

Gulf Coast Sailing Club 2020

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Cruising & Racing Events

3/7/2020 – Sat - **Raft Up** at Champney Bay 1 pm.

3/8/2020 – our Gulf Coast Family will accompany our friend **Jeffrey Weisz** and his family - delivering Jeff's ashes to the sea. (Page 2)

3/20-22/2020 – **GCSC 2020 Naples Classic Regatta - Skipper's Meeting** at the Naples Sailing & Yacht Club Poolside, **Scuttlebutts** – Friday night

3/21/2020 – Sat – **RACE DAY** - Buoy Racing off Naples's Pier 10am. **After-Party – Tavern on the Bay**

3/22/2020 – Sunday - **Awards Brunch** at NSYC

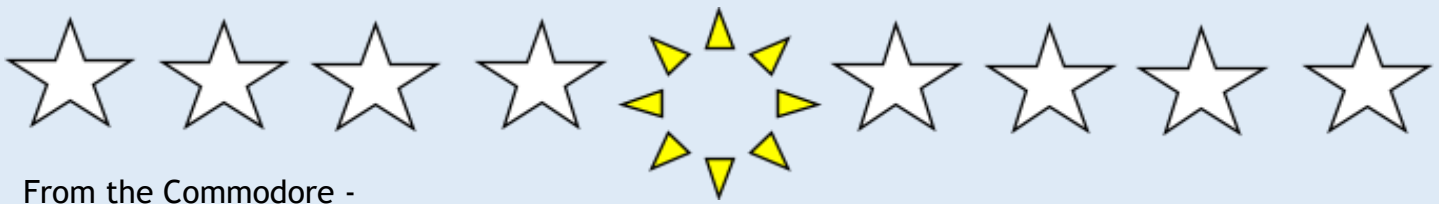
4/3-5/2020 – Fri-Sun – (SAMI) **Bud Light Regatta**



In this edition (in order)

Help Wanted: Graphic Design

- GCSC Commodore Seaby Bess – **LIONHEART looking for CREW**
 - Bob Diamond – Updated - 2019 – 2020 Calendar of Events
 - 3/8/2020 – Sun - **Sendoff** for sailor **Jeffrey Weisz**
 - 3/7/2020 – Sat – **Raft Up** at Champney Bay **at 1pm**
 - 3/11/2020 Wed 6pm - Wed **Membership Meeting** at River Park Community Center – 301 11th St. N. Naples, FL – Sailor **Peter Coggins** presents on **Cruising Maine** while Jennifer Reed organizes a **Brownie Ice Cream Social**. **Everyone is welcome!**
 - 3/12-16/2020 – CMCS – Thurs to Mon - **Cruise to Marathon**
 - 3/20-22/2020 – GCSC **2020 Naples Classic Regatta** – Skipper's Meeting Friday – Great place to get on a boat. Race Saturday at 10 am – After Race Party at Tavern on the Bay, Naples. Sunday Awards Brunch at NSYC – 10 am - \$35 pp
 - 3/29/2020 – Sun – **Sugden Sailing at Avalon Park in Naples**
 - Naples Ft Myers Offshore Regatta – A Tall Tale by Jerry Watkins
 - **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 helm. Clearly a case of too many Chiefs and not enough Indians.

See you on the water!

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

Lionheart is looking for Crew

Lionheart is currently looking for crew. It is a very modern, 22 foot, performance oriented keelboat.

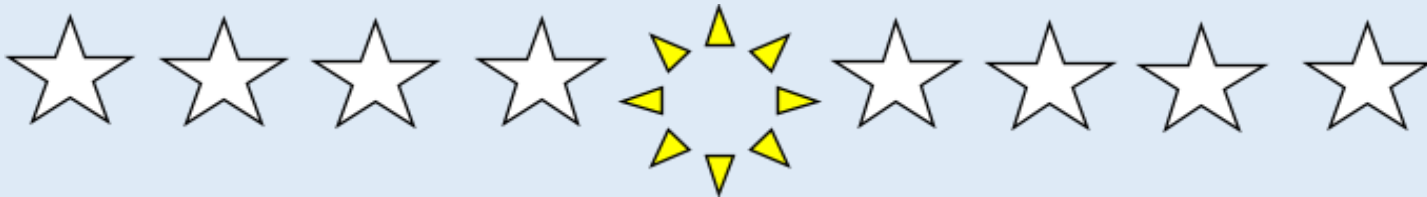
Currently the boat is sailed by Dana Castro (owner) and Vince June; this combo does very well but there is plenty of room and things to do for one or even two additional crew. The boat is an exciting boat to sail and offers the opportunity to learn a lot about sail-handling and boat-handling. The boat flies an asymmetric spinnaker.



