

The Chowder Chatter



April 2022 Edition

*The April 19
Membership Meeting
is also "Grill Night."
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at the Pink Shell
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Commodore's Message



Commodore
Bobby Lee
s/v Sharon L

March was a better month than February. The racing was done elsewhere so I don't know what went on. The Directors' meeting went well. Unfortunately I don't remember what we talked about. Hu.

Our March meeting with speakers was great! Pat Rooney's story was very good and accurate keeping the interest of all members. Thanks Pat! And Jennifer and son, Austin, did a good job of thanking CMCS for providing the funds that allowed Austin to have sailing lessons at Edison Sailing School.

AND the Shrimp Dinner was GREAT! Bill and Mary Misenheimer took the helm and recruited master galley cook, Bob Duff and his crew of Tim Cheek and Glen Vetter who prepared great shrimp. The girls, all of which I respect highly, set a delicious table of all kinds of yum yums.

The cruise of the Good Ship CMCS is in its third month. Still holding a close reach. Unfortunately we lost three of our crew. We will miss them much. Being short handed may slow her down some but we will complete the voyage by 1-1-23.

Bobby Lee
Commodore



Past member, Pat Rooney , discusses his three month trip to Roatan at March membership meeting.



See page 8 for location and time of our April 19 Membership Meeting and Grill Night.

If you need a map, click on "event" when you get the email blast or look under "events" on the website or app.

1st Vice Commodore



1st Vice Commodore
Ron Sheradin
m/v Ark Angel



Cape Coral Cardboard Boat Regatta
Saturday, April 16th, 2022
Seahawk Park– 1030 NW 28th St.– Cape Coral, FL 33993
10AM–3PM

Racing



Rear Commodore
of Racing
Scott Milligan
S/V Pepper



Rear Commodore
of Racing
Art Schuller
S/V Radiant

Congrats to
Brock Johnson and crew
aboard *The Lone Ranger*
for your victory at the
Conquistador Cup
in Punta Gorda.



NEXT CMCS RACE: Jerry Pim Memorial Estebel Race, May 14. See page 7 for details.

Vice Commodore of Summerset



Vice Commodore
of Summerset
Bev Duff
S/V Chase the Clouds



SAVE THE DATE

For the 57th annual

SUMMERSET REGATTA

September 30-October 2, 2022

Watch for more information to follow.

HOW CAN YOU HELP WITH SUMMERSET?

- Print mailing labels for Sponsor Letters and Notice of Race (labels supplied)
- Stuff & mail sponsor letters
- Solicit an item or gift card for door prize or raffle
- Know a business who might be a cash sponsor but don't want to ask them? Let us know!
- Contact FMB marinas to inquire about special rates for participants
- Plan outings/events for non-racing members who cruise down
- Supply a power boat on race day as a mark boat
- Man a table at one of the events
- Research possible race trophy ideas
- Join Bev in a meeting with Salty Sam's to plan meal events
- Collect 50 of an item for bag stuffers (pens, koozies, trial sizes, note pads, etc)
- Purchase your boat's name on sleeve

Contact Bev if you can help. 239-470-6612

SAIL THE TRADITION



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Cruising



Upcoming Cruises:

May 13-15, Bloody Mary Cruise (in conjunction with Bloody Mary Brunch and Jerry Pim Memorial Race) see pages 6 & 7 for more info.

**May 27-30, Danger Island “Headless” Cruise
More dangerous than ever because it’s “headless”
(unless, of course, YOU volunteer to head it)**

If you're thinking about spending the long Memorial Day weekend in the vicinity of Pelican Bay, respond to the email blast when it comes and we'll let participants know who to look for. There doesn't have to be anything planned or someone to head it. Sometimes an impromptu hike or happy hour or dinghy exploration is enough.



