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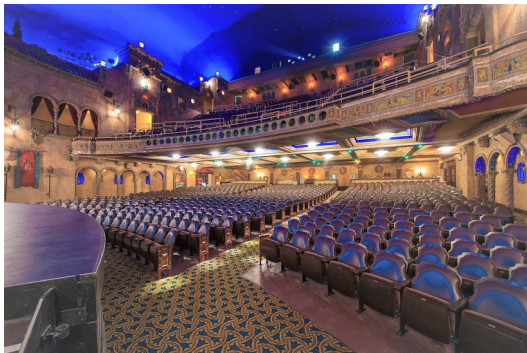
May 2023

Event	Date	Time	Place
DWBH	May 9	4:30 PM	Popi's Place Too
Balcony to Backstage tour	MAY 23	11:00 AM	Historic Tampa Theater

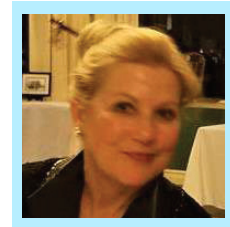
On the Horizon

Event	Date	Time	Place
MSA meeting	June 7	6:00 PM	Trailer Estates Community Center
Classic Movie Night	TBD	TBD	Sarasota Opera House

HISTORIC TAMPA THEATER



MAY 23 AT 11:00 AM



Happy May!

Greetings to all MSA members and friends. Hope life is treating you well as we cruise through a breezy Florida Spring.

Some important announcements – to reiterate my email of April 25, **our May 9 General Meeting at the Trailer Estates Community Room has been cancelled and has been replaced with a Don't Worry Be Happy on the same day, May 9**, so we don't have to do another potluck so soon after Terra Ceia.



The May 9 DWBH will be at Popi's Place Too, a restaurant located at 815 8th Ave. W in Palmetto and will begin at 4:30 pm. There is plenty of parking at the back of the building. **Please RSVP to Vice Commodore LuAnn Zajackowski** so that she can let the restaurant know how many folks will be attending. **LuAnn's email is luann01@comcast.net**

Please note that we do have a general meeting with a speaker planned for June 7, which will be a potluck meeting held at the Community Center

at Trailer Estates, unless we inform you otherwise, so please mark the date.

Also in May, our Social Secretary Gail Gordon has planned an excursion on May 23. Further info is provided elsewhere in this Gale Tales, but it's called the "Balcony to Backstage" tour of the historic Tampa Theater – sounds intriguing!

Now for those of you who may have missed an event in April, here's a brief recap. On April 12, and in lieu of our monthly general meeting, we had a Don't Worry Be Happy at the Seafood Shack restaurant in Cortez. About 35 MSA members attended – wow, quite the turnout! - and the evening was full of enthusiastic greetings and conversation, as well as delicious food. With great service and great food, the Seafood Shack is definitely a winner in the DWBH stakes. Let's go for an equal or greater turnout at Popi's Place Too and see how it compares!

Saturday, April 22nd was our 25th annual Terra Ceia Regatta and Party, and I dare say that a good time was had by all who attended. We were very lucky to have great weather and fair winds for sailing, and I was fortunate enough to be crewing on the winning boat – Grrrrr, captained by Sue Davidson. We had 6 boats racing: Polly Ester, captained by John Castellana; Boat Nuts, captained by Sal Alphonso; Aurora, captained by Denny Vitton; Tranquility, captained by Steve Evans; ZigZag, captained by Ed Hartung; and of course, Grrrrr, captained by Sue Davidson. There were two races; Grrrrr won them both, and after adjusting for the different classes of boats, Grrrrr also won the overall first place trophy. Polly Ester

came in second place and Aurora came in third place, followed by ZigZag, Boat Nuts, and Tranquility. Every boat did a great job and congrats to all the captains and crew! Thanks as well to John Castellana, our Racing Captain, for organizing and managing the race and race results, to Tom and Linda Briggie, who were on the Committee Boat, and to Roger Cappello on his power boat, along with Gary Morgan, who served as the water taxi and official race photographer.



