



Gale Tales

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Up Coming Events October 2022

Event	Date	Time	Place
Beach Cleanup	Oct 8	9:00 AM	AMI Bayfront Park
Beach Party	Oct 8	11:00 AM	AMI Bayfront Park
Cruise	Oct 21	4:00 PM	Bridge Street Anchorage
Winery Tour	Oct 27	11:00 AM	Bunker Hill Winery
Halloween Party	Oct 30	5:00 PM	Roger Cappello's Home

On the Horizon

Event	Date	Time	Place
Thanksgiving Raftup	Nov 11	6:30 PM	Terra Ceia Bay
Kayaking	Nov 29	TBD	Lido Key
Christmas Party	Dec 17	5:00 PM	LuAnn's Home

**Cruise to
Bridge Street
Anchorage**



October 21st- 23rd



Ahoy Sailors

What an incredible end to September. Hurricane Ian came through Florida as one of the five most intensive storms in history. It changed course and moved further south so we missed a direct hit. But we were able to get a lot of boating in and vacation with other MSA members before the cyclone hit.

We had plenty of time to spend on the water in one way or another. A small group of us drove to St. Petersburg for a dinner trip aboard the Starlight Sapphire. Deb Stickland, Gail Gordon, Chuck Fulton, Linda and myself joined past member Karen Brazell for a sunset cruise. It was good to see James Kramer who was our captain for the evening.



Rick and Adelia Jackson accompanied us on a few of our local boating trips. A week before the hurricane Mike and Gina Spellacy joined us for a trip to Kissimmee and jaunts to the East coast. On the first day the six of us took off for the Sealife Aquarium, spending an entire day there looking at fish and learning a bit of local history.



Our next trip took us to the Kennedy Space Center. We purchased a two-day pass which is the minimum number of days to explore our history in space. On day one we immediately jumped on the bus to tour the launch pads and pass the giant Vehicle Assembly Building. We were told it is the largest building by volume in the world. The rest of our time at Kennedy Space Center was spent reading the past from the Mercury program started in the 1950s, to the Gemini program where two astronauts orbited the earth, to the Apollo program and its moon trips, the Shuttle series that built the International Space Station, and the future of NASA. We got a glimpse of the newest rocket Artemis 1 as it sat on the launch pad that we could see in the distance.



There were simulators that tested our skills to land a shuttle and dock at the International Space Station. A memorable moment happened when we boarded the

shuttle for a chance to experience a liftoff. Another experience was a simulation of a trip to Mars where we sat in one row as we rolled and sped through hills on the planet, our future of space travel in the next decades.

The next day we were off to the East coast for another boat trip. We had the boat for nearly a full day so we set out south to circle around Merritt Island. We were on the Banana River on the other side of the island when we got hit with a torrential downpour that lasted nearly a half hour. Without the ability to see our Navionics we somehow got turned around and about five miles out of our way. That extra mileage added to gas usage, 21 gallons of a 25-gallon tank.

On our last full day we went to East Lake Toho, closer to Kissimmee. We sought out the only restaurant on the lake and had a great lunch. As we started to circle the lake another storm appeared on the horizon so we made a straight line to our dock. To the credit of the Freedom Boat Club they dispatched a boat for our rescue but we met them as we were entering the canal. It started to rain as we docked and then the downpour hit us as we

jumped in the car.

I am sincerely grateful that everyone survived Hurricane Ian. We should be thankful that little damage was done to our homes. We have an insurance claim on file and expect an adjuster this week. Manatee County suffered no deaths, unlike the Ft.

Myers area where at least 47 people lost their lives. Those communities may take years to rebuild. My brother lives there but his home wasn't damaged, his neighbors weren't so lucky. The last few days have been beautiful, a far cry from the weather on Wednesday and Thursday.