Looking Ahead to a summer cruise:

August 12 - August 14 'Tween Waters Marina Parrothead Cruise

Cruise Leaders: Jean and Gary Blessing

It's time to party at the 'Tween Waters Marina for CMCS' annual Buffett extravaganza. Let's get ready to "party just like Buffett does, we'll do the old man proud!" Make your way to the marina on Friday, August 12 for a weekend full of relaxation and fun. There is not much better cruising in the summertime than having a destination with a beach, pool, bar, and A/C for sleeping. We'll hold the Parrothead Olympics, and of course imbibe lots of Boat Drinks. And a Gulf Beach is right across the street for your enjoyment.

If you desire a slip at the CMCS discounted rate, a reservation is normally required 30-days in advance so get your reservation in right away. Please utilize our website's 'Tween Waters RSVP Form to sign up and provide your vessel data. This online form will be forwarded to your Cruise Leader who will make your dock reservation with 'Tween Waters. Once completed you will be notified and asked to contact the Dock Master to supply your credit card information. Deadline is July 15, 2022.

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

Should you have any questions or suggestions for the Cruise, please contact Jean Blessing at jblessingkan@yahoo.com or text to (239) 321-9480

Bloody Mary Cruise, Brunch, Race



Bloody Mary Cruise, Brunch & Jerry Pim Memorial Estebel Race

Bloody Mary Cruise, Pink Shell Marina: May 13-15, 2022

Happy Hour 5:00 PM : Friday, May 13

Race in the afternoon: Saturday , May 14

Bloody Mary Brunch & awards dockside at Pink Shell Marina

Call Pink Shell Marina at (855) 482-1947 to reserve your slip.
A block of 10 slips have been held for CMCS at \$2.75/ft plus electric.



Mark Beauvois is awarded the
2021 Cruising & Exploration Trophy



BMCBJPMER

Bloody Mary Cruise, Brunch & Jerry Pim Memorial Estebel Race or "BMCBJPMER"

Friday, May 13 to Sunday May 15, 2022

This is an annual event that combines cruising at the Pink Shell and a "Fun Race" in the Gulf.

In honor of this year's Commodore, Bob Lee, it is officially the "Year of the Pirate"

Friday:

The cruise starts at the Pink Shell. Carol Pim has reserved a limited number of slips. Please make your own arrangements with the Dock master, (855) 482-1947. There is not any official event Friday afternoon, happy hour at 5, bring your own drinks and an appetizer to share. Dinner is on your own.

Saturday:

Enjoy the Pink Shell Resort and Beach until early afternoon.

The "Fun Race" starting line will be set up around Green Marker #3 just outside of Matanzas Pass Entrance.

The course will be determined by the wind direction and announced on VHF channel 72.

The start window will begin at 3:45 and go to 4:00. That means you can cross the Start line anytime in that window and that will be your official start time. In keeping with "Pirates don't sail to weather" all legs will be a reach. All crews and ships are encouraged to be in full Pirate dress. No rating certificates are needed, just show up, have fun and we will assign you a class and a handicap. Even Trawlers are welcome, I will invent a class and rating if you show up. There is no entry fee. Bill and Mary will be defending the coveted "Red Caboose Trophy" from last year.

Dinner is on your own after the race.

Yes, there will be awards Sunday Morning at the brunch.

Don't have a boat? No problem matey,

Joel Andrews (past CMCS Vice Commodore of Racing) has a sailing catamaran charter business at Ft Myers Beach. He has agreed to join the race and you can purchase a spot with him. Go to <https://www.copaceticsailing.com/> and click on "Sail With Us". Under Day Sail, click on "Book Now". On the calendar, side scroll to May and click on May 14. Click on "3:15 pm Copacetic Day Sail". Fill in the info and pay. There will not be any mention of CMCS or the race. This is the normal afternoon time of departure. Captain Joel will get you in the action without spilling your rum.

Sunday:

Wear your finest pirate finery or your worst sailor rags. Sally forth from your humble vessel or ramble down in your vintage roadster to the Pink Shell garden for the Bloody Mary Brunch with dainties and munchies to tantalize your taste buds.

Liquid refreshments will include Bloody Marys and Pirate Grog.

