



Gale Tales

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Up Coming Events

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Event	Date	Time	Place
Chihully Glass Collection Tour	Sept 4	12:00 PM	Chihuly Garden and Glass
DWBH	Sep 18	5:00 PM	Scarpino's Classic Italian

On the Horizon

Event	Date	Time	Place
Beach Picnic	Oct 12	11:00 AM	Bayfront Park AMI
Sail-Away	Oct 17	4:00 PM	Marjorie Park Marina, Tampa
Halloween Party	Oct TBD	6:00 PM	Jackerson's House
Membership Meeting	Nov 13	5:00 PM	Mean Dean's Local Kitchen

MSA Don't Worry Be Happy



September 18th at 5:00 PM



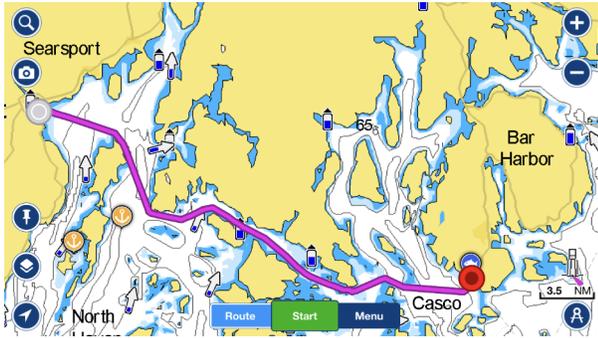
Ahoy MSA Members, Friends, and Family,

This past week Lynne and I traveled to Belfast, ME to visit my brother and sister at the end of the summer. Temps have been dipping into the 40's and winds are a little steadier. My brother and I motor-sailed his 1972 Gulfstar center cockpit from Belfast to Bass Harbor picking our way through the rocky Maine Island Trail. Rocks and shallows can creep up on you and lobster pot floats are everywhere. The weather was favorable except for an early morning rain one day. Lynne and my sister planned to meet us at Bass Harbor on Mount Desert Island.

We heard from Rick and Adelia Jackerson that they were staying at a campsite not too far away, so they met us at Thurston's Lobster Pound in Bass Harbor for lunch. We had Lobster Rolls all around not 100 yards where the lobstermen were unloading their boats with the day's catch.



Hooligan at Thurston's Lobster Pound



It was a fantastic meal, and we laughed over competing sailing and camping stories. The next morning the wind shifted to NE at 10 to 12 knots and we sailed back in 1 day with no trouble up Eggemoggin Reach and back to Islesboro Island and Belfast Harbor. It was a fun trip!



Sunrise after a light rain

MSA Beach Party is 10/12/24, Lynne and I plan to be there and for the sail-away the next weekend. See you then.

MSA Membership Meeting – Our next Membership Meeting is 11/13/24 at 5 PM at Mean Dean’s Restaurant - 6059 26th St W, Bradenton, FL 34207. We will have a quarterly membership meeting with updates from our officers and committee chairs. (Happy Hour ends at 5 PM so arrive around 4:30 PM to get a beverage and a table in the side room.)

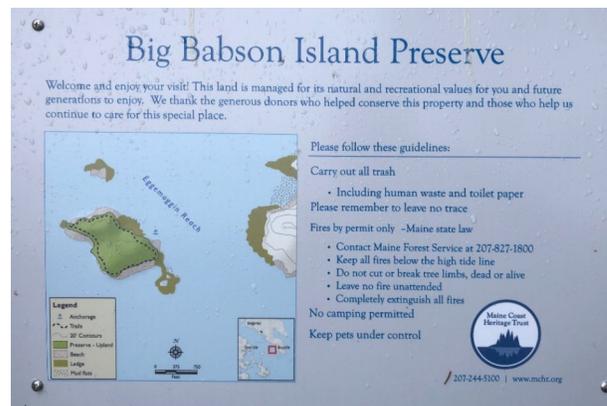
Jim McGinnis
SV Brewster



Half Tide and blue sky



Babson Island on Maine Island Trail



Overnight Anchorage – Tucked in behind Big Babson Island

REPORT OF AUGUST 2024 MSA SOCIAL EVENT

**Gail Gordon
MSA Social Secretary**

Yes, I admit, I wasn't terribly creative arranging social events for this summer. I, usually in the past have taken a month or two off from my MSA Social Secretary duties in the hot steamy summer months and not scheduled anything on the calendar. But

