

The Chowder Chatter

**The Official Newsletter of
The Caloosahatchee Marching and Chowder Society
Cape Coral / Fort Myers, Florida
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October 2023

Commodore's Message



Commodore Bobby Lee

Yeah!! As I said last month, CMCS is on the rebound!

The September membership meeting had approximately 40 members and one guest who is planning to join. Your Commodore was very happy! Thanks to all who attended.

The Board of Directors made a wise decision at their September meeting when they voted to reduce the annual dues to \$40.00 per year for a regular membership and \$25.00 per year for a crew (non boat owner) membership. CMCS is going to continue to meet at Rusty's Raw Bar in 2024. Rusty's management was pleased to learn this!

Summerset is under control. Beverly Duff and Tom Horner have teamed up to make it happen. Rose Ann Hoffman is going to supply the signals boat, "Sea Isle". Summerset will have a new Principal Race Officer (PRO) this year - Rick Lillie. So let's gear up our boats and get our keels out there!

Stan Lurcott is our newest member to join CMCS. Interestingly, Stan bought my Mainship trawler "Jack B". Let's all welcome Stan.

As I write this, the 'Tween Waters Cruise is coming up with lots of members planning to attend. See the 'Tween Waters article in this months Chowder Chatter for details on how it went.

We need to identify members who would like to serve as flag officers or board members for 2024 to help get CMCS back to doing the things you want to see us do.

I was told that CMCS has a P.A. unit in our storage locker. Would someone retrieve it for next months meeting? Thanks!

Bobby Lee
2023 CMCS Commodore



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 – All CMCS racers and cruisers. SUMMERSET REGATTA is upon us for 2023! October 6, 7 and 8.

In less than two weeks from this printing, we will be gathered on the Gulf of Mexico to compete, come rain or shine. Not going to mention the other!

We have over 25 boats registered to race around the buoys on Saturday, and cruisers race on Sunday. Commodore Bob Lee is the marker boat and Sea Isle is our Committee Boat for this year's festivities. We are so looking forward to seeing everyone out on the water.

Salty Sam's Parrot Key is our event host for this year's event beginning with the Skippers Meeting on Friday evening at 1800 hrs. Beverages and Wings provided to the skippers attending the meeting. Participants are encouraged to stay for dinner and enjoy the fine food served at Parrot Key after the meeting.

Saturday will see all of us out on the water, hopefully with plenty of sunshine and good wind. That evening will be the gathering to tell tales of the great sea adventures with a barbecue and fixings. Music at the Parrot Key for all to enjoy. Cash bar available for all. Drink and eat hearty, mates!

Sunday – here we come again with a distance course so our boats can “stretch their legs.” After all this salt water and fun, we'll be ready to celebrate the participants and winners with the CMCS Chowder Awards festivities. It's Chowder and fixings for our hungry crews at Parrot Key.

So many folks to thank for making all this possible. Tom Horner, Scott Milligan, Jason Pim, Seaby Bess, Bobby Lee and many more who picked up the helm and brought this regatta forward when Life smacked me in the face. Our sponsors who have stepped up and shared what they could after a challenging year! You all are just the best.

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

**NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday, October 17, 2023
6:30 PM
RUSTY'S RAW BAR & GRILL
4631 SE 10TH PLACE
CAPE CORAL, FL. 33904**



The Caloosahatchee Marching
and Chowder Society (CMCS)
Announces



THE
57TH ANNUAL
SUMMERSET REGATTA



*Sail the
Tradition*

OCTOBER 6, 7, 8, 2023

In the Gulf of Mexico, off Fort Myers Beach, FL

REGATTA ORGANIZER

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Seaby Bess: 630-327-9772

RACING

Scott Milligan: 863-228-1159

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'Tween Waters (Margaritaville) Cruise



CMCS's 11th "Meet Us in Margaritaville" cruise (aka Parrothead cruise) began on September 22nd. After weeks of extreme heat, we were blessed with a more comfortable weekend! At cocktail hour (It's 5 o'clock somewhere!) cruisers sipped souvenir margarita glasses filled with that immortal concoction. Appetizers were enjoyed by all. Friday's arrivals included Sail La Vie, Gopher Baroque, Foxy Lady, I Sheet You Knot (Again), Adventure, Bridgette O'Toole and Jazzy. Ann Dunlap drove to Tween Waters.

Saturday morning's games on the beach were enjoyed by our entire group of very enthusiastic sailors. Flip Flop Flip involved some fierce kicking, with Denise (I Sheet You Knot) taking first place honors. Our second event was the ever popular "Fill the Margarita Glass" which calls upon contestants to be resourceful and inventive, using water from the Gulf to fill margarita glasses 6 feet away. Gopher Baroque crew took honors there. Next up was "Knees of My Heart Frisbee" with Gopher Baroque (Jason & Kristi) bringing home first place. Water Balloon Catch was pretty competitive, with the crew of I Sheet You Knot coming in first place.



Following an afternoon of relaxing and pooling, cruisers gathered once more for 5 O'Clock libations and appetizers. Dinner was served on the dock at Tween Waters. The main event: Cheeseburgers in Paradise, fresh from the grill. Cruisers provided a dish to share, rounding out the meal. Prizes were awarded for the morning competitions with winners taking home fabulous Dollar Store prizes. We were joined by land cruisers Ann Dunlap, Bob Friedel and Barbara, and Rick and Linda Eggars, (former members of CMCS). We shared our favorite Buffett tunes or memories of concerts, raised our glasses to the man who started it all. It was a magical night!

Sunday morning, Café du Monde opened with fresh hot coffee and beignets made in the air fryer! An assortment of goodies was provided by cruisers. Then we boarded our vessels and headed home to our own Particular Harbor to await next year's festivities.

A big thank you to all who participated and helped us out with running the cruise. Many hands make light work! All pitched in when there was work to be done. All in all a fabulous weekend!

Remember: We are the People our parents warned us about!

Jean & Gary Blessing,

S/V Jazzy