



Gale Tales

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Up Coming Events

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Event	Date	Time	Place
MSA Meeting	Nov 9	6:00 PM	Trailer Estates
Thanksgiving Raftup	Nov 24	4:00 PM	Terra Ceia Bay
Kayaking	Nov 29	Noon	Lido Key Ted Sperling Park

On the Horizon

Event	Date	Time	Place
Christmas Party	Dec 17	5:00 PM	LuAnn's Home

**Thanksgiving Raftup
November 24th**



Back to normal? I'd say we're back to normal.

Our annual picnic was a success. Although Linda and I did not attend the wine tasting, I heard



good things about the winery. Kudos to all those who attended. The Halloween party hosted by Roger was attended by a pregnant nun, medusa and other great costumes that once again was filled with so much friendliness that we stayed still late. Linda and I dressed as Men in Black or

Blues Brother, take your pick. We neutralized every one, which the Blues Brothers didn't do.

We've been traveling as I've heard so many other MSA members have done. We started our travels to New Orleans with MSA member Patti Korn, our daughter Naomi, her friend Michael, Linda and I. Of course we used our Freedom Boat Club membership. We took a boat out of Madisonville, just north of New Orleans to run up the

Tchefuncte River, past the home of John Goodman and so many wonderful homes and great sites.



But New Orleans is more than Mardi Gras and the Saints. Patti was our tour guide for great local restaurants,

and attractions that are great sites to visit. We spent a day at the World War II museum, a great place for history buffs. Our hotel was just downtown so the parades were great.

Then we spent a few days in Destin, Florida. Our hotel was right on the Harbor Walk. There is so much to do in that area, and the restaurants are fantastic. We went up to Niceville for our boat trip. Mondays were closed to many restaurants but we found



one on the water for appetizers, a couple beers and wine. But it was perfect, we were on the water.

Now I look for the future, and what a great future we have.

On next Wednesday, November 9, at 6 pm is our next meeting. I will be proud to announce our officer nominations for 2023. They will propel the organization to its next level.

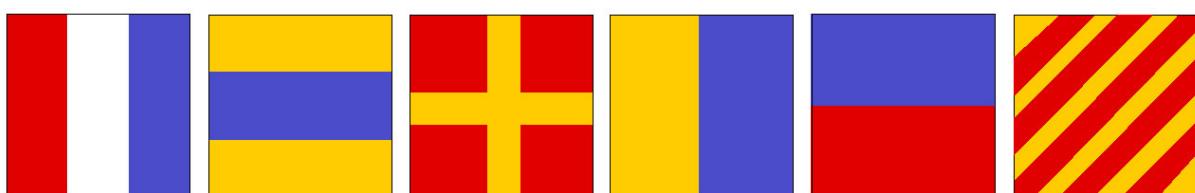
Also I hope to be able to announce our next installation date in January, Gary is working on a date. I spoke with John Castellana who is setting up a date for the Terra Ceia Regatta and venue for the celebration. Hint: the same place with the same band.

The year 2023 is going to be a great year for MSA, with so much going on and great officers.

Now for the signal flags of November: It's Thanksgiving, and it's a six-letter word. But there are two signal flags with the colors of Ukraine, which makes it more special. I hope the best for them.

I look forward to seeing everyone in November.

