



Newsletter Vol 2 #1 January 2026

I am looking forward to being your Commodore this year and hope that I can meet your expectations.

We had a great Christmas Party and from the surveys that were returned, an overwhelming majority said the 2025 party was the best one ever for the Merry Mariners.

A BIG thanks to all who made the party happen.

I would also like to give a big thank-you to outgoing Commodore Ann Banash for her two years serving as Commodore. Ann did a wonderful job.

We have another great year planned and Bob Purrone has already created the 2026 schedule of events. It turned out to be a beautiful trip on our last outing on January 8th at Phuzzy's. Calm winds and plenty of sunshine ... and that's why we live here in Florida. There is one more trip planned in January on the 23rd to Snug Harbor please contact Bob Purrone if you want to go.

As of this writing, the Power Squadron building has not been sold and is back up for sale so we will continue to have our General Meetings there until it is sold.

See you at the next event. Be safe and happy boating

Tim Podley, Commodore
stpod@hotmail.com

General Meeting

The next General Meeting will take place on February 3, 2026 at the Power Squadron

Wear your name badges!!!

The Board voted to raise the fines for not wearing a name badge to \$1.00. effective January 1, 2026. The Club issued badge or your name embroidered on a Merry Mariners Shirt are both acceptable. Badges need to be worn at General Meetings and Boat Trips. If you need a new one, contact Judy Hartig. The cost is \$10.00

Upcoming Boat Trips

Rear Commodore Bob Purrone

(Sanibelbob1@comcast.net)

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. Remember that if a trip becomes a drive, members who have signed up for the boat trip must still attend as the restaurants often provide extra help for our usually large group. Bob will have sign-up sheets of the upcoming trips at the General Meetings. Notices are emailed about 10 days prior to the trip. It is essential that members respond to the notices immediately, confirming attendance and it is mandatory that you include your phone number when responding.

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

Land Activities

Ann Banash (ahbanash@gmail.com)

The committee is working on activities for the coming year, and the committee is looking for suggestions. There will be a sheet on the tables at the general meeting so please jot down your ideas and suggestions and give them to Ann during the meeting. Over the past few years we have enjoyed going to botanical gardens, playing Bocce, sharing meals and lots more, but new ideas are always welcome.

Membership Update

Judy Hartig (judyhartig01@yahoo.com)

Our roster is about 100 members now. We had several members choose not to renew their membership for various reasons so if you know someone who would be interested in joining the Club, please bring them as guests to a meeting or boat trip and contact Judy for the application.

Potluck:

Kate Rouse(k.rouse54@gmail.com)

Kate will contact everyone in the Club for the General Meetings and will let you know what to bring to the Potluck. You MUST respond to her!!!! We will also be looking for members to sit at the check-in table. Carolyn Clark has volunteered and will be looking for helpers. Please volunteer – it's a great way to get to know out members.

Galley Margaret Dorin (margaretdorin@comcast.net)

Margaret has asked that members **do not** bring crockpots as there aren't enough outlets to accommodate all of them and not enough room on the serving tables. Please try to bring the aluminum pans that fit into the chafing pans that we have that will keep food hot. (they are called half-sheets and can be purchased at the Dollar Store) Also, when the meeting is done, please pick up any of your food that is left, please don't leave it for the Galley crew to throw away!!!

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

February is the month that we sell the logo shirts and Peg and Fran will have samples of the embroidered shirts at the meeting. We no longer sell the screen printed shirts as we have the new iron on decals that can be put on any shirt that you own. The decals are available at all the General Meetings. Cost is \$8.00 for the logo for dark or light shirts. \$3 for the flag or \$10 for both.

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.

Fundraising

Patti Limandri is coming back as the Fundraising Chair and the 50/50 raffle person/ Welcome back!!!

Calendar

Destination Chairperson: Bob Purrone (239) 691-5850. sanibelbob1@comcast.net or Ed Wallach (954) 649-6791 edwfla127@comcast.net **AS ALWAYS, DATES AND LOCATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

Please remember to respond promptly when you receive the notice and include your phone number!

January

Friday the 23rd: Snug Harbor

February

Tuesday Feb 3: General Meeting, Friday Feb 6th: Doc Fords, Monday Feb 23: Deep Lagoon

March

Wednesday March 11: Green Flash Monday March 23: Pincers @ Edison

April

Tuesday April 3: General Meeting Thursday April 9: Picnic Monday April 20: Mystery Cruise

May

Friday May 8: Nervous Nellies Monday May 18: Boathouse Rte 31

June

Tuesday June 2: General Meeting Thursday June 11: Barnacles/Mainstay Monday June 22: Parrot Key

July

Thursday July 9: Lighthouse Wednesday July 22: Matanzas/Petey's

August

Tuesday August 4: General Meeting (Pizza) Friday August 7: Breakfast (drive) Thursday August 20: Phuzzy's

September

Friday September 11: Doc Fords Wednesday September 23: Pinchers @ Edison

October

Tuesday October 6: General Meeting lash Friday October 9: Parrot Key Monday October 19: Junkanoo

November

Thursday November 5: Green Flash

December:

Tuesday December 8th: Holiday Party Thursday December 10 Barnacles at Mainstay