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Cruising & Racing Events

2/8/2020 – Sat – 11:30am (low, low tide that morning)
CMCS Commodore's Cup - Buoy races off of Fort Myers Beach. Party after race at Salty Sam's Marina, Parrot Key. Everyone is welcome! 2/9/2020 – Sun – Pursuit race - Carlos Bay, Fort Myers

2/15-17/2020 – **Cruise to Panther Key** for Presidents 3 day weekend – Information inside

2/22/2020 – Changed Date - CMCS – **Spring Offshore Regatta - Awards Party Saturday night** – More information to come

2/29-3/1/2020 – Conquistador Cup – Punta Gorda

3/20-22/2020 – GCSC – **2020 Naples Classic Regatta – SAVE THE DATE -**

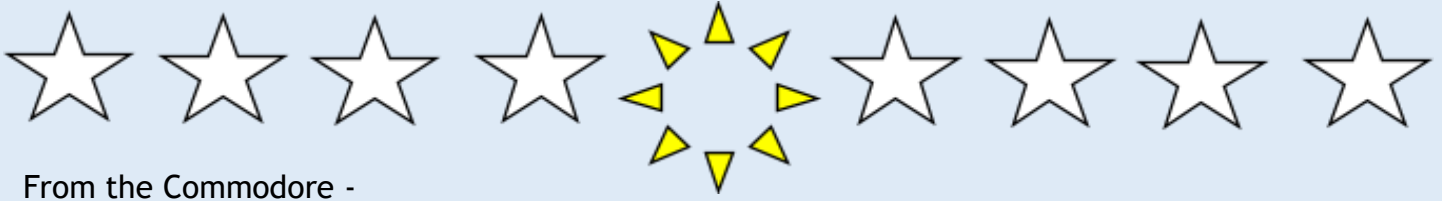
February 2020

In this edition (in order)

- GCSC Commodore Seaby Bess
 - Bob Diamond – NEW 2019 – 2020 Calendar of Events
 - **Help Wanted: Graphic Design & Wordpress Communication Team**
- 2/8-9/2020 – Sat – Sun - **CMCS Commodore's Cup** – 11:30 am Sat - Fort Myers Beach - NOR & information in this issue
- 2/12/2020 Wed 6pm - Wed Membership Meeting at River Park Community Center – 301 11th St. N. Naples, FL – **Bob Diamond** presents on Cruising for 50 years AND **Valentine's Wine & Cheese Party**. Bring your favorite Wine & Desserts! **Everyone is welcome!**
- 2/14/2020 – Marco Island Brewery - Marco Island – Skipper's Meeting
- 2/15-17/2020 – **Panther Key Cruise**
- 2/15/2020 – Blessing of the Fleet at Marco Island Yacht Club
- 2/16/2020 – Sun – **Sugden Sailing at Avalon Park in Naples** – We have a great team planning fun events for this one. Sugden Olympics - back by popular demand. Come join in the fun – food, friendship, games and sailing.
 - **A beautiful Sugden story & pictures**

GCSC Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/gulfcoastsailingclub/>



From the Commodore -



Had the privilege of taking my son Bob, daughter-in-law Erica and granddaughter Mia sailing last weekend. We thought it would be fun for her to take the helm. However after all three of adults giving her instruction she relinquished the hem. Clearly a case of too many Chiefs and not enough Indians.

We have a great line-up of events this month. Starting with the CMCS Commodores Cup on the 8th and a GCSC Volunteer Sunset Cruise on the 8th thanks to Bob Diamond. Next is our Monthly membership meeting at River Park Community Center on the 12th followed by a Cruise to Panther Key on the 14th. Sugden will be on the 16th and was a HUGE success last month with more attendees than our monthly meetings. We wrap up this month with a GCSC Offshore regatta on the 22nd.

This is the last month to order shirts and sponsor for the Classic Regatta in March. With a sponsorship you get your logo on the shirts, regatta material, and on our website with a link to yours. Please bring the form below and a check to the February meeting if you're interested.

See you on the water!

Captain Seaby Commodore Seaby captseaby@at-your-command.com 630-327-9772

Sponsorship Form

Sponsor Name _____

Sponsorship Level _____

Sponsor Contact _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Mail Sponsorship Form with check to
**2020 Gulf Coast Sailing Club
Classic Regatta-Sponsorship**
PO Box 2121