Tom Briggle
Commodore



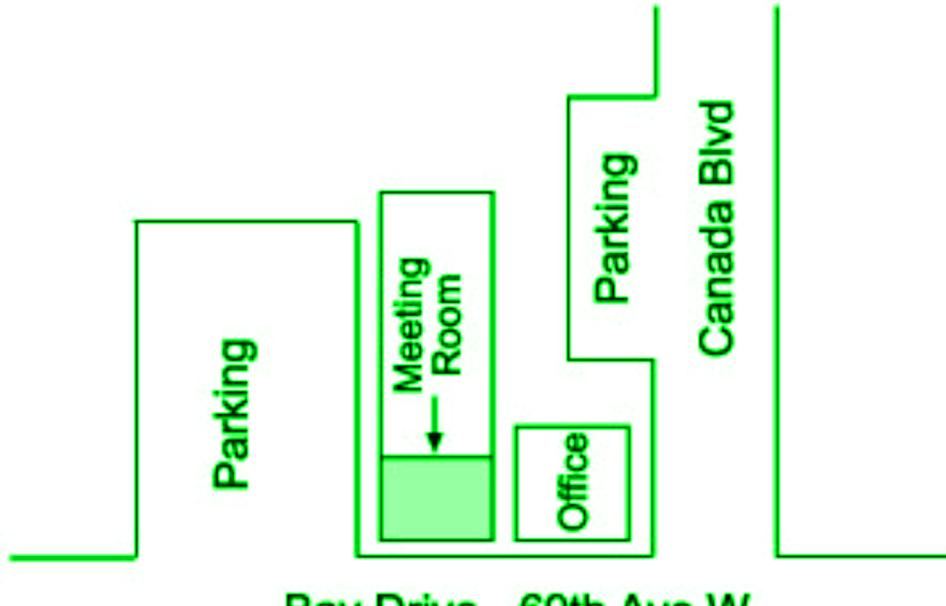
MSA Meeting

**When: Wednesday, November 9th
At 6:00 PM**

**Where: Trailer Estates
1903 69th Avenue West,
Bradenton.
See map below**



**Bring: We will have a potluck dinner starting
at 6 PM. Please bring a dessert or entree and
BYOB:**



1903 69th Avenue W., Bradenton

MSA SOCIAL EVENT FOR NOVEMBER

Kayaking South Lido Key and the Mangroves
Tuesday November 29th, 2022

We have had in the past on our MSA Social Events calendar a kayak trip usually at Robinson Preserve at least once every year or two. I was thinking we should try something different! Let's pack a brown bag lunch and have a picnic at Ted Sperling Park at noon on Tuesday November 29th.

There are many picnic tables situated along the beach which are protected by large shade trees. Nearby are public restrooms for our convenience. Then after we have filled our bellies let's get some exercise. About 1 P.M. let's get into our kayaks and paddle for a few hours to explore this delightful area on the water. At the boat launch, you may bring your own kayak or rent one for \$45 plus tax for a single, \$55 plus tax for a tandem for a 3 hour window. Please email me at gailgordon56@gmail.com if you will be joining us and especially if you would like to reserve a kayak. This is a very popular place and rentals get booked up fast so don't delay.

"Ted Sperling Park is part of the 152 acre section of South Lido Beach in Sarasota. The park's kayak launch serves as a gateway into Sarasota



Bay and to the beautiful mangrove tunnels a short paddle away. Spend an hour or so on a self guided tour of the outstanding Blueway trail. Mangroves and wetlands areas are important natural resources. As beautiful as they are, they are biologically essential and an integral component of the estuarine ecosystem. These habitats provide a number of essential benefits to bay life..... food and shelter for marine life and wildlife protection from erosion and as filter for pollutants. The trail through the mangrove tunnels will lead you into Little Grassy Lagoon; a shallow body of water distinguished by its rich sea grass beds and considered one of the most diverse in Southwest Florida. You may also enjoy a leisurely paddle out to Otter Key or see the scenic view of downtown Sarasota". Let's spend a few hours discovering another aspect of the incredible area we live in.

The weather should be perfect for a little exercise and the scenery should be spectacular. Please join us once again for an afternoon in paradise, right in our own backyards.

See you there!

Gail Gordon
MSA Social Secretary



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BUNKER HILL WINERY OCTOBER 27, 2022

Nope, there were no tricks on Thursday October 27th! But it was certainly a nice treat to have so many members attend the Bunker Hill Winery Tasting and Lecture, the MSA



Social Event for October. I thought for sure that the somewhat lengthy drive all the way out on State Road 62 almost to Duette in the middle of nowhere would be a deterrent. But I



guess I momentarily forgot that MSA'ers were tough and ready for anything..... especially if wine was involved. 26 members and guests were on my signup sheet which was reminiscent to the good old times before Covid. At 11 A.M. the parking lot was full of cars and we were all seated at 2 long tables in a shiny air conditioned Quonset hut located amongst the vines which housed the tasting area and the showroom. On arrival I noticed



that the vines looked dead and the owners reported that a large percentage of their vineyard had been severely damaged by Hurricane Ian. Frankly, it never occurred to me to check to see if they were open after the storm since I had made our reservation so long ago. Apparently the farm was in fact closed to visitors for some time. We lucked out! Plus, to add to the excitement, we had special out of town guests who are in fact MSA members that joined us today. Diana and Richard



Jorgensen were here for a visit from their new home on the island of Granada. Another fabulous treat for us to savor!

