



Gale Tales

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Up Coming Events

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Event	Date	Time	Place
MSA Meeting	Apr 7	6:00 PM	Smuggler's Landing
DWBH	Apr 13	5:00 PM	Sea Hut Restaurant
Social Event	Apr 21	10:00 AM	Imagine Museum of Glass Art
Cruise	Apr 29	4:00 PM	Bridge Street AMI



This is the month of Easter and the exodus of snow birds. It is also the month of an MSA meeting and DWBH.

I do have some good news to share. The Terra Ceia Regatta and Party have been scheduled for May 21. Our racing captain John Castellana and I selected that day based on party location availability and good tidal information for racing. The Tropic Isles Yacht Club at 1375 29th Ave. W. Palmetto in Tropic Isles Park will be the party venue and we will set up new race courses for the day on the water, starting at noon. Our hope is to book a band soon, so please make any recommendations to me. Linda and I have offered to be the committee boat for the regatta. We will provide more information as it comes available.

On the Horizon

Event	Date	Time	Place
Terra Ceia Regatta	May 21	Noon	Terra Ceia Bay
Terra Ceia Regatta Party	May 21	5:00 PM	Tropic Isles Yacht Club

**Cruise to
Bridge Street
AMI Bayside**



April 29th

I look forward to our meeting on April 7 at the Lund's meeting room, near Smuggler's Landing, 4212 126th St W, Cortez, 34215. This is a reminder to submit your pot luck dinner or dessert along with your RSVP. I will be sending out a notice that will include the choices of entrees or desserts on Tuesday.

The following week we will have our DWBH gathering at the Sea Hut restaurant, 5611 US

Highway 19 Palmetto, FL 34221. They would like a count so please RSVP by Wednesday. And again, I will send a reminder on that day. Should be a good time.

We have been on the water a few times and tried to find an escape last week near Otter Key.

We wanted to anchor so we could walk to St. Armands Circle, enjoy the restaurants and do some shopping. Our crew of Rick and Adelia Jackerson, along with Patti Korn and Linda, instead met up with Dennis and Brigid Vitton, sailing on Aurora in Sarasota Bay. They moved on to Hart's Landing while we ended up boating over to the Dry Dock Restaurant on Longboat Key. The hostess sat us in a window corner table under a candelabra overlooking the water. It was a great view and our lunch was great. We also had the pleasure of watching a couple regattas sailing out of the Sarasota Yacht Club, with different classes of sailing.

Earlier in the month we set out motoring with Patti, Rick, Linda and I, over to see Mike and Gina Spellacy, docking at their home on the canal. We had a great time but it was time to move onto our next adventure, hugging the shoreline to stay out of shallow waters.



I have been watching the Mubadala United States Sail Grand Prix this afternoon. It is amazing the speeds these boats achieve and the technology they use for maximum speeds in sailing. I somehow wonder if I will see JJ on a crew like this with Sue Davidson and Clay Smith cheering her on. I know JJ is doing well.

In the Mail Bag: I have a notice with brochures from the Smyrna Yacht Club about their annual Lipton Cup Regatta, April 22 through April 24. Why they sent us an elaborate package I may never know. Either someone from our club entered their regatta at one point or they have more money in their marketing budget than we do.

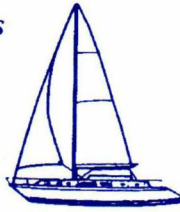
This month signal flags: Try to guess the word associated with this month's signal flags. They have these flags arranged in this order at the Florida Maritime Museum in Cortez. It is open 9AM to 4PM Tuesday through Saturday. It is free so take some time to visit the museum on your way to Anna Maria Island.

As always, happy sailing and I hope to see you at the next event.

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SUNDAY BRUNCH AT THE POLO MATCH

Things Change! For several years one of MSA's big social outings has been Sunday Brunch at the Polo Match. But recently we have had to put our social activities on hold while Covid 19 and its relatives had their way with our lives. So this year I felt we had waited long enough and I started planning our favorite spring get together for the month of March. I checked out the Sarasota Polo website to select our date and noticed some new information listed that I didn't quite understand. I also noticed that the price increased slightly but so has everything else so I didn't think too much about it. I called the listed phone number a few times and no one answered to confirm that the procedures from before had not changed. No one returned my calls and again I didn't think much about it as this was not unusual with today's unemployment situation. Then on February 3rd Chuck had his horrible car accident and everything in my life got put back on hold again. I thought it best to cancel our MSA social events that had been put on the schedule. But several MSA members came to my rescue and offered to take over execution of the outings that had been planned. I couldn't thank them enough!

