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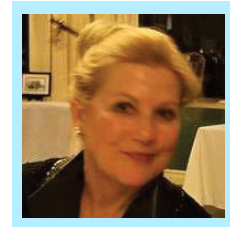
Up Coming Events

January 2023

Event	Date	Time	Place
Don't Worry Be Happy	Jan 10	5:00 PM	Central Cafe
Installation Dinner and Dance	Jan 22	6:00 PM	Bradenton Yacht Club
Kayaking	Jan 26	Lunch at Noon Kayak Launch at 1:00 PM	Kayaking at Ted Sperling Park, Sarasota

On the Horizon

Event	Date	Time	Place
Cigar Factory Tour	Feb TBD	TBD	JC Newman Cigar Factory, Ybor City
MSA Meeting	Feb 16	6:00 PM	Trailer Estates Community Center



HAPPY NEW YEAR MSA MEMBERS AND FRIENDS!

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and created special memories with your friends and families (and didn't get stuck in any of the bad weather up north).

It's certainly been a couple of interesting years, hasn't it? As your new commodore, I thank you for the honor. I'm

looking forward to being commodore and working with you all to see MSA through another exciting and event filled year. I have

some big shoes to fill (literally and figuratively) and I would like to give many thanks to our 2022 commodore Tom Briggie, who helped right the ship, so to speak, and get us back on course after our Covid-19 years. What a great job Tom did, as did the rest of the MSA leadership, many of whom will be honoring us by reprising their oh-so-important roles: LuAnn Zajackowski as Vice Commodore, Linda Briggie as Treasurer and



Membership, Claude Salomon as Secretary, Gail Gordon as Social Secretary, and John Castellano as Racing Captain. Many thanks to you all.

Also, I'd like to give a very huge thank you to past commodore and one of MSA's OGs, Gary Morgan, who not only gets these newsletters looking amazing and distributed every month but keeps MSA running in numerous behind-the-scenes ways, including securing the Bradenton Yacht Club for our Installation Dinner.

On that note, the Installation Dinner this year will be on **Sunday, January 22**. If you haven't already signed up and sent your check in, please see the **Membership**

Annual Dues and Installation Dinner response form in this newsletter. The theme for this year's dinner is The Night of the Dragon. While you are welcome and encouraged to wear dragon inspired clothes, the dress code is otherwise Yacht Club nice. Many of us like the opportunity to dress up so don't be afraid to bring out the bling. It is sure to be another fun filled MSA Installation Dinner with good food, good music and dancing, and good friends. The RSVP deadline is Jan 15. I hope to see you all there!

To our new members, Cherie & Ray Yeager, Jill & Ken Rule, and Betty & Jamie Leanderson, welcome and see above - please join us at the Installation Dinner. It's an excellent opportunity to meet and mingle with other members and have a fun evening.

There will be a couple of MSA things handled differently this year. First, Rick and Adelia Jackerson will not be Cruising Captains this year as they'd like to focus on longer, perhaps more exotic sailing trips (or at least sailing trips to more exotic locations). The MSA board decided that in lieu of one person organizing all the sail aways during the year, we will be asking for multiple individuals to step up and volunteer to organize a sail away for a month of their choice. For new members and old, this

will be a great way to participate in making 2023 another great MSA year.

Second, John Castellano will again be our Racing Captain, but we will have fewer races this year, mostly because we don't have as many racing sailors this year!

(If you want to race or know some sailors with boats that want to race, get them to join MSA, and talk to John.) John will be running our Terra Ceia Regatta this year and the date for Terra Ceia is already set – **April 22** – so save the date in your calendars now. The post-race party will be at Tropic Isles (same place it was last year, but a different, bigger room, thank you John C) and the band is already booked (thank you Tom B).

A few more housekeeping items - monthly meetings will recommence in February. The community center at Trailer Estates, located at the corner of Canada Blvd and 69th Ave W. in Bradenton, has been reserved for **February 16, March 8, and April 5** – please mark your calendars now! The meetings will begin at 6:00 pm. They will be potluck meetings, so please bring a dish to share and your own beverage of choice.

