



Gale Tales

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Up Coming Events

September 2022

Event	Date	Time	Place
Baseball	Sept 1	6:30 PM	Lecom Park
Cruise	Sep 16	4:00 PM	Gulfport

On the Horizon

Event	Date	Time	Place
Beach Cleanup	Oct 8	9:00 AM	AMI Bayfront Park
Beach Party	Oct 8	11:00 AM	AMI Bayfront Park
Winery Tour	Oct 27	11:00 AM	Bunker Hill Vinyard and Winery



Ahoy Sailors

Take me out to the ballgame. The words to that song resonate with anyone who has been to a game. So when Gail announced we were going as a group to see the Marauders play I immediately put it on my calendar. If you know me you know that I am a fan of baseball. I umpire high school baseball from February to May. I watched some of the Little League World Series games and even caught a couple games of the Little League Softball World Series. Growing up we sometimes told a male with bad form that "You throw like a girl." After watching these girls throw, that statement would be a compliment now. I wish I could get up to see the Rays more often.

The game had an exciting finish with a walk-off home run in the ninth inning for an 8-7 win. I noticed changes were dramatic to the rules, with an 18-second clock between pitches. It really sped up the game. That may seem like a lot of time but the pitchers had just enough time to



Cruise to Gulfport
September 16 - 18

get the ball returned to them, take their sign from the catcher and deliver the pitch. I saw just one time that the umpire issued a ball on the batter for failing to pitch in the allotted time. The clock also ran between innings. Another rule change allowed an appeal on balls and strikes and I had seen some calls reversed on this appeal, which used a video system. These changes are tested in the minors and may filter to the major leagues. Gail will provide more information on the game, it was good to see her and Chuck there.



Before the game Gail came through with an out of the way restaurant in the Village of Arts. Our members filled the Bird Rock Taco Shack on 13th Avenue, ordering off the menu with many selections. My burritos were tasty and most impressive was that they had Pabst Blue Ribbon on the beer selection list. I hadn't had that beer since I was young.

I am looking forward to the annual picnic on October 8. There will be a beach cleanup in the morning as we have done in the past. At the regular meeting we will have a nomination announcement of new officers for 2023, please contact me if you have any interest in a position. Gary Morgan has another obligation that day so Linda and I will be doing the cooking. I've watched Gary do it for years so should be able to continue the tradition of providing good food. Then, there will be plenty of time for socializing.

I did have a member question about beaching a boat at the picnic area so I went to the trusty Internet. This is from the Manatee County website: "All vessels are prohibited in the area known as Bayfront Park." I read on another site, "Motorized and non-motorized watercraft must remain a minimum of 100 yards offshore." I guess that means all watercraft. But then on another, "No landing or launching watercraft except surfboards, sailboats, catamarans, kayaks." Some of it is contradictory so I will get better

answers. I know we have done similar beachings in the past, whether it was legal or not. More information about the annual picnic will be in the October Gale Tales.

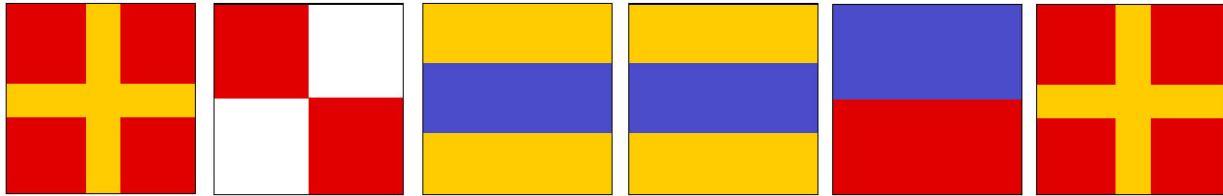
We were back in Ohio last weekend for a wedding, my sister's granddaughter. I stayed at her house among four other bedrooms upstairs filled with guests. The wedding was at her house, beautifully landscaped with a pond, pool and hot tub. I take pride in knowing how she and her husband overcame adversity and built an empire of seven retail thrift stores. Her two daughters each own pet stores and also doing quite well. But, as we sat outside after the guests had left there were complaints as to how cold it was. I felt comfortable; I guess my blood hasn't thinned even though I've lived in Florida for the past 15 years.

I am saddened by the passing of past MSA member Elaine Chase Jackson. Living on Anna Maria Island for the past 21 years

with her husband Joe, she enjoyed much of life before she was hit with illness and passed away August 5. Her husband died in 2011, they had been married since 1977. My sympathies go out to her family and friends.