But on the day of the polo outing at about 8 A.M., I received a phone call that things had changed at the polo field. We now had to reserve our spots ahead of time and pay for



them in advance. So that was the part on the website I didn't understand! Ugh! Poor Charles and LuAnn had to deal with it. But they executed an amazing recovery and found out all the details that I hadn't. The outing on March 20th was perfect in spite of my ignorance. When

I arrived at 11A.M., MSA had 4 slots complete with tents and tables set up at the eastern end zone. From what I was told, a good number of tailgater's were in the same boat as all the better positions were previously reserved. Thank goodness Charles and LuAnn arrived early to

grab the best of what was available. So for future reference, I now know the new procedure so next year we will be better prepared. That is, of course, unless things change!

The drinks, the food and the company were nothing less than 5 stars. There was a bar set up on Charles's truck which started brunch off perfectly. Mimosas and Bloody Marys were served and enjoyed. Sheryl Rouleau brought her incredible coffee cake to complete the first course of the morning. Next, came the "meat" of the matter, lunch, featuring pulled pork sandwiches and all the fixings provided by the members of MSA

attending. There were about 35 members and guests that brought yummy offerings for the day. We all set up our chairs along the grassy field and stuffed our bellies. Just before the afternoon festivities started, a trip to check out the polo ponies (and the players) was mandatory. At 1 P.M. we lined up at the shallow guard rail and welcomed the flag bearer



(who I might add was wearing her colorful flotation device,) and the two teams, Glen Farms and Barefield who strutted their stuff down the field in front of the cheering crowd. (Just so you know, the theme for that afternoons match was, "Spring Break at the Green Beach." During the half time there was

a limbo contest which no one from our group participated in, thank goodness.) We watched the horses and players run up and down the field all afternoon and occasionally they would be at our goal post trying to score or not. We cheered for both teams since we didn't have a favorite. At about 3 P.M, the score was final.....Glen Farms took the day 9 to 6. Again,



Sunday Brunch was a big success! But the real heroes of the day were Charles and LuAnn, who took a less than perfect situation and made it spectacular. I want to give a special MSA thank you to both of them, for this valiant effort. But thank you MSA members as well for joining us on another exciting MSA Social Event.

Gail Gordon
MSA Social Secretary



**THE GRAND CENTRAL EXPERIENCE
ST. PETE**

Thursday April 21st, 2022

Just west of downtown St. Petersburg is a section of town called the Grand Central District. It was founded in 2000 and is designated nationally and by the State of Florida as a Main Street Community. It is home to over 450 locally owned and operated independent business, merchants, restaurants, bars, breweries, art galleries and studios, professional services and health and wellness providers. Grand Central is pedestrian and bicycle friendly. Its boundaries are 31st St. to 16th St and include Central Ave, 1st Ave N and 1st Ave S. Within these streets there is more art in murals than any other area around.

I plan to begin our tour of this little known St. Pete treasure at the Imagine Museum of Glass Art (1901 Central Ave) for a docent led tour at 10:00 A.M. You will see a spectacular collection of contemporary glass art from around the world. You will experience the evolution of the studio glass art movement of artists who have turned it into contemporary masterpieces of color, motion and light. There are 2 floors of expansive exhibits which include American Masters, Glass Now, A Journey of the Imagination, International selections and 1000 Buddha's. We will get a sampling of this incredible museum by a professional to show us the way

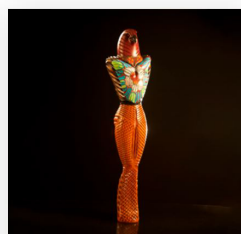


through the over 500 pieces of exquisite glass art. Prices for group tickets are \$13 each. Please email me at gailgordon56@gmail.com with your reservation no later than April 13th to guarantee your ticket.

