



Gale Tales

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Up Coming Events

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Event	Date	Time	Place
Don't Worry Be Happy	Feb 8	5:00 PM	Grand Buffet
Cruise	Feb 10	4:00 PM	Terra Ceia Bay
MSA Meeting	Feb 16	6:00 PM	Trailer Estates Community Center
Social Event	Feb 20	1:00 PM	Sarasota Circus

On the Horizon

Event	Date	Time	Place
Cigar Factory Tour	Mar 16	11:00 AM	JC Newman Cigar Factory, Ybor City
Regatta	Apr 22	Noon	Terra Ceia Bay

MSA REGATTA THEME CONTEST



AHOY MSA MEMBERS.

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FOR THE APRIL MSA TERRA
CEIA REGATTA THEME AND
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BY FEBRUARY 20th.**



WELCOME TO FEBRUARY 2023!

We sailed through January in fine MSA style, starting with our first Don't Worry Be Happy (DWBH) at Central Café on January 10th, where we had an excellent turnout of over 40 people. Thank you to our Vice Commodore LuAnn for organizing this get together.

January was, of course, highlighted by our annual Installation Dinner at the Bradenton Yacht Club on January 22nd. The dinner was well attended and a good time was had by all, by all accounts, so I hear. Unfortunately, although I attended, I was not feeling 100% after fighting the flu for a week or so and was not able to participate to a full extent. Nonetheless, it was wonderful to see so many people dressed up in their best (shiniest, goldest) "Night of the Dragon" attire, enjoying themselves and dancing the night away to the wonderful music provided by Chuck Weirich.

Many thanks to Gail and Chuck and Roger, who set up the table displays, and to Tom and Linda, who managed the check-in and myriad other details that made the evening a success (while I sat and watched, sorry!) and to anyone else who

helped but I didn't mention, sorry, I blame the flu for my bad memory. Tom also did a great job announcing our new MSA members, as well as the winners of our Member of the Year, Boat of the Year, Toot Your Horn, Salty Sailor, and Racing awards, and thanking the outgoing Board. A great big welcome to all new members and thanks to you all.

We're off to a good start for a fun filled MSA year as Gail, our Social Secretary, already has a few outings in the works, including experiencing Circus Sarasota on Monday, February 20th, and a trip to the Cigar Factory in Ybor City on Thursday, March 16th, and LuAnn, our aforementioned Vice Commodore, has a DWBH planned for February 8th at the Grand Buffet on 41 in Bradenton. RSVP to Gail and/or LuAnn,

pencil the events in your calendar or put them in your phone calendar, and stay tuned for more events and DWBHs in the coming months.

On the Terra Ceia front, our annual Terra Ceia regatta will be held on Saturday, April 22nd, with the after party at the Tropic Isles clubhouse. More details will be forthcoming as the date gets closer, but first – and this is **IMPORTANT - we need a theme! MSA**

Members, put on your creative thinking hats and bring your best Terra Ceia theme ideas to the meeting on February 16th!

There might even be a prize for the person who submits the winning theme! Woo hoo!

Regarding our February monthly meeting, here are the details: it will be held on Thursday, February 16th at the community center at Trailer Estates, located at the corner of Canada Blvd and 69th Ave W. in Bradenton. The meeting will begin at 6:00

pm and will be a potluck, so please bring a dish to share and your own beverage of choice. Our speakers on the 16th will be our own Gail Gordon and Chuck Fulton, sharing some interesting factoids learned from their recent travels to Cambodia and Vietnam. Also, we will also be bringing some MSA flyers to the meeting on the 16th and we would like each of you to think about where you

might post or distribute a flyer or two, in order to raise awareness of MSA (its existence) and perhaps draw in some new members and/or new boats. The more the merrier, right?

And finally, some **cruising news**. I have been in contact with the Commodore of the Dolphins Cruising Club of Tampa Bay. The Dolphins will be anchoring out at Terra Ceia

Bay the weekend of Feb 10-12 and the following weekend of Feb 18-20 in the channel near Cortez for the seafood festival, and MSA sailors are welcome to join them at both. Details regarding these weekend events will be provided in a separate email. We are in discussions with the Dolphins and also with the Cortez Yacht Club (whose members

are mostly powerboaters) for additional coordinated events.

