



Gale Tales

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Up Coming Events

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Event	Date	Time	Place
DWBH	Aug 3	5:00 PM	Central Cafe
Laser Light Nights at the Bishop	Aug 13	9:00 PM	Bishop Museum
Cruise	Aug 26	4:00 PM	Gulfport

On the Horizon

Event	Date	Time	Place
Baseball	Sept 1	6:30 PM	Lecom Park
Beach Cleanup	Oct 8	9:00 AM	AMI Bayfront Park
Beach Party	Oct 8	11:00 AM	AMI Bayfront Park

Cruise to Gulfport



August 26 -28



Ahoy Mates

We're in the Dog Days of Summer when we feel the temperatures while standing 10 minutes outside. Likely two-thirds of our neighbors have deserted us for lands up north, leaving us with our street to ourselves as a good side effect. The dog days have been defined many years ago and our dog Lucky is loving it. She wants to chase a tennis ball outside whenever she can get our attention.

It has also been a good time this past month for MSA events. The regular meeting was well attended at the newly remodeled Trailer Estates small meeting hall. I say regular meeting because we have chosen to space our meetings out from the monthly meetings we had held in the past. I heard good comments about the venue so we will likely have another one there before the end of the year.

So we chose October 8 as our next meeting date. It is the day of the beach cleanup starting at 9 AM with the picnic and meeting following at the Anna Maria Picnic Grounds, park there for the cleanup and the picnic. So the next regular meeting after that maybe in November.

After our meeting on July 12 we were presented with a naval gem in Manatee and Sarasota counties. Jim Peters, Senior Operations Manager of Innovation Marine Corporation discussed his business with great interest to our MSA members in attendance.

Jim Peters offered a tour of the facility across the street from the SRQ Airport. Gary Morgan, Rick and Adelia Jackson and I toured the facility the next week. They have 61 employees, most of which are engineers and certified mechanics rebuilding and manufacturing boat engines for such government agencies as the U.S. Navy Seals, TSA, FBI and Homeland Security. They also work on private boats and had a number in the shop to display. We had our picture taken in front of a boat with two massive 600 HP outboard Mercury engines, each equipped with dual props.



That's 1200 HP of engines on one boat, impressive.

On July 22 a quaint group of us met at the Café Amici in Sarasota for dinner. Terry and Claude introduced their friends Keith and Carey who were welcomed by the membership in attendance. We are such a kind and inviting organization. Or as I also looked at it, potential members. By dinner and movie guidelines, afterwards we were met by other members at the

Sarasota Opera House for the classic movie, "To Kill a Mockingbird," arranged by Gail Gordon. I remember watching that classic a couple times, but never on the big screen.

So now we look to the future and can have further discussions this week at the DWBH on Wednesday at the Central Café in Bradenton. Please reserve your seat by contacting Vice-Commodore LuAnn Zajaczkowski, phone (302) 540-5146 or by sending her an email at luann01@comcast.net.

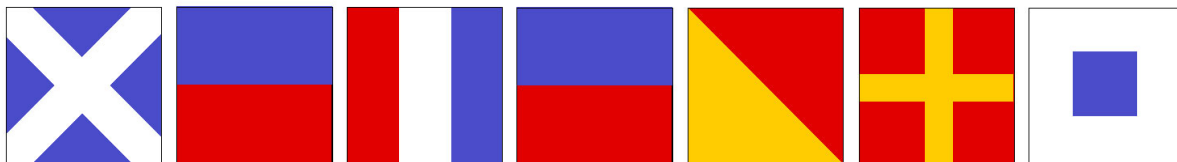
So, we are looking for 2023 officers and will be accepting nominations at the October 8 meeting and picnic. Please step up if you want an opportunity to guide and help organize the Manatee Sailing Association of the future. I hope that those who have done such a great job in the administration this year will continue and offer their services next year. Our organization remains strong with your help.



I leave you with our signal flags for the month of August. It depicts some astronomical event that occurs this time of year. Just search "nautical signal flags" in your favorite search engine to decipher the flags.

Enjoy life on the water this summer, maybe I will see you out there. Or, grab a seat and I will see you at the next land excursion.

