



# Gale Tales

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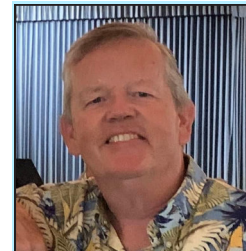
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July 2024

### Up Coming Events

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Event	Date	Time	Place
Classic Movie	July 5	7:30 PM	Sarasota Opera House
Olympic Sailing	July 28	5:00 AM	Marseille Marina, France



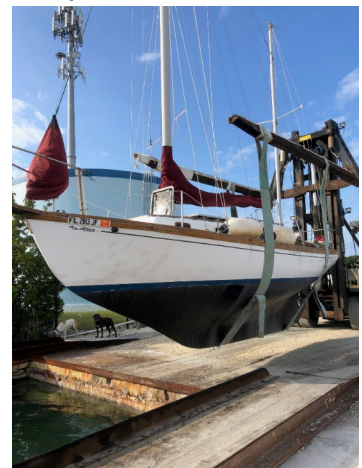
Ahoy MSA Members, Friends, and Family,

This month's sailing story is about a visit Lynne and I made to Marathon, FL about 5 years ago.

### On the Horizon

Event	Date	Time	Place
Ringling Summer Circus Spectacular	Aug TBC	11:00 AM	Historic Asolo Theater
Membership Meeting	Aug 14	5:00 PM	Mean Dean's Local Kitchen
DWBH	Sep 4	5:00 PM	Scarpino's Classic Italian
Chihully Glass Collection Tour	Sept TBD	TBD	Chihully Garden and Glass
Beach Picnic	Oct TBD	11:00 AM	Bayfront Park AMI

Our friends had purchased a classic 1975 30 Ft Cheoy Lee Ketch "Contessa". They needed to move it from Fat Deer Key to Boot Key in Marathon. So, we signed up to assist. The Cheoy Lee is a Nathanael Herreschoff design, and my friend is a descendant of the great naval architect.



We launched the boat and headed down the Intracoastal Waterway and into the Straits of Florida and the Gulf Stream. On a beautiful day, we headed south into building waves and brisk breeze, we set the sails (jib, main and mizzen) and shook out the reef we had put in. The 30 footer struggled on this heading in the 5 ft seas



on the nose. We started the engine just to give a little boost and push through the waves. As we were attempting to tack, the engine stalled, starved for fuel and the oil pressure alarm came on. My friend remembered that the previous

owner had installed an electric fuel pump that needed to be turned on. With that change, the engine fired right up and we were able to power through the waves and head to Sombrero Key Light. (Sombrero Key Light was built on a submerged reef in 1858 off Marathon Key. It was decommissioned in 2015 and sold at auction in 2022 for \$575,000 to a private bidder. (Ref Wikipedia and Keys Weekly 5/27/22. Offshore Airbnb possibly?) We sailed to Seven Mile Bridge and then into their mooring at Boot Key.



Local flair in Key West

We also spent a couple days in Key West. There is an interesting "Sails to Rails" Museum that

describes the construction of the early railroad to Key West built by Henry Flagler. We had brunch at the Blue Heaven (very Key West.) It has an outdoor shower with a sign that reads "Showers \$1, To watch \$2".