Crew with prior sailing experience including small boat spinnaker would easily feel at home but experience is not necessary... If one really likes sailing and wants to learn a spinnaker boat, input and assistance with learning are part of being on the boat. This is not just a ride-along, or “rail-meat” opportunity! Interested people can just come aboard any time it works out and see if it is a good match.

Contact Dana Castro at 239-300-5194, or at dcx150@gmail.com





We lost an old friend recently. **Jeffrey Weisz** had a brief illness and passed away recently. Captains, Jeff's friends and loved ones - we will deliver his ashes to sea on **March 8th** on Sunday - we will probably meet around 10 am, at Gordon Pass. We will send out more information later in the week.

Gulf Coast SAILING Club Member Jeffery Weisz



Jeffrey Steven Weisz died at the age of 68 on January 24, 2020 after a difficult battle with cancer.

Jeffrey was born August 12th, 1951 in Queens, New York to Leonard and Evelyn Weisz. Jeffrey is survived by his son Tommy, Tommy's wife Kelly and their two children, his three

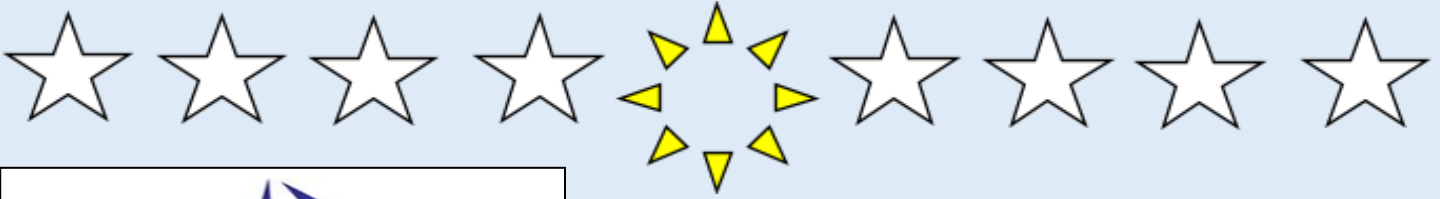
brothers; Kevin Weisz, Brian Weisz, and Steven Weisz, along with six nieces and nephews. Jeffrey was also survived by his 10-year-old retriever dog, Megan. Megan will be spending the rest of her life with her canine cousins and Jeffrey's brother Brian in Fort Lauderdale FL.

Jeffrey spent his professional career in the banking and finance industry. In 2002 he established Canaan Capital which specialized in underwriting and structuring loans. His company worked closely with the renewable energy projects. Jeffrey's business required global travelling and he spent much of his time in Asia, Europe, Africa, and the Middle East. His home reflects all of the interest in art that he collected along the way.

After spending several years in the northeast, Jeffrey traveled south and made his final residence in Naples Florida. Serious about sailing Jeffrey got his boating certificate and enjoyed participating in Gulf Coast Sailing Club. He also enjoyed bicycling and spent many hours bicycling around Naples and Fort Lauderdale.

In memory of Jeffrey and celebration of his life we will hold a memorial gathering to deliver his ashes to the Gulf of Mexico where he spent many happy days with his friends and family.





2019/2020 Season Southwest Florida Inter-Club

Cruising and Day Sailing



**From: GCSC Fleet Captain
Cruising - Bob Diamond**

This will be my last Column
as Fleet Captain Cruising
for Gulf Coast Sailing Club.



Starting in March, Rick Reed will take over. Rick is an experienced Cruiser and like me, owns two Catalina Cruising Sailboats. One here in S.W. Florida and one in the Northeast. Perhaps, that should be a job requirement. Rick will also be responsible for Cruising events at our Marco Island sister club - SAMI.

By mid-March, Lorelei and I will sail to the Bahamas for a multi-month Cruise of the Exumas. Several other local boats and perhaps one airplane will be joining us for parts of our Cruise. I look forward to being an active sailor and GCSC Member for the foreseeable future.

Now for my report: Our February Sunset Cruise aboard the Keewaydin Queen was a sellout as usual. Beautiful sunset on the Gulf, but no Green flash this time. Will try again next year. Our February Membership Meeting included a well-attended and Fun presentation by your humble servant on the "Joy of Cruising with Friends and Family".

The takeaway thought was that cruising is about an unhurried and safe enjoyment of both the boat ride and the destination.



We followed that advice on our February Holiday Weekend Cruise to Panther Key.

