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# Seafarers



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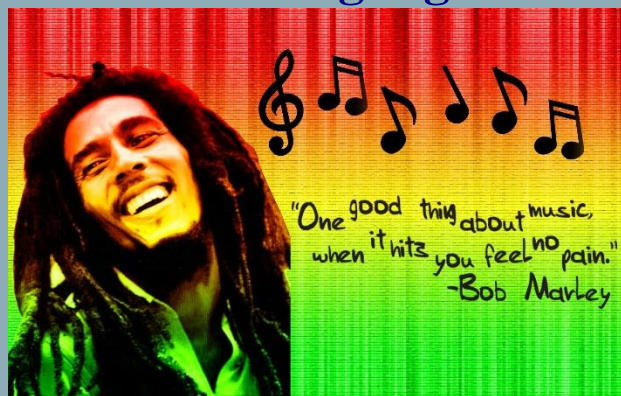
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### Seafarer Highlights



**The Seafarers are going to Party with Bob Marley after our February meeting.**

**Bring out your best reggae, Bob Marley, Jamaican Jammin outfit on February 27.**



## **Seafarer Events at a Glance**

**Make sure to mark your calendars for the upcoming exciting events:**

February 8 Happy Hour Mixer at St. Andrews 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

February 9-11 South Seas Resort Cruise led by Gary Cameron

February 20 Fat Alligator Lunch/Tour led by Janice Gorrell

February 22 Happy Hour Mixer at St. Andrews 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

February 25 Marine Yard Sale at PGICA parking lot 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Jeanne Gehrt

February 27 Monthly business meeting followed by Jammin with Bob Marley Party

February 28 Lunch Cruise to Burnt Store Marina led by Harry Ensley

March 2-4 Marina Jacks Cruise to Sarasota led by Laddie Kartes

March 8 Happy Hour Mixer at St. Andrews 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

March 13 Ladies Luncheon at Isles Yacht Club – hostesses Terry Miller and Kay Abbs

March 15 Millers Dockside Boca Grand

March 22 Happy Hour Mixer at St. Andrews 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

March 27 Monthly business meeting followed by Chowder Fest

## **Friendly Seafarers Recognition**

This is to recognize Seafarers who have been ‘Friendly Seafarers’ and are helping to engage existing members and/or recruit new members by:

1. Inviting a potential new member to experience one of our events or
2. Inviting another Seafarer member to ride on their boat for an event. This would be someone who has never been on your boat before.
3. Submit your name and your first time guest/passenger names to Kay Abbs to be recognized

January Recognition goes to:

**JOE PREECE**

**KERRY FOSCARDO DICKSON and BOB DICKSON**

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## Officers for 2018

<b>Commodore</b>	Peter Fucini	<b>Vice-Commodore</b>	Joe Preece
<b>Secretary</b>	Terry Miller	<b>Treasurer</b>	Brad Gamblin
<b>Cruise Director</b>	Gary Cameron	<b>Membership Director</b>	Kerry Foscardo
<b>Education Director</b>	Bob Riggs	<b>Social Director</b>	Mike Slattery
<b>Communications Director</b>	Kay Abbs	<b>Past Commodore</b>	Harry Ensley

In addition, Sandy Nikitich will be Sunshine Lady and Photographer, and various volunteers will be supporting the Website.

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## Commodore's Report: by Peter Fucini



WELL WITH THE NEW BOARD IN PLACE WE ARE OFF AND RUNNING. THERE ARE SO MANY MORE THINGS THAT NEED OUR ATTENTION, IT IS MIND BOGGELING, BUT WE ARE OFF TO A GOOD START.

OUR BIGGEST CONCERN IS MAKING AS MANY MEMBERS HAPPY AS POSSIBLE. INCREASING THE NUMBERS AND INCREASING THE ACTIVITIES IS NEXT.

WE ARE A BOATING CLUB. THERE IS MORE TO A BOATING CLUB THAN BOATING. SOME OF US LOSE SITE OF THE FACT THE IMPORTANT PART OF THE CLUB IS THE **COMRADERY**. I CAN BOAT WHERE I WANT AND WHEN I WANT, WEATHER PERMITTING. WHAT I CANNOT DO IS GET TOGETHER WITH THE FRIENDS, I HAVE MADE, IN THIS CLUB WITHOUT THE CRUISE DIRECTOR AND LEADER.

LET ME EXPLAIN. I SUPPORT THE SEAFARERS AND THE PGICA WAS WELL AS THE CITY PUNTA GORDA, MY HOME.

