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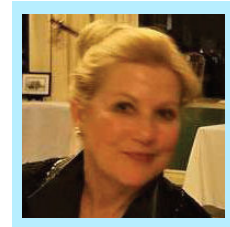
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December 2023

Up Coming Events

December 2023

Event	Date	Time	Place
Boat Parade	Dec 9	Sunset	Manatee River
Holiday Party	Dec 10	5:00 PM	Carla & Gary Morgan's Home



On the Horizon

Event	Date	Time	Place
Installation Dinner	Jan 14	6:00 PM	Terra Ceia Bay County Club
Frank Lloyd Wright Architectural Tour	Feb TBA	TBA	Florida Southern College

Happy December!

Gosh, the year has gone by rather quickly, hasn't it? This will be my last Commodore letter, wow. In January 2024 we will have a new Commodore and he'll be writing the letters!

It was great to see so many of you at our November 14 meeting at Mean Dean's Local Kitchen in Bradenton! Thanks to all who showed up on

what was the first rainy day/ evening we'd had in ages. It was a very good

meeting, where a lot of old and new business was discussed and of course, we voted on our new slate of officers for 2024. Congrats to the new officers! In addition, I heard only good things about the location, Mean Dean's restaurant. Folks seemed to be very pleased with the food and the service, and we had a large room all to ourselves – great for mingling, chatting, and catching up.

**IT'S TIME TO RENEW
YOUR MEMBERSHIP
FOR 2024**

MSA HOLIDAY PARTY



DECEMBER 10TH

Although we didn't have an official MSA Thanksgiving Dinner on the water, I know that at least one group did have a Thanksgiving gathering on their boat, and that many other members were with family and/or friends for their Thanksgiving. I hope that each and every one of you had a happy, safe, and delicious Thanksgiving.

Our final event for November was on November 30, where about 20 members traveled to St Pete for a private tour of the James Museum, a

museum we first visited 5 years ago when they opened, followed by lunch at a nearby restaurant. The James Museum is always a treat!

Upcoming events include our **Holiday party** on Sunday, **December 10** at the home of Gary and Carla Morgan, 6252 Foal Creek Drive in Parrish. The festivities begin at 5 pm and members are asked to bring an appetizer, side dish, or dessert to share, as well as your own adult beverage of choice. Our hosts are graciously providing the main course. Please be sure to read the MSA email of Nov 28 as a reminder about the party.

And, drum roll please, we will be holding our **Installation Dinner** on Sunday, **January 14** at the Terra Ceia Bay County Club, which is located at 2802 Terra Ceia Bay Blvd in Palmetto. The theme is "La Vie en Rose", Gail's favorite French song beautifully sung by Edith Piaf, and per Gail, that means it's all about "ooh la la, the Eiffel Tower, red roses, and

French elegance". The cost will be \$40 per person (same as last year, but this year it will actually cover the entire cost of the event, yay).

Which brings me to the last item of note, it's that time of year again! Yes, MSA

membership renewal time! Since I know you all have been paying attention, I'm sure it's redundant of me to restate the new dues structure, but here goes: Dues will be \$100 for the first person in a household and \$25

for each additional person in the household. If dues are paid by January 1, they will be discounted to \$90 for the first person in the household and \$15 for each additional person.

I encourage you to take advantage of the discount and get your membership form and check in early, before Jan 1. The membership form can be found later in this newsletter. You can also include the payment for the Installation Dinner at the same time. 😊 If you choose to include payment for the dinner, either on one check or two, with your membership payment, please indicate on the check for the dinner payment who will be attending the dinner.

Finally, congratulations again and thank you to our 2024 MSA officers, as follows: Commodore - Jim McGinnis; Vice Commodore - Tom Briggie; Cruising Captains - Chuck Fulton and Sal Alfonso; Racing Captain - Sue Davidson; Secretary

MSA 2024 Board

Commodore - Jim McGinnis
Vice Commodore - Tom Briggie
Cruising Captains - Chuck Fulton and Sal Alfonso
Racing Captain - Sue Davidson
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Again, it was great to see so many of you
at the November meeting and I look
forward to seeing everyone at Gary and
Carla's on December 10, and again on

January 14 next year at the Installation
Dinner.

Happy Sailing!

