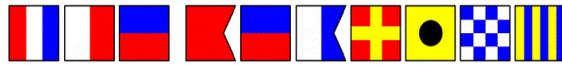




Anna Maria Island Sail & Power Squadron

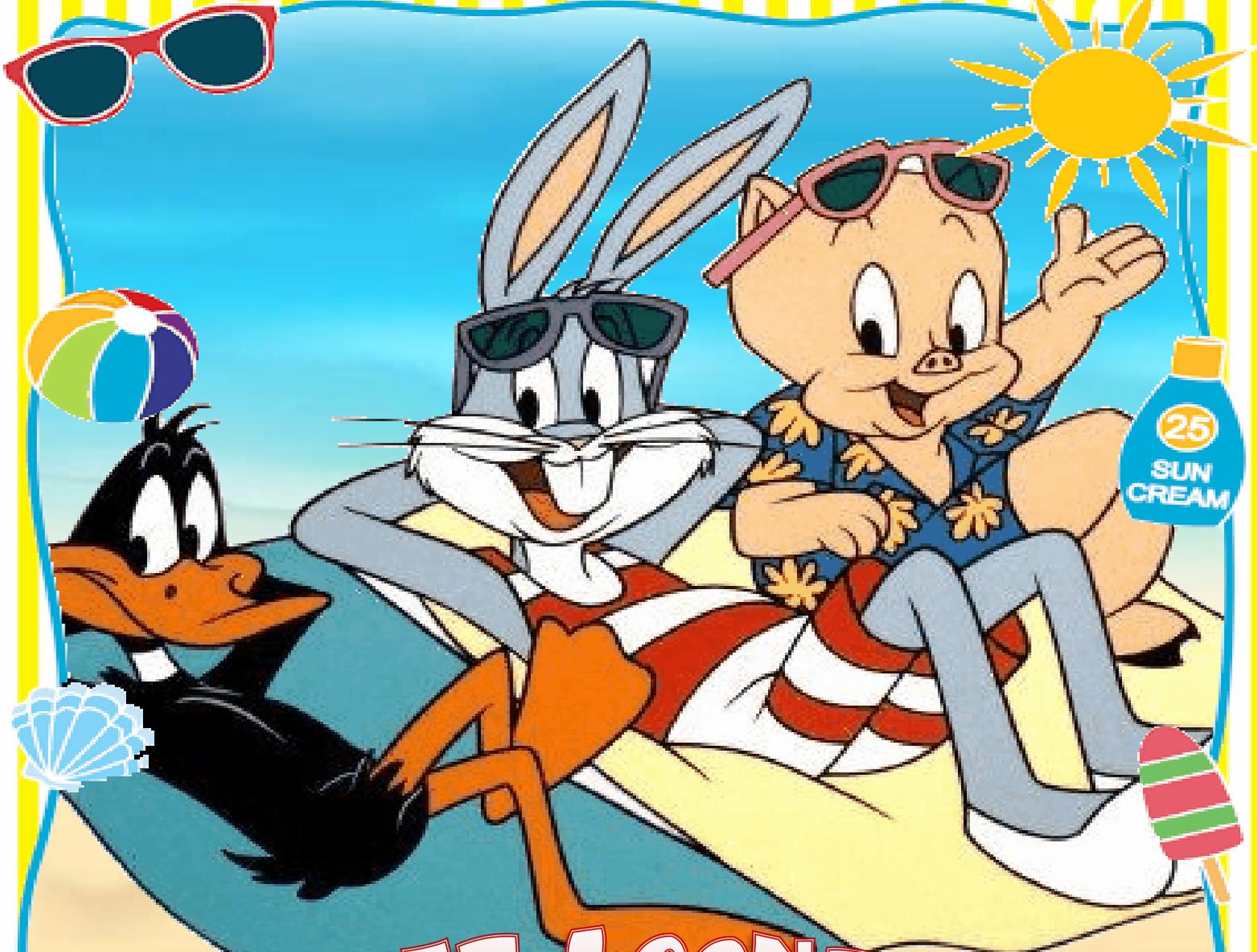
The Bearing



America's Boating Club for the Bradenton Area

Newsletter

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THE LOONEY SUMMER BEARING





June Meeting - Where Did Everybody Go?



