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*Please note that the Beach Club  
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**Next General Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 7, 2023 @ 7:30pm**

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Meeting: May 30th @ 7:00 pm**  
**\*\*Monday before General Meeting\*\***

**Deed Restrictions Meetings**  
**Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday @ 7:00pm**

**Pancake Breakfast**  
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**Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday**  
**8:00 to 11:30 am**  
**Next Breakfast: Sunday June 18th**

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**GH Shag/Swing Dance:** Doug Armstrong *ghshagswingclub@gmail.com*

### OTHER

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The two boat ramps in Gulf Harbors are owned by the Gulf Harbors Civic Association and maintained for the benefit of our membership.

The **North Channel Ramp**, off Bowline Bend, has a steep incline and is suitable for all size boats.

**Recommended use at High Tide.**

The South Channel Ramp near the intersection of Floramar Terrace and Topsail Trail can always be used, but it is **better suited for use at Mid to High Tide.**

To schedule a ramp opening, contact one of the following Official Key Holders. They are volunteers.

**Please give them a minimum of 1 HOUR notice.**

**You can call, or text them for easier contact.**

### **Official Key Holders:**

Frank Bifulco - 727-597-0055  
Scott Childress - 813-918-7688  
Frank Dunne - 209-603-0667  
Robert Kremer - 404-956-1876

**PLEASE NOTE:** The best time to launch boats from the South Channel boat ramp is between HALF and HIGH TIDE.

**The following regulations apply to all ramp users:**

1. Use is **Restricted to Daylight** hours only.
2. A current GHCA membership card must be presented to gain access along with boat registration in the cardholder's name and current driver's license. **Must be 21 years of age or older.**

### **NO EXCEPTIONS!!**

3. Non-members will be charged \$100.00 (in advance) for each opening of the ramp.
4. **Do not use your engines to load or unload boats.**
5. Bring your own helpers. It is not the responsibility of the key holders to assist you in launching or retrieving your boat.
6. If you intend to use the boat ramp frequently, a key may be leased from the GHCA Office for your personal use. Keys are \$40.00 plus a \$10.00 security deposit (GHCA members only). Please inquire at the GHCA Office for the requirements to lease a key. **The leased key is only to be used by the authorized GHCA member.**
7. Ramp locks are changed January 5th of each year.
8. Please report any misuse of the boat ramps to the GHCA Office or the Boat Ramp Supervisor, Frank Rose at 401-447-0996.

## Announcements

1. The GHCA Library is now accepting donations of children's books and puzzles and adult/children's games. Thank you!

## Did You Know...

- ★ The GHCA Office has a Lost & Found. If you think you left something behind, call us or come in to look. We will hold anything left for 30 days before donating the items to charity.
- ★ We have rotating artists showing their works in the GHCA Library. Come in to appreciate and all works are for sale by the artist. The entrance code is on your 2023 GHCA Membership Card.
- ★ The GHCA Office Hours are Monday through Friday, 9am to 1pm. If you see the GHCA flag flying, we are open.

### Life On The Gulf Publication

Editor: Gina Thomas

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### Submissions DEADLINE

Submissions for Life on the Gulf must be submitted **by the 6<sup>th</sup> day** of the current month to be eligible for publication in the next month's issue.

Please submit your articles via email to:  
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Written articles can be in any text format.  
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## From the desk of the President

Here we are, the beginning of the summer months. Many have already left for the summers up north, others have perhaps started their summer vacations, but others stay here in our beautiful community to enjoy the Florida Summer. Whichever you are, Happy Summer.

At our last General Membership meeting we had a lively discussion about the insurances for the Civic Center. It was voted on and unanimously approved to renew the insurance this year to include General Liability and property insurance without Wind and Hurricane. Our Membership also voted to start adding each year to our Fund, which up to now was a self-insured Flood account. We have voted to rename the account the GHCA Hazard Fund and will be depositing a flat amount each year, starting this year with \$8,500, bringing our total in that account, to well over \$110,000 and with interest it will close the year with over \$115,000.

Our renovations to inner office and refreshing of the Annex room should be complete by now, take a trip down to the Civic Center to see the much-needed updates.

We will be sending out emails and perhaps even surveys over the summer, as we don't hold General Membership meetings over the summer to try to keep everyone informed as to our Comings and Goings from now till September. In the meanwhile, please remain confident that your GHCA Board and Office staff is always striving to make our community the bet it can be.

Happy Summer to all!!!!!!