Tom Briggles
Commodore



MSA SOCIAL EVENTS

AUGUST, 2022

**Laser Nights at the Bishop
Saturday August 13th at 9 P.M.**



Rocking out in the 70ths, a laser show highlighting music from Queen, Journey, Led Zeppelin and many more of your favorite artists is scheduled at the Bishop Planetarium on August 13th at 9 P.M. I have 15 reservations for the performance so at this



time the show is sold out but I will take "wait list" reservations if there are any last minute cancellations. Please email me at

gailgordon56@gmail.com for more information. A variety of food options and drinks will be available for purchase onsite with cash or card. The tickets are \$15 each. If you have a reservation please bring a check made out to MSA the night of the performance. Exact amount cash is also welcome. Before the concert we will have a preshow dinner (inside) at our old haunt, Pier 22 at about 6:45 P.M. Please alert me if you are NOT coming to dinner so I can give the restaurant the correct number of members to expect. Thank you.

FYI: I have been advised that it might be helpful to bring ear plugs just in case!!!! Also, once the concert doors are closed at 9 P.M. sharp they will not open for late comers. The concert will last for about 1 hour. See you there!

SEPTEMBER, 2022

**Baseball - Marauders vs. Fort Myers at
Lecom Park
Thursday September 1st, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.**

Sometimes you are unable to get the right answers until you ask the right

questions. And sometimes when you search for information, you

can slip down a rabbit hole and find a dead

end. I can attest to having great experience with both these situations.

That was where I was with trying to schedule a summer baseball game when every website I visited turned out to be a ticket agency with very high prices for very mediocre seats.

Until, I found Zach at group sales at Lecom Park only by accident. He had only started his job the day before my call and was green behind the ears. But between the 2 of us we got the job done and we were both pleased with the end results. I had told him about our history with the Marauders and he quickly



found our past bookings on the computer. It's been a few years since we been to a Marauders game but most of the same details are still in place. So little by little we pieced together a fun night at the ballpark. We will be attending a game on Thirsty Thursday, September 1st at 6:30 p.m. as we have done in the past, but the \$1 beers have become \$2 beers. No surprise there, I'm afraid. Instead of having hot dogs and hamburgers on the deck which is what we've done in the past (which is now quite pricey), we will find an alternative place (TBA) for an early meal near the ballpark. That evening, the Marauders will be playing Fort Myers (Zach mentioned that at this moment Fort Myers was the top ranking team). And it will be one of the last games before the play-offs so it should be a good one. The cost for this event is \$11 and with your ticket you get a Marauders baseball cap and a soft drink voucher. Not bad, right? I have 20 seats reserved (I believe they are behind the Marauders dug out). It's time now to make your reservations since the game is on the first of the month. Email me at gailgordon56@gmail.com no later than August 21st to sign up for another

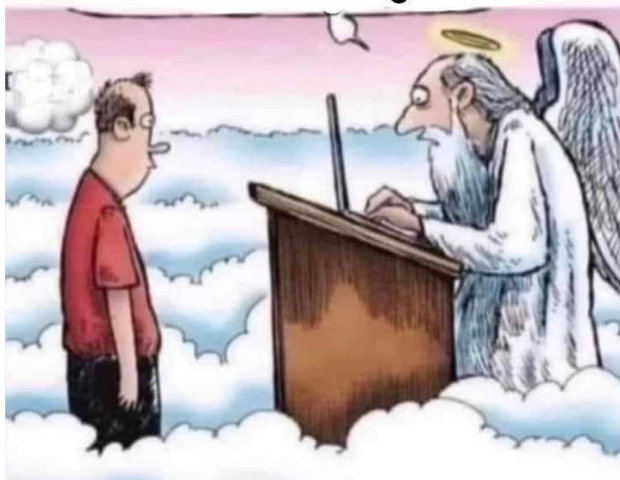


summer MSA tradition of an all American night at a baseball game.

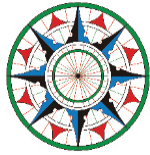
See you there.

