



Gale Tales

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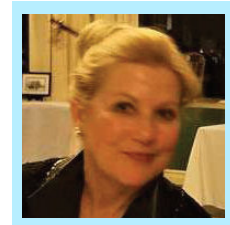
Up Coming Events

August 2023

Event	Date	Time	Place
LaserLight Show	Aug 10	7:00 PM	Bishop Museum
Classic Movie Night	Aug 25	7:30 PM	Sarasota Opera House
MSA Meeting	Aug TBD	6:00 PM	Mean Deans Restaurant
DWBH	Aug TBD	5:00 PM	TBD

On the Horizon

Event	Date	Time	Place
Beach Picnic	Oct 7	11:00 AM	Bayfront Park, AMI
Civil War Reenactment	Oct 14 or 15	11:00 AM or 2:00 PM	Florida Railroad Museum
Frank Lloyd Wright Architectural Tour	Nov TBD	TBD	Florida southern College



Happy August!

Summer greetings to all MSA members and friends. The outdoors heat continues, hopefully everyone's A/C is in good working order. I don't know about you, but I've even been going to the movie theatre lately – an entertaining few hours in a cool (literally) place. Lots of good movies to choose from too. For what it's worth, I highly recommend Oppenheimer. It's biographical and historical and yet very relevant today, and so well done in every way: the acting, dialog, costumes, sets and cinematography, etc. A very powerful film that will give you lots to think and talk about with your friends and families.



How is everyone else staying cool this summer? Hopefully some of you are out on the water, sailing or boating!

As always, here's a **brief recap** of July's MSA events. Also as always, please read this letter and save the dates for upcoming events in your calendars!



On July 20, we had a Gail-organized MSA social event at Lecom field, where a group of us enjoyed a baseball game between the Bradenton Marauders and the Fort Myers Mighty Mussels (gotta love that name!). The rain held off, there was a gentle breeze most of the time, the beers were \$2, and our seats were in the shade. Even the game turned into a nail biter in the last innings. What more can you ask? (Good hot dogs, check!) Thanks to Gail for organizing!

On July 26 we had a Don't Worry Be Happy (DWBH) at Avocado's, a restaurant on Cortez Road. We had a nice turnout and lots of fun conversation while we enjoyed the Mexican/TexMex tasty food, cold drinks, and for some, yummy margaritas. A big thank you to Deb Stickland who set up this DWBH!



Regarding **upcoming important dates**, please note that we are still working on setting up an August meeting at Mean Dean's, a restaurant on 26th Street in Bradenton, but I am told that their new meeting room is not quite ready for use. If we aren't able to set up an August general meeting, I apologize in advance.

On **August 10**, some of us will be gathering at the Bishop Museum of Science and Nature in Bradenton for one of their Laser Light Nights, Motown edition! Deb Stickland (again, yay!) and Gail (always, yay!) worked together to plan this event, and it promises

to be quite the evening of music and entertainment. Details for those attending (tickets have already been purchased) will be forthcoming, but Deb has reminded me that the group will meet her at 6pm outside the museum.

On **August 25**, Gail has planned another dinner and a movie night. The dinner location is TBD in downtown Sarasota and

the movie will be at the Sarasota Opera House for their **Classic Movie Night** showing of *The Great Escape*, a 1963 movie starring Steve McQueen. Gail will be sending out emails regarding the event shortly. These are always fun gatherings, so plan to attend if you can!

We will be having an **August DWBH** (big thank you to Betty Burton), and when that date is set we will send out an email with the pertinent info (date, place). **Stay tuned.**

As you are aware, we are now a club without a Vice Commodore, but I am pleased to report that several of you have stepped forward with ideas for DWBHs (to wit, see above, Deb and Betty, also Debbie Barney for a future as yet unplanned DWBH)! Thank you all! If anyone else has a potential DWBH location in mind and is willing to make a few phone calls, by all means, let me know; I'm sure we can find a month for it!

And finally, an important date that I hope is already on your calendars; **Saturday, October 7** is the date of **our annual MSA**

picnic/general meeting 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.



Enjoy the August get togethers and stay hydrated!

Happy Sailing!

Patti Korn
Commodore, MSA

Twice in a month, or once in a blue moon?

The month's first full moon happens Tuesday at 2:32 p.m. Eastern time. August's full moon is traditionally known as the Sturgeon Moon here in North America, because the continent's largest freshwater fish are beginning their spawning season. Other names include the Grain Moon and Corn Moon.

But this month, there's a bonus moon.

The second full moon will occur Aug. 30 at 9:26 p.m. Eastern time and is one of two types of "blue moons." This term applies to either the second full moon in a calendar month (as we have this year) or the third full moon to occur in an astronomical season (between equinoxes and solstices) that has four full moons. This second type of blue moon will occur on Aug. 19 next year.



