VERO BEACH YACHT CLUB
For Fun and Friendship

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THE SIREN



Commodore
E. Jane Booth

Commodore's Log

We are happy to welcome back our seasonal members. Tuesday and Friday evenings are getting a little more crowded, but the cooler temperatures make spreading out on the patio easier. October has been a fun month with Saturday night music, and our first Concert in the Parking lot: a tribute to Blondie. The Fleet Committee led a successful Spoil Island Cleanup, with eight members gathering about 30 pounds of debris, taking a brief tour of the lagoon, and enjoying lunch afterwards on the patio. I encourage members to consider volunteering for this event in the future.

There is interest in our financials as we prepare to spend much of our reserves on two projects that are both 20 year+ investments. Treasurer Kathryn Barton, the Finance Committee and the Board of Directors have led our strong financial management and positive results over the past few years that have put us in a very solid financial position. We have built our capital reserves from $800 thousand in 2018 to $2.1 million at the of 2025.

Kathryn and the Committee review our performance to budget every month, including income and expenses from food, beverage and general / administrative. We also track member attrition, initiation fees collected and several key metrics, e.g., cost of goods, payroll and member spend. For 2026, we are on target to achieve approximately $3.1 million in total income with approximately $3 million in expenses. Year to date, we have collected $250 thousand in initiation fees. We will use these financial management practices to plan and manage spending on the dock and kitchen projects.

November will be a busy month. We will honor our veterans on November 11 and celebrate Thanksgiving on November 26. Music and dancing are available every Saturday night. The concert in the parking lot on November 16 will feature a tribute to Bob Seger and we will sample wines of Italy at the pairing on November 17.

Respectfully, Jane Booth, Commodore

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Thank You!!

Following the devastating fire that took the home of Robert Fino and his family, the yacht club staff and membership rallied to the cause and raised a significant sum to help see them through their hardship. The following is a letter from Robert's father:

Greetings to the Members of the Vero Beach Yacht Club and Staff:

My family and I cannot begin to express our gratitude for all that you have done for us. We were so overwhelmed with your open arms and hospitality. We felt so comfortable speaking with all of you, as if we had been friends for years. My wife and I were so pleased that our son, Robert, is such an asset to your club. I can honestly say that as parents we were so proud of him and the relationship he had made with all of you. We never dreamed that you would open your arms to us and be so generous to us. I can say beyond a doubt that this was an event in our lives that we will never forget.

We would also like to thank you for equally generous hospitality at the club and letting us drink and dine with you. The food was absolutely wonderful, but the company was even better. Once again, you made us feel right at home and made us laugh and celebrate the greatest gift of all, life. Sarah and I still talk about it frequently. As a family we had been so lost by the devastation and near total destruction of our home that we had lived in for over twenty years. When we arrived at the yacht club, all our troubles seemed to vanish. My son spoke frequently and fondly of all of you and now I can see why. I want you to know that each one of you and your generosity touched us in a way we will never forget. To this day we are truly amazed and grateful beyond words for your kindness and generosity. Words cannot express our thankfulness for the warmth and kindness you extended to all of us.



We will always remember that tragic day of the fire when the world seemed to cave in on us. However, we will always remember equally the kindness, warmth and generosity that you have extended to us. From our family to each of you, thank you so much. You will be forever in our minds and hearts.

From all of us to all of you, our love and friendship.

Sincerely,
The Fino Family

Florida Council of Yacht Clubs (FCYC)

FCYC convened the September meeting at Naples Sailing and Yacht Club. This is a beautiful and active club in the middle of Naples. It's well worth a visit, but make reservations first.





The Florida legislative session will begin soon; meanwhile, The Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission is considering regulations that could expand the circumstances under which local governments may establish certain boating restrictions. More information will be forthcoming. The cost of FCYC lobbying and government affairs services has been reduced from $21,000 to $12,000 annually following negotiations led by Immediate Past Commodore Chris Jones. The budget includes an additional $5,000 contingency should specific legislative action require additional lobbying services.



P/C Rey Neville,
Director FCYC

Discussion was also held regarding a possible FCYC Adventure Weekend, potentially at Useppa Island. The event could provide an opportunity for FCYC members to participate by boat or land transportation; further information will be provided as details become available.

The Coast Guard's Local Notice to Mariners information is now available online much sooner than anticipated, allowing boaters to obtain more current information regarding navigational conditions.

The next meeting will be held at the Coral Ridge Yacht Club in Ft. Lauderdale on November 13-15.

Rey Neville P/C
Director, FCYC

VBYC Meetings - November 2026

All members are welcome to attend committee and board meetings as a guest. The November schedule is listed below. Please check the website for additional information.



Fleet - Tuesday, November 3, 4:30 p.m.

