



Gale Tales

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Up Coming Events



Event	Date	Time	Place
Boomers Dance Night	Nov 9	6:00 PM	88 Live Piano Bar
Member Meeting	Nov 12	5:00 PM	Modern Chop Steakhouse
Christmas Concert	Dec 7	4:00 PM	Neal Performing Arts Center
Christmas Party	Dec 14	3:00 PM	Lund's Club House

AHOY MSA MEMBERS, FRIENDS, AND FAMILY

Racing Rules of Sailing:

We had some real controversy at the end of our racing season this year in the Finger Lakes Yacht Club. I want to highlight what happened and what was done about it. Mostly I'd like to emphasize the spirit of Sailing and the sport we love. If you are not a sailor and don't care about this, read no further and skip down to the bottom ... unless you can't help yourself. For the rest of you, the Finger Lakes Yacht Club has an 8-race season which works out to a race every other weekend during the season. A few more non-points races are thrown in for fun. One person is the keeper of the Excel based race handicap system and scores all the races. We use the PHRF handicaps published widely for boats.

THE 88 PIANO BAR 60'S DANCE NIGHT



NOVEMBER 9TH, 6:00 PM

When a new boat, a Pearson 31, was added to the database at the beginning of the season, an error crept in. The Pearson 31 was added as Pearson 28 by a typo. This gave the Pearson 31 an incorrect but beneficial handicap. The new boat and skipper placed highly in all of the races and won a few of them. At the end of the season the season scoring showed the Pearson 31 as the overall winner. The Race Committee discovered the error after the final race and met with the skipper to explain the situation. The handicap was corrected and the season scoring corrected to move the Pearson 31 from first to second. The next day a firestorm erupted on our message list which includes all racers. Some accused non-ethical activity, and some said we all should have voted on what to do. Thankfully, the Racing Rules of Sailing covers this situation, and we all learned a lot. In Rule 90.3 c Scoring, if the race committee discovers an error it is required to correct it and notify all racers. That is what was done. World Sailing regattas include in the Notice of Race a statement that says all Protests must be filed within 24 hours of the end of the race and results are final Rule 90.3(e). We don't have a Notice of Race document, and we don't have anyone verifying the handicap values. I expect that we will next year. Most importantly, we were able to focus those involved on taking care of maintaining Racing Rule 69 Misconduct which states "Misconduct is: (1) conduct

that is a breach of good manners, a breach of good sportsmanship, or unethical behavior; or (2) conduct that may bring, or has brought, the sport into disrepute." So just have fun out there, we are beer can racers.



Our next MSA Membership Meeting is 11/12/25 5PM at Modern Chop. Our featured speaker is Maddie Frick who will give you an inside look at the Florida Maritime Museum. Her talk is titled: "It Takes a Village: The Story of the Florida Maritime Museum" and will include the local fishing Village of Cortez and its uniqueness.

2026 Slate of Officers:
It's been my honor to serve as the Commodore of the Manatee Sailing Association. it's now time for new leadership. Two of our officers: Tom Briggie Vice Commodore, and Linda Briggie Treasurer will receive nominations for 2026.

For Secretary – we have a nomination for Claude Solomon. With this experienced team, the new Commodore will be in good hands. Please consider making your club members a priority and nominate a member or self-nominate for the position.

Fair winds,

Jim McGinnis
Commodore
SV Brewster

A Month of Exceptional MSA Memories

Sometimes the Cosmic Forces are so strong that it's best to just sit back and enjoy the ride. That's what happened this October 2025 when not just 1 but 4 great opportunities presented themselves for MSA members to gather together and taste the good life.

It all started on October 8th when we showed up for DWBH to a Bradenton relic, Hickory Hollow, located on SR 301 behind a rather rusty metal oversized pig. This was a family



owned restaurant that had been around since 1984 and served East Carolina style BBQ and seafood. But it was particularly famous for the daily fare of no less than 20 different veggies to satisfy the fussiest guest. I had not been there for almost a decade and I was convinced that we should have been a little more selective in our dining establishment choices. But boy, was I wrong. We filled two big long tables with club members obviously familiar with this place and as each plate came out of the

busy kitchen, I drooled in anticipation. I had the catfish dinner and it was delicious and surprising inexpensive. No wonder this place was packed on a Wednesday night.



We laughed, we visited, we drank, and gobbled up some good old fashioned food with our best MSA friends in a comfy casual setting. How

did I not know about this? And to answer a pressing question, they now accept credit cards!

