

The Chowder Chatter

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July 2023

Commodore's Message



It appears as though the summer doldrums are upon us. Not too surprising for this time of year!

I had thought about trying to get some racing going so I sent an e-mail out to some members with boats who might be interested in participating in a Saturday event on the river. I only received three responses. After looking at the weather, which was hot and stormy, I abandoned the idea.

Our June membership meeting at Rusty's was enjoyable. I had intended to ask Carol Pim to speak about members adopting one of the annual award trophies to keep until the end of the year, but I didn't get to it so Carol will be first on the agenda for July.

Commodore Bobby Lee

A big thank you to Bev Duff for doing a great job planning for Summerset, but she needs YOUR help! Please contact Bev to let her know how you can help with Summerset. The success of this event depends on all of the members pitching in to help out.

The July Board of Directors meeting will be via Zoom on Tuesday, the 11th of July.

The next General Membership Meeting will be at Rusty's On Tuesday, July 18th, beginning at 6:30PM. Hope to see everyone there!

Bobby Lee
2023 CMCS Commodore
s/v Sail La Vie

**NEXT MEETING:
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 6th, 7th & 8th 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,

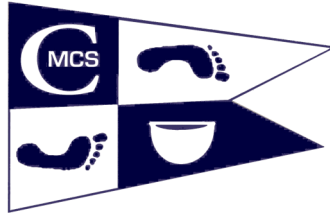
Vice Commodore of Summerset

s/v Chase The Clouds

A Note from your Chowder Chatter Editor

As I sit here on Ranger in Northern Michigan editing the Chowder Chatter for July, the temperature is only 65 degrees at mid-day and visibility is about a mile due to the smoke from the Canadian wildfires. Outside, it smells like a giant barbeque! The smoke plume seems to come and go depending on the wind direction. Apparently, Chicago is even worse with almost zero visibility. Our cruising plans hopefully include the North Channel of Lake Huron but as we move east, the smoke sometimes is worse. The Canadian wildfires are mostly in northern Quebec but some are in Ontario, which is where the North Channel is located. Operating on open waters with low visibility is no fun! There's lots of commercial traffic on northern Lake Huron, especially in the vicinity of the St. Mary's River, which is the passage to Lake Superior. Being outside also poses a health hazard.

On balance, though, 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 22nd 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

I know it's a little early to be thinking about September, but I need to notify 'Tween Waters by July 15th 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