Pre-Cruise Skipper's Meeting Friday Night at the Marco Island Brewing Company. A full house and a great time. Saturday morning our fleet casted off and sailed to Panther Key in the Everglades. Saturday Evening, Sundowners on Stacey and Julian Onorato's Sailboat Luna Blue II at anchor off Panther Key. Sunday, Beach BBQ lunch, followed by an evening Beach Bonfire complete with sailing tall stories and good camaraderie.

Our sailboat Cruising Fleet was augmented by a one powerboat (The SAMI Commodore Dan Singer and his wife Robin), a double Kayak (Ashley Wilson and Corey Walker), and a stroll-in by two couples who were camping further down the beach. Knock on wood, everyone had a fun and safe good time. Let's do it again next year.

Upcoming March 2020 Cruising Highlights :

- 1> **Champney Bay, Naples Harbor Raft-Up** Saturday, March 7th (High Tide at Noon)
All Members of sister Clubs Welcome. **All Power Boats and Sail boats - big and small, Kayaks, Dinghies and all sorts of watercraft are welcome to this FUN on the water Raft-Up lunch. SEE POSTER INCLUDED FOR DETAILS.**
- 2> CMCS Cruise to **Panther Key 3/12 and then onto Marathon Key** 3/13,14,15 for the Seafood Festival. See the CMCS Poster included.

3> **Exuma Islands in the Bahamas** two month + Cruise. Leaves About 3/12/2020.

If you wish to sail south mid-March to the Keys only or to go on Miami or the Bahamas or any part or variation, NOW is the time to give me a call and coordinate the details. Bob Diamond 1 239 404 4844
rmdiamond@aol.com

Please review our Sailing Events Calendar below and **Mark YOUR CALENDAR** with your favorite events. Please see the Sponsoring Club's Website and Newsletter Posters for actual event details.



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You Are Invited







Gulf Coast Sailing Club








Sailing Calendar 2019 / 2020 (As of 2/23/2020)

March 2020






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| 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> |   Bahamas Cruise to Exumas – Two months ++ | Thurs. | 3/12 |
| 4> |   CMCS Cruise to Marathon Key Seafood Festival | Thurs to Mon | 3/12 - 16 |
| Will Discuss options – Call Bob Diamond 1 239 404 4844 | | | |
| 5> |  The Classic Regatta Skippers' Meeting - GCSC | Friday | 3/20 |
| 6> |  The Classic Regatta – GCSC | Saturday | 3/21 |
| 7> |  Classic Regatta Awards Brunch GCSC - NSYC | Sunday | 3/22 |
| 8> |  Sugden Lake Sailing and training - GCSC | Sunday | 3/29 |
| 9> |  Cayo Costa Cruise – SAMI | Thursday | 3/26 - 29 |

April 2020

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| 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 Smokehouse Bay, Marco Is. - GCSC
(Revised Location) (High Tide @ 3:07 PM) | Saturday | 4/11 |
| 7> | Easter Sunday 2020 | Sunday | 4/12 |

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| 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 |
| 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(Cancelled) | Thurs.–Tues. | 5/21 -26 |

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

Notes:

- 1> 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

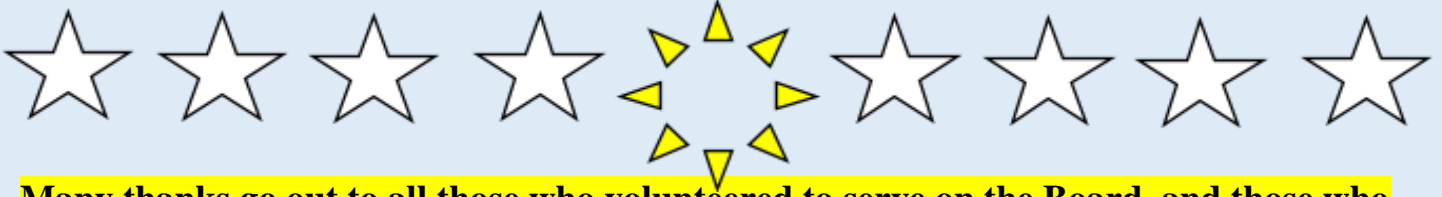
SAMI- Sailing Association of Marco Island – www.samisailor.org

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

- 2>  The_Sailboat 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 Sailboat races.

