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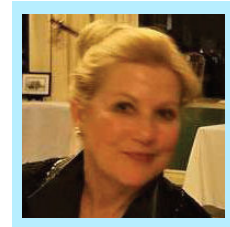
## Up Coming Events

July 2023

Event	Date	Time	Place
Baseball	July 20	6:30 PM	Lecom field
DWBH	TBD	5:00PM	TBD

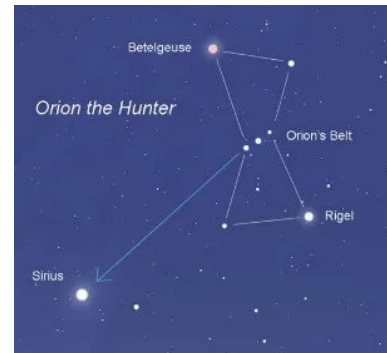
### On the Horizon

Event	Date	Time	Place
LaserLight Shop	Aug 10	7:00 PM	Bishop Museum
Classic Movie Night	Aug 25	7:30 PM	Sarasota Opera House
MSA Meeting	Aug TBD	6: PM	Mean Deans Restaurant
Beach Picnic	Oct 7	11:00 AM	Bayfront Park, AMI



Happy July!

Greetings MSA members and friends. The “dog days of summer” are officially upon us – a phrase that derives from the rising of Sirius, the Dog Star, in the sky, and has nothing to do with dogs or their behavior in the summer. The phrase applies to what are typically the hottest months of the year in the Northern Hemisphere, but while the phrase dates from the ancient Greeks, our “dog days” are not the same as their “dog days” used to be. Due to the wobble in the earth’s rotation which shifts the position of the stars in the night sky, our “dog days” are several weeks later than those of the ancient Greeks. According to scientists, in ~10,000 years, the “dog days” will be in the winter months.



Hey, thought I would throw a little science in to distract you all from the heat and humidity!

Before you embark on your 4<sup>th</sup> of July fun, let's have a brief recap of June's events. As always, please read this letter and save the dates for upcoming events in your calendars.

On June 15, we had an MSA general meeting at the Trailer Estates Community Room. Our speaker was Captain Rafa from the Freedom Boat Club who gave an informative and entertaining presentation about how the Freedom Boat Club program works, which essentially provides folks with all the fun of a small powerboat without the maintenance, and

with set and predictable expenses. On June 18, we had an MSA outing, again at the Historic Tampa Theatre, but this time for a viewing of a 1926 silent black and white film called "The Flying Ace", accompanied by an original score

performed on the Theatre's 1926 Wurlitzer organ, with a delish early dinner at a nearby restaurant. What a delightful treat that event was! Thanks to Gail for organizing! On June 28 we had a Don't Worry Be Happy (DWBH) at the Linger Lodge in Bradenton, a unique and quirky restaurant. The food was delish and the 24 MSAers in attendance had a nice time catching up with one another and checking out the interesting décor of the restaurant. Thanks to Luann who set up this DWBH, then moved away to North Carolina (no causation of one to the other)!



Regarding upcoming important dates, please note that we have not scheduled a meeting for July. Since we still don't have a restaurant where we can meet, we don't want folks to burn out on potlucks. We **are** planning to have a general meeting in August, hopefully at Mean Dean's Restaurant on 26<sup>th</sup> Street in Bradenton, but a specific date has not yet been set (the new meeting room is not quite finished, but I'm told it will be ready by August, so fingers crossed). As soon as a date has been finalized, we will notify you. Stay tuned.

Also, we are now a club without a Vice

Commodore, as Luann has skedaddled for North Carolina, which means we have no one to set up DWBHs. (Mind, Luann did lots of other things for the club, but setting up DWBHs is one of the Vice Commodore's tasks.) Betty Burton has kindly found a place for

an August DWBH, but I would very much like to have a July DWBH as well, and I need your help to come up with a place and make a phone call or two to set it up. Please, think of your favorite restaurant, or a restaurant you've heard of and wanted to try, and consider whether it would work for a DWBH. If it's a possibility, talk to the restaurant and to me regarding dates and let's get a DWBH set up for July. Your assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated!

Our July social event will be a **Marauders baseball game on July 20**. Social Secretary Gail Gordon has sent out an email with details and will give you more details elsewhere in this Gale Tales. Baseball games are always a fun event and a good excuse for a few hot dogs and cold beers. Please plan to join us if you can.

An August social event has already been planned, another fun Sarasota Opera House **Classic Movie Night on August 25<sup>th</sup>**. The movie will be *The Great Escape*, a 1963 movie starring Steve McQueen, and we'll have dinner before the movie at a nearby restaurant TBD. Gail will provide additional details. As always, thank you Gail!