Happy Sailing and see you on the 16th at the meeting,

Patti Korn
Commodore, MSA

2023 MSA TERRA CEIA REGATTA AND PARTY

Start planning now to sail our signature yearly event on beautiful Terra Ceia Bay. The date is Saturday April 22. Get ready for a day of sailing and an evening of good food and live music. Details to come.



THE NIGHT OF THE DRAGON

Months ago, I was going through some boxes in my garage trying to make sense of it all and I ran across some old table decorations from past MSA events. One box was filled with enough Asian décor to top our tables at this year's installation banquet. I realized that this would save the club some money if I could come up with an idea for a theme to be able to use them. And since the selected date fell on the Asian Lunar New Year, that clinched my decision! "The Year of the Rabbit" (as in the



Chinese calendar for 2023), just didn't do it for me so I came up with the "Night of The Dragon". I encouraged

members to wear something exotic but I had no idea that so many people in our club had Oriental Clothes in their closet! You all looked amazing! Thank you for participating!!!! You enhanced the party!

We have for the last years had the extreme pleasure of enjoying an evening in a spectacular setting at the Bradenton Yacht Club thanks to some of our members who pulled strings to make it happen. We have been privileged to watch the sun set over the horizon at a glamorous marina as we sip wine with our best friends. This year was no different. The music from Chuck, our favorite DJ, seemed particularly wonderful that night and I was impressed with his talent on the trumpet. What a guy! Dinner was once again a delight and I was wowed with the yummy chocolate dessert. That was unexpected!



The best part of the evening was when our outgoing commodore, Tom Briggle, announced the coveted MSA awards to deserving members for 2022. "Toot Your Own Horn" originated years ago at the hands

of Sue Davidson. It was a memorial award dedicated to a beloved member, Ray Glover, who passed away much too soon. He was a local sail maker and I can remember having MSA meetings in his shop. This award went to someone very, very special.....Gary Morgan. This unusual trophy was presented to him with humble thanks for the countless hours of good will, work, participation and unending devotion granted to our MSA organization. Congratulations!



The making of the "The Boat of the Year Award", the next presentation, originally involved me!!!! The sleek wooden sail boat that sits on the top of the award was my husband's, Don Gordon. I did not have a perfect home for it so someone suggested donating it to the club. With the help of Joe Jackson who crafted the matching wooden base, it sits proudly as a part of our award process which is also filled with special memories of past members. This elegant

award went to an elegant vessel, the San Souci. Though not a sailboat, she is the pride and joy and home of Pat and Patrick Dwyer. But, she is an honored and celebrated member of our MSA fleet!



A rather new award, “The Salty Sailor”, was a gift to the club during Marino Garci’s first term as commodore. If I remember correctly, this trophy was presented back and forth in Marino’s sailing club up north and finally became a permanent fixture on Marino’s mantle. He figured this ol’ captain needed to be part of the MSA club and would be



presented to those who possessed the love of sailing in their DNA. First to receive it was John Castellana for his efforts in trying to instill the love of racing in our club.

This year, “the Salty Sailor” trophy was awarded to Sue Davidson. Her sailing DNA has proven very powerful as it has been passed down to her daughter. Way to go, girl!

The final presentation of the night was the “Member of the Year” award. This one has a special place in my heart. It was created by MSA to honor my husband, Don Gordon, who contributed to this club not only in life but also in death. As after his passing, several thousand dollars were donated to the association in memorial. I accepted the award for Don as he

became its first recipient. This special recognition goes to a member who participates without limits

in all capacities to the benefit of the club and its members.

This person exhibits a “can do” positive attitude and does so for the love of sailing.



This year the “Member of the Year” award went to Linda Briggle. I can’t imagine anyone who deserved it more. Well done, Linda!!!!



With elegance and grace, the commodore for 2022, Tom Briggle gave homage to his board and presented them with gift baskets featuring stained glass panels crafted by Linda Briggle.