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## From the Desk of Public Relations

Last month I pointed out that house numbers are required to be installed, and the guidelines are detailed there, including the reference to section 901.9. Please be aware that the county has been specifically enforcing that code, so consider this a heads up to have your house number properly displayed, even if you have not already received a reminder letter from the Deed Restriction Committee.

As the summer approaches, please keep in mind that county code prohibits the habitual storage of RVs and trailers in front of your house, including on the driveway. Our deed restrictions also prohibit storing them on the side of the house in most areas, but these specific details vary within Gulf Harbors. If you want to see what specific deed restrictions apply to your home, you can find that on the Gulf Harbors website at [gulfharbors.com](http://gulfharbors.com), under the

GHCA tab, click on Deed Restrictions and follow the directions. Or you can wait until you get a notice from the Deed Restriction Committee, at which time the clock starts ticking. Please don't fall into the mindset that if you see a neighbor with a boat in their driveway, that you think it is okay for you to do it too. That neighbor may have already been sent a notice, or they may have already been visited by Code Enforcement. Don't follow a bad example, you do you.

Remember that these codes and deed restrictions are there to protect the character of the entire community. Most of us are boaters, and even so I receive complaints about trailers and RVs from other boaters. So be considerate of your neighbors and help preserve the premiere character of Gulf Harbors.

Until next month,  
Mitch Kobernick

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**Bunco Is The Second Tuesday!!!**

This past February we had a wonderful Valentine's Bunco night eating, laughing, and playing Bunco and LCR. Plans are under-way for an outdoor Bunco night in the near future.

Come join us to get in on the FUN!!!

Bunco players always enjoy the monthly Bunco Night at 7 pm on the second Tuesday at the Gulf Harbors Civic Center.

Prizes are given out for the most wins, most buncos, most baby buncos, last bunco and most losses.

If you'd like to attend, bring your own three dice to roll, \$5 prize money and your own beverages. GHCA membership required.

**APRIL'S BIG WINNERS!!**

\*\*\* Most Wins—JEANI ROBINSON-17!! \*\*\* Last Bunco—CHERYL MABRY \*\*\*  
\*\*\* Most Buncos—DONNA FOSTER-4 \*\*\* Most Losses—PAT NELSON-18 \*\*\*  
\*\*\* Most Baby Buncos—GENA MASSICOTTE-22 - WOW! Call the World Bunco Assoc!!!\*\*\*



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# Grouper with Saute Cherry Tomatoes in Cream Sauce

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1 tablespoon olive oil

1 tablespoon butter

1 cup cherry tomatoes cut in half

1 teaspoon olive oil

1 large garlic clove chopped fine

2 tablespoons dry white wine

1 tablespoon fat free half & half

3 basil leaves chopped fine



Season fish on both sides with sea salt. In a frying pan on medium high heat add 1 tablespoon of each oil & butter. When oil is nice and hot and butter melted add fish let it cook approximately 5 minutes or until fish turns white around the edge then turn fish and cook additional 3 minutes until it just starts to want to flake when you touch it with a fork.

In a separate frying pan on medium high heat add 1 teaspoon oil, chopped garlic and tomatoes and sauté 2 to 3 minutes add wine cook additional minute add butter basil and half & half and heat through until butter has fully melted and incorporated with cream.

Plate fish and top with tomato cream sauce. Serve immediately.

For more recipes like this go to my website [www.offthehookontheplate.com](http://www.offthehookontheplate.com)

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## ***Singles Mingle Group – 2023'***



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***A few of us met at the beach for Cinco De Mayo  
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*We are looking into merging with another Singles Group on a Cruise.  
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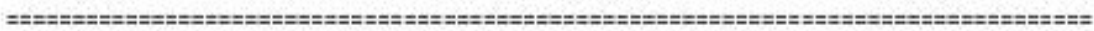
- **Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> @ 5 PM to 7:30PM**

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# MSBU Public Update

Thank you to all those who attended the Gulf Harbors Neighborhood Park(GHNP) workshop on 4/25 at the Civic Center. For those who could not attend, board member Steve Ekovich detailed the board's accomplishments, Vice Chair Frank Dunne clarified myths and common FAQ's, we discussed the next tasks then received a lot of public comment.

The GHNP Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU) board continues to solicit residents' desired features or ideas to potentially budget for the park. Ideas, write in questions for the board, and inquiries can be sent to the following address: [gulfharbors@mypasco.net](mailto:gulfharbors@mypasco.net). The board will treat these as public comment like you were present at a meeting by reviewing them at the start of the next meeting.