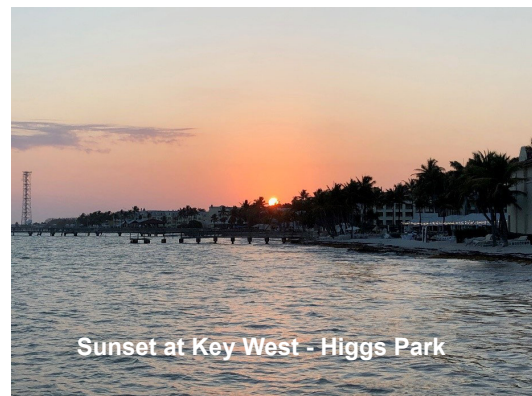
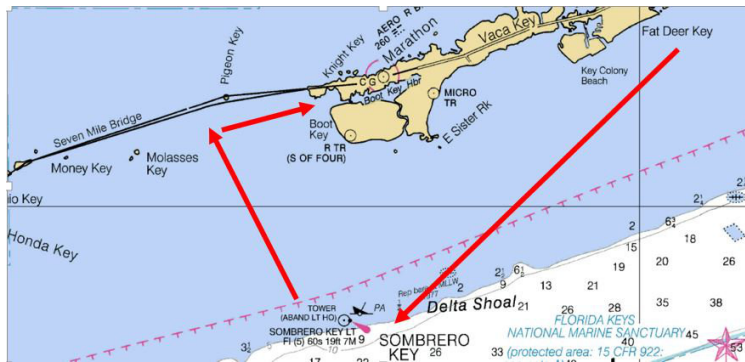
I am actively preparing for the LOOR 300 – The Lake Ontario 300 is an ocean race on an inland lake. It is considered an ocean race since you are sailing 24X7 and out of sight of land. I have learned a ton just in

the race preparation process and I am sure I'll learn a lot more this month. The Race starts 7/13/24 with up to 75 boats. 52 are registered currently. I had to get a Performance Handicap Racing Fleet assessment of sails and boat from PHRF-LO which is 151 and 158 with no flying

sails. I'll send out a link with a Delorme tracker so you can follow our progress from Watkins Glen, NY through the Erie Canal to Oswego and then to Port Credit Yacht Club in Mississauga, ONT. The race is from Port Credit to Niagara Light to Main Duck Island to Oswego and back to Toronto. 300 miles will take 3 days at 100 miles a day. Then we will bring the boat back to Watkins Glen with a separate crew.

MSA Membership Meeting – Our next Membership Meeting is 8/14/24 at 5PM at Mean Dean's Restaurant - 6059 26th St W, Bradenton, FL 34207 - Tom Briggie will chair the meeting while I am in NY.

Fair Winds and following seas,  
Jim



Sunset at Key West - Higgs Park

**TAMPA BAY ROWDIES CHALLENGE THE  
LOUISVILLE CITY FOOTBALL CLUB  
JUNE 15TH**

I must admit that I was totally lost at the June MSA Social Event when 16 loyal MSA members agreed to try something new and attend a professional Soccer Game. I didn't have a clue to what was going on after the clock started. It had been a very long time since I had been in attendance of my son's soccer games on Saturday mornings when a bunch of 6 year old kiddos ran around the field like little uniformed chicks wearing shin guards. I remember none of the rules or procedures of the game and maybe I never did learn them. I was just supposed to be there and cheer for my kids who would hopefully acquire some personal success and confidence by doing so.

So on June 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M. on an unusually cool and comfortable summer night at Al Lang Stadium in St. Petersburg we watched the Tampa Bay Rowdies challenge the Louisville City Football Club to a match on their home turf.

This idea all started late last year when I was searching for different options for the 2024 MSA outings. As we have done many times before, one of our summer traditions was to attend a Marauders

baseball game here in town. It was easy to execute but not unusual or different. I was under the impression that attending most other athletic events could be very expensive. I finally called the Rowdies one day and talked to an agent, a nice guy with a cool name.....JT. He gave me an idea of the cost which was in fact within reason and included a schedule listing all the home games. He encouraged us to give them a try. It took almost 6 months before that "idea" materialized and I offered a night soccer game to MSA

members. As luck would have it, the game was exciting and entertaining even if I was puzzled most of the time.

And let's talk about the "time" in professional soccer games. Each game is a total of 90 minutes broken down to 2 periods of 45 minutes each with a 15

minute break. There are no time outs as in our traditional American Football and no stopping of the clock. Instead there is something called "stoppage time". Let me explain! Stoppage time, also known as injury time or added time, is the additional minutes played at the end of each half to

compensate for lost time due to various factors during the match such as player injuries, substitutions, goal celebrations, time-wasting tactics and other unforeseen interruptions. No kidding! I was shocked!