With so many members up north for the summer, we schedule monthly meetings at a local restaurant. But June also saw many full-timers away on trips. Here we are, just the five of us, Janet, Gary, Alice, Joanne and Larry, for the June meeting at Marina Jack's.

Our June C&R at The Old Salty Dog

Many members were between trips to make it a fun meeting! The weather, despite dire forecasts, was beautiful with many boats cruising past the New Pass bridge.

Meet Marie, Janet & Gary's 1st granddaughter – A future member?



Summer Teen Class A Success!



Summer is a great time for boating fun. But it's always important to stay safe and this is the goal of these smart kids (with a little credit to their parents). The kids did their work, studied hard and earned their certificates along with a cool PFD! We hope to see them out on the water soon.



Getting Your Bearing: The Summer Edition

It's a hot summer in Florida and some people will do anything to get away from the summer heat, this includes Bev & Cliff Root, who went to England, Denmark & guess where else? (Hint: it's in the picture.)

[Note: The clothing that each of them is wearing is a called 'jacket' ~ Ed.]



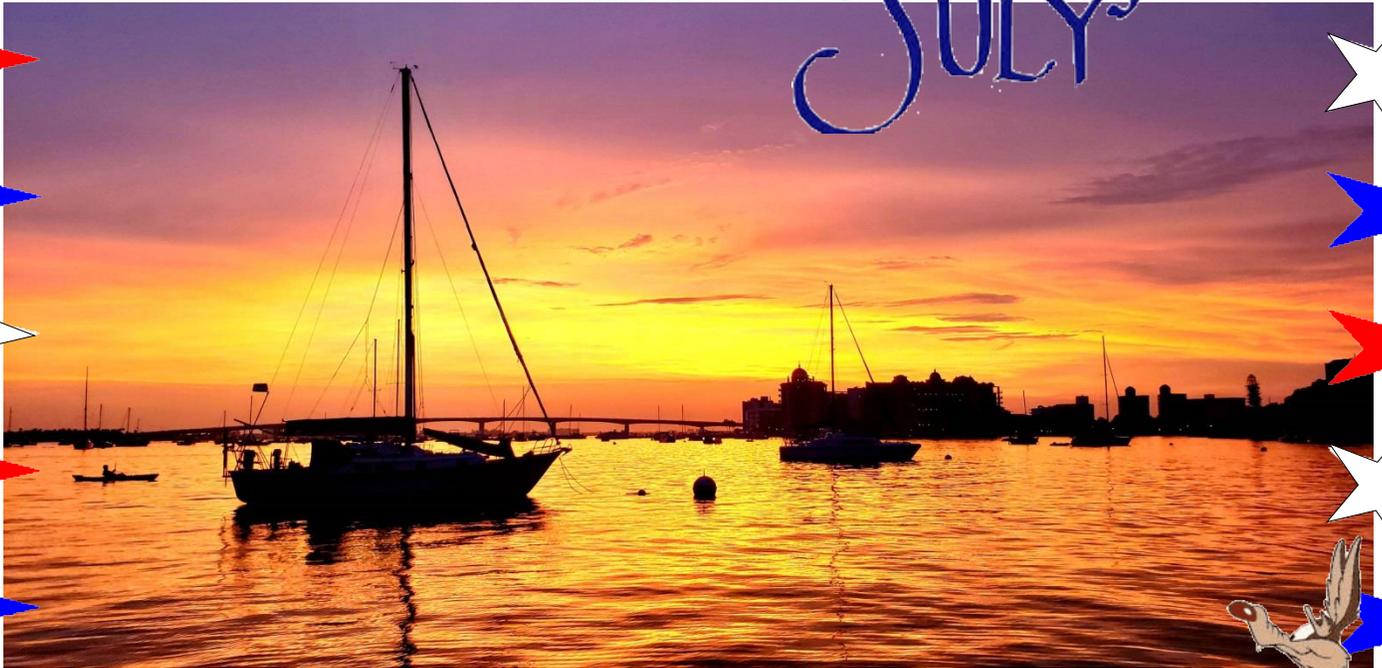
June Clubhouse Work Party