Pasco County is hosting our GHNP website where everyone can review the board members, calendar, previous minutes, an extensive list of FAQ's we have received, and links to relevant documents and park images at: <https://pascocountyfl.net/1037/Special-Projects>

Or you can google the two key words: GHNP pasco  
And the first link you see is: "Special Projects | Pasco County, FL - Official Website.

Thank you to those who have written in and applied to be on the board. The county Parks department has gone through the applicants and submitted their list to the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) for approval for next year's board members.

And finally, a huge thank you to Paris and Debbie for reserving and preparing the hall on such short notice. The GHNP board is getting accustomed to Sunshine Laws and how to navigate public notices. Kevin Bell, Chairman GHNP MSBU

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You are welcome to join the Gulf Harbors Women's Club on the second and last Thursdays of each month.

What is the Gulf Harbors Women's Club? We are women of all ages that are members of the Gulf Harbors Civic Association who enjoy a variety of activities and social outings as well as doing community service together.

On May 11th we learned how to make greeting cards with Peggy Neelan and had a Mother's Day luncheon. A big thanks to Peggy for teaching us her beautiful art. Also, a big THANK YOU to all of the ladies who helped roll the LOTG on May 25th.

On June 8th we are going to have lunch aboard the Marina Rose at Fernando Beach! We'll be rolling the LOTG on June 29th. Please join us in the main hall at 11 am.

For more information about the Women's Club, contact Deb Johnson at 571-216-5459 or jdjohn123@aol.com.

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## GULF HARBORS SPECIAL EVENTS

<b>PANCAKE BREAKFAST GHCA CIVIC CENTER</b>	<b>SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2023 8AM-11:30AM</b>
<b>GULF HARBORS ART GALLERY GHCA CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY</b>	<b>RESIDENT ARTIST: ROTATING</b>
<b>GHCA MEMBER MUSIC FEST GHCA CIVIC CENTER MAIN HALL</b>	<b>SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2023 7PM-10:00PM</b>

## NEW PORT RICHEY AND NEARBY EVENTS

<b>TASTY TUESDAYS ORGANIC MARKET NEW PORT RICHEY PUBLIC LIBRARY</b>	<b>EVERY TUESDAY --- 9AM-1PM 5939 MAIN STREET, NPR</b>
<b>BACKYARD BAZAAR 5763 NEBRASKA AVE, DOWNTOWN NPR</b>	<b>A MONTHLY EVENING OUTDOOR MARKET JUNE 3, 2023 --- 6PM-10PM</b>
<b>SUMMER TOUCH-A-TRUCK NPR CITY HALL/LIBRARY PARKING LOT</b>	<b>JUNE 3, 2023 --- 10AM-1PM THE NEW PORT RICHEY PUBLIC LIBRARY</b>
<b>SAFETY HARBOR FOOD &amp; MUSIC FESTIVAL SAFETY HARBOR CITY PARK</b>	<b>JUNE 3 --- 12PM-7PM <a href="http://WWW.SAFETYHARBORKICKBALL.COM/TICKETS.HTML">WWW.SAFETYHARBORKICKBALL.COM/TICKETS.HTML</a></b>
<b>TAMPA GUN SHOW FLORIDA STATE FAIRGROUNDS</b>	<b>JUNE 3 TO JUNE 4 <a href="http://WWW.FLORIDAGUNSHOWS.COM">WWW.FLORIDAGUNSHOWS.COM</a></b>
<b>FISHING TOURNAMENT/INSHORE SLAM GILL DAWGS, PORT RICHEY</b>	<b>JUNE 10, 2023 --- LINES IN 7AM <a href="http://WWW.IAFF4420.ORG/FISH">WWW.IAFF4420.ORG/FISH</a></b>
<b>BROOKSVILLE WATERMELON FEST HISTORIC DOWNTOWN BROOKSVILLE</b>	<b>JUNE 10, 2023 --- 11AM-7PM <a href="http://WWW.BRAZILIANFUNFOODS.COM">WWW.BRAZILIANFUNFOODS.COM</a></b>
<b>TAMPA BAY CARIBBEAN HERITAGE FEST UNIVERSITY AREA CDC</b>	<b>JUNE 10, 2023 --- 2PM-9PM <a href="http://WWW.WICANDO.ORG">WWW.WICANDO.ORG</a></b>
<b>10TH ANNUAL FATHER'S DAY WALK &amp; JOG ULELE'S, 1810 N HIGHLAND AVE, TAMPA</b>	<b>JUNE 18, 2023 --- 8AM <a href="http://WWW.TAMPASDOWNTOWN.COM">WWW.TAMPASDOWNTOWN.COM</a></b>
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ALL EVENTS LISTED ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. CHECK THE EVENT'S WEBSITE OR SOCIAL MEDIA PAGE FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION



## Gulf Harbors Yacht Club News

2023 Anchorettes "The Fancy Crew" Fashion Show is a Wrap!



Anchorettes President Yvonne Lauro and Fashion Show Director Judy Mitchell present a \$2,500 check to Maria Hixon of Pasco Kids First.

