



# Gale Tales

## Manatee Sailing Association

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### Up Coming Events April 2024

Event	Date	Time	Place
DWBH	Apr 3	5:00 PM	Scarpino's
Terra Ceia Regetta	Apr 20	11:00 AM	Terra Ceia Bay
Regatta Party	Apr 20	5:00 PM	Tropic Isles



### Ahoy MSA Members, Friends, and Family,

This month's sailing story – Is about longer races on Seneca Lake and the essential nature of local knowledge. On Seneca Lake each September, we participate in the Barge Race. It's usually the second weekend in September and the fall breezes are blowing a bit more reliably. The race is hosted by the Seneca Lake Yacht Club in Geneva, NY which is about 35 miles up the lake from Watkins Glen where my boat is docked. So, we set out on a Friday morning for as much sailing and as little motoring as possible considering the wind direction and speed. The wind is generally from the south in the morning and clocks around to the west by mid-day. So with any luck and no overriding weather system we can anticipate a day with downwind and broad to beam reach sailing. (Of course, there are times when we have wind on the nose all day.)

We arrive at Seneca Lake State Park around 4:30PM and tie-up at the state docks. As the other boats arrive, we arrange happy hour and dinner plans. A great time. Next morning there is a race meeting at 9AM to get our assigned stagger start times based on handicap. First boat

### On the Horizon

Event	Date	Time	Place
Cruise	May 2,3,4	4:30 PM	Marvista & Harts Landing
MSA Meeting	MAY 8	4:30 PM	Mean Dean's Local Kitchen
Social Event	May 14	2:00 PM	Tampa Bay History Center
DWBH	June 12	5:00 PM	Anna Maria Oyster Bar, Ellenton

### Terra Ceia Regatta

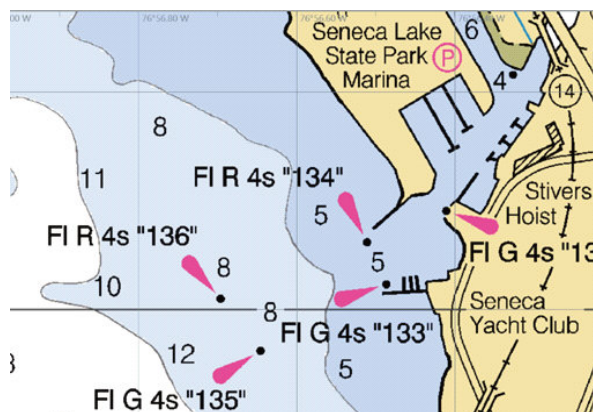


April 20<sup>th</sup> in  
Terra Ceia Bay  
Races Start at Noon

After Race Party at 5PM

of about 20 total is across the line at 10 AM and the race is south 11 miles to the US Navy Barge (Sonar Testing) and back to the start finish 22 miles total. We have had mixed luck on this course but we won the race one year.

Last year the race included wind from the south and light rain all day. The start was delayed a couple hours for the weather. After the race, we got back to the marina in the dark in heavy rain. While coming into the channel, I ran aground on an unmarked pile of rocks. Well yes, they are not marked on the chart but there is a small white lighted buoy that marks their location. When the local sailors came out to help pull us free, they informed us about the obstruction in the channel that generally "everyone" knows to avoid. The backstory is that in the 1800's boats would sail up the lake with stone ballast and then sometimes dumped the ballast before proceeding to haul the boat along the Erie Canal. So local knowledge can be essential. On Sunday morning, we sail back 35 miles to Watkins Glen to end the weekend. Looking forward to this year's race!



*Figure 1 Rocks are in the channel just south of "R134"*

*Figure 2 Innocent looking mark at night in rain.*



MSA March Sail away – Our first Sail-away of 2024 was a terrific sailing trip to Ruskin and St Petersburg. Lynne and I chartered a Catalina 30 S/V Latitudes for the weekend and joined the group. Friday was a race from Manatee River to Ruskin that was a downwind affair. Gina and Mike took line honors. We had 5 boats and a couple of our members who drove up in cars ended up at Little Harbor on Friday night for Happy Hour and Dinner at the Sunset Bar and Grill Restaurant. Saturday was a broad reach to St. Petersburg, docking at The Harborage Marina and in town for dinner at Mio's Restaurant. We motored back Sunday to Sarasota in warm sunny weather. Thanks Sal, Chuck and Sue for making this happen!



