



Gale Tales

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Up Coming Events

March 2023

| Event | Date | Time | Place |
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| MSA Meeting | Mar 8 | 6:00 PM | Trailer Estates Community Center |
| Cigar Factory Tour | Mar 16 | 11:30 PM | JC Newman Cigar Factory, Ybor City |

On the Horizon

| Event | Date | Time | Place |
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| MSA Meeting | Apr 5 | 6:00 PM | Trailer Estates Community Center |
| Regatta | Apr 22 | Noon | Terra Ceia Bay |
| Tour | May 23 | 11:00 AM | Historic Tampa Theater |

**TERRA CEIA REGATTA
SAIL-EBRATION
APRIL 22ND**



Happy March!

Greetings MSA members and friends. February was short and hopefully sweet for you all. As a quick recap, MSA members were able to gather at another well-received Don't Worry Be Happy at the Grand Buffet in Bradenton on February 8, and again at our February MSA meeting on February 16. Many thanks to Vice-Commodore Luann Zajaczkowski for organizing the DWBH, and to Past Commodore Tom Briggie for reserving the room for our MSA meeting. Also many thanks to Gail Gordon and Chuck Fulton for their interesting and informative presentation of the highlights of their recent travels to Cambodia and Vietnam.



Our March meeting will be Wednesday, March 8. Again, the meeting will start with a potluck dinner at 6 pm, with a speaker beginning about 6:30 pm and the business meeting of MSA immediately following the speaker. Also again, the meeting will be at the community center at Trailer Estates, located at the corner of Canada

Bld and 69th Ave W. in Bradenton. For the potluck, please bring a dish to share and your own beverage of choice.

Our speaker this month will be Krista Carpenter, from Wildlife Inc, located in Bradenton Beach. Krista will discuss, among other things, the outreach and rescue activities of Wildlife Inc, as well as the hazards of fishing lines for seabirds and how sailors and boaters can help. Krista also plans to bring with her a small, feathered friend, Odie, a screech owl!

In other news, the theme for Terra Ceia 2023 on April 22nd has been decided and Social Secretary Gail will make that announcement in her report below. Thank you to all of you who gave us your highly creative suggestions for the theme! Racing Captain John has sent/will be sending out invitations to local sailing clubs to invite additional racers. Any member who knows of a local club that might be interested in racing is welcome to let John know so that he can

issue an invitation. Any captain that is looking for crew should also let John know, as should any MSA member who is looking to crew.

Racing or not, all MSA members are invited and encouraged to attend the party immediately following the conclusion of the races. The party will start about 5 pm with a cocktail hour (BYOB) and a potluck dinner and music by the “Senile Delinquents” beginning at about 6 pm. The cover charge for the party will be \$20 per person; there will be a separate charge for the t-shirt, but that price is TBD. We will have RSVP/order forms for the party and the T-shirts at the March 8 meeting. Any additional details will be below and/or in next month’s Gale Tales but be sure to mark the date in your calendars now!

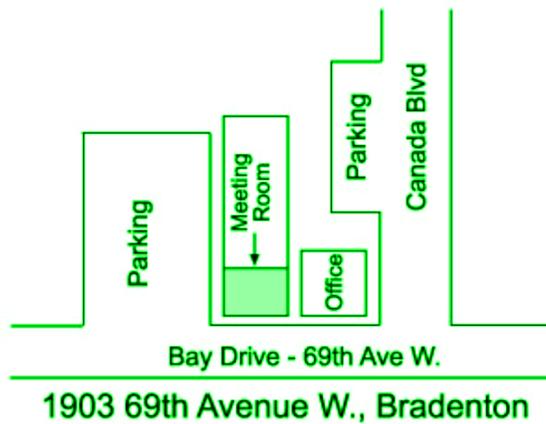
Looking forward to seeing you all at the meeting on March 8 and at our outing to the Cigar Factory in Ybor City on March 16.

Happy Sailing,

Patti Korn
Commodore, MSA

 **MSA Meeting**

Our March 8th Meeting will be held at the Trailer Estates Community Center located at 1903 69th Avenue West, Bradenton. We will have a potluck dinner starting at 6 PM. Please bring a dessert or entree and BYOB.