This month's signal flags word hint: This is the most aft part on some sailboats. Enjoy the water, we have plenty surrounding us

Tom Briggie
Commodore



OUR WATER RESOURCES

By Carolyn Racey



On Saturday Aug.13 Helen Chounard and myself attended a presentation

event at the Tampa Bay Watch Environmental Education Center. it was hosted by the international group "Women Who Sail". the speaker was Capt. Chris Wittman, a fishing boat captain from south Florida and founder of "Captains for Clean Water" a grass roots organization



committed to educating and promoting public awareness of the need for clean water for today and future generations. I was amazed at the politics involved to keep our waterways clean. I was disturbed by the ecological devastation of the Florida Everglades due to nutrient run-off that we saw in 2018. with green algae blooms and enormous amounts of dead fish. Please take a look at their website "captainsforcleanwater.org".



Captains For Clean Water is a grassroots 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that fights to restore and protect our water resources.

In 2016, we started as a couple fishing guides that had "had enough" of Florida's poor water management practices devastating the estuaries we rely on. We were convinced that if everyone knew about the issues, they would've been fixed long ago. The solution is known, but has been delayed for decades due to lack of political will and public awareness. So, we set out to change that.



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**MSA SOCIAL EVENT
OCTOBER 2022**

By Gail Gordon

I'm a slow learner but eventually I get the job done! Many years ago, actually B.C. (before Covid), I received not only an email but a phone call from 2 beloved members, Claude Salomon and Terry Parker who were excited about a recent visit to a somewhat local facility and thought that this place would be an outstanding idea for an MSA Social Event. I don't know why or what happened but this info got filed back in the dark recesses of my

brain...until last week. That's when 2 other members, LuAnn Zajaczkowski and Carolyn Racey, were bubbling over with enthusiasm and couldn't stop bragging about a facility they had been to and thought it would be a great outing for us all. Yup, you guessed it! It was one in the same. So, thank you MSA members for not giving up on me. I heard you! It just took a little while to set me in motion. Before everyone else checks out this place, I am organizing a tour and tasting at Bunker Hills Winery.



and entrepreneurs of this extensive operation that produces unfiltered, vegan friendly, gluten free wines made from 100% fresh fruits. They have been touted as having the “America's



greenest winery”. We will have a tour of the industry they have created and we will enjoy a flight of 5 tastings of your personal selection of their 30, yes 30, different and unusual wines. They also make jelly, jams, marmalades and preserves with the same care and attention as their wines. These items are available for purchase and remember, Christmas is just around the corner folks!

The cost of our visit and tour is \$10 but if we make a purchase of wine, the fee is reduced to \$6. As a matter of fact, if you have any 750 ml wine bottles and natural corks you are getting rid of, the Woodhams would be happy to take them since they use only

recycled items to reduce their carbon footprint. The date I have selected for our outing is Thursday October 27th at 11 A.M. We will have lunch and savor what we learned after our



tour and tasting around 1 P.M. somewhere in Ellenton or Palmetto TBA. Watch for my email in the October Gale Tales to make reservations for this wonderful Fall day visiting a working farm. Read below for the Bunker Hill Winery Story:

Bunker Hill Vineyard and Winery is a locally owned and run business in Duette, Florida by husband and wife, Larry and Lenora Woodham. They began by planting their vines 20+ years ago and tending to them everyday since. Once the vines were mature enough, Larry and Lenora bottled their first wines in the summer of 2009, which began the journey to what Bunker Hill Vineyard and Winery has become today.

Opening their doors in 2010, they aspired to be the most environmentally friendly winery that Florida had ever seen. Since then, they have been named “The Greenest Winery in America” by many and continue to hold their wines and operations at the greenest standards possible. Now making over 40 varieties of 100% unfiltered and natural fruit and grape wines by hand, Larry and Lenora want to inspire others by producing the Gold Standard of Florida wines. The grapes we use are known as Muscadine grapes, which are native to the Southeast United States and are locally grown right on their own vines. These grapes grow more in clusters than in bunches and have skins thicker than almost any other grape in the world. For our non-grape wines, 97% of the fruits, vegetables, etc. that they use come from Florida. “We are *not* driven by the typical mantra of wine clarity, but rather by the taste, bouquet, and flavor of the grape”.