Larry and Lenora Woodham, owners and entrepreneurs, planted their vines well over 20 years ago and bottled their first wines in 2009. And in 2010 they opened their doors to the public. They have crafted 43 varieties of 100% unfiltered natural fruit and grape wines by hand. The grapes they grow are a variety called Muscadine and these grapes can tolerate the severe conditions of the climate in Florida. For the non-grape wines, 97% of the natural ingredients come from Florida as well. Larry gave us the low-down about the wine industry and how they make wine and then he compared it to theirs. Most of our eyes got really big as we found out things we really didn't want to know about what we have been drinking for decades. He explained that 100% of Bunker Hill wines were unfiltered. We have all thought that anything filtered was the better choice but not so according to Larry. Filtering wine removed all the fruit particles that contained important nutrients like antioxidants. Unfiltered wines retained all the health benefits that come from fruit. Plus, the remarkable level of clarity that the Bunker Hill wines achieved was through a gravity based, intensive process that took a year to accomplish. We were rather suspicious of the whole concept. So after the lecture we were each instructed to select 5 wines from a large menu for tasting. The choices were most unusual! I particularly enjoyed the Black Coffee wine, the Spiced Apple wine (that everyone got to taste in addition to the 5) and the Orange Sparkling wine that was like a



yummy champagne. We sipped and snacked and savored the many different products of love that the Woodhams have created.

I think one of the most delightful aspects of our visit was that we discovered that this little winery stuck out in the middle of nowhere has earned a coveted Master Level of Certified Green.

And the “term of

endearment” that the wine industry has labeled on the Bunker Hill Winery is “America’s Greenest Winery”! The winery boasts that it has never once used a single new wine bottle. Every single one of their bottles in circulation is recycled. On the back door of the Quonset hut there is a number, 122,307. In the last 18



months, that many bottles have been kept out of a landfill. Pretty impressive! As a matter of fact, we helped to keep that tradition going. We brought empty, clean wine bottles and beer bottles to add to the production line plus a large bag or two of natural corks. I know that we have gotten used to the taste of the store bought wines we have had in our glasses for decades. So these unusual unfiltered wines were a bit out of the norm for most of us. But I must say that we all left the farm a bit wiser and a little happier as we toted large bags of home

grown wines to take home, to enjoy and share with friends.

After the visit to the farm, we drove to Riviera Dunes Dockside in Palmetto for some good food and great camaraderie. We sat outside although it was quite warm but took our time and relaxed within the view of the picturesque marina. Afterwards Pat and Patrick Dwyer took

us on a tour of the marina which just happened to be their winter home. We checked out the big yachts and selected a favorite vessel along the way. By a unanimous MSA vote, the most beautiful boat on the water was a 40 ft Marine Trader named Sans Souci. The Dwyer's invited us aboard to have a closer look and we all enjoyed more time together on this luxurious vessel.



Thank you all for making the day so remarkable.

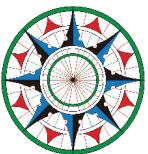
I had a great time and I hope you did as well! Cheers!

Gail Gordon
MSA Social Secretary



CRUISING NEWS

Bridge Street November 2022



We had beautiful weather for our recent trip which was to the anchorage at the Bridge Street Pier on beautiful Anna Maria Island. Despite this we had some interesting challenges.

Adelia and I had not used our boat, "Free Spirit" in quite some time. We had a good start with the engine running fine and the two of us remembering how to operate it. After we got into Sarasota Bay, I told Adelia to pull out the Jib. It seemed to be stuck. Upon further investigation we discovered that the line I used to tie up the jib so Hurricane Irma would not unravel it was still attached. I would have had to stand on the top of the bow rail to get to it, so I decided to leave it be for another time.



We motored for about two hours, when the engine lost power and then died. We threw out an anchor and I proceeded to change the primary filter. After the traditional bleeding of the air from the fuel line, the engine started up easily and away we went for another 10 minutes of blissful motoring, but the engine lost power and soon died. Down I go to replace the

secondary filter, bleed the system, restart the engine and we are off to another 10 minutes of blissful motoring when guess what? The engine loses power and dies, and we throw out the anchor again. I tell my sweet wife that I do not want to fight with the motor and I am thinking of calling

Tow Boat US. "But I can see the other boats, the party is right over there!" she says in a pleading voice as she points toward Jazz and Aurora. I tell Charles, Mike, who is coming with Gina on their Boston Whaler and Denny of our dilemma. Everyone is keen to help out. Denny jumps in his dinghy and comes to the rescue. With a hip tow he takes us all the way to the anchorage and we throw out the anchor. We are ready to party and Adelia is a happy sailor. It sure is nice to have such good friends. We get a dinghy ride with Denny and Brigid to Jazz, and it's happy hour time. Mike and Gina arrive on their Boston Whaler, and Charles is on his boat with Debi, Chuck, and Gail. Saturday we hitched a ride to shore with Denny and Brigid. It was a perfect day to take a nice long walk on a shady side walk to the restaurant at Coquina Beach. We hung out around an outside table for a while and then headed back north where we bumped into Charles and his crew. We proceeded on to the Moose. After lunch we went back to the boats.