Gail Gordon
MSA Social Secretary

**Well, you almost made it
except for your language
when docking.**



CRUISING NEWS



Our thermometer says it is a snugly warm 96 degrees outside, but the humidity is a comfortable 54%, so let's go sailing! We all took a break last month in honor of the heat wave, but now, since we are into the refreshing breezes of August it's time to sail again. I think I just heard everyone say those two cruising captains have been in the sun too long, and I think you would be correct, but all that is about to change.

We are in the final stages of the construction of a lanai out back, with a roof that blocks the sun from the patio and shades the east side of the house. We will be able to spend some time outside and not get heat stroke. With this project done we will be able to get some respite from the blazing Florida summer heat by heading up to Maine for a while so we will miss the next sail away. We do however have at least 3 MSA boats that are eager to take their captains and crews to the quaint city of Gulfport.

Our next trip will take place on August 26 and 27, returning home on the 28th. This will be at the Gulfport Municipal Marina, and for those more hearty sailors that can enjoy the balmy breezes of a large anchorage, the anchorage is



located right off the Gulfport beach and Casino. The little town of Gulfport has some nice places to eat and drink, and some little shops. In the past many members have driven up to join the boaters for dinner. The marina address is 4630 29th Ave. South, Gulfport, FL 33711, phone number 727-893-1071. Reservations are made through Dockwa.com. Transient slips are currently available. The cost is \$2.50 per foot with 30 foot minimum.

There will be a Gulfport Boulevard Block Party Saturday August 27 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM at 5313-5325 Gulfport Boulevard South, Gulfport. There will be popup artists displaying in the courtyards, live music, and refreshments.

Friday evening at about 5 PM there will be a Happy Hour on Jazz so bring an appetizer and something to drink and join in the fun. The group will think about dinner in town for Saturday evening. Charles will know what's happening.

On Sunday morning everyone could get together for breakfast on Jazz before heading home.

Happy Sailing.

Rick and Adelia Jackerson,
Cruising Captains 941-755-65

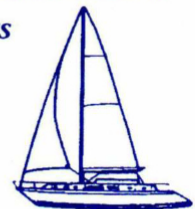


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TO THE CRADLE OF MANKIND

By Gail Gordon

You may have noticed that I was not present for the July MSA Social Event. The reason was that I had to postpone for the 3rd time (2 years for the Pandemic and then this June because I had contracted Covid) my trip to Africa with my granddaughter. Rescheduled several times, the safari finally took place this July. I had been to Africa before but not to this area, which



included the famous Serengeti National Park and the Tarangire National Park all located in what was known as “the Cradle of Mankind”, Tanzania. I have just returned as I write this still suffering from jetlag and lack of sleep due to flying over 9000 miles in 40

consecutive hours but I thought I might share with you a few stories from our adventures. I will not dwell on our transit nightmares of delays and missed flights and expensive hotels and rebooking because that unfortunately seems to be the norm for travel at present. But eventually we got from point A to point B and back again.

One of the most striking highlights for me and my granddaughter, Cora, was the day we spent with a small tribe of Maasai. Their boma was pristine and efficient. Although their homes were mud huts with thatched roofs, they seemed to lack for nothing. The chief welcomed our small tour group and proudly



introduced us to his 3 wives and some of his older children. The women introduced some of their talents and responsibilities and we pitched in to help. We repaired a hut with a mixture of cow dung and mud. With our hands we smoothed the mixture

over the surface of structure. We worked side by side with these gorgeous ladies and we sang and chanted along with them. We threaded beads on wire and watched as the women created their famous collars used in traditional dancing. We helped weave baskets and repair the roof of a hut with straw.



Later in the morning the young men of the tribe appeared in a regimented group. Wrapped in the traditional Maasai blankets and carrying the all important staff, they danced and chanted and

impressed us with their warrior moves which included the famous high jumping. The women responded in dance wearing the huge stiff collars which bounced when they moved their shoulders up and down. This was a National Geographic moment. Cora and a young Maasai woman about the same age were instant soul mates. They never left each other’s side and when our visit was over, there were tears.