Naples, FL 34106-2121

2020 Gulf Coast Sailing Club Classic Regatta

Contact : John Steiner

Email: rearcommodore@gulfcoastsailingclub.org

Phone : 847-337-5077

2020 Gulf Coast Sailing Club Classic Regatta

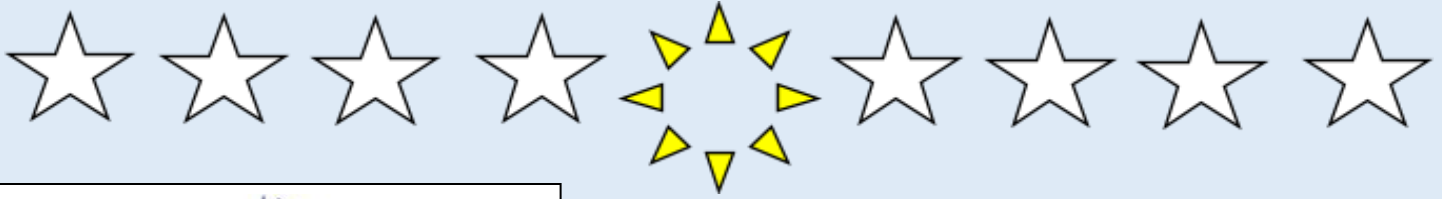
March 21-22, 2020 NAPLES, FL



Regatta Overview

The Gulf Coast Sailing Club is proud to host their 44th annual Classic regatta in Southwest Florida on March 21 followed by the Regatta Buffet on March 22 at Naples Sailing and Yacht Club. The Regatta promises to showcase Southwest Florida's best sailors in a distinctive and colorful event held in the waters off Naples. The Regatta promotes a strong competitive spirit among sailors, grounded in the spirit of Corinthian sailing and good sportsmanship.

Gulf Coast Sailing club supports local youth sailing in the Naples / Marco Island area. For more information visit the "Heart of Sailing" at gulfcoastsailingclub.org. If you would like to support these organizations please make the checks out to them

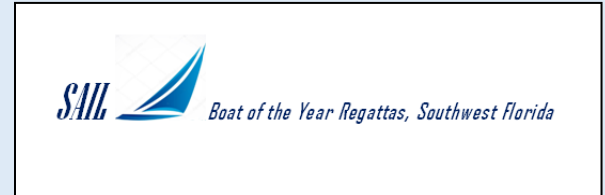


2019/2020 Season Southwest Florida Inter-Club

Cruising and Day Sailing Programs



From: GCSC Fleet Captain
Cruising - Bob Diamond



January was a great month
for Sailing Events. January

Sugden Sailing on the Lake and landside BBQ & Games drew over 100 attendees. Our introductory **Seminar on Cruising to the Bahamas**, the Everglades and the Keys had over 30 registrants.

Our 2020 first **Cruise to the Pink Shell Resort and Marina on Fort Myers Beach** was attended by folks arriving on nine Cruising Sailboats, one Power Boat, one Airplane, several Cars and a Walk-In. We had a beam reach sailing up to the resort and a following wind heading home. Hey, it does not get much better.

I can say without fear of contradiction, everyone had FUN at all of these January Events.

Upcoming February 2020 Cruising Highlights :

- 1> Our “Green Flash” Sunset Cruise on the Keewaydin Queen.
- 2> **The Joys of Cruising in Florida, the Bahamas, The Caribbean and the Rest of the World with Friends and Family** - Presented February Membership Meeting Wednesday, 2/12.
- 3> **Panther Key Pre-Cruise Dinner Party** at **MARCO ISLAND BREWERY** on Marco – All Members welcome – a “Drive To” party. **Friday 2/14.**
- 4> **Panther Key Holiday Weekend Cruise.** This is a “Sail To” only cruise to an uninhabited Island in the Keys about 25 miles south of Marco via the outside route and for smaller boats, less than half that distance on the inside route. We anchor in the harbor of Panther Key. Events include a Beach BBQ Lunch and an Evening Beach Bonfire with sundowners. Dink Ferry Service and Skippers instructions provided. All Power and Sail Boats Welcome. **Sat, Sun & Mon 2/15,16 & 17.**

Please review our Sailing Events Calendar Mark **YOUR CALENDAR**

Bob Diamond 1 239 404 4844 rmdiamond@aol.com

You Are Invited







Gulf Coast Sailing Club Sailing Calendar

2019 / 2020 (As of 1/26/2020)











February 2020

	Super Bowl Sunday 2020 - Good Luck & Have Fun	Sunday	2/2
1>	 Winter Commodore's Cup Skippers' Meeting – CMCS	Friday	2/7
2>	 Winter Commodore's Cup Regatta – CMCS	Saturday	2/8
3>	 Winter Commodore's Cup Awards Party – CMCS	Saturday	2/8
4>	 Sunset Cruise on Keewaydin Queen for Club Volunteers	Sunday	2/9
5>	 GCSC Members' Meeting – River Park Com. Center	Wed.	2/12
6>	 GCSC Panther Key Mexican Dinner Party on Marco	Friday	2/14
7>	 Pres. Day Weekend Cruise to Panther Key - GCSC	Sat-Mon	2/15,16 & 17
8>	 Sugden Lake Sailing and training - GCSC	Sunday	2/16
9>	 Spring Offshore Regatta - CMCS	Saturday & Sunday	2/22
10>	 Spring Offshore Regatta Awards' Party	Saturday night	2/22
10>	 Conquistador Cup – Punta Gorda Sailing Club	Sat-Sun	2/29,3/1(Added)
11>	  Bahamas Cruise to Exumas – Will Discuss – Dates Open – Call Bob Diamond 1 239 404 4844		

