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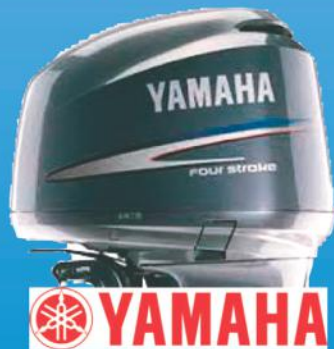
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Chair-a-Cise: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m. \$10 per class. Chair-a-Cise is a low-impact, full-body workout designed to strengthen and tone muscles using a sturdy chair for support. This class targets: improving strength, flexibility and balance. It also targets muscle groups for toning and strengthening and promotes blood flow and circulation. Instructor: Cathy Wetzelberger. Students register and pay as they attend at the PGICA office: 2001 Shreve Street, Punta Gorda. 941-637-1655. All PGICA classes are open to the public. Walk-ins are welcome.



Morning Yoga: Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. \$10 per class. Class ends May 28. Enjoy a safe and playful mixed-level Yoga Flow class designed for beginners to intermediate-level practitioners. Join us and explore the awareness of the mind/body connection to inspire good posture, better breathing, movement, balance and relaxation. Instructor: Linda Haverlock. Students register and pay as they attend at the PGICA office: 2001 Shreve Street, Punta Gorda. 941-637-1655. All PGICA classes are open to the public. Walk-ins are welcome.



Beginner Line Dancing: Wednesdays until October 28. 3 to 4 p.m. \$10 per class. This class will be beginner level line dancing to a variety of musical rhythms. You will be enhancing your physical and mental health as well as enjoying socializing with other dancers. Instructor: Vera Hendricks. Students register and pay as they attend at the PGICA office: 2001 Shreve Street, Punta Gorda. 941-637-1655. All PGICA classes are open to the public. Walk-ins are welcome.



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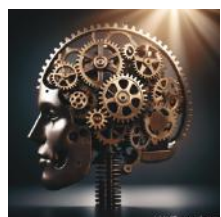


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The PGICA Tennis Club has great teams playing in the Peace River Men's Senior Tennis League. The PRMSTL consists of ten divisions which are based on skill level and age. The 50+ division plays three courts, and the 73+ division plays two. Matches are best two of three sets to six and a Coman tiebreaker if the sets are split. Matches are played at clubs and courts around the county on clay and hard surfaces.

The Ospreys play in the B3 division (3.0-3.5), 50+ age group. Practice is on Tuesday mornings with matches played on Thursday mornings. The Ospreys enjoyed a fantastic 2025-26 season. They were in first or second for most of the season but hit a few speed bumps during the last four weeks and ended up in third place. Still a great result. New captain for next season is Ron Moore.



Ospreys B3 Division

The B3 men also play in the PRMSTL B73 division on team Arthritic Aces. Their matches are on Mondays and players must be 73 or older to join. This team is a testament to tennis being a sport for a lifetime.

The Sea Raptors is our A3 team in the 50+ age group. (3.5+ level) Practice is on Tuesday mornings and matches are on Thursday mornings. The team usually also play on Saturdays to get more tennis practice. The captain is Tony Rahsaz.



B73 Arthritic Aces

Our teams are actively recruiting for next season, which starts in October and runs until the end of March 2027. Come out and join the guys during the men's social play on Thursdays at 8 and Sundays at 10. Social times are open to any club member, and all skill levels are welcome. Once you join the club, just show up at the courts and enjoy some tennis. Play with some of the members and they will connect you to the right team for competition.

Club members also get the gate code access, court scheduler and use of the ball machine on top of the social and team play opportunities.

Membership dues keep our courts in great shape. It's \$75 a year, plus a one-time \$100 fee for new members. Everyone who joins also needs to be a PGICA member, just like with all the other clubs. Want more info? Check out our Tennis Club page on the PGICA website.

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Thank you for making our 2026 Giving Challenge a great success! Your steadfast support has not gone unnoticed and because of your generosity we will have enough to purchase a new lightly used van for our organization.

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I also want to give mention to the new Castaways Club who will be holding a fundraiser and they have agreed to give back 5% of their proceeds to support our general fund.

Again, farewell to all those who have left or are soon leaving for other parts of the country. We will miss you until your return. To those of you who are staying locally, we have lots of events coming up in the next couple of months, so stay tuned.

Thank you all for being the best civic association in all of Florida.

Best regards,
Ken Krause, PGICA President

ISLES GIRLS & GUYS CLUB

Dave Little, dblittle321@gmail.com

With the arrival of May, the Isles Girls and Guys are finishing up a very busy first half of 2026. We have had some very exciting sales and have really enjoyed sharing the experience with our fantastic group of loyal shoppers. Thank you for making this a great first half, but now it is time for our snowbirds to migrate back north for the



summer. We have had six sales so far this year with a total contribution to PGICA of \$9,628.30. This comes from 70% of the proceeds for the owner and 30% for PGICA. I have included some pictures from our quarterly business meeting at Beef O'Brady's, and in case you haven't been to a sale lately, some from a recent sale.



Remember you can always find out what sales are coming up by checking our website, www.islesgirlsandguys.com and you can follow Isles Girls & Guys Estate Sales on Facebook to get more information. If you would like to get an email about future sales, fill out the form at <https://islesgirlsandguys.com/contact-us>. You are helping us help our community. We are very thankful for all our friends and neighbors who come out and support the Isles Girls and Guys by shopping at the estate sales. One thing you could do to help us is if you have any flat white sheets that you are going to get rid of, please bring them to a future sale as we use sheets to cover the tables.



If you think you might want to have an estate sale, do not wait, please call Tom Teubert or Karen Schwarck, so we can get you on the calendar. We will come out to your home and preview what you have to ensure there is enough to justify us conducting a sale. If it qualifies, we will negotiate a date for your sale.

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- \$10,000 Hole-in-One Challenge
- Continental Breakfast and Lunch
- Opportunity to participate in a Putting Contest; buy Mulligans, tickets for our raffles & silent auctions
- Pre-Tournament VIP Reception at the PGICA on Friday, October 2, 2026 from 5:30 pm—7:30 pm
- Guaranteed spot in next year's tournament



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8:30 Shotgun Start

12:30 Luncheon, Awards & Prizes



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April showers brought May flowers and plenty of activity. Despite some heavy rain, we enjoyed several bright, breezy days and a busy month of events. The Mix and Mingle at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel was well attended. Our next Mix and Mingle will be at the Wyvern Skydeck on May 4 at 5. The view from the top is amazing and a great place to enjoy the sunset. Please sign up on the club website.



Spring Fling picnic

Our Spring Fling was a social success. Picnicking at Ponce de Leon Park brought out almost 70 people who enjoyed picnic foods - hamburgers, hot dogs and all the fixings. There were delicious side dishes and yummy desserts. It was also a time to say goodbye to our snowbirds before they travel north. The weather was perfect as we enjoyed the



Mix & Mingle at the Four Points by Sheraton

companionship of friends.

Although many of our members are leaving, there are still many who spend the summer here in Punta Gorda, continuing to enjoy JFF activities and social events. Be sure to check the monthly calendar on our website. The Mah jongg players continue to meet and are willing to instruct new people to this popular game. If you haven't yet joined the group, summer might be a good time to begin.



April Spring Fling

We love to meet and eat. Ladies' lunch and men's lunch are great times to get together and try out a variety of eating establishments. Also, be sure to sign up for Host & Toast and Bite Night. We are always looking for volunteers to host these events. Each host can determine the size of the group they can accommodate. So sometimes it's small and intimate or larger and sometimes there is a theme. Hosts choice. Also, be sure to schedule in Dinner and Darts at the Ice House Pub.

Our monthly events and activities are enjoyed and successful due to our great volunteers. Thanks to those who organize, set up, clean up and bring creative ideas for activities we all love to attend. Let's stay connected. Keep an eye on the weekly Flamingo Express for last minute activities and updates.

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We meet every Friday at 12:15. When everyone arrives, we start the game. All players are required to be members of the PGI Civic Association. To join the association, please call the front desk at 941-637-1655 or visit the association's website at www.pgica.org and select Membership. We only compete for prizes if we have at least two tables (eight players). We collect \$1 from each player when you check in.

If you wish to play and are not signed up, please contact Sharon Biernat. Contact information is shown above.

MONDAY AFTERNOON DUPLICATE BRIDGE*Debbie Meyer, 352-615-3976, Dmeyer50@msn.com*

We play Duplicate Bridge on the first and third Monday of every month at 1. At sign in we collect \$1 for prize money. You and your partner must sign up in advance to play on a specific day. A signup email is sent out a week in advance. We are a fun, welcoming group and are always looking for new players.

If you wish to play or want additional information, please contact Debbie Meyer. Her contact information is shown above.

Remember, all players are required to be members of the PGICA. To join, call the front desk at 941-637-1655 or visit the association's website at www.pgica.org.

MEN'S SOCIAL BRIDGE*John Iredale, 919-474-1223, jiredale1243@gmail.com*

Attention all men: We need you to join us.

- If you played bridge in college and have not played since but would like to rekindle an interest.
- If you think only women play bridge, you might be surprised.
- If your wife would like you to learn to play bridge with her (But you don't want to read Bridge for Idiots and can't stand her lessons or criticism).
- If you would like a new, less active hobby other than boating, golf, fishing, carving, woodwork, drinking, carousing or bingeing Netflix series.
- If you just want to get out of the house for one morning a week.
- If your wife would like to get rid of you for one morning a week.
- If you would just like to learn how to play bridge.
- If you already know how to play and would enjoy a challenge from some decent bridge players.
- If you would just like to enjoy some fun and a little kidding and fellowship with PGICA members.
- Enjoy competing against other great and not so great minds.

We would love to have you. Men's Social Bridge group, Mondays at 9.

