



# Gale Tales

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### Up Coming Events

June 2022

Event	Date	Time	Place
DWBH	June 7	5:00 PM	Florida's Woodfire Grill
Cruise	June 17-19	Noon	Sarasota Haytt
Dinner & Mini Golf	June 21	6:00 PM	Carrabba Italian Grill & Smugglers Cove Mini Golf

### On the Horizon

Event	Date	Time	Place
Classic Movie Night	July 22	7:30 PM	Sarasota Opera House
Baseball	August TBD	TBD	Lecom Park

MSA Cruise

June 17 to 19



Sarasota Haytt



### IT'S SUMMERTIME

This past weekend was the official start of summer, that's what I read. Growing up in Ohio summer started with the solstice on June 21. Either way I've loved summer all my life. Down here in Florida it means getting through traffic lights at an intersection on one pass.

It's also the start of hurricane season. Linda and I have used the tax holiday to stock up on goods and prepare our household for the potential of a storm. I am also the team leader of our community CERT team and have been holding drills with the county to help prepare. I have tried to make them fun, but our members are serious about getting it right in the drill to get it right in a disaster. We hope it never happens, but I just want remind everyone to prepare for the worse and hope for the best.



There were two MSA events this past month that were highly entertaining. Gary and Carla Morgan graciously opened their home to MSA for the Kentucky Derby. Once again it was great to see our

wonderful members having fun together. I had fun playing “Tommy the Nose” bookie and collected one-dollar bets for the big race. Gina Spellacy picked the number 21 horse, an 80-1 shot that was a late entry from a scratched horse. Charles Zajaczkowski picked all the runners that wouldn’t have paid off unless a long-shot horse won. They both split \$73 which Charles put back into the MSA treasury. Everyone had fun.

Of course the Terra Ceia Regatta and Party was a huge success and I thank everyone who participated. Each boat had a good crew, including Gary Morgan on the Boat Nuts crew of two. The rains held off for the races with six boats entered. I’ll act as though you were not there, though most members attended.

The first of two races started at noon. Boats navigated through two markers at the north end of Terra Ceia Bay before completing the 4.1 nautical mile course at the start/finish line. In that race, Polly Ester was first with a good race time and handicap. Polly Ester was captained by John Castellana. Sue Davidson and Clay Smith skippered the boat GRRRRR to a calculated second place finish, while Zig Zag, captained by Ed Hartung, completed the race in third place. These three boats dominated the regatta.

The second race was changed to a shorter course of 3.14 nautical miles when the winds died down over Terra Ceia Bay. In that race GRRRRR finished first, Polly Ester was second and Zig Zag was third. The two races were combined for the regatta finishing order and the over-all winners. Polly Ester was first as the overall winner, GRRRRR finished in second and Zig Zag was third with its calculated score. Other boats

competing were Aurora skippered by Dennis and Brigid Vitton, who came in fourth place overall. Rick and Adelia Jackerson finished fifth with their boat Free Spirit, while Boat Nuts captained by new member Salvatore Alfonso completed the field of competitors.

I thank the committee boat members of my wife Linda, daughter Naomi Gallagher, and good friends Terry Parker, Claude Salomon and Patti Korn. They were aboard to start the race and track times of those crossing the finish line. Linda took the time from her recording duties to swim in Terra Ceia Bay. Roger Cappello served as the official photographer of the race.

After the races the MSA members gathered at the Tropic Isles Yacht Club for a celebration honoring the racers. A pot luck dinner was served to all guests. At the break of dancing to classic rock songs by the band Soundwave Sarasota, awards were presented and a raffle rounded out the break. I also thank Barbara Nielsen of the North River News for covering the race and awards ceremony.

The signal flags this month spell out a person that is honored in June. If that isn’t a good hint, I don’t know what is. At least you will know what these six letters are. I look with wonder what Gail has in store for us now that her and Chuck have returned from their trip half way around the world.

Have a safe, wonderful summer, and have it on the water.

Tom Briggie  
Commodore

#### DWBH June 7th

This is good news from LuAnn Zajaczkowski who just confirmed the next DWBH. It will be held at Florida’s Woodfire Grill, our favorite part [and Bar]. It is next door to the Compass Hotel at 12332 Manatee Avenue in Bradenton, starting at 5 PM. As is usual in these times of staffing shortages, they would like to have a guest count so please RSVP to luann01@comcast.net so they can ramp up their staff to accommodate us. I hope to see you there.