House and Grounds - Tuesday, November 10, 9:30 a.m.

Planning - Tuesday, November 10, 9:30 a.m.

Membership - Tuesday, November 10, 4:30 p.m.

Board of Directors – Tuesday, November 21, 9:30 a.m.

Looking Back for Fun and Friendship

Images from the many events and activities in 2017



Change of Command-2017. Commodore Ebstein assumes command from P/C Hollingworth along with the 2017 board.



Commodore Ebstein and Commadude Al Enjoying the Commodore's Ball.



The inagural Wineaux party hosted by Donnie and Pam Young.



The first party on the patio after the new bulkhead and patio pavers were installed. January 17, 2017.



The "Rat Pack" wowing a full house with great entertainment.



Marie Healy posing with a "glam" shot with the "Rat Pack".



Chef Bill wins award in Vero Top Chef final.



One of several New Members Parties held in 2017.



Shades of Buble dancing and singing with Mike Stanley.



P/C Doug Case and Marilyn enjoying dancing at the Valentines Day party.



Al Ebstein and a large crew of club volunteers completely refurbished the dining room.



Our annual Blessing of the Fleet. Generally held in November.



Rod Stewart singing with a member.



Elton John, the Piano Man entertains.



FLEET-SPONSORED EVENTS FOR EVERYONE

Under the leadership of fleet captain Miles McNamee, the Fleet Committee strives to provide engaging activities for both boaters and the general VBYC membership alike. If you have ideas for future activities, please contact Miles at milesmcnamee@gmail.com.

VBYC KAYAK GROUP OUTING: MULLET CREEK

Saturday, November 7 at 9:45 a.m.
Launch Site: Fisherman's Landing Park, 5795 South US-1 in Grant-Valkaria

We will begin our adventure by exploring Grant Farm Island, where all residents must have boats to access their homes! We'll then cross the Indian River Lagoon to Mullet Creek, Honest John's Fish Camp and surrounding islands. New to kayaking? We're happy to teach you! All members, family, and friends are welcome.

Contact Toby Jarman at jarmantoby1@gmail.com if you are planning to attend.

Email Maddy of Adventure Kayak Tours at madelynrussell12@gmail.com for kayak reservations. Kayak Rentals: $40 single, $70 tandem.





RAFT UP! RAFT UP! RAFT UP!

Monday, November 16 at 2:30 p.m.

Location: Green Marker #109 west side of the ICW behind Hole in the Wall Island.

Raft-ups are a great way to enjoy our boats, meet new friends, and invite non-boaters as crew to join in the fun. Bring food to share, music, adventurous sea stories, and beverages of choice.



RECAP OF OCTOBER'S SPOIL ISLAND CLEANUP

Eight VBYC members enjoyed an AMAZING Day on the water! The weather was sunny, cool, and with no humidity!!! Following the clean-up, Captain Toby Jarman provided a boat tour of our beautiful waterway.

The members were true team players collecting trash, helping fuel the club boat (thanks to Vice Commodore Donovan) and helping salvage Corky Rittenbaugh's fly-away cap. Commodore Booth found an interesting sailor cap, which was prominently displayed on a skeleton at the annual VBYC Halloween party.

Following the boat ride, the group enjoyed a delicious lunch on the patio and a complimentary beverage of choice. We hope to see more members enjoying the fun on our next Spoil Island Cleanup.









CRUISE TO EAU GALLIE YACHT CLUB

BY LAND OR BY SEA!

Friday–Sunday, November 13 - 15
(or drive up Saturday, November 14 for lunch at noon)

Locations

By Boat: Located near Dragon Point on the south end of the Banana River.
By Car: 100 Datura Drive, Indian Harbour Beach, FL

All VBYC members are invited! Never been to Eau Gallie Yacht Club? Now is your chance! Pack your swimsuit, mingle with fellow members, have lunch by the pool, and enjoy a great weekend getaway.



Reservations

Contact Dennis Makielski at makhaven@comcast.net or 301-399-4244 for both slip and lunch reservations.

BURGEE ROOM PROJECT UPDATE

Over the past month or so, you may have noticed that some burgees have been missing or have been moved. PC Jim DeSimone has been removing the burgees, cleaning and ironing them as needed, and re-mounting them. As part of the process, some old and tattered burgees have been disposed of.

Elton Lance, a professional photographer and summer member, is in the process of photographing each burgee and cataloging them by number and club name. Once completed, the collection will be stored electronically, with a link available on the VBYC website.

A printed reference book, referred to as the "Orange Book," also will be prepared and kept at the Burgee Room Bar for members and guests to use as a reference.



If you have a burgee you would like to donate to the collection, please drop it off at the front desk, addressed to PC Jim DeSimone.

