



ANCHORLINE



March 2008

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Tampa Cruis-A-Cade Club, Tampa, Florida

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“Tampa Bay’s Premier Family Boating Club”

Our February Lunch Cruise

Four boats made the daunting two mile trip down the Hillsborough River to the Convention Center boats docks. (See...not all of our trips are difficult or time-consuming. A rowboat could’ve made this one!) Attending were the Johnsons (Bill & Deanna), the Howmans (Gary & Shelly) with Mayda Miranda riding, the Tuckers (Darrin, Cheryl, and the girls), and the Tedders (Todd & Jen) with Carol Tedder (Todd’s mother) riding. We all enjoyed some delicious food and refreshing beverages at Champions Sports Bar. The weather was great so after lunch we took a spin into the bay. This was an easy, relaxing and fun trip!

Dragon Boats

You may have noticed a very long, narrow boat on the grounds. This is the Dragon boat for the JP Morgan team. The board is in negotiations to store several Dragon boats on the property. We are very excited about this. This should be a good situation for everyone. We hope to soon be the home for the JP Morgan and TECO Dragon boat teams. Please be careful around the boat as you are launching and retrieving. Thanks!

Weekend Cruise to Caladesi Island

This is an annual club favorite. Join us as we cruise up the ICW to this natural, rustic seashore island. From the Florida State Park website (www.floridastateparks.org/caladesiisland/default.cfm) :

“One of the few completely natural islands along Florida’s Gulf Coast, Caladesi’s white sand shores have been rated as one of the nation’s best beaches. The park is accessible only by private boat or ferry from Honeymoon Island State Park. Beach lovers can enjoy swimming, sunbathing, and beachcombing. Saltwater anglers can fish from their boats or throw a line out into the surf. Nature enthusiasts watch wildlife while hiking the three mile nature trail through the island’s interior or paddling a three mile kayak trail through the mangroves and bay. Picnic tables and shelters are located near the beach. The park has a marina with electric and water hookups for boaters. The park also has a snack bar and gift shop. For ferry information call (727) 734-5263. Located one mile west of Dunedin off the Gulf Coast.”

We will meet at the club on Saturday, March 29, at 8:00 am. (Leave your boat on its trailer.) After a short captain’s meeting, we will drive to the Park Blvd. Boat ramp in Indian Shores to launch. Then we will cruise to Caladesi, dock our boats, and relax the weekend away. We will have a potluck picnic lunch and for those who are spending the night we will have an evening dock party. See Shelly Howman to sign up for food.

2007 - 2008 Board of Directors

Commodore	Deanna Johnson, 876-6138
Vice Commodore	Greg Gregory, 885-1941
Rear Commodore	Gary Howman, 657-9407
Secretary	Shelly Howman, 657-9407
Treasurer	[Open- Any volunteers?]
1 yr. Director	Larry Miranda, 877-6514
1 yr. Director	Mayda Miranda, 877-6514
1 yr. Director	Darren Tucker, 690-3446
2 yr. Director	Hal Hogan, 879-0707
2 yr. Director	Bill Johnson, 876-6138
2 yr. Director	Roger Solem, 350-0169
Galley Coordinator	Jean Ragsdale, 886-3429
Hostess	[Open- Any volunteers?]

March Elections

Elections are scheduled for March 3, 2008.
Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

The proposed slate was as follows:

Commodore	Deanna Johnson
Vice Commodore	Mayda Miranda
Rear Commodore	Todd Tedder
Secretary	Shelly Howman
Treasurer	Margo Benitez
2 yr. Director	We will elect three: Tim Lopez, Albert Taylor, Jennifer Tedder, Sandy Trotto, and Darren Tucker
Galley Coordinator	Jean Ragsdale
Hostess	Open

Hal Hogan, Bill Johnson, and Roger Solem will be completing the second year of their terms as Board Directors.

Notes, News, and Other Tidbits of Interest

- **Randy Woeste** of TOHO is looking for volunteers to help with boat races on April 4-6. He can arrange a free slip for the weekend at the St. Cloud lakefront for volunteers. Should be a fun weekend!
- We are still collecting to purchase **new white plastic tables** to improve our club. The 8' tables at Sam's Club cost around \$80.00 each. Contact Shelly Howman for more information.
- Send **submissions for the Anchorline** and updates or corrections to the roster to Gary Howman at ghowman@verizon.net.

