

# **MIACC** At the Helm



**MIACC Meet the Candidates Forum: May 25** 



## **County Commissioner Candidates:**

District 2: Jason Brooke \* Reg Buxton \* Lynn Corr \* Chris Hall \* Nancy Lewis District 4: Daija Hinojosa \* Michelle McLeod



## **May 2022**

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## **Member News & Events**

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## ◆ THE JUDGEMENT IS IN!

Congratulations to the working waterfront of Collier County.

100 % VICTORY for Molly's Marine Service, LLC 100 % Victory for every Business that uses this BOAT YARD to work their craft.

100 % Victory to every one that makes a living by working for and in the boating community.

100 % Victory to every boater in our beautiful Naples on the Gulf!

## Congratulations to US ALL!

Molly's Marine Service would like to thank you all for every thought, prayer and words of encouragement to fight the good fight..

WE ALL WON



♦ SEO for Yacht Charters & Management Companies

Attention yacht charter and management companies: having a strong online presence is important and it all begins with your website. Boat Marketing Pros, a marine digital agency, put together a handy guide to SEO for yacht charter and management companies. Click the link to read more: https://boatmarketingpros.com/seo-guide-for-yacht-charters/.

For more resources from Boat Marketing Pros, visit https://boatmarketingpros.com/resources/.

 Paychex was hacked and The Landings was hit for 500k.. With ACHs, businesses ONLY HAVE 24hrs to find something like this and report it for the bank to cover. If it is after 24hrs then it is the BANK'S DISCRETION to pay it.

# SAVEMODATE

June 17-19, 2022



PLEASE JOIN US JUNE 17-19, 2022 AS WE CELEBRATE OUR GRAND RE-OPENING OF THE OLDEST YET NEWEST MARINA IN THE DOOR COUNTY PENINSULA, BAY MARINE YACHT HARBOR. WE WOULD LIKE TO PERSONALLY INVITE YOU AND ALL YOUR BOATING FRIENDS TO OUR EVENT. OUR WEEKEND WILL FEATURE A FRIDAY NIGHT DOCKTAIL RECEPTION, BOAT SHOW, TOURS OF OUR FACILITIES, SATURDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT, FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS. ENJOY THE AMENITIES BAY MARINE'S YACHT HARBOR OFFERS INCLUDING A PRIVATE BOAT LAUNCH, BRAND NEW SALTWATER SWIMMING POOL AND CLUBHOUSE, GRILLING AND SOCIALIZING AREAS, ALL WHILE BEING WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF THE STURGEON BAY YACHT CLUB AND AT THE HEART OF ALL THAT THE DOOR COUNTY PENINSULA HAS TO OFFER.

# **Member News**



 Karen Hendricks Sworn in as Commodore of Pelican Isle Yacht Club

The new Commodore of Pelican Isle Yacht Club, Karen Hendricks, was sworn into office for the 2022-2023 term, followed by Bob Flaherty, Vice Commodore, and Jack Kane, Rear Commodore. These are the Flag Officer positions which lead the Club Board of Directors. Elections took place during the Membership

Annual Meeting on Thursday, April 7th, and the official induction took place at the traditional Change of Watch event on Saturday, April 9th. At this time, John Garmhausen, the 2021-2022 Commodore, turned over his watch of the Yacht Club to the new Commodore, Karen Hendricks.

The Change of Watch is a time-honored Yacht Club tradition at PIYC! Festivities began with Evening Colors, a short maritime ceremony during which we honor our Nation's flag at sunset. Immediately following was the transfer of authority from the outgoing Commodore to his successor with delicious food, great camaraderie, live entertainment and outdoor dancing. This event as well as many other Yacht Club traditions throughout the year are part of what makes Pelican Isle Yacht Club such a special place to their Membership.







## **News from Collier County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit**

Hello. I am Cpl. Dan Darren with the Collier County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit. Each month, either I or someone from the Marine Unit will use this space to pass on information to all of you, the professional vessel operators in Collier County. We will cover everything from law changes to notification of safety campaigns to answering your questions.

May is National Water Safety Month. The Sheriff's Office urges vessel operators to check your safety equipment, and to make sure you have everything that is required on your vessel and that it is in good shape. As professionals in the industry, I recommend taking time to do this now while things have slowed down a bit and to review your safety practices.

Rental companies, check all of your vessels, address old worn-out items and brush up on safety presentations.

Commercial charters, check and make sure you have all of the right equipment and it is ready to go in case of an unfortunate incident.

Boat sales industry, make sure your new boat owner not only knows what is required, but also help them learn the best practices to remain safe out on the water.

A new rule change from the Coast Guard in regard to 33CFR 175.320 went into effect on April 20 and should be updated in that agency's respective publications soon. This change puts into place a 12-year expiration date on disposable fire extinguishers. So, if the

manufacture date stamped on the bottom is 2022, that extinguisher would expire in 2034, regardless if it is serviceable and holds pressure. When checking vessels, check the bottom or label of the fire extinguisher.

We have been fortunate in Collier County to not have the volume of boat crashes and other incidents that other counties see, and we attribute that to all of you. Collier County has some of the most talented professionals within the industry and I am glad I get the pleasure of working alongside you.

If you have a question or topic you wish to see covered, please email ma-

rine@colliersheriff.org and we will work to address it! Stay safe out there, everyone.