Congratulations MSA 2023 Officers

Commodore	Patti Korn
Vice Commodore	LuAnn Zajackowski
Secretary	Claude Salomon
Treasurer	Linda Briggle
Social Secretary	Gail Gordon
Membership	Linda Briggle
Racing Captain	John Castellana
Past Commodore	Tom Briggle

Also, since former commodore and another MSA OG, the lovely Carolyn Racey (formerly Carolyn O'Brien) has left us for the wilds of North Carolina, we don't have anyone to find amazing speakers for us at our meetings. So, if anyone knows of or meets or hears about someone who you think would be able to speak to our group about an appropriate water or boat related topic, please let one of the board members know.

Finally, as some MSA members know, one of the annual trophies handed out at Installation Dinners in the past was the "Oops" award, honoring the MSA member(s) who exercised less than optimal judgment and/or common sense in situations resulting in moments of hilarity. A previous MSA board determined that the Oops award's time had passed, and the award would no longer be awarded. Consequently, the board decided that the award would be burned in the

firepit at Luann Zajaczkowski's house during the Holiday party on December 17. At the last minute, Rick and Adelia Jackerson decided to rescue the award from its fiery end and give it a permanent home in the lovely new lanai at

their home. The award is certainly one of a kind – originally a slab of wood with winners' names written on it, over the years it became a massive 3-D representation of the events each year that led to the award being won. The award will make an appearance at this year's Installation Dinner, and I encourage you to check it out and see if you recognize any of the memorable events represented, or feel free to

ask another member of their fond recollections.



Rick and Adelia Accepting the Oops Award in January 2018

Happy New Year everyone!

Patti Korn
Commodore Elect

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**INSTALLATION DINNER AND DANCE
JANUARY 22, 2023**

We have a big date on the calendar to celebrate the 2023 annual MSA Installation Banquet, "the Night of the Dragon", on the evening of January 22 at Bradenton Yacht Club (4307 13th St. W, Palmetto) which just happens to fall on the date of this year's traditional Asian Lunar New Year.

After just getting back from Southeast Asia myself and seeing the extensive preparations for such an event up close and personal, we have big shoes to fill. The Lunar New Year is a colossal celebration of epic proportions so my suggestion is to get ready to party!

Plan to arrive at 6 P.M. to enjoy cocktails and conversation with your MSA friends and family. That's what this Asian Holiday is all about, celebrating close relationships. In honor of our theme, if possible, pay homage by dressing with an oriental flair. I will be wearing an Ao Dai which is the traditional dress of Vietnamese women. That was my big souvenir of the trip.

Dinner will be served about 6:45 P.M. with several Honorable choices: Gourmet Meat Loaf served with Brown Mushroom Gravy, Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Vegetable Medley,

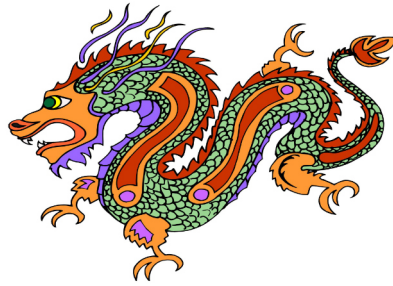
Chicken Marsala with Garlic Potatoes and Vegetable Medley and BYC Salmon with Rice Pilaf and Vegetable Medley. All dinners will come with a salad and dessert. The cost for a spectacular dinner and evening festivities is \$40 for adults and \$25 for children.

After dinner we will celebrate with the extravagance of the dynasty, the heroes of Manatee Sailing Association in awards and commendations. The votes have been tabulated and this is the night we find out who will be the recipients of "Toot Your Own Horn Award, The Member of the Year and the Boat of the Year".

The ceremony will not be complete until the traditional dances have begun and we pay tribute to music master, Chuck Weirich, the D.J. The new empress (commodore) will take center stage and we will honor her in "the night of the Dragon."

Please fill out the form in this newsletter, select your meal choice, and mail your reservations with a check to be received no later than January 15th. As Confucius once said: See you there!