Patti Korn
Commodore, MSA

LOCAL HOLIDAY EVENTS

Christmas on Bridge Street & Boat Parade

December 2nd 3-9pm

Bridge Street

Bradenton Beach, FL 34217

[Click here for info](#)

Manatee River Holiday Boat Parade

December 9th 6-9pm

Manatee River

Bradenton, FL 34205

[Click here for info](#)

A Night Before Christmas

December 8th 5:30-8pm

GT Bray Park

5502 33rd Avenue Drive W

Bradenton, FL 34209

[Click here for info](#)

Winter Nights Under the Lights

December 13-17th 6-9pm

9800 17th Ave NW

Bradenton, FL 34208

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Christmas in Cortez

December 9th 1-4pm

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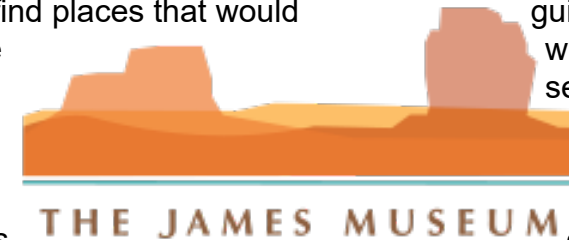
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**ANNIVERSARY A 5TH YEAR VISIT TO THE JAMES MUSEUM
NOVEMBER 30TH, 2023**

Coming up with new and exciting Social Events each month for MSA members to enjoy has become somewhat of a challenge. I try to find places that would be interesting to the majority, not too expensive and within a relatively close proximity to home. Most outings have been successful although a few snuck in there that were less than wonderful. But sometimes we have the



pleasure of enjoying a discovery that wows the crowd, lifts the spirit and presents us with a learning experience. This sort of an event deserves to be revisited. And that's what we did this month. 5 years ago when the James Museum of Western and Wildlife Art in downtown St. Petersburg opened their doors, we were there to check out the newest adventure in town. And this month we returned 5 years later to celebrate this incredible collection of art that symbolized the history, beauty and the drama of the Western USA.



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At 10:30 A.M. on Thursday November 30th, we gathered in the lobby of the James Museum to meet our private tour guides. 20 MSA members, half who were returning for a second visit and half that were coming for the first time were divided into two groups. Richard and Patti, our docents, led us on an

hour long journey through the museum giving us just a sampling of a few of the spectacular art pieces that were in the permanent collection. Galleries after glorious galleries filled with paintings, sculptures, pottery and jewelry both from times past all the way up to the present, were showcased by our trained and expert



docent guides. The smaller group size allowed more questions to be addressed and more stories to be told. I must admit, however and it was mentioned over lunch by several members as well that in all the incredible beauty that we witnessed in the museum, we were

reminded of the tragedy of injustices



waged on a magnificent culture, the American Indian. "Lest we not forget!"

I had so many favorites in the museum that I could not begin to mention them all. But standing in the lobby looking up

into the noble faces of the outrageously stunning bronze sculptures by John Coleman of several Indians in full regalia was for me, unforgettable! The painted



metal "bigger than life" statues had such fine details that every bead on the moccasins or feather on the headgear almost required a touch to confirm its origin. The sharp crevices in the stone canyon walls of the lobby and the sound of a rushing waterfall at the far end gave me a surreal atmosphere and hinted that just maybe I wasn't in Florida anymore. As a result, I have become a member of the James Museum so I am free to be transported there whenever I need to get away.



At about 12:15 we made our way out of the gorgeous canyon walls to the cement sidewalk on Central Ave and beyond. A few blocks east and then a few blocks north brought us to a charming Italian Restaurant, BellaBrava, for our luncheon reservation. We had a room to ourselves and enjoyed a delightful staff that served us well. Lunch was quite good and surprisingly, almost affordable. Not bad for the St. Pete waterfront. It was a very good day and it was a pleasure to spend it with the best people in the world, MSA members! Thank you for joining me!



Gail Gordon
MSA Social Secretary





SATURDAY



DECEMBER

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**MSA CHRISTMAS PARTY
DECEMBER 10TH 2023**

How can it be possible? We are smack dab in the middle of the Christmas Season and working on finishing up another year! It's crazy, just how fast time is flying by! So let's slow down, take a few hours to be with good friends, have some cheer, yummy food and enjoy the Holidays before it gets away from us.

Carla and Gary Morgan have been so gracious to open up their beautiful home to us to provide a perfect setting for our celebration. They live in the country (6252 Foal Creek Drive, Parrish) and we just may see a reindeer or two so keep your eyes peeled when you drive out there.

The Christmas festivities start at 5 P.M. on Sunday evening December 10th. The main course, beer and wine and soda will be provided. But please bring a festive appetizer, side dish or dessert to share with your friends and of course, bring your

own personal adult beverage if you wish. This will most likely be the last MSA get together for 2023 so I hope you have marked your calendars for this special annual event.