MEETING SPEAKER: KRISTA CARPENTER



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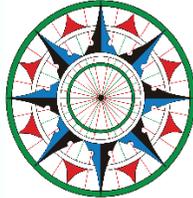
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2023 MSA TERRA CEIA REGATTA AND PARTY

MSA Members, Sailors & Friends,

We are 9 weeks from our 2023 Terra Ceia Regatta & Party. The race will be starting at 1200 Noon on Saturday, April 22 on beautiful Terra Ceia Bay. The party will be in the Tropic Isles Auditorium which is larger than last year's location but still comfortably air conditioned. There will be live music and great food, but plan to bring your own grog. A map will follow in the next GaleTales along with more detailed info.



As in past years, there will be two races. The second starts when the first has finished. The approximately 4nm courses have changed a little to bring the start/finish line closer to the party place, with a short course to be substituted in the event of light wind.

There will be trophies for the overall first, second & third place winners and a place on the Terra Ceia Perpetual Trophy for the winning MSA boat.

The race and party are open to sailors that are not members of MSA, as well as those that

are. So, if you do not have a boat but know someone that is not an MSA member and owns a sailboat, talk them into a great race and party. They may become the next generation of MSA members.

If you have a sailboat but are new to racing, keep in mind that our club has no shortage of seasoned sailors that no longer own boats, that would love to get out on the water and help you compete.

Tom & Linda have volunteered to committee the race, but we still need a boat or two, drawing 4 feet or less, to ferry the sailors to the party and back to their boats.

Race registration is requested by April 14. But sooner is better. A Registration Form is attached.

If you are planning to race, please reply asap to help me plan the race.

Thanks, John C
MSA Racing Captain
Jcastell382@gmail.com
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INVITATION TO RACE & PARTY

APRIL 22, 2023

THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE MANATEE SAILING ASSOCIATION INVITE YOU TO JOIN US IN THE
TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL TERRA CEIA REGATTA ON BEAUTIFUL TERRA CEIA BAY.

THE RACES:

There will be two races -- the first starting at 12 noon, the second when the first is completed.

There is a race entry fee of \$20 per boat. That fee will include the party cover charge for one person.

There will be 2 divisions: boats with ballast and boats without ballast. There must be three boats to race in a division.

Boats wishing to use a flying headsail must declare their intention by Friday, April 14.

HANDICAPS:

We will accept the handicap of boats on record at MSA, PHRF-WF certificates (current or expired), or you may apply for an MSA handicap before Friday, April 14.

THE PARTY:

We have reserved the Tropic Isles auditorium for our party. There is a \$20 per person cover charge to attend the party.

5:00 pm - Cocktail hour (BYOB)

6:00 pm - Potluck dinner and music by the "Senile Delinquents"

Please bring a dish to share – last names A-K entrée or side dish, L-Z appetizer or dessert

RACING AWARDS PRESENTED DURING THE BAND'S BREAK.

IN THE EVENT OF SERIOUSLY INCLEMENT WEATHER THE PARTY WILL GO ON AS PLANNED. THE RACE WILL BE POSTPONED UNTIL SUNDAY APRIL 23.

NO REFUNDS

PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR REGISTRATION BY APRIL 14

FOR INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION FORMS, CONTACT:

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MANATEE SAILING ASSOCIATION 2023 RACE & ON THE WATER EVENTS REGISTRATION

This form covers all MSA on the water events in 2023

Skipper's Name: _____ Boat Name: _____
 BOAT TYPE, MODEL, YEAR and LOA: _____ email address _____
 My Name: _____ My Phone #: _____
 My Address: _____ City, ZIP: _____

Race Entry Agreement - Please Read Carefully UNSIGNED, INCOMPLETE REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE REJECTED

In consideration of the acceptance of my race entry by Manatee Sailing Association (MSA), I agree as follows:

1. Representations. If I am the Skipper, I represent that I own, or have permission of the owner to skipper, the boat entered. I certify that my boat is equipped to conform with U.S. Coast Guard, US SAILING and Class/Fleet safety requirements, including a personal flotation device for each crew member. I am fully responsible for the operation and safety of my boat. I represent that I and my crew are physically fit to participate in the race.