March 2020

1>	 Day Sail & Raft Up Champney Bay, Naples - GCSC	Saturday	3/7(Hi Tide @ noon)
2>	 GCSC Members' Meeting – River Park Com. Center	Wed.	3/11
3>	 The Classic Regatta Skippers' Meeting - GCSC	Friday	3/20
4>	 The Classic Regatta – GCSC	Saturday	3/21
5>	 Classic Regatta Awards Brunch GCSC - NSYC	Sunday	3/22
6>	 Sugden Lake Sailing and training - GCSC	Sunday	3/29
7>	 Cayo Costa Cruise – SAMI	Thursday	3/26,27,28,29

April 2020

1>	 Bud Light Skippers' Meeting - SAMI	Friday	4/3
2>	 Bud Light Regatta, Buoy Races – SAMI	Saturday	4/4
3>	 Bud Light Fun Pursuit Distance Race – SAMI	Sunday	4/5
4>	 Bud Light Regatta Awards' Dinner – SAMI	Sunday	4/5
5>	 GCSC Members' Meeting – River Park Com. Center	Wed.	4/8
6>	 Day Sail & Raft Up Champney Bay, Naples - GCSC (High Tide @ 2:45 PM)	Saturday	4/11
7>	Easter Sunday 2020	Sunday	4/12
8>	 Sugden Lake Sailing and training - GCSC	Sun.	4/19
9>	 Point South Cruise to Panther Key - CMCS	Thurs.- Tues	4/16-4/19
10>	  Sanibel Marina Cruise - SAMI	Fri – Sun.	4/24-26

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| 11> 🚐 Messmer Cup Regatta, Skippers' Meeting - NSYC | Friday | 4/26 |
| 12> ⚓ Messmer Cup Regatta - NSYC | Saturday | 4/25 |
| 13> 🚐 Messmer Cup Awards Brunch - NSYC | Sunday | 4/26 |

May 2020

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| 1> 🚐 GCSC Members' Meeting – Harold's Place | Wednesday | 5/13 |
| 2> 🚐 Most Memorable Regatta, Skippers' Meeting – NSYC | Thursday | 5/14 |
| 3> ⚓ Most Memorable Regatta to Tampa Bay* - NSYC | Fri & Sat | 5/15,16 |
| 4> 🚐 Most Memorable Regatta Awards' Party - DIYC | Sunday | 5/17 |
| 5> 🚐 Return Regatta to Fort Myers*Skippers' Meeting - DIYC | Thursday | 5/21 |
| 6> ⚓ Return Regatta to Fort Myers* - NSYC & DIYC | Fri & Sat | 5/22,23 |
| 7> 🚐 Return Regatta Awards Party – Bonita Bill's Ft Myers Beach | Sunday | 5/24 |
| 8> ⚓ 🚐 Punta Gorda – Fisherman's Village Cruise - SAMI | Thurs.–Tues. | 5/21 -26 |

June to August 2020

See our Summer Events Schedule to be Published in the Spring of 2020.

Notes: Please see Sponsoring Club's Website and Newsletters for actual event details.

Local Sailing Clubs:

CMCS – Caloosahatchee Marching & Chowder Society – www.cmcs-sail.org

DIYC - Davis Island Yacht Club www.diyc.org

GCSC - Gulf Coast Sailing Club www.gulfcoastsailingclub.com

MIYC – Marco Island Yacht Club – www.marcoislandyachtclub.net

NSYC – Naples Sailing & Yacht Club – www.thensyc.com

NYC – Naples Yacht Club – www.naplesyc.com

SAMI- Sailing Association of Marco Island – www.samisailor.org

SPYC – St. Petersburg Yacht Club - www.spyc.org

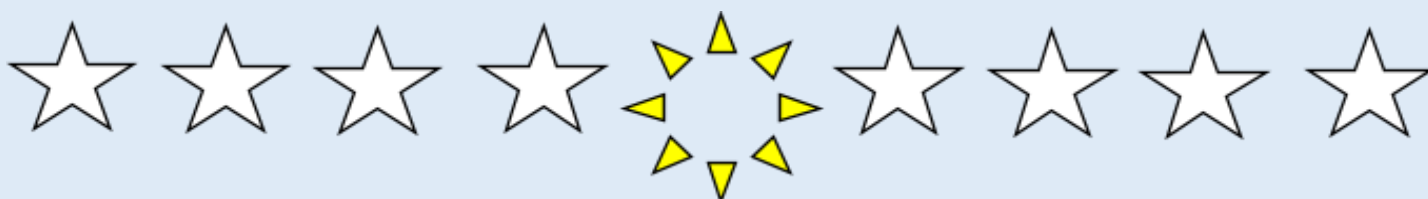
- 1> ⚓ The Sail Boat icon indicates an event that requires a boat to participate. Power Boats are welcome on Cruises, Raft Ups and as spectator or support vessels for Sail Boat races.