Apparently this “stoppage time” allow referees to ensure a fair and complete conclusion to the game. It seemed like a lot more work to me to tally up all the seconds during the playing of a game but nobody asked me for a better idea!

After the National Anthem was sung quite beautifully by the Tampa Bay Gay Men’s Chorus in honor of Pride Month, both teams ran out onto the field. Not one but two Tampa Bay Rowdie mascots joined the cheering as the clock ran down to game time. Pete and Pinnie, both very tall pelicans flirted with each other and the crowds. (Yup, I got that wrong, too! I

thought they were chickens!) As the game progressed we threw out questions to anyone who might be able to give us answers. Why did they do that? What happens now? Was that a penalty? I kept asking the poor stranger sitting next to me until he got up to get a beer and never came back.



Was it something I said? All I know for sure since I read it in the newspaper the next day is: “The Tampa Bay Rowdies picked up a crucial victory over first place Louisville City on Saturday Night at Al Lang Stadium. After pulling ahead by two in the first half, the Rowdies conceded twice but ultimately found a stoppage time winner from 21 year old Damian Rivera, sealing a 3-2 result for the Rowdies!” I couldn’t have said it better myself!

I must take time however to announce that prior to the game we had the privilege of dining in a really excellent restaurant for the very first time. The object of my planning was to facilitate an easier event for all by planning to park once and be able to have a short walk to the restaurant and then have a short walk to the stadium. There were about 3 eateries that fit that requirement. But I went for the gusto and the great reviews. The Gratzze Italian Grille was voted for several years in a row as the Best Italian Restaurant in St. Pete. But the clincher was that they had a generous Happy Hour and a fabulous early bird fixed price menu. The food was divine and the service was amazing. The restaurant was packed when we left and we knew why. We all totally agreed with the rave reviews.



I must apologize for not being more proactive about adding a short list of general rules of a professional soccer game in my upcoming event article in the Gale Tales Newsletter last month. It would have been helpful to me in particular. But in spite of that, I believe we all enjoyed ourselves and learned a few new things in the process. Thank you for being adventuresome about trying something new and different. We just might do this again!

Gail Gordon  
MSA Social Secretary

Note to Self - Book Needed: Soccer for Dummies!



## Sailing at the Summer Olympics



The Olympic sailing events for the Paris 2024 Games will take place in Marseille from July 28 to August 8. Each day of competition starts at 5:00 a.m. ET and is scheduled to finish at 1:00 p.m. ET. Here's a brief overview of the schedule:

- **Sunday, July 28:** Women's and Men's Windsurfing races, Women's and Men's Skiff races.
- **Monday, July 29:** More Skiff and Windsurfing races.
- **Tuesday, July 30:** Additional Windsurfing races and Skiff races.
- **Wednesday, July 31:** Skiff and Windsurfing races continue.
- **Thursday, August 1:** Medal races for Skiff and Dinghy classes.
- **Friday, August 2:** Mixed Dinghy races and Windsurfing quarterfinals.
- **Saturday, August 3:** Dinghy and Multihull races.
- **Sunday, August 4:** More Multihull races, Dinghy races, and Kite races.

Remember that the schedule is subject to change until the conclusion of the Olympic Games, so stay tuned for updates!.

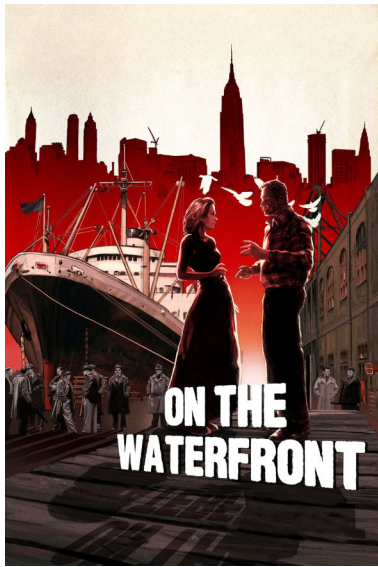
Marseille Marina



## **MSA SOCIAL EVENTS**

### **DINNER AND A MOVIE JULY 5, 2024**

Welcome to summer in Florida! Mentally I have always thought of our steamy hot summers as our equivalent to the winter weather up in the freezing northlands.....it is a time when we need to stay indoors.