If I am crew or Skipper, I represent that my participation in this recreational activity is voluntary and for my enjoyment, that I am free to withdraw at any time I deem prudent, that I am physically fit to participate in the race, that I acknowledge that sailboat racing involves risks, and that I freely assume all risks, including the risks of serious personal injury, death or permanent disability from accident, drowning, exposure, overexertion, adverse sea or weather conditions, loss or damage of my boat or equipment, as well as all unforeseen risks.

2. Rules. I will comply with all US SAILING rules, the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing and all other rules that govern these events.

3. Insurance. MSA is not my insurer. If I am the Skipper, I maintain insurance policies sufficient to protect myself and my property, including liability, medical and property coverage, which insurance is primary and non-contributory, AND I HAVE ATTACHED A COPY OF THE DECLARATIONS PAGE OF SAID INSURANCE HERETO.

4. Liability Waiver and Release. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I waive the right to sue and I forever release MSA from any and all liability for personal injury or property damage arising from my participation in the race, and if I am the Skipper, I agree to indemnify and hold MSA harmless from any claim, damage, liability, lawsuit, cost or expense, including attorney fees, arising from my or my crew's acts or omissions and from any lawsuit brought against MSA in violation of this agreement.

Today's Date: _____ Signatures (Skipper): _____

Crew: _____ Crew: _____ Crew: _____ Crew: _____

My parent or guardian's signature if I am under 18 years old: _____

**Return this form and attachments to the attention of
 MSA Race Captain, John Castellana (585)-737-6712
 by email to: jcastell382@gmail.com or
 by mail to: MSA, P.O. Box 14482, Bradenton, FL 34280-4480**

**A DAY AT THE CIRCUS!
FEBRUARY 20TH, 2023**

Since I had tried 3 times to schedule a kayak trip in the Mangroves at Lido Key, and failed due to one thing or another, I gave up and moved on to another task. We were heading into the busy tourist season of the year and I knew we would be dealing with traffic and crowds on whatever I would put together for an event.

“What to do and where to go” has been my MSA mantra for over a decade.

Having to come up with something pronto, I resorted to those familiar outings that have been fun but easy to arrange. The Circus Conservatory of Sarasota has always been a safe haven for us. But our usual visits have been to the Sailor Circus. I wondered what a more traditional venue would be like. I called the box office and “lo and behold”, Circus Sarasota was celebrating their 25th Anniversary



with a special performance. The agent, one I have always worked with in the past, quickly gathered up an entire section of good seats, gave us a discount and reserved them for us. We could use as many as we needed but we could return any we did not. It was the best deal in town! I scheduled our entertainment for early afternoon, 1 P.M., so hopefully traffic would not be an issue. However, I neglected to notice at that time that February 20th was a Holiday (President’s Day) and the end of a long weekend. This would ultimately

require us to comply with some last minute adjustments.

Without any great fanfare I just announced the event and within a few hours, I had a delightful list of MSA members who wanted to participate in an afternoon at the circus.



This promised to be well attended. I was excited! A few days before the event, I drove down to the Big Top tent at Nathan Benderson Park to pick up our tickets. I also got a handle of where exactly we needed to go which was different than the directions I had in my head. At that time I became

aware of a charge to park (\$10) which I was not prepared for. The agent in the box office told me that the most of the proceeds went to the Boy Scouts and that the land was in fact rented from the park system. I sucked it up. But then, we were strongly urged to arrive at least an hour early. Yikes! What had I gotten us into?

As usual, MSA’ers met the challenge and we were all sitting in our seats at 1 P.M. to watch death defying acts of skill and precision from performers gathered from all over the world.

The Big Top tent was much smaller than I thought it would be.... one ring only, similar in fact to European venues. Actually, we felt it a more intimate setting as the performers were so close to us. Where do I begin to describe the varied and exciting acts? The show



opened with gorgeous horses and lots of them, as they pranced around the ring instructed by a beautiful trainer. And then I must mention the “clown in a tuxedo” or comic entertainment in between acts. This fellow must have been a distant relative of the Marx Brothers because he was a hoot! I have to admit that I did have a favorite act of the afternoon! These young performers were a couple from Paris and they executed a romantic dance on a thin wire. They were charming and very talented and really easy on the eyes. Another great act was a fellow I recognized from “America’s Got Talent” who performed a spectacular feat of strength



have this sort of thing available to us.