*Figure 3 S/V LaAtudes*

Polo 2024 – Gail worked her magic to get us a great location to watch the action at the Polo Grounds. Weather was perfect for the day and pitch in lunch was excellent. Thanks Gail!

Tropic Isles Racing –  
Racing Chairman  
John Castellana just  
closed out the 2024  
Tropic Isles racing  
season with a report to  
the club members.  
John Barry on S2 S/V  
Caspian won the  
season of 7 races.

At a get together at  
Denny and Bridgett

Vitton's dockside, John recognized the  
winner and all boats and thanked the Race  
Committee, and the Committee Boat  
crews who run the races.

Get ready for our MSA Regatta on April  
20<sup>th</sup>. Our hope is to get everyone available  
out on the water. This year there will be a  
just-for-fun Boat Tour around Terra Ceia  
Bay at 1230HRS in addition to the 2  
Sailboat races for the regatta. Boat crews  
will hoist flags and dress the part for the  
most MSA Spirit! Plan to make a day of it  
as we will meet at 1700HRS at the Tropic  
Isles Clubhouse for awards, dinner and  
dancing.

Sal, Chuck and Sue are organizing  
another Sail Away on Thursday May 2<sup>nd</sup> for



*Figure 4 S/V LaÂtudes anchored at the Desoto Cross*

a couple nights. We will  
meet at the Mar Vista  
mooring field and race to  
Sarasota on Friday. If not  
by boat, plan to come by  
car to the club events that  
are planned by this group.  
It will be a fun one.

MSA Member's Meeting -  
Our next members'  
meeting is May 8<sup>th</sup> at Mean  
Dean's at 5PM. Our guest

speaker will give a talk on Celestial  
Navigation. Please join us for an update  
from our MSA officers and dinner. (Happy  
Hour ends at 5PM so arrive around  
4:30PM to get a beverage and a table in  
the side room.)

In addition, Tom Briggie is setting up the  
next DWBH events on 4/3/24 at  
Scarpino's and another on 6/12/24. We  
had a great turn out last month at RJ  
Gators and the more the merrier. See you  
there!

Fair Winds and following seas,

Jim McGinnis  
Commodore

**DON'T WORRY BE HAPPY, APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup> AT 5:00 PM**



**Scarpino's**  
FAMILY  
RESTAURANT

6152 14th St W,  
Bradenton, FL  
34207



## **THE FIRST SAIL-AWAY OF THE 2024 SEASON**

To recap our first Sail-away which took place on March 15-17, 2024, I will begin with the weather promising to be perfect for the weekend and indeed it was, but we could have used a bit more wind. Me, Gail, and Rick and Adelia were on my boat, a Gemini Catamaran "Wanderin' Star", with Sal and Malu on his Catalina 35, "Boatnuts", Mike and Gina in their Compac 27 "Esprit de Mer", Jim and Lynn in a Catalina 30, "Latitude", and Sue and John in their Tartan 37, "Grrrrr". We began the day with an informal, unofficial race from the #2 marker at the mouth of the Manatee River to the "D-5" ship channel marker just west of Little Harbor which was our goal the first day out, the distance being 13.7 NM. The wind was flakey and mostly on our stern but we made the best of it by flying our sails wing-on-wing and were doing a blazing 1.5 to 3 knots most of the day. As we approached the Sky Way Bridge we saw a freighter coming southbound from Tampa and we were both going to get to the bridge about the same time so I engaged the engine and motored under the center span to be well clear before the freighter got there. Now I was on the west side of the ship channel and clear of any freighter traffic. We got to the finish line (Marker "5-D") on the ship channel around 1530. By then several of our boats were already there and milling around furling sails and turning east for the



Little Harbor channel. It's pretty much a straight shot east from "D5" into the channel entrance and didn't take long. We were going to the East Basin to our slip on dock A. As I made my way into the marina there were no letters or markings on the docks to tell which was which. We asked a man on a boat where A dock was and he pointed down to the east end so we kept going. When we finally got down to the last dock (A, with no letter or indication of any kind) I turned in and saw two guys waving who helped us into the slip and we were finally in our berth for the night.

