



# Gale Tales

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April 2016

## Calendar of Events

April 2016

Event	Date	Time	Place
Social Event	Apr 3	11:00 AM	Sarasota Polo
MSA Meeting	Apr 12	7:00 PM	YachtSea Grill
Social Event	Apr 14	12 Noon	Lunch & Marietta Museum
Beach Cleanup	Apr 16	9:00 AM	Rod & Reel Pier
DWBH	Apr 29	5:00 PM	Cortez Kitchen
Cruise	Apr 30	2:00 PM	Marina Jacks

May 2016

Event	Date	Time	Place
Social Event	May 4	10:00 AM	Port of Manatee
MSA Meeting	May 10	7:00 PM	TBD
Terra Ceia Regatta	May 14	11:00 AM	Terra Ceia Bay
DWBH	May 25	5:00 PM	Anna Maria Oyster Bar Landside



Ahoy there fellow sailors!

March has turned out to be quite a windy month for us sailors. We had a very successful first racing event this month. Our March cruising event had a little more wind than hoped for, at least for the way home. We had a well-attended number of boats and tried to have a raft up but with the winds a little too strong, ended up all anchoring alone and having the happy hour on JLUA by dinghy. The ride home most of us “chicken sailors” decided to take the ditch down to Tampa Bay but found the 30 knot winds on the nose a challenge. Glad we had the “tank” out on the water. JLUA seems to take the waves crashing over the bow and gusting winds just fine. Can’t say the same for some of our other sailor friends behind us.

Our social secretary has been keeping us busy with some awesome activities and DWBH and although the Polo match was

**MSA CRUISE**



**MARINA JACKS**

**APRIL 30TH**

postponed we are now looking forward to hopefully sunny skies this weekend for a second attempt to watch the ponies. Hope to see lots of MSA folks attending.

We have our Terra Ceia event coming soon (May 14-15) so get your boats ready for racing and plan an overnight on your boat or camp out in the park because we are going to have an awesome party afterwards with lots of dancing. And stick around or come back for breakfast on Sunday morning to finish out our 20th anniversary of Terra Ceia Regatta.

At the present time we are still planning our meetings at the Yacht Sea Grill and although it is not the private room type we have been used to they have been very accommodating for our group. I have been still looking around at other venues to consider but trying to keep the location fairly central for all our club members has not been easy. If you can think of a place you would like us to consider, give me a call and I am willing to check it out. Meanwhile as sailors we can generally accommodate ourselves to any atmosphere and still have a great time together.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Polo Match April 3<sup>rd</sup> as well as at our next

meeting April 12th. Until then....Fair Winds and Following Seas.....

**Betty Burton**  
**Commodore**  
**S/v JLUA**

## MSA Meeting

Ahoy MSA Sailors,

Mark your calendars - our next meeting will be April 12th, Tuesday, at YachtSea Grille.

Featured Speakers:

**Karen Anderson**  
Anna Maria Turtle Watch

Topic: The local creatures we share our waterways with.

[www.islandturtlewatch.com](http://www.islandturtlewatch.com)



### YachtSea Grille

101 Riverfront Drive, Suite 120  
Bradenton, FL

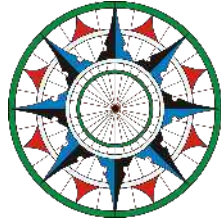
The meeting starts at 7:00 PM but come early around 6:00 PM for dinner and drinks.

[Click here for restaurant details](#)

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## Cruisin' News



We are happy to report that the March cruise was a great success. Nine boats made it to Gulfport and had a great time. Ed and Betty Burton came a day ahead and were waiting for us. We had Happy Hour on their boat. It was quite a crowd and included 3 dogs. Free Spirit, Avalanche, Tranquility, Running Tide, Spring Fever, JLUA, Asante Mungo, Remedy, and Sassy were all there. Some of us knew the short cut across Boca Ciega Bay and some did not. Asante Mungo had some serious challenges at the bridge to Boca Ciega Bay since the mast was only about a foot and a half lower than the bridge at low tide. Marino carefully timed his arrival and departure for low tide when he was at the bridge. Adelia and I as well as all aboard Asante Mungo breathed a sigh of relief when they passed safely under the bridge.

