



Rear Commodore Patrick Roush  
Chairman

Again I begin my report with thanks to all that participated in the replanting of island number two and look forward to working with more volunteers on the replanting of island three on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March. Any and all are invited to participate and as always, the more help we have the quicker the job gets done.

More thanks are due to all that contributed in the "Adopt a Plant Program" spearheaded by PC Bob Minahan. Your generous participation has made the island three renovation possible within budget. You guys and gals are great!

And as before, Linda Mattos will be the replanting taskmaster and is doing a great job.

In the Harbor, we are upgrading our life rings and lines and addressing problems and fixes as they arise. If you see items that should be addressed, don't hesitate to let me know.



See you all at the best Yacht Club in the Council!

Phil Johnston  
Fleet Captain

The other day one of our long-term members reminded me that with the number of new members we have, many may not know what the Boaters' Meeting, that we constantly refer to, is all about. This is a good opportunity to describe this monthly event.

The Boaters' Meeting is held on the first Wednesday of each month and begins at 6:00 P.M. During this fun-filled and lively meeting, drinks and appetizers are served. It is the time we recognize cruise leaders for their hard work in leading the previous month's cruises. In addition, cruise leaders of future cruises describe what they have planned for their upcoming events. Tables are set up and the cruise leaders are present both before and after the meeting to sign up those members interested in participating in a cruise. Additionally, we use a point system to recognize members for participation in cruises, meetings, etc., and each quarter we recognize the Boater of the Quarter for accumulating the most participation points. Also during the meeting we have drawings for attendance prizes, as well as the popular raffle drawing. All in all, it is an energetic meeting which we try to keep to around 45 minutes. All club members are welcomed, whether or not they have boats.

At last month's meeting, we recognized Bette and Frank O'Neal

and Marta and Carlos Perosio for a job well done in leading the January Ft. Myers City Docks Cruise. We recognized Marta and Carlos again for their excellent leadership with the Commodores' Ball/Fleet-In. It was a close call, but Lindsey and Rick Scheinert received the award for last quarter's BOATER OF THE QUARTER. Following the meeting, Jason served us with his usual delicious first-Wednesday buffet and provided 2-for-1 drinks for those who stayed for dinner.

As the weather begins to get warmer the number of cruises will accelerate with more distant destinations added, such as Sarasota, the Gunkhole Cruise, and Key West. We also have scheduled a small air/land/and sea cruise to Staniel Cay in the Bahamas. These are to name just a few, as there are many other cruises for you to evaluate, so please look at the club web site which always has the latest information. Many of these cruises are still open, so don't hesitate to sign up at a Boaters' Meeting or call the cruise leader directly.

In closing I would again like to thank the members for supporting the Royal Palm Yacht Club cruising program and most importantly to thank the cruise leaders and Cruise Committee for their unbelievably hard work and attention to detail. Without you and them, none of this would be possible.



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