All work and no play isn't the way we're doing it today! After our monthly clean-up, repairs & landscaping, the crew went to Judy's for brunch. Oh, and Cliff helped, too!



4th of JULY



DATELINE SARASOTA: THE WEATHER WAS PERFECTO, THE CHURCH BELLS WERE RINGING, MUSIC SPILLED FROM O'LEARY'S TIKI BAR AND FROM THE PARTY AT SELBY GARDENS! MOTHER NATURE EVEN ADDED SOME MASSIVE HEAT LIGHTNING TO THE SOUTH. IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION WITH EVERYTHING COMING UP:

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White

Blue



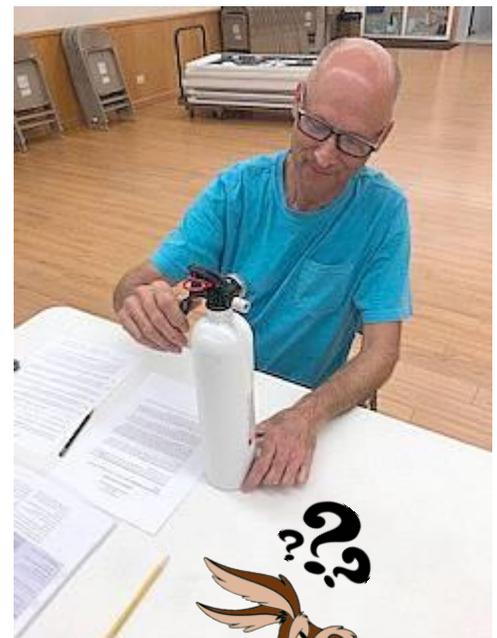
Well Met At Eliza Ann's

Our July meeting was held at Eliza Ann's Coastal Kitchen inside the Waterline Resort in Holmes Beach. Practically everyone who's here for the summer was able to attend. With ample dockage and parking, plus an interesting and eclectic menu, it's fast becoming one of our go-to places. (The drinks are pretty good, too!)



July's Adult ABC Class:

A whole lotta learnin' goin' on!





July Clubhouse Spiff-Up!

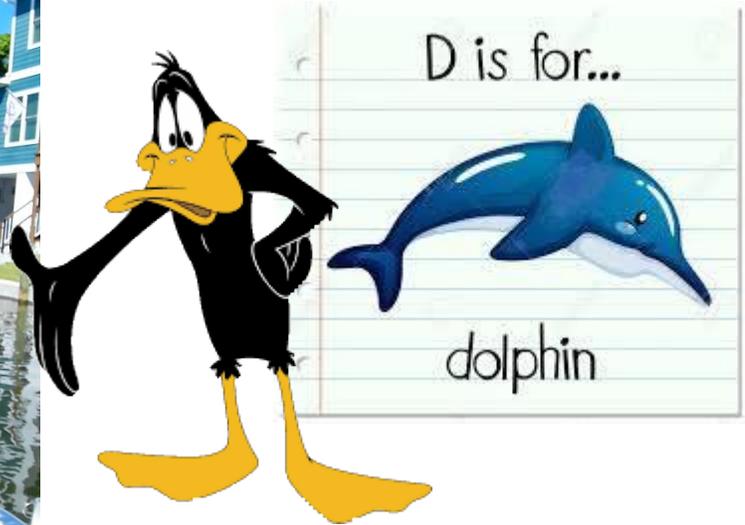
- A little clean up
- A little painting
- A little mowing
- And lunch at Popi's



July C&R

I was a beautiful but busy Saturday at the 'new' Mar Vista. We had to raft-up boats in order to dock. And it was too hot to sit outside. The redesigned inside is very noisy, however, but it sure beats 'Summer In The City!'