We had a strong and constant wind from the South. Ed and Betty re-anchored after they found themselves too close to the dock, but I did not see anyone get into trouble. Pia Trattoria Italian Restaurant was our first choice, but



they were all booked up so we went to the Neptune Grill

Sunday the wind was still from the South and was about 25 knots and above when we crossed Tampa Bay and guess what direction it was coming from. You guessed it, on the nose. Adelia and I barely made it across Tampa Bay by going full throttle all the way at about 1 to 2 knots. We heard that Sassy had to spend some time anchored at the Cross to wait for the wind to die down so they could make it safely into their slip. The first picture is sunrise in Boca Ciega Bay. The second picture is a beautiful antique motor yacht that shared the anchorage with us.



Our next trip will be off Sarasota South of the Marina Jacks mooring field on April 30 – May 1. We can have the traditional happy hour on our boat, Free Spirit, or, if there are a lot of boats and someone with a bigger boat wants to host it that will be OK. The anchorage is South West of O'Leary's. If someone wants they can use a mooring, but it's not free. We can dinghy over to the beach in front of O'Leary's and eat there in the large Tiki Hut which also often has music. Let's meet there at 6:00 pm so we can grab

a big table before the crowds get in. We might be up for eating breakfast Sunday morning in town. First Watch is a nice place

**Rick and Adelia Jacksonson**  
**Cruising Captains**  
**S/v Free Spirit**



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## *B*each Clean-up

**What:** Keep Manatee Beautiful - Shore Clean-up from Rod and Reel to Bean Point

**When:** Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 AM

**Where:** Meet at Rod and Reel Pier parking lot

**Questions:** Contact Roger Cappello @ 941-778-3367 or respit622@aol.com



# A Walk on the Wide Side!

By Gail Gordon

MSA member never cease to amaze me! Plan it and they will come! 14 brave and perhaps somewhat curious MSA members showed up at the Linger Lodge On Friday March 25th for something a little out of the ordinary. Yes, it was a bit of a drive for most of us, but we got a glimpse of old Florida at its finest. The wall, shelves, ceiling and cubbies of this camp/resort along the lazy Braden River

were decked out with former Florida wildlife. Not only did we get to eat alongside them, we actually got to eat some of them as well. Several of us sampled frog legs, gator and catfish. But there were other things to savor as well, like squirrel or possum. After filling our tummies with yummy stuff on the back porch overlooking the river, we joined in on a few songs during the lively karaoke session. It felt more like a party than just going out for dinner. Thanks for joining me on this fun evening.

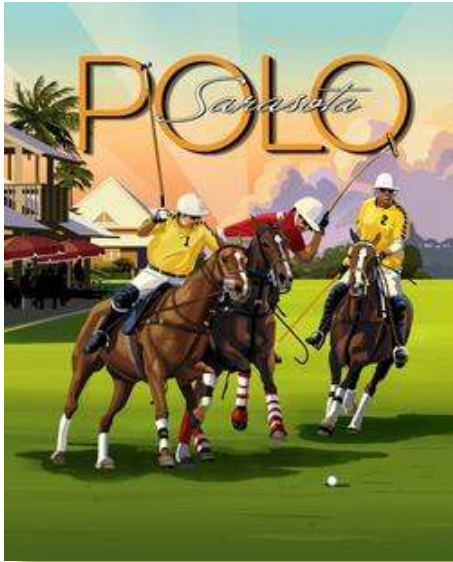
Road Kill Menu	
Linger Lodge Restaurant...Where The Food Might Bite Back!	
Tummy Teasers	Entrees
Chunk of Skunk .....	Center Line Bovine
Smidgen of Pigeon .....	Tastes real good from the hood .....
Road Toad A La Mode .....	The Chicken
Shake 'n Bake Snake .....	That didn't cross the road .....
Swirl of Squirrel .....	Flat Cat
Whippoorwill on a Grill .....	Served as a single or in a stack .....
Narrow Sparrow .....	
1.95	5.95
1.95	4.95
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2.25	
1.55	
3.30	
2.00	



## MSA Social Events for April

please note: There will be 2

I wish I could tell you that I have no regrets about cancelling the Polo Matches for March 20th, but that would be a lie. The



rains on Saturday, the dismal forecast for Sunday and the official's last minute rulings on field conditions, made me re-think the wisdom of going forward with our plans.