# **News from MIA Florida**



Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Removal of Johnson's Seagrass From the Federal List of Threatened and Endangered Species Including the Corresponding Designated Critical Habitat

This is super news as to permitting docks and dredging. Need to get it out to the membership and if members have applications out for permitting that they notify their engineer to contact the project manager for the USACE and FDEP to insure they are aware, due to possible training delays in notifications to their staff.

Innovative nutrient reduction project begins on Lake Okeecho-

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is leading a new, innovative project to remove invasive aquatic plants and evaluate nutrients removed to improve water quality in Lake Okeechobee in south Florida. This effort is part of the FWC's strategy to use a variety of tools and explore new techniques to best manage for quality fish and wildlife habitat in Florida.

In partnership with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the South Florida Water Management District, the work began March 8 and will cover 35 acres on the lake.

Mechanical harvesters will be used to collect invasive floating plants, such as water hyacinths, and the plants will then be processed into a slurry or semi-liquid mixture. The slurry of plants will be pumped to nearby hayfields to enhance soil. The FWC will evaluate whether the project will benefit both the water quality of the lake as well as agricultural lands receiving the slurry mix. "This project highlights the FWC's commitment to seeking innovative and effective solutions to manage invasive aquatic plants in Florida," said Melissa Tucker, Director of the FWC's Division of Habitat and Species Conservation. "While it is too soon to tell if we will be able to use this technique on a larger scale, we are excited about the possibility of having a new tool in the toolbox." Reducing invasive plants and their associated nutrients in Lake Okeechobee has long-term benefits to the lake and the fish and wildlife that live there. Managing invasive aquatic plants is also

important for recreational opportunities for the public and to maintain accessible navigation. Unmanaged invasive plants have a variety of negative impacts that can include reducing biodiversity and ecosystem health, impeding navigation, reducing water quality, and causing flooding issues.

While this project includes unique transporting methods to dispose of invasive plants and aims to utilize resources efficiently it may not be effective in all locations and situations. The FWC uses a variety of techniques, including biological controls, mechanical removal and herbicide treatments to manage invasive aquatic plants in Florida. An integrative pest management approach using a combination of techniques often achieves the greatest results in managing invasive

For general waterbody information, fishing forecasts, virtual tours, plant control operation schedules and annual workplans, boat ramp information, and more, visit the "What's Happening on My Lake" website at MyFWC.com/Lake. To learn more about the FWC's Aquatic Plant Management Program, visit MyFWC.com/AquaticPlants.

Marine Industries Association of Collier County Foundation



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# **Medical Boat Needed for FL Keys**

This non profit was created by a local family whose 14 year old daughter lost her life boating in the Florida Keys; she was injured badly in a boating accident while they were offshore and they were unable to make it to shore where the ambulance and helicopter was waiting to help.



The parents are trying to jump start a marine rescue program for the Keys. It is shocking to learn how ill prepared the Keys are for an in-water emergency. The parents were helpless out there with a fatally injured child and no way to get to shore quickly (the engine was damaged during the accident). They are now determined to do what they can to get the Keys in-water medical assistance that will saves lives.

When you donate to Heart Like Harlie, your donation helps purchase Fire/EMS Rescue boats, and helps increase boater safety and awareness. Check it out at: <a href="https://heartlikeharlie.networkforgood.com/projects/158706-heart-like-harlie-promoting-boaters-safety-and-awareness">https://heartlikeharlie.networkforgood.com/projects/158706-heart-like-harlie-promoting-boaters-safety-and-awareness</a>



## Our Mission: Marine Industries Association of Collier County (MIACC) is a not-for-profit membershipbased organization focused on the responsible growth of the marine industry for the benefit of its members, recreational boaters, the community, and the environment.

Our Goal: MIACC represents recreational boating and member interests at the Local, State, and Federal levels; Issues of interest include Water Access, Recreational Boating, Commercial Boating, Free Trade, Advocating for Property Rights, and Legislative or Regulatory initiatives that impact these interests.

Our Members: Members include Dealers & Manufacturers, Boating & Professional Services, Charters, Marine Contractors, Boat Lifts, Shipyards & Storage, and Equipment & Accessories.

# **MIPAC 2nd Quarter Contributions**

# Marine Industries Promoting Access for Citizens

In 2002 the Marine Industries Association of Collier County formed a Political Action Committee named Marine Industries Promoting Access for Citizens (MIPAC). This action was taken so that we can support issues and legislative candidates who assist the goals and purposes of the marine industries community.

On a quarterly basis, the MIPAC seeks donations of \$50.00 from each member. The MIPAC's mis-

sions and goals are to act upon problematic issues that must be addressed at the legislative level for the growth and protection of the marine industry. Monies collected from the MIPAC donations are used in supporting political decision makers that will tackle the very issues that affect all members of our industry. As a good steward of our member's donations, MIPAC adheres to uniform contribution criteria when determining how much and

to which candidate assistance is allocated.

MIPAC will educate you about the political landscape and issues facing our organization and will strategize political impact. In addition, the committee is always open to suggestions, questions and comments.

Please send your quarterly donations to MIPAC, PO Box 9887, Naples, Florida 34101



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## **Upcoming Events**

Meet the Candidate Forum Christmas Boat Parade Naples Boat Show May 25th 5:30-7:30 December 10, 2023 January 19-22, 2023