The MSA sailors, plus Dennis and Briget, and Clay who drove their land yachts, gathered under a tiki hut at the upper end of the dock complete with picnic tables and benches. There we happily indulged in



nice, cold liquid libations and snacks to celebrate another successful day on the water. The temperature and weather were about perfect to be outside. Sue Davidson, with all her racing experience had researched our boats and their PHRF ratings so she set about working out who won our informal race today. PHRF Rating, a numerical measure of a boat's speed, is calculated using the physical parameters of the boat- length, beam, displacement (weight), and sail area, etc. The Rating is wholly objective as it addresses only the performance of the boat. We each gave



her our starting and ending times and the finishers were as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place- Mike and Gina Spellacy in “Esprit de Mer”
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place- Sue Davidson in “Grrrr”
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place- Jim McGinnis in “Latitude”
- 4<sup>th</sup> place- Chuck, Gail, Rick, and Adelia in “Wanderin’ Star”
- 5<sup>th</sup> place- Sal and Malu in “Boatnuts”

had finished eating and it was dark we got back in the cars and went back to our boats for the night.

The next day dawned beautiful again so we set out to cross Tampa Bay to St. Pete and the Harborage Marina. We had no problems getting out of Little Harbor Marina but there was no wind in the Bay. We tried setting the starboard jib but it just flogged around so we furled it and motored the rest of the way. It’s only about 9 miles across the Bay to St. Pete so it took only



After our snacks and drinks we carpooled in a couple of cars of those who drove here for the event and went to dinner at the Sunset Grill at the end of the marina property on the coast of Tampa Bay. The staff managed to

get a table set up to accommodate all of us (18 by now) and we enjoyed more camaraderie and a good meal together with fabulous views of the bay and the sunset. After we







about two hours. The channel into the Harborage is straight ahead and well marked but as soon as we turned into the marina proper we were immediately lost as to which alleyway to turn into for our slip at "H-6". But

once established in the alleyway we saw letters on the ends of the various docks and I knew it was further down on the left side. We came to "H" dock and turned left into the alley between it and "I" dock and I knew immediately that I was in trouble. What little wind there was was on the stern and as I turned into slip "H-6" the wind caught the stern and swept it out and past slip "6". I couldn't bring it back in time to pull into our slip so I had to back up and start over again into the wind to finally get my bow into the slip. By now there were a couple of men there to help us and we threw them a line and they got us turned into the slip. There is very little room to maneuver in this alley especially with this catamaran that turns so slowly.

We all got together for snacks and drinks at the pool then began our trek to dinner at Mio's Café (Turkish) just south of



downtown St. Pete which was quite good (it had received all "Excellent" ratings on Trip Advisor). At the restaurant which is small inside we had to wait a few minutes before Ozzie, our waiter, was able to move some tables and bring more chairs for

seating at a long table on the sidewalk but it worked out quite well. Mio's Café was very busy but Ozzie took care of us nicely. Being a Saturday evening St. Pete was "poppin" as Gail likes to say and the sidewalks were crowded with people coming and going and with some fairly loud music coming from a bar called "Moon Mountain- an Alternative Experience", across the intersection plus all the cars and motorcycles which made this a very active evening location. Ozzie took our orders very efficiently and we



soon had all kinds of interesting Turkish entrees before us. The meal was excellent and I would gladly eat there again.

The next morning we met our fellow sailors for a short walk to The Hanger restaurant for breakfast. They have a fun menu with entrées such as "Business Class", "Luggage Belt Sandwich", "Wheels Up Bowl", and the "Beechcraft Omelet". It's just a couple of blocks north of the marina on the corner of the St. Pete





Airport property and we had a very good breakfast. After eating we went back to the boats and prepared to leave the marina for home. It's another beautiful day and we got out of the marina with little or no trouble at 1100 and headed out to the Bay and turned right for the Sky Way Bridge. As happens so often to sailors the wind was right on the nose so we had to motor the whole way back. Nevertheless it was a fun and successful Sail-Away and I hope those of you who didn't make this one can come on the next one with us which is my segue into our **next Sail-Away**.