We anticipate having the project completed by the end of the year. Thank you for your patience as we work to preserve and better organize this special part of the club's history.

Blondie










On the Water




Country Nights








Once Around the Club


Wine Dinner

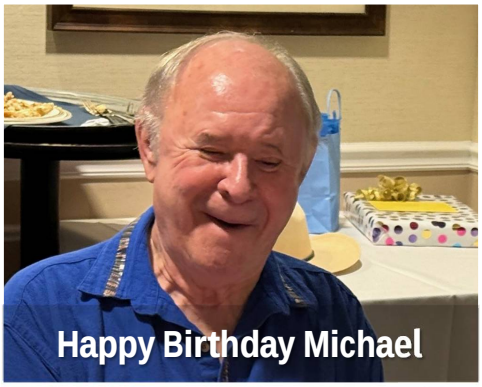

September Trivia Winners


The Language of Flowers





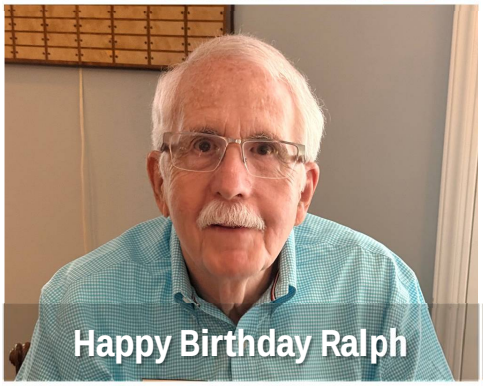
Happy Birthday


Happy Birthday Michael


Happy Birthday Stella


Happy Birthday Dave


Happy Birthday Graham


Happy Birthday Ralph

Music Bingo



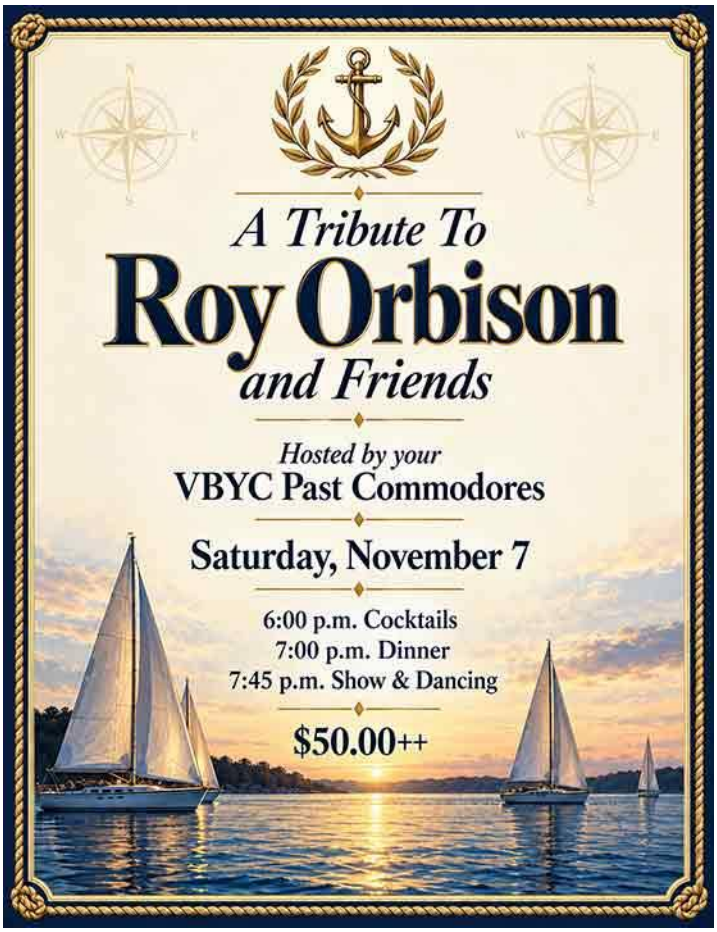








Check the photo album on the VBYC website for more photos. https://verobeachyachtclub.com/photos


A Tribute To
Roy Orbison
and Friends
Hosted by your
VBYC Past Commodores
Saturday, November 7
6:00 p.m. Cocktails
7:00 p.m. Dinner
7:45 p.m. Show & Dancing
$50.00++


Italian
Wine Pairing
Dinner
Wednesday, November 18
Greeting 6:00 p.m.
Dinner 6:30 p.m.
Wine & Dinner $125.00++
Dinner Only $100.00++
Reservations Required


Rock and Roll Never Forgets..
CONCERT IN THE PARKING LOT
THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 19
BEAUTIFUL
LOSER
THE
BOB SEGER
TRIBUTE
GET READY FOR SOME OLD TIME ROCK & ROLL
WITH BEAUTIFUL LOSER THE ULTIMATE TRIBUTE
TO BOB SEGER !!
BUFFET $30.00++
SHOW $30.00
SHOWTIME 8:00 P.M.