Contact John Iredale at 919-474-1223. To leave a message or text, be sure to mention PGICA Men's Bridge. Better to text - that way if I miss it when you send it I can still read it later.

COUPLES BRIDGE*Melissa Brown, 734-769-3138, melbrown@umich.edu
Jeanne Hogan, 317-431-5948, jeanno383@gmail.com*

Our fun and friendly group usually meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 12:30. For May, we will be playing on Wednesday, May 6 and Wednesday, May 20. If you get to bridge on time, you will receive 500 bonus points toward your score for the day.

Contrary to the name of the group, you do not have to be a married or committed couple. All that is necessary is that there are two of you - yourself and your partner. We happily welcome players of all skill levels. Whether you are new to bridge, have played forever or are a little rusty, having not played in years, we would love to have you join us. If you need a partner, we can help you find someone.

Results April 1:

Cathy and Charlie Eliason: 5,040 points; bid and made a small slam

John Iredale and Frans van Hekken: 4,780 points, bid and made a small slam

Chris Kwak and Marcia Ling: 4,040 points

Results April 15:

Cathy and Charlie Eliason: 5,550 points

Linda and Paul Chimzar: 5,340 points

Chris Kwak and Mary Ann Rindelaub: 4,940 points

There were five small slams bid and made. In the first hand of the day, two pairs bid slams; Sue Bennett/Chris Taylor and Chris Kwak/Mary Ann Rindelaub. Jim and Mary Fish bid two slams during the day. John Iredale and Steve Morgan also bid a slam, and it was Steve's first time with our group.

BUNCO BUDDIES

Mary Dowdall, 904-210-3168, mcdowd1@aol.com



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*only physical requirement is you do get up and change tables with each hand - unless you win

**We're a group of the PGICA, not a club, so no dues or membership required.

THURSDAY EUCHRE CARD GROUP

Marcia Ellis, 269-760-2582, marcia.ellis@wmich.edu



We will be starting back up again in November. Anyone interested in playing for fun is welcome. Bring a snack to share and the beverage of your choice for yourself. We begin at 6:30 and play eight games of eight rounds each. See you all next fall.

CANASTA/HAND AND FOOT GROUP

Janet Lynn, jlynnpגי@hotmail.com

We play canasta/hand & foot every Thursday at noon. We draw cards for our partners at 11:55 and play until around 4. This is a fun group we play for laughs. No signup required. We play year-round unless the building is closed.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

MONDAY MORNING MAH JONGG

Donna Bernhardson, 732-713-3723

We play on Mondays from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Call Donna if you have any questions.

PGICA PINOCHLE GROUP

Mary Ann Kot, 941-347-8582, mamkot@aol.com



Consider joining us for cards. Getting together to play pinochle is enjoyable and an easy way to have fun. We welcome returning and new players. If you are new or want to learn more, you are welcome to observe. The time is every Tuesday at 12:30.

Current high score: 654 Jan Weiser

IN STITCHES

Norma Angus 941-575-1049, Debbie Scholtes 941-347-7044



In Stitches has many philanthropic interests. One of them is the Guardian Ad Litem program. We made more than 100 Izzy Dolls to be distributed to children during stressful situations. We sincerely hope they are of some comfort and assistance to the children. Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to noon.



PGICA Beautification Group

Julie Towers, julitowers@live.com

The newly formed PGICA Beautification Group held its first meeting to outline plans for improving the five welcome signs. These signs have been maintained over the years by various volunteers, but it's time for a more coordinated and consistent approach.

Our plan is straightforward: clean, refresh and enhance each sign area with updated landscaping, improving visibility and a cohesive look that reflects the pride we have in our community. Work will be done in phases, tackling one sign at a time so residents can see steady progress.

Stay tuned - we think you'll like the results. If you are interested in helping, contact Julie Towers at julitowers@live.com.





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- Make a difference...helping people can benefit the whole
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- Be an inspiration to others...a willingness to serve others may inspire those around you to follow suit.

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We're thick in the swing of spring season, with lots of Mariner activities on both land and sea before our snowbirds head out and rainy season steams in.

Commodore Mike Guler and Nautical Notes editor Beth Guler hosted a Sunday brunch cruise March 29 at the Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club. The weather was gnarly; only three couples on two boats cruised in. Fortunately, many others came by land yacht, avoiding both weather and shallow approach concerns.

Following some missed years due to hurricane damage, Mariners once again celebrated our annual Regatta at Burnt Store Marina. Almost 20 boats were docked for the regatta proper, held April 10 to 12. More than a dozen boats participated in the lunch cruise to Cass Cay Restaurant at Burnt Store Marina on April 9. Many thanks to Past Commodore Mike Mankin for organizing the cruise end of things. Julie Towers, with her boundless energy and enthusiasm, did a fantastic job decorating the pavilion, where most of the onshore action took place. She also developed a colorful and tasty rum drink that was enjoyed before Saturday dinner. Activities included games, docktails, dancing to some great music, Barry Franzino's Famous Bloody Marys, a hearty breakfast prepared by Past Commodore Bobby Conte and helpers, and a Sunday potluck breakfast informally hosted by Glen and Cathy Mayer in the spacious cockpit of their Marlow 58.

In addition to a lunch cruise to Riviera Bar and Grill on April 22, we have a couple of multi-destination, long-distance cruises planned. Mike and Crystal Mankin are leading an overnight cruise south April 28 through May 4; current plans include two nights at 'Tween Waters Marina followed by three nights at Pink Shell Beach Resort and Marina and wrapping up with two nights at Salty Sam's Marina. Homeward bound, folks may opt for an overnight at Cabbage Key; it's enchantingly quiet and peaceful once the lunch crowds have departed. Mike and Beth Guler, both fervent space launch enthusiasts, will lead a long-distance cruise through the Okeechobee Waterway and up the ICW to Brevard County to witness at least one rocket launch on the Space Coast. One way, the cruise distance is 200 miles. Potential stops along the way include the Marina at Edison Ford in Fort Myers, Roland Martin Marina in Clewiston, one of a couple marinas in Stuart, and Eau Gallie Yacht Basin in Melbourne. The cruise is slated to run from May 29 to June 14. What an exciting and unusual way to experience a space rocket launch.

Landside, the Mariner social calendar is brimming. Patti Conner hosted a well-attended Lunch with the Ladies (LWL) at King's Roadhouse Bar and Grill in Port Charlotte on March 26. April's LWL, hosted by Julie Black and Rita Bass at Tamiami Tavern on April 23 will be preceded by a private tour and talk at the Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center (CHEC), with Rita as our very informed and informative tour guide. The tour is open to all Mariners.

Julie Towers led a small but energetic group of thrifting enthusiasts to Sarasota on March 31. This full day of activities included shopping at three thrift/consignment shops and lunch at Morton's Gourmet Market. Back by popular demand, Mariner Judy Droitcour led an instructional alcohol ink workshop at her home on April 16. As evidenced by the photo, participants learned how to use the bright, flowing inks to create beautiful and unique works.



Alcohol ink painting

Mariners gather on the first Sunday of each month to enjoy delicious breakfast fare and relaxed and friendly conversation at Tamiami Tavern; the next date is May 3.

Past Commodore and current Education Director Bobby Conte is developing a boating safety and information program. Anticipated areas of focus include first aid training and on-the-water skills such as vhf radio operation, chart plotter/GPS operation, etc. The units will be included as part of the education portion of our monthly general membership meetings, held in the PGICA auditorium the fourth Monday of each month beginning at 7. At the March meeting, Commodore Mike Guler presented a refresher about typical navigational aids we encounter on the water. For

April, we will review right-of-way rules, both international and inland.

The April general membership meeting will be preceded by an Eat Before We Meet (EBWM) potluck dinner, this time with a theme of It's Italian Night. These events, which are held multiple times per year, are served buffet style with seating at tablecloth-covered round tables of six to eight and showcase the culinary skills of our many talented Mariner chefs.

If the above has sparked your interest, we invite you to join in the Mariners fun, fellowship and family feeling. Drop by and meet the crew at one of our happy hours, held every Wednesday from 5 to 7 at the Village Brewhouse in Fishermen's Village. Check out our monthly newsletter, Nautical Notes, which can be viewed at <https://marinersofpgi.org/nautical-notes/>. For questions, give our Membership Co-Directors Paul Baird at 330-347-9023 and Tracie Goin at 815-922-9833 a call. We look forward to meeting you.



Regatta



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The past 30 days have been a perfect snapshot of what makes Castaways such a special group - great events, great people and a calendar that keeps delivering.

We started with Fast Trax, where the energy was high and the competition friendly, setting the tone for a busy stretch of events. From there, members stepped back in time on the Historic Railway tour. A special thank you to Mona and Steve Cousens for organizing such an enjoyable and well-run day.



After some weather delays, the long-awaited deep sea fishing trip finally headed out under picture-perfect conditions. The group returned with great catches and even better stories, including bragging rights for Steve Murphy, who reeled in the largest catch of the day - a 24+ inch grouper. The wait proved well worth it.

The Sanibel kayak outing offered a different pace, giving members a chance to slow down and take in the natural beauty around them. Hosted by Viveca Teuber, the group glided through mangrove tunnels and open water, enjoying a peaceful few hours filled with quiet conversation, wildlife sightings and the kind of calm you only find out on the water. It was a simple, scenic escape and a reminder of just how special our surroundings are.



The month wrapped up with a true standout and one of the most memorable first-time events for the club.

Castaways Backyard Hibachi...Wow! When you book something brand new and have no idea what to expect, sometimes the stars don't just align - they throw a full-on backyard party. Sandy Bequette and Rich Cornell opened up an incredible space and welcomed everyone with open arms, setting the stage for a day no one will forget. From the moment Backyard Hibachi arrived, it was clear this would be something special.

tone, followed by flying broccoli, eggs landing in chef hats, and nonstop interaction that kept everyone laughing. This wasn't just dinner - it was hibachi, Castaways-style. The experience brought everyone together, turning a meal into something far more memorable.

