

THE SIREN



Commodore
E. Jane Booth

Commodore's Log

Our general manager Shawn Witmer does such a great job of planning our activities! In June we enjoyed our monthly bingo and pasta trivia; however, we also had a wonderful Speak Easy Jazz Blues night with a special dinner menu and great music. Father's Day brunch was an outstanding event; and at the end of the month we will do a Little Bit Country and a Little Bit Rock and Roll. More fun is coming in July, including a July 4th event, and a Ship Store sale on Friday the 10th. The store still has some great apparel for sun protection.

Fleet captain Miles McNamee planned an excellent fleet event by land and sea to Eau Gallie Yacht Club in Indian Harbor Beach, Florida. Three boats made the journey by water and approximately 20 members attended by land for lunch. If you have not visited this beautiful club, we are welcome anytime as a benefit of our FCYC membership. Our membership in FCYC and YCA allows us access to yacht clubs all over Florida and the US, so contact the office for a letter of introduction if you want to check out another club during your summer travels.

As we prepare for our dock rebuild, look for additional information about our fleet and options to participate in activities. Jim DeSimone, chair of the Dock Rebuild Committee, and the engineering firm of Cummins Cederberg have distributed the bid package and we hope to engage a contractor and see demolition start by the end of July.

I encourage members to continue to be involved in the club. Joining a committee is a good way to get engaged and learn more about the club's operations and activities. All members are welcome to attend committee meetings to hear more (exceptions being the Finance and Nominating Committees). Or you might consider some of our other regular activity groups like Pickleball, Mahjong, Bridge and Book Club. The Nominating Committee is in the process of discussing potential candidates and planning for 2027, and welcomes your application.

Respectfully,
Jane Booth, Commodore

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE



Your Vero Beach Yacht Club needs YOU!

Please consider offering your service to your club by sitting on the board of directors or the Nominating Committee. Until September 30, 2026, we are accepting member applications for these positions and would like to hear from you. We also would like to know if you would be interested in being considered



USE YOUR VOICE

for the positions of rear commodore, vice commodore or commodore in the future.

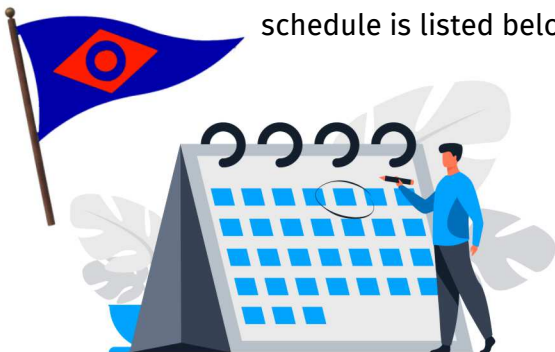
Directors and Nominating Committee members are elected for two-year terms at the VBYC Annual Meeting in January of each year. Any member applying for a board position must have been a member of VBYC for two years and must have actively served on a committee

for at least one year; board members finishing up a two-year term are also encouraged to re-apply for an additional term.

Serving your club is both rewarding and satisfying. If you are interested in applying (or re-applying) for a leadership position, please send a letter of 100 words (or less) stating your interest and qualifications to Nominating Committee chair PC Gordon Sellers (gsellers.vbyc@gmail.com) by Sept. 30, 2026.

VBYC MEETINGS - JULY 2026

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



Fleet - Tuesday, July 7, 4:30 p.m.

House and Grounds - Tuesday, July 14, 9:30 a.m.

Planning - Tuesday, July 14, 9:30 a.m.

Membership - Tuesday, July 14, 4:30 p.m.

Board of Directors - Tuesday, July 21, 9:30 a.m.

Due to many members being away in the summer months, some committees may not hold meetings. Please double-check before you come.