On a glorious fall day in Florida, Saturday October 18th, MSA'ers packed up the car with beach chairs, hats and sunblock and headed to Anna

Maria Island and Bayfront Park for the Almost Annual MSA Beach Picnic. I say



"almost" because of the unprecedented pandemic that we had experienced a few years ago and then more recently a nasty hurricane or two which ultimately caused us to cancel a few times. But other than that,



this has always been a great tribute to the incredible paradise we happen to live in. When I arrived Jim and Lynne McGinnis,



just back from their summer up north and the Morgans, Gary and Carla, were busy setting up the tables for a big crowd. Gary and his crew got the

grill warmed up as members started to arrive. About noon, the hot dogs and hamburgers were ready to be presented to the MSA crowd of hungry members. But, as we were lining up to pile our plates with helpings of the yummy dishes everyone brought to share, several surprise guests crashed the party! First to join the group was our beloved friends Rick and Adelia Jackson back home from their 3 month summer trek up north. Just after all the hugs and kisses were finishing up, two more "strangers" graced the pavilion, LuAnn Zajaczkowski and Carolyn Racey! They have been living in North Carolina for almost 2 years now and it was a joy to

have them back in the MSA family even for such a short visit. Then to finish up the many surprises of the day, our dear Helen Chouinard and Arja Adair added even more excitement to this coastal reunion of great MSA friends. Helen and Arja had



only been gone from us for a short time but we have already missed them terribly. After a very short MSA meeting, it was time to rest and relax in the

sweet gulf breezes and just hang out with our besties. Some of the group stayed within the shelter of the pavilion and some gathered in beach chairs under the filtered shade of the Australian Pines. Only one person ventured into the cool clear water and that



was Helen. But after her swim she too curled up on a beach chair and settled in for a good visit. What a fabulous day of food and friends in a setting that couldn't be beat! All I kept thinking was how incredibly lucky we were!



The next event on our busy calendar was something that made me very excited. I searched the internet daily in August and September waiting for a date for it to be scheduled and one day there it was. Phew! It didn't conflict with anything else on the MSA docket. Last year a few of us gathered at this event not knowing how it played out and what to expect. So with a little experience under our belts we dove in head first this year. I'm talking about attending the amazing Florida Orchestra's Free Pops Concert in the Park! On Saturday October 25th



Chuck and I arrived at about 2 P.M. to the Vinoy Park in St. Pete to claim a space big enough for the 18 MSA members who decided that this event was too good to pass up. We laid out red tape to mark off the space, set up signs and placed an MSA flag high enough that it would be visible from a distance. The one thing we counted on was a shuttle service allowing members to park in a garage in town and then ride to the park. Well, even though it had been advertised, the service did not make an appearance leaving MSA members in a pickle. Some arrived early enough to find nearby parking still available while others had to Uber over. O.K., I admit, I don't have all the details worked out yet. But once everyone arrived and took a seat and relaxed, we commenced to celebrate the spectacular event.

By now thousands of excited folks had joined the festivities. As



the night sky made an appearance and the music began, all the mishaps had been



forgotten. The evening was pure magic! The World Class orchestra played some familiar music of Beethoven, Johann Strauss, George Gershwin and John Williams. Themes to famous movies like "Jaws" and "Star Wars" thrilled the crowds. The night ended with the booming sounds of cannons and the joyous ring of church bell as the orchestra gave us all goosebumps with the heart stopping "1812 Overture" and "The Stars and Stripes Forever". This could not have been a more stunning evening and it continued to amaze me that all we had to do was show up. I promise I will work on the "getting there" part in the future. But for now, I will just wait anxiously until this opportunity of the Florida Orchestra free pops concert presents itself again. Thank you for joining me for a star studded night of magic and music.

The last star in this Cosmic month of events was another opportunity to make MSA history. Two very special members stepped up to the “dinner” plate and took charge. Rick and Adelia Jackerson were



still on their 3-month vacation when they mentioned in a casual email to me that they would be delighted to host another Halloween Party. Question: Who does that?

Answer: MSA members, Rick and Adelia! First of all, I think the Jackerson's had in mind to create a party place when



redesigning their home. It's perfect for a big crowd with party lighting, no carpet and available seating for all. Second, it

astonished me at how party oriented our MSA club members have become. I expected simple party hats and funny T-shirts to be the game plan for



Halloween costumes. And that 3 prizes for best party hat and t-shirt would be more than ample for awards. Not so, my fellow MSA members! You all thrilled me and your



friends as each and every one of you arrived in unbelievable outfits that resembled actors on a very expensive movie set.

There were a couple of astronauts among the crowd along with a whole Wild West show of spectacular cowboys and

cowgirls. (One cowgirl was “Urban” wearing lots of fringe and one was from Germany I think, as her leathers were actually a set of



lederhosen) A whole troupe of witches gathered during the evening and I was getting nervous as they hung around the kitchen a lot. What were they brewing up? There was a very slim skeleton hanging around with them so maybe they



were fixing him a plate of food. (He had a cute accent, too!) Not to be confused with the witches, but

there was a gorgeous lady wizard who joined us. It just happened to be her birthday so being at the party was most appropriate. I started to drool when life sized red and green M & M's appeared at the door. Who couldn't be tempted to give them a bite as they strolled past the dessert table? Talk about taking a bite, what was up with the scary guy lurking around with a knife in his hand. He looked a lot like Michael Myers from Halloween. Nope, he was okay! He was helping Adelia slice up some food. There were a few odd balls like a lady that came over from India who kept getting tangled up in her scarf, a Dr. Pepper who actually made everyone

sneeze and the ugliest clown you ever saw that had to work and came late. However, she had a set of really nice teeth!