since I would be in town and there were a few outings available (even though they were repeats), I made plans. These



events were inside in the cool A/C, inexpensive and close to home. I took a chance, offered them to the club and as a result even though the group was smaller than usual, we

enjoyed an MSA get together that wouldn't have been otherwise. As far as I was concerned, it was a win/win!

On August 9th, nine MSA members gathered in the lobby of the Ringling Museum because at 11 A.M we would enjoy another of the famous Ringling Summer Circus Spectaculars. Just being in the historic Italian 18th century theatre was a treat unto itself. I



for one forget that we have this treasure within our reach. We don't have to take a 9 hour flight to get there! But even though we had been in those seats just a few summers ago, the talent and performers were always so varied that the show was never the same or boring.



This year we were greeted by a well dressed entertainer and clown, Renaldo, who made us laugh and even brought some cute younger spectators onto the stage and into the show. We saw him before some time ago

when we attended a performance of Circus Sarasota. And then with all the fanfare you could ever want, Jared Walker (a native Floridian

and accomplished actor), our Master of Ceremonies, introduced the unusual performers and their talents to the audience. First up was a slack line artist from Guyana, Antonio Pansa, who came



to this venue from the Cirque du Soleil show "Echo". I could barely manage

balancing on a length of curb let alone a flimsy rope like Antonio! He made that impossible balancing feat look easy. Next the M/C welcomed Uranbily Angarag, a contortionist from Mongolia who has toured the world with another Cirque du Soleil Show. Her act made us

cringe as she twisted her body in tight knots that looked almost otherworldly. I was relieved when Renaldo interspersed some comic relief in between these performances, especially that one.



The third act was something I had never seen before. A lovely woman, Camille Langlois from Canada, dramatically danced, used a wire and then suddenly hung from it BY HER HAIR! I had a

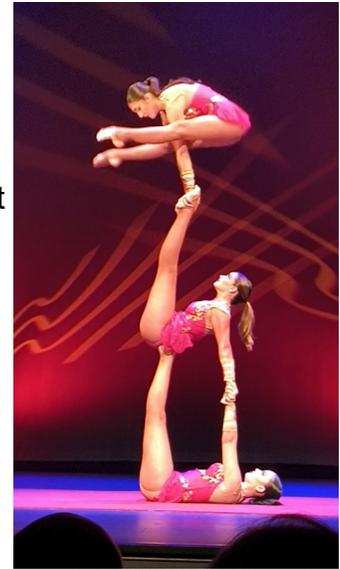
headache just watching her! Yet with music and artistry she made it look like a beautiful ballet. Zora Espana was actually raised in Englewood, Florida but lived in Bulgaria, brought into the mix a Cyr Wheel!



rotated with. Again with the use of music, Zora made it appear to be a lovely but complicated dance. The M/C

introduced the last act that featured three sisters who performed intricate and almost impossible to understand acrobatics. The Bella sisters were my favorite of the day. They were 3 gorgeous young ladies who incorporated incredible feats of balance using unbelievable body strength. These girls had even appeared on "Americas Got Talent" and were in several Cirque du Soleil shows throughout the world.

The hour flew by and once again this summer attraction was a thing of the past. We celebrated the great live performances and entertaining show with a wonderful lunch at the Ringling Grill Room right next door. Yes, we had done this sort of thing before but we enjoyed a new and unusual live performance in a totally International setting. It was a pleasure to



share this special day with my MSA friends.

Thank you for coming with me!