2> 🚐 The Automobile icon indicates an event that can be driven to. These events offer a great way to participate even if you are not a boat owner or on a crew. All GCSC Members and Members of affiliated Clubs are welcome to join in the fun at all of our events.

3> The May Regattas to/from Tampa Bay will have a “Cruiser Sail Along” with FREE Dockage in Tampa Bay for both Racers and Cruisers.

- 4> ⚓ 🚐 Bahamas Cruise to Exumas – Will Discuss – Dates Open – Call Bob Diamond 1 239 404 4844

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Many thanks go out to all those who volunteered to serve on the Board and those who volunteered to help out with committees for next year. Please think about how you can help as we need your help to be successful.

Commodore - Seaby Bess
Vice Commodore - Chuck Downton
Rear Commodore - John Steiner
Treasurer - Paul Carlson
Secretary - Roseann Smith
Membership Committee--- Terry Nauck & Joan Kachel
Fleet Captain – Racing---Frank Brown
Fleet Captain—Cruising---Bob Diamond
Race Committee---Susan Watkins, Chair
Sugden Coordinator – Vedran Vicevic
Speaking/Events Coordinator – Chuck Downton
Land Side Food Service--- Shelly Russo and Jeff Gage, Fred & Collen Hall
Public Relations -----Vicki Livingston, Chair & Allison O'Reilly
Social Media – Roseanne Catalano Smith
Webmaster -- Cliff Elam
Communications Coordinator — Jonnie Westerop
Photography - Alma B. Photography, Jonnie Westerop

As you know but might not appreciate fully, the Gulf Coast Sailing Club exists because of its wonderful volunteers. Each year we, the club members, select officers from the membership to guide our club forward but many more volunteers are needed for the club to survive and thrive. Please visit the Club's web page at www.gulfcoastsailingclub.org to check out events

Pink Shell Marina weekend of fun.

Fort Myers Beach, 2020



Help Wanted: Graphic Design & WordPress

We have a great group of volunteers on our Communications Team for GCSC and need of a few more skilled supporters.

Graphic Design: We need help in formatting and design for our various event collateral such as 'flyers' for digital emails, print and promotional items (T-shirts). It would be helpful to have a simple 'plug and play' design that we can just use to update information for our various activities such as the monthly Sugden Sundays or meetings. If you have access to software for design and are willing to spend some of your time volunteering with the Communications team... we really will love to have your help!



Web WordPress: There is lots of information on our website and we want to make it easier and better. At some point in the next few months, we will likely develop a new site with Club Express and their template that is award-winning for organizations like ours. However, we need more volunteers with some experience in WordPress to make our new site look great by uploading content and maintaining content. Please help!

Email or call Vicki Livingston at vlivingston33@gmail.com or 414 688 9000 if you want to get involved!

Other members of the Communication Team include:

Newsletter Luff N' Laugh - Jonnie Westerop

Facebook- Rosanne Smith

Photography - Roseanne Smith, Frank & Mae Brown, Jonnie Westerop

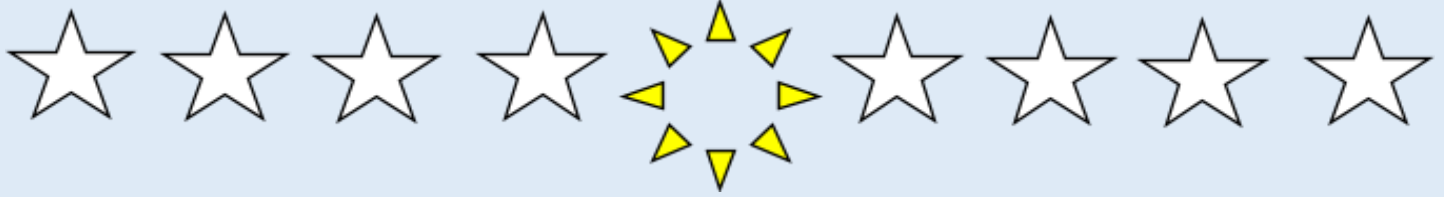
Writers - Alison O'Reilly, Vicki Livingston, Juanita Carlson

Meet Up, Surveys and Media Database (now doing flyers too!) - Maurice Scully and Vicki Livingston

Website Development - Cliff Elam

Vicki Livingston (oversight) and Chuck Downton (Rear Commodore) leadership.

Join us! Team will have a get together in January



CMCS Notice of Race

2020 Commodores Cup

February 8 & 9, 2020 at 11:30 am

1. Rules

The series races will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Class Rules of West Florida PHRF and by the Sailing Instructions.