FLORIDA COUNCIL OF YACHT CLUBS (FCYC)



P/C Rey Neville,
Director FCYC

Our last meeting was held in May at Pelican Isle Yacht Club, situated between Naples and Bonita Springs. The club is located on a bulkheaded island where there are 192 boat slips. The facility is beautiful and it is well worth taking advantage of our year-round reciprocity. The meeting was the first with the new commodore, P/C Kitch Keitchen, and the Executive Committee. The meeting was well organized with the following topics of interest discussed:

Reciprocity remains a matter of importance to some clubs pertaining to recognition and member authenticity. Members should always make reservations and inquire if club cards or other identification are required.

Red snapper Atlantic fishery management continues to vacillate on fishing in offshore federal waters. Currently the Atlantic fishery is closed to recreational fishing due to a federal court injunction. The Florida Gulf fishery, on the other hand, offers 140 days of red snapper fishing.

We had a very good update on the Bahamas cruising fees issue. Due to FCYC and others, the Bahamas has significantly reduced its cruising permit fees to combat a 40% drop in boating tourists. According to the president of the Association of the Bahamas Marinas, the two FCYC letters were an important factor in the decision.

FCYC is now publishing three newsletters per year, which corresponds to one issue every two meetings. The objective is to work toward getting the rank and file of the 36 club members better acquainted with the mission of FCYC and its objectives. FCYC leadership would be pleased to hear what our club leadership feels about the effort so far. If you have a thought, please let me know and I will pass it on. If you need copies, I will gladly provide any or all of them.

The next available FCYC meeting will be held at the Naples Sailing and Yacht Club. The dates are September 11-13, 2026. For folks interested, let me know earlier that later as some clubs close out availability quite early.

Rey Neville P/C
Director, FCYCly



HISTORY IN THE MAKING



Commodore Chuck Hathorne and Suzanne

Yacht Club Holds Elections

Charles Hathorn was elected to serve as commodore of the Vero Beach Yacht Club at the annual meeting held Jan. 26. Also elected to serve for two years as directors were: Albert Burgess, Mary Van Campen, William Schulke and A. Lee Shapleigh. Elected to serve for one year on the nomination committee were Howard Brand and Virginia Huber.

At the first meeting of the newly elected board of directors held Jan. 28, the following officers were approved to serve for 1988: George Murray, vice commodore; Hank Wilde, rear commodore; Mary Van Campen, secretary; Al Burgess, treasurer; Larry Bottinger, fleet captain; Franklin Cox, fleet captain and fleet surgeon. William Arnold was approved as delegate to the Florida Council of Yacht Clubs; Lee Shapleigh as alternate.

Change of Command and Fleet Review will be held Feb. 21 at 1 p.m. at the Yacht Club. Members entering their boats in the review should advise the club office.

The valentine party, chaired by Shipmate Janet Stringer, will be held Feb. 13. Reservations should be made for members and their guests as soon as possible.

Yachters Organize Review

The Vero Beach Yacht Club will hold its annual Change of Command and Fleet Review Sunday at 1 p.m. at the clubhouse.

Outgoing Commodore B. Buzz Henderson will change command with incoming Commodore Charles Hathorn.

There will be a flag ceremony at the flag pole with exchange of flags and proper gun salutes.

All the yachts that are participating in the fleet review should be at the staging area by marker 127 at 12:30 p.m.

This ode to past commodores at the 1989 Commodore's Ball, the above photo and *Press Journal* articles come from the Hathorn family archive.

AN ODE TO PAST COMMODORES

Welcome one and welcome all
Welcome to our Commodore's Ball
Commodores fade and commodores last
Tonight we honor Commodores past

Tom Lockwood dashing young upstart
Paved the driveway and sodded the lot
Has much to accomplish wait to see
With the help of a lovely OB

Zoe Marks first lady with the laughing face
Decorated our burgee with beautiful lace
She solved many problems with such ease
And made it seem simple - if you please.