It is planned for **May 2, 3, 4, 2024** and the itinerary is (at the moment) to anchor in Mar Vista Bay the first night and have dinner at either the Mar Vista Restaurant or the newer Shore Restaurant. The next day we plan to have another unofficial race down Sarasota Bay with the goal of anchoring in Hart's Landing Cove next to

the Sarasota Megabridge. It's a fairly roomy anchorage with room for perhaps a dozen boats and plenty of water up rather close to the shore of the bridge road with good wind protection from the East, not so good from the west but then neither is Marina Jack's anchorage. We will have more details for you in an E-blast around mid-April but put it in your calendar for now and join us for some fun on the water in May. (Suggestions and ideas welcome) Fair winds and smooth seas, Your Cruising Captains:



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## ***AN ALOHA SUNDAY BRUNCH AT THE POLO MATCH MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2024***

If I knew then what I know now, planning this Polo Event would have been a breeze! But nothing is ever easy, right? From the get go, road blocks were put in my way, one after the other. I was told it would be almost impossible to reserve tailgate spaces. Well, somehow I was able to do it. And somehow the weather was perfect! And somehow we had great attendance! And somehow everyone showed up with outstanding food! And somehow we had



one of the best Sundays at the Polo Matches we've ever had! For weeks before, I had been muttering under my breath that this was the very last time we were going to do this event and somehow now I can't wait until next year's Polo Season! It was indeed a very good day!

I had a difficult time sleeping the night before because I was worried about a thousand different problems that could pop up just getting through the gate at the polo field. I had asked several members to come early to help set up the tents and tables and park in the 3 open tailgate positions. We all arrived about 9:30 A.M. and waited at the front of a very short line. In the past, the line of cars would be out to the street before 8 A. M. so maybe this new



rule of reserving tailgate spaces in advance wasn't such a bad deal after all. But once standing outside the car, we were freezing! The skies were stormy looking and the wind was howling. The forecast was for sun and light winds with temps around 80 degrees today. What happened?

Finally at 10 A.M, the gate opened and we moved forward to the attendant. I had a million concerns and started to express them. The attendant smiled and looked at her notes. "You're Gail, with the sailing club, right? No problem at all. Don't worry!







We'll send your group over to you!" I couldn't believe it!

In a matter of minutes the tents were up, the long line of tables was set and the flutes were lined up on a tray to be filled with champagne and pineapple juice. We had started the day with the bang of a champagne cork. The sun was now out, the wind had died down and cars were beginning to park near Tailgate Spaces



N16, N17 and N18 on the north side of the sparkling emerald green polo field. As MSA friends arrived they were handed a welcome Mimosa drink and a traditional Hawaiian flowered Lei. Suddenly I was relaxed (could it have been the many glasses of champagne?)

with the thought that all was going to go well today. Between 11 and 11:30 on Sunday morning about 36 MSA members and guests set up their chairs into 3 long rows under the tents. The tables were then topped with delicious salads, side dishes and desserts to accompany the pulled pork sandwiches. After finishing off many bottles of champagne we settled in to enjoying a scrumptious and substantial

lunch in the shade created by the many tents.

At 1 P.M we watched a horse and rider carrying an American flag circle the polo field as the National Anthem was sung. The Luau theme was carried out as both horse and rider were wearing a hula skirt. Tropical flowers were wrapped around arms, legs, heads and hooves. And then came the moment that we all waited for, hanging over the low ground barrier to slap the palms of the players who swiftly



rode by on their well groomed horses.