But the highlights of the night were the awards for the most creative costumes. This was very difficult and I settled for "best couples of the night" as that would include more

members in the mix. Even that was a challenge but it had to be done. Third Place in the



2025 MSA Halloween Costume Party went to a couple of high school nerds that brought back memories of classmates we all knew way back when we were teenagers. Linda and Bob Lund were perfectly appointed with pen pocket cases and taped eyeglasses. (Loved the white socks and the penny loafers, too.) Second Place for Most Creative Halloween Costume was to a pair of "Pigs in a Blanket"! What a perfect get up especially on such a cool evening! These little piggies were none other than Sue



Davidson and Clay Smith. They were "Pretty in Pink" and toasty warm as well. The First Place winner for this year's MSA Halloween Costume Party was not even up for discussion. From the time they appeared in the doorway until they left later in the evening we knew we were in the midst of Halloween Costume greatness. When you couldn't recognize some of your best friends and they were not even wearing a mask, you knew they had the contest sewn up! I am, of course, referring to Sharon and Ozzie Osbourne better known as Betty and Ed Burton. They even went as far as



leaving Sully home as not to give them away. They were spectacular!

Well Folks what a night, what a month? It has been a thrill to have these wonderful outings to attend and to be able to share them with incredible friends was truly a gift. I can schedule events but the fact that MSA members participate and are supportive makes all the difference! I can't imagine doing any of this without you, the fabulous MSA members, my friends!

Gail Gordon
MSA Social Secretary



MSA SOCIAL EVENT FOR NOVEMBER 2025

BOOMERS DANCE NIGHT AT THE 88 PIANO BAR NOVEMBER 9TH AT 6 P.M. TO 9 P.M.

Dig out your dancing shoes from the back of the closet, join your friends for a drink and some snacks and dance the night away with live music playing the sounds of Classic Rock, the Beatles and 60's Beach Rock. I will have a table reserved for our group so we can visit and enjoy some music from another time and dance if the spirit moves us. The cover charge is only \$5 and the memories are free. Come enjoy a night club experience in a 5000 foot venue just down the street from our back yards. 88 Live Piano Bar is located at 6640 Cortez Road



near Sage Biscuit. This night club is a family owned business that serves up top shelf drinks, great pizza, sandwiches and salads. 88 Piano Bar features the finest live music, vocalists, musicians and entertainment in the area. Please email me at gailgordon56@gmail.com no later than November 7th with your reservation

so I can provide you a seat at our MSA table. Pull yourselves away from the TV and Sunday Night Football and relive a bit of your youth! LET'S DANCE! See you there!



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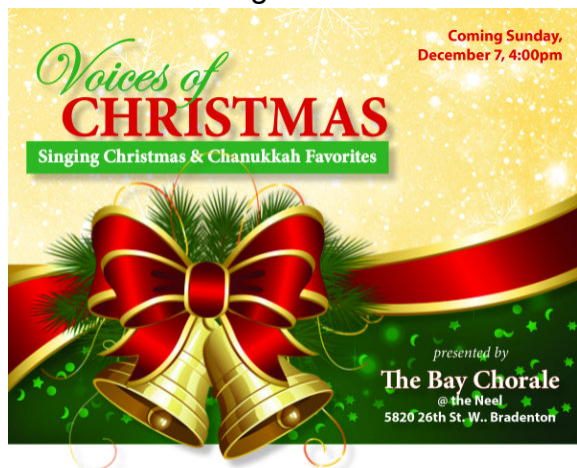
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**A CHRISTMAS CONCERT
THE BAY CHORALE
DECEMBER 7TH AT 4 P.M.**

Please join me in celebrating the Holiday season at a concert of Christmas and Chanukkah favorites at the Neal Performing Arts Center (5840 26th St. W) at the State College of Florida in



Bradenton. The tickets are \$15 and the proceeds provide scholarships to local music students. Not only will it elevate our Holiday spirits with wonderful music but we will cheer on one of the performers, our dear friend Diana Martin, a former MSA member.

Afterwards (about 6:00 p.m) we will enjoy a Holiday dinner at Mean Deans (6059 26th St W.) just a skip and a hop from the concert. Please email me at gailgordon56@gmail.com with your reservations so I can purchase tickets in advance. This is a popular event and the performance will sell out. See you there!

**MSA ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY
DECEMBER 14TH AT 3 P.M**

MSA members are invited to a fabulous Christmas Luau at the Lunds Clubhouse on Sunday December 14th. Wear your tropical shirts and shorts and your colorful sarong and a sun hat no matter what the temperature happens to be that day. We will be warm and wonderful inside. The club will provide a delicious baked ham with pineapples and we will ask you to bring festive Luau themed appetizers, salads, side dishes or desserts to share. Please bring your favorite beverage and spirits for your own enjoyment. We will spend a few hours of the busy Holiday Season together and enjoy food, fun and our MSA family. More details will be available as we get closer to the date. Be sure to save the date on your calendar



Gail Gordon
MSA Social Secretary

P.S. Grass skirts are optional!



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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