



Gale Tales

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Up Coming Events

Event	Date	Time	Place
Tampa Bay Rowdies	May 2	7:30 PM	Al Lang Stadium
Jimmy's Celebration of Life	May 6	1:30 PM	Esplanade Club House
MSA Member Meeting	May 13	5:00 PM	Mean Deans
Gulf Island Ferry	June 26	2:00 PM	Riverwalk Pier



AHOY MSA MATES

Part II of our vacation with a pop-up camper. After Adelia and I parted ways with Chuck and Gail at Red Top Mountain campground, we headed north to Silver Creek campground in North Carolina. We did some hiking and swimming and then headed to prior MSA member LuAnn Zajaczkowski in North Carolina where we were able to escape the rigors of camping by staying in LuAnn's new house. From there we set off to invade our MSA friends, Bob and Karen, at Lake Seneca, New York. We generally stay with friends until they are ready to throw us out, which turned out to be quite a few days. Bob and Karen took us on their boat for breakfast with their friends. Karen took us to a pickleball workshop which I am afraid was too advanced for us but was a lot of fun. Bob and Karen have a beautiful place on the lake with a great deck they built over the water. While we were on



**Member Meeting
May 13th**

the deck, who do you think I spotted sailing by on their way to a yacht club party. It was none other than our past commodore, Jim McGinnis and Lynne. We waved and shouted out and, in the end, we got invited to their yacht club party at a marina on Lake Seneca. I better quit telling the story now before I put you all to sleep.

It's that time of the year when the weather is still mostly pleasant, but some of our MSA friends have left, or are about to leave on vacation. The tourists are still here filling up the streets with traffic. Our pickleball group has started getting up earlier (8:00am to 10:00am instead of 9:00am to 11:00am) to avoid the heat of the day. We were very lucky with the weather during our MSA Terra Ceia Regatta weekend. Five boat loads of sailors had a great time despite a forecast of light winds. Instead, the first race, which was the shorter one, started off with light wind which morphed into medium, and was followed by the second race which had great wind the whole time. I still can't get used to how often the wind changes direction in Terra Ceia Bay. Sue Davidson, with Clay's help, ran a great race, and with the help of their daughter, JJ, they won the race.

We had a DWBH get together at RJ Gators. I really like this place. I think it's somewhat centrally located for our members, has very good food at a reasonable price and I really like the atmosphere. Gail Gordon set up a group to go to the Rowdies soccer game this Saturday. I am taking my new little portable fan. Cross your fingers that we don't get rained out.

I am sad to report, a long time very beloved member of MSA, Jimmy Rivera, passed away recently. There will be a celebration of life on Wednesday May 6, at 1:30 to 4:30pm Saturday at 6130 Grandview Hill Ct., Bradenton, FL 34203 (gate code 20915). Kindly RSVP to Thelma by texting to 901-233-3902. Jimmy was the most positive and warm person you could ever meet.

We will be having our monthly general membership meeting at Mean Deans on May 13 at 5pm. We will have a speaker from Seabird Rescue, Jeannette Edwards. Adelia and I are looking forward to seeing you all there. Fair winds and following seas.

Co-Commodor Rick and Adelia

Certified Health Coach



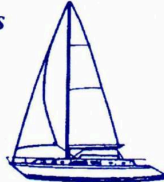
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THE TERRA CEIA REGATTA NOT JUST ANOTHER MSA EVENT

Although I am not a charter member of Manatee Sailing Association, I have been in the club for over 30 years. I have not only enjoyed some fabulous events over the decades, but I have witnessed some of the club's historic moments as well. It's hard to put a begin date on the Terra Ceia Regatta because the event has morphed from a back yard party to a multi-club competition back to a friendly little run around Tera Ceia Bay. Yet the race and party have



been a part of the club's history for well over 30 of the 41 years of the clubs existence. Just for the record, Terra Ceia's birth started with Sally and Tom Quinn and Sandy and Bill Furthy who were neighbors and club members that lived along the shores of the bay. Actually, Tom and Sally still live in the large rambling home that hosted the first of these many regatta soirees. As the club grew, the regatta after-party moved just down the road at the Terra Ceia Pavillion, available

to us only because the Quinn's were residents of the community. I remember that many local businesses (thanks to the footwork of the Quinns and other gregarius club members) would donate large gifts to the club to raffle in exchange for a bit of publicity. Those were the days!

The Terra Ceia Regatta was not just a one-day event, it was an entire weekend. The regatta included a very similar race on the bay, however, as many as 15 sailboats came to participate. The after party included food, usually a catered buffet, Sally's famous cocktail, music and dancing. Most folks overnighted on their boats, camped out in the park or just drove back for the Survivors Brunch the nest morning. Bloody Mary's and strong coffee were the staples along with all sorts of breakfast casseroles. My memories of those days bring a smile to my face. That is how I came up with this year's 2026 Terra Ceia Regata theme: "memories are made of this"!





The last few years, Terra Ceia has taken on a more relaxed venue. We have streamlined the event to fit our lifestyle and our age. The races on Terra Ceia Bay have not changed much over the years but the participants are down to a handful of die-hard sailors. Thank goodness for them otherwise I would not be writing this article! The face of our after-party has been redesigned as well. Different locations have hosted our gatherings which are now more like opportunities to enjoy a visit with good friends. Food trucks have supplied our meals so members and sailors would not have to worry about providing a pot-luck offering. But in spite of our modern look, Terra Ceia remains THE big event of the MSA year. It celebrates MSA's history



and honors its members. It is a tribute to what our legacy has been about all these years.....to promote the art of sailing.