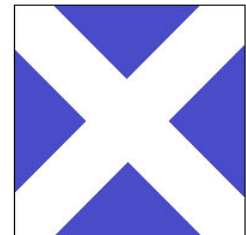
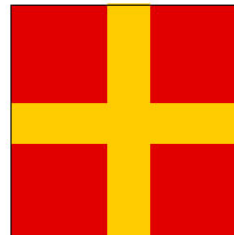
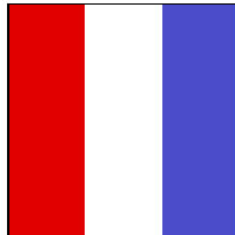
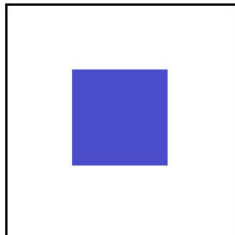
Some of the houses in our community are still without power, including us. We have been sent notices that power should be restored by October 5. I am borrowing electricity from a neighbor with power, getting the article and pictures to Gary is another problem to solve.



We are still looking for 2023 officers, help shape the future of our organization by getting involved. I hope to see you at the annual picnic on Saturday when we announce those positions that we have nominations for.

This month's image of signal flags depicts a September event, it should be easy. Stay safe and happy boating.

Tom Briggie
Commodore



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MSA SOCIAL EVENT

BASEBALL: MARAUDERS VS. FORT MEYERS SEPTEMBER 1ST

As I promised I would report back about our MSA Social Event on September 1st but by now folks its old news. However, a promise is a promise! Here are the facts, Jack! Getting the tickets for the baseball game was the easiest thing of all. They were inexpensive once I got a hold of the brand new group sales guy. He was eager to please! 11

bucks a ticket which included a nice hat and a cold drink while sitting in seats under the roof in the shade over the home team's dugout with a clear view of home base and first was nothing to sneeze at! The



problem was the weather. It had not only rained but deluged every single day before the game date with horrific lightning and thunder just about the time the first pitch would have been thrown out. It scared a few away, let me tell you. And the second issue that concerned me was where to grab a decent meal before the game. Motor works was the easy choice but we had been there before. So



I delved into web sites and came up with Bird Rock Taco Shack in Village of the Arts not far from Lecom Park. It was O.K. but not my favorite place to relax and visit. But then, to my surprise, I found out that a lot of people preferred having a stadium hot dog and beer. I learned my lesson! Dinner at the park next time! Easy peasy!

So by now 18 MSA members were at the park and the sun was shining and it was hot, but we weren't complaining. Our seats were great and we each had a cold drink and a new cap. If you

were in the right place at the right time they were even handing out free T-shirts! At 6:30 P.M. sharp, we stood up for the National Anthem and the players got ready to play.

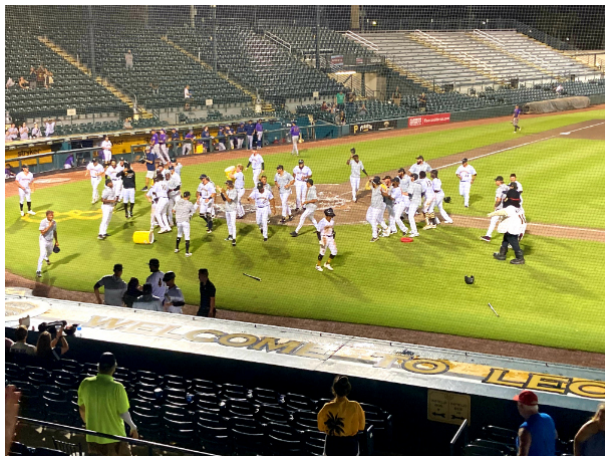


But first, over the speakers and on the giant monitor MSA members were welcomed to the game! Cool beans!!!!

The game started and everything looked good for awhile. A short while! Oh no, the Marauders were making mistakes right and left. Ft. Myers rallied for 3 runs in the first inning and added another in the 2nd. Johnson hit a double to the right center for the only base run in the second inning. Camparra slugged his

7th home run of the season in the home half end of the 3rd. The score was now Ft. Myers 5, Marauders 1. Ft. Myers grabbed a run on an error in the 4th but the Marauders fought back in the 5th with RBI single. At the end of 5th inning the score was Ft. Myers 6, Marauders 2. It was about then when black clouds were forming over the southeastern sky and thunder could be heard rumbling.

