



Gale Tales

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Up Coming Events

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Event	Date	Time	Place
Madama Butterfly	June 8	1:30 PM	Sarasota Opera House
DWBH	June 11	5:00 PM	Anna Maria Oyster Bar Ellenton

On the Horizon

Event	Date	Time	Place
Membership Meeting	Aug 13	5:00 PM	Modern Chop



AHOY MSA MEMBERS, FRIENDS, AND FAMILY

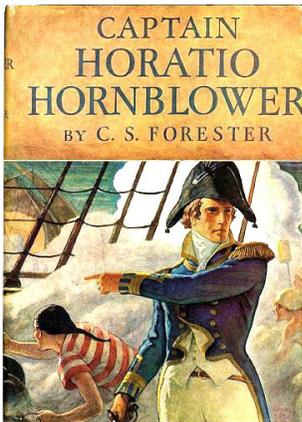
Lynne and I are back in NY, S/V Brewster is in the water, but it is unseasonably chilly here. Brewster commissioning projects – Leaking main cabin side window – dripping on the nav station is fixed! New jib Halyard. Several spots on the keel and hull were repaired with Marine-tex. All the routine engine maintenance, head, water system, etc. are done. I got a new mainsail this year from a local sail loft. Looking forward to trying that out in our “Rust Removal Race” this weekend.

At the last MSA Membership meeting on 5/14/25 at Modern Chop, I gave a presentation on my trip to the Lake Ontario 300 Ocean Race last summer. We were 3 days in the NY State Canal system to Lake Ontario, crossed to Toronto and raced 300 miles around Lake

Ontario with 58 other boats. Weather and schedule ended our race before the finish but we had a great time. My brother and I also sailed to the Antique Boat Museum in Clayton, NY for a couple days.

Last month, Lynne and I visited the Normandy beaches in France, and Flanders Fields in Belgium. We took a ferry from Cherbourg, FR to visit her brother and family in Portsmouth, England and a lot more over a two-week trip. We got a chance to visit the replica ship “HMS Etoile to Roy” (Star of the King) which is docked in St Malo, FR. The ship was built

in 1995 to be used in the movie “Hornblower” about the exploits of Captain Horatio Hornblower in 1803 on his ship the “HMS Indefatigable” C. S. Forester’s book series about the life of Horatio Hornblower is a must read for sailors.



Here is a picture of the ship on a beautiful blue-sky day.



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.

Tom also has a DWBH set for Anna Maria Oyster Bar Ellenton on June 11 at 5 PM!

We need a MSA Cruising Captain! How about you? Give me a call to discuss.

Jim McGinnis
Commodore
s/v Brewester

**THE ULTIMATE PARTY
THE KENTUCKY DERBY, 151 YEARS
IN THE MAKING!**

Held annually on the first Saturday in May, the Derby is the first leg of the Triple Crown. It is preceded by a two-week long Kentucky Derby Festival. The race is known as "The Run for the Roses" as the winning horse is draped in a blanket of roses. Lasting approximately two minutes, the Derby has been alternately called "The Most Exciting Two Minutes in Sports". The race was first run in 1875. Unlike the other older races of the Triple Crown, the Preakness and the Belmont



remember, Gary and Carla Morgan served this stew on Sassy when we had our very first MSA Kentucky Derby Party.) The most desired seats at Churchill Downs are in "Millionaires Row" referring to the expensive box seats that attract the rich and famous where traditionally women wear elegant outfits lavishly accessorized with large elaborate hats. And to cap off the moments before the start, following the "Call to Post" played by a bugle, Stephen Foster's "My Old Kentucky Home" is sung by the University of Louisville Cardinal Singers. Now if that does not spell out "Party Time" I don't know what does!



Stakes, the Kentucky Derby has been run every year since its inception! The Derby is the most watched and most attended horse race in the United States! In addition to the race itself, several traditions play a significant role in the Derby atmosphere. The mint julep--an iced drink consisting of Kentucky Bourbon, mint and simple syrup-- is the traditional beverage of the race. A thick stew of beef, chicken and pork with vegetables is a popular Kentucky dish served at the derby. (If you

We have not had a MSA Kentucky Derby Party every year but maybe we should. Because when we do, we do a bang up job each and every time. This year for the running of the 151st Kentucky Derby, Roger Cappello opened his gorgeous home to the club. It did not take much more than a simple email invitation for MSA members to respond quickly and with great enthusiasm to attend this year's Derby Party. 32 MSA members and several guests filed into the entry of the party house now known as "Cappello Downs" wearing bright spring outfits and outrageous hats! They sipped Mint Juleps





in Derby fashion while sampling a plethora of delicious homemade appetizers that shall we say would satisfy “a hungry horse”.