Afterwards we gathered at Season 52 Grill and Restaurant at the University Town Center not far from the Big Top Tent. The manager was kind enough to bend the rules for us to be able to enjoy Happy Hour prices while sitting on the patio. 20 members joined me for the event. But we had special guests afterwards at the

restaurant that made this outing even more special. Former members who have been out of the country sailing for years, Judy and Bob Wakelam were in town and they graced us with their company for a few hours. It was great to see them and it was an honor to be with all of you for a wonderful outing on another gorgeous day in Florida.



standing on his hands. He twisted and turned painfully in slow motion to exquisite classical music while balancing on one hand and then only on the pointed end of a narrow stick. It was a fabulous show and I am thrilled we were there to see it. We do live in Paradise folks to

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Gail Gordon
MSA Social Secretary





AFTER CIRCUS AT SEASONS 52



SAILING AGAIN AT LONG LAST

BY CHUCK FULTON

It was coming up on one year since my unfortunate car accident and I was recovered enough to consider taking Wanderin' Star out again for a sailing trip. Ever since I had been able to drive again and move around a bit, I have been checking on the boat by running the engine once every week or so and making sure all was well.

However, I hadn't had the stamina or balance to take it out as of yet. Though now my stamina had come back for the most part but I was still a bit woozy from the concussion and brain bleeds so I came to the decision to take the boat out only through careful consideration of the safety involved. I would take extra care to hold on securely when moving about the boat and I thought all would be well. So Gail and I planned a short trip to some places nearby to test the theory.

When we decided on some dates we also decided to invite Rick and Adelia Jackerson to go with us both for the pleasant company they would provide and also as a safety backup for my own shortcomings should they appear. So we decided on three days in the last week of January and that worked for the Jackerson's as well. Now I really took a closer look at Wanderin' Star to make sure all systems were "go" and found that they were not. I had forgotten to flush the toilet with water during the year it sat unused and now the seals and O-rings were dried out and it wouldn't pump any water through it. So I called the

Jackerson's and said there would be a delay on our departure and got to work rebuilding the toilet. It was not a hard job but a bit tedious and I had done it once before so I knew it was just a matter of getting the rebuild kit and a day of my time to do it. Once that was done I started the engine to warm it up again and pushing the starter button was rewarded with a giant silence. There was no sound at all, not even a clicking of a relay, just utter silence. So now something else had to be fixed. My



marina slip neighbor, Sal Alfonso, was an electrician by trade so he came over and the two of us went over the wiring and found nothing wrong. All that we couldn't see or reach was the starter solenoid and starter itself. So the next day I removed a

panel on that side of the engine and took the starter wires off and cleaned the connections and tried again. And "Eureka" the engine fired right up. I tried it several more times and the starter caught immediately every time. Now finally, it looked like we were ready to go!

I called Rick and asked him if February 1st through the 3rd would be okay for our mini-sailing trip? We would take the boat out into South Tampa Bay and if there was any wind we'd sail a bit then return to Bimini Bay and anchor for the night. That way if something critical went awry we would be close to Cove Sound Marina and could easily return or get a tow back. If the first day went well we would go to Gulfport for the second night and take a slip at the Gulfport City Marina so we could easily walk into Gulfport for dinner that evening and have AC power for air

conditioning or heat as necessary. We would look at the weather forecast that day and decide whether we should go another day north, perhaps to Dunedin or Clearwater, or return home since the long range forecast called for a cold front coming through on some of those days. Rick's reply was, "Sure the 1st would work for us." and now there was a plan.

2/1/23 Wednesday

The starter has been engaging every time for the past week so hopefully it would continue to do that on this trip. My body was still not 100% but I could function. I'm kind of dizzy all the time but not a spinning kind of dizziness, but a moving kind of feeling like I'm on a boat in light waves. So, one of the main reasons for taking this trip was to see if I could still do this sailing business. Gail and I met Rick and Adelia at the marina at 1100 and got all our stuff put into the boat. I had removed most of the dock lines yesterday so it didn't take long to get the remaining ones removed and hung on the pilings. Rick and Adelia would be staying in the port quarter berth so they stowed their stuff in



there. Once the engine was warmed up Rick handled the port bow piling as we pulled out and sure enough the little wind we had which was behind us pushed us up across the alleyway towards the boats on that side. I had to quickly reverse us

back into the alley and straighten out so we could proceed out of the marina. As much as I love this boat it was a bugger to maneuver in tight quarters because it just couldn't turn quickly. I did manage to get out of the marina with no further close calls and we were on our way.