The laughs came easy, the energy never let up, and the food was plentiful and absolutely delicious. Add in perfect weather, and it was one of those rare days where everything just clicked.

A huge thank you to Sandy and Rich for hosting, and to Backyard Hibachi for bringing both the heat and the entertainment. If this was our first hibachi experience, it is safe to say it will not be the last.

Looking ahead, our Castaways Music Bingo fundraiser will take place on May 16 at the PGICA, with proceeds benefiting the PGICA. Full details are available on the Castaways calendar on Club Express.

We will also be celebrating Cinco de Mayo on Sunday, May 3 at Ponce de Leon Park, where the Cesar's Taco's truck will be serving up an authentic taste of Mexico.

At the end of the day, what makes Castaways truly special isn't just the events - it's the people who show up. Every laugh shared, every conversation between friends old and new, every moment spent together is what brings this group to life. Thank you to all of our Castaways for showing up, joining in, and making each gathering what it is. It's not any one event - it's all of us together that makes this club something special.

And then the show began. A Sake Super Soaker set the





Crosswalk Safety and Florida Law

Like many other states, Florida's rules governing crosswalks are designed to ensure pedestrian safety while allowing for smooth traffic flow. One key point drivers often misunderstand is when they must stop at a crosswalk. According to Florida law, drivers are not always obligated to stop at a crosswalk unless a pedestrian is in the roadway.

Florida statutes: The law on crosswalks

Florida's traffic laws are clearly outlined in Florida statutes Section 316.130, which governs pedestrian rights and responsibilities on roadways. The relevant portion of this statute for drivers is Section 316.130(7), which specifies the conditions under which a vehicle must yield or stop for pedestrians at a crosswalk.

Here's the crux of the law:

- * Drivers are only required to stop when a pedestrian is actively crossing the road within a marked or unmarked crosswalk.
- * Pedestrians have the right-of-way only when they are in the crosswalk, not when waiting on the sidewalk to cross.

This means drivers are not required to stop if a pedestrian is standing at the sidewalk's edge waiting to cross but hasn't stepped into the crosswalk. It's only when the pedestrian actually enters the roadway - into the crosswalk - that the driver must yield or stop.

Why the distinction matters:

This rule exists to balance pedestrian safety with the efficient flow of traffic. If drivers were required to stop for every pedestrian standing near a crosswalk, it could create significant disruptions to traffic, especially in busy areas. The law ensures that drivers remain aware of pedestrians but also allows them to proceed when no immediate threat exists.

For example, imagine a pedestrian standing at a crosswalk waiting for traffic to clear. A driver approaching the crosswalk is not obligated to stop unless the pedestrian steps off the curb and into the roadway. Once the pedestrian enters the crosswalk, the driver must yield to them and allow them to cross safely.

Additional pedestrian and driver responsibilities:

Florida statutes also make clear that pedestrians have their own responsibilities when it comes to crosswalks.

- * Pedestrians should not suddenly enter a crosswalk, forcing a driver to stop. Instead, they should wait for a safe gap in traffic before crossing.
- * Pedestrians are also prohibited from crossing at locations other than marked crosswalks, except at intersections where the pedestrian has the right of way.

Drivers should always remain aware of pedestrians near crosswalks, even if they haven't yet stepped into the roadway. Failing to yield to a pedestrian actively crossing a crosswalk can result in fines, penalties, or even more serious consequences in an accident.

Conclusion:

Florida law does not require drivers to stop at a crosswalk unless a pedestrian has entered the roadway. Drivers should remain vigilant around crosswalks but only need to yield or stop when a pedestrian is actively crossing the road. Pedestrians, for their part, should wait for a safe opportunity to cross and only enter the crosswalk when traffic has cleared or it is safe to do so. Understanding this balance of responsibilities can help keep pedestrians and drivers safe on Florida's roadways.

For more information on pedestrian and driver laws, drivers and pedestrians alike can consult Florida statutes Section 316.130.





The Seafarers Cruising Club extends its greetings to all. With the addition of numerous new members, April offered a comprehensive schedule of cruises and social events, allowing all club members to actively participate in a range of engaging activities.

The following are a few memorable Seafarers activities that members participated in throughout April.

On April 1, Dan Roda guided the Seafarers on a lunch cruise to Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club, where participants enjoyed socializing and a delicious meal together. The Seafarers annual spring picnic at Ponce de Leon Park was organized by Commodore Jeanne Myers and held on April 10. A beautiful evening by the glimmering water on the sand was enjoyed by everyone. This well-attended event regularly draws a lot of members, as evidenced by the 130 participants who came to enjoy a variety of homemade dishes brought by members and freshly grilled assortments prepared by our expert chefs. The following week on April 16 Social Director Jane Orlin made reservations for the Seafarers group to attend and watch the Herrmann's Royal Lipizzans Stallions training event. The group was thoroughly impressed by their presentation that



Seafarers picnic

afternoon. The following weekend from April 17 to 20, cruise leader Rick Bunnell coordinated the overnight cruise to Twin Dolphins Marina in Bradenton where attendees enjoyed a fun-filled weekend together exploring downtown Bradenton and relaxing at the amenities by the marina. Carol Nieto arranged a pop up cruise to Pelican Bay on the afternoon of April 19, where members met on the beach, relaxed beneath their umbrellas, enjoyed delicious food and drinks and soaked up the sunshine together. The month of April concluded with a brunch cruise organized by Cruise Director Kathy Nelson to Cass Cay Restaurant at Burnt Store Marina on April 26. Attendees spent a pleasant afternoon and enjoyed the excellent cuisine offered at Cass Cay Restaurant.

Following a fun filled busy cruise schedule in April, Cruise Director Kathy Nelson started planning cruises to schedule for the month of May. The first lunch cruise she scheduled is for May 8 with the Seafarers heading up the Peace River to Nav-A-Gator Bar and Grille. Attendees are welcome to arrive by boat, automobile or motorcycle to participate in the Seafarers' group gathering and luncheon. An overnight cruise to South Seas Marina and Resort on Captiva Island is scheduled for the weekend of May 22 to 25, under the leadership of cruiser leader Mark Kalb. This cruise destination has reliably provided a memorable weekend experience for participants, enabling them to appreciate the unique charm and scenic beauty of North Captiva Island.



Marina Jack's Cruise



New members introduction

The Seafarers look forward to making new friends and sharing our adventures with you. Membership Director Lisa Wienecke is looking forward to greeting prospective members with a warm welcome aboard. The Seafarers membership is a friendly, inclusive and active group. We are committed to providing a variety of day and overnight boating adventures as well as numerous fun filled land-based activities.

Each month, several fun and interesting new boaters are joining the Seafarers. Ten new members joined the fun in March. We encourage you to visit and get to know us at one of our meet and greets at St. Andrews South Golf Club from 5 to 7 on the second and fourth Thursdays each month. As a friendly reminder, please add May 14 and 28 to your calendar and jump aboard one of our social events so you can meet our members and learn about all the fun we have together. There is no obligation - just stop by the

50/50 table in the foyer to let our greeting team know you are a new visitor interested in the Seafarers.

We are eager to welcome new members who wish to join our many fun adventures and make lasting friendships along the way. For more information, please contact Lisa Wienecke, Membership Director at 630-715-6333 or lawienecke@gmail.com or Jeanne Myers at Jeanne.myers@icloud.com.



The PGI Car Club (PGICC) meets for Cars and Coffee at the Bal Harbor Plaza and is open to all automobile enthusiasts and continues to meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 9. If you are interested in our club, please join us at the Bal Harbor side of the parking lot to meet Car Club members, check out our cars and enjoy donuts and coffee. There is always something interesting to see.

The PGI Car Club (PGICC) meets at Beef O’Brady’s in Punta Gorda at 11:30 on the second Tuesday of each month. Our next general meeting & lunch is on Tuesday, April 14, at Beef O’Brady’s. Look for a reminder email a couple days before.

Another great way to meet other car guys is the Celtic Ray Car Show. The location is across the street from the Celtic Ray on the second Thursday from 3 to 6. PGI Car Club members always show up. And the Celtic Ray offers discounts on food



and drink for all participants.

Please keep in mind, we are always looking for additional events and lunch cruise destinations to new establishments, as well as some old favorites. Our members do have a variety of gathering spots that are fun and enjoyable too. Great cars. Great people. Great food. What a club.

Our club members post photos of impressive automobiles and current happenings on the PGICA Car Club Facebook page. Check it out and post your favorite vehicle images.

The purpose of the Punta Gorda Isles Car Club is to create friendships among auto enthusiasts through the fun and enjoyment of owning and operating special and/or antique vehicles. The club sponsors overnight and day trips, automobile maintenance and safety education, displays, shows, and related social events.

If you are interested in finding out more about PGI Car Club, check us out at: www.pgicarclub.com/ or contact Wayne



and Joan Erickson at mabax2@aol.com for membership information.

PGICA ACOUSTIC MUSIC GROUP

Jennifer deChiara, jenniferdechiara@gmail.com



A great aspect of the Acoustic Music Group is that there is an entry point for all members, regardless of skill level, musical preferences, even one’s personal schedule. No one is keeping track of attendance - we are happy to see and hear anyone who comes to a Tuesday night meeting. There are regulars and newbies, year round residents and snowbirds, people who are comfortable singing and people who are not comfortable singing, veteran musicians and beginners. Regardless of who shows up on any given night, there is always good music and a fun time.

If you are thinking of joining this group but have some questions, please email our president, Terry Dotson at terrywdotson@gmail.com. Grab your guitar, choose your favorite song, and come join us.