2. Eligibility

Open to all sailors who are current members of the CMCS Sailing Club and to non member sailors from any area club with a mono-hull or multi-hull sailboat that conforms to class rules and holds a valid West Florida PHRF certificate. NOTE: A participant may request a temporary rating from the Rear Commodore – Racing. However, the participant must apply for a valid WFPHRF Certificate to replace the temporary certificate and supply a copy of the application to the Fleet Captain-Racing to continue to participate in additional races. The owner of each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

3. Schedule & Location

9.1 Saturday, February 11:30 A.M. – First start out in front of Fort Myers Beach

NOTE THE CHANGE OF TIME FROM OUR TRADITIONAL START

9.2 We will likely run three to four races

9.3 Immediately following the race all boats are welcome to come to Salty Sam's Marina. The party, stories, recognition, results, etc., will take place at Parrot Key

9.4 We may be running a pursuit start on Sunday morning depending on participation and interest. This race will not count in the BOTY and is a fun race. We are organizing it to make sure that the boats who come a long distance will have plenty to do

3. Entry and Fees

3.1 The entry fee for the race is \$85

OR part of the SWFLSail BOTY series

OR part of the CMCS Winter Series.

In other words, if you have registered for the BOTY series or the CMCS Winter Series, you do not need to pay again!

3.2 This fee includes an afterparty for you and your crew at Salty Sam's immediately following the Saturday race.

3.3 To register, please sign up at either SWGLSail.com or the CMCS website.

3.4 To confirm your participation PLEASE respond to the email that will be going out to all racers about one week prior to the race. If you are new to the area or to sailing with us, make sure you get this email or contact James Gallagher at jsgallagher59@comcast.net.

4. Divisions

4.1 Divisions will be PHRF Spinnaker, PHRF Non-spinnaker, PHRF Cruising, and PHRF Multihull if there are enough racers entered.

4.2 The race committee may divide or combine divisions based on the number of entries.

5. Starting and Racing Area

5.1 The northern portion of San Carlos Bay in front of Fort Myers Beach.

5.2 Courses may be comprised of windward/leeward or triangular and may vary by fleets. There will be no starts after 3:00 P.M.

5.3 Inflatable marks and fixed government marks may be used. Courses and fixed marks will be shown in the sailing instructions.

6. Sailing Instructions

The sailing instructions will be available via email two days prior to the race.

7. Scoring

7.1 The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A of the RRS, will be used. Each boat's score will be the sum of the scores for all races, with exclusions as defined in the Sailing Instructions; this amends RRS A2. Three races are planned. One completed race will constitute a series.

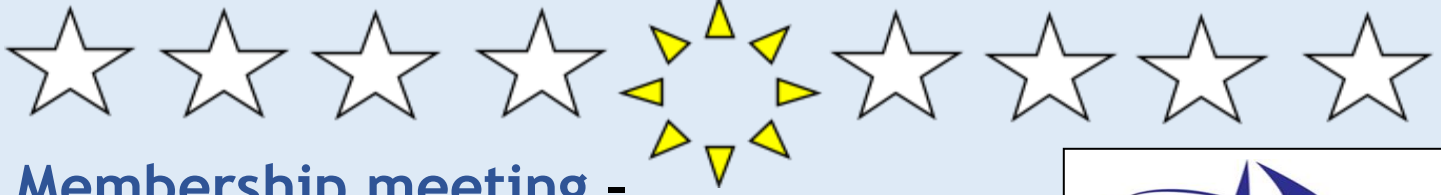
7.2 Boats without a valid West Florida PHRF certificate or that have not applied for a valid West Florida PHRF certificate after participating in one race with a temporary rating will not be officially scored for the series results.

7.3 The number of places receiving awards will be based on the number of boats per fleet.

8. Radio Communication

All boats must be equipped with a working VHF radio, either fixed or handheld capable of receiving and sending on VHF channels 16 and 72. The Race committee will monitor and broadcast information on channel 72.

For further information contact: James Gallagher 239-322-2523 jsgallagher59@comcast.net



Membership meeting -

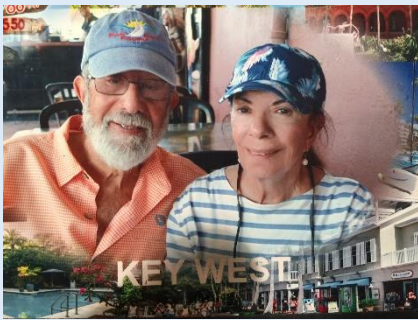
River Park Community Center, 301 11th Street N.
Naples, FL **February 12, 2020** - Wednesday - 6 pm



Wine & Cheese Party - Bring your favorite wine and/or dessert to share. **And Bring Your Valentine!**

The Club will provide cheese, crackers, dips, & such.

