

2014

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REAR COMMODORE:	Bruce Maillet
CRUISING FLEET CAPTAIN:	J.C. Poindexter
SECRETARY:	Stephanie Crunkhorn
TREASURER:	Tim Stier
DAY FLEET CAPTAIN:	Claire Lackey

The Cape Coral Sailing Club will be forty (40) years old in 2015 and we have gone through a lot of changes from the original focus on racing. The main focus today is cruising. Originally the members' boats were in the 20' range and today the boats are mostly in the 30' plus range. Besides the cruising there is a tremendous interest in the social aspects of the club. Everyone finds their fellow boaters are like family and really enjoy all the get-togethers, whatever they are.

There were eight (8) cruises plus the New Year's raft-up in 2014. The raft-up had three (3) boats and one (1) dinghy (15 people), but the night before there were five (5) Cape Coral Sailing Club (CCSC) boats anchored in Glovers Bight, enjoying Happy Hour and the fabulous fireworks at Tarpon Point.

In the middle of January, the famous "Icicle Cruise", had eleven (11) boats cruising through the Franklin Locks. In February, there were two cruises; first, was to Palm Island ("Go Fly A Kite") cruise, which had ten (10) boats participating and several people driving up the day of the kite flying. Second, was to Ft. Myers Beach, Sanibel, and Glovers Bight with four (4) boats participating.

Six (6) boats cruised to Tween Waters on Sanibel at the end of March. Also, at end of March through April, five (5) boats headed to Key West. A couple of boats didn't get any farther than Marathon though. There is a great bus trip from Marathon to Key West that some took advantage of several times.

There were not any other planned cruises until October. Four (4) boats went to Useppa Island and were stuck there. Due to rough weather the decision was to not go up Charlotte Harbor. One boat took the crew from the other boats to Boca Grande for the day. There was also an anchor-out cruise to Glover's Bight the day before the Salute-to-the-Commodore parade and luncheon, with five (5) boats participating.

The last cruise of the year was to the Pink Shell Resort on Ft. Myers Beach. Five (5) boats enjoyed this facility, enjoying beach walks, the pools, and a private room for all our dinners and activities in the evenings. One day everyone went on a bus trip to the pier.

There were thirteen (13) luncheons in 2014, including the 39th club anniversary lunch and the Salute-to-the-Commodore luncheon. Both of these special lunches were held at Rumrunners in Cape Coral. February's luncheon at Pinchers Crab Shack was the best attended luncheon since 2012, with forty three (43) members attending. The lowest number of luncheon attendees recorded was fifteen (15), and that was in the summer.

Our general meetings either had a speaker or a social event, or both. In January there was a wine and cheese party plus a speaker from the Cape Coral Sail and Power Squadron, Vice Commodore Steve Gustafson. In February there was a chili-cookoff and salad contest, plus the speaker was Fred Ford-Smith who gave an informative presentation on compasses and how to maintain them.

There was a nautical flea market and hors d'oeuvres in March. Also, a speaker, Malcolm Elliott, from West Marine, who displayed and spoke about various marine electronics, including the "Spot", which is a one-way communication device. He also talked about a chart plotting device and sonar, called Dragonfly, by Raymarine.

In April, there was a Snowbird Farewell Pot Luck dinner plus a speaker, Jim Ledenback, who was a local marine surveyer. In May, there was a Happy Half-hour event and some of the cruisers who had gone to Key West related their versions of that trip. Another Happy Half-hour and ice cream social was the event at the June general meeting.

There was "Bingo With a Twist" at the July meeting. Everyone was to bring an unwanted treasure for a prize. In August there was "Pizza, Pizza Night" before the general meeting. In September, the popular "Chocolate Extravaganza" competition was held before the meeting.

At the October meeting our Vice Commodore hosted a "Welcome Back Happy Hour" for our returning snowbirds. At the November meeting there was a pot luck dinner, with the club supplying the turkey and ham.

There were two other social events this year, one in April, a Bocce Ball and Bar-B-Q, with 41 members attending. The other was the annual Change-of-Watch dinner dance in December.

The rules for anchoring in Florida waters was brought up again this year. Our Commodore, Luc, wrote a letter to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) urging the commission not to delegate the authority to regulate the use of State waters to local governments.

MEMBER OF THE YEAR - went to Pat Pye, as the most involved member for 2014, including participation in cruises, luncheons, and performing a tremendous job at leading the social activities of the club.

CRUISING FLEET AWARD - went to Ginny and Joe Holland (JOVALGIN) for participating in the most cruises in 2014.

COMMODORES SPECIAL AWARD - went to Bruce Maillet for his extended effort in promoting the club and to bring in new members.