



Gale Tales

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December 2022

Up Coming Events

December 2022

Event	Date	Time	Place
MSA Christmas Party	Dec 17	5:00 PM	LuAnn's House
Boat Parade	Dec 10	After Sunset	Manatee River



On the Horizon

Event	Date	Time	Place
Don't Worry Be Happy	Jan 10	5:00 PM	Central Cafe
Installation Dinner and Dance	Jan 22	6:00 PM	Bradenton Yacht Club
Kayaking	Jan TBD	TBD	Kayaking at Ted Sperling Park, Sarasota
Cigar Factory Tour	Feb TBD	TBD	JC Newman Cigar Factory, Ybor City

It was with great pleasure that I served while we had a defining year. I have many thanks to all the officers for their service and members that participated in the events. I have many memories for 2022.

First, the events in November. Gail and other members arranged for some good events this past month, one was a Thanksgiving Holiday favorite. The raft-up in Terra Ceia Bay went off as usual. Although Linda and I did not make Thanksgiving Day we did join the boats of Jazz and Sans Souci the day after, with Rick and Adelia Jackerson, Patti Korn and LuAnn Zajaczkowski. What a great time until we had to return back to the dock. Look for pictures in the cruising report.

I was hoping to kayak in Ted Sperling Park but Mother Nature had different plans with her red tide. I'm sure we'll plan for that another time. Gail is so good with her social events.

We had a great meeting on November 9, important discussions I want to review here. We had chair reports from activities by Gail and cruising captains Rick and Adelia. Then we moved to new business.



We went to officer nominations which I can confirm is an excellent selection of officers for 2023. Marino and I worked to get a good group to lead us into the next year. They were confirmed by vote as unanimous choices and I sent them out in an email at the end of voting.

A couple of us worked out details for the installation dinner on January 22 with the Bradenton Yacht Club, which has always been well-attended by members. We confirmed that Chuck the Entertainer will provide music, he was great last year. We discussed the date with Gail and she came up with an excellent idea, it is the date of the Chinese New Year. She chose "Night of the Dragon" even though the Chinese New Year is the Year of the Rabbit. I found that theme to be hilarious. We raised the cost a little but have included a salad and dessert. It will once again be a great time for all.

John Castellena, our racing captain, announced April 22 as the date for the Terra Ceia Regatta. This has been a highlight for over 25 years and next year should be a continuation of this tradition. We will have the after-party in the larger hall of Tropic Isles based on suggestions from members. Some of our members have recommended the band Senile Delinquents to provide music for the evening and we booked them. They play a good mix of dance music from eras that we remember. They book far in advance so we were lucky to find that date open for them.

The year 2023 should be a great year, we are signing up new members and welcome them. With inflation as it is we are lucky to keep our dues the same as pre-COVID levels. Early discounts will be as before at \$90, \$100 after December 31. We have already had renewal registrations at the discounted rate. A renewal form and installation dinner order form is attached in this edition of Gale Tales.

I look forward to the future and hope to see everyone at the Christmas party hosted by LuAnn on December 17. We will officially retire the Oops Award in ceremonial fashion and sign-up Cruise Captains for each month.

Congratulations MSA 2023

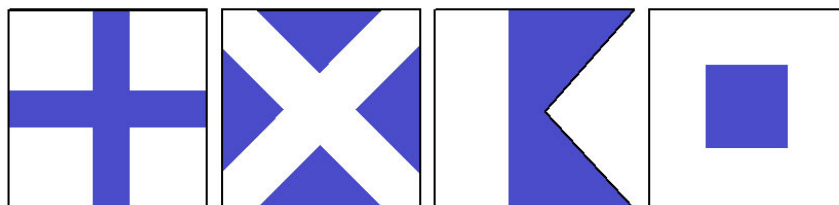
Officers

Commodore	Patti Korn
Vice Commodore	LuAnn Zajackowski
Secretary	Claude Salomon
Treasurer	Linda Briggle
Social Secretary	Gail Gordon
Membership	Linda Briggle
Racing Captain	John Castellena
Past Commodore	Tom Briggle

If you like the color blue, decipher the signal flags for the month as they all contain blue and white only in the flags. It is an abbreviation for one of our December holidays; it should be easy and includes one new letter.

