



ANCHORLINE



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Tampa Cruis-A-Cade Club, Tampa, Florida

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“Tampa Bay’s Premier Family Boating Club”

Gasparilla Was Here!

We’ve had a busy Gasparilla season. On Saturday, January 23rd, quite a few of us ventured out in the bay to watch the Gasparilla Piratechnic display. We were able to raft up and enjoy a great show. Of course the 29th to 31st found us partying like pirates at the club. In spite of dire weather predictions, we managed to get the boats out to the invasion. We were very fortunate and the worst of the weather was just to our north. We did have a rainy afternoon and a cold Sunday. But, hey, we’re pirates and we came to party! See the evidence below. Watch for more photos to come on the website.



2009 - 2010 Board of Directors

Commodore Albert Taylor, 634-1199
Vice Commodore Deanna Johnson, 876-6138
Rear Commodore Todd Tedder, 633-5493
Secretary Sharon Hogan, 879-0707
Treasurer Josie Morejon, 873-8428
Board Member Joe West, 917-3000
Board Member Shorty Harville, 301-8058
Board Member Terry Dixon, 353-1527
Board Member Richard Cruz, 870-6368
Board Member Cheryl Tucker, 690-3432
Board Member Pete Macaluso, 960-4670
Galley Captain Shelly Howman, 657-9407
Hostess Jennifer Tedder, 633-5493

Committee Chairs

The standing committees for 2009-2010 are as follows:

Membership Chairman . Shelly Howman, 657-9407
Rental Chairman Cheryl Tucker, 690-3432
Property Chairman Hector Morejon, 873-8428
Ramps and Docks [Open]
Telephone Tree Diane Arnold, 323-3132
Soda Machine Darren Tucker, 690-3432
Historian/Apparel . . . Maria Elena Taylor, 634-1199
Webmaster Gary Howman, 657-9407
Legal Liaison Deanna Johnson, 876-6138
Landscape Alina Cruz, 870-6368
Boat Storage/Rental Darren Tucker, 690-3432

Election Process

At the January meeting our Nominating Committee was established. Two Board Members (Richard Cruz, Joe West) and three General Members (Hal Hogan, Greg Gregory, Margo Benitez) volunteered to work on a slate of officers for the upcoming 2010-2011 year. They will present the proposed slate of officers at the February meeting. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. The vote will be held at the March meeting and the new officers and Board Members will assume office at the April meeting. Nominations will also be accepted the night of the election at the March meeting.

If you are interested in helping your club by serving in an officer or board position, please contact one of the nominating committee members. Please try to attend these meetings.

From the Helm of the Commodore

by Albert Taylor, Commodore

I'd like to thank everyone who was involved with this year's Gasparilla event. We had members working on publicity, sending invitations, soliciting donations, decorations, shopping, cooking, coordinating the dock space, preparing the grounds, planning the event, registration and more. As you can see, a lot of hands were involved. The members who helped this year worked very hard to put on this event to help our club.

The poor weather forecast kept our crowd smaller, but we had a great time. Hopefully next year will be warm and sunny. Hope to see everyone at next year's Gasparilla . Ahoy Mates!

Albert Taylor,
Commodore



Membership Drive

The club is having a membership drive from January 23rd - February 14th. The application fee will be waived during this time. So prospective members will be able to save a little during this time. If you have boating friends who are interested contact Membership Chair Shelly Howman. Prospective members will need to fill out an application, attend a club event and attend a General Meeting. They will then be voted on at a General Meeting. Annual dues will still be in effect. This is a savings of \$100 on the application fee. Several new applications have already been received.

Springtime Boat Preparation

Here in Florida we are blessed with a year-round boating season. However, it's a good idea to do annual maintenance on our boats to keep everything finely tuned. Check for articles in magazines and on the web about boat maintenance. There is a lot of information available to boaters.

The following checklist will serve as a basic guide for preparing for another year of boating fun.

GENERAL

Do a general all around inspection and cleaning of the deck, hull and topside using a mild detergent. Inspect and clear scuppers, garboard drain, other drains and bilge pump discharge. Apply a coat of good quality marine wax. Clean and polish all metal. Clean and inspect canvas, covers and bimini top. Clean and inspect bilges and through hull fittings. Check all fittings secure. Lubricate all hinges, latches, etc with the best corrosion inhibiting lubricant you can buy.

HULL

Check for abrasions, scratches, gouges, etc., and repair them.
Check and replace zincs as needed.
Check swim platform and ladder.
Check transducers, pitot and through hull fittings.

BELOW DECKS

Check and lubricate seacocks.
Check all hoses and clamps.
Check bilge pump and float switch operation.

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

Check battery water level and recharge battery.
Check terminals for corrosion, clean and lubricate.
Discard wing nuts and use lock nuts and washers on terminals.
Inspect all wiring for corrosion and insulation damage. Clean, repair or replace.
Test gauges and all electrical/electronic equipment for proper operation. Check for spare fuses.
Inspect antennas.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS

Sound signaling device such as whistle or horn.
Distress signals - hand held flares, smoke, aerial flares, etc. Check expiration dates.
Check life jackets and throwable rings, cushions, etc.
Check fire extinguishers and recharge/replace if needed.
Check first aid kit and replace any used supplies.
Check compass and navigation lights.
Check onboard toolbox to ensure the tools you may need are in it and stay there throughout the season.