I guess we have over the years learned a few basics of the Polo scene. The sport of Polo is over 2500 years old and is one of the fastest and most technical sports played today. We can attest to that at the speed the horses flew by us during the match. I took photos where players and their horses were totally suspended in the air. The field is huge! It is about the size of 10 football fields! There are 2 goal posts located at each end. A team is made up of 4 players who together try to



hit the ball down the field with a mallet to score a goal for their team. The mallet is made of a flexible bamboo handle topped with a hardwood head. The ball used to be made of wood but now is plastic.

There are 6 periods or “chukkers” in a match which in total usually lasts around 2 hours. During halftime, guests are invited to help maintain the field by “divot stomping”

trying to avoid any steaming mounds. Gina Spellacy managed to find a shiny horseshoe during her divot stomping task that will hopefully bring her some well deserved luck. During this segment and each time we have attended the Polo matches, we have been privy to see a display of spectacular draft horses such as the Clydesdales all decked out in



expensive harnesses pulling an antique wagon. What a sight to behold! Did we cheer for a particular team? No, not really! Today’s Match was between the

Barefield and Hillcroft players. Just for the record, Hillcroft beat Barefield with a score of 11 to 9. But we cheered and yelled and clapped our hands for a day filled with glamour and speed and beauty. To hear the sound of thunder as 32 hooves

pounded the ground to get from one end of the field to the other was why we came. And once again we were not disappointed! Thank you for all your help, support and efforts to make this day possible. It was one to remember!

Gail Gordon  
MSA Social Secretary



**Photo of  
the day.  
Both horses  
and the ball  
are in the  
air as rider  
swings at  
the ball.**

[Click here for photo album](#)



# **THE ANNUAL TERRA CEIA REGATTA**

## **APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**

Everything changes over time! That includes the MSA long tradition of a springtime race called the MSA Terra Ceia Regatta. Most changes happen as a result of the available resources, of increased cost, or just providing an

opportunity to elevate interest or excitement.

But whatever sparked the changes, I am here to tell you to get ready for a brand new MSA Terra Ceia Regatta, Rendezvous and Party. Of course there will be a race on the bay

which is the whole point of the celebration. But what happens after is the big deal! Sue Davidson, our 2024 MSA Racing Captain, is not only officiating the regatta but has designed a new look to how the day will progress.

Terra Ceia race will start at noon but there may be a mid afternoon boat parade to show off your vessels so be sure to start your engines and be ready to roll. As the sailors are making their way back from the water at 5 P.M., contest contenders will be setting up their favorite drink concoctions in the clubhouse which will be judged for taste, appearance and creativity. Awards will be presented for the best drink for

2024. Instead of slaving over a stove preparing a dish to share, we will have a gourmet food truck available for our evening meal. After we have filled our bellies, the coveted awards of the winners of the 2024 Terra Ceia Regatta will be

presented. Who will place in the 2024 Terra Ceia Race? But that is only the beginning since foot stomping music will encourage everyone to kick off their shoes and dance to the tunes that we know and love. All this and more will be happening at the Tropic Isles

Clubhouse, 1507 28<sup>th</sup> Ave W. Palmetto. Get excited and get ready to be wowed! Look for more details in this month's Gale Tales and emails but mark your calendar for our big date on April 20th. See you there!

Gail Gordon  
MSA Social Secretary



*Announcing!*

*The 2024 Terra Ceia Regatta*

*Landlubber Drink Contest*

All are invited to participate: individuals, couples, teams

2 Divisions:



*Blender Wars*

*or*

*Cocktail Capers*



Name your drink and build it on site at Tropic Isles Clubhouse

Professional judges will be looking for excellence in

*Taste, Appearance, Presentation and Creativity*

Prepare 2 standard drinks for judging and provide small samples for group tasting

A Prize will be awarded in Each Division and for Sailors Choice



AHOY MSA Sailors and Boaters!

## **TERRA CEIA REGATTA PARTY AT TROPIC ISLES**

Our annual Terra Ceia Regatta is rapidly approaching and we have submitted a request for perfect weather for an MSA Day on the Bay. The tide will also be favorable for getting in and out of T.C.