 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 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 – Leave about 3/12/2020 – Call Bob Diamond
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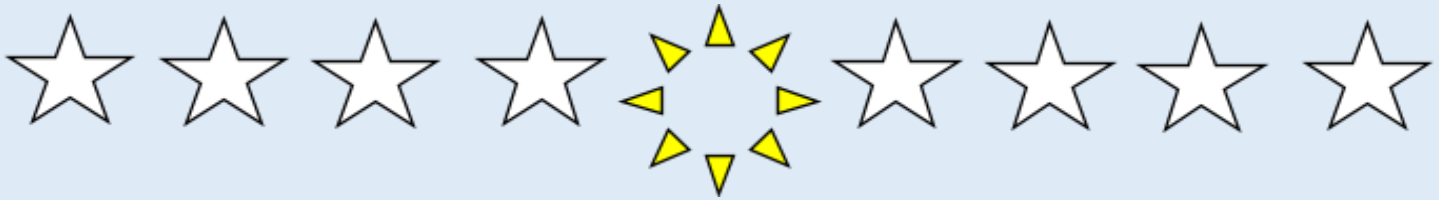
Many thanks go out to all those who volunteered to serve on the Board and those who volunteered to help out with committees for next year. Please think about how you can help as we need your help to be successful.

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

Panther Key





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

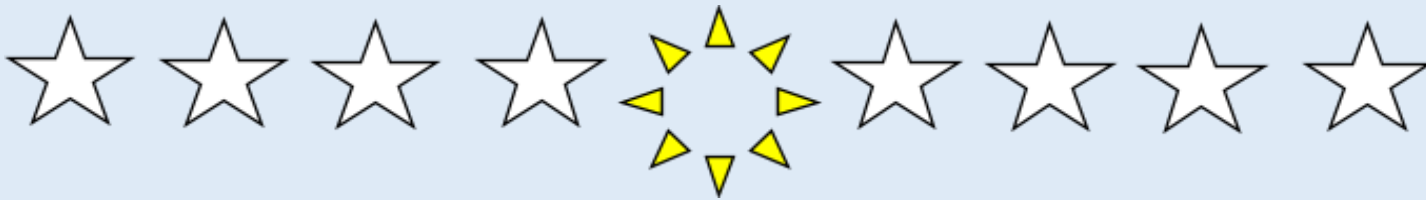
Writers - Alison O'Reilly, Vicki Livingston, Juanita Carlson

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



Southwest Florida Inter-Club Cruising Group
Day Sail with Fun Raft-Up Lunch

Champney Bay, Naples
Saturday, March 7th 2020

All Motor and Sail Boats Welcome
Passengers and Crew Volunteers Welcome

Not a "Drive To" Event

Champney Bay is in Naples Harbor near Gordon's Pass (See Chart and Skipper's Instructions) All Power Boats and Sail boats - big and small, Kayaks, Dinghies and all sorts of water craft are welcome to this FUN on the water Raft-Up lunch.



Raft up in Champney Bay, Naples Harbor at 1:00 PM

All Power Boats and Sail Boats Welcome.

Sail in the morning, then all boats meet at 1:00 PM for Lunch and socializing.

All boats will be tied together to form an Island.

Walk from boat to boat to chat and share lunch and drinks.

This is a Southwest Florida Inter-Club Cruising Event.

All members welcome as Crew or Guests as space allows

******* Anchoring overnight in Champney Bay IS ALLOWED *******

Come a day earlier or Stay till the next Day –

Notes on this Raft-Up: In Naples Harbor Saturday, 3/7/2020:

High tide at 1:52 PM +2.6 ft.

Low tide at 7:29 PM +1.3 ft.

Sunset at 6:32 PM

It is about 10 NM from Marco Marinas to Gordon Pass.

It is about 5 NM from Doctor's Pass to Gordon Pass.

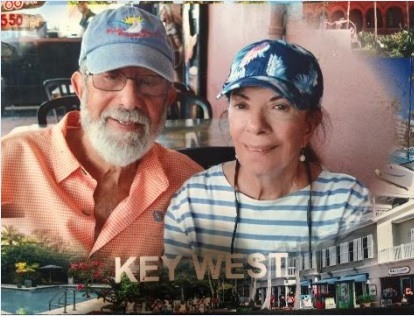
All boats will use VHF # 72 for communication.

Please contact Bob Diamond for RSVP, Information and Skipper's Instructions

– rmdiamond@aol.com 1 239 404 4844

GCSC Fleet Captain Bob Diamond and Lovely Lorelei headed to the Bahamas.

Join us at the Raft UP on Champney Bay!