Vice Commodore's Corner

by Greg Gregory, Vice Commodore

Well, folks, a lot has been going on at the club and hopefully all for the good.

We now have TECO (Tampa Electric) and JP Morgan Dragon Boats who may be contributing to the club via renting storage space for the boats. There seems to be more activity around the club.

Elections are very close – like Monday, the 3rd of March. I would like to thank everyone for their support while I was Vice Commodore. This will be my last article in the Anchorline.

I wish all the incoming officers and board members the best of luck and success.

Happy boating, thank you, and God bless,

Greg Gregory



March Birthdays

Happy Birthday to our members who celebrate in March!

- 14 - Ellen Arena
- 19 - Hal Hogan

Board Meeting Info

by Shelly Howman, Secretary

We had a lot of information to discuss at the last Board meeting. We are in the process of working out the needs of the Dragon Boat teams for storage. We will shortly be sending out the notices for dues for the upcoming year. We will be discussing at the General meeting the need for an assessment to cover costs of attorneys and taxes. We discussed the possibility of memberships for boaters who have sailboats, kayaks, etc. We discussed the option of renting spaces to RVs for Super Bowl here in 2009.

As you can see, the Board had a lot to talk about. These subjects will be addressed at the March General meeting. Since elections were also scheduled for this meeting, you can see why it was so important to attend. Please try to attend General meetings. It is important for the Board to know how the members feel about issues before decisions are made.

Upcoming Events at Tampa Cruis-A-Cade Club

Tampa Cruis-A-Cade events are always open to the public.

March 8, 2008 Club Work Day. 9:00am to 1:00pm. Bring a dish for a potluck lunch.
March 29-30, 2008 Caladesi Island Cruise. Spend the day only or spend the night too!
March 31, 2008 Board meeting at 7:00pm.

April 4-5, 2008 Boat Races in St. Cloud. Contact Randy Woeste of TOHO.
April 7, 2008 General Meeting at 7:00pm. Planning for upcoming events. Snacks provided.
April 12, 2008 Club Work Day. 9:00am to 1:00pm. Bring a dish for a potluck lunch.
April 28, 2008 Board meeting at 7:00pm.

May 4, 2008 MacDill Airfest day cruise.
May 5, 2008 General Meeting at 7:00pm. Planning for upcoming events. Snacks provided.
May 10, 2008 Club Work Day. 9:00am to 1:00pm. Bring a dish for a potluck lunch.
May 19, 2008 Board Meeting at 7:00pm.
May 24-26, 2008 Memorial Weekend cruise to Twin Dolphin Marina. Sign up early!

June 2, 2008 General Meeting at 7:00pm. Planning for upcoming events. Snacks provided.
June 14, 2008 Club Work Day. 9:00am to 1:00pm. Bring a dish for a potluck lunch.
June 30, 2008 Board Meeting at 7:00pm.

Cruise News & Information

by Gary Howman, Rear Commodore, 813-657-9407

OUR MARCH CRUISE

March 29 & 30 - Caladesi Island weekend cruise. This is a great day or overnight trip for any size boat. See page one for more details.

May 3 & 4 - MacDill Air Fest '08. Okay, they've changed the date for this AGAIN! This day trip is becoming an annual tradition. Join us for a relaxing day on the water and watch the Canadian Snow Birds Aerial Demonstration Team perform.

May 24 - 26 - Memorial Day Weekend Cruise to Twin Dolphin Marina. Plans are underway for a Memorial Day weekend cruise to **Twin Dolphin Marina** in Bradenton. It's been several years since the club has made a trip here and it's always been a great time. Over Memorial Weekend they run many games and activities that we can participate in. I have made reservations for ten slips at this time, but it's not too late if you want to go. There is a sign-up sheet in the club. Or email me at ghowman@verizon.net. Also, if you want more information about the marina, go to their website at www.twindolphinmarina.com.





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