And then Tom handed over the helm to the 2023 MSA Commodore, Patti Korn. She assembled her board; LuAnn Zajaczkowski – Vice Commodore, Tom Briggle- Past Commodore, Claude Salomon- Secretary, Linda Briggle- Treasurer and Membership, Gail Gordon- Social Secretary and John Castellana- Racing Captain, and presented them with their sailing pennants. A short meeting transpired and then after that, the

party began with music and dancing and fun. What a great night. We look forward to many more chances in 2023 to celebrate our love of sailing, the MSA organization and each other. Thank you for such an auspicious occasion, “The Night of the Dragon”.

Gail Gordon
Social Secretary

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you will be attending at luann01@comcast.net.

LuAnn Zajaczkowski

Ok, we are gonna do something a little bit different this month. Our next DWBH is scheduled for **Wednesday February 8th at 5 pm**. In sorta keeping with the theme of our Installation Dinner we are going to meet at the **Grand Buffet- 4848 14th St W in Bradenton**. Yes we are doing Chinese food. They also have sushi, a hibachi grill where you can decide on your own ingredients and a small selection of American food. They serve beer and wine which comes at an additional charge. The price is \$16.99 for the all you can eat dinner. We will be meeting in a semi-private dining room at the front of the restaurant. Hope to see you all there. Please RSVP to me whether or not



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MSA SOCIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

CIRCUS SARASOTA FEBRUARY 20TH AT 1 P.M.

Sarasota, Florida is known as the “Circus Capital of the World,”



and we are grateful to have Circus Sarasota as our resident hometown circus. Over the years we have enjoyed the talented kids that have performed incredible acts of daring in the Sailor Circus. But we have never witnessed the skills of those adults who taught them so well. It's time that we go to the source of all the years of training by the professionals.



Circus Sarasota is acclaimed around the globe for world-class artistry and entertainment and also includes the best of International performers all wrapped up in their annual show. Performances are showcased in a one-ring, five-star, European-style Big Top tent located at 140 University Town Center at Nathan Benderson Park behind the UTC Mall. I invite you come to the circus and experience the best of the best!

We have 22 great seats being held for us for the Monday, February 20th 1 P.M. show. The price per ticket will be around \$40 or slightly less depending on the size of our group. The multi-faceted show will last about 2+ hours. Afterwards we will enjoy a Happy Hour or two

or three at Seasons 52 located at 170 University Town Center. Please email me at gailgordon56@gmail.com with your reservation ASAP and no later than February 8th to guarantee your ticket before these great seats are released to the public. See you there!

TOUR OF J.C. NEWMAN CIGAR FACTORY YBOR CITY, TAMPA MARCH 16TH AT 11:30 A.M.

“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!!!! I have made a reservation for our group to enjoy this Historic Tour on Thursday March 16th at 11:30 A.M. I believe that is the best time for us to arrive since we have a 1 hour drive from home and it is important to be on time. Then afterwards we can enjoy a leisurely lunch somewhere in Ybor City. (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 add more fun to the event.) Watch for emails to reserve your tour. You won't want to miss this one! See you there!

MSA ANNUAL TERRA CEIA REGATTA APRIL 22ND

This event needs no introduction! This particular event has been in existence almost as long as this club has been. We have all gotten older and perhaps a bit too relaxed but I bet there is a competitive spirit still living somewhere in our souls. This is the day to bring that spirit back to life. The Terra Ceia Regatta is a race amongst friends who still find sailing an art form to be cherished and constantly refined. This is the day we celebrate that part of our lives that make us "sailors". So get ready to hone your skills and get out there on your boats and sail Terra Ceia. Watch for emails filled with information and excitement. And please participate where ever you feel you can. This is the biggest MSA event of the year! And you are needed to make this a day to remember. So get ready!!!! See you there!

Gail Gordon
MSA Social Secretary

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**PROGRAM FOR THE MSA GENERAL
MEETING
FEBRUARY 16TH, 2023**
By Gail Gordon

In the Spotlight (or hot seat) for our February 2023 MSA General Meeting, there will be some familiar faces who will share an experience they had on a recent trip. Chuck

Fulton and I, Gail Gordon, spent almost a month in Southeast Asia during the Christmas Holiday season. Although most of the time was concentrated in Vietnam, it was the 5 days spent in the Siem Reap area of Cambodia that made the most significant impression on the two of us.