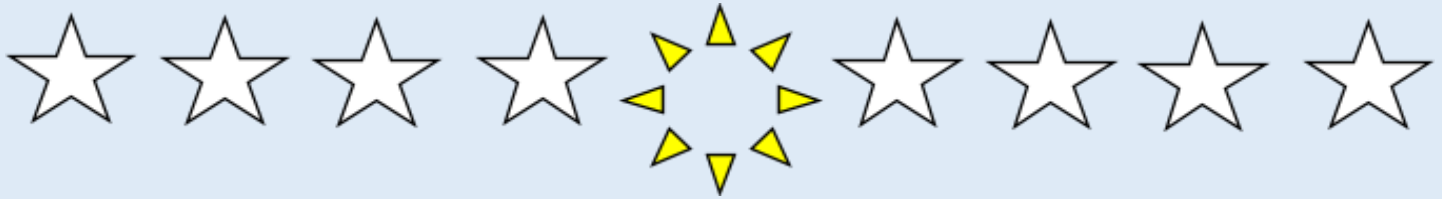
Lorelei and I have enjoyed sailing together for more than fifty years. Over those years, we have owned four 36-foot Cruising sailboats and one 45-foot Cruising sailboat.

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.



Membership meeting -

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

Jennifer Reed & Team have a SPECIAL **Brownie Ice Cream Social** planned for this evening. The club will provide ice cream, toppings, soda and water – BYOB.



Special Guest Speaker Peter Coggins, “Sailing the Maine Coast”



CORINTHIANS / LITTLE SHIP CLUB **“Friendship Cruise in Maine”** **2010**



Gulf Coast Sailing Club

March 11, 2020 Members Meeting

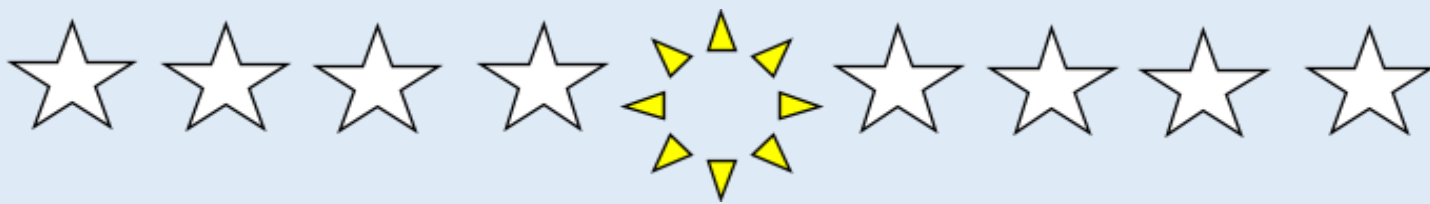
Landside Menu

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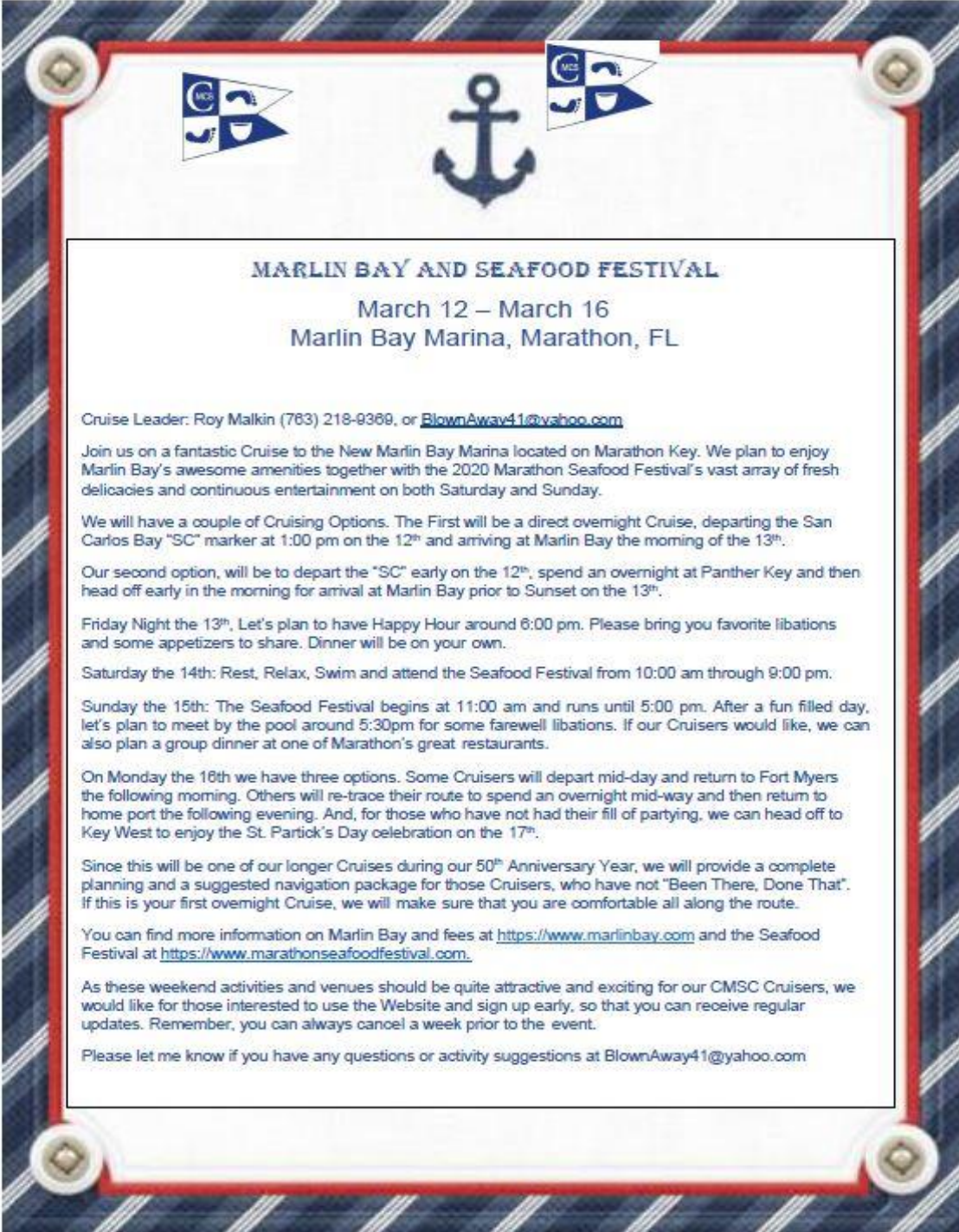
Brownie Sundae Bash!