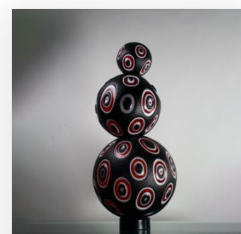
After immersing ourselves into the glass art world we will need to have a change of scenery. Please join me for lunch at the 3 Daughters Brewery (222 22nd St South), one of the many unusual restaurants a few blocks from the museum along this colorful area of St. Pete nicknamed the SoHo. The brewery includes an interesting menu of sandwiches, salads and appetizers to satisfy any hungry visitor at a reasonable price. Of course you will want to sample some of the many varieties of craft beers that are brewed on property. After lunch and some R&R you are free to explore the Grand Central District on your own. You might want check out a great book shop, Tombolo Books Store which just happens to be right next door to the fabulous Black Crow Coffee Shop. There are incredible thrift



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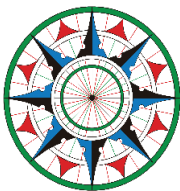
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and vintage shops, bakeries and specialty shops. There are several art studios where pottery by local artists is being made right before your eyes. Murals abound on almost every wall or building. Take time, explore and have fun. Hope to see you there!

Gail Gordon
MSA Social Secretary

CRUISING NEWS

Free Spirit is still out of commission. However two boats went out on our last trip. Denny and Brigid went to Bridge Street for the first night, on Friday. Saturday was very breezy. Tom, Linda, Rick, Adelia and Patty took a Freedom Boat Club boat from Marina Jack's and met Brigid and Denny on the North West end of Sarasota Bay where we got to watch a group of about 30 small sail boats racing. Denny and Brigid then sailed around Sarasota Bay and eventually ended up at Hart's Landing where they enjoyed a beautiful night listening to music.



and expensive. We had a nice view of Sarasota Bay from the second floor.

After dinner we headed back to Marina Jack's to return the boat and then we were off to rendezvous at Hart's Landing for music with Denny and Brigid. We got there an hour before the music started, but there weren't any parking places available, so we reluctantly headed home.

On April 29, 30 and May 1 will be the next sail away which will be to Bridge Street on the bay side of Anna Maria Island. It will be possible to pick up members that drive up at the dingy dock which is just north of the Bridge Tender's outside dining area.

The Freedom Boat Club group continued on to explore Otter Bay by first heading South under the Ringling Bridge, then heading Southwest along the coast of Bird Key, then making the first right to head toward Sarasota Yacht Club, but turning left just before Otter Key. The small bay is actually very deep. There were several boats there for fishing and sun bathing, and 3 were anchored. We continued and were able to circumnavigate Otter Bay and then headed up to New Pass. Our target was a place I have never been to, the Dry Dock Restaurant. We headed North across New Pass and while hugging the coast of the south end of Long Boat Key, made our way to the restaurant where we found a nice slip waiting for us.



Dry Dock is a beautiful place with small antique boats hanging from the ceiling. Having been told we had a 45 minute wait, we were surprised to be seated in 10 minutes. The food was great

Friday we will have happy hour on the boat. Saturday we can walk around Anna Maria Island and find a place for happy hour and dinner. Sunday we can either eat on the boats or head to the Island Craperie for breakfast. Once we find out what boats are coming, we will finalize entertainment plans. Let us know if you are planning on joining us, either on a boat or driving over.

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INVITATION TO FUN RACE & PARTY

MAY 21, 2022

The officers and members of the Manatee Sailing Association invite you to join us in the twenty-fourth annual Terra Ceia Regatta fun races on beautiful Terra Ceia Bay.

THE RACES:

- There will be two races -- the first starting at 12:00 pm (noon), the second when the first is completed.
- There will be 2 divisions, boats with ballast and boats with-out ballast. There must be three boats to race in a division.
- Boats wishing to use a flying headsail must declare their intention by Friday, May 13.
- Handicaps: We will accept the handicap of boats on record at MSA; PHRF-WF certificate, current or expired, or you may apply for an MSA handicap before Friday, May 13.
- There is no fee to enter.

THE PARTY:

- We have reserved the Tropic Isles Yacht Club, 1375 29th Ave. W. Palmetto in Tropic Isles Park, for our party that will convene when the races have finished.
- 5:00 pm: Cocktail hour (BYOB)
- 6:00 pm: Dinner
- 7:00 pm: Music
- 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, May 22.

REGISTRATION BY MAY 13, PLEASE

FOR INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION FORMS

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MANATEE SAILING ASSOCIATION 2022 RACE & ON THE WATER EVENTS REGISTRATION

This form covers all MSA on the water events in 2022

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: _____ My Signature: _____

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

Please 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
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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: _____

Questions?

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