This will be my last article for the Gale Tales. It has been my pleasure to be a part of this fine organization and the privilege to serve as commodore for 2022. I think the selection of Patti Korn as commodore for 2023 was a fine choice. I am confident she will bring her good ideas to further MSA. The officers that are staying will continue their hard work to make it a good year. Enjoy your holidays.

Tom Briggle
Commodore



MSA ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

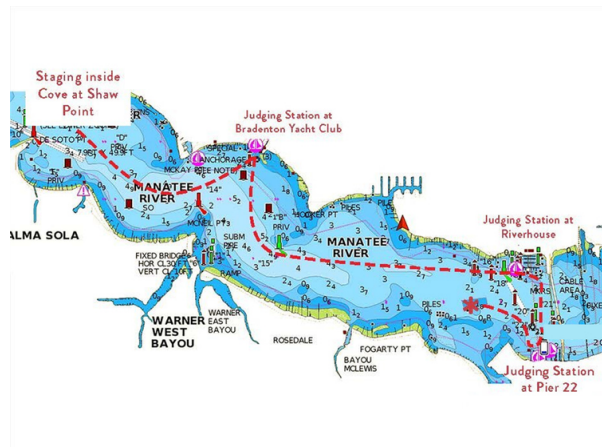
What a way to finish out the year 2022 but with a bang, and another MSA Party! LuAnn is going to make this great event happen again at her home (2815 Southern Parkway W, Bradenton) on Saturday December 17th at 5 P.M. Dress according to the weather but “Christmas festive” is always a good choice. Our hostess with the mostess, LuAnn, will be making several types of lasagna. I can almost smell the pasta baking in the oven now, yum! Please bring an appetizer, side dish, salad or dessert to share with your MSA family. And please bring your own choice of favorite spirited beverage as the club will provide water and mixers. I’m already getting in the



December 17th at 5 PM
2815 Southern Parkway W.
Bradenton, FL
RSVP by December 14th
To LuAnn at:
luann01@comcast.net

Christmas Holiday mood just thinking about it! LuAnn is Santa’s helper for sure as her lovely home will be decorated with colorful lights and Christmas music will be playing in the background. I bet you will be able to sit by the fireplace and sing along if you so choose. But to make sure you have a saved seat, please RSVP to LuAnn at luann01@comcast.net by December 14th. Thank you and “Merry Christmas to all and to all have a great night!”

Gail Gordon
MSA Social Secretary



SATURDAY DECEMBER 10TH

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**INSTALLATION DINNER AND DANCE
JANUARY 22, 2023**

It's no surprise to me that what follows Christmas and New Years Eve is of course, the Chinese New Year. Let's make a date to celebrate the event at our MSA Installation Banquet for "the Night of the Dragon" on January 22 at Bradenton Yacht Club (4307 13th St. W, Palmetto). Plan to arrive at 6 P.M. by sampan (traditional Chinese flat bottom wooden boat) or your personal land yacht wearing "her" favorite red silk Ao Dai (customary long Asian dress with a slit up the side) and "his" embroidered Mandarin collared jacket or any festive evening wear to then enjoy some cocktails among friends while watching the setting sun shimmer over the tranquil bay. Do I have your attention now?

Dinner will be served about 6:45 P.M. with several Honorable choices: Gourmet Meat Loaf served with Brown Mushroom Gravy, Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Vegetable Medley, Chicken Marsala with Garlic Potatoes and Vegetable Medley and BYC Salmon with Rice Pilaf and Vegetable Medley. All dinners will come with a salad and dessert. The cost for a spectacular dinner and evening festivities is \$40 for adults and \$25 for children.

After dinner we will celebrate with the extravagance of the dynasty, the heroes of



Manatee Sailing Association in awards and commendations. The ceremony will not be complete until the traditional dance has begun and we pay tribute to music master, Chuck Weirich, the D.J. The new empress (commodore) will take center stage and we will honor her in "The night of the Dragon."

