

# **The Chowder Chatter**

**The Official Newsletter of  
The Caloosahatchee Marching and Chowder Society  
Cape Coral / Fort Myers, Florida  
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Next Full Moon: August 1

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## **Commodore's Message**



Commodore Bobby Lee

.Well, this has been a great month. Lots to talk about and prepare for Summerset. Beverly Duff has most everything shore side going in the right direction. I have been able to secure a great Committee boat thanks to Rose Ann. The Sea Isle will host the signals boat crew. Jason Pim has volunteered his power boat for the Marks Boat. It may be crewed by your Commodore and a friend. I have all the Marks at my home. Dockage will be a challenge. Perhaps CMCS members with dock room at their homes could invite a Naples or Punta Gorda boat to dock at their home for one or two nights. Be good hosts and take them to the parties at Salty Sam's Marina.

Anyone and everyone needs to contact Beverly Duff and volunteer to help or lead a crew with what ever needs doing. This is very important. Beverly has her hands exceptionally full right now, so grab a line and pull up your sleeves and let's do this together.

CMCS. Needs YOU !!!! Please come to the next meeting at Rusty's Raw Bar on Tuesday, August 22 at 6:30 PM so we can make sure Summerset sails smoothly!!!!

Hope to see everyone there!

Bobby Lee  
2023 CMCS Commodore

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Tuesday, August 22, 2023  
6:30 PM  
RUSTY'S RAW BAR AND GRILL  
4631 SE 10TH PLACE  
CAPE CORAL, FL. 33904**

### **2023 CMCS Officers**

Commodore: Bobby Lee	Vice Commodore: Open Position
Vice Commodore – Summerset: Bev Duff	Rear Commodore – Cruising: Open Position
Rear Commodore – Racing: Scott Milligan, Art Schuller	Fleet Yeoman – Bev Duff
Fleet Purser – Julia Robinson	Past Commodore – Gary Blessing
Chowder Chatter Editor—Steve Roake	

## **Summerset 2023**

AHOY, CMCS racers and cruisers! Many folks have asked IF we're going to hold the 2023 Summerset Regatta. AND IT'S A GO!

Please put the dates on your calendar 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> of October 2023!

Here's what I know at this point:

The bad news is that many of our Club members' boats were damaged or destroyed. Our own boat, Chase the Clouds, is on the damaged list.

The good news is that there are sailors from Charlotte Harbor to Marco Island who are ready to get back out on the water and race!

Venues;

Salty Sam's Marina and restaurants are repaired and open for business. The docks are undergoing repairs right now.

Pink Shell's Marina is badly damaged and they have no firm time line for docks available. The hotel itself is open for business.

Moss Marine is open for business as we speak, with remodeling of their facility underway.

The Nauti Parrot Dock Bar is open for business and the docks are being repaired.

Area Clubs have offered to help get the event up and running.

Many of the Sponsors have kindly allowed us to keep the sponsor dollars for the youth sailing programs in SW Florida. The area youth sailing programs are up and running for the summer. My own granddaughter is one of the instructors for ESC.

Important to note that Edison Sailing Center had a huge loss of their equipment, boats and auxiliary boats needed for their sailing program. If you can help, give them a call.

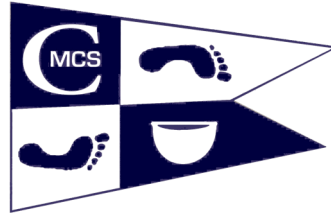
So, I guess the question that begs asking and answering – who is willing to step up and move forward with this Event with me? Looking for volunteers for this year's Regatta!

Bev Duff,  
Vice Commodore of Summerset  
s/v Chase The Clouds

### **A Note from your Chowder Chatter Editor**

As I sit here on Ranger in Southwestern Ontario editing the Chowder Chatter for August, the temperature is only 80 degrees at mid-day and visibility is about a mile due to fog. Apparently, Chicago is worse with crazy heat like Cape Coral (not as bad, though!). We have been out cruising since July 8. Our cruising plans include the North Channel of Lake Huron. So far, we've been at remote anchorages except for a stop for a pump-out and a couple of nights in Gore Bay on the 25th and 26th of July for reprovisioning. We hope to continue cruising through the end of August before returning to Michigan and putting Ranger to bed for the winter and returning to Cape Coral.

On balance, this weather beats high humidity, temps in the 90's and heat indices over 100 with thunderstorms daily, so we're not complaining!



*Looking Ahead to a fall cruise:*

**'Tween Waters Marina**

**Parrothead Cruise**

**September 22 – September 24**

Cruise Leaders: Jean and Gary Blessing

It's time to party at the 'Tween Waters Marina for CMCS' annual Buffett extravaganza. Let's "party just like Buffett does, we'll do the old man proud!" Make your way to the marina on Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> for a weekend full of relaxation and fun. There is not much better cruising than having a destination with a beach, pool, bar, and A/C for sleeping. We'll hold the Parrothead Olympics, and of course imbibe some Boat Drinks. And a Gulf Beach is right across the street for your enjoyment and watching the sun set into the sea.

Sound good? I need to know of your interest. At this point, I have reserved 7 slips for sailboats and 2 slips for motor boats. The Island Hopper Songwriters Festival is taking place the same weekend and the dock master would like to know how many boats to expect. Our Commodore, Bobby Lee, has already committed and so has Jazzy. **Please email me if you are interested at:**

[jblessingkan@yahoo.com](mailto:jblessingkan@yahoo.com)

**I know it's a little early to be thinking about September, but I need to notify 'Tween Waters by August 15<sup>th</sup>** about how many slips we will need. The Island Hopper festival can be done by boat and they anticipate captains will be calling to reserve.

Let's hope the Red Tide and Blue-Green Algae gods are good to us this year!

Jean Blessing  
S/V Jazzy