One of the Anchorettes biggest events of the year is its annual Fashion Show – a sell out again this year as always! The Theme this year was "Fancy Crew Nautical: Red, White & Blue" was held on Wednesday, May 3rd, 2023. Members worked tirelessly to gather donations, assemble and present a huge variety of raffle baskets and auction items; all to raise money to support Pasco Kids First, whose

*mission as a child advocacy center is to keep kids safe and strengthen families through family empowerment and education, prevention and intervention programs to prevent child abuse, and provide therapy to heal children from trauma*



Our beautiful models from left to right:

Johanna Thrill, Caroline Van Haden, Dora Cantwell, Donna Schoettle, Nancy Mann, Karen Silvey, Claudia Cox, Helma Cameron and Yvonne Lauro.

Special thanks to Marshalls of Trinity for the Fashions, Committee Members Kris Thompson, Nancy Campbell, Johanna Thirkill, Yvonne Lauro, Marie McCarthy and Linda Young, and to Lynn Schroder for making the fabulous centerpieces, Barb Alber for the programs, all the helpful hands who made this fundraiser possible, including Janey Copper, Pat Hermann, Nancy Mann and Sharon Evans! The Anchorettes also thanks our handsome servers Rodger Bubb, Scott Campbell, Jim Rengepis, Rich Cantwell and Paul Schroder; our values John Young and Jerry Thompson, our Lounge Director Ralph Fernandez; our incredible chef Dave & Galley staff Andrew and especially popular always, our Bartender Mary.

### Poker Run and Derby Day!



It was a beautiful day to be out on the water! Big thanks to Director Ken Skaggs and assistants Nancy Campbell (Vice Commodore) and Brian Zamorski (Rear Commodore) for organizing the for Gulf Harbors Yacht Club's first Poker Run since 2019 on Saturday, May 6th. Members and guests visited docks throughout Gulf Harbors to pick up sealed cards to create a poker hand. Every boat selected one crew member to play a game at each dock to earn an extra "boat hand". After visiting all host docks, players returned to the Club where their hands were revealed, and the winners announced! First, Second and Third Place Cash Prizes were awarded to the winning hands, while everyone enjoyed a special Derby party along with an extraordinary buffet dinner after the run. Special thanks to the Hosts and their assistants: Jim & Helen Rengepis with Donna & John Montana, Doc & Diane McMullen, Mickey & Marie McCarthy, and Tony & Laraine Majka; Ralph & Lynn Fernandez with Glenn & Barbara Alber, Scott & Nancy Campbell and Jerry & Kris Thompson; Sharon & Rodger Bubb assisted by Murray & Ginny Siegel; Larry & Kathy Schalles with Rob Kent; and Judi Pobst with Kim Lindeman and Patti Wesolouski. All of us at the GHYC want to thank all these volunteers for giving us a really fun event!

Report by Karen Grillo and Judi Pobst

The GHYC serves up a variety of themed events throughout the year from formal events to BBQs to fundraisers to boating outings. You'll make friends for a lifetime while having the time of your life!

***There's always something good going on at the Yacht Club! For more information, visit our website at [www.gulpharborsyc.com](http://www.gulpharborsyc.com) or find us on Facebook!***





## The Boater's Corner

### By Captains Bruce and Wendy Longman

It's easy to keep your outboard in tip-top shape, even if you're not a mechanic. Preventive boat motor maintenance facilitates safe boating and can keep your motor reliable for a long time.