Anna Maria Bridge was our first bridge and we made it with very little waiting even though we were number three boat coming through from the south. This morning the wind was quite light as to be almost nonexistent and when we got out of the ICW and into South Tampa Bay we turned into what little wind there was. I hoisted the mainsail which went up a bit tightly since it hadn't been used in a year. I had meant to bring the silicone spray to use on the lugs as it went up but I forgot to bring it to



the foredeck. Then I flew the jib and shut the engine down and we ghosted along for a while. There was so little wind the water's surface was oily smooth. At least now I knew that the sails still worked and there are no problems there. After that we started the engine and lowered the sails and headed for Bimini Bay which was going to be our anchorage for the night. I deliberately made today a short day and stayed close to home so if we had a boat or engine problem it would be a short tow back to the marina. Rick helmed most of the way and did a good job though I took it when we were close to Anna Maria Island so I could be responsible if we had a problem. He has his own monohull sailboat and had plenty of experience but his engine was out of commission right now so he and Adelia were dock-bound. It was a beautiful day and our anchorage in Bimini Bay was solitary and very pleasant. We were getting low on beer (because Gail left most of it at home) so she called Roger Cappello who lived right around the corner from where we were anchored and invited him over for snacks. She also mentioned that if he by chance had any extra beer in the fridge, to please bring some over. A

short time later, Roger cruised in on his wave-runner along with a cooler full of beer. He came aboard and we sat in the cockpit and had



snacks, enjoyed his beer and talked for an hour or so. After he left, the girls fixed supper and we all dined in style. During the evening we talked and laughed until we got tired enough to go to sleep. So we had a successful post-accident first day on Wanderin' Star.

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| LV COVE SOUND | 1130 |
| ARV BIMINI BAY | 1445 |
| DISTANCE | 9.1 NM |
| TIME | 3:40 |
| AVG SPEED | 2.7 KTS |
| ENGINE HOURS | 2239.2 |

2/2/23 Thursday

Today was the one year anniversary of the car accident. While I was in the hospital I didn't think it would take a year to get this old body of mine serviceable again, but it sure has. After a good night's sleep we had breakfast, warmed up the engine, and raised the anchor for our next leg of the trip to Gulfport. Since there was still very little wind we decided to go outside into the Gulf instead of up the ICW. We motored across the south end of Tampa Bay watching for freighters coming or going in the

ship channel. After crossing the ship channel we approached the tip of Ft. Desoto across from Egmont Key where we weren't sure the depths were still accurate after Hurricane Ian went through here last year. We went through the path that the chart showed the deepest water (7 to 8 feet) and once it did get down to 7 feet but the rest of the way was okay even though it was low tide at this time. We just followed the Green Line up the coast I had built in SeaClear and went in via North Channel and Pass-A-Grille Channel. After the 65 foot mega-bridge we turned right just beyond R"2" and before R"26" and after passing G"3" turned slightly left and headed for markers "1" and "2" leading into Gulfport Municipal Marina. I had made a reservation on the website "dockwa.com" last week and after negotiating that sorry website, I finally was able to reserve a slip. We called 15 minutes out and the dock master said (in an unfriendly



manner), call me again when you get closer. So we called again at the markers and he said come on in and tie up at the 300 foot floating dock as if I knew my way around. I had never been there on my boat! Fortunately, Rick has been in the marina before so he helped me find my way in which wasn't very evident. You had to go all the way to the end of the first alleyway as you entered the marina then turn 90 degrees left and go to the end of that alley then turn 90 degrees left again and the 300 foot floating dock was on the right. Someone came out to

help us get tied up and after that he left without another word. The marina people here were not particularly friendly though maybe they didn't have to be since the marina was completely full of boats. They obviously weren't hurting for business. Personally, I think the marina website should have an expanded map of the docks and have the long floating transient dock named and pointed out with a big arrow. That would help those of us who have never been in this marina.