SEASONAL FLOCKERS

Glenice Verhoff, glenicev@gmail.com and Danita Stone, astone4879@aol.com



Seasonal Flockers are snowbirds that gather to socialize, meet new people, share stories of our seasonal travels and perhaps share in some adult beverages and fun times. We will meet once a month at the PGICA or sometimes take field trips for other fun adventures. Seasonal Flockers meet beginning in November and ending in April each year. If this sounds like your kind of group, please text or email me. Looking forward to meeting my fellow Flockers.

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PGICA members Free / non-members \$5

Thursday, June 18, 5:30 to 7:30 pm
TRIVIA FUN NIGHT
\$10 per person

**** Saturday, October 3, 7:00 am to 2:00 pm ****
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Looking Ahead to June

CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 8:45a Monday Morning Social Bridge 9:30a Monday Morning Mahjongg 10:00a Tag Team - Artists 12:00p Duplicate Bridge	2 8:30a Zumba 9:00a Chair-a-Cise 10:00a Yoga 11:30a Newcomers - Lunch & Learn 12:15p Pinochle 6:30p Bunco Buddies 7:00p Acoustic Music Group	3 9:30a In Stitches 12:00p Couples Bridge 1:00p PGIslanders- Mahjongg 3:00p Beginner Line Dancing with Vera	4 9:00a Chair-a-Cise 9:30a Just For Fun Mah Jongg 12:00p Hand & Foot Card/ Canasta Game 12:30p Mariners Mah Jong 6:30p Euchre Group 6:30p PGIslanders	5 8:30a Zumba 10:00a An Exploration into Brain Function 12:30p PGICA Friday Bridge	5:30p N E
7	8 8:45a Monday Morning Men's Social Bridge 9:30a Monday Morning Mahjongg 10:00a Tag Team - Artists 5:00p Friends, Fun & Community 7:00p Texas Hold'em	9 8:30a Fishing Club Board Meeting 8:30a Zumba 9:00a Chair-a-Cise 10:00a Yoga 12:15p Pinochle 5:30p Fishing Club 7:00p Acoustic Music Group	10 9:00a PGICA Board Meeting 9:30a In Stitches 12:30p Duplicate Bridge 1:00p PGIslanders- Mahjongg 3:00p Beginner Line Dancing with Vera 4:30p PGIslanders	11 9:00a Chair-a-Cise 9:30a Just For Fun Mah Jongg 12:00p Hand & Foot Card/ Canasta Game 12:30p Mariners Mah Jong	12 8:30a Zumba 10:00a An Exploration into Brain Function 12:30p PGICA Friday Bridge	



Please welcome these new members who have joined since the last publication:

Cassandra & Derek Becker
 Victoria Keller & Jeff Bourdeau
 Cheryl Dannemiller
 Robin Gofberg
 Susan & Wayne Hulse
 Judith & Silas Johnson
 Susie & David Kentner
 Janet & Ken Kleinhample
 Amy & Gerry Leger

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 Michele & David Niehoff
 Rita Popko
 Richard Reyes
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 Mary Ellen Treadway
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PGICA EXCLUSIVE MEMBER BENEFITS



- ✦ Substantial PGICA member discounts at more than 40 local shops and restaurants with the PGICA *Shop & Save Program*.
- ✦ Free use of the PGICA *Loaner Program* to borrow items including car seats, wheelchairs, life jackets, walkers, kids bikes, foldable cribs, chairs, toys, and more.
- ✦ Ability to join more than 30 PGICA *Clubs and Groups* which include popular activities such as fishing, boating, table games, cars, music, painting, tennis, paddling, and social clubs. And you can start your OWN new club or group!
- ✦ Receive discounts on all PGICA *Entertainment* events including concerts, comedy shows, and dance parties.
- ✦ PGICA *Room Rentals* are discounted by 25% for your upcoming event including all varieties of parties, weddings, receptions, showers, life celebrations, etc.
- ✦ *The Commentator*, a full-color magazine, will be emailed to you every month to keep you apprised of all PGICA news and activities.
- ✦ Receive the weekly *In The Know* email newsletter which includes PGICA news and announcements, city news, and reminders for upcoming classes and events.
- ✦ Attend special *Community Seminars, Presentations, and Events*.
- ✦ *Be quickly notified* of important issues, breaking news, and emergency weather tips and announcements.
- ✦ Access the *On-line Member Directory* which allows you to keep in contact with your PGICA friends and neighbors.
- ✦ Utilize the drive-thru document *Shred Event* twice every year.
- ✦ Free *Notary Public* services to notarize documents.
- ✦ Participate in the *Annual Arts & Crafts Fair, Annual Nautical Flea Market, and our Wednesday-Markets* with premium locations.
- ✦ Attend annual *Exclusive Member Parties*.
- ✦ Your annual dues of \$80 *help the nonprofit PGICA* provide these many member benefits and additional events and opportunities for the entire Punta Gorda community.

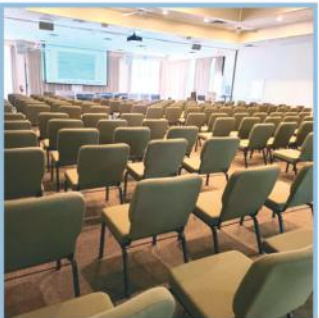
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TYPES OF EVENTS

- ◊ Weddings and Receptions
- ◊ Bridal Showers
- ◊ Rehearsal Dinners
- ◊ Anniversary Parties
- ◊ Baby Showers
- ◊ Business Meetings and Seminars
- ◊ Celebrations of Life
- ◊ Birthday Parties
- ◊ Bar/Bat Mizvahs
- ◊ Promotional Events
- ◊ Dinner Parties
- ◊ Graduation Parties
- ◊ Quinceaneras
- ◊ Fundraisers

AMENITIES

- ◊ Auditorium Capacity:
 - 125 with tables (dance floor open)
 - 160 with tables (entire room)
 - 225 with chairs only, auditorium style seating
- ◊ Tables and padded banquet chairs included.
- ◊ Catering kitchen with commercial refrigerators, freezer, warming ovens, microwaves, commercial sinks, large granite work areas.
- ◊ Auditorium split with one-third dance floor and two-thirds carpet.
- ◊ Podium, microphone, portable bar, various tables, projector, large drop-down screen, sound system, stage and stage lights available.
- ◊ Air purification system throughout building.
- ◊ Wireless Internet Service
- ◊ Meeting Rooms
- ◊ Large Parking Area
- ◊ Outdoor Pavilion



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Your PGICA Membership benefits saves you money and supports local businesses.

- ◊ Apparel & Jewelry
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- ◊ Recreation
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- ◊ Retail
- ◊ Services

ATTENTION MEMBERS!
Take a look at our PGICA Shop and Save Program and check back frequently to see additional listings being added in the future.

TO VIEW YOUR MEMBER DEALS BY:

- Go to pgica.org
- Click "MEMBER LOGIN" in the upper right corner with your username and password.
- On the blue title bar, select "Members." The dropdown list appears, select "PGICA Shop and Save" to view the list.

OR

Swing by the office and pick up a printed copy at the front desk.



Present your membership card to the participating business to receive your discount. Show card BEFORE you purchase or order.

PGICA Volunteer Recruitment

The Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association, Inc. (PGICA) is a 501(C)3 nonprofit community organization. It serves the entire Punta Gorda area by providing a wide variety of programs and services which highlight a transparent commitment to overall civic welfare and education. It is one of more than 800 nonprofit organizations serving our community.

Volunteers in several areas would greatly assist with the success of PGICA programs and services.

You are needed!

ADVERTISING SALES- Does cold-calling make you feel all warm and fuzzy? Are you a CRM guru? Do you absolutely love the PGICA? If yes, yes, and yes ... this might be for you! *The Commentator* digital magazine and a new monthly digital advertiser beginning in January could use your devotion.

(There might even be a \$small commi\$\$ion?)

EVENT PROMOTION- How organized ARE you? It's hard to believe, but the PGICA has an average of more than 50 classes and events each month. That does not even include club and group events or private functions. Those 50 activities include ukelele lessons, festivals, line dancing, fundraisers, concerts, yoga, photography, markets, exercise, and more ... without an advertising budget. Yes, members have the resources to stay informed of the PGICA happenings. However, we need the general public to be constantly kept updated about those happenings. That includes postings on all digital community calendars and other free announcement resources.

EVENT PARKING LOT ASSISTANCE- Maybe you were a school crossing guard, or you had an orange Safety Patrol belt and badge, or you generally like to ~~boss people around~~ ... help people! As our events become more successful, additional assistance is needed. It's a good problem to have, but it is a problem.

- ◆ Pre-marking vendor spaces
- ◆ Signage placement
- ◆ Directing traffic/traffic control
- ◆ Vendor assistance— parking, tables, electrical, etc.
- ◆ Traffic cone placement
- ◆ Trash can placement/emptying
- ◆ General safety
- ◆ Break down

LOANER PROGRAM ASSISTANCE- By far the most popular service offered by the PGICA, the Loaner Program does demand quite a bit of TLC. Assistance is needed with inventory organization, cleaning of returned items, repairs to equipment, and the disposal of unusable items.

HANDS-ON TECHIE TYPES- We do get ourselves into a jam sometimes. Maybe it's a paper jam in the copy machine or a musical jam when the audio/visual equipment decides to become obstinate, we sometimes need fixing. What seems like a major computer malfunction to us just might only be a case of the wrong button being clicked. Who we gonna call? **TECH BUSTERS!**

INDOOR EVENT SET-UP- Yes, we make it look easy, but there is a lot more to hosting an event other than opening the doors. When needed, how about volunteering to help with:

- ◆ Stage assembly and skirting
- ◆ Audio/visual set-up and operation
- ◆ Table and chair placement
- ◆ Table coverings
- ◆ Centerpieces/flyer placement
- ◆ Lobby set-up
- ◆ Green room set-up
- ◆ Greeter/registration
- ◆ Refrigerator/warmer clean out
- ◆ Ice inventory
- ◆ Holiday decorating
- ◆

MAINTENANCE AND FACILITIES ASSISTANCE- As much as we love doing it all ourselves, sometimes it's just not possible. If you are experienced in bid research and solicitation, plumbing projects, electrical work, computer glitches, copy machine jams, and stone work, and if you have a love for special projects, WE are here for YOU!