#### After Every Trip

- Flush out the engine. This doesn't just apply to saltwater adventures, but to freshwater outings as well.
- Start up the engine and let the water pump do the rest (practice safe boating by remembering to stay clear of the prop and make sure no one tries to shift the motor into gear).
- While you're flushing the motor, check the water pump to make sure it has good water flow. Carefully put your finger through the stream of water. It may be warm, but it shouldn't be hot. If the output is not strong, you may have some debris stuck in the outflow tube. Immediately shut down the engine to prevent overheating and damage. Insert a small piece of wire into the flow tube and work it back and forth. Start the engine again and check the output. If that doesn't solve the problem, you may need a new water pump.
- After flushing the engine, disconnect the fuel line and allow the engine to burn all the fuel in the carburetor.
- Once you've finished the flushing and run the engine out of fuel, be sure to turn off the key and, if you have a battery switch, turn it off.
- Take the engine cowling off and check for fuel or water leaks
- Wipe everything down and spray with an anti-corrosive like WD 40 or Quick-lube. Be sure to lubricate all the moving parts, such as the shift, throttle cables, carburetor valves, etc.
- Replace the cowling and wipe it down. Keep a canvas or plastic cover on the engine between trips.
- Always use fresh fuel. We recommend ethanol free gas. If the boat has sat for a long time drain and replace the fuel.

#### Regular Maintenance

- Periodically check the fuel line for cracks and worn spots.
- Make sure the fuel primer bulb is not cracked and is pliable.
- Make sure the fuel-line fittings seat properly and don't leak.
- Check the clamps on the fuel line for rust or corrosion.
- Check the tank vent to make sure it aspirates properly.
- Check regularly for water in the fuel. Installing a fuel water separator is HIGHLY recommended

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# June Facts

## 1. June used to be the fourth month of the year

It's hard to picture June falling anywhere other than after May and before July, but the Romans had different ideas to us. Before Caesar's rise to power, the calendar spanned only 10 months, June being the fourth month.

## 2. June has two star signs

Astrology remains popular in modern culture, with many believing it can influence personality and allow a degree of foresight. If you were born on or before the 20th of June, you're a Gemini, often characterized as passionate, adaptable, and intelligent.

Have you ever seen a June bug before?

## 3. June has its own beetle named after it

Though you may not have made the connection, the June bug (or June beetle) is named for the month itself. They're only found between May and June in the USA and survive on a mixed diet of plants and shrubbery.

## 4. June hosts several celebrations

Several celebrations take place throughout June in the USA. The largest of these is LGBTQI+ Pride month, which takes place in June to commemorate the Stonewall Riots of 1969.

Today, it celebrates diversity and our freedom to enjoy our own gender and sexuality without judgment or persecution. Great Outdoors Month and National Oceans Month also take place in June.

## 5. June's birth flowers are roses and honeysuckle

June is the perfect month for the birth of the hopeless romantic, particularly if you're fond of flowers. June's birth flowers are the rose and honeysuckle.

Both symbolize all things related to love, desire, generosity, and affection. Roses are perhaps the flower most symbolic of passion and June's birth flowers are roses.

## 6. Wimbledon begins in June

If you're an avid fan of tennis, no doubt you've already got June marked on your calendar. The sport's most prestigious tournament, Wimbledon, draws millions of viewers each year.

## 7. Many famous faces were born in June

Many celebrities were born in June over the decades, some of whom were incredibly influential in their day.

The likes of Anne Frank, Che Guevara, Marilyn Monroe, George Orwell, and George H.W. Bush share June.

## 8. June's packed with holidays for those with a sweet tooth

June is a highlight for those of us who enjoy a sweet treat or two, though it's likely the bane of dentists nationwide.

National Rocky Road Day falls on the 2nd of June, with National Macaroon Day the day after on the 3rd, and National Chocolate Ice-Cream Day on the 7th. Luckily,

## 9. June has three birthstones

The primary birthstone of June is pearls, symbolizing faith and purity. However, it may interest you to know that alexandrite and moonstone share this honor.

Alexandrite represents longevity and health, while Moonstone is more closely linked to luck, love, and passion. All are lovely traits, so who's to argue?

## 10. June used to be deemed an unlucky time to marry

Ancient Romans believed that the period between the middle of May and the middle of June was an ill-omened time to marry.

The tale goes that the Roman poet Ovid consulted with the high priestess of Jupiter on when his daughter should marry, to be told that he must wait until after the 15th of June. An odd superstition, perhaps, but true nonetheless. If you get married then and it doesn't work out, don't blame us!

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This was submitted last month but not published.

It's that time of year again. The Calusa Cruise Club elected and installed a new bridge on April 1, 2023. We celebrated by hosting a great Change of Watch event at the Timber Greens ClubHouse.