MSA SAIL-AWAY

HELLO TO ALL MSA SAILORS,

The time is nearing for our next **Sail-Away on Oct. 17, 2024**. Your Cruising Captains have found a nice little marina on Davis Island at the north end of Tampa Bay. It stands heads and shoulders above the few others in this area for several reasons; the main one being places to eat and/or shop within easy walking distance. It's the **Marjorie Park Marina, 97 Columbia Dr., Tampa, FL, Tel 813-259-1604**. The dock



master is Richard Achey and he told me that he could accommodate 4-6 boats on those dates but that we should call and reserve a slip for the days in question as soon as possible because he may not have that ability as the dates get closer. Since there are so few suitable choices in the area and this little marina is so appropriate I think we should

stay at Marjorie Park Marina **the night of Oct 17th and 18th** and return home or to another destination on the 19th. We would use the daylight hours of Thursday the 17th to make the trip up there (it's about 30 NM north of the Anna Maria Bridge) and have our informal, unofficial race in Tampa Bay on Friday the 18th then head home on Saturday the 19th. Sound like a plan??

Here are some salient facts about the marina and the area around it:

“The Marjorie Park Yacht Basin is strategically located at the mouth of the Hillsborough River (Seddon Channel) on the east side of Davis Island. It is just a stone's throw away from the bustling business district of the Island, which boasts an array of convenience stores, banks, and a diverse selection of restaurants. This prime location makes it an ideal point of operation for many boat owners. One of the key amenities at the marina is the conveniently located fuel pumps. Here, diesel and mid-grade gasoline are available for purchase.

Additionally, the Marjorie Park Yacht Basin offers pump-out services during its operating hours, free with fuel purchase or \$11 without (maybe free with slip rental?).



For transients the marina provides docking rates at affordable prices, \$2.00 per foot, per day. The Dock Master Building houses restrooms, a laundry room, showers, a weather station,

and a ship's store where you can buy ice and miscellaneous sundries.

Note: there is no security for the marina property per se. The marina approach depth is 21 feet and the depth around the slips is 9 feet. The docks are floating **(Note: only 13 transient slips).**

Available at each slip is water, electricity (no extra charge), and WiFi." Also literally across the marina basin is the Roy Jenkins Pool where we can swim on Thurs 10:30–6:30m, Friday 2:30–6:30, or Sat 2:30–6:30 (\$2 Seniors or \$4 Adults).

We hope you will join us for this latest Sail-Away to a new area for many of us. I

must emphasize again the importance of not delaying your decision or reservation if you would like to join us for this outing. We hope to see you there. (Race details to follow)

Your Cruising Captains,

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Registration Fee is \$80 through Sept. 17th, 2024 at 18:00, \$90 thereafter. Registration will close at 1200 hours on Friday, Sept. 20, 2024.

Fees include Friday evening beer, Saturday and Sunday morning breakfast buffet and after race beer and awards. Optional Saturday night dinner including salad, wings, Penne alla vodka pasta, Swedish meatballs, and more can be purchased for \$20. Regatta competitors & non-competitors are invited to the poolside activities.

SATURDAY - LIVE ENTERTAINMENT: LICENSE TO CHILL

Attention: Please remember to update your West FL PHRF Certificates to reflect the equipment you will actually be racing with this season. Be sure to allow 2 weeks to have it updated.

REGISTER AT:

<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16891>

For further information please contact:
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MSA GALS IN WASHINGTON, NC LAST MONTH.



THE LOUIS VUITTON 37TH AMERICA'S CUP IS TAKING PLACE IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

It is the oldest international sporting trophy – dating back to 1851 – and stands as one of the hardest sporting endeavours. The New York Yacht Club, one of the most prestigious clubs in the world, held the trophy for 132 years before losing it in 1983 to Australia. Since then, the Cup has only been won by teams from the United States, Switzerland, and New Zealand. The current Defender of the America's Cup is Emirates Team New Zealand, representing the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron.

The sailboats for the race series are AC75s and are the pinnacle of foiling monohull yachts. Created for the 36th America's Cup, they are a technological leap ahead of typical yachts as Formula 1 is to your daily driver. With foils that lift them out of the water, the yachts generate so much momentum that they sail 4x faster than the wind.

