anything about it



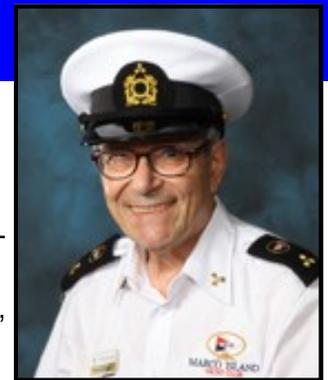
which made it seem a little mysterious. It was a wonderful experience with the beautiful setting and great service by Naples Yacht Club and great camaraderie.



5 boats from MIYC attended. I was there on "GLORY B III with my first mate, Gloria and guests Anna and David Fieselman. Russ and Jan Rath also made it on SCOT AND WATER. Linda and Roger Hall also came on their speedster WINGS. They were accompanied by guests Judy and John MacDonald, Jan and Kelly Linman, and Tom Jobe. Dick and Grace Pantano also made it aboard LOLLYGAGGIN with guest Judy and Steve Aldrovandi, Christine and David Hain and Diane and Paul McCarthy. And finally, fresh from an extended cruise, Rear Commodore, Jim Marr aboard BLUE WATER II made it, accompanied by first mate Linda and guests Jo and Ed Harper.

Next month we will cruise to Hamilton Harbor Yacht Club on

April 26 which has been a perennial favorite. So, all you boaters, keep that date in mind. In May we



Michael Benigno
Fleet Captain - Day Cruise



have tentatively planned to go to Pelican Bend in Isles of Capri but the date has not been firmed up yet so look for the daily blasts for upcoming cruises.

Also if any boaters have any comments or suggestions for future activities, I would really appreciate your inputs. I can be reached at 393-2513 or e-mail at:

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Michael Benigno - Fleet Captain, Day Cruise



This Osprey nest was spotted from the Marr's boat on the ride back to Marco Island

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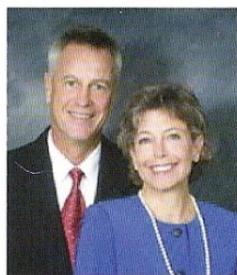
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The Deadline for the May issue is April 20th. anchorlines@yahoo.com

Linda Marr



**Please remember to wear your name tag every time you go to the Club.
It makes recognition so much easier for new Members and staff.**

CRIME PREVENTION ALERT: SUSPICIOUS BOAT ACTIVITY

The Marco Island Police Department was contacted regarding highly suspicious boat activity within City canals and waterways this past weekend. Vessels were observed by an alert citizen between 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m.; however, the citizen did not alert the Department while the vessels were still in the area.

The vessels were described as white or light colored center console type watercraft often called "Go-Fasts". The operators of the suspicious vessels turned off their navigational lights and motors to avoid attention. The vessels were not engaged in fishing and being operated in a suspicious manner given their actions, time and location. The Marco Island Police Department has alerted their local, county, state and federal maritime law enforcement partners to the activity. This type of activity has been commonly associated with vessel thefts and smuggling operations.

To protect your property from criminal activity, the Marco Island Police Department suggests the following actions:

If you observe or hear something strange in the City's waterways call 911, regardless of the time – immediately!

- Work with your neighbor to watch each other's homes, docks, and vessels.
- Use motion sensitive lighting that faces the canal or water behind your home.

- If your boat is not going to be in use for an extended period of time, remove engine or fuel system components.
- Install covert fuel cut-off or ignition / battery switches.
- Move the boat lift's electrical power shut-off inside your house or garage.
- Secure your boat to the lift and the lift to the dock with heavy chain.
- Install an alarm system on your dock.
- Install a GPS enable alarm system on your boat.
- Always remove the keys from your boat when it is on the lift.
- Remove all valuables to include GPS, radar, and radios when the boat is not in use.

While one of the safest Cities in Florida, Marco Island is not immune from crime including boat thefts and larceny from vessels. Please help the Marco Island Police Department in making the community safe by taking steps to protect yourself and your neighbors. The Marco Island Police Department will conduct a residential and dockside security survey to assist you in analyzing and improving your security. Please call 389-5050 to request a security survey. If you witness suspicious activity **CALL 911 immediately.**

Marco Island Yacht Club

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