For 2023-2024 Commodore	Eric Anderson
Vice Commodore	Skip Gieger
Rear Commodore	David Diehl
Secretary	Chet Jasak
Treasurer	Renee Anderson

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	Fishing	Jack Hexter
	Safety	Art Headike
	Past Commodore	Blake Allen

The Calusa Cruise Club is a boating and social club established in 1965 and based in Gulf Harbors. The club is open to all with the one requirement of boat ownership. We have a long history of community involvement outside of our club activities. You will see many of us volunteering at the Pancake Breakfast here in the neighborhood.

Please come out and join us. We meet at 7pm the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at the GHCA.

May events include a Mothers Day luncheon and a Treasure hunt using members' boats.



# Ways & Means- Events

Hello neighbors!!

On April 29th, 2023, we had our Harbors Market and once again it was a huge success, we had over 30 vendors and The Greeks food truck along with, our GHCA membership team and Calusa Club joined us for the first time, thank you.

A **Huge** thank to our President, Paris Tsimikas, for her vision for this market and all of time and effort she puts into it, like anything else she does, **Great Job Paris**. These events can only happen with assistance of all our volunteers, thank you Kristen Ouellette, David Alesci, Bill Longstreet, Donna Wisniewski, Junita Kurkechian, Morgan Kurkechian, Angel Costello, Meadow Costello, Debra Armstong, Evelyn Gilder, Delia Kalogiannis and Ray Celli.

Thank you to our basket donations: Laura from Studio Coppola, Consign & Design, Grape Expectations, Window Factory. Sun Conure, Sew Cute, Carol Soaps, Potty Mouth, Christine Lawless, Calusa Club, GHCA Women's Club, and GHCA Membership. Congratulations to all our winners!

We are currently working on our first Member's Only Event which will be held on July 15th with A Musical Tribute to James Taylor, Jackson Browne and Glenn Frey (Eagles). Tickets are \$20.00 each, limit 2 tickets per household. Tickets can be purchased in the GHCA Office (9-1pm) or Contact Diane Alesci at 631-379-8522/ Events@gulpharbors.com.

Mark your calendars for our Country Fest on September 1, 2023, music by "Cross Fire Creek".

Please contact me with any questions at [Events@gulpharbors.com](mailto:Events@gulpharbors.com).

Thank you,  
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## The Boater's Corner

By Captains Bruce and Wendy Longman

Many phrases that have been adopted into everyday use originate from seafaring – in particular from the days of sail. Virtually all of these are metaphorical and the original nautical meanings are now forgotten. We thought you might find the origins of these sayings quite interesting.

**above board** - Anything on or above the open deck. If something is open and in plain view, it is above board.

**aloof** - Now means to stand apart or be indifferent, but it came from the Old Dutch word loef which meant "windward" and was used to describe a ship within a fleet which sailed higher to the wind and was thus drawn apart from the rest of the fleet.

**chock-a-block** - Meaning something is filled to capacity or over loaded. If two blocks of rigging tackle were so hard together they couldn't be tightened further, it was said they were Chock-a-Block. This led to its current meaning, "crammed so tightly together as to prevent movement".

**clean bill of health** - A certificate signed by a port authority attesting that no contagious disease existed in the port of departure and none of crew were infected with a disease at the time of sailing. Shore-side, it means in good shape.

**cut and run** - If a smaller ship at anchor was discovered by a larger enemy vessel, the smaller ship might decide that discretion is the better part of valor, and so would order the crew to cut the anchor cable and sail off in a hurry.

**fits the bill** - A Bill of Lading was signed by the ship's master acknowledging receipt of specified goods and the promise to deliver them to their destination in the same condition. Upon delivery, the goods were checked against the bill to see if all was in order. If so, they fit the bill.

**footloose** - The bottom portion of a sail is called the foot. If it is not secured, it is footloose and it dances randomly in the wind.

**flying colors** - To come through a battle with flying colors means a ship has come through relatively unscathed and with her colors (flag) flying.

**groggy** - In 1740, British Admiral Vernon (whose nickname was "Old Grogam" for the cloak of grogram which he wore) ordered that the sailors' daily ration of rum be diluted with water. The men called the mixture "grog". A sailor who drank too much grog was "groggy".

**know the ropes** - There are miles rope in the rigging of a square rigged ship. The only way of keeping track of the function of all of these lines was to memorize (know) where they were located. It took an experienced seaman to know the ropes.

**loose cannon** - A cannon having come loose on the deck of a pitching, rolling, and yawing deck could cause severe injury and damage. Has come to mean an unpredictable or uncontrolled person who is likely to cause unintentional damage.