Chuck was just mending from his surgery and we thought we would need extra time getting to the car if



a storm was coming. We left! It may have looked bleak for the Marauders, but the storm would hold out until 9:30 P.M when it poured

on an empty stadium. It was not until the following day when Tom Briggie texted me with this message: “After trailing 6-1 in the 4th inning, the Marauders came roaring back in the 5th, 6th and 7th innings trailing by one run. It looked hopeful again in the 8th inning with bases loaded and no outs. But Ft. Meyers brought in their closer for 3 straight strikeouts to finish the inning for the Marauders. The pitcher walked one in the bottom of the 9th before Wyatt Hendri

came to the plate. Trailing 7-6, Hendri hit a long fly to the left, the fielder leapt but the ball flew over his glove and over the fence for a walk off home run. He rounded the bases and the celebration took place at home plate. What an exciting end of game that had the Marauders trailing the entire time until that final home run.” Final score: Marauders 8 with 9 hits and FT. Myers 7 with 11 hits. Yippee for the home team!!!!

Moral of the story: The heck with the rain, stay for the whole game!

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BEACH CLEAN-UP

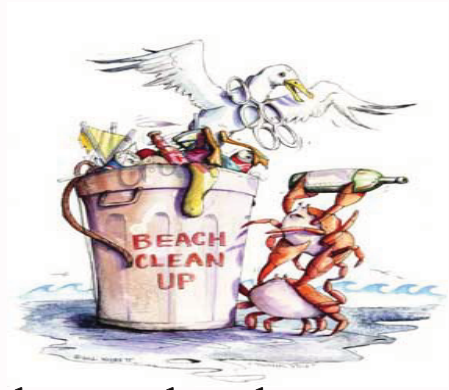
What: Keep Manatee Beautiful -
Shore Clean-up from Rod and Reel to Bean Point

When: Saturday, October 8th at 9:00 AM

Where: Meet at Bayfront Park.

Due to parking restrictions at the Rod & Reel Pier, we will meet at the Bayfront Park and walk to the beginning of our beach cleanup. Car pool if possible.

Questions: Contact Roger Cappello @ 941-778-3367 or respit622@aol.com



Clean up equipment will be provided. Bring hat, gloves and mask.

Note: A confirmation email will be sent out shortly before the scheduled date. We will be watching for adverse weather.



CRUISING NEWS



We are very fortunate that Hurricane Ian decided to do a right hook at the last minute before ramming the West coast of Florida. For 24 hours the predictions were that the eye was headed for our front door. Instead, Fort Myers Beach, Sanibel Island, Cayo Costa Island and Port Charlotte got the brunt of the storm and so far I have not heard of anyone in our neighborhood being in much trouble from the storm.

Our last trip was to Gulf Port. Adelia and I had a previously planned trip to Kissimmee so we did not make the Gulf Port trip. Charles with Deb took Jazz to the marina and Denny and Brigid sailed Aurora to the anchorage. As Aurora approached the shipping lane in Tampa Bay, the oil pressure gauge indicated no oil pressure. There was little wind so they used the dingy to get to safety. Eventually they discovered a blown fuse caused the problem.



Marino and Kathy came up for happy hour and so did Chuck and Gail. Charles had to drive to the Bishop Museum to work Saturday. Denny and Brigid sailed home a day early.

One apparent benefit of Hurricane Ian was that it ushered in beautiful weather after it. Much cooler air, blue skies with puffy white clouds, no rain, and low humidity for days to come. With the cooler weather we will be anchoring out at Bridge Street on Anna Maria Island on

October 21 to 23rd. We will be eating at the Bridge Tender Saturday at 6 pm with happy hour on the boats Friday evening at 5 pm. There is a dinghy dock next to the outside dining area of the Bridge Tender. Please call if

you want a ride to the boats.

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



MSA EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

As they say at Daytona.....”Gentlemen (and Ladies), start your engines!”

MSA members.....get ready because in October 2022 we will be going from 0 to 100 in 10 seconds or less. We have a lineup of events that will fill the holes in your calendar and get your adrenalin pumping. So get your motors running and revved up because we will be in the fast lane this month!