## MY JOURNAL: THE 2022 TERRA CEIA REGATTA SAGA

By Gail Gordon

It was a little after midnight on Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup> 2022 as we entered my dark stuffy house after spending the last 30 some odd hours in packed planes and crowded airports. We had returned home from an 11 day birthday trip (mine, a big one!) to Prague, planned well before Chuck's accident. We had no idea how things were going to play out on this sojourn with Chuck's lingering injuries but after an initial period of questioning our sanity, we gathered our wits and created a viable plan for a simple, leisurely but charming stay in a spectacular city. After turning on the lights in my house, we threw our luggage in a corner; put on our P.J.'s and hit the sheets. We were out before the dust settled. But sadly at around 6 A.M. the ache in



my pounding head woke me up. My body clock was lost somewhere between the Czech Republic and home and I needed some caffeine immediately. We were up after minimum sleep and we started our day! It was a big day! It was the day of Manatee Sailing Associations Terra Ceia Regatta and we had things to do and people to see!

Thank goodness I had prepared! Actually the preparation started 3 years before when Mike Spellacy was Commodore. He had come up with a great theme for the 2020 Terra

Ceia...."Blew Bayou". I had even sketched a T-shirt design to go with it. But then all things planned were put aside thanks to Covid 19. I surprised myself when starting to think about the upcoming 2022 regatta, that I had saved my notes and the drawings. When I spoke to Tom



Briggle, our commodore, he was so taken with the old theme especially with the new interpretation that Linda came up with that "Blew Bayou" was the only suitable choice for our 2022 Terra Ceia theme. (In case you missed the subtle play on words in the logo, three sailboats each had a date on their sails. If you look carefully, 2022 blew right past 2020 and 2021! Blew by you!) Well, I thought it

was clever!

After I realized that we had a new venue for our after regatta party at the Tropic Isles Yacht Club, I was ecstatic! I would not have to deal with the wind blowing our tablecloths off like they always did at the pavilion. Or I wouldn't have to deal with the mosquitoes or the extreme heat. We would dine in luxury! Tom had devised a way to get all the race participants to and from the party and that was the only hitch that



I was aware. So before I left for my trip I purchased the tablecloths (sans the 10 rolls of tape to hold them down on the tables) and created cute little centerpieces that did not have to weigh a ton since they were not going to get

blown off! Easy peasy! So after a lot of coffee, I just had to whip up a pasta dish in the morning and gather up the decor and food and set up in the new hall at Tropic Isles in the afternoon.

There was some speculation about when exactly the party was supposed to start. Initially it was 5 but then rumor had it that 3p.m. was the hour. So Chuck and I made our way over to Tropic Isles at around 2:30 to set up. First we couldn't find the club house. We wandered the narrow lanes and came up empty handed. (We were, in fact, a bit brain dead from jetlag.) But when in doubt, ask the mailman. He gave us directions and again we came up with nothing. He spotted us while he was on his route and said....just follow me!

Yeah! Help finally! We found it! But the place was deserted and every door was locked. Chuck called the emergency number on the door but the person who answered was clueless. It was extremely hot and muggy and we were beginning to melt. Finally, my tired brain clicked in and I decided to call out the marines.....or in this case the Racing Captains wife. Sheryl was "Johnny on the spot" and brought us the magic FOB that opened the doors to the kingdom.

The hall was wonderful! Tables had been set up with chairs leaving a large space in the front for

the band. Toward the back, there was a great kitchen with all the amenities. Plus, there were bathrooms right there attached to the hall. We didn't have to walk outside! Nice! It was very cool in the hall and I immediately felt rejuvenated. Within a few moments, LuAnn and Deb arrived and all of us made easy work at setting up the simple table decorations. And as soon as we were done with that, the band arrived.



It was most likely 4:30 before we saw racing crews being transported to the clubhouse via motor boats driven by Tom and Roger. And By 5 the hall was packed with over 45 MSA members and guests. Scrumptious food was being placed on tables and music

was playing in the background of laughter and friendship as the party began in full swing. We have always had our regatta party catered with BBQ and a few times members cooked burgers on the grill but tonight, we dined with a menu that could only be described as gourmet from a 5 star restaurant. I think the members outdid themselves! The cuisine was unbeatable!