**A NIGHT OUT AT LECOM PARK
FOR BEER AND BASEBALL!
JULY 20TH**

by Gail Gordon

Most every summer Manatee Sailing Association gets out in the extreme heat and the always possible afternoon thunder storms to support our local home town baseball team, the Bradenton Marauders. The team group sales agent, Travis, makes life easy for me by setting aside good seats without a deposit or a promise. He throws in free hats and a free drink for us without batting an eye. And then once a game we get some fame when the giant monitor displays our club name in giant neon colors and we are officially welcomed. This year, we gathered at Lecom Park on thirsty Thursday July 20th for the great American pastime, baseball.

I wish I could say I had some knowledge of baseball other than the general stuff but a few things happened on this Thursday night that kept us motivated to pay attention. But thankfully Tom

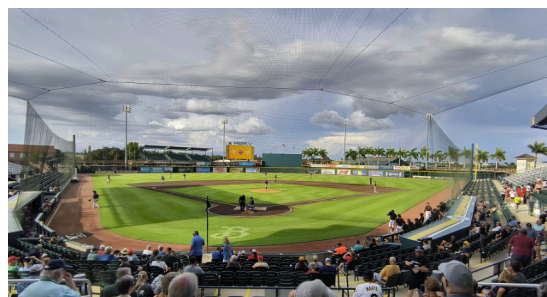


Briggle, our resident umpire, kept answering our questions when we didn't understand what was going on. We had seats reserved under the roof behind home plate. That was a first for me and I



figured that we would be at least protected from the sun and the rain. But I gotta say, it was hot, really hot even when the sun went down and the air got so still you could hardly breathe. We were covered in sweat as we downed liquids to stay hydrated. As a matter of fact by the top of the 6th inning, only one umpire remained standing. The others were overcome by heat and left the game. Another crazy thing, a home run was scored in the first pitch.....but for the opposing team Fort Myers. It was totally unexpected! The Marauders remained scoreless until the 7th inning which brought the score, the Fort Myers Mussels 4 and the home team 1. But we had our day at the bottom of the 8th inning

when the Marauders hit their first home run of the night narrowing Fort Myer's lead 6 to 5. And to make things more exciting we scored at the bottom of the ninth to tie the game 6, 6. Even with the extreme heat and only 1 ref, extra innings kept most of us in our seats.



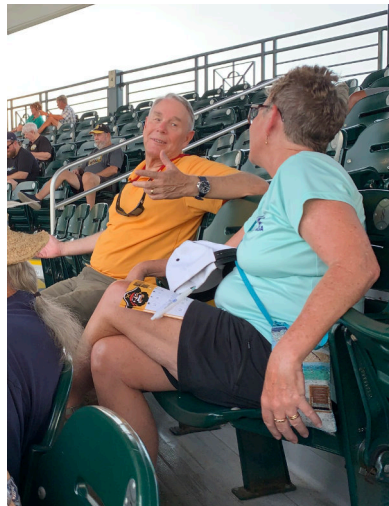
That brings to mind another amusing thing that happened during the game. Betty and Ed Burton left early because their dog Sully was panting heavily from the heat. Apparently as they were exiting



Not sure why it was used other than to speed up the game. The 10th inning began with a player already positioned on second base to start with and then the game was played as usual. Another home run in that long inning set Fort Myers on a winning streak. By the time the Marauders took their place at bat, the Mussels had added 5 more runs for a total of 11. The Marauders could only bring another run in by the end of the 10th inning to lose to

the stadium Sully grabbed someone's popcorn bag and had a few bites. We didn't see what had happened until Betty came back into the bleachers with a fresh bag of popcorn to give to the surprised couple.

Confusing us even further Tom explained that something called "California Rules" was put into effect during extra innings required because of the tied score. He had never seen this procedure before himself!



Fort Myers 11 to 7. We were just a few of the loyal fans to hang in there to the end. With so few folks remaining in the

stadium, we slipped out of the parking lot in 2 seconds flat. We all had a fun night in spite of the heat. The game was interesting and we didn't get rained out. All that and a free hat made it a great time. Thanks for joining me for a summer MSA tradition at a baseball game.



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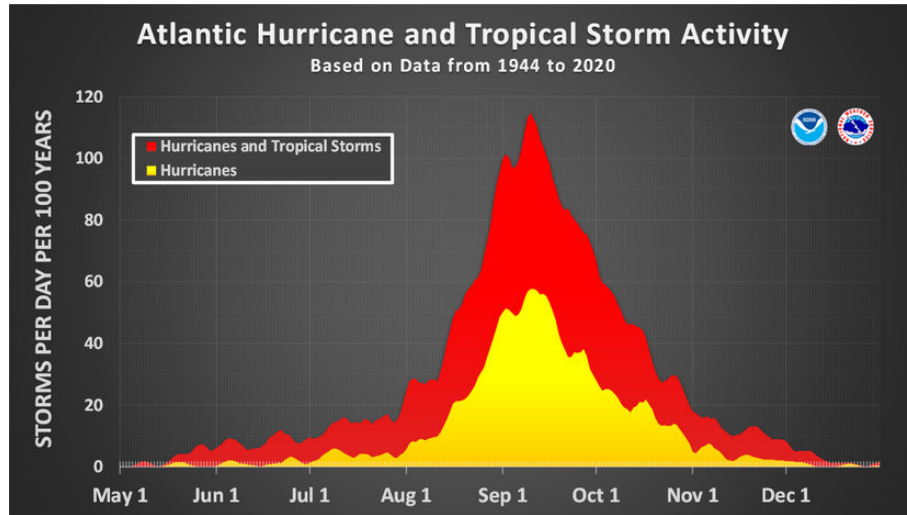
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Peak Hurricane Season is Coming Soon