The Joys of Cruising with Friends and Family



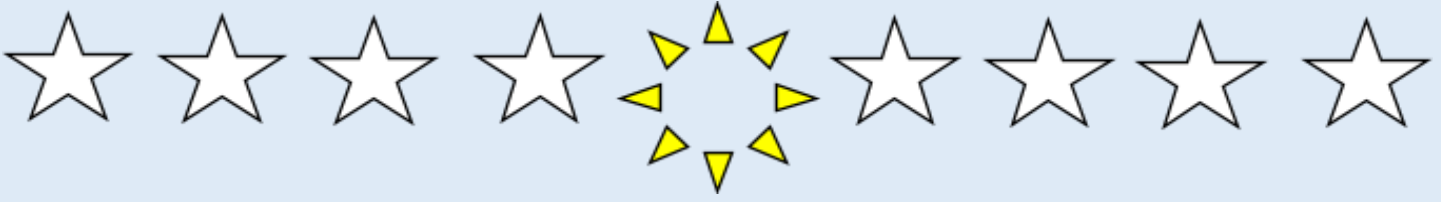
Lorelei and I have enjoyed sailing together for more than fifty years. Over those years, we have owned four 36-foot Cruising sailboats and one 45-foot Cruising sailboat.

At our Gulf Coast Sailing Club's February General Meeting, I will try to share with you the joys of Cruising and how to make Cruising a safe & fun experience for the whole family. Yes, even spouse friendly.

Even though day sailing and racing are fun, our real love has always been going somewhere over the horizon in a sailboat. It is almost magical how a boat powered by a piece of fabric and a breeze can take you, your friends and family to any harbor on any continent in the world. Once the anchor is down, you can enjoy your own floating private island home in paradise. During our working years, we chartered Cruising sailboats in Australia, New Zealand, Bora Bora & French Polynesia, Mexico, Florida & the Keys, California, Maine, Sea of Cortez, Greece & the Aegean, Central America, Cuba, Virgin Islands, Abacos, Exumas, the Caribbean, Bermuda and Lake Titicaca. Also, during our working years, we owned two 36 foot-sailboats based on Long Island Sound that we cruised between Maine and the Chesapeake. We helped deliver friends' boats across the Mediterranean and up and down the East Coast of the US. Plus, with the help of friends Fred Hall and Dave Dumas, delivered our Westerleigh 900 miles from Kemah, Texas across the Gulf to Naples.



We have Cruised our own sailboats from Newfoundland to Trinidad and almost everywhere in between. In the years since retiring but before moving to Naples, we kept a sailboat in Maine and Nova Scotia for ten summers of Cruising and another sailboat was kept in the Caribbean for ten winters of Cruising. Now, we own two Identical Catalina 36 Mk2 Cruising sailboats. One on Long Island Sound and one here in Naples.



& SW Florida 2020 Inter-Club Cruising Group

Invite you to join us on the

Panther Key Cruise

**Presidents' 3-Day Weekend - Saturday 2/15 to
Monday 2/17**

All Skippers, Motor and Sail Boats Welcome

Join us for camaraderie on the sea and land in Panther Key.

ALL the DETAILS:

Friday, February 14, 2020, 6:30pm:

- Pre-Cruise Dinner at Marco Island Brewing Co. 1089 N Collier Blvd. Marco Island 34145, always a FUN Evening
- All members welcome. A "Drive To" Event
- Lorelei and Bob Diamond on Westerleigh will be staying at Pier 81 Marina at Factory Bay in Marco on Friday night
- Marina phone # = 1 239 389 2929, Bob Diamond's Cell 1 239 404 4844
- A nice easy way to break up the trip from Naples and further north into two shorter trips



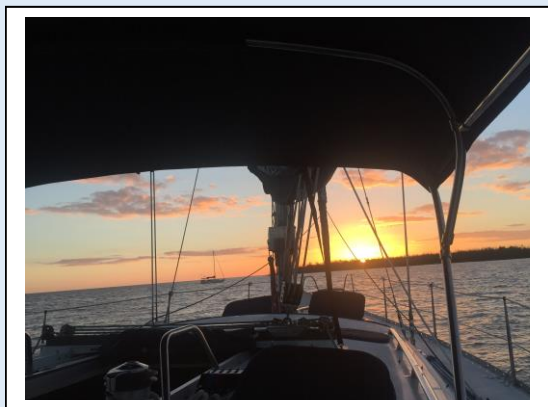
Saturday, February 15, 2020:

- Sail to Panther Key
 - Low Tide at 12:06 PM +1.0 ft./High Tide at 5:54 PM +3.7 ft
Sunset at 6:18 PM
- Sundowners and potluck on one of the larger boats
- We will leave at 10 AM on Saturday from Marco Island to arrive closer to High Tide at Panther. It is about 25 NM from Marco to Panther.
- Call Bob to 'convoy' with Westerleigh if desired on Saturday morning
- At Panther Key -Anchorage -several of our dinks will be available for taxi service to the beach and other boats