9 AM will see you seated in your bag chair and umbrella, awaiting this sumptuous repast. Don't be too fashionably late, lest the delectables melt in the morning heat wave. Racers need to register all crew for their free booty. Other revelers owe \$5/body, costumed or otherwise. Place your booty in the Treasure Chest at the brunch.

Grill Night

APRIL GRILL NIGHT & POTLUCK MEETING

April 19, 2022 5:30-8:00 PM

At the Edison Sailing Facility
884 Moody Road, North Fort Myers



Grills will be ready for you to cook your protein portion of your meal from 5:30-8:00 PM

Edison Sailing Center will provide:

- Hot Grills
- Tables & Chairs

CMCS Liberty Ashore Team will provide:

- Disposable plates, napkins, cutlery
- Catsup & Mustard

Attendees should bring:

- The protein portion of your meal that you wish to grill
- Your grilling utensil
- A potluck side dish to share
A-H Side Dish I-M Dessert N-Z Appetizer
- A folding "bag" chair (there will be a limited number of chairs available)
- Insect repellent
- Your own beverages



Watch for the e-mail blast and RSVP by April 12th.

NEEDED: A few people to help set up on Tuesday morning, April 19 at 10:00am
3 people to direct parking at 5:00pm
PLEASE CONTACT CINDY WARDELL IF YOU CAN HELP. 952-564-1252

Liberty Ashore

LIBERTY ASHORE EVENTS 2022

APRIL 19, GRILL NIGHT Hosted by Cindy Wardell & Tim Stier & Edison Sailing Center
SEE PAGE 8

AUGUST 16, ICE CREAM SOCIAL Hosted by Judy Tomlins

OCTOBER 18, PIZZA NIGHT OR HOST'S CHOICE TBA

DECEMBER 20, HOLIDAY PARTY "SWEETS NIGHT" Hosted by Sue Reekie

EACH EVENT NEEDS HELP. PLEASE STEP FORWARD.



PAST EVENTS

MARCH 20, SHRIMP BOIL

Thanks to all the volunteers who made the shrimp dinner a great success. Chef Bob with Bill, Tim and Glen cooked 40 pounds of "pink gold" from Trico at Ft. Myers Beach. Also, thanks to DeeDee, Bev and Cindy W. who helped with setup and check-in. Tim Stier provided entertainment for the diners with his version of Name That Tune. The potluck table overflowed with side dishes and appetizers. There was also dessert for those with a sweet tooth.

*Thanks, Bill & Mary,
for stepping up to
take on this event!*



Shrimp Boil



Membership



Membership
Chair Person
Jean Blessing
S/V Jazzy

Ahoy, Sailors!

I hope all of you are staying safe. As restrictions are lifted, we all are hoping we won't have to go back to wearing masks, but we need to play it smart and do what is best for each person. Staying informed and making adjustments as the situation changes is very important.

I hope you will carry a CMCS brochure and a business card with you, in your car, on your boat, in your brief case or in your purse, to give to anyone you might run into that might be interested in the club. Nothing beats a personal invitation! You can put your name and phone number on the business card or if you'd rather, you can put my name and number on it: Jean Blessing, 239-321-3480, jblessingkan@yahoo.com. I will have additional brochures and cards at every membership meeting and would be glad to give you a supply.

I would like to ask each and every one of you to ask yourself what you are doing for CMCS. Are there any events you could help with or run? As with so many organizations, it seems the bulk of behind the scenes activities are carried out by a few members. If you are one of those doing the behind the scenes work, think about who you could invite to help you, learn the ropes, maybe take over the next time. Not only do we need new members but we need current members to be active in the running of the club. In a mere six months or so, we will be again looking to fill officer positions. Some "new blood" would be good!

Let's keep our membership roster up-to-date. You can go into your profile on the website and make changes to your address, phone number, boat information, etc. You can find member information on your smartphone using the Wild Apricot Membership App. If you need help with this, feel free to contact Jon Hart via e-mail at jonhart3714@gmail.com for assistance. I am willing to try to walk you through this as well, though I am not an expert. Watch for meetings soon that will provide overviews and introductions to the features of the website and app. We plan to have some help sessions at meetings as well. You will receive invitations via e-mail to all club functions as well as a reminder notice. If changes are made, you will also receive an e-mail. The more you respond to these, the better, so we can plan for events.