Saturday October 8th Beach Cleanup

Roger Cappello has already sent out an email blast inviting you to join him at a Beach Clean-up at the north end of Anna Maria Island at 9 A.M. Be reminded to please park your vehicles at BayFront Park and walk over to The Rod and Reel Pier where we will gather. Grabbers, bags and cold water will be provided. And as stated we will concentrate on the beach area only. See you there.



Saturday October 8th Beach Party

At 11 A.M. at Anna Maria Island’s BayFront Park at the big pavilion, we will celebrate another anniversary for MSA Sailing Association at our Annual Beach Picnic. The club was chartered back in 1985 and has weathered the elements of good and bad times throughout the years. I have happily been

around for many of them. This has always been a perfect time to invite family, friends, prospective new members and those who become inactive recently and need to be re-inspired back into the club again. Please bring a beach chair, towel, bathing suit, sunscreen, hat, flip flops, your selection of



preferred beverages (no glass, please be responsible and discreet as no alcohol is allowed), and a side dish, appetizer or dessert to share. Lunch will consist of hot dogs, hamburgers and all the fixings and will be provided by the club along with bottled water. The afternoon will be spent enjoying the beach under the big shade trees, swimming in our gorgeous aqua marine waters and participating in great camaraderie that only MSA’ers can provide. October is a great

time for our picnic. The temperature is perfect as it is still warm enough to go into the water but not so hot that you wilt after a few minutes. Please come and enjoy some simple pleasures of spending the day together at the beach. See you there.

**Thursday October 27th, at 11 A.M.
The Bunker Hill Winery**

I have organized a tour and tasting at Bunker Hills Winery for our October MSA Social Event. It's a lovely drive there from Parish out in a country setting on Route 62 almost to Duette. (It's about 22 miles and approximately 30 minutes from the 75



Interstate entrances in Ellenton to the winery.) Larry and Lenora Woodham are the owners, founders 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 40, yes 40, (I stand

corrected) 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, the fee is reduced to \$6. As a matter of fact, if you have any 750 ml empty and clean wine bottles, beer 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. To be sure, this is not Napa but I think you will be

surprised and intrigued with what these interesting and industrious folks have created here. We will have lunch and savor what we learned after our tour and tasting around 1:30 P.M. at Woody's River Roo at 5717 18th St. in East Ellenton. Please email me at gailgordon56@gmail.com to reserve a spot at the tasting table no later than October 20th. See you there!

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 every day 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".

**Sunday October 30th, 5 PM
Halloween Costume Party**

I bet you thought that this was not going to happen this year! But as unbelievable as it sounds, a loyal MSA member approached me and volunteered for the job! Roger Cappello (533 Key Royal Drive, Holmes Beach) has offered to host and to provide his amazing home one more time for this year's MSA 2022 Halloween Extravaganza.

Of course we all must come outfitted in appropriate Halloween costumes and if this year is anything like past years, they will be outstanding. We have always had a theme for this festivity yet I do not want to inhibit the creative juices of MSA members so how about this idea: "A Walk on the Wild Side!" We may have even used that theme before but I think that just about covers anything and everything you could come up with! So get crazy and have fun! Oh yes, there will be



prizes! And I know in advance that it will be impossible to make a selection because the costumes will all be so amazing. Please arrive at 5 P.M. and bring an appetizer, salad, side dish or dessert to share and a favorite

beverage for yourself. Email me at gailgordon56@gmail.com if you are planning on joining the party no later than October 26th so Roger can prepare accordingly. Thank you, Roger, for your generous offer and we promise to make the evening a spectacular event. Let's

get excited and get really "WILD"! See you there! (But hopefully I won't be able to recognize you!)

ON THE HORIZON AND BEYOND

November 24th, 2022

Thanksgiving on Terra Ceia Bay TBA

Tuesday November 29th, 2022

Kayak in the Lido Key Mangrove Tunnels and Picnic lunch at Ted Sperling Park
Details in the November Gale Tales

December 17th, 2022

The Annual MSA Christmas Party At LuAnn's

Gail Gordon
MSA Social Secretary



Manatee Sailing Association New Membership Application

Name(s): 1. _____ 2. _____

Other members in household: _____

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