Lastly, please mark your calendars and save the date for **our annual MSA picnic/ general meeting on Saturday, October 7** at the pavilion at Bayfront Park on Anna Maria Island. The annual picnic will be held in our traditional way; MSA will

provide the burgers, hotdogs, and fixings, etc., and MSA members will BYOB and a dish to share (appetizer, side, salad, or dessert). We will have a brief but official general MSA meeting right after the meal.

You are encouraged to wear your bathing suit, bring a beach chair, and plan to spend some time visiting and/or swimming after the food and meeting.

Again, please give some thought to where we might have a July DWBH and you can be an unofficial Vice Commodore for a day

or two! Seriously, please let me know if you have any DWBH ideas and let's get a July DWBH on the calendar. Thanks in advance!  
Hope to see you all at the Marauders game on July 20.

Till then, Happy Sailing!

Patti Korn  
Commodore, MSA



**JULY 20<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30 PM**

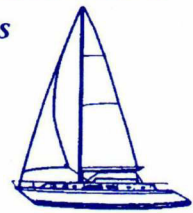


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## **SPOILED MAYBE, BUT NOT TAINTED!**

**By Gail Gordon**

Shocked! I was totally surprised and shocked when 17 MSA members reserved tickets for the Juneteenth Celebration at the historic Tampa Theater!



I knew that the 1 hour drive to and from Tampa could be a deterrent. I realized that the MSA

June 18<sup>th</sup> 3 P.M. outing was in fact smack dab in the middle of Father's Day. Plus, I understood that we were all spoiled and we all knew it. We only watched movies in fully reclining seats in theaters that had the absolute latest high tech audio and visual abilities. And we preferred to reserve our specific seats so we could come in at the last second just before the movie started. Yes, we were spoiled! But lo and behold, faithful MSA members



came out and suffered all sorts of inconveniences to, of all things, see a silent movie! They arrived an hour early to get a good seats (front and center in the balcony); they paid exorbitant fees to park their cars after driving an hour in weekend traffic and they hadn't a clue to what it was that was about to happen. I didn't either!



Yet, being in the incredibly ornate Tampa Theater was almost worth the efforts in itself. The interior of the 1926 theater resembled a starry night in a courtyard of a castle somewhere in Europe. The movie tickets were free for the asking but no one expected that the popcorn and soft drinks would be complimentary as well. We settled into our old fashioned velvet opera style seats and twisted our legs to accommodate the minimal leg room, snacked on pop corn and waited. At 3 P.M. Jill, the host and director of the theater, introduced some important guests who welcomed us to this auspicious event. A representative of Norman studios, the company that produced this 1926 all black cast film, "The Flying Ace", gave us some background to how this film was made. It was the first film to feature

black actors in roles of everyday people, like a police officer, a railroad agent and fighter pilot instead of the traditional servants or slaves. We were also told how the producer had created the “thrilling” flying scenes in the movie without ever leaving the ground. Then Jill introduced the real stars of this afternoon, the 1926 Wurlitzer Organ (with its 1200 hidden pipes) and organist and composer, Dr Steven Bell (decked out in full tuxedo with tails) who had written the musical score to accompany the 1 hour movie. As the lights went down so did the huge organ through a mechanical panel in the floor of the stage to a lower level. Although the organ was still slightly visible (so Dr. Bell could see the movie), it was low enough not to block the view of the



stage. As we watched the characters unravel a mystery of who stole the payroll at the railroad station, the music became integral to the mood, the suspense and the humor of the scene being played out. We particularly fell in love with Peg, a character who was the aviator’s side kick. The actor only had one leg in real life and that’s how he played his role in the film. He was absolutely hysterical as he

peddled his bicycle with his crutch. The film was corny, funny and most charming and we all loved it. We appreciated that this movie was quite an accomplishment for its time and we were proud to have this unusual opportunity to see it on the big screen and hear it with a live musical score. Yes, we knew this was something special and it was worth all the fuss.



Afterwards we walked just a few steps down the street to a casual pizza/pasta restaurant, Bavaro’s. I had had a difficult time trying to find a place that would take our group, provide separate checks, etc.. And most places believe it or not, were closed on Sunday. So out of necessity I booked one of the only places that would work. Again we were surprised! The food was outstanding! Most of us agreed that they had prepared the best pizza we had eaten in years! Sometimes when you least expect it, a regular ordinary day can become very special. Thanks for joining me for this surprising MSA event.



