



Gale Tales

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Up Coming Events

Event	Date	Time	Place
DWBH	Sep 10	5:00 PM	Mr & Mrs Crab
Distillery Tour	Sep 30	3 PM	Drum Circle Distillery
DWBH	Oct 8	5:00 PM	Hickory Hollow
Beach Party	Oct 18	11:00 AM	Bayfront Park AMI
Member Meeting	Nov 12	5:00 PM	Modern Chop Steakhouse



AHOY MSA MEMBERS, FRIENDS, AND FAMILY

Our America's Boating Club -Finger Lakes Chapter enjoyed a fun-filled three-day weekend to Sampson State Park, NY August 1-3, filled with camaraderie, learning, and plenty of good food and cold drinks. We started Saturday out on the dock next to M/V Bacchus at 9AM for Bloody Mary's. Saturday morning brought a hands-on class on Man Overboard procedures led by me and a fellow instructor—an essential refresher that combined safety with practical skill-building. Saturday afternoon we had a lively mini-golf tournament where friendly competition and fierce putting set the tone. The evening was capped off with a memorable performance by a friends band the "Take 3 Quartet" whose music had everyone enjoying the sounds until sunset. Sunday's return voyage tested

DRUM CIRCLE DISTILLERY TOUR



SEPTEMBER 30TH

our endurance, as we battled a stiff headwind all the way home.



Man Overboard Procedure

We sailed today on Seneca Lake and felt the first real chill of the season. The thermometer hit 38F overnight and the water temperature in the lake dropped below 70F. But this afternoon the wind was steady out of the north and the sun just warm enough to be out. We head to Geneva, NY with the boat on Friday for the "Navy Barge Race" on Saturday. This is a 22-mile race from Geneva around a US Navy sonar Test Barge. Wish us luck!

Lynne and I will be back in Florida on October 15th. See you for the AMI beach Party on 10/18. Our next MSA Membership Meeting is 11/12/25 5PM at Modern Chop.

Fair Winds,

Jim McGinnis
Commodore
s/v Brewester



AUGUST MEMBER MEETING

HEADLINE NEWS!

Six MSA Seniors caught breaking the rules red handed at the local Mini Golf!!!

When asked by this reporter, friends of the culprits couldn't believe the reports. "We've known them for some time now and they



seemed very nice and polite! We had no idea they had this streak of mischief in them." At 7:30 P.M. on Wednesday night August 13th, the 6 seniors approached a popular local mini golf course in town. They noticed an unusual stranger sitting at the picnic table area but didn't pay him any mind as they went to the entrance to pay for a simple round of golf. That was their first mistake! The cashier announced as the group of 6 left the main building to go to the practice course that they, the 6 of them, were not allowed to all play on a hole at one time. "It was against the rules" she said. "Only 4 people to a hole! It takes up too much time otherwise!"

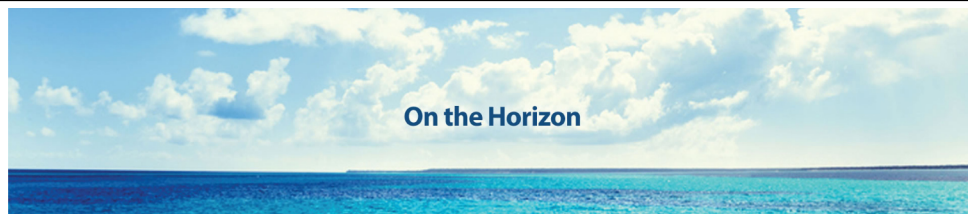
The group broke up into the dreaded "3 girls against the 3 guys" to try to appease the staff's rules. But it seemed as if once the game started all laughter along with a bunch of fun broke out and no matter how fast or how slow the game went, the 6 seemed to end up on the same hole together. Several of the members of the group watched for other parties that might

be playing golf nearby before or after them, but the place was almost deserted. No one seemed to be paying attention to any crime being committed! However, the group did not know that they were under surveillance from a hidden vantage point, by none other than the "stranger"! At about half way through the 18 holes of golf, the cashier came out and reported that there had been a complaint! The unruly seniors were breaking the rules and 6 people were not allowed on a hole at one time! Obviously these MSA members were troublemakers and looking for an altercation. They again tried to cover up their abuse by attempting to play by the rules but to no avail. No matter what they did, it seemed they had group tendencies of extreme friendship. They were just having too much fun. Some seniors were known to be stubborn but this



behavior was totally out of line. At the end of the game after tabulating scores, the "stranger" who was an out of uniform staff member punished the group by limiting their chances for a possible free game. Restitution was a hard sentence to pay. The group of 6 MSA seniors walked away a little wiser knowing that some people just don't know how to have fun! And yes also, don't break the rules at mini golf!