Sunday, February 16, 2020:

- Noon: Potluck BBQ Lunch on the Beach
- Motor boaters welcome to join us for lunch or stay the night
- 5 PM Sundowners and a Bonfire on Beach
- Several dinks will be available for taxi service



Monday, February 17, 2020:

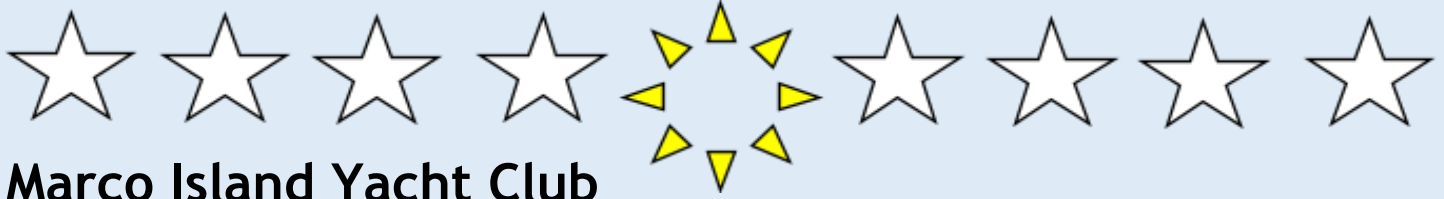
- Breakfast, then sail home or extend your Cruise on to Everglade City and the Keys
- At Panther Key:
 - Sunrise at 7:02 AM/High Tide 11:07 AM +2.6 ft
 - Low Tide 2:28 PM +1.4 ft

- All boats will use vhf # 72 for communication

IMPORTANT: Panther Key is a small uninhabited island with a sandy beach located about 25 NM south of Marco Island. It has always been a FUN cruisers destination.

To RSVP, for more Cruise information and Skipper's Instructions, contact Bob at rmdiamond@aol.com or 1 239 404 4844. We look forward to cruising with you.





Marco Island Yacht Club

Registration for the Blessing of the Fleet

Saturday, February 15, 2020

Boat Name: _____ Type: ☐ Power, ☐ Sail; Length: _____

Captain's Name: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

E-mail: _____

Club Affiliation: ☐ MIYC ☐ MIMA ☐ Power Squadron
☐ Coast Guard Auxiliary ☐ Marco Bay Y.C.
☐ SAMI ☐ Other _____

Captain's Military Affiliation, if any _____ (the appropriate song will be played for each boat, otherwise they will play Anchors Away)

Be in the Marco River between Factory Bay and the Jolly Bridge Saturday, Feb. 15 by 10:00am

Printed instructions will be e-mailed to you for your fleet assignment and position in the flotilla. Also, continuously monitor channel 72 for additional information and instructions.

Available slips at the Marco Island Marina are extremely limited! Please plan on taking your boat home after passing in review, and then return to the Club for lunch.

- ☐ I will be taking my boat home after passing the Review
- ☐ I would like to dock at the Marco Island Marina during lunch. I will contact the Dockmaster, Richard Varnes, at 239 642 2531 no sooner than Feb. 3rd to request docking.

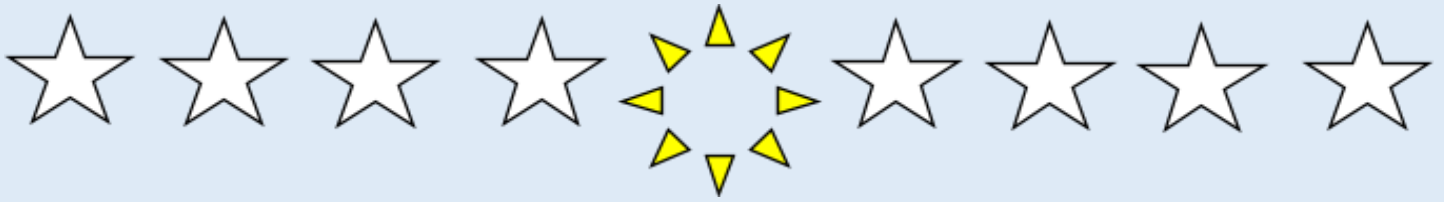
You and your crew are invited to return to the Marco Island Yacht Club for lunch.

- ☐ Yes, we will return to the Marco Island Yacht Club for lunch, and will call MIYC (239 394 0199) to make reservations. We expect to have _____ number of people.

Each vessel is encouraged to have their crew dressed in similar attire. Most crews will be wearing navy blue shorts, slacks, or skirt and white club golf shirt or blouse.

Important: MIYC members must have a 2020 Vessel Safety Inspection and the sticker displayed in order to participate in Club events. Other attendees are also encouraged to do the same - Thank you.

Please return this Registration to Roy Hershberger at drhkch@aol.com (239 269 3063) as soon as possible. The Blessing of the Fleet will be limited to 30 boats.