He served ~~two~~ ^{THREE} terms Norman Badenhop
We all agree he's at the top
As you relax in the lounge many a night
Remember it was Norman's idea and insight

Just like shepards tending their flocks
George Phreaner updated our boat docks
Now from the windows it's a beautiful sight
It was George's idea one stormy night

John Stringer was really a dear
Served as house chairman many a year
He was responsible and our mentor
As the Florida Council we did enter

We owe it all to Chuck Yax
As he got out his little ax
At the time it wasn't so funny
But he soon helped us with our money

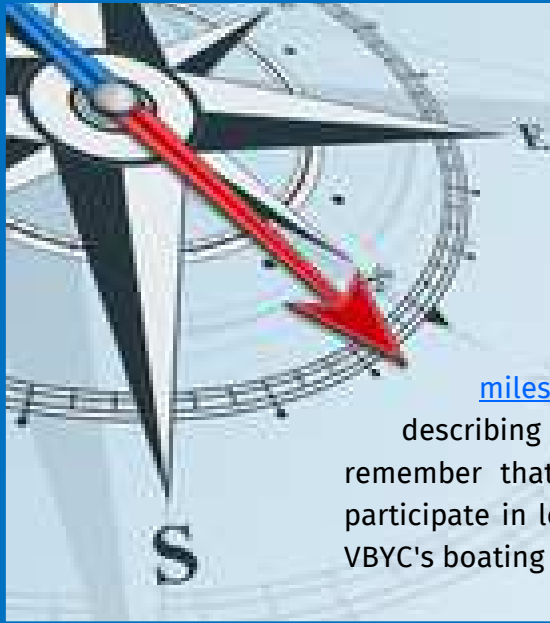
When Buzz Henderson started the boat cruise
None of us dared to refuse
It would have been just our luck
To wind up with that damn duck

Chuck Hathorn most famous of all
Without him there would be no ball
Without him there would be no cruise
Without him there would be no bar nor booze

George Murry had much appeal
Kept the club on an even keel
George knew exactly how we feel
For every yacht club must have a wheel

The Orange and Blue flies high tonight
The beautiful boats ever in sight
Thank you commodores one and all
God bless and enjoy your ball

FUN WITH THE FLEET



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. The following are articles and photos describing last month's events both on and by the water. Please remember that the club boat Change of Plans is available for rent to participate in local boating events by all members who have gone through VBYC's boating orientation program.

VBYC KAYAK GROUP OUTING - ROUND ISLAND PARK

Due to the summer heat, we will not have kayak outings in July, August and September. But boy did we end the season with a bang. On June 13, a small group of kayakers launched from Round Island Park. We thoroughly enjoyed calm waters and a light breeze as we paddled through this beautiful water park where our outfitter, Maddy Russell, provided interesting information on the flora and fauna--including two manatees which swam by and under our kayaks!



We then kayaked to two "spoil islands" (man-made islands created from the dredging of the local section of the Intracoastal Waterway). The first was SL-1, a conservation island in Saint Lucie County providing protection for abundant flocks of birds. The second island was SL-2, a recreation-designated island where we beached our kayaks and hiked through the woods to a beautiful long white sand beach. Kayak Group organizer Toby Jarman explained that the recreation spoil islands are open free of charge to day users and campers, providing picnic tables, grills, and fire pits. Spoil islands are truly State and local treasures that can be seen by all VBYC members--just sign up for the next kayak outing, which will be in October!



VBYC LAND & SEA CRUISE TO EAU GALLIE YACHT CLUB



The Fleet Committee had an incredibly successful three-day cruise from June 12-14 that included both boaters and VBYC's non-boat-owner members. Fleet captain Miles McNamee, past commodore (PC) Jim Stanley, and fleet cruise coordinator Dennis Makielski organized our fleet's first Land & Sea Cruise to neighboring Florida Council of Yacht Club member, Eau Gallie Yacht Club. Included in the fleet were Captain Joel Levenston and mate Janet on *Dream Catcher*, Captain Tim Hermes and mate Rita on *What's Her Name*, PC Jim Stanley and mate Karen on *Vigilant*, and Quail Valley members Captain Jeff Feldman and mate Barbara on *Blue Sky*.

The fleet arrived Friday afternoon and enjoyed delicious adult beverages at the club, a swim in the pool, "docktails" on PC Stanley's vessel, and poolside dining that evening.