Enjoy ice cream and fixin's atop a yummy brownie





CMCS Cruise to Marathon – and Bob & Lorelei are off to the Bahamas



MARLIN BAY AND SEAFOOD FESTIVAL
March 12 – March 16
Marlin Bay Marina, Marathon, FL

Cruise Leader: Roy Malkin (783) 218-9389, or BlownAway41@yahoo.com

Join us on a fantastic Cruise to the New Marlin Bay Marina located on Marathon Key. We plan to enjoy Marlin Bay's awesome amenities together with the 2020 Marathon Seafood Festival's vast array of fresh delicacies and continuous entertainment on both Saturday and Sunday.

We will have a couple of Cruising Options. The First will be a direct overnight Cruise, departing the San Carlos Bay "SC" marker at 1:00 pm on the 12th and arriving at Marlin Bay the morning of the 13th.

Our second option, will be to depart the "SC" early on the 12th, spend an overnight at Panther Key and then head off early in the morning for arrival at Marlin Bay prior to Sunset on the 13th.

Friday Night the 13th, Let's plan to have Happy Hour around 6:00 pm. Please bring you favorite libations and some appetizers to share. Dinner will be on your own.

Saturday the 14th: Rest, Relax, Swim and attend the Seafood Festival from 10:00 am through 9:00 pm.

Sunday the 15th: The Seafood Festival begins at 11:00 am and runs until 5:00 pm. After a fun filled day, let's plan to meet by the pool around 5:30pm for some farewell libations. If our Cruisers would like, we can also plan a group dinner at one of Marathon's great restaurants.

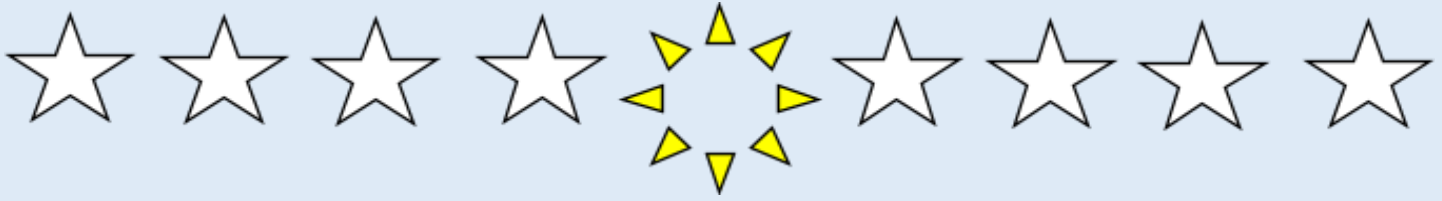
On Monday the 16th we have three options. Some Cruisers will depart mid-day and return to Fort Myers the following morning. Others will re-trace their route to spend an overnight mid-way and then return to home port the following evening. And, for those who have not had their fill of partying, we can head off to Key West to enjoy the St. Patrick's Day celebration on the 17th.

Since this will be one of our longer Cruises during our 50th Anniversary Year, we will provide a complete planning and a suggested navigation package for those Cruisers, who have not "Been There, Done That". If this is your first overnight Cruise, we will make sure that you are comfortable all along the route.