For, at least, the last 25 years, most wineries have been using filtration techniques to make their wines appear crystal clear. Their wines are processed through a series of filtration

equipment called Micropore Filters, Membrane Filtration, and Sheet Filtration (think coffee filters.) This involves the use of thick layers of fine materials like diatomaceous earth, cellulose powder, perlite, etc. This filtration process

enables these wineries to quickly process large volumes of wine and expedite their shipment to the marketplace.

“All of our wines are unfiltered and we are able to achieve a remarkable level of clarity through the natural force of gravity. This labor intensive process takes a year to reach maximum clarity, which means that we don’t bottle a single wine until it is at least one year old. This also allows time to rest in order to mature and stabilize the bouquet and flavor to be the best it can be before it reaches our customers. Filtering wine removes all of the fruit particles that contain important nutrients, like antioxidants. Unfiltered wines, however, retain all of the health benefits that come from the fruit in which the wine was made because the fruit particles are not filtered out”.

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HOLY MOLY AND LED ZEPPELIN!

By Gail Gordon

About 2 months ago I was thrilled to have reserved 15 tickets in advance for the last Laser show of the summer season at the Bishop on August 13th. Most of the other individual shows that were scheduled on every weekend were completely sold out including this one just after I bought the last



few available. And as soon as I alerted the club, those tickets were spoken for. And to further enjoy our evening before our 9 P.M. show time, some of us would gather for dinner at Pier 22. Easy peasy, right! So when the day approached other than a few last minutes details, my plans were working out just fine. Wrong!

At 3 P.M. on that infamous Saturday afternoon, I was in the emergency room with Chuck. He had had hernia surgery earlier in the month in Ft Myers and he wasn't improving as expected. At the incision site he was swollen and discolored. When the ER nurses saw him, they immediately worried about sepsis and had him admitted. But wait, I had places I needed to go to and people I needed to see! While we waited for a room assignment in the hospital, I texted the



Lund's and asked them to handle the dinner group at Pier 22. I ran home (thank goodness I live so close to the hospital) and left the Bishop laser tickets on my front porch and Linda picked them up. I didn't know what to expect with the hospital

but I needed to get the tickets to the group. BTW, thank you Lunds!

Back in the ER, Chuck was doing fine and being cared for while I worried about him and the event. At about 7:45 P.M., Chuck insisted that I at least go to the Laser show. I would not be able to go with him to his room at this late hour anyway. And after everyone in the ER assured me that Chuck would be fine, I ran home, grabbed a slice of cold, left over pizza and high tailed it to the Bishop. I arrived at the front entrance just as the MSA group did, walking over from the restaurant.



By 8:45 we were all in our seats in the planetarium and I finally collapsed in a heap in my reclining chair. At 9 P.M., the lights went down, the stars came out and we watched a collaboration of psychedelic lights choreographed to

pop music of the 70s. I have no idea how the tech guys do this but what a show! I, being a stunted teenager, never appreciated this sort of thing at the time. But as a senior adult, Holy Moly and Led

Zeppelin, I loved it. Maybe it was just the thing I needed to take my mind off of a tough day but it worked. When I got home Chuck called me and said he was tucked into his bed and ready to go sleep. I wasn't at all tired. I was feeling a bit "high" from the concert!

Thank you for joining me as you relived your glory days and I realized just how much I missed of mine.

P.S. Although Chuck did have some issues, he is home now and recovering.

CRUISING NEWS

Cruising News
September Gale Tales

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Adelia and I understand that August was a hot month. Fortunately we were able to stay cool for two weeks while we were in Maine. We visited a museum where we learned that more than 100 years ago, boats left Maine to sail to the furthest parts of the globe. Also Maine was the logging capital of the world. Adelia and I got to crank the windlass.



In Belfast Maine we attended the annual harbor festival in which there is a boat building contest where the contestants have 4 hours to build a wooden row boat from plans and materials provided using your own tools. Four boats were built in the allotted time. The contestants put their boats in the water and raced. The boats were judged on speed of building, quality of construction, and how fast they rowed in the race. We also



saw remote control one design sailboats race in the harbor. Nearby was the old wooden presidential yacht built in 1925, 104 feet long, that was retired by Jimmy Carter, and is being held in shrink wrap pending major renovations. It was used by 8 presidents.