Please fill out the form in this newsletter, select your meal choice, renew your membership and mail your reservations with a check to be received by January 15th. (Remember that if payment for membership is received by December 31st, it is only \$90. Bring it to the Christmas party for your convenience and save yourself a stamp.) As Confucius once said: See you there!

Gail Gordon
MSA Social Secretary



MANATEE SAILING ASSOCIATION
2023 ANNUAL DUES AND INSTALLATION DINNER



Night of the Dragon



	Number	Amount
2023 Membership Dues		
\$90 Before Jan 1, 2023		
\$100 After Dec 31, 2022		_____
Installation Dinner		
Sunday, January 22, 2023		
(Make menu selections below)		
Adults \$40.00 each	_____	_____
12 and under \$25 each	_____	_____
Gale Tales Advertisement		
12 editions		
\$25 for Members		_____
\$100 for non Members		_____
Choose main entree for each person	Total	_____

Enter number

- BYC Salmon** with Beurre Blanc Served with Rice Pilaf and Vegetable Medley
- Chicken Marsala** Served with Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Vegetable Medley
- Meatloaf** Topped with Brown Mushroom Gravy, Served with Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Vegetable Medley

Each Dinner Includes:

House Salad with choice of Ranch or Balsamic Dressing.

European Chocolate Mousse topped with Whipped Cream and Chocolate Shavings.

Name(s) _____

Make check payable to:
 Manatee Sailing Association

RSVP by January 15,2023

Mail to:
 MSA
 PO Box 14482
 Bradenton, FL 34280-4483

CRUISING NEWS



Thanksgiving Raft-up in Terra Ceia Bay and Emerson Point for January

The Thanksgiving Raft-up was attended by Jazz with Charles and Debbie on board, Sans Souci with Patrick and Pat, Asante Mungo with Marino and Kathy and Marino's son with his two friends. Kathy's son came in his own boat. They had perfect weather and a great get together with a complete Thanksgiving dinner with plenty of wine, port and cigars.



On Friday, Tom and Linda took LuAnn, Rick, Adelia, and Patti to invade

the peaceful raft-up the morning after turkey day. We enjoyed left over pumpkin bread and we all had mimosas. I was surprised that I still had plenty of energy after having 16 people over at our house for Thanksgiving, followed by a second get together that night with two other friends.



In December we do not have a raft-up because many members are busy with Hanukkah festivities, or perhaps Christmas or the Winter Solstice or Kwanzaa. This gives me plenty of time to get our boat in good working order.

We are thinking of Emerson Point Preserve on the Manatee River near the floating aluminum dock for January.

Emerson is across from Desoto Point where the big cross is located on the shore.



We hope you all had a happy turkey day. We are still happily eating left over turkey and ham and all the fixins. With all the trials and tribulations many of us have, I hope you all took a moment to appreciate all the advantages we have in this country. No war or famine etc. to worry about.

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

ON THE HORIZON 2023

Once Again, Picnic and Kayaking at Ted Sperling Park, Sarasota January 2023 TBA

Yup! Sadly, I had to abandon the kayak/picnic event scheduled for the end of November because of less than favorable water conditions in Sarasota. Dead fish and yukky smells didn't



a fun day make! I'm afraid, that one hurt! I had a surprisingly large group of members signed up for it. So I was hoping we could try to execute this outing again

in January. I know the water might have a bit of a chill in it, but we're tough, we're sailors. I don't have a date yet but as we get closer into the New Year, I'll make a definite plan and share it with you. You already know the



details.....Ted Sperling Park at South Lido Beach (2201 Ben Franklin Drive) around noon for a brown bag picnic lunch and then Ted Sperling Park at South Lido Beach Nature Park (190 Taft Drive) about 1 P.M. for our kayak launch and paddle through the scenic mangroves. Your personal kayaks are welcome and kayak rentals are available for \$45 single and \$55 for a tandem. Once we have a set date, I'll send out an email for you to sign up and if anyone needs to make kayak rental reservations, let me know then. Thanks for being patient with me. We will have our day in the sun, I promise!