On April 18th, 5 saiboats ran two races on a gorgeous sunny day featuring just a gentle breeze. Sue Davidson, MSA Racing Captain once again expertly orchestrated the event. She managed to gather some non-member friends, Bob and Debra Woithe and son, to officiate on a committee boat allowing her to race as well.

This year, thanks to John Castellana and Sheryl Rouleau, the hall at Tropic Isles was our venue location. Along with my crew,



Sheryl, Brigid, Lynne, Roger and Chuck, we managed to decorate the tables in short order. I arranged a little bar to set up my welcome rum drink, "Sunset Serenade". Roger purchased and donated to the MSA club a brand new portable "corn hole" game. We set that up at one end of the room for a little fun while we visited. Quizzes and word games dotted the tables just in case anyone got bored. Not a chance! Visiting with best friends was the focus of the party. About 5 P.M.,

guests, sailors and crew filled the room. Tom Briggie provided a backdrop of nautical music, but it could not compete with the sounds of laughter. At 5:30 the food truck, "Simply Greek" was ready for our business. Thanks to Rick Jackerson, MSA co-commadore, for securing them for our party. I believe most folks enjoyed the delicious food and fast service.

The afterparty finally led up to the presentation of awards. A special award went to "Aurora" for prettiest boat on the water. Dennis Vitton and his crew were like proud parents. "Lattitude" took 4th place and Captain Jim McGinnis along with his

crew Rick and Adelia Jackerson received their applause. Third Place went to Captain Ed Hartung on "Zig Zag". He accepted his award solo as his crew could not be present for the party. 2nd place went to Captain John Castellana and his crew of a few friends and member Bobbie Goss on "Poly Ester". And with great celebration, in 1st place of the 2026 Terra Ceia Regatta, Captain Sue Davidson and her crew of her family Clay Smith and JJ, took the top spot trophy. Actually, they took 2 trophies, the old urn of the Quinns used from the beginning years to the gorgeous streamlined modern glass award. Congratulations to all those sailors who got



THE RACERS



out on the water today. You are now a part of MSA history!

I was not only surprised with the great turnout for this year's regatta, but I was also thrilled! Although we may have changed the format, one thing stays the same throughout the years. MSA'ers are loyal, compassionate, hard working and fun-loving. Anytime we all get together,

it's a party. And there it is! That's the secret to our success! Thank you for joining me in celebrating this historical MSA event, the 2026 Tera Ceia Regatta.

Gail Gordon
MSA Social Secretary



May 2, 2026

A Night with the Tampa Bay Rowdies

By the time this article is sent to the editor, all the plans will have been set and the event will be just a day or two away. However, to recap, on Saturday May 2nd, 10 MSA members will drive to Al Lang Stadium in St. Pete to cheer on our own Tampa Bays Rowdies. We are all still a bit cloudy about the rules and regulations of the sport but we are learning. Before the event, we will gather at "Voted the best Italian Restaurant in St Pete", the Gratzzi Italian Grill located just a block from the stadium. I will give you all a better report after the fact in the June newsletter. Go Rowdies!!!!



On the Horizon

Wednesday May 13th: MSA Quarterly General Meeting at Mean Deans at 5 P.M.


Friday June 26th: Gulf Bay Ferry Ride 2 P.M. to Bridge St., Anna Maria Island and Bridge Tender Bar. Return on the 7 P.M. ferry

July: Gone fishing! No scheduled MSA Social Event

August: "Painting With a Twist" and wine party TBA

Wednesday August 12th: MSA Quarterly General Meeting at Mean Deans at 5 P.M.

Friday September 4th: Early Dinner in Sarasota TBA and Sarasota Opera House Classic Movie "The Princess Bride"




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Celebration of Life

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Jimmy Rivera
Nov 1 1943 March 8 2026



Wednesday May 6 at 1:30 to 4:30

Esplanade Club House
6130 Grandview Hill CT
Bradenton FL 34203
Gate Code: 20915

Kindly RSVP to Thelma 901-233-3902 Text

The image shows a vertical memorial card for Jimmy Rivera. At the top is a color photograph of a smiling man with a grey beard, wearing a red baseball cap and sunglasses. Below the photo, the text reads: "PLEASE JOIN US FOR A", followed by "Celebration of Life" in a large, elegant script font. Underneath that, it says "IN LOVING MEMORY OF" and "Jimmy Rivera" in a bold, serif font. The dates "Nov 1 1943 March 8 2026" are listed below. A decorative floral border separates the name from the event details. The event is scheduled for "Wednesday May 6 at 1:30 to 4:30" at the "Esplanade Club House, 6130 Grandview Hill CT, Bradenton FL 34203" with a "Gate Code: 20915". At the bottom, it asks to "Kindly RSVP to Thelma 901-233-3902 Text".



Manatee Sailing Association New Membership Application

Name(s): 1. _____ 2. _____

Other members in household: _____

Address: _____

(City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell 1: _____ Cell 2 _____

Email 1 _____ Email 2 _____

Boat Make/Size _____ Boat Name _____

I voluntarily assume all risks of participating in Manatee Sailing Association events, on land or water, and agree to hold harmless against any and all losses and/or claims incident thereto, the Manatee Sailing Association (a 501(c) nonprofit, all volunteer, organization), its officers and members. If I have a vessel, I certify that my vessel complies with U.S. Coast Guard requirements and that I maintain insurance policies sufficient to protect myself and my property, including liability, medical and property coverage, which insurance is primary and non-contributory.

Signature: _____

Annual Dues: \$100 for first member of household plus \$25 for each other members of household.

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Bradenton, FL 34280

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