This year we want to see more boaters on the water, so in addition to the regatta we will have a casual but organized PARADE around the bay. Fly a fun flag or dress up like a “yachtie” but no matter how– find a way to join in the fun under sail or power. The R/C (Race Committee) will be awarding prizes to those that display enthusiasm and Esprit de Corp. The parade around the Bay will follow s/v Grrrrr or p/v Bloozbug and it will start around 1 pm. Both the race and parade will monitor VHF channel 05.

Racers and boat owners MUST sign the waiver that is found on our website under the Terra Ceia Regatta. Racers will want to print the chart of the 4 buoys and their approximate lat/lons. Our Start/Finish line will be in the middle of the bay this year. Sailing Instructions will be available closer to the race date (APRIL 20th!). Racers should plan to arrive at the starting line prior to 12 pm.

The PARTY starts at 5 pm, so drop your hook at the West end of the bay in time to dinghy into the marina at Tropic Isles. It's a short walk from there to the party at the clubhouse. Launch service will be available to help any boaters without dinghies get to/from the PARTY!

QUESTIONS?? Call Sue: 941-321-0184

**[CLICK HERE FOR WAIVER AND CHART](#)**

Party Location  
1507 28th Ave. W  
Palmetto  
Go West on 10th Street W  
Turn right on 28th Ave. W

**PARTY**



## **Terra Ceia Regatta Race Entry Agreement**

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 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.

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.

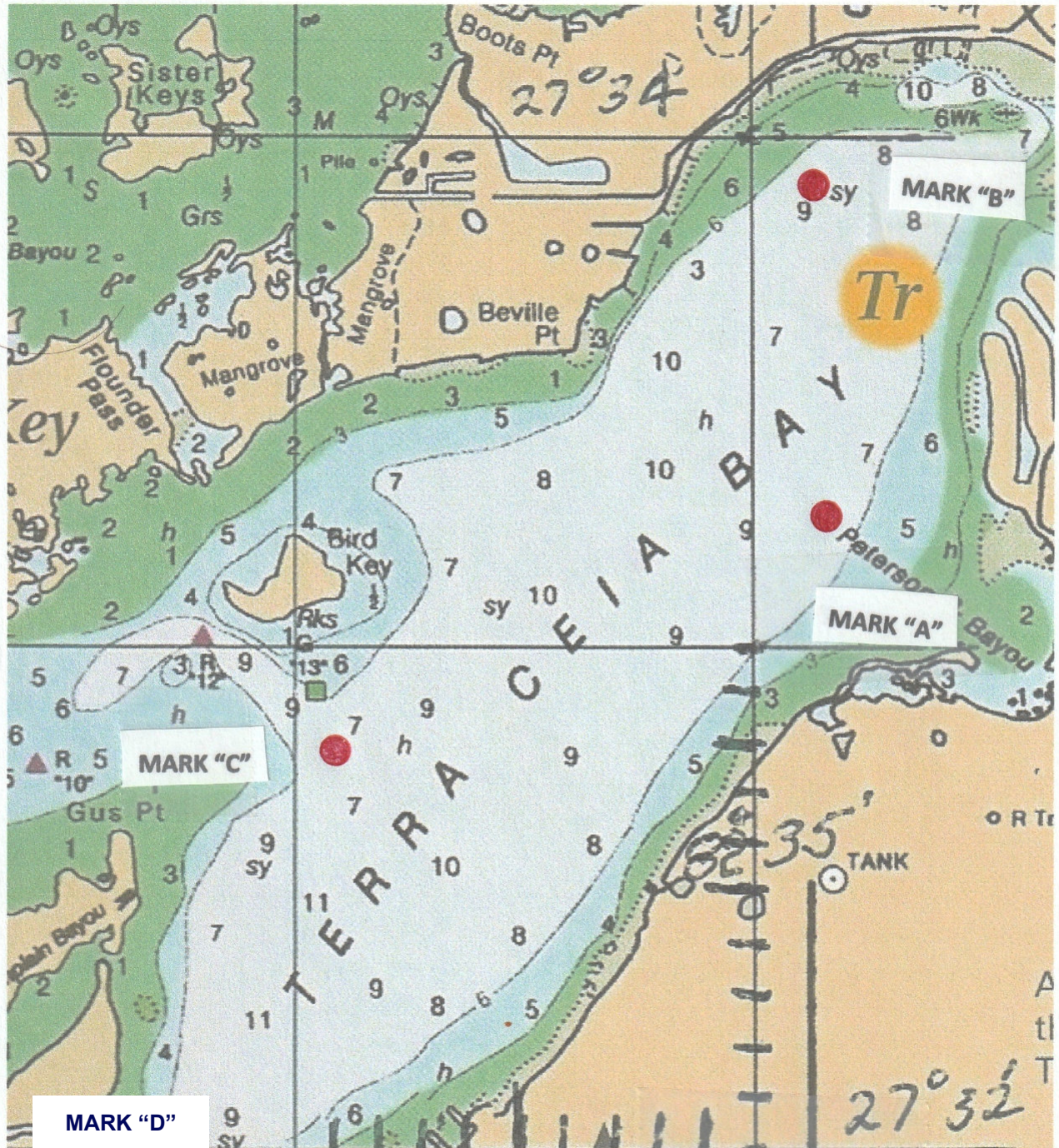
Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signatures (Skipper): \_\_\_\_\_

