

Janis Denton Biography

Janis has built businesses in Yacht Sales and Charter companies in order to help people fulfill their dream of getting out on the water. As a young couple she and her husband, Steve, created a program with Young Life called Sailing Beyond designed to mentor teenagers in sailing, life skills and Spiritual growth on week-long adventures on a 45 ft sailboat. With three vessels in the program they served over 6,000 kids in 10 years.

She and her husband created a first class Boutique Hotel out of a 100-year old waterfront cottage that she marketed and managed for 20 years. She helped develop a wide range of activities on water and land that enhanced the lifestyle of the community while maintaining its historic charm. She was on the tourism board and was also responsible for determining the best use of lodging tax dollars.

Having been involved in the marine industry for 45 years, Janis understands the complexity of marinas, boats and the value of our historic waterfront community. She and her husband owned "Amazing Grace" a traditional 83' Schooner, serving Make A Wish Foundation and Wounded Warriors. The ship was chartered by individuals and businesses for team building and special events. They specialized in training and mentoring youth and adults into sailing while participating in international tall ship events with 30 other tall ships. She has personally sailed over 50,000 miles and been through the Panama Canal three times their own boat.

Janis is committed to listening to the residents vision and concerns. She is also dedicated to balancing the needs of our Harborside town with fiscal responsibility. Her desire is to maintain charm of Punta Gorda with managed growth and encourage small business to diversify the tax base and add to the quality of life of our community.