



Gale Tales

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Up Coming Events



Event	Date	Time	Place
Membership Meeting	Aug 13	5:00 PM	Modern Chop
Mini Golf	Aug 13	7:30 PM	Smugglers Cove Adventure Golf
DWBH	Sep 10	5:00 PM	Mr & Mrs Crab
Distillery Tour	Sep 30	3 PM	Drum Circle Distillery
DWBH	Oct 8	5:00 PM	Hickory Hollow
Beach Party	Oct 18	11:00 AM	Bayfront Park AMI

AHOY MSA MEMBERS, FRIENDS, AND FAMILY

Hoping you are all well. Lynne and I are back in Watkins Glen from Maine and Cape Cod. We are hoping to see Rick and Adelia show up here in Watkins Glen this week. So stay tuned.

Sailing in Maine: When we arrived in Maine in early July, it was 100F in NY City but only 65F in Belfast and overcast, Gotta love Maine. Not really good sailing weather.

My brother bought an '87 Corvette. It seemed like a good idea at the time. So, after working on the Corvette (the flip headlights don't flip reliably, - googling the issue only assured us that this was a big problem for this model year because there are many posts.) and changing fuel and water separator filters in his 1972

MSA MEMBERSHIP MEETING



AUGUST 13TH AT MODERN CHOP

Gulfstar Center Cockpit, we had burned up a couple days. (The fuel separator was full to the clear plastic bottom section with water. No idea how this diesel was running.) With those issues behind us, we decided to sail from Belfast down east to Rockland, ME. Nice anchorage and nice restaurants. The harbor is huge because of a giant break wall that was built in 1881. A couple of ferries go from Rockland to some of the other islands daily. We stopped in Camden Harbor along the way and saw an Oyster 745 at the dock. Just awesome. Sailing into Rockport, we saw a group of classic wooden sailboats 30 to 45 ft. on their moorings and in Rockland there were two Hinckley's at the dock, a Bermuda 40 and



New to us 87 Corvette with Gulfstar in the background

a 65-footer. Also, in nice condition. Better than looking at used cars!

The real treat sailing in Maine came the next morning. The fog was socked in along the coast even with a light breeze blowing. We pulled up the anchor and headed out of the harbor thinking it might be better a bit offshore. It would be

about a 6 hour sail back to Belfast. But the fog stayed with us. My brother has radar and access to AIS information on his chartplotter so we could "see" other boats and hear the lobster boat engines but other than that it was just pea soup. We sailed that way at about 4 knots until noon when the fog lifted. We could hear the sea buoy bell and birds on the islands but not much else.



Morning Fog in Rockland Maine



Sailing from Rockland back around Islesboro



This boat had blown off its stands in Watkins Glen Storm

Lynne and I will be back in Florida on October 15th See you for the Beach Party.

MSA Membership Meeting – Our next Membership Meeting will be August 13th at 5 PM at the Modern Chop Restaurant. We will have a quarterly membership meeting with updates from our officers and committee chairs.

Fair Winds,

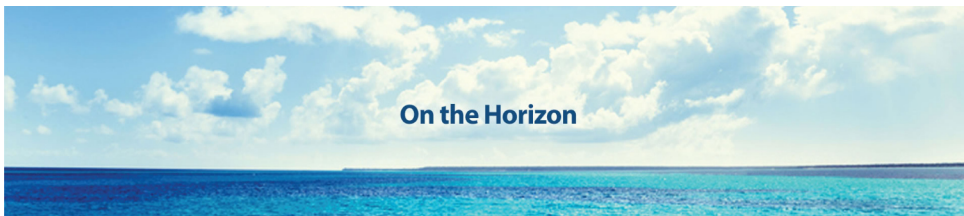
Jim McGinnis
Commodore
s/v Brewester

AUGUST MSA MINI SOCIAL EVENT

As most of you know, I took the month of July off from organizing an MSA Social Event. Moreover, I must confess I do not have anything new and exciting planned for the club in August either. BUT, after the General MSA Meeting scheduled for August 13th I would like to invite members to a game of Miniature Golf at about 7:30 P.M. (or just after the meeting) at Smugglers Cove 2000 Cortez Rd W. in Bradenton. An 18 hole game filled with adventure and challenges cost about \$19 but I am trying to work out a better deal. Please let me know if you are planning to join us by emailing me at gailgordon56@gmail.com so I can plan accordingly but last minute arrivals are absolutely welcome. Who knows, maybe afterwards we could get ice cream! See you there!

Gail Gordon
MSA Social Secretary





SEPTEMBER MSA SOCIAL EVENT

Tour and Tasting at the Drum Circle Rum Distillery

It's been many years since we have visited what was then an up and coming industry. Now the Siesta Key Rum made at the Drum Circle Distillery can be found in stores all over the country. The company has grown



and spread their wings but we can still find our way to the unassuming little warehouse at 2212 Industrial Blvd just off University Blvd to see where and how the magic happens. Besides the stunning distillery machinery and the expanded gift shop and various selections of Siesta Key Rum, a piece of Sarasota history awaits you. The original 1954 bar at the Bahi Hut, Floridas oldest Tiki lounge and Sarasota Landmark found a new home in the Siesta Key Rum Infinity Room where you can sip, socialize, celebrate and enjoy Siesta Rum cocktails. Please join me at **3 P.M. on September 30th** for a tour and tasting that will inspire and delight you. You will find new recipes to make delicious cocktails for your Holiday guests this year. You will learn the story of their craft distillery, the awards they have

won and why their rum tastes soooo good! And to make it more exciting.....the tour and tasting is free! Afterwards we will meet for an early dinner at one of my favorite restaurants, Seasons 52 at the UTC Mall. Watch for my email blast at the end of August to sign up for this festive MSA Social Event! Hope to see you there!