The next day, over 25 "land cruise members" arrived for a swim, lunch, and a tour of Eau Gallie's remodeled club house and grounds. Commodore Jane Booth praised the Fleet Committee for getting so many VBYC members involved in the event.

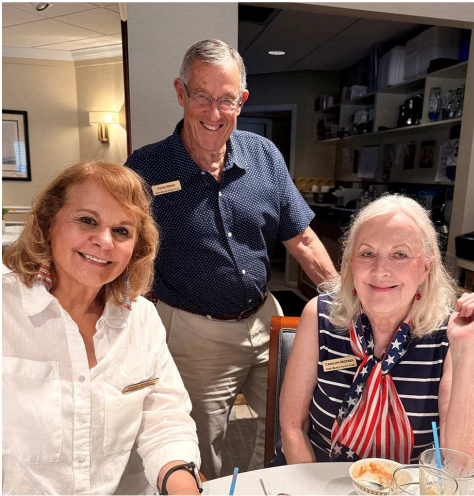
The fleet began the evening with docktails on Captain Feldman's vessel, was later treated to a bottle of champagne by Eau Gallie's fleet surgeon Dr. Kevin Campbell, and enjoyed a gourmet dinner in Eau Gallie's newly remodeled dining room.

After brunch and bloodies Sunday morning, the fleet returned home safely to VBYC--a great weekend, and a great example of getting the entire VBYC membership involved in Fleet Committee activities.

If you missed this event, don't despair. The Fleet Committee has plans for an August land and sea cruise to Pelican Yacht Club in Fort Pierce--stay tuned for more details.



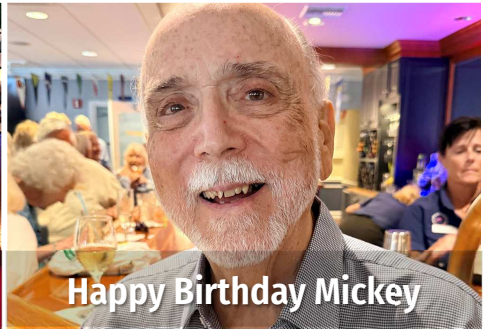
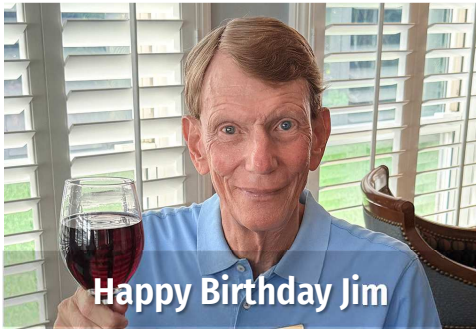
MEMORIAL DAY



JAZZ NIGHT



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Happy Birthday



ONCE AROUND THE CLUB



ONCE AROUND THE CLUB, *continued*



Nine & Dine Winners



May Trivia Winners

ON THE WATER



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

BURGEE EXCHANGE



In May, Marie Healey journeyed to Ireland, where she participated in a burgee exchange with the Poolbeg Yacht Club in Dublin. As shown, the club wasted no time raising our burgee to a prominent spot on their wall.



Christmas

In July

SHIP STORE SALE

FRIDAY, JULY 10

5PM - 6:30PM

Get your Christmas shopping finished early this year with one or more of the items available from the Ship Store.

Items for sale include all 100 Year Anniversary merchandise and a variety of hats, visors, note cards, stickers, license plates, history books, burgees, and shirts and jackets for men and women. Sure to please someone on your gift list.

Hope to see you there. But if you can't make the sale, the office staff can help you find the perfect gift (or something special for yourself) from the store; just ask.