We've noticed many more dolphins this season. Apparently they've really rebounded since the red tide of last year. Here's one taking a little site-seeing cruise up and down our canal.



Bi-Valves In Paradise

Part 1



Ronda Ryan from Sarasota Bay Watch explains the new procedures for our annual efforts in support of the upcoming scallop, clam and sea grass count. This was the first of two training sessions, of which a total of twelve people attended. We will be covering the northern sectors of Sarasota Bay, including Palma Sola Bay.





It's Comedy Cruise Time!

New this season are the Friday night 'Comedy Cruises' on the Anna Maria Princess out of Bradenton Beach Marina, so we went! We enjoyed the food & drinks plus 3 area comedians & jokes from our MC, all while watching the familiar scenery of northern Sarasota Bay pass-by, sunset included.



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Bi-Valves In Paradise Part 2



The following is an excerpt from the AMI Sun newspaper:

Reel Time: Scallop Search Aug. 24

By **Rusty Chinnis** - August 13, 2019

Sarasota Bay Watch's annual Scallop Search, its signature and longest-standing event, is slated for Saturday, Aug. 24, at the Sarasota Sailing Squadron on City Island. This free event engages the public in what has been called citizen science because it assists scientists with monitoring the scallops in Sarasota Bay.

The search is a boating event, but Sarasota Bay Watch (SBW) will try to place non-boaters on boats when possible... Over the last several years, SBW has gotten invaluable support from The Anna Maria Island Sail and Power Squadron (America's Boating Club of the Bradenton area). The Squadron's focus is boating education and civic service to groups like SBW. It is currently creating a life preserver loan program for boaters and conducts vessel safety checks. Janet Razze, the commander of the group, has organized the squadron and other volunteers to monitor Palma Sola Bay and north Sarasota Bay. Razze and the group begin early, actively looking for scallops and clams in a two- to three-week window before the actual event...They then have their data ready to share on the 24th...



Getting Your Bearing: The Summer Edition

The Real 'Bush Gardens'!

What could be better than four weeks in Africa? Five weeks in Africa! That's where Lori & Barry Fenstermacher went for their Summer vacation and we can't wait to hear the stories. Here we find Lori (on the left) making a new friend. Gee... I wonder where Barry is? Barry? Oh, Barry?



RAINED OUT!



The month of August has been quite wet, with rolling thunder storms, drizzle followed by down right downpours! Although we would have loved to check out the brand new day dock at the Bridge Street Pier, we decided to cancel the August C&R at Anna Maria Oyster Bar due to the extremely increment weather. Such is summer in Florida but as we always say, "At least it ain't snow!"

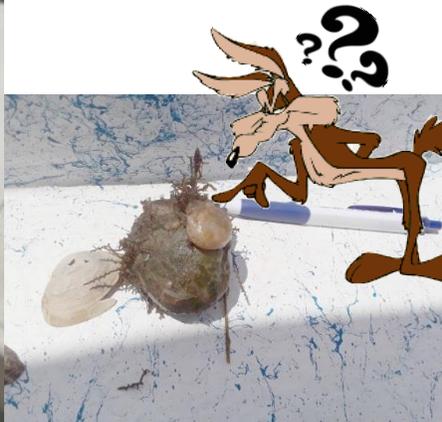


Bi-Valves In Paradise



Part 3

This is some of the stuff we found during our clam/scallop searches, including some weird stuff known as 'sea pork'.

