

Cruise Director Report July 2019

The 4th of July cruise to St Petersburg with dinner at Hofbrauhaus was enjoyable although the weather was extremely hot. The trip down to St Pete took 3 days with stops at 1 tree island and Gulfport. In St Pete we stayed at the Harborage Marina which was very nice with floating docks, a pool and excellent helpful staff. We had 2 boats ***Voyager II*** and ***Czechmate*** (past commodore Peter Wierzbicki and wife Sandi).

On the fourth we attended the Rays game with Peter and Sandi and Jim and Karin Glessner. On the fifth we had dinner at 6 pm at the Hofbrauhaus attended by the Wierzbickis, the Glessners and George and Nancy Spiggle. We enjoyed the German musical entertainment including an Alpen Horn.

As we were waiting at the restaurant for a club member and their other who had RSVP'd that they were coming, I called only to find out that they decided not to come.

This has happened several times and has given our club a bad reputation with some great restaurants we'd like to return to. As a result, we will be changing our policy on reservations for all club events as in many cases it can also cost the club money.

We will publicize our new policy at the August General Meeting and in the Marker2 and website after the meeting.

With the weather being so hot and stormy, I have decided to not schedule any more cruises until October. We will have dinner outings instead.

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