Yes, the racing was exciting, and then there was the party! MSAers outdid themselves on the potluck; the spread was impressive! Gail and LuAnn transformed the large community center room at Tropic Isles into an appropriately decorated sailing celebration venue, Linda B had beautiful Terra

Ceia t-shirts ready for those who had ordered them in advance, and the fantastic music, provided by the Senile Delinquents, had most everybody singing along or up and dancing at some point during the party.

During a break between songs, we had our awards ceremony hosted by our Racing Captain, John, who announced the racing results and presented the trophies. We even had Barbara Nielsen from the North River News amongst us to cover the race and awards ceremony; many thanks to Barbara! There were a few other announcements, including a Happy Birthday shout out to LuAnn (the band played a rousing Happy Birthday song for her), and greetings from a distance from our friends and former MSA members, Diana and Richard Jorgensen, who relocated to Grenada almost a year ago! They're still waiting to close on their

house in Calivigny, on the south end of the island, but having a great time and looking forward to having visitors. Diana promises that she'll write a Gale Tales article about their adventures once the house closes.

Finally, as the party wrapped up, many MSAers pitched in to help with the cleanup. Thank you cleanup volunteers, and thanks again to all of you who

made the racing day and the party such a fun time!



Hope to see you all on May 9th at Popi's Place Too for the DWBH and on May 23rd at the historic Tampa Theatre for the tour. Till then, Happy Sailing!

Patti Korn
Commodore, MSA

DON'T WORRY BE HAPPY

MAY 9TH AT 4:30 PM



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**TERRA CEIA SALTY SAIL-EBRATION 25
APRIL 22ND, 2023
NOW PART OF MSA HISTORY!**

Planning the MSA calendar every years always brings up the topic of the Terra Ceia Regatta. When should we schedule it, will we have enough participation, how many boats will



race, who will take charge, and how much will it cost? These are all valid questions and concerns. Yet somehow this event has taken place for 25 years and is so much fun and successful that we wondered why we had any questions in the first place.

Yes, it's a lot of "not so much work" as much as combined efforts to make it all happen. The first and foremost essential factor is the race.

We have inherited a location, Terra Ceia bay, which began a MSA tradition a long time ago when beloved members, the Quinns and the Futheys, decided to have a friendly little sailboat contest just outside their back door. Who knew that 25 years later we would still continue that challenge? Then we needed the expertise of running such a race. In the past years, we have had the privilege of our member and friend, John Castellana, who has continually stepped up to the "buoy" and worked his magic to orchestrate such an event. Gratitude for such an endeavor is an understatement.



As in the past, the race was only a fraction of the long day. The celebration after the running of the race was the reward of the excitement and challenge of being on the water. A place to party began with a member's back yard then graduated to an open air pavilion. But now we enjoyed air conditioned comfort in a well appointed large hall where we welcomed back our competitors from not one but two races. We





have in the past had our parties catered and brought food in by vendors. But recently to curtail expenses, we resorted to a pot luck affair. Frankly, I can't imagine eating better food and having more choices at any price

then what we enjoyed these last two years. In 25 years Terra Ceia has existed, it has evolved into a modern version of itself. We are older and wiser and it shows.

Salty Sail-ebriation 25 was amazing! We prepared, we raced, we dined, we danced, we laughed, and we celebrated. The weather was a delight, the food outstanding and the music (Senior Delinquents) was a blast from the past. About 55 members and guests enjoyed the



efforts of the historic day. After the tabulations were calculated, the winners were announced.

In 3rd place, Aurora with Captain Denny Vitton; 2nd place, Polly Ester with Captain John Castellana; and the 1st place winner, Grrrrr with Captain Sue Davison. Congratulations to the winners! A big thank you as well for those who raced including: Zig Zag with Captain Ed Hartung, Boat Nuts with Captian Sal Alphonso, and Tranquility with Captain Steve Evans.