We hooked up the AC power, got the air conditioner going and hung some fenders before going to the office to sign papers and getting the keys to the gates and bathrooms.

This marina was where Gail and I had driven to for an MSA get-together on Charles's boat, Jazz, last year and found ourselves locked IN during a downpour. We had no idea that we needed Charles and his key to let us out the fence gate and we got soaked in that rain with no raingear except for a couple of black garbage bags we found in the supplies shed. So I got the all important keys (\$25 deposit) and we used them to get into the bathrooms for showers. Once we were all cleaned up, we let ourselves out

the gate and walked to town (about 3/4 mile) and had a wonderful dinner at Pia's Trattoria. The food was excellent, the surroundings on the patio were beautiful, the temperature perfect and the music romantic. It was a great evening. We walked back to the boat and got ready for bed and called it a day.

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| LEAVE BIMINI BAY | 0930 |
| ARRIVE GULFPORT | 1300 |
| DISTANCE | 16.5 NM |
| TIME | 3:45 |
| AVERAGE SPEED | 4.8 KTS |
| ENGINE HOURS | 2243.0 |

2/3/23 Friday

Since the weather report yesterday had said the front was approaching today with rain forecast for about 1300 and winds 20-25 knots after that, we decided to leave fairly early so we might beat that wind and rain home. I had



woken up early thinking about how to leave the dock with the wind coming from the SW and had decided to put Rick on a bow line and Gail on a stern line. We would have the dock lines looped around the cleat but not tightly so the lines would just pay off the cleat as we moved away. Gail would pay out her line as I backed the stern away from the dock then when I got enough clearance from the boat behind us I would signal Rick to pay his line out as I backed away into the alleyway. I had hung extra fenders

towards the bow so I could pivot on them as I backed the stern away from the dock. I needed room in front to clear the big yacht ahead of me at the dock before I could pass him on his right. As it turned out the SW winds pushed the bow out enough so I had to just go forward and we had enough room to clear the big yacht

in front of us. We proceeded out of the marina and across Boca Ciega Bay on the reverse course of how we came in there yesterday. But after the first mega-bridge we turned left and went under the new mega-bridge (65 foot clearance) that used to be a Bascule Bridge the last time I came this way. From here we just

followed the channel markers along the west side of I-275 and we even saw some kite-boarders flying at the north rest-stop. From there the only hurdle was crossing the Egmont ship channel in the fog that had just appeared that morning. We could see about 1/3 mile but I fired up the radar and after a few minutes of figuring out how to use it again (since it has been more than a year since I last used it), it painted no returns so we crossed the ship channel without

incident. After that it was a straight shot SSW across the bay to the first ICW marker into the channel to the Anna Maria Bridge where we arrived nearly 30 minutes early and had to wait the whole time for the next opening. By now the weather was obviously building in the northwest and the wind was increasing. We got

into Cove Sound Moorings about 1200 and because of the westerly wind I decided to back Wanderin' Star into my alleyway and into my slip. It worked out pretty well until the last few feet when the wind was pushing us sideways and we had to pull our way into the slip far enough to reach the short blue mooring line that

secured us. Finally, we were home with no band aids on people or scratches on the boat and that was all good. Shortly after we got a few lines on the boat, a rainstorm of biblical proportions hit the marina. It didn't last long, maybe 30 minutes but it sure rained hard! Then the wind started up. So we got back just in the nick of time. Maybe next boat trip we can go farther away, perhaps down south to Venice or Marco again. There is a great anchorage in Smokehouse Bay in Marco Island that's one of my favorite places on this coast. I'm starting



to make a plan!

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| LEAVE GULFPORT | 0800 |
| ARRIVE COVE SOUND | 1215 |
| DISTANCE | 19.6 NM |
| TIME | 4:43 |
| AVERAGE SPEED | 4.7 KTS |
| ENGINE HOURS | 2247.3 |

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MSA SOCIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

J.C. NEUMAN CIGAR FACTORY MARCH 16TH AT 11:30

“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 located at 2701 N. 16th St. in the 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 tour 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 at least a 1 hour drive from home and it is important to be on time. Then afterwards we will enjoy a leisurely lunch at the original 117 year old Columbia Restaurant in Ybor City at 2117 E. 7th Ave. It is only a 5 minute drive to the restaurant from the cigar factory. You won’t want to miss this one! Please email me at gailgordon56@gmail.com with your



reservations no later than March 10th. I can't wait to see you there!!!!