So as you know, I cancelled our outing. And of course, Sunday was gorgeous and the matches were played. Go figure! But all is not lost, my friends! I froze the 10 pounds of pulled pork and we will try again on April 3rd to attend with gusto a Sunday at the Polo matches. Everything remains the same. Plan to arrive about 11 A.M. Look for my truck with the MSA banner on it. Bring chairs, a dish to share with the group, your own beverages, sunscreen and hat and an adventuresome spirit. Lunch will be from 11:30 to 12:30 and the match begins at 1 P.M. This will be the last competition of the season so I predict it will be well attended. First arrivers will be rewarded with mimosas until we run out! So come early and enjoy the day with your MSA friends. See you there! For more info, con-

tact me at [gailgordon56@gmail.com](mailto:gailgordon56@gmail.com) or (941) 794-5181

## The Marietta Museum of Art and Whimsy April 14th

You might have noticed as you drive south on Tamiami Trail towards Sarasota that the Purple Cow (better known as Van Wezel Performing Arts Theatre) has some competition. There are a couple of 1200 pound giant shocking pink flamingos roaming around the streets. They hang out in the gardens of our next outing, The Marietta Museum of Art and Whimsy located at 2121 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. The museum is in its 6th season and boasts a Neverland-esque atmosphere, lush gardens and features the collected works of contemporary artists. Named after the founder, curator, philanthropist and artist, Marietta Lee, who graduated herself from Ringling College of Art and Design, reports that the mission statement here is to put smiles on faces. The story began 30 years ago in Kentucky when Marietta, a nurse, attended the scene of a tragic plane crash with no survivors. It changed her life. She wanted to create art that would help cope with life



situations. She moved to Sarasota in 1984 and earned her art degree. After trying to accomplish her goal elsewhere with no success, Marietta came back to Sarasota and created this artistic sanctuary. Inside the charming pink building is a series of artwork by humorous creative talent displayed in every nook and cranny of the structure and garden areas. (Note: there are over 160 lawn flamingos that reside on the property, if you care to count.) A docent will take us for a private tour at 2 P.M. and give us some insight into the conception of this unusual museum. Although a non for profit organization, I request a \$5 donation from each of us to help maintain this beau-



tiful addition to our community. Lunch at 12 noon will be prior to our tour at nearby Barnacle Bills Seafood Restaurant, 5050 N. Tamiami Trail. Just look for the big lighthouse on the roadside. Please join me as we add a bit of frivolity and whimsy to our day with a first-hand look at the Marietta Museum and let it put smiles on our faces.

Hope to see you there!

With enthusiasm,  
Gail Gordon,  
MSA Social Secretary

MSA Social Event May 4th -- The Port Manatee Tour

We have had our reservation for this well attended tour for months and



now it is almost upon us. This 1 hour tram tour is free and will include a behind the scenes look at the workings of this busy port, outstanding views of Tampa Bay and up close encounters with large ocean going ships. As always, I will schedule a lunch nearby after our tour for a fun debriefing of our outing. Since security is an issue here and considering some of the recent events, it will be necessary to report names of

those participating in the tour no less than 1 week prior to the event. It would be

easier to remove a name from the list than to add one. So if you have any inclination

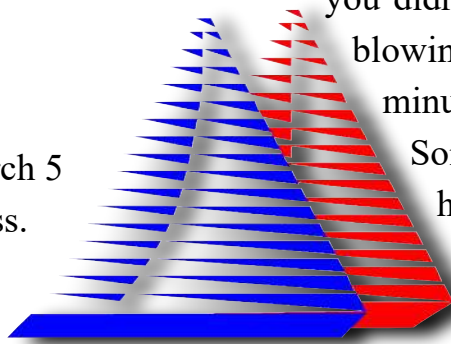
about joining the tour please let me know. I will be sending out an e-mail blast around mid April requesting names by April 26th serving as the deadline. Our club did this tour about 5 years ago and enjoyed it greatly so I hope we will have a good turnout this time as well. I know I am looking forward to it myself.

