

2009

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We started 2009, once again, with (7) boats anchoring in Glover's Bight New Year's eve, and with two raft-ups on New Years Day. The two raft-ups had three boats in each and five dinghies from other CCSC boats joining the raft-ups. It turned out to be a beautiful warm day to start the new year.

Again this year, there were nine (9) cruises including the New Years raft-up. Basically, it is a cruise every month except June and August (because these months it is too hot) and this year there was no cruise in April. The second cruise in January was to the Franklin Locks. In February there was the "Go Fly A Kite" cruise to Palm Island with eight (8) boats. In March, seven (7) boats participated in the St. Patrick's Day cruise to Tween Waters. In May, four (4) boats did the St. Petersburg cruise with some boats preceding this with a cruise to the Florida Keys and extending this cruise to Clearwater. In July, the firecracker cruise was to Moss Marina, and in September five (5) boats enjoyed the three-day cruise to the Royal Palm Yacht Club. In October, six (6) boats weathered strong winds and rain to cruise up Charlotte Harbor to Punta Gorda, and after four days, attended the Seven Seas Cruising Association GAM. The cruising year ended with the cruise to South Seas Plantation on Captiva Island in November.

The luncheons were still a very popular social event for the club. There were sixteen (16) luncheons and two brunches in 2009. There were as little as fourteen (14), and as many as sixty-five (65) people attending. Luncheons were held as far south as Ft. Myers Beach and as far north as North Ft. Myers, on the river and on the Gulf. Most members came by car, but one to three boats did come to most restaurants by boat, weather permitting. One time sixteen (16) people came on one boat, JAMAR.

Again this year there were social events planned for most CCSC monthly meetings, besides very interesting and informative speakers. At the January meeting there was a silent auction. February had two events, a potluck at the general meeting and a Bocce Ball Picnic at Matlacha Community Park with thirty six (36) attendees. In March there was a potato bar, April they had Bingo, and in May it was BYOB hors d'oeuvre happy hour before the meeting. In June, the CCSC Anniversary Luncheon was held at RumRunners restaurant in Cape

Coral, with 43 attendees. In October, there was a Pot Luck and Halloween Costume Party before the general meeting. In November, sixty-five (65) members attended the Salute to the Commodore at Marker 92 restaurant, Tarpon Point Marina. Before the general meeting in November there was a Snack Party and Bingo. The only event in December was the Change-of-Watch dinner dance at the Cape Coral Yacht Club.

A new website was up and running shortly after the first of the year. The Commodore's son was responsible for setting it up to be taken over by club members. The newsletter, Mainsheet, is now on our web page plus all other club news and information.

It was announced that the city of Sarasota is planning to install a large mooring field which would include storm-safe mooring balls, a dinghy dock, and a pump-out boat. Marina Jack will be responsible for operations of this mooring field.

The new anchoring law went into effect in July, therefore, we can not be hassled for anchoring anywhere anymore.

The "Member-of-the-Year" award went to Ray Daugherty. The "Charlie Varga Award" (for attending the most luncheons by boat), was given to Jack D'Agostino, JAMAR (again).

For more information, visit the Cape Coral Historical Museum, open Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday afternoon, 1-4 P.M. (Closed July and August)