You can find more information on Marlin Bay and fees at <https://www.marlinbay.com> and the Seafood Festival at <https://www.marathonseafoodfestival.com>.

As these weekend activities and venues should be quite attractive and exciting for our CMSC Cruisers, we would like for those interested to use the Website and sign up early, so that you can receive regular updates. Remember, you can always cancel a week prior to the event.

Please let me know if you have any questions or activity suggestions at BlownAway41@yahoo.com



The **Gulf Coast Sailing Club** is proud to host their **44th Annual Naples Classic Regatta** in Southwest Florida on **March 21** followed by the **Regatta Brunch** on **March 22** at **Naples Sailing & 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. See the attached Notice of Race.

The official web site is here: [2020 Naples Classic Regatta on Yacht Scoring - A complete web based regatta administration and yacht scoring program](http://www.gulfcoastsailingclub.org)

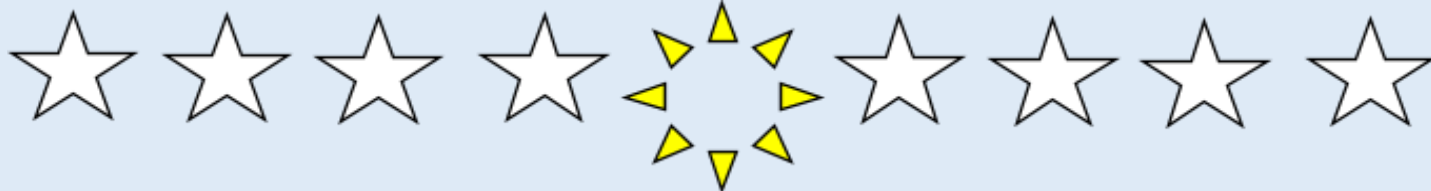


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NOTICE of RACE 2020 NAPLES CLASSIC REGATTA March 21, 2020

Dates/Times	<p>3-20-2020 Friday - Skippers Meeting 18:29 hours [6:29pm] Naples Sailing and Yacht Club Poolside Bar: Scuttlebutts</p> <p>3-21-2020 Saturday - Race Day <u>Buoy Racing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Races start 10:00 hours [warning 9:55 am] After Racing Party [??? To 9:00pm] www.tavernonthebay.net <p>3-22-2020 Sunday - Awards/breakfast buffet 10:00 hours [check in 9:45 am] Naples Sailing and Yacht Club \$35/person payable at the door with check or cash</p>
Sponsor/Host:	Gulf Coast Sailing Club www.gulfcoastsailingclub.org
Location:	In an area west of the Naples Pier
Registration and Payment	Click Here to Register or search for "Naples Classic" on www.yachtscoring.com
Crew Board	Looking for crew or looking to crew? Visit the Crew Board on the registration home page.
Entry Fees:	<p>\$95 per vessel [this includes a free skipper brunch ticket] \$35 per brunch ticket for crew and guests Payable when you register</p>
Participants	All sailing vessels are welcome to join. Spread the word!
Slips	<p>Naples Sailing and Yacht Club Amanda Wentworth 239-774-2649 dockmaster@thensyc.com Naples City Dock "Donnie" is the dock master 239-213-3070 Naples Boat Club Frank Perrucci frank@naplesboatclub.com 239-430-4994 or 239-263-4525</p>
Information/Contacts	<p>Jeff Gage Jeffrey.gage@cbre.com 203 326-0075 C Race Day on VHF Radio #72 PRO Craig Spicer 609 226-4310 /Ed Brandt 203 640-4658</p>
Sailing Instructions	Sailing instructions and other documents " click here " or search for "Naples Classic" on www.yachtscoring.com



GCSC **SUGDEN SUNDAY** PICNIC & SAILING

Sunday, March 29, 2020 12-3pm

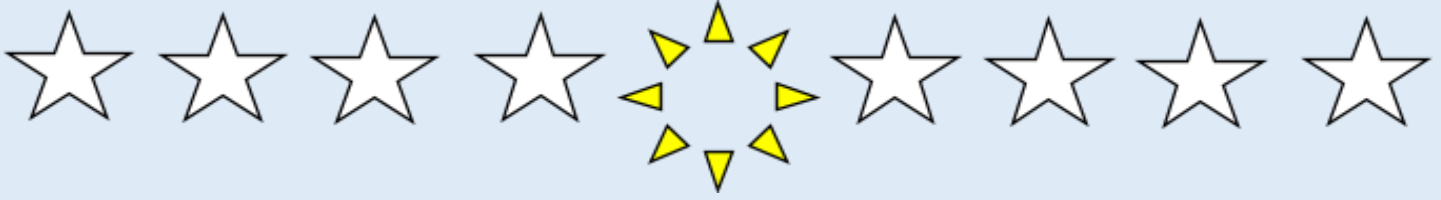
HEY! Don't feel left out if you don't know how to sail! These are great family events for all **GCSC members**, your family, your friends, your neighbors, and any member of the Naples community who you feel may be interested in sailing

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 some sailing FUN!