**no room to swing a cat** - The entire ship's company was required to witness flogging at close hand. If the ship was crowded the Boatswain might not have enough room to swing his cat o' nine tails. So this does not refer to a real cat!

**pipe down** - A boatswain's call denoting the completion of an all hands evolution, and that you can go below. It was the last signal from the Bosun's pipe each day which meant "lights out" and "silence".

**scuttlebutt** - A butt was a barrel. Scuttle meant to chop a hole in something. The scuttlebutt was a water barrel with a hole cut into it so that sailors could reach in and dip out drinking water. The scuttlebutt was the place where the ship's gossip was exchanged.

**slush fund** - A slushy slurry of fat was obtained by boiling or scraping the empty salted meat storage barrels. This stuff called "slush" was often sold ashore by the ship's cook for the benefit of himself or the crew. The money so derived became known as a slush fund. Don't forget, email your questions to [bruce@windsongcharters.com](mailto:bruce@windsongcharters.com). Happy Boating!



### New Port Richey, FL - May 2023

Date		High				Low				☀		☾
		AM	ft	PM	ft	AM	ft	PM	ft	Rise	Set	Moon
1	Mon	11:10	2.8	11:25	2.8	5:41	0.7	6:05	0.8	6:49	8:06	☾
2	Tue	11:40	2.9			6:23	0.8	6:51	0.5	6:48	8:07	☾
3	Wed	12:17	3.0	12:08	3.1	7:01	0.8	7:33	0.2	6:47	8:07	☾
4	Thu	1:04	3.0	12:35	3.3	7:37	0.9	8:13	-0.1	6:46	8:08	☾
5	Fri	1:48	3.0	1:03	3.5	8:12	1.1	8:52	-0.3	6:46	8:09	☾
6	Sat	2:33	3.0	1:33	3.6	8:47	1.2	9:33	-0.4	6:45	8:09	☾
7	Sun	3:21	2.9	2:06	3.7	9:23	1.4	10:16	-0.5	6:44	8:10	☾
8	Mon	4:12	2.8	2:44	3.7	10:02	1.5	11:04	-0.5	6:43	8:10	☾
9	Tue	5:07	2.7	3:29	3.7	10:45	1.6	11:55	-0.3	6:43	8:11	☾
10	Wed	6:04	2.5	4:23	3.5	11:36	1.7			6:42	8:12	☾
11	Thu	7:06	2.5	5:29	3.3	12:52	-0.1	12:38	1.7	6:41	8:12	☾
12	Fri	8:12	2.5	6:50	3.1	1:57	0.1	1:56	1.6	6:41	8:13	☾
13	Sat	9:10	2.6	8:28	2.9	3:08	0.3	3:22	1.4	6:40	8:13	☾
14	Sun	9:57	2.8	9:58	3.0	4:15	0.5	4:39	1.0	6:39	8:14	☾
15	Mon	10:37	3.0	11:11	3.0	5:12	0.7	5:43	0.5	6:39	8:15	☾
16	Tue	11:12	3.2			6:01	0.9	6:38	0.1	6:38	8:15	☾
17	Wed	12:13	3.1	11:46A	3.4	6:44	1.0	7:27	-0.2	6:38	8:16	☾
18	Thu	1:06	3.1	12:19	3.6	7:23	1.2	8:12	-0.4	6:37	8:16	☾
19	Fri	1:53	3.0	12:51	3.6	8:00	1.3	8:53	-0.5	6:37	8:17	☾
20	Sat	2:37	2.9	1:23	3.7	8:35	1.4	9:31	-0.4	6:36	8:18	☾
21	Sun	3:19	2.8	1:57	3.6	9:11	1.5	10:09	-0.3	6:36	8:18	☾
22	Mon	4:02	2.7	2:31	3.5	9:47	1.6	10:47	-0.1	6:35	8:19	☾
23	Tue	4:44	2.7	3:10	3.4	10:27	1.6	11:26	0.0	6:35	8:19	☾
24	Wed	5:26	2.6	3:53	3.2	11:10	1.6			6:35	8:20	☾
25	Thu	6:08	2.6	4:44	3.1	12:07	0.2	11:59A	1.6	6:34	8:20	☾
26	Fri	6:53	2.6	5:44	2.9	12:51	0.4	12:56	1.6	6:34	8:21	☾
27	Sat	7:43	2.6	6:58	2.7	1:41	0.6	2:05	1.5	6:34	8:22	☾
28	Sun	8:34	2.7	8:25	2.6	2:38	0.8	3:20	1.3	6:33	8:22	☾
29	Mon	9:19	2.8	9:46	2.6	3:38	0.9	4:28	1.0	6:33	8:23	☾
30	Tue	9:59	3.0	10:54	2.7	4:32	1.1	5:25	0.7	6:33	8:23	☾
31	Wed	10:35	3.2	11:54	2.8	5:21	1.2	6:17	0.3	6:33	8:24	☾