MSA ANNUAL TERRA CEIA REGATTA "SALTY 25TH SAIL-EBRATION" APRIL 22ND

News Flash! After receiving well over 15 Terra Ceia theme ideas for 2023, the MSA Board has made a selection. Our beloved Gary Morgan inspired this year's title by creating a word, "Sail-ebraction. That just about says' it all! Gary is very good with words as he has been our newsletter editor for years. Congrats, Gary, you will receive a Terra Ceia 2023 T-shirt with your theme personally designed on it as our thanks for your creative ideas and participation.

This event needs no introduction! The Terra Ceia Regatta has been in existence almost as long as this club has been. This year we will be celebrating the 25th time MSA has raced around Terra Ceia Bay. 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. The theme selected for 2023 gets to the root of the matter. 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. After the races, the exciting pot luck dinner and dance at Tropic



Isles will be in full swing. We have rented a larger room so we can spread out and enjoy great food, conversation and dancing. This year, "Senile Delinquents" will provide the music at the event. I have heard that they are amazing so bring your dancing shoes!

There will be a pot luck dinner again this year and we will split the alphabet with food requests: All those whose last names that begin with A through K please bring an entrée or side dish. And those names that begin with L through Z please bring an appetizer or dessert. It's always a thrill to see the delicious plates our members bring to the table and somehow the selection of different foods, magically becomes a banquet fit for a king. As always you are invited to bring your favorite beverage to accompany your meal. Race winners will be "Sail-ebractioned during the evening. Tickets for the big Sail-ebraction Party are \$20 per person. T-shirts will become available for purchase so please watch for emails about ordering them in the near future. And don't forget, we will have a 50/50 raffle during the party and someone will be cruising away with a fistful of loot! This is the biggest MSA event of the year! And YOU are needed to make this a "Sail-ebraction" to remember. So get ready!!!! Participate where ever you feel you can best serve. We'll see you there!

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**"BALCONY TO BACKSTAGE" A TOUR OF
THE HISTORIC TAMPA THEATER
MAY 23RD AT 11 A.M.**

As one of "Americas Best Historic Movie Theaters" by Fodor's travel guides and one of the "10 Most Beautiful Cinemas in the World" as per BBC, Tampa Theater has opened its doors for public tours of the historic landmark. The "Balcony to Backstage tour" invites us to learn more about the majestic movie palace's history and architecture and treats guests to a demonstration of the Mighty Wurlitzer Theater Organ.

Built in 1926, the Tampa Theater is one of America's most elaborate movie palaces and also a beloved landmark. Visitors to the Theater enjoy world class entertainment under a realistic night sky with twinkling stars in a romantic Mediterranean courtyard complete with old world statues, flowers and even gargoyles. Like other movie palaces around the country, Tampa Theater was enormously popular when it opened. For the first time in history, the common person had access to opulence for the price of 25 cents.

But by the 1960's, the times had changed. The rise of television and migration to the suburbs had a profound impact on the movie

palaces that lit up American main streets. Audiences dwindled; costs rose and many of our nation's finest movie palaces were demolished. In 1973, Tampa Theater faced the same fate. But Tampa's citizens rallied. Committees and community leaders got involved and soon reached a deal with the city to rescue the theater.

Today the Theater is managed by the not-for-profit Tampa Theater Foundation. As one of



the most heavily utilized venues of its kind in the United States, Tampa Theater's auditorium host more than 700 events each year, including a full schedule of first run and classic films, concerts, special events, corporate events, tours and educational programs.

Please join me on this fantastic tour back to a different era. Cost is \$20 per person with a minimum of 10 visitors. As always we will have lunch after our tour at a local restaurant nearby to complete our event. Set aside the date, mark your calendar and watch for a sign up email. This is going to be a great adventure back in time. See you there!

Gail Gordon
MSA Social Secretary



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