During the afternoon, there was outstanding entertainment while we waited for the countdown of the “Running of the Roses”. Chuck Fulton, affectionately known as the MSA “Bubbleman” wowed the crowds and Rogers neighbors too, with long streams of humungous iridescent bubbles. It was a sight to see! Just minutes before the “Call to Post” and while guests jockeyed themselves for a better view of the TV screen, an announcement was made! The winners for the 2025 MSA Best Kentucky Derby Hat Contest went to Bob Wakelam (a beloved former member of MSA) and Deb Harris (our newest beloved member of MSA) who’s creativity



and over the top Kentucky Derby spirit gave them the advantage for a win, place and show. By the time the bugle sounded for all the horses to come to the gate, all bets had been made with our favorite MSA bookie, Tommy—the-Nose. Suddenly a gunshot rang out! AND THEY WERE OFF! Cheers and screams filled the rooms of Cappello Downs as the Derby horses ran in the deep mud around the track and toward the finish line. In what seemed like only seconds later the horses had run their race! Dripping in victory (and mud) was Sovereignty coming in first place for the 151st Kentucky Derby, with Journalism in second and Baeza, third. After we took



some time to catch our breath, Tommy-the-Nose fanned out his wad of cash and he announced the big winners of the day! Linda Lund, Deb Jacobs, Mike Spellacy, Adelia Jackerson and Betty in for Ed Burton lined up to collect the goods. Whoa, they won big! You would think that everyone would pack up and head out as soon as the race was over but not MSA'ers. They know how to party. There was plenty of great camaraderie left to enjoy and enjoy they did.

A huge thank you goes out to Roger Cappello for hosting this great event. It takes expert organization to handle a party of this size and not everyone can pull it off

as gracefully as Roger. He did have a cute assistant though and that was Patti Korn. Great job! Thank you, Chuck, for your bubbles. You may have a new career! A round of applause goes to Tommy-the-Nose Briggie for handling our bets and wagers which added authenticity and excitement to Derby Day activities. Hugs goes to the Morgans, Gary and Carla, for all the



advice and support when planning this shindig insuring success as the only outcome. But most of all, thank you MSA members for coming out on this special day and showing fantastic Derby spirit! You made an historic event become an opportunity for an unforgettable party extravaganza! You are all winners in my book!

Gail Gordon
MSA Social Secretary



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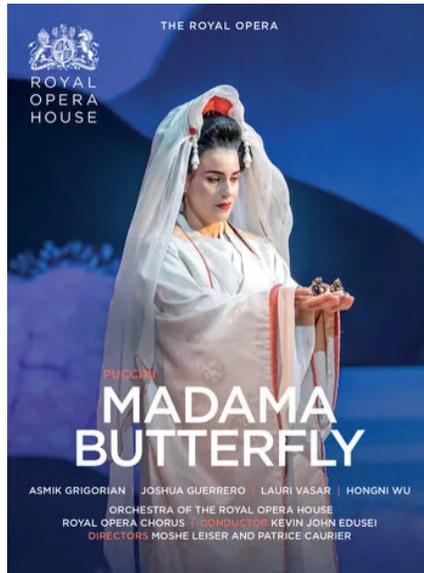
**MSA SOCIAL EVENT JUNE 8TH
PUCCINI'S MADAMA BUTTERFLY ON
HD FILM**

This may be the year for taking risks as I nervously line up something out of the ordinary for our MSA members! I have reflected on this year's line up of films at the Sarasota Opera House. Many of us have seen these great classic movies over the years and I would have difficulty selecting just one. But, I am going out on a proverbial limb with the one I have chosen. I have had the pleasure of seeing this stunning opera on film last year for the first time and I would love to share it with you.

I am inviting MSA members and friends to join me for a spectacular production on HD film of the classic opera.....Madama Butterfly starring Asmik Grigorian. Ms. Grigorian is amazing in this role. Although Lithuanian born, her incredible voice and outstanding acting ability allows us to believe that she is truly "Madama Butterfly." The exquisite scenery and special attention to Japanese costume and custom are unforgettable. Tickets are \$20 and seats

are first come first serve. The date for the showing of this emotional Puccini opera is Sunday June 8th at 1:30 P.M. Plan to arrive no later than 1:10 PM.

Below is a quick synopsis:



“When young Japanese geisha Cio-Cio-San marries American naval officer Pinkerton, she believes she is entering a marriage for life. Forsaking her religion and community, she dreams of a future with her new husband, only to learn that for Pinkerton, their marriage is merely an illusion — one with tragic consequences.”

We will have dinner afterwards at around 5 P.M in downtown

Sarasota at a Japanese restaurant walking distance from the Opera House, Kojo Sushi Restaurant at 1288 N. Palm Ave . Just in case you are hesitant, I am new to opera myself and I have seen a few of the most popular but this one, without a doubt, stands in a category all its own. Please email me at gailgordon56@gmail.com to reserve your ticket. Take a risk! I think you will be very pleased you did! See you there!

Gail Gordon
MSA Social Secretary





I don't have the MSA Social Activities and Events Calendar planned for the summer months yet. There are the usual suspects such as a Rowdies Game in St. Petersburg or in fact a Marauders Baseball game right here in town. However, I am always looking for something new and different to do in the hot summer weather. Ideas are always

welcome! So keep a look out for emails with details of upcoming events as the summer draws near.

Gail Gordon
MSA Social Secretary



**MSA'ers cruising the canal De Midi
in Southern France**



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.

Please mail or email application to:

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