There are so many members who also deserve trophies for providing essential efforts to allow



the day to run smoothly: John Castellana, all the racers and crew, Gary Morgan, Roger Cappello, Tom and Linda Briggie, LuAnn Zajackowski, Bridget Vitton, Lynn McGinnis, Sheryl Rouleau, all those who helped set up and clean up, all those who brought wonderful food to share with others , our commodore Patti Korn and MSA officers and everyone who joined us to Make Terra Ceia Sail-ebriation 25 a day to remember. You are all my heroes!!!! Well Done!

Gail Gordon

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REGATTA PARTY



UPCOMING MSA EVENTS

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 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 (711 N. Franklin Street, Tampa) 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 private tour on Tuesday May

23th back to a different era. Cost is \$20 per person with a minimum of 10 visitors. Trying to find a restaurant within a short walk of the



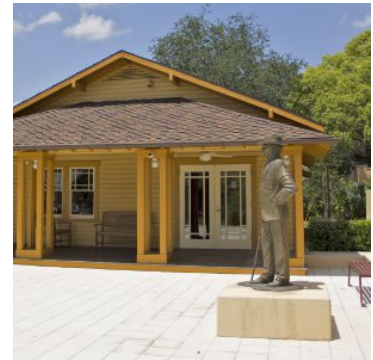
theater that would be open that week and that would take us was a bit of a challenge. We have a reservation at 12:45 for Dio's Modern Mediterranean a few blocks away on 519 N. Franklin St. Please make your reservations for the Theater Tour no later than May 18th by emailing Vice Commodore LuAnn Zajackowski at luann01@comcast.net. I think we will all be amazed to experience this hidden gem. See you there!



of September when teams are getting nearer to the play-offs. Watch for emails.

Florida Southern College has not 1 but 13 Frank Lloyd Wright

architectural masterpieces on campus. I am planning a field trip to Lakeland Florida in the fall when the temperature is more agreeable. This will be an all day trip to central Florida so I think it best to wait for our winter residents to be able to enjoy it.



On the Horizon: MSA Social Events

I am waiting for the Sarasota Opera Company to come out with a list of Classic Movies for the summer of 2023. We will pick the best one and plan an outing around it. Watch for



info.

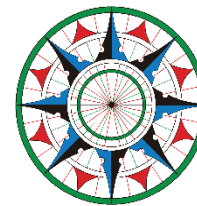
I will plan a Marauders Thirsty Thursday Ball Game night at the end of August or beginning

I still owe you all a kayak date. I haven't given up so one of these days, be ready!

Gail Gordon
MSA Social Secretary

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TERRA CEIA REGATTA RESULTS



2023 TERRA CEIA REGATTA RACE 1 + 2								
2023	22-Apr				RACE	TERRA CEIA		
BOAT NAME	SKIPPER	BOAT TYPE	SAIL #	HC	CORRECT TIME RACE#1	CORRECT TIME RACE #2	RACE #1 + RACE #2	PLACE
TRANQUILITY	S. EVANS	JEANEAU	32	201	1:45:32	1:25:18	3:10:50	6
AURORA	D. VITTON	MORGAN 34	M34	246	1:19:52	1:12:29	2:32:21	3
POLLY ESTER	J. CASTELLANA	S2 7.9 (26')	58	189	1:13:34	1:04:52	2:18:26	2
ZIG ZAG	E. HARTUNG	CATALINA 30	5051	209	1:26:46	1:17:09	2:43:55	4
GRRRRR	DAVIDSON/SMITH	TARTAN 37	40314	189	1:08:23	1:01:39	2:10:02	1
BOAT NUTS	S. ALFONSO	CATALINA 36 MK2	1868	209	1:39:26	1:25:06	3:04:32	5
ZOOM	M. GARCI	S2 7.9	122	189			0:00:00	





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Other members in household: _____

Address: _____

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