So with that in mind, I have planned to enjoy the A/C for the next few months for our MSA social outings. Friday July 5<sup>th</sup> is our next date on the calendar. I know, it's a big Holiday

week for most folks but why not end it with a classic award winning movie at the Sarasota Opera House.

“On the Waterfront”, a 1954 film directed by Elia Kazan tells the story of dockworker Terry Malloy (played by Marlon Brando which earned him an Academy Award for Best Actor in a leading Role). Terry had been an up and coming boxer until powerful local mob boss Johnny Friendly (played by Lee J. Cobb) persuaded him to throw a fight. When a longshoreman is murdered before he can testify about Friendly’s control of the Hoboken waterfront, Terry teams up with the dead man’s sister Edie, (Eva Marie Saint in her first film role) and the streetwise priest Father Barry (in a stunning performance by

Karl Malden) against the advice of Friendly’s lawyer who is Terry’s older brother (none other than Rod Steiger). The unbeatable cast and powerful images in black and white of a tough community in an underworld of New York City in the 50’s make this film unforgettable.



This is one time that inflation has not affected us! The cost of this opportunity to see another fabulous classic movie is still only \$12 per ticket! I will be happy to buy the tickets ahead of time so we don’t have to wait in line. (The opera house only offers open seating but hopefully we can all seat together or near each other.) Please email me at [gailgordon56@gmail.com](mailto:gailgordon56@gmail.com) no later than July 2<sup>nd</sup> if you would like to join us for a great evening of entertainment.

After checking every menu within walking distance of the opera house I have decided that an early dinner at Patrick’s (1481 Main Street, Sarasota) would be the best and least expensive option. They have always welcomed us and the menu is extensive and would not require us to take out a loan to pay for our meal. Happy Hour is from 3 to 6 P.M daily so let’s plan on getting there no later than 5 P.M. We will have plenty of time to enjoy our meal and be in our seats before 7:30 when the lights go down. See you there!

**ON THE HORIZON**

**August 2024 Ringling Summer Circus  
Spectacular TBA  
Historic Asolo Theater**

It has been a couple of years since we have had the privilege of sitting in a glorious theater built in 1798 in a small far away village in Italy. The historic structure was dismantled in 1930 and stored away until the

Ringling Museum heard a rumor that it still existed. It was purchased in 1949 and brought to Sarasota in pieces. In 1952 the ornate Italian horseshoe shaped theater with 4 levels of box seats opened its doors to the public. Today, that happens only occasionally and for very special events. But we can enjoy the theater in all its beauty plus catch an exciting special event, too.....The Summer Circus Spectacular! This is not a traditional circus show. These stage performances are given by world class artists who specialize in acts of extreme strength and unusual talent. Hosted by Jared Walker, our Master of Ceremonies, and highlighted by some



enchanting and amusing clowning around antics, 5 amazing acts will perform and thrill the crowd. If you haven't been to one of these performances you are in for a treat! And even if you have....each year the museum travels the world over to bring us a new line up of breathtaking performers.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$12 for children 12 and under. We will schedule an 11 A.M. morning show and then have a scrumptious lunch in the Ringling Grill Room just across the Hall. As an extra bonus, on the

day of the show you can purchase admission to the Circus Museum for only \$5. Watch for emails to sign up for this exciting opportunity. Hope to see you there!

**September 2024 The Chihully Glass  
Collection Tour and Lunch in St. Pete  
TBA**

**October 2024 MSA Annual Beach Picnic  
at Bayfront Park, Anna Maria Island**

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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