Chuck and I were beginning to fade after we had food and some wine. But we wanted to stay long enough to at least hear the race results. There were 6 sailing vessels in the race today. Sal



Alfonso, a new member and dock neighbor to Chuck joined the regatta. His Catalina 36, "Boat Nuts" along with Denny and Bridget Vinton's, Morgan 34, "Aurora" and Rick and Adelia Jackerson's Catalina 30 "Free Spirit" participated in both races on the Terra Ceia Bay. But it was no surprise when times and scores were finally tabulated and after combining the 2 races, the overall winners were announced. For the 2022 Terra Ceia Regatta: Ed Hartung on his Catalina 30 "Zig Zag" came in third; Sue Davidson on her Tartan 37, "Grrrrr" came in second; and the big first place went to John Castellana on "Polly Ester". Congrats to all who brought their boats out on the water this day. You were all winners in my book.

Things were starting to get a little fuzzy around the edges and we felt that we were at the end of our ability to make appropriate responses so with no further adieu we blew kisses and said our good byes. After several days of finally

getting some rest I came to this conclusion. I can't remember a better Terra Ceia! The Tropic Isles Club House was wonderful. And our race captain has been renting it as a rain back up for years. Who knew? The food was outstanding! Never better! Who needs burgers when you can dine on ham and shrimp and pork loins? Although I didn't sail that day, I know I appreciated the cool indoors to relax with my friends. I would wager that the race participants did too. So thank you Tom and Linda Briggie for all your efforts. P.S. the t-shirts came out great! But this day would not have happened without the work, planning and dedication of our racing captain, John Castellana. I have heard that this would be his last hurrah! I hope not! At the very least, John has instilled in this club, the love and respect for racing that can never be denied. Thank you for all the years of tireless work and giving us the pleasure of this festive day to celebrate our sport for so many years! It's been a great run!





# Terra Ceia Regatta Party





ZIG ZAG



FREE SPIRIT



AURORA

2022	21-May				RACE	TERRA CEIA		
BOAT NAME	SKIPPER	BOAT TYPE	SAIL #	HC	CORRECT TIME RACE#1	CORRECT TIME RACE #2	RACE #1 + RACE #2	PLACE
AURORA	D. VITTON	MORGAN 34	M34	246	1:26:32	1:02:28	2:29:00	4
POLLY ESTER	J. CASTELLANA	S2 7.9 ( 26')	58	189	1:20:46	0:52:47	2:13:33	1
ZIG ZAG	E. HARTUNG	CATALINA 30		209	1:22:50	0:57:30	2:20:20	3
GRRRRR	DAVIDSON/SMITH	TARTAN 37	40314	189	1:22:01	0:52:05	2:14:06	2
BOAT NUTS	S. ALFONSO	CATALINA 36 MK2	1868	209	2:16:13	1:40:17	3:56:30	6
FREE SPIRIT	R & A JACKERSON	CATALINA 30	6	255	1:57:49	1:02:47	3:00:36	5



BOAT NUTS



GRRRRR



POLLY ESTER

**CRUISING NEWS**



We are gradually getting back to sailing again with our friends at MSA. At the Terra Ceia race/ party event, 3 boats spent the night at Terra Ceia Bay. Free Spirit picked up our MSA crew of Mike and Gina and other boats also had MSA crew. The race committee boat was full of MSA members. And the grand finally, the big party, was full of MSA members.

Adelia and I are, at this moment, drying out from a night on the water with Esprit De Mer on the Manatee River. It is nice to have a rainy night followed by a sunny breezy morning so we can put all our cushions and rug all over the decks to dry out.



We are planning a June trip, but are not yet sure of the destination. The plan is to go on the 17th, 18th of June, and return home on the 19th. We




looked into the Vinoy, but Wesley, the dockmaster, said dockage no longer included the pool and other hotel amenities. We also contacted the Hyatt in Sarasota and they have slips available plus a very nice pool. So that will be our destination on June 17<sup>th</sup> for two nights provided non of the names below are around.