THANKSGIVING
Dinner
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26
SERVING FROM 12:00 - 7:00 PM
SPECIAL À LA CARTE MENU
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED


THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5
TAPAS BUFFET / LIMITED DINNER MENU
1 CARD FOR $2.00
3 FOR $5.00
BINGO BEGINS APPROXIMATELY 7:30 PM
BINGO
BINGO
53
13
5
22
5


Veterans Day
HONORING ALL WHO HAVE SERVED
Wednesday, November 11
Veterans will enjoy a complimentary Cocktail


PASTA-TRIVIA
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12
Pasta Station opens at 5:30 p.m.
Trivia at 7:30 p.m.
$28.00 ++
Limited Dinner Menu
TRIVIA NIGHT


HAPPY HOUR
Fridays
Music 7:00-10:00 p.m.
Appetizer Menu 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Regular Dinner Menu 5:30-8:30 p.m.
HAPPY HOUR DRINKS ALL NIGHT


Saturday Night Bands
November 7
Roy Orbison & Friends Tribute
Past Commodore Party
November 14 - Sunnie & Kurtis
November 21 - Johnny Nick
November 28 - Muffy Charles


9 & Dine
The golf group will be teeing off on Fridays
November 13 and November 27
For additional information contact Gwen Miller
Millergwen65@gmail.com





BOOK CLUB

THE COMMONER

by John Burnham Schwartz

Wednesday, November 18

4:00 p.m.

(Please note the 3rd Wednesday date for November only)

With the unerring skill of a master storyteller, John Burnham Schwartz has written his finest novel yet. It is the tale of Haruko, a young woman from a good family, who marries the Crown Prince of Japan in 1959. As the first non-aristocratic woman to marry into the oldest monarchy in the world, she is met with cruelty and suspicion by the Empress and her court. Her only function is to produce an heir. And after finally doing so, Haruko suffers a nervous breakdown and loses her voice. Determined not to be overwhelmed by the weight of the imperial bureaucracy, however, she perseveres. 30 years later, as Empress herself, she is instrumental in persuading another young woman to accept the marriage proposal of her son, the Crown Prince, with tragic and dramatic consequences.

Told in the voice of Haruko, The Commoner is the gripping story of a complex relationship between two women who, despite existing in a rarified world at once hidden and yet exposed, are truly understood only by each other.



Be sure to ask for a free libation during your birthday month.

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Reservations Required ~ 772-231-2211
Lunch: Wednesday through Friday: 11:00 a.m. ~ 1:30 p.m.
Sunday Brunch: 10:00 a.m. ~ 1:30 p.m.
Dinner: Tuesday Through Saturday: 5:30 ~ 8:30 p.m.
Saturday: Jackets optional in main dining room

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Pickleball Sunday BRUNCH	2 Club Closed	3 BRIDGE BIG BUCKS Dinner	4 Lunch Dinner	5 Lunch MAHJONG Bingo! Tapas Buffet Limited Menu	6 Lunch BRIDGE *Happy Hour* Dinner	7 KAYAKING PAST COMMODORES' GALA *Roy Orbison & Friends Tribute* Special Menu
8 Pickleball Sunday BRUNCH	9 Club Closed	10 BRIDGE BIG BUCKS Dinner	11 Lunch VETERANS Day Dinner	12 Lunch MAHJONG PASTA Trivia night Limited Menu	13 Lunch BRIDGE BOATING 9&DINE *Happy Hour* Dinner	14 BOATING *Sunnie & Kurtis* Dinner & Dancing
15 Pickleball Sunday BRUNCH BOATING	16 Club Closed BOATING	17 BRIDGE BIG BUCKS Dinner	18 Lunch Book Club WINE PAIRING DINNER	19 Lunch MAHJONG CONCERT IN THE PARK(ING LOT) Special Buffet	20 Lunch BRIDGE *Happy Hour* Dinner	21 *Johnny Nick* Dinner Dancing
22 Pickleball Sunday BRUNCH	23 Club Closed	24 BRIDGE BIG BUCKS Dinner	25 Lunch Dinner	26 Thanksgiving DINNER 12:00—7:00 p.m. Reservations Required	27 Lunch BRIDGE 9&DINE *Happy Hour* Dinner	28 *Muffy Charles* Dinner Dancing
29 Pickleball Sunday BRUNCH	30 Club Closed					

DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Christmas Dinner Dance - Saturday, December 12
Concert in the Parking Lot - Thursday, December 17
New Years Eve Party - Thursday, December 31
Club Closed - Thursday, December 24 & Friday, December 25