The Louis Vuitton Cup Challenger Selections Series will determine which team will face the Defender Emirates Team New Zealand in the Louis Vuitton 37th America's Cup Match. The Challenger Series will comprise of a double Round Robin stage and a Semi-Final stage, followed by a two-boat Final. The top four teams will race in the Semi-Final, with the two winners advancing to the Final Match Race. The winner will face Emirates Team New Zealand, the Defender of the Louis Vuitton 37th America's Cup.

In October 2024 the Defender Emirates Team New Zealand will face the winner of the Louis Vuitton Cup Challenger Selection Series in a 13-race Match. Each race will



be a match race between the two teams. The winner of each race scores one point, the loser scores no points. The first team to score seven points will become the Defender of the 38th America's Cup.

The races will be broadcast on ESPN+ or on Americascup.com.

MSA SOCIAL EVENTS

CHIHULY GLASS MUSEUM AND LUNCHEON IN ST. PETERSBURG WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 4TH

The first item on our agenda for the Septembers MSA Social event needs to

include a new and exciting place for us to have some food, drink and camaraderie before we get down to business. At first inspection of this trendy area of the city, there were

dozens of interesting restaurants and cafes to choose from. But Bonu Taverna Italiana (601 Central Ave.) came with high recommendations from the staff of the Chihuly Museum. So I hope we will all agree with this choice. Please arrive at 12 noon for our lunch date. And please be mindful that metered street parking is the standard for St Pete but do check online for other options i.e. parking garages in the area.

There is always room for more as many MSA members are presently getting ready for a docent led tour of the brand new Chihuly Museum at 720 Central Ave



in St Petersburg. We plan to be in the museum lobby a tad early for our 2 P.M exploration of the specially designed facility that showcases some of the unbelievable glass art inspired by Dale Chihuly. Just after the tour and at 3 P.M.

our group will head across the street to the Morean Glass Studio (714 1st Ave N) to watch a demonstration done right before our eyes of how these talented artists create some of the gorgeous glass

art objects. The entire section of this area of St Pete is exciting to wander so maybe you may want to linger a bit longer after our afternoon event to explore. Please email me with any last minute reservations to gailgordon56@gmail.com no later than September 3rd if you would like to join us so I can alert the restaurant and museum. The cost of the Chihuly tour is \$18 per person. Hope to see you there!

MSA ANNUAL BEACH PICNIC SATURDAY OCTOBER 12

Oh my! I can smell the hamburgers and the hotdogs cooking on the grill! It's a perfect day to be at the beach. It's not too hot but yet the water in the Gulf of Mexico is still warm enough for me to go swimming. I'm floating around on my noodle and laughing my head off because my best MSA friends are splashing around like kids. Everyone is here and there is so much yummy food waiting for me on the picnic table that my

tummy is already celebrating. Wait a minute! I'm sorry! I was just day dreaming about one of my favorite club events, our MSA Annual Beach Picnic.



It's coming up in just a few weeks so that's why I can't get it out of my head. I have my beach towel, sunscreen, big sunhat and of course my noodle plus a comfy beach chair packed in the trunk of the car, ready for that day. Now, what dish should I bring to share with the group? And I should remember not to put anything in a glass container. And oh yeah, I need to be smart about alcohol which is technically not allowed on the beach. I can hardly wait to get the October Gale Tales with all the times and details about the event listed in it. Until October 12th, I guess I will just have to be satisfied with day dreaming about the MSA Beach Picnic but not for long!!!!!! That day is almost here!

MSA ANNUAL COSTUME HALLOWEEN PARTY DATE AND TIME: TBA

From the hiking trails of the mountains of Arcadia National Park in Maine, Rick and Adelia Jackson shouted at the top of

their lungs, "YES, WE WILL HOST THE HALLOWEEN PARTY!!!!!!!" We could just barely hear them so unfortunately we didn't catch the date. No matter! Now at least we know that we need to get busy and get creative. The party will be here before you know it so watch for information about the date and time and the theme coming to your email soon. This MSA party always produces a show stopping assortment of top of the line, surprising, imaginative and professionally well done characters dressed to the nines.



Get a little weird and crazy and creative! This is one shindig you don't want to miss! See you there! I'll be lurking for you

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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:

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Contact MSA at:
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