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Hello Gulf Harbors! The market continues to be strong this, inventory has dropped from 28 single family homes on January 2<sup>nd</sup> to just 16 homes Active on the market today (May 8<sup>th</sup>). Pending sales are up from 3 (!) to 14 Sales Pending today; and 32 homes have closed YTD (16 Gulf Harbors homes sold and closed in April – that's a WOW)! The average price per square foot is up this month from \$361 in 2022 to \$400 today, but the average price of homes sold dropped considerably. That's because more homes at lower price points are selling, only 2 homes over a Million \$\$ have sold YTD 2023. Check out the statistics below for more "scoop" on what's happening in our local real estate market.

In other big news, the City of New Port Richey ran an article in their newsletter last month about the new development going on at the Magnuson property. Reprinted here in case you missed it – very interesting stuff. The face of our neighborhood is about the change – big time. Will it be wonderful or is it something to fear? Time will tell; but in our humble opinion, we believe the new condo/hotel will ultimately positively impact our property values.

### Aqua Harbor Project Developer – Simone Development & Management, Inc.

*"This proposed development involves the demolition of the Magnuson Hotel. In its place, two separate buildings containing a total of 96 condominium units and an additional building for a 92-room hotel will be constructed. The site is approximately 3.67 acres on the southwest side of US Highway 19 and Marine Parkway. The planned amenities for the condominium complex include outdoor activity areas (bocce, dog park, pickleball, pool and patio area), exterior site lighting and benches along a walkway adjacent to the existing canal and docks. Planned hotel amenities include an elevated deck area and a meeting/event space. At this time, it is projected that the demolition of the existing hotel will commence in May 2023. The condominium units will be constructed first, and they will be built one building at a time. The projected taxable value of the condominiums is \$25.4 million with the completion of both buildings. The 92-unit hotel has a projected taxable value of \$6.1 million."*

Thank you for reading along. We will see you around the neighborhood!

### Gulf Harbors Total Market Overview

January 01, 2023 - May 8, 2023											
Price Range \$5000	# Active Listings	# Homes w/ Contracts Pending	# Closings YTD	*Supply /Demand (Months Supply of Inventory)	Sales Price Per Square Foot	Average Sold Price (Rounded)	List to Sales Price Ratio	Avg Days On Market Until Under Contract	# Closings in 2022	# Closings in 2021	# Closings in 2020
*0-99	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0	0
*100-199	0	0	0	0	\$322	\$190,000	100%	N/A	0	1	13
200-299	0	1	1	0	\$240	\$270,000	100%	Ave -14 Median- 14	2	8	25
300-399	1	4	5	1.3	\$266	\$353,600	93%	Ave -18 Median- 18	10	17	33
400-499	1	1	7	<1	\$294	\$436,429	95%	Ave -16 Median- 17	14	31	33
500-599	5	3	3	5.4	\$400	\$538,667	97%	Ave -15 Median- 16	13	25	30
600-699	3	2	2	3.5	\$397	\$622,500	95%	Ave -307 Median- 127	13	13	12
700-799	2	2	7	2.4	\$399	\$73,774	98%	Ave -13 Median-33	7	9	7
800-899	0	1	4	0	\$433	\$872,000	98%	Ave -13 Median- 24	7	8	5
*900-999	0	0	1	0	\$440	\$940,000	99%	Ave -6 Median- 6	5	6	3
1M - 1.9M	4	0	2	5.3	\$445	\$1,500,000	85%	Ave -91 Median- 127	15	7	0
*2,000,000+	0	0	0	0	\$426	\$2,300,000	95%	Ave -121 Median- 121	1	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>\$400</b>	<b>\$642,900 (average) \$583,000 (median)</b>	<b>Ave. 96% Median 98%</b>	<b>Ave -61 Median-31</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>110</b>
<small>                     N/A: NO 2022 SALES DATA                      * 2022 Stars used in brackets with no YTD 2022 sales                      *SUPPLY/DEMAND BASED ON LAST 12 MONTHS OF DATA                      Activities are reported from the Seller Multiple Listing Service and represent sales from multiple lenders                 </small>											



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