Adelia and I had to get together with our neighbor whose partner passed away recently and was having a celebration of life. The rest of the group were going to shore to eat at the Bridge Tender. We were fortunate that Mike and Gina were driving there and came early to pick us up and take us home for



the celebration of life. After the celebration we got a ride to the Bridge Tender to meet the gang after they finished and we had a drink with them before we all headed to the boats.

The next morning we called Tow Boat US who arrived in just under an hour to give us a pleasant ride back home and Jazz and Aurora made it home on their own power. We have not made any plans for a November trip since we have the traditional Thanksgiving raft-up on Terra Ceia Bay, November 24.

For those of us that like old traditions, after skipping two years due to Covid-19, the Terra Ceia Mullet Smoke-Off will be back again Saturday, November 6 on Terra Ceia Island at 55 Horseshoe loop Road, Terra Ceia Island, 34250. It takes place from 10am to 4pm, and this year it is combined with a local art show. Perhaps you will be brave enough to compete in the famous mullet toss. Good Luck

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



MSA HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY 2022

It never ceases to amaze me when I think of the fact that MSA has an over abundance of people who can do extraordinary things. We are an association of ordinary, everyday folks who have been brought together by the love of sailing. We have spent years together (sometimes decades) and most of us feel like time spent with MSA members is time spent with family. Every



now and again a member of the club takes on the characteristics of a real hero for some reason or another. They take on feats of strength and courage and resolution that boggle the mind. Our hero of this hour is Roger Cappello!

About 6 weeks ago, Roger called me and said "I can have the Halloween Party at my house!" Knowing how much work it was to host one of these gatherings, I told him that the club most likely would not have one this year and no one was expecting it. I told him to let it go. But this hero insisted even after I did my best to discourage him.

Definition of hero

- 1a: a mythological or legendary figure often of divine descent endowed with great strength or ability
- b: an illustrious warrior
- c: a person admired for achievements and noble qualities
- d: one who shows great courage
- 2a: the principal character in a literary or dramatic work
- b: the central figure in an event, period, or movement
- 3plural usually heros
- 4: an object of extreme admiration and devotion : IDOL

He pursued the challenge like a hero! And as a result, on October 30th about 35 members and guests of Manatee Sailing Association had a great get together, party, dinner, celebration, event at Roger's beautiful home. Roger, we appreciate you, we honor you and we thank you as our MSA hero of the day.

The party started promptly at 5 on Sunday afternoon as one by one, cars pulled into the driveway of Roger's house on the island. It was warm as I was sweating underneath my layered costume. Roger had the

house inside and out all decorated with pumpkins, ghosts, goblins and skeletons.

As each member or guest came in, photos were taken as the costumes were once again creative and outstanding. I was getting worried! How on earth could one select 3 recipients for a special prize? All

the costumes were worthy of a prize! Yummy



food hot and cold, appetizers, entrees and desserts were placed on the tables that Roger had set out and arranged conveniently. As folks gathered we enjoyed some wine around the pool and caught



up with the happenings of each member since the last time we were together. When most everyone had arrived, the dinner bell was rung. It didn't take much coaxing for MSA members to gather in the buffet line and pile food on



their plates and then find an available seat in the luxury of the A/C in the house or outside with a view of Bimini Bay. We stuffed our tummies with hearty dishes and then went back for more, this time, dessert. What delicacies we savored!

After the sun set and before the darkness obstructed our view, the challenge of handing out prizes for the best costumes became apparent. I wandered around members begging for help and asking for suggestions in this matter. Finally, after much discussion, decisions were made. 3rd place for best costume went to Bobbie Goss for her clever interpretation of a "swimming accident". Even though she had her life vest on, she ran into a

little trouble in the water! 2nd place for best costume was to Patti Korn for a spectacular rendition of "the Medusa". One look and she'd turn you into stone! 1st place for MSA's 2022 Halloween Costume Party was unanimous! Luann Zajaczkowski wowed the crowds as a rather beguiling Catholic Nun who obviously had broken a few vows. She was expecting any minute! Congratulations to the winners and to all those members who dressed up for the party! It wouldn't be any fun without you! The food had been eaten; the wine was gone and finally MSA friends said their good nights and reluctantly strolled back to their cars. It was a great night, a great party and a great celebration!

Thank you my MSA heroes for being there!



Gail Gordon
MSA Social Secretary

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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: _____

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Boat Make/Size _____ Boat Name _____

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