By Jerry Watkins

Naples to Fort Myer's Offshore Regatta

YES, Due to the low tide the regatta start time was delayed by 15 minutes waiting on the tide to rise.

Picture is "H2O" at the dock as "MAE-B" departed for the start of the exciting race from Naples Pier to Fort Myers.



"No Name" deliver the buoys to the START area located approximately 1500 feet west of the Naples Pier. Craig Spicer PRO announced the racing details by VHF channel 72 repeatedly as the competitors gathered west of the pier in anticipation of the start.

All boat started on a starboard tack and held that tack until the finish 22 miles North of the start line. After racing 22 miles the mixed fleet with PHRF Ratings from 132 to 190 all finished within 18 minutes of each other.

NOTEABLE: The Highest PHRF of the fleet "DALLIANCE" (PHRF 190) in CRUISING CLASS, finished a full 11 minutes before the next boat "FOREIGN EXCHANGE" in the SPINNAKER CLASS with the lowest PHRF (132). CONGRATULATIONS to Bruce Harris and his crew for capturing the perfect weather and the opportunity to enjoy the venue offered Florida sailors in February.

Average wind speeds of 20 MPH with gust to 30 out of the North East allowed boats to make the course on a single tack despite the occasional temptation to roundup forcing a unexpected tack. Excellent seamanship and safety were obvious priorities for each yacht and her crew.



If you missed this event you may have missed the best event of the year.

The celebration at The Parrott Grille was full of excitement as each skipper and crew had a story to tell as they rehydrated themselves and fed their appetite for wings and shrimp. Salty Sams is the venue of preference secured by James Gallagher with the support and approval of every attendee. Great Job James!

Results by class – Results overall are below.

2020 Naples to Fort Myers Offshore

Race # 1

CMCS / GCSC

2/22/2020

James Gallagher

Course

Wind

Spin

Start Time

10:20:00

24 hour clock

Distance

21.0

Nautical Miles

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Speed as VMG of winning boat:

5.7

Non Spin

Start Time

10:20:00

24 hour clock

Distance

21.0

Nautical Miles

Entry	Sail	Boat	Skipper	PHRF	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected	Order	Place
1	101	Eroica	Horner, Tom	177	13:56:34	3:36:34	2:34:37	1	1
2	44	Radiant	Schuller, Arthur	183	13:58:42	3:38:42	2:34:39	2	2
3		Mae-B	Brown, Frank	184	14:02:47	3:42:47	2:38:23	3	3

Speed as VMG of winning boat:

5.8

Cruising

Start Time

10:20:00

24 hour clock

Distance

21.0

Nautical Miles

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3	337	Dalliance	Harris, Bruce	190	13:44:52	3:24:52	2:18:22	1	1
2	809	No Name	Cornacchia, Dan	179	13:55:06	3:35:06	2:32:27	2	2
1	50735	Castaways	Finnegan, John	156	13:57:00	3:37:00	2:42:24	3	3

Speed as VMG of winning boat:

6.2

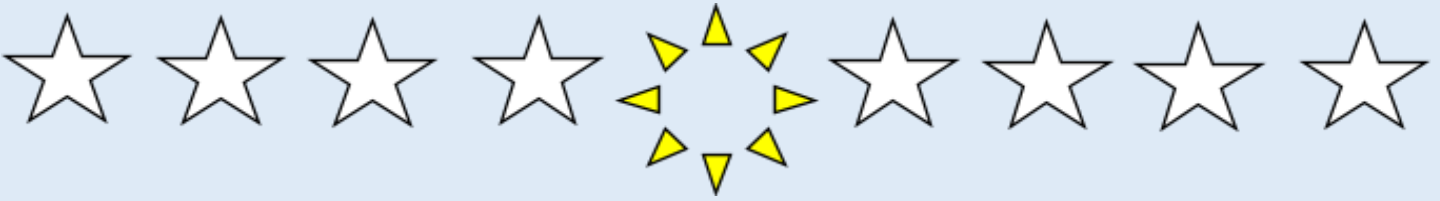
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from Captain James - Rear Commodore of Racing



**Low, low water and
BIG wind started the day
Gorgeous sunset finished it.**



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