Another remarkable memory was the day we were privy to a pride of lions hunting along a

creek. We arrived in our jeep just in time to see 2 females in action as they stalked, chased and caught gazelle. They did not share their feast and no one tried to take it from them. When they returned from devouring their meal, the other females in the pride including



four or five cubs raced up to each of the hunters and jumped all over them in celebration of their successful mission. I had no idea that the pride worked so well as a group. Other female lions even babysat the cubs while mom was out hunting. Who knew? We were leaving the Serengeti to explore the Ngorongoro Crater which is really not a crater but a caldera when we stopped at a large tourist rest area for a bathroom break. There were many jeeps and travelers here enjoying the luxurious conveniences and picnicking on tables in the shade. When we returned from the “loo with a view” our guide said come with me. Just 30 feet from where we were walking was a huge male lion and his female. He had chosen this unusual setting for mating. These lions had

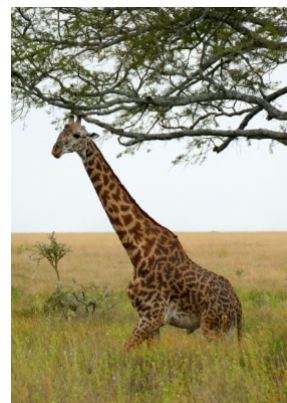


already gathered a crowd and our group added to that. The lion watched us closely and most likely was afraid



we were going to steal his sweetheart but he did not advance, thank goodness. We quietly stepped away. No matter where we went, we had to be reminded that this was the animal’s home, not ours. We were never allowed to wander or walk unattended unless with a guide especially at night. However, one night at about 3 A.M. a herd of humongous elephants woke us up passing on the sides of our tent breaking tree branches and munching on leaves as they went by. We got up in the dark to watch from the tent window hoping the elephants would not come any closer. They did not but what a thrill!

If you added all the wildlife I have seen in my entire life, the amount would not come close to what I was privileged to see in the last 2 weeks. It’s no wonder that the Serengeti is a UNESCO World Heritage site and a coveted destination area. Our guide told us that there were over 30,000 varieties of animals that live there and the number of animals top well over 4 million in total. The wait was more than worth it!!!!



COMING TO GRENADA

By Diana Jorgensen

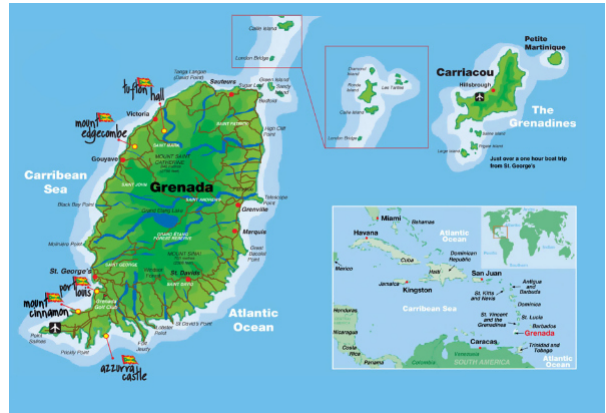
It's been a long time coming. We have wanted to move south for a very long time. It all began looking for wonderful scuba diving destinations.

We used to keep in shape for "real" diving by going sharks teeth diving at Venice Beach, Florida. We spent hours underwater (with limited visibility) enjoying the little reef, sea creatures, fish, and finding pounds of fossilized sharks teeth. The current conditions in Venice are dismal. Because of pollution, the reef is dead, the fish are gone, and there are very few sharks' teeth. So, in order to dive, we had to go somewhere else.



We have enjoyed diving in the Florida Keys and East Coast, Salt Cay, Green Turtle Cay, Grand Cayman, Cozumal, Costa Maya, and Roatan. We considered Panama, but it wasn't right for us. Isla Mujeres in Mexico was perfect, except for their problem with sea grass for several months during the year. We even considered Portugal, Spain, and Thailand.

Then in December (the trip had been postponed from September because of Covid), after hiding from disease for what seemed forever, we escaped to Grenada. We fell in love. The island is a tropical paradise complete with rain forest and monkeys. It is famous for the spices that are grown here. Vegetables and fruits are abundant. The food is local and fresh, as is the beer and rum.



There is a chocolate factory, three rum distilleries, a Carib beer brewery, and more. And the diving is spectacular all year round. Water temperature is 81° F to 84° F. The air is from 72° F in the morning and evening to 86° F in the afternoon. And the people are the friendliest and most helpful we have ever met.