OCTOBER MSA SOCIAL EVENT, MAYBE:

A visit to the New Mote Marine SEA at Nathan Benderson Park

On July 6th 2025, the Mote Aquarium on City Island closed so the Mote team could focus on preparing for the opening of the Mote Science Education Aquarium at Nathan Benderson Park. Although the date has not



yet been set, we are getting closer by the minute so with great anticipation I have set out a plan for an MSA Social Event to welcome and support this great new center. I will book a group tour at the first available time whether it be October or November so please be ready to be wowed with this facility.

There are many conditions concerning the exhibits that come into play that control when the opening date of the facility will happen. First, the Mote staff needs to monitor a process called "leaching" where soluble components in new habitats must be removed to be safe for sea life. Then waiting for the water chemistry to stabilize, takes time. The second forcing function is animal quarantine, transfer and acclimation. The health, safety and welfare of all animals under Motes care is top priority. So, we must wait too, until all is well in the world of Mote Marine SEA. Be patient but get excited! This is going to be BIG!

Beach Party Bayfront Park AMI

We do have a date for our almost Annual Beach Picnic Party scheduled for October 18th. Fingers crossed we will not have to cancel it again due to any bad weather. That has always been one of my favorite events and although BayFront Park



received a great deal of hurricane damage, it is still a gorgeous beach. It's probably the last cook out of the season and probably the last swim as well.

On the Horizon:

November: The Florida Orchestra Free Pops Concert at the Vinoy Park (date TBA)

December: MSA Christmas Party (date and place TBA)

Gail Gordon
MSA Social Secretary



Adelia and Rick Jackerson visiting with Carolyn Racey and LuAnn Zajackowski in Greenville, NC

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YOU JUST NEVER KNOW!

By Gail Gordon

The last few years in mid July, Chuck Fulton and I have traveled with his little Airstream camper up to Red Top Mountain State Park just north of Atlanta for a week of woods, nature and family visits. This year was a bit different as Rick and Adelia Jackerson joined us as they made the campground the first stop on their “land yacht plus pop up camper” journey up to Maine for their 3 month getaway.



We braved the extensive heat while there in north Georgia limiting most of the wildlife activities and extensive hiking. We did enjoy a wonderful sunset cruise on Lake Allatoona thanks to Chuck's family, which



Lake View From Campsite

cooled us off a bit as we enjoyed a get together, happy hour and dinner on the water. Lake Allatoona when it is full covered more than 12,000 acres and has 270 miles of shoreline. The lake along with



Sunset Cruise on Lake Allatoona

some of the surrounding land was managed by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers. It was created for flood control, hydroelectric power generation, water supply and water quality, recreation and fish and wildlife management. Most of the campsites at Red Top campground including ours and Rick and Adelia's were situated along the scenic lake's shore.

One day we decided to venture out of the campground to visit a wonderful Museum in



Booth Western Art Museum

Cartersville, the Booth Western Museum. This is a Smithsonian affiliate and shared many of the same artists as our own James Western and Wildlife Museum in St. Petersburg. We spent the day in the huge facility and never managed to complete the entire exhibition. Another day we went to a cinema to see “Superman”! Rick was the only one of us who actually liked the new film as there was a lot of “bashing” and

“whacking” for just over 2 hours. I preferred the old version starring Christopher Reeves instead.

But one of the best outings we took involved some intense reminiscing from Chuck who had lived in Atlanta while raising his family during the time he was based there as a commercial pilot. He suggested a few activities for the four of us that he remembered being interesting. The first was to visit a historical train. I was not at all excited about this one and shrugged my shoulders as we piled into the car to explore. I expected this little adventure to be a bust if it was even still there after all these years.

Well to my surprise, it was not only there, but a new and expansive museum was built around the historic train engine called “The General”. I had no idea what was in store for us as we purchased tickets. There was



At The Train Museum

all sort of memorabilia from the Civil War and the local area, Kennesaw, during the Civil War time. After touring those exhibits, we were directed to a theater for a history of the train. This was all new to Chuck as well



The General

done and most exciting. This was a part of history I was totally unaware of. I will give you an abridged version: Known as the “Great Locomotive Chase, this chapter in Civil War history was a military raid that occurred April 12, 1862, in northern Georgia. Volunteers from the Union Army led by civilian scout James J. Andrews, managed to commandeer a train, “the General” and took it northward toward Chattanooga, Tennessee, doing as much damage as possible to the vital Western and Atlantic Railroad line from Kennesaw to Chattanooga as they went. They were pursued by Confederate forces at first on foot and later

on a succession of locomotives including “the Texas” for 87 miles. Because the Union men had cut the telegraph wires, the Confederates could not send warnings ahead to forces along the railway. Confederates eventually captured the raiders and quickly executed some of the spies including Andrews, but some others were able to flee. The surviving raiders were the first to be awarded the newly created Medal of Honor by the US Congress for their actions. Because Andrews was a civilian, Andrews was not eligible. I was shocked and thrilled to learn about this exciting segment of history. Moreover, several movies have been made about this very interesting historical tidbit known as “The Great Locomotive Chase” including a Disney version starring Fess Parker which was shown in theaters in 1956. I thanked Chuck for suggesting this great destination. You just never know!



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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