Gail Gordon
MSA Social Secretary



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MANATEE SAILING ASSOCIATION
2023 ANNUAL DUES AND INSTALLATION DINNER



Night of the Dragon



	Number	Amount
2023 Membership Dues		
\$100		_____
Installation Dinner		
Sunday, January 22, 2023		
(Make menu selections below)		
Adults \$40.00 each	_____	_____
12 and under \$25 each	_____	_____
 Gale Tales Advertisement		
12 editions		
\$25 for Members		_____
\$100 for non Members		_____
 Choose main entree for each person		
	Total	_____

Enter number

- BYC Salmon** with Beurre Blanc Served with Rice Pilaf and Vegetable Medley
- Chicken Marsala** Served with Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Vegetable Medley
- Meatloaf** Topped with Brown Mushroom Gravy, Served with Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Vegetable Medley

Each Dinner Includes:
 House Salad with choice of Ranch or Balsamic Dressing.
 European Chocolate Mousse topped with Whipped Cream and Chocolate Shavings.

Name(s) _____

Make check payable to:
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RSVP by January 15,2023

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JANUARY SOCIAL EVENT

Once Again, Picnic and Kayaking at Ted Sperling Park, Sarasota January 26, 2023

Yup! Sadly, I had to abandon the kayak/picnic event scheduled for the end of November because of less than favorable water conditions in Sarasota. Dead fish and yukky smells didn't a fun day make! I'm afraid, that one hurt! I had a surprisingly large group of members signed up for it. So I was hoping we could try to execute this outing again this month in January. I know the water might have a bit of a chill in it, but we're tough, we're sailors. The date I have selected is Thursday January 26th. You already know the details.....Ted Sperling Park at South Lido Beach (2201 Ben Franklin Drive)



around noon for a brown bag picnic lunch and then Ted Sperling Park at South Lido Beach Nature Park (190 Taft Drive) about 1 P.M. for our kayak launch and paddle through the scenic mangroves. Your personal kayaks are welcome

and kayak rentals are available for \$45 single and \$55 for a tandem. Please let me know if you are planning to join us no later than January 24th and if you need to make kayak rental reservations by emailing me at gailgordon56@gmail.com. Thanks for being patient with me as this event is weather sensitive. We will have our day in the sun, I promise!

ON THE HORIZON.....

Tour of JC Newman Cigar Factory and Lunch in Ybor City, Tampa February 2023 TBA

Helen Chouinard sent me text recently and mentioned that she saw a short feature on a television program that looked interesting.....maybe a possibility for MSA



outing. I took a few moments to check it out and I got really excited. Anytime we have an excuse to go to Ybor City, it makes me happy. But to have an opportunity to visit and tour an old brownstone factory in Ybor City, that got my attention immediately. Thank you, Helen!!!!!!

“Founded in 1895 by Julius Caesar Newman, J.C. Newman Cigar Company is the oldest family owned premium cigar maker in America. For 4 generations and 126 years, J.C. Newman has been handcrafting many of the world’s finest

cigars. J.C. Newman is headquartered in an iconic 111 year old cigar factory in Ybor City National Historical Landmark District in Tampa Florida. At this factory known as EL Reloj, (Spanish for “clock”) J.C. Newman rolls premium cigars both by hand and by hand operated antique cigar machines.” In addition to the American company, “J.C. Newman cigar factory is the second largest in Nicaragua and



is where Brick House, Perla de Mar, El Baton and Quorum cigars are hand rolled.”

The 1 hour 15 minute which includes a top to bottom exploration of El Reloj, is the only cigar factory still in operation in Cigar City in Tampa. The tour takes guests through the process of cigar making both by hand and antique machine.

Three stories high and one block long, the historic cigar factory will please cigar enthusiasts, history buffs and those folks interested in manufacturing and technology. The cost for the tour is \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors, students and

veterans. And if your interest is peaked, you are able to sign up at the factory for a private class in hand rolling your own cigars! That could be fun!!!!

Although the tours run 9:30 A.M., 11:30 A.M. and 1 P.M. on weekdays, I believe the best time for us to arrive since we have a 1 hour drive from home is for the 11:30 tour. Then we can enjoy a leisurely lunch somewhere in Ybor City afterwards. (Please note that although it would be conceivably possible to take the Cross Bay Ferry from St. Pete to Tampa and then the Historic Streetcar to Ybor City, I am encouraging driving as the better option because we need to be on the property on time to participate in a tour. Plus car pooling with your best buddies could to add more fun to the event.) Watch for my emails in the January 2023 Gale Tales to sign up for this exciting day in Historic Ybor City! You won’t want to miss this one! See you there!

Gail Gordon
MSA Social Secretary



MSA CHRISTMAS PARTY





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 _____

Sail # _____ PHRF _____

Signature: _____

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