Originally we bought our 36 foot narrow beam Carlson Sable sailing catamaran in 2013 with the idea of sailing to all of those wonderful diving destinations. But injuries and aging made us rethink those plans. As anyone who has ever owned a boat can tell you, the work is never done. So, we sold Songlines last year with very mixed emotions. We had made her a better boat than when we got her and she had been very good to us.

So, in February I found a house for rent in Grenada that was not available until July 1st.



Richard & Harpo on Balcony

Perfect. We had a goal. We rented the “Cozy House on Excel Plaza Road,” started packing or giving away everything. We put the house on the market, put everything onto an ocean going cargo container, checked into the Hampton Inn (with the dog), sold both cars, rented a car to drive to the Miami airport, checked into the airport hotel, flew to Grenada, and here we are.

Sounds much easier than it was.

The reason we moved into the Hampton for ten days was that the buyer for our house wanted to close on June 22nd. Worked for us. Our flight out of Miami to Grenada was booked for July 1st. We would just move into a hotel until time to go.

The cargo container was supposed to be in front of our house at 11:00 the morning of June 20th. The packers arrived at 8:00 and had everything ready to load by 10:00. We waited the hour, got a call that the driver was late. At noon we got a call that the cargo container was not coming, could we reschedule our closing. NO! Cargo company agreed to have the container at our house at 7:00 am June 21st. We said okay. We had no packers. We were finally able to get the packers back at 4:30 p.m. Meanwhile, the house cleaners were trying to work around all the furniture and boxes so the buyer could do a walk through before closing. However, we got a call our first night in the

hotel telling us that the buyer has lost his job. He asked for a two week extension, which we granted. (Still waiting.)



Annandale Waterfall

The boys are grown and gone. Michael is in Shanghai, China and Travis lives in Chicago. But Harpo, the wonder dog, Richard’s service dog, is still very much with us. She had all her documents and cleared by American Airlines to fly in the cabin with us months in advance. However, approval for a dog to enter Grenada has to be authorized no sooner than two weeks before arrival. Fortunately, Harpo’s doctor had gone to veterinary school in Grenada and the office staff was very experienced in the paperwork needed. Harpo passed her exam with flying colors and the paperwork was sent to the USDA for approval, after which the documents are

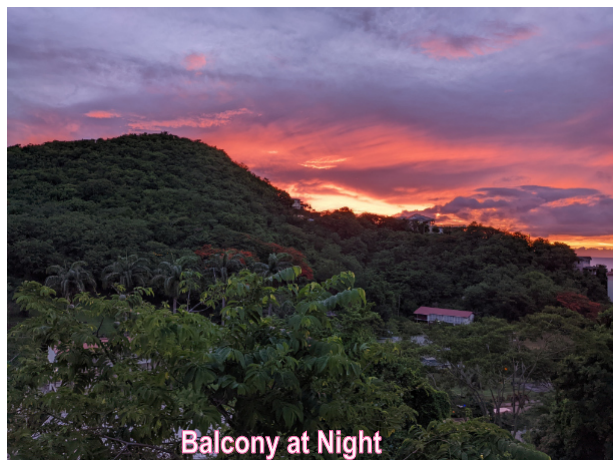
sent to the Department of Agriculture in Grenada. The USDA turnaround is usually three days. Eleven days later, we had heard nothing. We got word that the USDA approval had come through while we were driving to Miami. When we got on the plane, we didn’t know if we were going to get approval from Grenada to come into the country. When we landed in Grenada and I turned off airplane mode, the letter of approval was in my email. Harpo is now a legal resident of Grenada and she can come into the country whenever she wants. We still have a lot of paperwork to do for the same status.

The driver was waiting for us at the airport. The rental agent, the property manager, and the maintenance man were all waiting to meet us with smiles. We are still in a daze, but we are here and we are happy.

I’ll tell you more about the Cozy House on Excel Plaza Road and Grenada later.

My best to all,

Diana Jorgensen



Balcony at Night



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 _____

Sail # _____ PHRF _____

Signature: _____

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