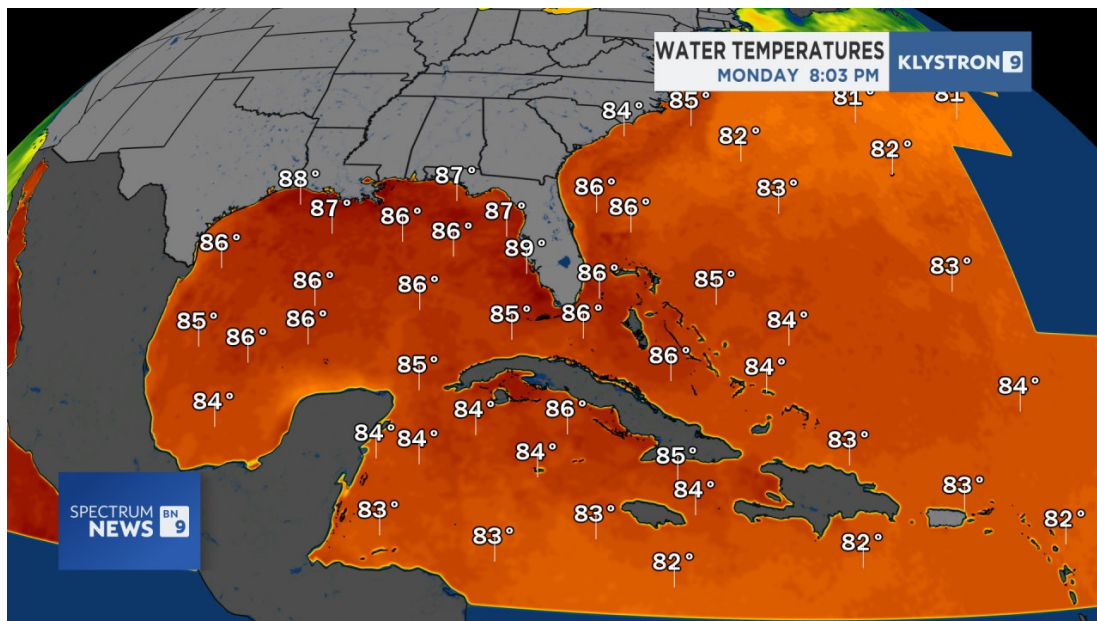
It's Time to Prepare



2023 Hurricane Season Forecast		Atlantic Basin		
	1991-2020 Average	2022	Colorado State University	The Weather Company
Total Named	14	14	13	15
Hurricanes	7	8	6	7
Cat 3 or Higher	3	2	2	3

Tropical Cyclone Names 2023			
Atlantic Basin			
Arlene	Gert	Margot	Tammy
Bret	Harold	Nigel	Vince
Cindy	Idalia	Ophelia	Whitney
Don	Jose	Philippe	
Emily	Katia	Rina	
Franklin	Lee	Sean	

* New names in 2023 replacing Harvey, Irma, Maria and Nate



MSA SOCIAL EVENTS

August 2023

**SARASOTA CLASSIC MOVIE NIGHT
"THE GREAT ESCAPE"
AUGUST 25TH, 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 at the historic Sarasota Opera House, 61 N. Pineapple Ave, Sarasota. 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 by August 20th. See you there!

Possible Upcoming MSA Events

October 7th: MSA Annual Picnic Bayfront Park Anna Maria Island

October 14th or 15th: The Florida Railroad Museum Civil War Reenactment Parrish

November: Florida Southern College Frank Lloyd Wright Architectural Tour Lakeland

December: The MSA Annual Christmas Party

Gail Gordon
MSA Social Secretary

The image is a business card for Betty Burton. On the left side, there is a logo consisting of a sunburst or starburst pattern. To the right of the logo, the name "OPTAVIA™" is written in a sans-serif font. Below the logo and name, the name "Betty Burton" is written in a larger, bold font. Underneath that, it says "Certified Independent Health Coach". Further down, there are three lines of contact information: "Health Coach ID # 18694301", "941.518.4493", and "Email Jlua416@gmail.com". At the bottom, there is a website address: "www.boatbabebetty.ichooseoptimalhealth.com". On the right side of the card, there is a photograph of Betty Burton, a woman with short, curly blonde hair, wearing glasses, a blue top, and a patterned scarf.



Manatee Sailing Association New Membership Application

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Other members in household: _____

Address: _____

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Home Phone: _____ Cell 1: _____ Cell 2 _____

Email 1 _____ Email 2 _____

Boat Make/Size _____ Boat Name _____

Sail # _____ PHRF _____

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