

The Chowder Chatter

**The Official Newsletter of
The Caloosahatchee Marching and Chowder Society
Cape Coral / Fort Myers, Florida
www.cmcs-sail.org**

Next Full Moon: August 30

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

September 2023

Commodore's Message



Commodore Bobby Lee

I have to say thanks to all members involved in Summerset for giving their all to make it happen. I feel like this is the kickoff that CMCS needs to begin its bright new future.

It makes me proud to be your Commodore.

So let's all stand at the stern rail and throw all the past problems overboard watching them disappear in our wake. Yea!

CMCS. Needs YOU !!!! Please come to the next meeting at Rusty's Raw Bar & Grill on Tuesday, September 19 at 6:30 PM. This is the last membership meeting before Summerset. so please plan to attend so we can make sure Summerset sails smoothly!!!!

Hope to see everyone there!

Bobby Lee
2023 CMCS Commodore
s/v Sail La Vie

**NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday, September 19, 2023
6:30 PM
RUSTY'S RAW BAR & 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 have been 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? Still looking for volunteers for this year's Regatta!

Bev Duff,

Vice Commodore of Summerset

s/v Chase The Clouds



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

Beverly Duff: 239-470-6612

SPONSORSHIP

Seaby Bess: 630-327-9772

RACING

Scott Milligan: 863-228-1159

RACE REGISTRATION & MORE INFO

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Membership 2023

Ahoy, sailors!

Here we are, nearly three quarters of 2023 are behind us. What lies ahead for CMCS?

It's been nearly a year since Hurricane Ian upended our lives here in Southwest Florida. Slowly but surely we are rebuilding and making a comeback.

This month, September 22-24, we will have a cruise out to 'Tween Waters. We have 9 boats who have signed up. If you are coming by land, please let me know so we can welcome you as well.

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.

We also need to think about a slate of officers for 2024. It seems like a long way off, but before you know it, December will be here. All positions will be open most likely.

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. With membership dues waived for 2023, the price is right! The Board will be meeting this month to determine dues for 2024.

Hope to see you out on the water soon!

Jean Blessing, Fleet Recruiter

S/V Jazzy

August General Membership Meeting



At the August General Membership meeting, Commodore Bobby Lee introduced Beite Cook to the membership. Beite was a teenager crewing for Carl Brehm aboard "Arcturus" back in the late '70's. Beite is an accomplished sailor, racer and sailing instructor.

Much of the evening was devoted to Summerset planning and organization. Tom Horner is stepping in to cover for Bev Duff, who has her hands full with her husband, Bob, still in the hospital.

Bobby Lee will be the on-water Race Officer. Support from our fellow racers from Punta Gorda and Naples is most appreciated as our racers who still have a boat after the hurricane are still trying to recover.

A Note from your Chowder Chatter Editor

As I sit here on Ranger in Southwestern Ontario in the North Channel of Lake Huron editing the Chowder Chatter for September, the temperature is only 73 degrees at mid-day. Apparently, Chicago is worse with crazy heat like Cape Coral (not as bad, though!). We have been out cruising since July 8. Our cruising plans include the North Channel of Lake Huron. So far, we've been at remote anchorages except for a stop for a pump-out and a couple of nights in Gore Bay on the 25th and 26th of July for reprovisioning and a stop in Little Current on August 11 for services and dinner ashore. We hope to continue cruising through the end of August before returning to Michigan and putting Ranger to bed for the winter and returning to Cape Coral.

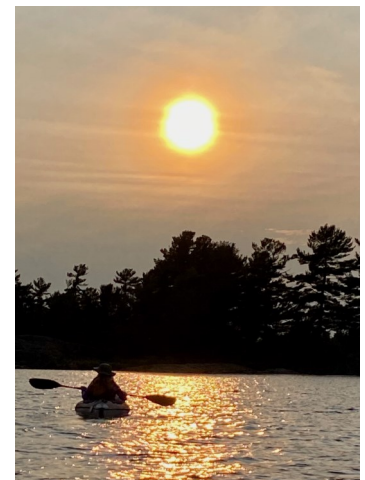
I know this is falling on deaf ears but this has been an unusually cool summer with clouds and rain showers.



Smoke and haze from Canadian wildfires create stunning sunsets.



Ranger departing Hotham Island anchorage after a week of relaxation at anchor.



Theresa kayaking after dinner in McGregor Bay when she saw a bear on shore.