GRANT WRITER- Are research, project alignment, and persuasive writing your passion? Do you have an unwavering Oxford comma stance? Have you ever experienced joy because of new highlighters, binders, and colored tabs? You are in luck ... we are here to "grant" you hours of bliss!

PGICA OFFICE RECEPTION- The little desk behind the glass window in the lobby loves to have new attendants. All you need is a very friendly face and voice! Volunteering in the PGICA office involves answering the phone, checking in and out loaner program items, assisting with class and event registrations, making copies, providing general information, and other various office tasks.

THE 2026 GIVING CHALLENGE- It's almost time for the April 15-16, 2026 Giving Challenge. We need to rally the troops, muster the masses, and assemble our supporters. The best thing about the Giving Challenge is that every donation to the participating nonprofit organization is matched up to \$100! Each year there are more nonprofits vying for the Giving Challenge dollars, and we need your help. Another good thing? It only happens every-other-year. Feel free to take a peek at givingchallenge.org.

To be added to the volunteer list for any of these categories, please contact Alexa Rice at alexarice@pgica.org or by calling 941-637-1655. A special orientation is being planned for all new volunteers, which may or may not involve refreshments. Yes, we will resort to bribery.





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\$359,000	\$303,500	0.85	1756 BOCA RATON CT	2,120	1961	None	3	2	0	42	03/06/2026	\$169.34	\$143.16
\$369,000	\$355,000	0.96	2935 MAGDALINA DR	1,441	1989	Private	3	2	0	25	03/20/2026	\$256.07	\$256.36
\$415,000	\$415,000	1.00	920 JUNO DR	1,351	1972	Private	3	2	0	5	03/06/2026	\$307.18	\$307.18
\$420,000	\$405,000	0.96	732 SANTA MARGERITA LN	2,017	1974	Private	3	2	0	255	03/30/2026	\$208.23	\$200.79
\$435,000	\$402,000	0.92	271 BAL HARBOR BLVD	1,776	1983	Private	3	2	0	26	03/16/2026	\$244.93	\$226.35
\$449,000	\$400,000	0.89	3019 GUADALUPE DR	1,510	1974	Private	2	2	0	132	03/06/2026	\$297.35	\$264.90
\$449,000	\$421,250	0.94	5450 ALMAR DR	2,040	1986	Private	3	2	0	10	03/13/2026	\$220.10	\$206.50
\$449,900	\$481,000	1.07	2339 EL CERITO CT	1,662	1984	Private	3	2	0	2	03/24/2026	\$270.70	\$289.41
\$450,000	\$415,000	0.92	1428 PINE ISLAND CT	1,811	1988	Private	3	2	0	42	03/16/2026	\$248.48	\$229.16
\$475,000	\$375,000	0.79	1680 VIA BIANCA	1,984	1981	Private	3	2	0	35	03/26/2026	\$239.42	\$189.01
\$525,000	\$475,000	0.90	191 MARIA CT	1,600	1966	Private	2	2	0	235	03/03/2026	\$328.13	\$296.88
\$525,000	\$475,000	0.90	2460 W MARION AVE	2,164	1980	Private	3	2	0	427	03/18/2026	\$242.61	\$219.50
\$539,900	\$539,900	1.00	1301 APPIAN DR	2,045	1974	Private	3	2	0	369	03/24/2026	\$264.01	\$264.01
\$549,000	\$540,000	0.98	641 BAL HARBOR BLVD	2,164	1974	Private	4	3	0	38	03/10/2026	\$253.70	\$249.54
\$569,900	\$553,000	0.97	1470 APPIAN DR	1,764	2001	Private	3	2	0	12	03/20/2026	\$323.07	\$313.49
\$575,000	\$550,000	0.96	68 COLONY POINT DR	2,033	1975	Private	3	2	0	9	03/03/2026	\$282.83	\$270.54
\$589,900	\$578,000	0.98	1001 MINEO DR	1,842	1998	Private	3	2	0	1	03/27/2026	\$320.25	\$313.79
\$595,000	\$585,000	0.98	1524 KINGLET DR	2,148	1987	Private	3	2	0	23	03/09/2026	\$277.00	\$272.35
\$599,000	\$544,000	0.91	80 HIBISCUS DR	2,139	1987	Private	3	2	0	293	03/30/2026	\$280.04	\$254.32
\$600,000	\$585,000	0.98	4015 LA COSTA ISLAND CT	1,814	2011	Private	3	2	0	15	03/30/2026	\$330.76	\$322.49
\$649,900	\$629,000	0.97	925 DON JUAN CT	1,822	1974	Private	3	2	0	62	03/13/2026	\$356.70	\$345.23
\$650,000	\$575,000	0.88	1453 WREN CT	2,131	2003	Private	3	2	0	212	03/19/2026	\$305.02	\$269.83
\$650,000	\$645,000	0.99	2817 DON QUIXOTE DR	2,109	1986	Private	3	2	0	5	03/20/2026	\$308.20	\$305.83
\$675,000	\$660,000	0.98	2148 WYATT CIR	2,740	1990	Private	3	3	0	14	03/30/2026	\$246.35	\$240.88
\$695,000	\$667,500	0.96	1457 SEA FAN DR	2,311	1989	Private	3	2	0	219	03/31/2026	\$300.74	\$288.84
\$699,000	\$625,000	0.89	2807 CORAL WAY	2,150	1972	Private	3	3	0	447	03/09/2026	\$325.12	\$290.70
\$699,900	\$665,000	0.95	132 CRESCENT DR	1,956	2006	Private	3	2	0	95	03/18/2026	\$357.82	\$339.98
\$725,000	\$710,000	0.98	2259 RYAN BLVD	2,718	1995	Private	3	2	1	50	03/25/2026	\$266.74	\$261.22
\$739,900	\$730,000	0.99	1208 BOBWHITE CT	2,416	1999	Private	3	2	0	165	03/03/2026	\$306.25	\$302.15
\$749,000	\$670,000	0.89	310 CAICOS DR	2,088	1992	Private	3	2	1	213	03/04/2026	\$358.72	\$320.88
\$749,000	\$685,000	0.91	2814 LA MANCHA CT	2,289	1983	Private	3	2	0	240	03/06/2026	\$327.22	\$299.26
\$749,900	\$725,000	0.97	3616 DARIN DR	2,091	1987	Private	3	2	0	52	03/27/2026	\$358.63	\$346.72
\$750,000	\$725,000	0.97	2181 VIA SEVILLE	1,988	1997	Private	3	2	0	184	03/06/2026	\$377.26	\$364.69
\$755,000	\$745,000	0.99	3508 BLUE JAY DR	2,448	1990	Private	3	3	0	91	03/19/2026	\$308.42	\$304.33
\$769,950	\$735,000	0.95	1520 COLUMBIAN DR	2,230	1977	Private	3	3	0	126	03/13/2026	\$345.27	\$329.60
\$789,000	\$750,000	0.95	4037 BAL HARBOR BLVD	2,315	2001	Private	3	2	0	62	03/25/2026	\$340.82	\$323.97
\$790,000	\$745,000	0.94	2813 SANCHO PANZA CT	2,413	1988	Private	3	2	1	450	03/16/2026	\$327.39	\$308.74
\$799,000	\$800,000	1.00	2548 BRAZILIA CT	2,748	1993	Private	3	2	0	131	03/20/2026	\$290.76	\$291.12
\$825,000	\$821,000	1.00	3406 SAINT CROIX CT	2,352	1998	Private	3	3	0	14	03/06/2026	\$350.77	\$349.06
\$849,000	\$836,000	0.98	1317 MINEO DR	2,438	2015	Private	3	2	0	6	03/04/2026	\$348.24	\$342.90
\$849,000	\$780,000	0.92	1342 PINE SISKIN DR	2,405	2003	Private	3	2	1	37	03/27/2026	\$353.01	\$324.32
\$885,000	\$870,000	0.98	3400 NIGHTHAWK CT	2,185	2000	Private	3	2	0	17	03/09/2026	\$405.03	\$398.17
\$899,000	\$870,000	0.97	5058 LA COSTA ISLAND CT	2,467	1989	Private	3	2	0	140	03/17/2026	\$364.41	\$352.66
\$1,075,000	\$975,000	0.91	3736 BAL HARBOR BLVD	2,419	2015	Private	3	3	0	154	03/27/2026	\$444.40	\$403.06
\$1,100,000	\$1,075,000	0.98	2517 RIO GRANDE DR	2,604	2011	Private	3	2	1	92	03/31/2026	\$422.43	\$412.83
\$1,149,000	\$1,000,000	0.87	1367 GREBE DR	3,077	2007	Private	3	2	2	302	03/20/2026	\$373.42	\$324.99
\$1,195,000	\$1,170,000	0.98	150 CRESCENT DR	2,893	2010	Private	3	2	1	17	03/25/2026	\$413.07	\$404.42
\$1,300,000	\$1,250,000	0.96	1422 KITTIWAKE DR	2,866	2006	Private	3	2	1	0	03/02/2026	\$453.59	\$436.15
\$1,350,000	\$1,260,000	0.93	3835 AVES ISLAND CT	3,170	2003	Private	3	2	1	80	03/30/2026	\$425.87	\$397.48
\$1,399,000	\$1,325,000	0.95	1700 LOS ALAMOS DR	3,165	2001	Private	3	3	0	121	03/18/2026	\$442.02	\$418.64
\$1,450,000	\$1,275,000	0.88	1945 JAMAICA WAY	2,959	1991	Private	3	3	1	439	03/02/2026	\$490.03	\$430.89
\$1,499,000	\$1,550,000	1.03	2410 W MARION AVE	2,504	2017	Private	3	3	0	67	03/23/2026	\$598.64	\$619.01
\$1,650,000	\$1,650,000	1.00	1255 EIDER CT	2,893	1996	Private	3	3	0	0	03/13/2026	\$570.34	\$570.34