As most of our loved ones live elsewhere in this country or abroad, many members of MSA have become a sort of substitute family. I count myself as one of those members and I am truly grateful for this

blessing. I have more or less been in the club for over 25 years and I don't want to think about what my life would be without it. It has been an exciting cruise through the years and we are still sailing, folks!

Let's join together on December 10th and toast to MSA memories that have been made in the past and to those that have yet to come. Merry Christmas everyone! See you there!

Gail Gordon
Social Secretary

Ship's Rules

- Bring an hors d'oeuvre, side dish, or dessert to share with your ship mates. Also bring your own adult refreshment.
- Main course will be provided along with beer, wine and soda.
- The good cheer begins at 5:00 PM at Carla and Gary's home:



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Parrish, FL 34219

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MSA HOLLIDAY PARTY



DECEMBER 10TH




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Manatee Sailing Association

2024 Membership Renewal

Name(s):1. _____ Date: _____

2. _____

Other members in household: _____

Mailing address: _____

(City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell 1: _____ Cell 2: _____

Email#1 _____ Email #2 _____

Boat Make and Size _____

Boat Name _____ Sail # _____ PHRF _____

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: _____

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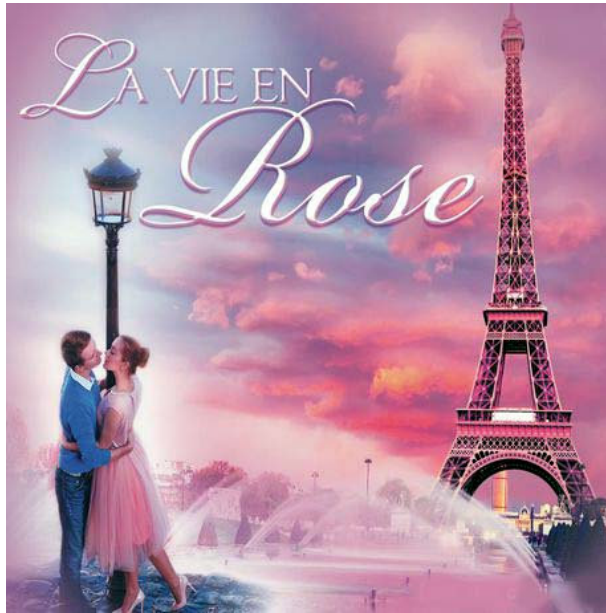
MSA INSTALLATION BANQUET JANUARY 14TH 2024

During a fall board meeting your MSA board members discussed possibilities of where, when and how we would conduct our traditional parties and banquets in the near future. We took into consideration that we did not have abundant cash resources to support extravagance. So instead of enjoying the luxurious surroundings and culinary specialties of the Bradenton Yacht club as we have done in years past, we searched for other possible venues that would be more financially friendly. After much thought, the board chose to move our MSA banquet to the Terra Ceia Bay Country Club. For those of us who have been in MSA for decades, this would not be the first time we have walked through those doors for such an occasion.

Once we had a place and a date, I was approached to come up with a theme for the evening's festivities. I drew a blank! Nothing inspired me until..... one night while I was watching an old movie set in Paris that suddenly there it was floating in my head. I could hear a familiar song that personified Paris, romance and elegance. It was introduced to the world by a tragic French Torch singer, Edith Piaf, the same

year I was born, 1947. Since then many famous singers such as Louis Armstrong and Andrea Bocelli have crooned that soulful melody. And one of my favorite renditions of this song was done beautifully by Lady Gaga in the 2019 movie, "A Star is Born".

The theme of our MSA Installation Banquet is "La Vie en Rose". The lyrics



talk about how life can be as wonderful as when you first fell in love. The melody transports you to a romantic French Café on a quiet back street in Paris. So on the night of our banquet not only will we enjoy dinner and music and the company of dear friends, we will escape to Paris for a few stolen hours.

Yes, there will be the exchange of MSA Board

Members from 2023 to 2024. And then there will be awards presented to those members who have earned the recognition as well. But ooh, la, la! Make it a night to remember! Ladies, put on a black lacy dress or a red satin gown; and gentlemen wax your mustache, slip on your top hat and grab your cane and dress for a night in gay Paris. Mark your calendar for a not to be missed event to a different time and place.

Bonsoir, mon cheri! See you there!

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 _____

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Signature: _____

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Social Secretary	Gail Gordon
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