THE LIFESTILE HERE IS BETTER THAN I HAD BACK IN KEY LARGO FLORIDA. THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR IS THE **COMRADERY**. WE HAVE SOCIAL ACTIVITIES, DINNER SHOWS, CRUISES TO DIFFERENT MARINAS AND YET THE SAME MARINAS, TRIVIA NIGHTS, DARTS AND MUCH MUCH MORE. THE ONE CONSTANT IS **FRIENDSHIPS**. WE CANNOT LOSE SITE OF

THIS FACT. WE ARE A BOATING CLUB AND THAT INCLUDES OTHER ACTIVITIES WITH OUR



NEW FOUND FRIENDS.

WE CAN LEARN ABOUT EACH OTHER AND SEE OURSELVES IN A DIFFERENT LIGHT. I FOR ONE ENJOY ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES WITH OLD AND NEW FOUND FRIENDS AND LOOK FORWARD TO JOINING IN ON ALL THAT THIS CLUB HAS TO OFFER.

PLEASE DO NOT LOSE SITE OF WHAT OUR CLUB IS. IT IS NOT JUST ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES BUT EVERY ASPECT ASSOCIATED WITH IT.

MAYBE KEEPING THIS IN MIND WILL INTEREST YOU IN INVITING A FRIEND OR NEIGHBOR TO JOIN, OR EVEN INTEREST YOU IN JOINING THE BOARD OF DIERCTORS.

WE NEED ALL OF YOU TO MAKE THIS THE BEST BOATING CLUB IN PUNTA GORDA.

*Peter*

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### **Membership Report: by Kerry Foscardo Dickson, Director**



This month we welcomed two new members to our club. Steve and Karen Cady joined at the very end of last year, they have a brand new 25' tri-toon boat. Steve and Karen reside full time in Punta Gorda.....be sure to introduce yourselves.

Our newest members are Ron and Michele Olsen, also full time residents of Punta Gorda. They have a 37' power boat named "Tequila Rose". Be sure to introduce yourselves to them at one of our Socials or at a meeting soon.

At the time of this printing dues should have been paid for 2018. They are due no later than Feb. 1. You can check to make sure you have paid on the web site or by e-mailing me.

We have a few openings for new members and appreciate the help and support of all of our members in getting your friends to join our boating club.....we offer so much fun with boating trips

and social activities...please spread the word. Let me know if you have anyone interested and I will gladly walk them thru the process of getting into the club.

*Kerry*

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### **Education Report: by Robert Riggs, Director**



At our January meeting, I asked for ideas for education topics for the coming year. I got a great response from the membership. Some of the ideas presented were: Fire Safety presentation by the PGFD; seawall repair and “Bird” Cut updates; information on new navigation equipment such as radar, GPS, AIS, auto pilot, etc.; First Aid on the water; and docking safety. Some other ideas are CG boat inspections, Marine Watch -- how to protect your boat at the dock and sending emergency information to the Coast Guard – using MMSI, DSC (Digital Selective Calling).

Thank you for your ideas and I hope you will continue to share them with me. I look forward to bringing these education programs to you this year.

Bob Riggs  
Education Director

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### **Cruising Report: by Gary Cameron, Director**



Greetings Seafarers.

January was an active cruising month with very well attended lunch cruises led by your author to the Navigator-On-The-Peace-River and led by Joe Preece to the Waterside Grille. Jim and Ginger led a cruise to Legacy Marina in Ft. Myers attended by six boats. In all cases, a good time was had by all.

February begins with a bang with a cruise to South Seas Resort on Captiva. With 24 boats and 54 people planning on attending, this should be a GREAT weekend. We also have a lunch cruise planned to the Cass Cay Restaurant at the Burnt Store Marina on Feb 28. Sign up and join us.

Hoping to sea you all soon,

Gary Cameron, Cruise Director

**[TO SIGN UP FOR ANY OF THE CRUISING EVENTS, CLICK HERE TO GO TO THE CALENDAR](#)**

*Gary*

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**Social Events Report: by Mike Slattery, Director**



January was a really busy month for the Seafarers.

The happy hours at St. Andrews were well attended and fun for all.

A successful January social event was Dinner and Trivia at the Ice House. Thirty six Seafarers attended and had a great time. Even though we competed against the general public in attendance one of the Seafarer teams won first prize.

At the January General Meeting we had pizza from Luigis and it was delicious. Thanks to Betty Bernz for arranging dinner and all the volunteers that helped with setup, in the kitchen, and cleanup.

Don't forget the happy/social hours at St Andrews on the second and fourth Thursdays at 5:00 p.m. each month.

An upcoming February social event is the Fat Alligator tour/tasting and lunch. Look at the website and upcoming blasts that will give full details about this fun event.

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*Mike*

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**Sunshine Lady – Sandy Nikitich**



Sandy Nikitich is the Sunshine Lady for the Seafarers. So if you hear of anyone who is ill or is hospitalized, or of anyone who has lost a family member, you should contact her. Her phone number is **315-767-0047**. **[sandynikitich@hotmail.com](mailto:sandynikitich@hotmail.com)**

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