IT's ANOTHER GCSC SUNDAY PICNIC & SAILING

Sunday, February 16, 2020 12-3pm

HEY! Don't feel left out if you don't know how to sail! These are great family events for all **GCSC members**, your family, your friends, your neighbors, and any member of the Naples community who you feel may be interested in sailing

HEY! HEY!! Whether you own a sailboat or not, plan to bring your spouse, a friend and your kids to Lake Avalon, **Sugden Park Sailing Center SUNDAYS** for a picnic in the park including Water Sports & SAILING!. If you don't know how to sail, but; would like to learn or if you know how to sail but would like to learn more, we will have sailing instructors available to assist you!

HEY! HEY!! HEY!!! ALL FOR ONLY \$15 Single, \$25 Couple, \$30 Entire Family

Come join us for the

SUGDEN LAKE OLYMPICS!



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Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grand Jette

You may be asking yourself why an old master Georges Seurat painting of the post-impressionist era (late 1800s) would be the title of this article. Sunday afternoons on the beach at Lake Avalon have become a monthly family and friends fun-fest that can speak to everyone's favorite activity, be that eating, sunning, swimming, playing, learning, cruising, racing or just socializing with the Naples-based Gulf Coast Sailing Club. The picnic and barbeque, lawn games, sailing races and cruising, learn to sail lecture and camaraderie are signature lines for fun in any era, just like Seurat's island.



Sunday, January 12, there were almost 100 sailors and picnickers of all ages frolicking on the beach in Sugden Park with the option to choose cruising on a Hobie Cat, racing a buoy course in a Precision 15 organized by Vedran Vicevic, participating in the Olympian Lawn Sports led by Wendy and Frank Ross, hearing a brief course on meteorology and weather, or grabbing a burger, dog or ribs from the grill-masters Colleen and Fred Hall. New members were warmly welcomed by Shawn Todd. Many more club members contributed to the successful, super-fun day including the donation of ribs by Lorelei and Bob Diamond.



Sugden Sundays are a real-time setting on the picturesque Lake Avalon, a Collier County Parks & Recreation Sailing Center. Reminiscent of the famed Pierre August Renoir, "Luncheon of the Boating Party," the events will be offered monthly on February 16, March 29 and April 19, from noon to



3pm. Cost of \$15 per person, \$25 per couple or \$30 per family includes sailing and activities. The event is open to the public and is suggested for those considering sailing as a past time. More information is available at www.gulfcoastsailingclub.org and on MeetUp (sailing in Naples).



All ages of Olympians joined games including 3-legged race, egg in a spoon, bucket sponge brigade (a wet choice), ice cube melt and the beach ball waddle. Prizes for all! Everyone shared a wonderful day in the park and on the water. It doesn't get any better.

Enjoy the photos taken by professional photographer and new member, Alma Bruffy, who enjoyed the day with her children on their first sail together.

Gulf Coast Sailing Club keeps sailing fun in Southwest Florida. The Club is open to membership by boat owners and anyone with a heart for sailing. Club activities include Sugden Sundays, as well as 'serious' racing Regattas, cruising meetups locally and in the Caribbean, monthly 'speaker' meetings with socialization, themes and more.

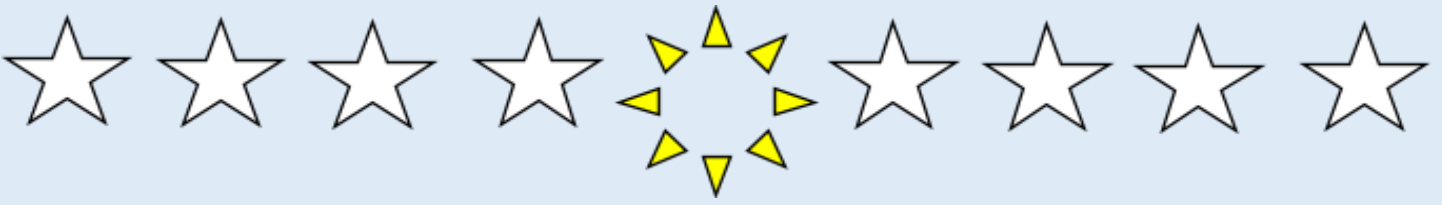
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GULF COAST SAILING CLUB MEMBERSHIP -

Now is the best opportunity to renew your membership for the 2019 - 2020 sailing season and be included in the new membership directory. The annual dues are \$95 for adults and their family members, and \$20 for full time students. **You can now renew and pay on-line at www.gulfcoastsailingclub.org/join/ with your credit card utilizing the PayPal link on the website.** Otherwise, please send completed membership form and check payable to Gulf Coast Sailing Club to: Gulf Coast Sailing Club, Attn: Membership, PO Box 2121, Naples, FL 34106-2121.

Please contact Terry Nauck, Membership Chair, at membership@gulfcoastsailingclub.org if you have any questions.