



Newsletter #4 July 2024

General Meeting

Our next meeting of 2024 will be on Tuesday August 6th at the Power Squadron on 47th Terrace. Please use only the back door from the parking lot. This meeting is the annual **Pizza party**.

Kate Rouse (k.rouse.54@gmail.com, Linda Biancotti (livelife4@gmail.com) or Linda Wayne (linda.j.wayne@icloud.com) will be contacting their groups about two weeks prior to the meeting. **Please respond as quickly as possible, only to your group leader, whether you are coming or not**, If you are bringing a guest, let your group leader know We need to know how many people are attending and that we have enough food.

Potlucks and the Pizza Party in August are BYOB, and you can also bring snacks for the table.

When you arrive at the meeting, see Kate at the door and get your table assignment. You must sit at your assigned table, it's a great way to meet new people. No one is allowed in the kitchen except the Galley Crew.

Upcoming Boat Trips Rear Commodore Bob Purrone (Sanibelbob1@comcast.net)

This time of year, we seem to have more crew than boats. Boats will be assigned first to members who signed up at the General Meetings and then in the order that replies are made to the email notice. Once the boats are full everyone else will be asked to drive.

You can sign up as Skippers or Crew at the General Meetings or when the notices are sent about 2 weeks prior to the trip. It is essential that members respond to the notices immediately confirming attendance and mandatory that you include your phone number when responding. The calendar for the rest of the year is on page 2.

Also, please note that if there are issues or concerns at any of the restaurants we go to, please address them directly to Bob and not with the restaurant staff.

Land Activities Anne Kiefer (dr.annekiefer@gmail.com)

The next Activity will be a dinner at the newly reopened Yucatan on Matlacha on Tuesday July 16 at 5PM. There's still time to sign up if you haven't already if you contact Anne by 5PM Thursday. Remember that the Bridge is down to one lane so it may take longer than usual to get there.

Membership Update Marianne Bell (rbmb2@comcast.net)
Membership now stands at 122 so we have some room for new members. If you know anyone who wants to join our fun group, please contact Marianne.

COMMODORES CORNER

Hot enough for you?

We are starting the planning for the Holiday Party and are happy to announce that it will be back at Sabal Springs this year. They have a new chef and manager and we're looking forward to working with them. New entertainment this year is a Husband and Wife Duo, Sound Wave. They play every other Tuesday at The Lighthouse in Ft Myers and they had us all up dancing! Check them out. More details to come in the September Newsletter but be sure to mark your calendars for Tuesday December 3.

I really need a member to join the Executive Board as Secretary. The Board meets every other month on the second Monday at 4PM. Please contact me if you are interested. Some experience with the job is preferable, you must be a full time resident and be computer savvy.

We still need volunteers on some of the committees, so please don't be shy, and get involved with the club. It's a great way to meet members. Contact me or the committee chair if you're interested in.

Ann Banash ann.merrymariners@yahoo.com

Galley Crew Margaret Dorin (margaretdorin@comcast.net)

The meeting on August 6 will be the Pizza Party, with Papa Joe's supplying the Pizzas. The Club provides the pizza, Caesar salad, cookies, water and coffee. BYOB and anything else you want to eat. For the Pot Lucks, volunteers are still needed to help in the kitchen. It is essential that you respond to the email to let us know that you're coming so that we have enough Pizza.

Clothing Sales Peggy Talbot (PTPEG@aol.com) and Fran Hoden (jfhodes13@gmail.com) co-chairs

The new Iron-On decals were introduced at the May meeting and will be available at the August meeting also. The large decal is available in either White (for dark colored clothing) or Black (for light colored clothing). Prices are \$8.00 for the large decal and \$3 for the flag decal. ... or buy both for \$10. Bring cash or check. Members can also still order shirts with the embroidered flag and your name on the front, then you can iron-on the large decal on the back. Shirt orders will be taken at the February meeting only, but the decals will be available at the General Meetings.

Compassionate Care Pat Zeidman (patriciazeidman@gmail.com)

If you know any members who are ill, having surgery or have suffered the loss of a loved one, please send an email to Pat as soon as you have information.

Cookbook Alla Wilson (al.wilson39@yahoo.com)

Alla has received recipes from Olga Finke, Ann Banash, Kate Rouse, Pat Zeiler, Carole Hewitson, Heidi Frederick, Doris Pippin, Margaret Dorin, Linda Vadnais and Carolyn Clark. There are two recipes without authors; Banana Brownies and Crinkle tops. If they are yours, please let Alla know. If you previously submitted a recipe or two and your name is not on this list, please send them to Alla again. And, it's not too late to get into the book. Just send Alla your recipes or bring them to the General Meeting.

Safety

Please remember when you are on a boat and the boat is docking that you **do not** stand until the Captain and crew handling lines have secured the boat to the dock and you are told that it's OK to "move about the cabin".

Incorporation

We are now a legal entity in the State of Florida. We are working on our IRS number, and the proper insurance. Thanks to Ed Wallach for all the work on this! The next task is the rewrite of the by-laws. We are hoping to have a draft for the October meeting.

Calendar

Wednesday July 10	Three Fishermen
Friday July 26	Parrot Key
Thursday August 1	Drive trip to Breakfast at the Boathouse
Tuesday August 6	General Meeting at the Power Squadron – Pizza Party
Monday August 26	Waterfront Restaurant on Pine Island
Friday September 6	Barnacles
Thursday September 26	Petey's at Matanzas
Tuesday October 1	General Meeting at the Power Squadron
Monday October 7	Pincers at Edison
Friday October 25	Doc Fords
Monday November 4	Green Flash
Tuesday December 3	Holiday Party at the Standard at Sabal Springs
Friday December 6	Barnacles

As always, trips are subject to change of dates or venues, or changed to driving trips because of weather. If a trip becomes a driving trip it is expected that members and guests who signed up will drive to the restaurant. The restaurants often bring in extra help to accommodate our large group and expect us all for lunch.

Remember, the updated calendar is on our website at MerryMariners.org