Email signed document to **[msa@msasailing.org](mailto:msa@msasailing.org)**



# TERRA CEIA REGATTA



Approximate Mark Locations

Mark "A"	Lat 27 33.26	Long 082 34.72
Mark "B"	27 33.96	082 34.73
Mark "C"	27 32.81	082 35.91
Mark "D"	27 32.11	082 36.12



Ahoy!

## The Terra Ceia Regatta is coming soon, April 20th. It's Time to Order the 2024 Terra Ceia T-shirts!

2 styles available: both T-shirts styles will have large MSA burgee design on the back and small burgee design on left front.

Style A. Standard men's crew neck, 100% heavy cotton, short sleeve T-shirt.  
Available sizes S to XXXL turquoise only, price \$15 each



Style B. Women's slightly fitted, v-neck, cap sleeves, 100% heavy cotton, T-shirt .  
Available sizes S to XXXL white only, price \$17 each



**Note: when ordering sizes please be reminded that 100% cotton will shrink a bit**

Name.....

Style..... Size..... Quantity..... \$......

Name.....

Style..... Size..... Quantity..... \$......

Name.....

Style..... Size..... Quantity..... \$......

Total: .....

Make checks payable to Manatee Sailing Association or present exact cash on receipt of T-shirts.

Orders must be received by gailgordon56@gmail.com before April 3rd (or collected at the DWBH on April 3rd at Scarpino's Restaurant)



**ON THE HORIZON: TAMPA BAY HISTORY  
CENTER,  
801 WATER STREET, TAMPA**

***Important! Please note a change in  
date Tuesday May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024***

Treasure seekers, conquistadors and pirates and members of MSA are invited to join me on an adventure at the Tampa Bay History Center located on downtown Tampa's Riverwalk on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 2 P.M.



I have changed the date because I had read that the Cross Bay Ferry schedule was going to be extended through May and I thought that would provide our transportation to Tampa. But no, the ferry service ends in April! I didn't want us to be driving around Tampa on a Friday, so I moved our visit to a Tuesday hoping for less traffic.

We will have a private docent tour guide who will lead us through interactive exhibits and theaters within the 3 floors of the museum. We will explore a full scale replica of an 18<sup>th</sup> century sailing



sloop and discover 400 year old shipwreck artifacts on view for the first time. The cost for the museum and a docent led tour is \$15 with a minimum of 10. We will have lunch at a restaurant prior to the tour at one of Tampa's great restaurants. Watch for more information in the May Gale Tales.

Watch for a summer line up of fun MSA outings in future Gale Tales!

Gail Gordon  
MSA Social Secretary





## 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:

Manatee Sailing Association      or      [msa@msasailing.org](mailto:msa@msasailing.org)  
PO Box 14482  
Bradenton, FL 34280

**Contact MSA at:**  
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**or**  
**[www.msasailing.org](http://www.msasailing.org)**



### MSA 2024 Officers

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Racing Captain - Sue Davidson  
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