SUMMER RECIPROCAIS

BENT PINE

May 28 - October 11

Dine 772-567-0746

Golf 772-567-6922

GRAND HARBOR

May 1 - October 31

Dine 772-778-9000

Golf 772-778-9200

INDIAN RIVER CLUB

May 6 - October 14

Grill 772-770-4627

Golf 772-569-5066

OAK HARBOR

June 1 - September 30

772-562-3808

POINTE WEST

May 1 - October 31

Dine 772-770-3675

Golf 772-770-4653

THE LEGACY

May 1 - September 30

Dine 772-466-7888

Golf 772-466-7888 (Ext.106)

PELICAN YACHT CLUB

May 1 - October 31

772-464-2700

SEA OAKS

May 13 - October 31

Summer Members Excluded

Beach Club 772-234-4242

Pro Shop 772-231-3102

VERO BEACH COUNTRY CLUB

May 5 - October 31

Dine 772-567-3320

Golf 772-562-2775

SATURDAY

Doors Open at 5:00 p.m.

4th of July BBQ Party

Special Buffet 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. \$40.00++

Music by Pink Spice Trio 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Fireworks can be viewed from VBYC around 9:00 p.m.

SATURDAY
JULY 11

The SUPREMES Tribute Showcase

SHOW 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

SPECIAL BUFFET 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

\$50.00++

DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, JULY 16

DJ DANCE Night

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Regular Dinner Menu 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

DOO WOP SOCK HOP

SATURDAY, JULY 25

Doors Open at 5:00 p.m.

\$50.00++

Music From 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Special Buffet From 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



BINGO

THURSDAY, JULY 2

BINGO				
35	18	29	20	34
19	10	10	11	12
23	38	30	66	60

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Tapas Buffet
LIMITED DINNER MENU

1 CARD FOR \$2.00 | 2 CARDS FOR \$5.00

BINGO BEGINS AT APPROXIMATELY 7:30 PM



WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

ALL AMERICAN

WINE PAIRING DINNER

GREETING 6:00 PM
DINNER 6:30 PM

WINE & DINNER \$125.00++
DINNER ONLY \$100.00++

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED



PASTA TRIVIA NIGHT

THURSDAY, JULY 30

PASTA STATION OPENS AT 5:30 PM
TRIVIA BEGINS AT 7:30 PM

LIMITED DINNER MENU

\$28.00++



Every Friday

HAPPY HOUR

STARTING AT 4:00 PM

APPETIZER MENU 5:30-8:30 PM
REGULAR DINNER MENU 5:30-8:30 PM

HAPPY HOUR DRINKS ALL NIGHT

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
CHRISTMAS
 IN *July!*
SHIPSTORE SALE

FRIDAY, JULY 10
 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

9 & DINE

Friday, July 10 & Friday, July 24

To register, contact Gwen Miller
millergwen65@gmail.com

MAHJONG

Ladies interested in playing mahjong and meeting other VBYC members are cordially invited to join us every Thursday in the Burgee Room at 11:30 for lunch, followed by fun and social mahjong games. Contact Susan Kamer at sassykat61@comcast.net or call 772-713-5727.

SUNDAYS AT 9:30 AM
 IN THE EAST PARKING LOT

PRIOR RACQUET SPORTS EXPERIENCE RECOMMENDED

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT BOB JONES
 AT ROBERTMEADEJONES@GMAIL.COM

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

JULY 2026

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
AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS Bingo - Thursday, August 6 Motown Divas - Saturday, August 8 DJ Dance Party - Thursday, August 13 Hippy Fest - Saturday, August 22 Pasta Trivia - Thursday, August 27			1 Lunch Dinner	2 Lunch MAHJONG  <i>Tapas Buffet & Limited Menu</i> Dinner	3 Lunch BRIDGE <i>Happy Hour Dinner</i>	4  <i>Pink Spice Trio</i>
5 Pickleball <i>Sunday BRUNCH</i>	6 Club Closed	7 BRIDGE  Dinner	8 Lunch Dinner	9 Lunch MAHJONG Dinner	10 Lunch BRIDGE 9&DINE SHIPSTORE <i>Happy Hour Dinner</i>	11 SUPREMES <i>Tribute Showcase</i> <i>Special Buffet</i>
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