Although the temples of the 1000 year old holy city of Angkor Wat were breathtakingly beautiful and unbelievably massive (sprawling over an area of 16 miles) it was on the drive out to the country to visit the shores of the Great Tonle Sap Lake that blew us away. The lake itself is one of the world's geographical wonders. Let me explain: It all begins with the Mekong River.....

"Where the snows of Tibet melt into the streams of the Himalayas, the Mekong River begins her twisting journey down to the South China Sea. She flows southeast through China, then

southwest to snake between Myanmar and Laos and then southeast again to wind between Laos and Thailand. She spills into Cambodia over a great waterfall on the northern border and reaches Phnom Penh after a journey of almost 25 thousand miles. There she meets the Tonle Sap River which connects to the Tonle Sap Lake in the north to the Mekong at Phnom Penh.



At the end of the dry season, the water level in the lake is higher than the level of the Mekong.....so the Tonle Sap River flows southeast carrying water out of the lake and into the Mekong. With the beginning of the monsoon rains in June, the water level in the Mekong rises quickly. Once it's higher than the lake, the current in the Tonle Sap

River reverses to carry water out of the Mekong and into the lake. With the end of the monsoon rains in November, the water level in the Mekong begins to fall. Once it's lower than the lake, the current in the Tonle Sap River reverses again to carry water southeast, out of the lake and into the Mekong until the monsoon rains begin. The Tonle Sap is the only River in the world whose current reverses in this way."

FYI MSA Sailors!!!!

After attending the St. Pete Power and Sailboat show last weekend, 8 MSA members have chartered a cruising vessel from The Moorings and will set sail in the Abacos from June 5th through June 12th. If anyone would like to follow suit and do some barebone sailing in the Bahamas as well, here is some information that could get you there. Contact these gals and join in on the fun! For more info contact me at gailgordon56@gmail.com.

Michela at the Moorings michela.buonomo@thlmarine.com
(800 669-8288)
Vanessa at Sunsail vanessa.campbell@thlmarine.com
(800 734-8843)

Chuck and I had the privilege of taking a boat ride on the Lake and getting a glimpse of how the Cambodian people live under these

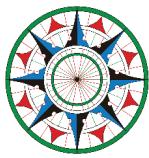
conditions. We visited one of the floating villages where residents spend their lives tied to the lakes cycles. They are constantly on the move as the water level rises or recedes throughout the year. We will share with you

some of our photos and stories of our experience on that journey. Hope you will find it as interesting as we did.

CRUISING NEWS

Commodore Korn has been in contact with the Commodore of the Dolphins Cruising Club of Tampa Bay. The Dolphins will be anchoring out at Terra Ceia Bay the weekend of Feb 10-12 and the following weekend of Feb 18-20 in the channel near Cortez for the seafood festival, and MSA sailors are welcome to join them at both. Details regarding these weekend events will be provided in a separate email and discussed at the MSA meeting on February 16th. We are in discussions with the Dolphins and also with the Cortez Yacht Club (whose members are mostly powerboaters) for additional coordinated events.

Every February for the past four decades, people have gathered in one of Florida's last true fishing villages to celebrate the cultural history of the region and to honor the



If you are looking for a good documentary film to watch that features sailing and is most entertaining, check out "The Race To Alaska"! Gail found it on Prime Video and paid a small fee but felt it was well worth it and then some. Think about what it takes to race a vessel of your choice on the rugged coast of Canada with extreme weather for 750 miles WITHOUT ANY MOTOR! Positively amazing!



men and women who supply us with fresh local seafood. The village of Cortez and the Florida Institute for Saltwater Heritage (F.I.S.H.) are excited to welcome the public back to the shores of Sarasota Bay for the 41st Annual Cortez Commercial Fishing Festival on February 18 & 19, 2023



Manatee Sailing Association

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