

Fleet News

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Fleet Captain**

"It's a funny thing about life: if you refuse to accept anything but the best, you very often get it."

-W. Somerset Maugham

Truer words were never spoken about our Cruise Committee and our Cruise Leaders this watch. As a novice Fleet Captain with no former cruising experience I knew from the beginning how extremely fortunate I was to have such a competent and dedicated group of individuals who never expected anything less than the best from themselves. Working together we were able to find outstanding cruise leaders who took the ball and ran with it. This continued to hold true with the Bahamas Cruise. Such complicated planning held many

possibilities of breakdowns along the way, but under the leadership of those exceptional cruise leaders everything went without a glitch. It has been a great cruising year. So with time running short on this watch, I want to take this opportunity to thank our Cruise Committee, our Cruise Leaders, and all of the enthusiastic club members who participated in those cruises to complete an outstanding watch. Without each of you, this wouldn't have been possible.

In the midst of our very hot and humid weather, we continue to be one of the "cruising-est" clubs in the Florida Council of Yacht Clubs. Just last month we were busy with the July 4th Fleet-In, led by the Gamaufs and Munsch, a lunch cruise to Bert's Bar on Pine Island, and a cruise to the Venice Yacht Club led by the Bur-

gers. Even with possible bad weather approaching, cruise leaders Manns and Thomases were undaunted and continued the fun (with pool games in the rain) at St. Charles Yacht Club. By the looks of the pictures on our club web site, not even rain could dampen their spirits. And all of this was just in July.

August fun continued with cruises to Cape Harbour, lunch at Sanibel Harbor, and a cruise to Tween Waters. September follows with lunch at Doc Fords on Ft. Myers Beach, the Labor Day Fleet-in, a cruise to Gulf Harbor, one to Snook Bite, and then the Fleet-In Change of Watch. Check out the dates for the up-and-coming cruises and plan to attend the next Boaters' Meeting for more details. We look forward to seeing you there. Until then, I wish you happy and safe boating!

Boating Schedule

Mo	Destination	# Slips	Dates	Days	Leaders	Deposit	Opening Date	Selection Date
Sept	Lunch - Doc Ford's / FM Beach		2	Thu	Ervin	N/A	Jul 7	Aug 4
	Labor Day Fleet-In		3-6	Fri-Mon	Market	\$40	Jun 2	Jul 7
	Gulf Harbour		10-12	Fri-Sun	Jones	\$50	Jun 2	Jul 7
	Snook Bite	20	17-19	Fri-Sun	Tomlins	\$50	Jun 2	Jul 7
	Fleet-In - Change of Watch		24-26	Fri-Sun	Thomas	\$40	Jun 2	Jul 7
Oct	Bimini Basin		8-10	Fri-Sun	Roush	\$20	Jun 2	Jul 7
	Naples Sailing & Yacht Club		1-3	Fri-Sun	Partilo / Clausen	\$50	Jul 7	Aug 4
	Useppa-Full Moon Field Club / Sarasota YC	12	22-27	Fri-Wed	Ferry	\$100	May 5	Jun 2
	Sarasota / St Pete / Tampa Clearwater / Longboat Key	6-8	27-4	Wed-Thu	Weiner	\$100	Jul 7	Aug 4
Nov	Sarasota / St Pete / Tampa Clearwater / Longboat Key <i>cont'd</i>	6-8	27-4	Wed-Th	Weiner	\$100	Jul 7	Aug 4
	Fleet Review Fleet In		6-7	Sat-Sun	Parade Marshall	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Lunch - The Joint		10	Wed	Zych	N/A	Oct 6	Nov 3
	Cruise Leader Appreciation Event		12	Fri	Johnston		N/A	N/A

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