I've noticed many of you are wearing your nametags to club events. Thank you! If you cannot find yours at home in your junk drawer, let me know so I can print another for you.

No new memberships were received the past two months.

Hope to see you out and about!

Jean Blessing, S/V Jazzy, Fleet Recruiter



Look for information about Jean and Gary's summer "Parrothead Cruise" on page 5

Ladies Bridge Club...We Don't Play Cards



Ladies Bridge Club
Joan Perkett
s/v Sunday Silence



Ladies Bridge Club Update

Happy spring! There are so many fun activities to choose from right now, it's a wonderful dilemma to have.

On Wednesday, March 2nd, three of us spent the morning hunting for shark teeth and other treasures at Caspersen Beach in Venice. It was an absolutely perfect morning to spend in the sun after which we stopped by Snook Haven for smoked salmon tacos. We each received an award for our skills at hunting shark teeth, but Paula wins for the most unusual place to find one - in the back of the car once we got home.

On Thursday, March 31st 6 of us are traveling down to Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center for Science Nite. The topic will be "Where Have All the Mangroves Gone?", led by Laura Flynn, an expert on mangrove ecology. This should be a fun and educational experience. An email went out to all the club ladies with the details. If you didn't see it, please make sure your contact information is correct in the online membership roster.

Next up is kayaking out of Matlacha Community Park in early April, but I am going to have to email out the details when the weather forecast is most favorable for kayaking. This will be one of those events where your spouse (or spice) is welcome. If it's too windy to kayak, we should be out sailing anyway!

Joan Perkett
Ladies Bridge Club



CMCS Chandlery buy, sell, trade

Members, to advertise your boating-related items free in the CMCS Chandlery
Email Cindy Naumann, Chowder Chatter Editor at david.naumann@rocketmail.com

Or use your roster for telephone information.

Your ad will be listed for 3 months unless you notify me to remove it sooner.

Non-members are welcome to advertise their items at a price of \$30 for 3 months.



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Contact Carol Pim - gopherb@thepims.com / 239-896-4449



2022 CALENDAR Year at a Glance

Please note that some events may be changed or updated over time.

You can find the most current version of the CMCS calendar at www.cmcs-sail.org under “events” “calendar view”

Or find a chronological list on the Wild Apricot app under “events”

April	May	June
Apr 09 Suncoast Beverage Regatta (GCSC) Apr 09 SAMI Smokehouse Bay Raft Up Apr 10 Bud Light Regatta (SAMI) Apr 12 April Board Meeting Apr 19 April Membership Meeting & Grill Night Apr 23 2022 Messmer Cup Regatta Apr 28 GCSC Charlotte Harbor Cruise	May 10 May Board Meeting May 13 Bloody Mary Cruise, Brunch & Jerry Pim Memorial Estebel Race May 14 Estebel Race, Jerry Pim Memorial May 15 Bloody Mary Brunch May 17 May Membership Meeting May 20 2022 Most Memorable Regatta May 28 Danger Island Cruise (Memorial Day Weekend)	Jun 14 June Board Meeting Jun 21 June Membership Meeting
July	August	September
Jul 12 July Board Meeting	Aug 09 August Board Meeting Aug 12 Parrot Head Cruise Aug 16 August Membership Meeting & Ice Cream Social	Sep 13 September Board Meeting Sep 20 September Membership Meeting Sep 30 Summerset Regatta
October	November	December
Oct 01 Summerset Regatta Oct 11 October Board Meeting Oct 15 Edison Sailing Center RIVER ROMP Oct 18 October Membership Meeting	Nov 08 November Board Meeting Nov 15 November Membership Meeting	Dec 13 December Board Meeting Dec 20 December Membership Meeting & holiday party

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