Gail Gordon  
MSA Social Secretary



## Race & Raftup

Our first R & R on March 5 was a resounding success. The race was started on time at noon by Ed & Betty aboard JLUA with Betty's Mom and Sheryl & Sammy helping out. The race started at the Manatee River #2 Marker, did an 8-mile triangle, and finished back at the #2 marker. There were Six boats on the start line, Artificial Reef, Running Tide, Sassy, Spring Fever, Warmfront and Zoom. It was a beautiful sunny day with wind that changed often in direction and strength. If



you didn't like the way the wind was blowing all you had to do was wait a minute.

Some of the racers had to head home after the race but we were joined by other boats that didn't race and a good time was had by all. The one fact that transcends all MSA events is that no-one leaves hungry or thirsty and the Raft-up was no exception.

Looking forward, our next racing event is the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Terra Ceia Race & Party on May 14. The two races of the Terra Ceia event will be considered part of the R & R Series so don't miss it.



Please check out the results of the March 5 race and let me know if your handicap or sail numbers are not correct. I am in the process of updating our racers vital statistics so if you are not on the list and may participate in future races please let me know.

**John Castellana**  
**MSA Racing Captain**  
**s/v Warmfront**

Place	Boat	Captain	Type	Elapsed Time	Corrected Time
1 <sup>st</sup>	ZOOM	M.GARCI	S2 7.9 (26')	2:38:39	2:38:01
2 <sup>nd</sup>	WARMFRONT	J. CASTELLANA	PRECISION 23	2:52:07	2:38:47
3 <sup>th</sup>	SASSY	G. MORGAN	CATALINA 350	2:53:27	2:50:57
4 <sup>th</sup>	SPRING FEEVER	PAT ROBERTS	CATALINA 34 TM	2:49:47	2:54:55
5 <sup>th</sup>	RUNNING TIDE	B. LUND	MORGAN 38	3:02:32	3:04:30
6 <sup>th</sup>	ARTIFFICIAL REEF	J. RIVERA	O'DAY 32	3:26:12	3:10:41



## Don't Worry Be Happy

Join fellow MSAers for a TGIF gathering on April 29th at 5:30 PM at:

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**Special Notice for MSA Members and  
their immediate family members.**

**For MSA members and their immediate family, Terra Ceia Regatta T-shirts are included in the cost of the party tickets for this year's regatta. Provided, however, that you make your reservations by April 14<sup>th</sup> and provide your T-shirt sizes.**

**Additional T-shirts can be ordered at the same time at a cost of \$15 each**

**To make your reservations contact Betty Burton by:**

**Email - [jlua416@gmail.com](mailto:jlua416@gmail.com)**

**Text or Phone - 941.518.4493 (leave phone message)**

**Provide the following information:**

- **Number of immediate family members attending party and their T-shirt sizes.**
- **Number of additional T-shirts (at \$15 each) and T-shirt sizes.**

**Payment for the party tickets and additional T-shirts can be made on or before May 7th.**



# Official Event Entry Form

20<sup>th</sup> Annual MSA Terra Ceia Regatta  
Saturday, May 14, 2016



I (we) \_\_\_\_\_ plan to attend the 20th Annual MSA Terra Ceia Regatta and race party on May 14, 2016, and are returning this OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM by May 7, 2016.

MSA Member  Yes  No

### ATTENTION ALL SKIPPERS

We will be racing  Yes Name of Boat: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat model & length: \_\_\_\_\_

Number in Crew: \_\_\_\_\_ PHRF: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

We will have  in our dinner party. We know to bring our own drinks.

There will  of us for Breakfast on Sunday morning, May 15  
*The park is available for overnight camping.*

	Number	Cost of Each	Total
Party Tickets			
Adults	_____	\$18.00	_____
Kids (12 and under)	_____	\$10.00	_____
Additional T-shirts (by reservation only)	_____	\$15.00	_____
		<b>Total:</b>	<input type="text"/>

Make Checks Payable to: **Manatee Sailing Association.**

Send form & check to: **Sally Quinn**  
PO Box 192  
Terra Ceia, FL 34250

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Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4. Decision to Race, US Sailing, *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during, or after the regatta.



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