ENGINES / FUEL SYSTEMS

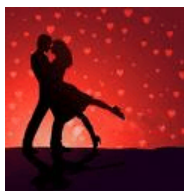
Change engine fuel filter and filter/ water separator element.
Check and change engine zincs.
Replace spark plugs.
Check plug wires for wear and cracks.
Change and fill lower unit gear lube.
Inspect fuel lines, primer bulb and connections for leaks.
Lubricate and spray all moveable parts.
Check prop for dings and bends.
Check steering and control cables or power steering system and fluid.
Check power trim and tilt system and fluid.
Add a quality fuel stabilizer to the fuel tank.

TRAILER

Pull wheels and inspect /repair brakes. Clean and inspect or replace wheel bearings.
Repack bearings and hubs.
Check rollers and pads.
Clean, inspect and lubricate winch.
Lubricate tongue jack and wheel.
Test and repair all running lights.
Check tires, check pressure and condition.
Check safety chains and coupler condition.

It certainly can take some time -- and lots of elbow grease to keep your boat, motor and trailer in top operating condition. But, it will keep you on your way to a safe, and hopefully, hassle-free boating season. See you on the water!

Valentine's Dinner Dance



Set aside Saturday, February 13th for a night of romance at the club. Club member Luis Astea will sponsor an evening of dinner & dancing along the river-front. Luis will be the DJ for the evening. Bring friends and join him for a fun night out. Dinner will be at 7:30pm. Cost is just \$25.00 per couple or \$12.50 per person. Contact Deanna Johnson (876-6138) for more details.

Boat Storage



Boat storage fees for January-March 2010 are due now. If you have not already paid, please contact Darren Tucker ASAP. Thank you to all storage members who paid on time.

Notes, News, and Other Tidbits of Interest

1. Our next workday is on Saturday, February 13th. Arrive when you can. Approximate hours are 9:00am - 1:00pm.
2. TCCC is a Cooperating Group of BoatU.S. When joining or renewing your membership, use our Group ID #GA81096B to receive a discount on your basic membership fee. Contact Gary for more details.
3. Just a reminder. If you misplace your Anchorline, check out our website at www.CruisACade.com for information about the club. The Anchorline is on the website. Also, if you missed a meeting and want to know what's new, call a club officer or board member for details.
4. Send submissions for the Anchorline and updates or corrections to the roster to Gary Howman at ghowman@verizon.net.

Boat Show Schedule

Thinking about a new boat? Want to see the latest in gadgets and new boating products? Just love to be around boats? Check out the upcoming boat shows in our area or maybe plan a trip to coincide with a boat show.

Miami International Boat Show

Feb 11 – 15, 2010

<http://www.miamiboatshow.com/>

Central Florida Boat Show - Orlando

March 4-7, 2010

<http://www.boatshowflorida.com/index.html>

SunCoast Boat Show 2010 - Sarasota

April 16-18, 2010

http://www.showmanagement.com/suncoast_boat_show_2010/event/

For Florida Boat Shows:

<http://www.floridaboatersguide.com/boatshowcalendar.php>

For Nationwide Boat Shows

http://marinesource.com/boat_shows/

<http://www.boatshows.com/>



February Birthdays

Happy Birthday to all!

09 - Mark Alvarado *

11 - Kindy Kulosa

13 - Sandy Johnston

21 - Vivian Pullara

26 - Kareynn Rhodes *

* - these are some of our prospective members!

Upcoming Events at Tampa Cruis-A-Cade Club

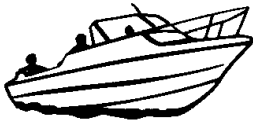
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February 1, 2010 General Meeting at 7:00 pm.
February 13, 2010 Club Work Day
February 20, 2010 Cruise to Little Harbor for lunch
February 22, 2010 Board meeting at 7:00 pm.

March 1, 2010 General Meeting at 7:00 pm.
March 13, 2010 Club Work Day
March 20, 2010 Cruise to Hula Bay for lunch
March 29, 2010 Board meeting at 7:00 pm.

April 5, 2010 General Meeting at 7:00 pm.
April 10, 2010 Club Work Day
April 24, 2010 Day/Weekend Cruise to Caladesi Island
April 26, 2010 Board meeting at 7:00 pm.

May 3, 2010 General Meeting at 7:00 pm.
May 8, 2010 Club Work Day
May 24, 2010 Board meeting at 7:00 pm. (One week early due to Memorial Day Holiday)
May 28-31, 2010 Memorial Day weekend cruise



Cruise News & Information

Tampa Cruis-A-Cade events are always open to the public
by Todd Tedder, Rear Commodore, 813-633-5493



OUR FEBRUARY CRUISE

On February 20 we will cruise to Little Harbor for lunch. Have your boat in the water and be ready to go at 10:00 am. We will have a Captains' meeting just prior to departure.

March 2010- Day cruise for lunch to Hula Bay

April 2010 - Caladesi Island day/weekend cruise.

May 2010 - Memorial Day weekend cruise.

June 2010 - TBA.

Note: More information will follow closer to cruise dates!



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