Back home, we were lucky enough to get back in time to join our MSA friends on the cruise. Our recent trip was originally planned for Gulfport, which had slips available at the time we checked, but when members attempted to make



reservations, only one member could find a slip. This resulted in a change of plans. The reservation was canceled and three boats ended up at the Twin Dolphin in downtown Bradenton. This is the stomping ground of Charles, who as you might expect, provided much guidance and hospitality to all who came by. We started off with happy hour on Jazz Friday night. Many people drove down there. There was lots of food and drinks. Adelia and I found ourselves holding the largest drink glasses ever and we therefore only had two drinks. Dinner was planned for Saturday night at Central Cafe on Manatee Ave. West. We had a nice crowd and there was a singer. The food

was great with the exception that someone in the kitchen dumped all the pepper into the stir fry food.

Sunday morning we all gathered at Robin's Downtown Cafe. This is located within a short walk

to the marina. Charles, Debi, Mike and Gina walked. LuAnn, Chuck, Gail, Adelia and I drove over.

Our next trip will be to Gulfport. Once again, at the time of this writing, there are several slips available so make your reservation before they are gone. The dates are Friday September 16, Saturday the 17th and returning home on the 18th. 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.

The Gulfport Merchants Chamber hosts Third Saturday IndieFaire in its arty downtown streets. This is an exciting new addition to the monthly calendar for craft lovers in Pinellas County.

IndieFaire features local art, hand made crafts and hand made goods designed by artisans from across our region.

Work ranges from jewelry & pottery to locally sourced botanicals in an outdoor and socially

distanced setting along scenic Beach Boulevard in downtown Gulfport.

IndieFaire-Maker's Market boasts a family-friendly atmosphere with live music and street performers. There are more than a dozen restaurants to choose from, a few breweries and wine bars and some local music venues as well. Retail shops, galleries and ice cream

shops are open late and ready to serve you! Whatever your interest, Gulfport's IndieFaire-Maker's Market is a great night to come to Gulfport and indulge your senses.

IndieFaire runs from 5-9 PM on the third Saturday of each month including September 17



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

MSA SOCIAL EVENTS

September In the works.....

As I write this article, I am crossing my fingers and my toes that our MSA Social Event on September 1st does not get rained out. There will be 22 MSA members attending the Marauders game this night and that many are having dinner at Bird Rock Taco Shack just before. So I will keep the rest of you guessing until next month's Gale Tales about how this day played out. Did we enjoy dinner? Did the game get rained out? Did the Marauders beat Ft Myers? Stay tuned for the exciting results!

Mark your calendars.....

October

The Annual MSA picnic scheduled on October 8th is fast approaching and you need to mark your calendars for a day of sun and fun at the



beach. It's still warm enough to get into the water but not so hot that you are uncomfortable out of it. This is an event that goes all the way back into our MSA history. We were born in 1985 so that makes our organization 37 years old! A few of us have been members for that long! We will celebrate our longevity starting with some community sweat equity as we meet for Beach Clean Up at 9 P.M at the Rod and Reel Pier. Please remember since we are not allowed to park at the pier unless we are eating at the restaurant, to leave our vehicles at the Bay Front Park where we will have our picnic and then walk down to the Rod and Reel from there. Roger Cappello will be waiting for us with garbage bags and he will direct us with

our duties along the beach. Then after that we will proceed to the picnic pavilion at Bay Front Park on Anna Maria Island for good food and great camaraderie. Please bring a beach chair,



towel and sunscreen, a dish to share (appetizer, side dishes or dessert) and your own beverages. Remember nothing in a glass container and be discreet if you bring something with more spirits than water. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided by the club.



This is a day to invite members who are no longer active in the club or to include friends who might be interested in joining our happy family. We are blessed to live in a gorgeous beach community so let's take advantage of this bit of paradise for a day set aside for R & R with our MSA friends. See you there!

Gail Gordon
MSA Social Secretary



Elaine Chase Jackson

Elaine Chase Jackson, 79, died Aug. 5 after years of fighting cancer. Elaine was born in Rhode Island, raised in Jackson, New Hampshire and was a 1965 graduate of The University of New Hampshire. She spent many years in



California (I. Magnin), and New Hampshire (The Jack Frost Shop) as a clothing buyer.

At the age of 33, Elaine married the love of her life Joe Jackson (along with his 3 children, Ken Jackson, Janet Jackson MacNally, and Linda Jackson Schmidt). They settled in Bournedale and ran Jackson Plumbing & Heating together for many years. Elaine became a grandmother to 9 and a great grandmother (Gigi) to 12.

They retired to Anna Maria Island and spent the winters at their home in St. Lucia. Elaine loved spending time with her family, reading, sailing, and traveling. Joe and Elaine were long time members of Manatee Sailing Association and Elaine remained a member until her death.

We will miss her and will forever remember the light she brought to our lives.



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