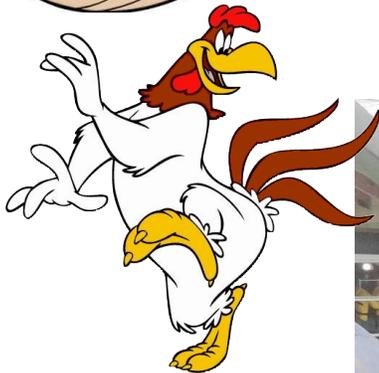


August Clubhouse Clean-Up

With all the rain, the grass really grows!
Thanks to Janet, Joanne, Dave & Gary for their help.



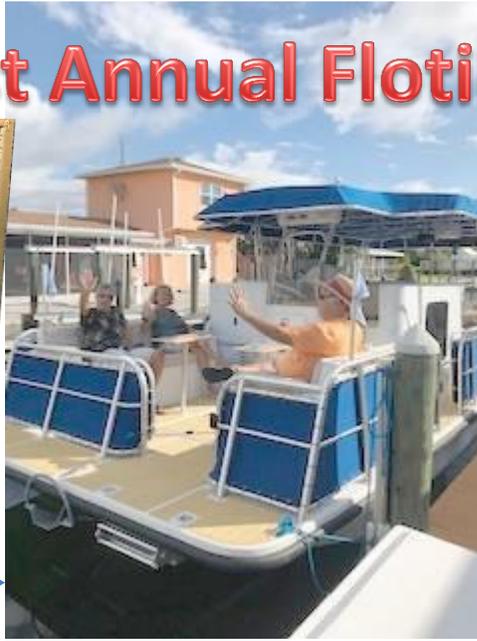
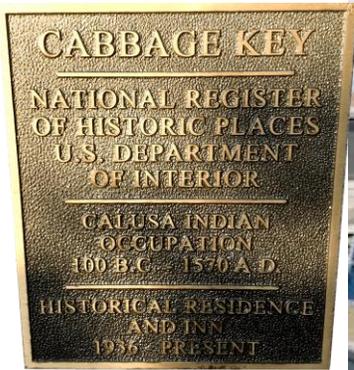
Bi-Valves In Paradise Part 4



Bev & Cliff Root and Joanne & Larry Wilhelm turn in their gear and paperwork at the Sarasota Bay Watch post-scallop count luncheon. Recent rains had curtailed the count with low-visibility in the water but a lot of great info on the state of the bay was gathered.



First Annual Flotilla to Cabbage Key



What better way to 'end' the summer than a cruise down the ICW with a 3 day stay at the Cabbage Key Inn. Some rented cabins, some stayed in the inn and some slept on their boat. This is a beautiful cruise on the water and the island is both fun and relaxing. In fact, the plan is to do this every year, tentatively scheduled for the third week in August. So if you didn't make it this year, save the date and join us next year. Take your own boat or hop aboard someone else's!

Cat B-Lue
 (with 6 aboard)
 shoves off. →
 N-Sirius (with 5
 aboard) followed an hour later.



The Blackburn Pt.
 swing bridge. →

← Crossing Charlotte
 Harbor.



And so after 6 hours,
 including lunch at The
 Crow's Nest, Venice, and
 gassing up, we've arrived.



Cabbage Key - Day 2 - Cayo Costa State Park, Captiva



Box lunches from Cabbage Key Inn in hand, we explore this beautiful beach.



Dinner at the inn's restaurant. The food was outstanding. Notice all of the \$\$\$\$. Owner Rob Wells estimated there's about 100K!



Wine & cheese parties at Janet/Gary & Ellen/Warren's cottage.



And our Coast Guard boys dropped by for coffee.

Cabbage Key - Day 3 - The Bubble Room & Doc Ford's Bar



We anchored at Jensen's Marina & walked to the Bubble Room for lunch, Doc Ford's Rum Bar at the South Seas Resort & did a little shopping, too.



The Bubble Room. All 11 of us shared only 3 desserts & couldn't finish them all. They're huge (and tasty)!



At Doc Ford's Rum Bar for some rum drinks.



THAT'S ALL FOLKS!

