

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: March 25 Worm Moon P.O. Box 101268, Cape Coral, Fl. 33910

March 2024

Commodore's Message



Commodore Bobby Lee

The good ship CMCS is on a good course again this month. The meeting last Tuesday was one of the best we have had in a year or so.

Thanks to our Vice Commodore, Seaby, we enjoyed our speaker, Boatswain Mate First Class Justin Hartfiel of the United States Coast Guard. He did a Question & Answer program that was very informative and helpful to all members present.

Our Board of Directors meeting was also great. I am very happy the club is coming back to its past happy cheerful group.

Several members, myself included, will participate in the 31st Conquistador Cup Regatta next weekend, March 2-3, 2024.

It is great to have Robert Friedel back in the crew again to help with the Board of Directors.

Please don't miss any meetings the rest of this year. We will have speakers next month also.



Last year's awards

Bev Duff - Vice Commodore of Summerset

Steve Roake - Chowder Chatter

Jean Blessing - Membership

Fleet Recruiter Jason Pim

Seaby Bess - Board of Directors

2024 CMCS Officers

Commodore – Bobby Lee

Vice Commodore – Seaby Bess

VC of Racing - Tom Horner

VC of Cruising -

Yeoman - Bev Duff

Purser – Tim Stier

Directors - Bob Friedel, Jason Pim &
Art Schuller

Chowder Chatter Editor Carolyn Wilson



LET'S HAVE A PARTY!

You are invited to celebrate Jean Blessing's 70th birthday

Friday, March 8, 2024

RSVP to lancibeta@hotmail.com

Party starts at 5:00 pm
 Live music starts at 6:00 pm
 We'll have food, beer and wine
 No gifts please! Your presence is
 your gift
 5110 Atlantic Court, Cape Coral

NEXT MEETING -

TUESDAY March 19, 2024
6:30 P.M.
RUSTY'S RAW BAR & GRILL
4631 SE 10 PL
CAPE CORAL, FL 33904

Membership 2024

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!

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. I will be reviewing memberships which have not been paid and contacting members via e-mail to verify that you are not renewing at this time. 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?

Just a reminder, we all need to read our emails from CMCS. That's how you will be notified of meetings, events, any changes that come along. We have a website that is a good source of that kind of info, but the tricky part comes when a change occurs. Also, be sure the contact info for you is current. If you change phone numbers or email addresses, you may not receive notifications in a timely manner.

We hope you will invite friends and acquaintances to try out CMCS. We are in the process of rebuilding CMCS. If you have a thought about what path we should follow, please let a board member know. I have decided to step down from my position on the board. 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
 S/V Jazzy