

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: January 25

P.O. Box 101268, Cape Coral, Fl. 33910

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Commodore's Message



Commodore Bobby Lee
and Rose Ann Hoffman

Hello and Happy New Year!

Well, December is almost gone. Next year is the year of rebuilding CMCS. We have had a few tough years and survived!

The river Race last month was enjoyed by 5 boats and crews. I will continue putting on the "River Races" between the midpoint bridge and downtown Fort Myers so our boats don't grow to the bottom.

A race committee is needed to get us back to normal. PLEASE THINK ABOUT IT!

I am returning as your Commodore for 2024. I really need support to get all the committees up and running.

Our next River Race is January 13, 2024. Races start at noon. No fees or entrance forms. Just show up and GO!

Call me if you have questions 239 470 7474 Let's rebuild CMCS!

Bobby Lee
2024 CMCS Commodore
s/v Sail La Vie

**NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday, January 16, 2024
6:30 PM
RUSTY'S RAW BAR & GRILL
4631 SE 10TH PLACE
CAPE CORAL, FL. 33904**

2024 CMCS Officers

Commodore: Bobby Lee	Vice Commodore: Open Position
Vice Commodore – Summerset: Open position	Rear Commodore – Cruising: Open Position
Rear Commodore – Racing: Open	Fleet Yeoman – Bev Duff
Fleet Purser – Tim Stier	Past Commodore – Gary Blessing

Chowder Chatter Editor—Carolyn Wilson

Membership

Ahoy, sailors!

A big thank you to those who have renewed their membership for 2024. CMCS is in the process of rebuilding and in need of your support, so all hands on deck! Most Board positions are open so if you are interested in serving, please contact a board member.

You should have received notification that your membership dues will be \$40 for a regular membership (with boat) and \$25 for a crew membership (no boat). A regular membership can include members of your family. A crew membership is for an individual.

Our meetings continue to be held on the third Tuesday of the month at Rusty's in Cape Coral. Most gather about 6:30 or so for dinner and camaraderie.

As a member of CMCS, you can be as active as you choose. For the club to continue, willing members will need to come forward to take on leadership roles. Start asking yourself what your talents are that could be used by the club. How can you serve CMCS?

We hope you will invite friends and acquaintances to try out CMCS. Even though we are not doing as many cruises or races, the fellowship at monthly meetings is enjoyable. The rest will follow.

I have decided to step down from my position on the board. Still looking for my replacement. If you are interested in being fleet recruiter/director, please contact me. Gary and I are planning on more travel now that he's retired and family commitments make it more difficult for me to continue in this role.

Hope to see you out on the water soon!

Jean Blessing, Fleet Recruiter

Editor's Corner:

The Chowder Chatter is quite a bit shorter than usual. If anyone has articles or reports get them to me by the 23rd of each month. My email address is Treefinder@bridgetotoole.com

I'll give a little cruising report, though one boat doesn't normally count! Bridget O'Toole spent 3 nights over Christmas at Burnt Store Marina.

The Marina is back and you'd never know there was a hurricane. Both the Deli and Restaurant are open and the eating is pretty darn good.

We had a very nice time and recommend the marina as a place to go if you want an easy trip for a mini-vacation. Duck into Pelican Harbor coming or going!

We plan to spend 2 nights over New Year's Eve weekend at Fisherman's Village. Again, an easy trip to a place that has a lot going on. We have been there a few times since Jan. It's all back in order there. They didn't get hit badly.

Cayo Costa State Park is closed. Vince Tappenger, the owner of Tropic Star cruises is a neighbor and provided the information.

Anchoring in Pelican Harbor IS permitted as is going to the beaches there. For newbies— this is a free anchorage with good holding. We have been there many times since Jan.

Tween Waters on Captiva is also open. We spent last Christmas there. Again, a nice place with a pool, Gulf Beach access and restaurants.

We have not had any problem with debris in the water in these areas.

Thanks to Steve Roake for doing such a fine job on the Chowder Chatter. He has been invaluable helping me get started.

Life is good,

Carolyn Wilson
Tug Bridget O'Toole

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