CONDOS

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\$134,900	\$105,000	0.78	1335 MINEO DR Unit#C	839	1983	None	2	1	0	116	03/26/2026	\$160.79	\$125.15
\$164,900	\$150,000	0.91	1335 MINEO DR Unit#G	839	1983	None	2	1	0	256	03/25/2026	\$196.54	\$178.78
\$198,000	\$185,000	0.93	3256 WHITE IBIS CT Unit#13B	1,138	1985	Community	2	2	0	700	03/31/2026	\$173.99	\$162.57
\$239,000	\$225,000	0.94	3256 WHITE IBIS CT Unit#312	1,138	1988	Community	2	2	0	80	03/16/2026	\$210.02	\$197.72
\$250,000	\$235,000	0.94	347 COLDEWAY DR Unit#G6	1,111	1986	Community	2	2	0	310	03/23/2026	\$225.02	\$211.52
\$249,500	\$235,000	0.94	601 SHREVE ST Unit#16A	1,394	1980	Community	2	2	0	175	03/27/2026	\$178.98	\$168.58
\$270,000	\$260,000	0.96	319 COLDEWAY DRIVE DR Unit#F13	1,111	1986	Community	2	2	0	31	03/25/2026	\$243.02	\$234.02
\$275,000	\$260,000	0.95	313 COLDEWAY DR Unit#F10	1,111	1986	Community	2	2	0	11	03/12/2026	\$247.52	\$234.02
\$285,000	\$285,000	1.00	2059 PADRE ISLAND DR Unit#3	1,807	2018	None	3	2	0	0	03/02/2026	\$157.72	\$157.72
\$325,000	\$295,000	0.91	1780 DEBORAH DR Unit#22	2,582	1989	Community	3	2	0	29	03/19/2026	\$125.87	\$114.25
\$306,000	\$300,000	0.98	2521 W MARION AVE Unit#111	2,004	1991	Community	3	2	1	196	03/27/2026	\$152.69	\$149.70
\$329,900	\$302,000	0.92	3640 BAL HARBOR BLVD Unit#533	1,405	1990	Community	2	2	0	49	03/09/2026	\$234.80	\$214.95
\$329,900	\$305,000	0.92	601 SHREVE ST Unit#32B	1,398	1981	Community	2	2	0	37	03/19/2026	\$235.98	\$218.17
\$330,000	\$319,000	0.97	3233 PURPLE MARTIN DR Unit#122	1,430	2004	Community	2	2	0	193	03/27/2026	\$230.77	\$223.08
\$325,000	\$325,000	1.00	99 VIVANTE BLVD Unit#311	2,106	2007	Community	2	2	1	275	03/10/2026	\$154.32	\$154.32
\$369,000	\$349,000	0.95	101 N MARION CT Unit#225	1,592	1991	Community	3	2	0	149	03/27/2026	\$231.78	\$219.22
\$399,900	\$390,000	0.98	1750 JAMAICA WAY Unit#225	1,916	1989	Community	3	2	0	97	03/11/2026	\$208.76	\$203.55
\$450,000	\$400,000	0.89	1250 W MARION AVE Unit#323	1,988	1997	Community	3	2	0	55	03/06/2026	\$226.36	\$201.21
\$425,000	\$410,000	0.96	143 TROPICANA DR Unit#1012	2,022	2003	Community	3	2	0	440	03/19/2026	\$210.19	\$202.77
\$425,000	\$410,000	0.96	180 HIBISCUS DR Unit#112	2,022	2002	Community	3	2	0	387	03/13/2026	\$210.19	\$202.77
\$435,000	\$420,000	0.97	2585 TARPON COVE DR Unit#1322	2,495	2003	None	3	3	0	104	03/11/2026	\$174.35	\$168.34
\$495,000	\$429,000	0.87	88 VIVANTE BLVD Unit#8845/405	2,538	2006	Community	3	2	1	133	03/20/2026	\$195.04	\$169.03
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We are well into May and the Newcomers Club has found its rhythm with well attended and enjoyable events. We encourage everyone to check the online calendar often so you can register in time, stay updated on newly added activities, and plan ahead for events you would like to attend. Another great way to stay connected and start putting names with faces is by joining our private Facebook group. If you are already on Facebook, search for The Official PGICA Newcomers Club group page and request to join.

The Newcomers board and PGICA would also like to highlight the value of adding your photo to your personal profile on the PGICA website. Recognizing faces is such an important part of building connections within the community. Since we often rely on nametags at events, having photos available online is a helpful way to remember who you met or shared a conversation with. Please consider adding a clear photo of yourself to your profile. If you need assistance, feel free to contact me, Sonya Critser, communications director and I will gladly help with the process. Our Newcomers Club especially benefits

from this since so many of our members are new to the area.

April brought plenty of opportunities to enjoy the beautiful weather, from our weekly Monday morning walks to our bi-weekly happy hours at locations around town.

Our regular monthly events continue to provide consistency while offering variety through different venues and activities. These include Bring Your Lunch and Learn, Ladies' Lunches, Men's Lunches, Small Group Appetizer Nights and Dine Aroun, all made possible by our dedicated volunteer committee chairs.

We also added a few special events to keep things fresh. Jen Huey created a lovely morning of yoga at Peace River Botanical & Sculpture Gardens, offering a peaceful and energizing start to the day. Jane Connors and Nan Erb brought creativity and energy to the Almost Olympics event in the PGICA auditorium,



Lunch & Learn with Matt Devitt and Charlotte County Emergency Management



Almost Olympic Fun & Games



Almost Olympics

with plenty of laughter and friendly competition. This event came together with the help of many volunteers who contributed everything from food preparation to leading games. It truly showed the strength of our community. We wrapped up the month with a return of Nan Erb's popular Taste of the Town Wine and Appetizer Pairing, which was once again a favorite among attendees.

May brings more to look forward to. We will gather at PGICA for a Kentucky Derby party featuring festive attire, a race or two and a lively atmosphere. We will also host an important Bring Your Lunch and Learn focused on stroke awareness, and as always, all PGICA members are welcome to attend. Later in the month, we will revisit a club favorite with Darts and Dinner at the Ice House Pub.

If you are new to PGI and looking for a way to meet people and learn more about your community, the Newcomers Club is a great place to start. We also welcome PGICA members who may not have joined us before. You do not have to be new to the area to be part of Newcomers. Membership forms are available in the PGICA lobby or online through the PGICA website. We look forward to continuing to build a welcoming and connected community together throughout the year.



Yoga at Peace River Botanic



The transition from late spring to early summer in Punta Gorda and the surrounding area is always dramatic. The good news is that traffic becomes much lighter once the spring break and Easter holidays are behind us. The bad news is that many of our friends and neighbors head north for a few months and miss what many year-round residents consider the best time of the year.

I've already noticed local restaurants offering BOGO specials starting in early May, and the brisk winter winds on the water are giving way to more predictable seasonal breezes - perfect for beautiful boating on Charlotte Harbor and the Intracoastal Waterway.

A recent cruise to Manasota Key Resort for lunch revealed some of the best water conditions I have seen on the ICW in more than a decade. We anchored in 15 feet of water, and it was so clear it looked like I could



Lunch cruise to Charlotte Harbor YC



Happy Hour at Sheraton Four Points Harborside

reach down and touch the bottom from the bow pulpit. Snook, small rays and juvenile tarpon were easily visible in the crystal-clear water.

Our weekly happy hours have been scaled back for the summer and are now held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at Four Points by Sheraton Hotel.

For a full list of club events, please visit our website at www.pgicruisingclub.org and click on the calendar tab.

After our summer respite, we'll get things cranked up again in the fall with monthly dart nights at the Ice House Pub, a welcome back pizza party in mid-October, and a poker run followed by dinner in early November. Our monthly lunch cruises to area dock-and-dine destinations will also resume as members return from up north.

If boating and socializing with fellow boaters sounds like something you would enjoy, visit our website or contact our membership chairperson, Marcia Ling at mjling28@gmail.com for more information.

Better yet, join us for happy hour. You'll be glad you did - and so will we.



Spring picnic cornhole tournament winners



Members of Beyond Ourselves took advantage of a beautiful day on April 15 to hold their home tour check presentation in the outdoor pavilion of the PGICA. We were proud and excited to award this year's proceeds, \$90,000 in total, to eight local children's charities. Charity representatives, sponsors, donors, volunteers and PGICA board members were on hand to help us celebrate the allocation of these funds.



Check presentation

The charities that benefitted are A.N.A.'s Friends, Back Pack Kidz, Crossroads Hope Academy, Families in Transition, Health Start, Imagination Library, St. Vincent de Paul, and Valerie's House. To learn more about these charities and the work they do in Charlotte County, please visit our website at www.PGICA.org/Beyond_Ourselves and click on the charity logos that link to their individual websites.

If you didn't get a chance to join us for the Share the Love for the Kids Home Tour this year, we hope you'll join us in 2027 when we will be showcasing an all-new group of local homes for you to visit and enjoy. Be sure to mark your calendars for February 27, 2027 for the next Share the Love for the Kids Home Tour.



Crossroads Hope Academy

BEYOND OURSELVES PRESENTS

Chip In For Charity
A Beyond Ourselves Golf Event
Saturday, October 17, 2026

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OCTOBER 17, 2026
SHOTGUN START 08:30 AM

About Our Event!
This event is in partnership with St. Andrew's South Golf Club and benefits the Peace River Wildlife Center & Charlotte CARE Center.

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Contact us: BeyondOurselvesPuntaGorda@gmail.com

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Love for the Kids Home Tour.

