

The Mariner



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From the Commodore

March has finally arrived...the transition from winter to early spring! More daylight and warmer temperatures will ignite activity both in the yard and in the clubhouse. Check the board inside regularly for new slip postings. We do not post them on-line.

Just a couple of things to mention:

The club occasionally acquires ownership of boats from their owners in lieu of payments due or boats that are simply left abandoned by previous owners. Unfortunately, when this has happened, some club members feel that these boats are now available for "free" parts and accessories. This is NOT the case. Please be aware of the fact that if you are caught or seen taking anything from a vessel that is NOT yours, you will be immediately dismissed from the Club.

We are still working on an arrangement with a caterer to provide weekend lunches at the Club on a regular basis. I would also like to mention that some club members have taken the initiative to provide sandwiches on weekends at the club. Thank you all for your efforts. Watch for text messages to stay updated on all Club events.

Lastly, if you are planning to sponsor prospective members to the Club, please bring them down to the clubhouse to fill out the application form. In addition to being a more consistent process, this will also enable club members to meet them and help them feel comfortable.

Our next General Body Meeting is Tuesday, 03/28/2023, at 1900 hrs. The bar will close at 1850hrs, to ensure a prompt start. I encourage all members to attend.

Warm regards,
Peter Aiksnoras

From the Rear Commodore

As I write this post we are having our first real snow storm of the winter, so just a reminder even though your boat is in the yard for winter you are still responsible for checking on it occasionally. Unfortunately, we have had a few boats with tarps or shrink-wrap blowing partially or entirely off their vessels and when this happens the wind slaps your covers onto your neighbors' boats which can cause damage. Also, a reminder no boats are to be plugged into electric outlets in the yard unattended. I would like to thank Julio Rojas for a great job in February having a pulled pork special on a Friday night and Saturday lunch that was outstanding with a great turnout even though it wasn't heavily advertised, He is considering a steak and cheese event in March without a set date at this time so keep a lookout for that. With some of the windy days I previously mentioned our privacy screening on our perimeter fence near the corner of Seaview and Central Avenues came down so if anyone would like some work hours zip tying it back up let me know, it would be easier with a few members.

Your Rear Commodore,

Kevin Shevlin

Miamogue Secretary

This time of year, we see the many people interested in joining the Club. Members need to be aware that both sponsors must have known the applicant for at least one year. The Board is now asking that both sponsors are present for the interview. Have prospective new members spend some time at the club before applying. They may meet people they already know.

Your Secretary,

Tom Begg

Good & Welfare

Well everyone, it looks like March might be coming in like a lion with a couple of snow storms predicted. I think the only ones happy about the "S" word may be my husband and son. They are still having fun hitting the slopes while I pine away for much warmer weather, sunsets at 9pm, blue water & the sound of the boat pushing through the waves. Personally, I can't wait for March to go out like a lamb!

Thank you to member Corey Matias & friend of the club, Kishan Samaranayake for the donation of the shuffleboard court for the club's entertainment. I hear it is being enjoyed by everyone!

Our students have just finished up the first semester of school. It's another great opportunity to highlight our students' academic achievements & I love to see their names and achievements listed. If you know of a student that you would like to recognize, please reach out to me.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Loretta Tyer & family on the loss of her brother, Ed Kasper who passed away this past November. Please keep our friends that are ill or fallen on tough times in our thoughts and prayers.

If you have any news for Good & Welfare, please contact me at 203-394-7122 or kah1370@aol.com. Here's to the tall ships, the small ships, but most importantly, the friendships!

Karin Hope

Good & Welfare Chairman

Ladies Auxiliary

There will be a lot of events provided by the Ladies Auxiliary in April. Please SAVE THE DATES and sign up prior to each of these events so we may plan accordingly.

April 1st, Kid's Easter Party 12 30 til 3 00 Cost per child is \$10.00 if signed up prior to March 25th; \$15 if after March 25th. Entertainment will be provided by the Critter Lady who will bring live animals, discuss them, let kid's touch, if they desire. Also lunch, craft, egg hunt, visit from the Easter Bunny and free professional photos provided. Hot dogs/fries will be available for adults for a donation. Sign up sheets will be available at the bar or contact a LAX Member. Co Chairs are Phyllis Rega and Terry Budlowski

April 7th, Good Friday Fish Fry starting at 6 00 pm Menu will be Stuffed Clam, Fried Cod, french fries, homemade cole slaw, homemade tarter and cocktail sauce, dessert and coffee. Extra Stuffed Clams will be available for purchase or take out. Cost is \$20.00 if signed up prior to April 1st ; \$25 if after April 1st. Sign up sheets will be available at the bar or contact a LAX Member. There will be 50/50 raffle and also Chinese raffle items. Co chairs are Karen Gregory and Janet Martino.

April 29th, Saturday starting at 6 00 pm Wine tasting event. Speaker from Kindred Spirits will teach about a certain region and explain each of the wines. There will be a "starter" wine and then up to 8 wines to taste with descriptions of each of the wines. Food pairings will be discussed. There will be heavy appetizers to complement the wines. Cost to be determined and will be posted by March 7th when sign up sheets will be available at the bar. More information will be available but Save the Date!

The Ladies Auxiliary would like to welcome two new members...Beth Lambert and also Terry Budlowski...WELCOME and thank you for joining and offering to help out at our Events and Meetings. Anyone who would like to join, please contact me or one of the LAX Members. We meet the first Monday of the month at 6 00 pm and then have a pot luck dinner and meet immediately after meeting. We can always use new help and ideas.

There are other ideas and events being planned and more information will come as definite. Thank you, as always, to all who support and attend our LAX events.

Respectfully,

Karen Kolenda Gregory, President

The Miamogue Yacht Club
Annual Fishing Awards Banquet

Saturday, March 11th, 2023 @ 7 pm

Omaha Steaks, Roasted Potatoes, Ziti,
Vegetable, Salad,
Beer, Wine,
&
Raffle.

\$40 / person
(See bartender for tickets)

Next General Body meeting will be held March 28th at 19:00hrs

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