Tour of JC Newman Cigar Factory and Lunch in Ybor City, Tampa February 2023 TBA

Helen Chouinard sent me a text recently and mentioned that she saw a short feature on a television program that looked interesting.....maybe a possibility for MSA outing. I took a few moments to check it out and I got really excited.



Anytime we have an excuse to go to Ybor City, it makes me happy. But to have an opportunity to visit and tour an old brownstone factory in Ybor City, that got my attention immediately. Thank you, Helen!!!!!!

“Founded in 1895 by Julius Caesar Newman, J.C. Newman Cigar Company is the oldest family owned premium cigar maker in America. For 4 generations and 126 years, J.C. Newman has been handcrafting many of the world's finest cigars. J.C. Newman is headquartered in an iconic 111 year old cigar

factory in Ybor City National Historical Landmark District in Tampa Florida. At this factory known as EL Reloj, (Spanish for “clock”) J.C. Newman rolls premium cigars both by hand and by hand operated antique cigar machines.” In addition to the American company, “J.C. Newman cigar factory is the second largest in Nicaragua and is where Brick House, Perla de Mar, El Baton and Quorum cigars are hand rolled.”



The 1 hour 15 minute tour which includes a top to bottom exploration of El Reloj, is the only cigar factory still in operation in Cigar City in Tampa. The tour takes guests through the process of cigar making both by hand and antique machine. Three stories high and one block long, the historic cigar factory will please cigar enthusiasts, history buffs and those folks interested in manufacturing and technology. The cost for the tour is \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors, students and veterans. And if your interest is peaked, you are able to

sign up at the factory for a private class in hand rolling your own cigars! That could be fun!!!! Although the tours run 9:30 A.M., 11:30 A.M. and 1 P.M. on weekdays, I believe the best time for us to arrive since we have a 1 hour drive from home is for the 11:30 tour. Then we

can enjoy a leisurely lunch somewhere in Ybor City afterwards. (Please note that although it would be conceivably possible to take the Cross Bay Ferry from St. Pete to Tampa and then the Historic Streetcar to Ybor City, I am encouraging driving as the better option

because we need to be on the property on time to participate in a tour. Plus car pooling with your best buddies could add more fun to the event. Watch for my emails in the January 2023 Gale Tales to sign up for this exciting day in Historic Ybor City! You won’t want to miss this one! See you there!

Gail Gordon
MSA Social Secretary



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A JOYFUL FAREWELL!

You may have noticed an unusual flying object in the night sky on Sunday November 6th. You can relax! It was just LuAnn Zajackowski's house floating high off the ground. There is an explanation! About 25 of MSA's fabulous females gathered there, in that house to celebrate their good fortune of knowing and loving a wonderful sailing sister, Carolyn Racey. Carolyn was one of those few original MSA members who knew us "way back when". She served on the MSA board in almost every capacity including Commodore. But for the past many years she brought our club to its highest membership in its entire history by finding outstanding speakers to share sailing knowledge, excitement and entertainment to our monthly meetings. If ever there was a networking genius, it was Carolyn. We wanted to take a moment on that Sunday to send off this wonderful lady to

a new chapter of her life. She and her sister Marta sold their home and were leaving Bradenton permanently and moving to the hills of North Carolina. Thanks to the hospitality of LuAnn, we had the opportunity of thanking this great lady, Carolyn Racey, for the years of friendship and the gifts of love we have received from her. I noticed an unusual elevation myself that night as roars of laughter filled the air and the camaraderie of sisterhood enveloped the atmosphere. Later that evening after we all had left, Carolyn said to LuAnn that she had felt so much love that night that the house lifted off the ground. I was there! I felt it too! Thank you girlfriend, for all the memories! You filled our lives and our hearts. We wish you well!

Gail Gordon
MSA Social Secretary





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 _____

Sail # _____ PHRF _____

Signature: _____

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