

**Minutes**  
**CHARLOTTE COUNTY**  
**MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday, June 13, 2013**  
**9:30 a.m.**  
**Charlotte County Administration Center**  
**18500 Murdock Circle, Room 119**  
**Port Charlotte, FL 33948**

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Chairman Len Harris called the meeting to order at 9:30 and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk called the Roll and the Secretary reported that a quorum was present.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Len Harris, Chairman – Burnt Store Isles Boat Club  
Gerald Meckenberg, Secretary –U.S.C.G.A. Flotilla 87 Englewood  
Susan Bareither - U.S.C.G.A. Flotilla 98 Charlotte Harbor  
Captain Ron Blago – Member at Large  
George Bobko – Port Charlotte Yacht Club  
Sarah Buck – Punta Gorda Sailing Club  
Ken Dieffenbach – Charlotte Coastal Conservation Association of Florida  
Jake Dye – Isles Yacht Club\*  
John Homer Fleming – Member at Large  
Chuck Gertner – Pirate Harbor Yacht Club  
Richard Hoagland - Harbour Heights Yacht Club  
Tom Ireland, Vice Chairman - Peace River Squadron, Inc.  
William Kumm – Punta Gorda Boat Club  
Captain Tim Lynch – Member-at-Large\*  
Herman Novak – City of Punta Gorda  
Mike Quinn – Punta Gorda Sports Fishing Club  
Raymond Rose – South Gulf Cove Yacht Club  
Captain Maurice Sabourin – U.S.C.G.A. Flotilla 99 Rotonda

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Capt. Scott Schermerhorn – Member at Large

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### **MEMBERS EXCUSED**

Jay Buckley – Member at Large  
Garland Wilson – Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club

### **STAFF**

Charles Mopps, Community Development – Engineering  
Richard Kolar, Financial Consultant – Fiscal Services  
Andy Stevens – Community Services  
Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch, BCC Liaison  
Pamela Alexander, Clerical Liaison – Community Development

### **GUESTS**

Gary Disher, City of Punta Gorda  
Jerry York, Charlotte County Power Boat Racing  
Cpl. David Stefanini, CCSO

### **Changes to the Agenda**

NONE

### **Commissioner Comments**

NONE

The Chairman reminded all in attendance of the following:

1. VISITORS ADDRESSING THE COMMITTEE: PLEASE SIGN IN. A clipboard and a pen are provided on the podium for your convenience
2. ALL MEMBERS: PLEASE USE THE MICROPHONE WHEN ADDRESSING THE COMMITTEE. It is helpful for the Clerk when preparing the Minutes.

### **Regular Business**

- A. The Minutes of the Pre-Agenda Meeting from June 6, 2013 were approved as presented.
- B. The Minutes of the Regular Meeting from May 9, 2013 were approved as presented.
- C. Charles Mopps presented his MSBU Update (copy attached). He provided additional updates to his report.

Commissioner Truex arrived in the audience 9:52 a.m.

### **New Business**

- A. A video and PowerPoint presentation was made by Jerry York of the Charlotte County Power Boat Racing. It included the history behind the project and its proposed implementation.

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The presentation was followed by a Q&A. Concern was expressed by some of the members regarding access/egress/parking issues in Englewood for the large number of spectators anticipated in the area.

Commissioner Truex reported that he just met with representative of the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office regarding the race. They have identified a number of parking areas, as well as an estimate of the number of officers which may be required. In addition, the CCSO is working with the City of Sarasota Police Department, who is sharing information based upon their experiences with the races in the past.

Commissioner Deutsch re-stated his concerns about public safety and the "wannabes" in smaller watercraft boating at excessive speeds.

### **Old Business**

A. Cpl. Dave Stefanini of the CCSO, provided an update on their projects for which funding was provided by MAC.

- 5 shifts for overtime for the spring break holiday
- 2 shifts for the holiday weekend DUI enforcement on the water
- The first boat went in for service this week – 6-8 weeks for repairs to be complete. The new design which appears on the cars will also be placed on the boat as well. He will bring the boat to the next meeting.

When asked about boat race security, Cpl. Stefanini advised that Dep. Roger Jernigan is with the Charlotte County marine/air unit but has worked with the races previously held in Sarasota.

B. Andy Stevens provided an update on the recent WCIND meeting he attended along with Commissioner Deutsch. An overview of Charlotte County projects was presented and they are open to assisting us in the future. They agreed that it was a good meeting.

### **Other Business**

A. The Chairman reminded all of the summer recess in July and August.

### **Citizen Comments**

NONE

### **Good of the Order**

A. Ray Rose reported on a joint venture which was recently held in Punta Gorda with the Power Squadron, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, the PG Fire Dept., and the Civil Air Patrol. It was a flare and fire extinguisher demonstration which was overflow by the CAP, as they did not have photos of what flares look like from the air. Many of these are agencies which the MAC has funded in the past and he felt that it was obviously money well spent.

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B. Sarah Buck reported that there are now sailing programs from the Beach Complex, Isles Yacht Club, Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club and the YMCA at the Bayfront Center. It is beautiful to see all the young people and the difference it is making in their lives. Comm. Deutsch reported that the Y program in PG is getting 16 more boats from Sarasota.

### **Next Meeting**

The Chairman reminded all of the dates of the next meetings:

- The next **Pre-Agenda Meeting** will be held Thursday, September 5, 2013 at 9.30 a.m. Room B-106.
- The next **Regular Meeting** will be held Thursday, September 12, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 119

On motion by William Kumm, seconded by George Bobko, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela J. Alexander  
Administrative Assistant II

Minutes Approved on September 12, 2013

Len Harris, Chairman  
Marine Advisory Committee

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