Beyond Ourselves members are hard at work planning our next big fundraiser, Chip In For Charity, to be held on Saturday, October 17. This inaugural golf event will be held in partnership with St. Andrew's South Golf Club, and all proceeds will benefit the Peace River Wildlife Center and the Charlotte CARE Center.

Registration is now open for Chip In For Charity. Join us as a golfer for some friendly competition in a four-person scramble format. Our event will kick off with a shotgun start at 8:30. Your \$125 entrance fee will include continental breakfast, your greens fee and cart, giveaways, contests and lunch. You may register as a single, a pairing or a foursome. Mulligan, move-up hold and 50/25/25 raffle tickets will also be available for purchase. Prizes will be awarded for longest drive, closest to the pin, and top scoring teams. Visit the Beyond Ourselves website for additional details or scan the QR code on our flyer.

We also hope you consider supporting both the Peace River Wildlife Center and the Charlotte CARE Center by becoming a sponsor of our golf event, Chip In For Charity. Beyond Ourselves is offering multiple sponsorship opportunities including hole sponsor, prize sponsor, towel sponsor, swag bag sponsor, food and beverage sponsor and overall event sponsor. This is a wonderful way to promote your business or group while also supporting a great cause. Additional information about sponsorship can be found on our website.

As a reminder, on the first Saturday of every month, Beyond Ourselves members volunteer their time by serving dinner at the Charlotte CARE Center. If you wish to volunteer to serve dinner, please contact Lynn Rogers directly via email at earthlyynn25@yahoo.com.

Beyond Ourselves members also help our local wildlife by picking up donations of perishable food every Wednesday and delivering it to the Peace River Wildlife Center. Nancy Klaren coordinates these volunteers to ensure the wildlife receives much-needed food that might otherwise be thrown away.

Beyond Ourselves is a community service club that meets the third Wednesday of the month, September through May. Our next regular meeting will be on Wednesday, May 20 at 10 at the PGICA. We hope to see you there.

This article is written by Laura Hart. If you have photos or information to contribute, please email them to BeyondOurselvesPuntaGorda@gmail.com.



Scavenger Hunt winner

Rain or shine, Paradise Friends gather together for fun and frolic. We enjoy each other's company and have a lot of enjoyable events to attend and see many friends, both new and somewhat old. If you are new to our group, don't worry about sitting by yourself. We include everyone who gathers with us. Two of the photos on this page are pictures of us gathering together for an event at the PGICA pavilion outside. We had a rainbow kind of a day and it was a delightful way to spend time together.

Talk about having fun. Our members thoroughly enjoyed the Chili Cook-Off at the end of March. It was spectacular. It had great participation and was enormously fun. The food was superb. We held a contest for the best mild chili and other type of chili. The winners of the day were Carol Barkow and Mark Dillman. What great cooks. Many thanks to all those who entered the contest. Thanks also to those who added to the chili with delicious appetizers and desserts. Thanks to Debi Dougherty and Mike Dougherty for organizing the event.



Sips & Dips at the PGICA pavillion

Sips and Dips will take place on May 7 from 5:30 to 7:30 at the home of Mary Heins in Punta Gorda. We enjoy house parties together, with our drinks and appetizers and enjoyable desserts. Please bring an appetizer or dessert, and of course, BYOB. This event is limited to 36 people. For any questions, contact Mary Heins at 903-245-2686 or mhheins@gmail.com. This is a member's only event. If you need to cancel, please phone Carol Barkow at 262-902-5052.

ChowHounds Men's Lunch will be held on May 13 at 11:30 at Vic's Primo Pizza and Restaurant, 16520 Burnt Store Road. This is an Italian restaurant known for its Italian food such as pizza, and offers pizza made with gluten-free dough. It also offers American food, including subs and wings.

There are plenty of options on their menu. Please sign up on our website. For more information, contact Mike Dougherty at 314-220-7940 or CaptMikeD@gmail.com.

PF Ladies Lunch is on May 14 at 11:30 at Riviera Bar and Grill. This restaurant is a popular waterfront restaurant with a relaxed atmosphere. They offer fresh seafood, blackened grouper, tacos, shrimp and many other entrees. Please register so we know how many will be coming. Contact Joan P Peterson at 512-789-1191 or joanpe524@yahoo.com for more information.

Our Paradise Friends Mixer will be held at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel in The Library Room on May 21 from 5 to 7. We will be inside so weather won't matter. Please register ahead for this fun event. For more information, contact Jack Gardner at 4jackgardner@gmail.com.

We are excited to invite you to our private Wine Tasting: Italy From Tip to Toe event on May 28 from 3:30 to 5:30 at Total Wine & More located at 19400 Cochran Blvd., Port Charlotte. We will sample celebrated wines from the tip to the toe of Italy. The cost will be \$20 per person, payable at Total Wine when you arrive. Following the wine tasting, we will gather for dinner at a nearby restaurant. There are many sayings about wine, such as "Good friends are like fine wine. They only get better with age." Another saying is "The best wines are the ones we drink with friends." As you can tell, we are excited to offer this event. For more information, contact Susan Kohlback at 781-883-9512 or susankohlback@gmail.com.

We want to thank all those who have volunteered to chair these various events. It takes time to figure out where an event will take place, when it will happen, how many people can attend, and how much if any costs. We have superb leaders who take on responsibilities for planning fun experiences for our members. If everyone pitches in, the event can happen smoothly. If you are not one to do this, maybe sometimes when the event is over, you take a few minutes to help clean up, if our event is at the PGICA, for example. It makes an event even better with people pitching in. Think of all the team work that goes into a game with the Tampa Bay Rays.

To join our club, membership forms are in the lobby of the PGICA and on our website under the Join the Club bar. If you would like to contact someone, please contact Dan Kain, our membership director at dkain01@gmail.com who will answer your questions about our wonderful club.

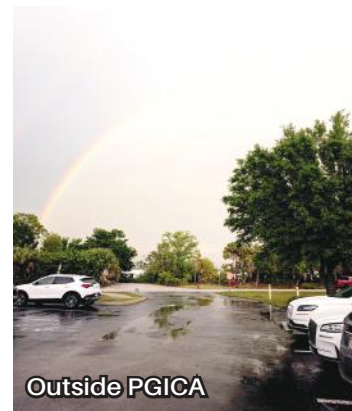
Please submit any photos to Sue Kelley who will writes this article at skelley180@aol.com.



Chili Contest Winners Carol Barkow and Mark Dillman



Judy Gardner Loves to Party, Rain or Shine



Outside PGICA



Hi everyone, and welcome to our page. Our middle name is fun. The weather in April has not been as cold at night. It is perfect for outside dining in the evening. Carmelo's is your best bet for fine dining; hard to get a reservation but worth it. On the other end of the spectrum, if you just want to let your hair down is Shorty's where they give free drinking lessons. Speaking of strange bedfellows, these two restaurants are next to each other. Winesett House in downtown Punta Gorda was recently remodeled and they did a great job.

Early in the month of April our members had a get together at the ever popular Celtic Ray, an institution here in Punta Gorda for the last 29 years. Mr. Doyle, the owner, still gets up and sings with the bands on



Lunch

occasion. Then there is the ever popular Breakfast Belles ladies breakfast at various restaurants.

A special event open to all members of PGICA was hosted by the Newcomers club. It was about hurricane preparedness. Well, we all know the story about The Three Little Pigs. The house of bricks didn't blow down when the big bad wolf showed up. Based on the fact that he huffed and puffed a lot he was either a used car salesman or a politician. My personal feeling about the whole thing is when the big bad wolf is coming, I pack my bags two days early and leave.

Ladies also have their own special game nights. Since men are not invited, I don't know exactly what games they are playing...hmm. May is here and while many of our events are held monthly due to their ongoing popularity, others are one-of-a-kind special events. The first one of these is raftup at Sunset Lake per the following: Please bring an appetizer to pass as we all enjoy the sunset. Bring your own beverage, as

usual. Many of our members have boats and we will match up those members who don't have one with our boaters.

Occasionally FF&C does some VERY special things to wit: FFC as well as friends and family will soon depart for Barcelona and begin a ten-night cruise aboard the Celebrity Equinox to Malta, Turkey, various ports in Greece and end in Rome. We are already planning our FFC Cruise 2027 adventure, also available to friends and family of our members - we will be sailing aboard the Majestic Princess for 12 nights beginning on April 7, 2027. Ports of call: Southampton, Cornwall, Cork, Dublin, Liverpool, Belfast, Glasgow, Invergordon, Edinburgh and LeHavre (opportunity to visit Normandy or Paris). Please email Susie Krause, our cruise director at susiekrause@yahoo.com if interested. We will also be having a margarita tasting contest in May.



The winners

If you would like a peek at our May schedule reach out to our Social Director Betty Wilcocks at bhw613@gmail.com or 757-508-1070 and she can send you a link. There is always something to see and/or do for FF&C members. Pay attention to the email reminders and be sure to use the website calendar to sign up. Remember, the reservation slots fill up quickly. Reservation cancellations are available up to 24 hours in advance directly on the calendar. For cancels inside the 24-hour window please reach out to Social Director Betty Wilcocks bhw613@gmail.com or 757-508-1070 so others on the waitlist can be accommodated. As always, if you have a recommendation for a new restaurant to try or venue to checkout please contact Betty. If you're outside of the club looking in and would like to join us for Friends, Fun and Community, please contact Membership Director Linda McMeans at lhmcmmeans@aol.com, or President Donna Cary at carydkc1@yahoo.com for membership information.

As spring heats up and our friends and songbirds migrate north, Tag Team Artists will lose some of our friends and have a quiet summer enjoying the pools and shady hangouts with less company, but more siestas in the afternoon. We remarked on how wonderful the sunshine and lack of humidity have been these last weeks. Many projects are being checked off lists in the nice weather and in anticipation of summer rains and an increase in humidity.