Rick and Adelia, Cruising Captains.  
S/v Free Spirit  
941-755-6508

**2022 ATLANTIC HURRICANE NAMES**

- |          |         |          |
|----------|---------|----------|
| Alex     | Hermine | Owen     |
| Bonnie   | Ian     | Paula    |
| Colin    | Julia   | Richard  |
| Danielle | Karl    | Shary    |
| Earl     | Lisa    | Tobias   |
| Fiona    | Martin  | Virginie |
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PARTY**



## **MSA SOCIAL EVENTS**

### **A SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION**

**Tuesday Night June 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:30 P.M. at  
Smugglers Cove Miniature Golf  
2000 Cortez Rd West**

Please join your friends at MSA to a Summer Solstice Celebration with a night time mini golf challenge. It's too hot during the day when the

sun's high in the sky so come on out when its cooler and the stars can guide your way. We will divide up into teams of 4 and stagger the first few holes so not to keep everyone waiting too long.

You might want to take a break and feed the gators along the way but don't get too close! At the finish, the winner or winners with the best score will take home the prize. There will even be a prize for a "Hole in One" if someone just happened to get that lucky! The cost per game is about \$15 per person and absolutely no experience is necessary.



But before we gear up to meet the challenge we need to build up stamina with a good meal and some spirits. Let's meet at Carrabbas Italian Grill right next door to the mini golf at around 6 P.M. to start the summer celebration in style. The last time we scheduled this event it rained

on the golf part but from what I heard....the celebration part went quite well. We will keep our fingers crossed for a rain free evening. So please join your MSA friends for some summer food, fun and friendly competition in the cool hours of the evening.

Please email me at [gailgordon56@gmail.com](mailto:gailgordon56@gmail.com) to let me know you will be coming so I can alert the restaurant. See you there!

### **ON THE HORIZON**

**JULY 22, 2022  
FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE SARASOTA OPERA  
HOUSE**

The annual Classic Movies at the opera house are making the long hot summer bearable. This July we will be privileged to see "To Kill A Mocking Bird" on the big screen. The tickets are \$12 each for General Admission and need to be purchased in advance. We will enjoy dinner nearby at a restaurant (TBD) prior to the movie to make the evening more of an event. I, myself, have never seen this beloved movie at a real theater on the big screen so this will be most exciting to me.



Although most of us were required to read "To Kill A Mockingbird" in school when we were students I will refresh your memories with a few interesting tidbits. "To Kill A Mockingbird" is a novel by the American author Harper Lee. It was published in 1960 and was instantly successful. It has become a classic of modern American literature winning the Pulitzer Prize. The plot and characters are loosely based on

Lee's observations of her family, her neighbors and an event that occurred near her hometown of Monroeville, Alabama in 1936 when she was 10. One of the characters in the story, Dill, was fashioned after Harpers real life friend and neighbor, Truman Capote. In 1962 Robert Mulligan, American film director, put this story on the big screen. The film stars Gregory Peck as Atticus Finch and Mary Badham as Scout. It also marked the film debut of Robert Duvall and Alice Ghostley. Interestingly enough, the courtroom scenes were actually filmed on location in the old Monroeville Courthouse.



Almost immediately, the black and white film became a box office smash and was nominated for 8 Academy Awards including best picture. Gregory Peck won an Oscar for his role as Atticus. In 1995, the film was selected by the Library of Congress for preservation in the National Film Registry as culturally, historically and aesthetically significant. In 2003, the American Film Institute named Atticus Finch as the greatest movie hero of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. In 2007, the film ranked 25

on the AFI 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the greatest movies of all times. I could write volumes about this incredible piece of literature and

film making and many have. In next month's Gale Tales, I will review the story line and reveal some of my most treasured moments in the film. Watch for the email to reserve your ticket to this rare

showing of an American classic. See you there!

**AUGUST, 2022**  
**MARAUDERS BASEBALL AT LECOM PARK**  
**(TBA)**

Take me out to the ballgame  
Take me out to the crowd  
Buy me some peanuts and crackerjack  
I don't care if I never get  
back  
So it's root, root,  
root, for the home  
team  
If they don't win, it's a  
shame  
It's one, two, three strikes you're out  
At the old ballgame



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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Email 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Email 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Make/Size \_\_\_\_\_ Boat Name \_\_\_\_\_

Sail # \_\_\_\_\_ PHRF \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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