## **MSA SOCIAL EVENTS**

**JULY 2023**

**MARAUDERS BASEBALL GAME  
LECOM PARK  
JULY 20<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30 P.M.**



I have set up some summer outings that hopefully will make it easy for everyone to participate. The next one on the calendar is a night time baseball game! I have 20 tickets being held for us at Lecom Park on July 20<sup>th</sup> for a 6:30 P.M. game of the Bradenton Marauders against Fort Myers. (If you recall, last summer's baseball game was a nail biter and was won in the last inning. It was a really good game! Keep your fingers crossed for this year!) The tickets are still a bargain at \$12 a seat which includes the ever popular free Marauders Baseball Hat and a free cold soft drink. And just to entice you even more....it's Thirsty Thursday at Lecom! Select beers are \$2! I will set up an early dinner before the game nearby for those who don't want to eat at the ballpark. So now is the time to claim your seat at the ol' ball game by emailing me at [gailgordon56@gmail.com](mailto:gailgordon56@gmail.com). no later than July 10<sup>th</sup> which is when I will need to return the extra tickets Get some fresh air while it's a little cooler, support your local team, have fun with your friends and enjoy the all American summer past time .....a baseball game! See you there!

**ON THE HORIZON**

**BISHOP SUMMER LASER LIGHT SHOW  
AUGUST 10<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:00 P.M  
TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!**

Deb Strickland reminded me that the Summer Laser Light Shows at the Bishop are in full swing and if we intended to enjoy one of these shows, we needed to get moving and buy some tickets. One of the summer shows available at the Bishop that sounded really good to me was scheduled on August 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 P.M. That laser light show will feature some music from the Temptations, Stevie Wonder and Diana Ross, and other great Motown favorites. I thought that most of



us would enjoy that! So after some of you expressed an interest in attending this event, I went ahead and purchased 18 tickets to the Motown Laser Show. At this time more tickets are available but I suspect that this show will sell out. So my MSA friends it's time to reserve your seat at the Bishop by emailing me at [gailgordon56@gmail.com](mailto:gailgordon56@gmail.com) no later than

July 31<sup>st</sup>. Don't delay and I hope to see you there.

**SARASOTA SUMMER CLASSIC MOVIE  
NIGHT  
"THE GREAT ESCAPE"  
AUGUST 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 AT 7:30 A.M.**

Premiering in the theaters in 1963 the classic movie "The Great Escape" starring Steve McQueen, Charles Bronson, James Coburn and James Garner takes place during WWII in 1943. The Germans opened Stalag Luft III, a maximum-security prisoner-of-war camp designed to hold even the craftiest escape artists. In doing so, however, the Nazis unwittingly assembled the finest escape team in military history who worked on what became the largest prison breakout ever attempted. I have seen this movie on my TV screen but I can only imagine what it would be like in the theater. Join me in celebrating this



film classic as it was meant to be seen.....on the big screen. Tickets are \$12 each for open seating. I will plan a meal at a nearby restaurant prior to the movie. Reserve a ticket by emailing me at [gailgordon56@gmail.com](mailto:gailgordon56@gmail.com) by August 20<sup>th</sup>.

See you there!

Gail Gordon  
MSA Social Secretary

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**SUMMER MOVIE REVIEW:  
"HELL OR HIGH SEAS"**

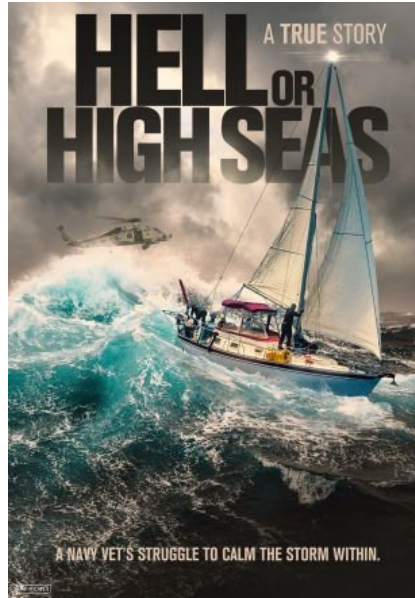
**By Gail Gordon**

I recently saw this free movie on Amazon Prime (also available on other sites) and thought I would forward the information. It was a surprisingly good feature length (1 hour 30 minutes) sailing documentary produced in 2021. As advertised, "This real life modern day sailing odyssey has a deep universal message of resiliency, hope and second chance".

U. S. Navy Veterans Taylor Grieger, John Rose and writer and friend Stephan O'Shea set out from Pensacola Florida for a

10,000 mile journey on an old sailboat that they refurbished entirely by themselves to ultimately round the treacherous seas of Cape Horn. In spite of all the obvious problems, these

veterans suffered from PTSD and were attempting to send a message to the world of what is happening to many of their fellow servicemen.



I recommend this exciting and emotional movie. The production is well done and the photography is gorgeous. However, you might keep a tissue or two handy. Rating would be PG-13, I

guess, due to some language and sensitive subject matter. Enjoy!

**Go down to the Sea once more**

Carline Weise, a former MSA member, passed away on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023. She was an experienced sailor and participated in many MSA races and sail aways.



January 12, 1951 – June 14, 2023





# Manatee Sailing Association New Membership Application

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