Our group enjoyed the artistry and craftiness of new members this year that included watercolor paintings, card making and bejeweled pieces that inspire exploration with new mediums and techniques we look forward to trying. We all enjoyed the inspiration from watching other artists at work. It is one of the unique and wonderful things about the group because what we see and share helps make our work better. Understanding a technique or new tools and mediums to explore or where there is a sale and a hot coupon are reasons we show up each week. Asking for feedback and getting meaningful observations and appreciation makes our time together dedicated to the work and is valuable to each of us.



We are looking forward to an opportunity to show some of the amazing talent and work that results from showing up each week and we're hoping our friends and neighbors will support us and the PGI Civic Association by showing up to see it later this year as we approach fall and welcome friends back to Punta Gorda and home. Stay tuned for additional details and some of the art we'll be able to show.

GOVERNMENT UPDATE

Kay Abbs, 941-979-6667, bnkabbs@yahoo.com

PGICA held a Meet the Candidates Night On April 9. Thanks to the following candidates who took their time to be available for our members and the public to meet with them and have their questions answered.

Jeannine Polk, Candidate for City Council District One, currently serving as Vice Mayor of Punta Gorda

Janis Denton, Candidate for City Council District Four, currently serving as City Council member from District Four.

(Note that City Council members are elected by ALL the voters, not just those in their district.)

John Fleming, Candidate for County Commissioner District Two

Kim Amontree, Candidate for County Commissioner District Four

Stephen R. Deutsch, Candidate County Commissioner District Four, currently serving in the position

Michael T. Melton, Candidate County Commissioner District Four

Robert D. Hancik, Candidate Airport Authority District Four, currently serving in the position

Vanessa Oliver, Candidate for Florida State Representative District 76, currently serving in the position

Phillip Carter, Candidate for Florida State Representative District 76

The primary elections will be held on August 18 and the general election will be held on November 3. Please educate yourself and vote wisely. You can do a search for the candidates and find their websites.

City Council had an LDR - Land Development Regulations workshop on April 16 to get feedback from the public on the future LDRs. They cannot be changed until the state law prohibiting more burdensome and more restrictive codes expires.

City Council voted to extend the certificate of occupancy requirement for the lease of the Peace River Wildlife Center. Construction is moving along nicely at their new site on Henry Street.

Progress is being made at the old City Hall. The leaking roof was replaced and the hurricane shutters have been removed.

The pickleball courts in Gilchrist Park have been refurbished so the community can begin playing there again.

PGICA was recognized at the April 22 City Council meeting. Mayor Lux read a proclamation celebrating our Diamond Jubilee 60th anniversary. The Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce is planning an official ribbon cutting in June with Mayor Lux presenting the proclamation to the board of directors and members.





Another winter season is closing, but the summer season is about to begin. Some of our PG Islander friends will be heading north for the summer. Although they will be missed, many have cruising venues of their own up north.

As I write this, our Southbound Cruise to Key West and the Dry Tortugas are about to get underway. Some will follow the coast stopping at various ports of call on the way south. Others will make a beeline and traverse non-stop. Regardless of how they get there, the journey is an adventure.

One item that should be paramount to any boater is safety. It goes without saying we all think we practice safety. But do we really? Do you wear your PFD religiously? Is your safety equipment up to date? EPIRBs, signaling devices, personal locator devices, electronic signaling devices (flares)? And do you file a float plan and provide it to friends and the U.S. Coast Guard?

A recent article in Soundings magazine chronicled the events of the United States Coast Guard when a mayday beacon was wrongly activated. The event occurred because during the fitting of a PLB to a life vest, it was activated in error.

Upon activation the beacon pinged off a NOAA satellite, where the emergency signal was sent to the USCG command center. Immediately, the alert was routed to a watchstander for verification and then relayed to a Coast Guard helicopter for immediate response with location coordinates.

While the helicopter crew was prepping for flight, the watchstander was checking for registered contact info of the PLB. The watchstander will find the registered contact and contact that person. It could be a friend, or relative. It doesn't even have to be someone within the area where you live or cruise. Details the watchstander needs are the type of craft (sail/power), length, hull color, etc. All this vital information is relayed to the helicopter flight crew.

How many of you have a PLB, but maybe haven't registered it? Or do you have an EPIRB that needs registration or updating? The Coast Guard needs this vital information, and it needs to be up to date.

With the Coast Guard, timing and urgency are everything when a rescue is underway, real or false. Their job is to find the craft, and rescue those in peril. If contact is made with the craft, and after a series of questions about the situation the Coast Guard may change the event to an "alert" status. In this situation a mutual aid request will be broadcast over VHF channel 16 to boaters in the vicinity to ask for assistance.

In 2025 the Coast Guard logged 6,705 rescues. This saved 2,200 lives and saved property valued at \$40 million. So, what does all this effort cost the boater? Not a dime. The Coast Guard is prohibited from billing boaters for rescues, whether real or a dumb mistake.

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PGICA Kayak Group

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A paddle to the Liverpool Rookery never disappoints. Even though the bird population was modest, the birds made up for it with nesting American wood storks in the area and as a bonus, two roseate spoonbills were easy to spot with their bold pink color and spoon shaped bills. After our calm paddle on the river, we enjoyed a picnic lunch in the park shelter and were treated to the sight of a nearby large manatee for entertainment.



Spoonbills

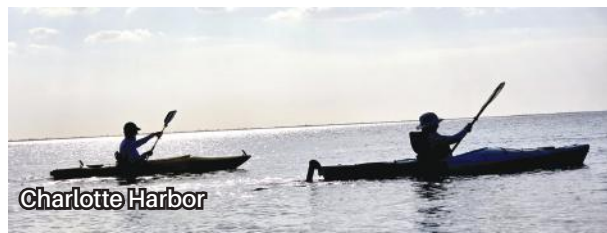


Liverpool picnic

Mother Nature had a mind of her own for our next group paddle to Bokeelia on Pine Island. Cold temperatures and strong winds made us cancel the trip on April 7.

The PGI Paddlers season ends with our annual sunset paddle through the mangrove tunnels from Ponce de Leon Park. Rolf and Kathy Simonson lead thirteen members through the tunnels and out into the calm waters of Charlotte Harbor. A little blue heron was spotted in the tunnels and lots of jumping fish in the open water.

Our snowbird farewell pitch-in dinner followed the paddle with an array of great food provided by members. Giving everyone time to share stories about the fun times we've had together this season. We refer to this as the end of the busy season because a lot of the snowbirds have headed out or will go soon.



Charlotte Harbor

We look forward to more adventures, beginning another season with a happy hour in October. For more information about our group, please send an email to pgikayaker@gmail.com or visit the PGI Paddlers website - www.pgikayakers.org.



Ponce tunnel



We are nearing the end of season here in Punta Gorda, but that doesn't mean the fish aren't biting. Longer daylight hours and favorable weather will open more fishing opportunities. With major migrations of different species, anglers can expect great fishing. Joining and participating in the PGI Fishing Club will make for some memorable trips and lasting friendships.

Learning techniques for catching the many species available here is why joining the PGI Fishing Club is a great option for anglers or soon to be anglers. Our membership includes fishermen who are experienced in catching all kinds of fish, including inshore and offshore species. By joining, you not only gain access to the expertise of many anglers but can enjoy the fun and camaraderie of fishing with other members. Don't have a boat? Many members have boats to get you there and the knowledge to help target species to make your angling experience great.

The Fishing Club's Ladder of Achievement is a great way to challenge yourself. The ladder is a prescribed goal to catch the many different species available in the area along with points for notable size fish. It is a fun way to track your development from bronze to silver, silver to gold and beyond. With guidance and perseverance, the goal of Grand Master Angler is within reach.

PGI Fishing Club members also enjoy a variety of social activities. We have monthly meetings to explore various topics and fishing news. Fish of the Month contest is a fun way to target species you may not have fished for before and prizes are awarded. There are friendly fishing contests with prizes for designated catches. We also have special events like holiday parties, picnics, weekly happy hours and other fun gatherings.

If any of this piques your interest, please join us. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month (except July and December) at the PGI Civic Association at 6. All are welcome to attend a meeting. Another way to familiarize yourself with the Fishing Club is to attend our weekly happy hour, currently at the Elks Lodge Tiki on Wednesdays at 5 to hear about all the fishing stories and make plans to fish.



Mark Majestic - Drumfish



Tim Locke - Redfish

AARDVARKS FISH AND GAME ADVENTURERS GROUP

Joe Stern, 831-741-6191, joesme@me.com

Introducing the Aardvark Fish and Game Adventures Group

Are you passionate about the outdoors? Do you enjoy fishing, hiking, shooting sports, or simply spending time in nature with like-minded adventurers? If so, we invite you to join the Aardvark Fish and Game Adventures Group, a new community of outdoor enthusiasts right here in Punta Gorda Isles.

Our group was founded to bring together people who love the outdoors - whether you're an experienced angler, an avid hiker, a shooting sports enthusiast, or someone who just enjoys fresh air and good company. We'll be organizing a variety of excursions, including fishing trips, hiking outings, wildlife explorations, visits to local sporting clubs and social gatherings, all designed to embrace the natural beauty of Southwest Florida.

In addition to fishing Charlotte Harbor and offshore and exploring local trails, we'll also plan trips to sporting clubs like the Sarasota Trap, Skeet & Sporting Clays Club for those who enjoy shooting sports. Whether you're a seasoned marksman or just interested in trying something new, these outings will be a great way to connect and enjoy some friendly competition.

We also want your input. What types of outdoor adventures interest you most? Are there specific fishing spots, hiking trails or sporting clubs you'd love to explore with the group? Let us know - we're excited to shape this club around the interests of our members. Stay tuned for upcoming events, and don't hesitate to reach out with your ideas. We look forward to seeing you out there.



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