



Gale Tales

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Up Coming Events

Event	Date	Time	Place
Paint and Sip Social	Aug 10	7:00 PM	Painting with a Twist
MSA Quarterly Meeting	Aug 13	5:00 PM	Mean Deans
Dinner & Movie	Sep 4	5:00 PM	Sarasota Opera House
DWBH	Sep 9	5:00 pm	Hickory Hollow
Beach Party	Oct 17	11:00 AM	AMI Bayfront Park
Halloween Party	Oct 31	5:00 PM	Jackerson's House



AUGUST 10TH



Ahoy MSA Mates

this is Part 3 of our vacation with our camper (Continued from May Gale Tales), by Rick and Adelia Jackerson

We had made it to Bob and Karen Stewart's place when Jim and Lynne McGinnis sailed by on Lake Seneca. We waved, then called on the phone and were lucky enough to be invited to a yacht club party on the Northern part of Lake Seneca.

We next headed North to Connecticut to visit with Howie, a friend that I met 40 years ago who took us to an old stone mansion owned by the actor William Gillette, who portrayed Sherlock Holmes, "elementary my dear Watson".

Our next destination was to Rhode Island to stay with MSA member Debbie

Harris. Debbie took us in and introduced us to her friend who took us sailing in her 30 foot sail boat. How lucky for us! By now the hot summer days of Florida were well behind us.

Now we were headed to an even cooler climate in mid coast Maine, Lincolnville, where my brother has a condo. I was expecting to see moose, deer, bob cats,



Stone Mansion in Connecticut

etc. What we saw was a stuffed moose and a chipmunk. After exploring the coastal towns and trails, we headed even further north with our passports in hand because

Canada and the super high tides of

the Bay of Fundy were calling to us. When we came to the border crossing, I expected to see several lines of cars with guards, and contraband sniffing dogs. All we saw was one guard in a small hut and we were his only customers.

We planted our camper at Fundy National



Park and proceeded to hike the trails. This was a very dry season, and they had a "no fire" order in effect so we never were able to have a campfire. We were there of course to check out the 40 tide change at Hopewell Rocks, but we also discovered that at the north end of the Bay of Fundy is a town

called Moncton where there is a wide, completely dry river until the tide comes in, in the form of a wave. We just barely got there when we saw 3 people surf that wave right past us. Moncton is a very nice town. After eating there, it was time to race to Hopewell Rocks Provincial Park to see the



Bay of Fundy at high tide. They have a nice restaurant where we ate before hiking while waiting for the tide to drop down 40 feet so we could walk on the ground at the same place. We also visited a place where 40 foot fishing boats were sitting on the ground waiting for the tide to come in. All of this took place in the Province of New Brunswick. We decided to take a little trip to Nova Scotia, so we left our little camper behind and headed out there with just our car to stay at a motel for the night before heading back. The scenery was beautiful. It's very rural. We were very impressed with Peggy's Cove which is a big tourist stop. Giant boulders everywhere and a



Light house and Boulders @ Peggy's Cove

very old light house. There is a UNESCO heritage town called Lunenburg where we toured a museum about the history of the area. We also visited a campground thinking that we might want to return some day and go camping.

Heading back to the U.S.A. we were once again the only car trying to cross the border. Our next destination was a waterfront campground in Searsport where they were having the "Strung Together Festival". This festival attracted many people who play musical instruments that utilize strings. People of all different skill levels come there to play together and to learn how to play better. We saw many concerts at different stages. Adelia decided she wanted to take up the banjo, and someone kindly gave her a lesson. We also got to do some square dancing.

After the festival was over, we drove back to Lincolnville where we stayed for a while

until it was time to head South. We headed to Bay View Campground in Cape Cod, which was about to close after nearly 60

years of operation. This was a very large campground. Over the years, many people who had left their campers there year after year, had added on porches, rooms and other improvements and were now told they had to move. The campground was



Music festival at Searsport

closing.

We will end this episode here and leave "Jaws" and the "big crash" for another time.

Rick and Adelia Jackerson



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PAINTING WITH A
Twist

**FUN ART, NOT FINE ART AT
"PAINTING WITH A TWIST"**

Calling all folks who can hold a paint brush in one hand and a wine glass in the other! Announcing a new and fun social event inside in the A/C..... not out in the heat and humidity. I have reserved a date, August 10th at 7 P.M. and private room at 5917 Manatee Ave for us to try our hand at painting something hopefully a bit nautical. We will have instruction on how to paint the selected image, step by step, and all materials needed will be provided. "Painting with a Twist" will supply aprons as well but please wear "old" clothes just in case. There will be



stools to sit on but if you need a back please let me know in advance. Our club will supply wine, beer and water plus snacks and finger food so plan to come a little earlier for a bit of camaraderie. The cost for a "Fun Art" Session is \$40 per person. We need a minimum of 10 "artists" for a private room and teacher so think about inviting a friend to join us. If we don't reach that number, no worries. We will join the regular class. Please email me at gailgordon56@gmail.com with your reservation by August 5th. See you there!

Gail Gordon
MSA Social Secretary

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We're back to your favorite DWBH restaurant September 9

We've heard your requests to return and booked a DWBH at Hickory Hollow Barbeque, September 9 at 5 PM. The restaurant is located at 4705 US-301 N in Ellenton.

Tom Briggie



CRUISING EVENT

Ahoy all,

Planning is underway for an MSA Cruise to the Don Cesar Hotel and Gulfport Nov 4 to 7, 2026. Should be a fabulous event for boaters and non-boaters alike.

Wednesday 11/4/26, MSA cruisers will rendezvous at 4PM at Desoto Point "The Cross" for a night on anchor. Dinner will be a pitch in. The park closes at 5 so that won't include cars.



Thursday 11/5/26, we will sail/motor to a small anchorage behind the Don Cesar Hotel. Gary Morgan tells me we've stayed there before. Boats should arrive before 4 PM for the anchorage and then meet the MSA members piloting land yachts at the Don Cesar for Dinner at 5PM! The restaurant is called "**Society Table**". Their



menu is online. Yes - it's pricey but there are reasonable burgers and salads.

Friday 11/6/26, we will sail/Motor to Gulfport and anchor (free) or pick up a mooring ball for \$22 with the Municipal Harbormaster Denis Frain at [\(727\) 893-1104](tel:(727)893-1104) or dfrain@mygulfport.us. Land yacht Captains and crew can meet us at **Pia's Trattoria** <http://www.piastrattoria.com> 3054 Beach Blvd S, Gulfport, FL 33707 (727) 327-2190 at 5PM. The dinghy dock is questionable at Gulfport so we may need to pull dinghy's up on the beach like we did in downtown Sarasota last year.



Saturday 11/7/26 Return to Home Ports! Let me know if you are interested. jmcginni@stny.rr.com. Thanks!

Jim McGinnis
Cruising Captain
S/V Brewster

ON THE HORIZON

September 4th: Dinner and a Classic Movie

4:30 P.M. Dinner at Bevardi's Salute Restaurant

7 P.M. Sarasota Opera House The Princess Bride (1987)

October 17th: MSA Annual Beach Picnic

11 A.M. Bayfront Park Pavilion Anna Maria Island

October 31th: Almost Annual MSA Halloween Costume Party

5 P.M. Rick and Adelia Jackerson's home

November 12th: MSA Quarterly General Meeting

5 P.M. Mean Dean's Restaurant

Date and time TBA The Florida Orchestra

Free Pops Concert in the Park, St.Pete Vinoy Park

November 4th to 7th Cruising

The Cross, Don Cesar and Gulfport

Gail Gordon
MSA Social secretary



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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