An anonymous reporter



**SEPTEMBER MSA SOCIAL EVENT
TOUR AND TASTING AT THE DRUM
CIRCLE RUM DISTILLERY
SEPTEMBER 30TH AT 3 P.M.**

It's been many years since we have visited what was then an up and coming industry. Now the Siesta Key Rum made at the Drum Circle Distillery can be found in stores all



over the country. The company has grown and spread their wings but we can still find our way to the unassuming little warehouse at 2212 Industrial Blvd just off University Blvd to see where and how the magic happens. Besides the stunning distillery machinery and the expanded gift shop and various selections of Siesta Key Rum, a piece of Sarasota history awaits you. The original 1954 bar at the Bahi Hut, Florida's oldest Tiki lounge and Sarasota Landmark found a new home in the Siesta Key Rum Infinity Room where you can sip, socialize, celebrate and enjoy Siesta Rum cocktails. Please join me at 3 P.M. on September 30th for a tour and tasting that will inspire and delight you. You will find new recipes to make delicious cocktails for your Holiday guests this year. You will learn the story of their craft distillery, the awards they have

won and why their rum tastes soooo good! And to make it more exciting.....the tour and tasting is free! Afterwards we will meet for an early dinner at Seasons 52 at the UTC Mall. Please email me at gailgordon56@gmail.com with your reservation by September 24th. Hope to see you there!

**OCTOBER 18TH AT 11 P.M.
THE ALMOST ANNUAL MSA BEACH
PICNIC AND PARTY FOR 2025**

Figures crossed this year will be storm free and we will be able to enjoy another fabulous day of sun and fun at the beach with our MSA family. The Bayfront Park, Anna Maria Island is still there in all its glory in spite of a few missing tree limbs and both piers, just a sweet memory. The water is still aquamarine and oh so pleasant to soak in. Bring an appetizer, a salad or side dish to share, your personal beverage (keep in mind no glass or alcohol), a beach chair, sunscreen, hat and noodle and plan to



spend the day of total relaxation and great friendship on one of our gorgeous Florida beaches. Hot dogs, hamburgers, water and dessert will be provided by the club.

Let's savor the last tidbit of summer before the crazy busy Holidays arrive. See you there!

**OCTOBER MSA SOCIAL EVENT,
MAYBE:
A VISIT TO THE NEW MOTE MARINE
SEA AT NATHAN BENDERSON PARK**

On July 6th 2025, the Mote Aquarium on City Island closed so the Mote team could focus on preparing for the opening of the Mote Science Education Aquarium at Nathan Benderson Park. Although the date has not yet been set, we are getting



closer by the minute so with great anticipation I have set out a plan for an MSA Social Event to welcome and support this great new center. I will book a group tour at the first available time whether it be October or November so please be ready to be wowed with this facility.

There are many conditions concerning the exhibits that come into play that control when the opening date of the facility will

happen. First, the Mote staff needs to monitor a process called "leaching" where soluble components in new habitats must be removed to be safe for sea life. Then waiting for the water chemistry to stabilize, takes time. The second forcing function is animal quarantine, transfer and acclimation. The health, safety and welfare of all animals under Motes care is top priority. So, we must wait too, until all is well in the world of Mote Marine SEA. Be patient but get excited! This is going to be BIG!

NOVEMBER: The Florida Orchestra Free Pops Concert at the Vinoy Park (date TBA)

DECEMBER: MSA Christmas Party (date and place TBA)

POSSIBLE EVENTS FOR 2026:

- A Night of Dance! Lessons, Music and Food! Oh My!
- Old Florida Day! Airboat Nature Tour, Lunch and more
- Sunday Brunch at the Polo Matches
- Out of Town Overnight Field Trip Surprise

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KICK OFF REGATTA
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Racing: Sept. 27th & 28th

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Racer Cruiser - Pocket Cruiser - Multi-Hull
4 boats required to make a class

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Buy one night, get the next night free!

To apply discount, please use **Booking Code: SEP25**

*BOGO nights must be used consecutively; the free night will always be the second recurring night. Cannot be combined with any other offer or discount. Offer is valid 9/2/2025 and expires on 9/30/25. Offer only applies to new September bookings. Due to hurricane reconstruction, amenities in selected slips including in-slip water and in-slip pump-out are not available.



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.

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