

THE SIREN



Commodore

Commodore's Log

May was a busy month as we celebrated the Kentucky Derby, Mother's Day, and the last outdoor concert of the season, a tribute to Cold Play. We also enjoyed dining and dancing on Saturdays and even had a special DJ one evening. We welcomed approximately 70 summer members, some of whom are returning for a second summer -- take the opportunity to welcome and get to know these future members. As we take advantage of our reciprocal relationships with other clubs, we also welcome their members as they enjoy our activities and events. Please continue to show why VBYC is known as the friendliest little club in south Florida.

The club is doing well financially and has only had a few maintenance issues (so far this year) that were addressed. If you have suggestions for improvements, feel free to talk to a board member or put a note in the lock box near the front entrance. Committees and the board discuss concerns and suggestions and often make changes to address them.

Jim DeSimone, chair of the Dock Rebuild Committee, is pleased to report that most of the needed permits have been granted. The team will be going to bid with several contractors in June and we hope to proceed with demolition and construction starting in July or August.

Coming up in June, we will celebrate Father's Day with a great brunch. We will have Speak Easy Jazz and a little Country and Rock and Roll on two Saturday evenings. On Thursdays we will enjoy Bingo, DJ/Karaoke and Pasta Trivia. I look forward to seeing you as we enjoy all the activities.

Respectfully,
Jane Booth, Commodore

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VERO BEACH YACHT CLUB
For Fun and Friendship

NOW HEAR THIS!
Your Vero Beach Yacht Club needs YOU!

The VBYC Nominating Committee is now accepting member applications for positions on the VBYC board of directors and Nominating Committee. Additionally, we would like to hear from those qualified members open to being considered for the positions of rear commodore, vice commodore and 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.



THE FOOD PANTRY OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY THANKS YOU

Thanks to the generous outreach from the members of VBYC, we donated a total of 249 pounds of food and \$550 in cash donations to the Food Pantry this ninth year of our Annual Food Drive.

Your donations will go a long way to help those in our community who are less fortunate.

Thank you, as always, Mary Wohlstein



HISTORY IN THE MAKING

VBYC members enjoyed many elegant evenings "back in the day," just as we do today. Our 80th anniversary in 2006 and the Commodore's Ball in 1988 were two such events when members got together to celebrate the traditions that make our club so special.

PEOPLE & PARTIES

Celebrations, Benefits and Events

BY KATHRYN SMITH
ASSISTED BY SHANNON PADGETT
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Past Commodores John Stringer, Chuck Hathorne and Chuck Ranson



Past Commodores Howard Brewer, Ed Llerena, Bud Black and John Barringer



Past Commodores Tom Ellis, Sumner Lapp, Buzz Henderson and Bill Thompson

VB Yacht Club Celebrates 80th Anniversary

The Vero Beach Yacht Club held its *80th Anniversary Celebration* member gala on November 17 and 18 with *The Shipmates Frolic*, a roaring '20s dinner-dance on November 17 and the *Past Commodores Party and 80th Anniversary* celebration on November 18.

The formal elegant evening celebrating the Past Commodores and 80th Anniversary began with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, followed by dinner and dancing to the Paul Hubbell Band. The evening was hosted by Commodore Edmund Davis.



Bridge Officers Treasurer Bill Walker, Rear Commodore Dennis Joslin, Vice Commodore Ruth Ritter, Commodore Edmund Davis and Fleet Captain Jack Berrigan



Keith and Jeannette Bode with Marilyn and Doug Case



Ervin and Karen Roberts, Richard and Lucy Hope



Mary VanCampen, Richard and Ginette Rustin



Jim and Joy DeGrote, Nancy and Dick Baker



Monty and Jane Abs with Karen and Woody Boarman

Vero Beach Yacht Club

Commodore's Ball

Merriment rang throughout the main dining room Saturday night at the Vero Beach Yacht Club, when more than 120 members attended the Commodore's Ball, held annually to honor the club's new commodore.

Flag officers who greeted guests were: Commodore Charles Hathorn and his wife, Suzanne; Vice Commodore George Murray and his wife, Helen; Rear Admiral Henry Wilde and his wife, Doris; Secretary Mary Van Campen and Treasurer Albert Burgess and his wife, Helena.

An array of hors d'oeuvres were available before dinner was served, and dancing to the music of instrumentalists Ray and Eddie was enjoyed until midnight.

The Yacht Club was chartered Jan. 25, 1926, with Hoyt E. Morris serving as its first commodore.

Monthly events are held, each using a different theme, and several boat trips are planned throughout the year.



Vice Commodore George Murray, left, Commodore Charles Hathorn, Helen Murray and Suzanne Hathorn were among those who attended the ball.



Stuart Hall selects a snack.



Dr. Rodney Starkweather and his wife, Jeanne



Mary Van Campen, left, and Gloria Schulke.

VBYC MEETINGS - JUNE 2026

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



Fleet - Tuesday, June 2, 4:30 p.m.

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

Planning - Tuesday, June 9, 9:30 a.m.

Membership - Tuesday, June 9, 4:30 p.m.

Board of Directors - Tuesday, June 16, 9:30 a.m.

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 is the list of exciting events for June both on and by the water.

CRUISE TO EAU GALLIE YACHT CLUB – BY LAND OR BY SEA!



Friday June 12 to Sunday June 14, or drive up on Saturday for lunch.

By boat, the club is located near Dragon Point on the south end of the Banana River.
By car, drive to 100 Datura Drive, Indian Harbour Beach, FL.

Never been to Eau Gallie? Now's your chance to see one of our favorite yacht clubs. Don't forget your bathing suits and make new friends with both boaters and non-boaters as you dine by the pool. Contact PC Jim Stanley at jstanley@marinebank.bank or 772-473-0645 for slip reservations. If coming by car, contact Dennis Makielski at makhaven@comcast.net or 301-399-4244 for unch reservations.



VBYC KAYAK GROUP OUTING - ROUND ISLAND PARK

Saturday, June 13 at 8:45 a.m.

Launch Site: Round Island Park, Vero Beach

If you can't make the day trip to Eau Gallie Yacht Club, we'd love for you to join us on a morning kayak adventure. Kayak through this beautiful water park to a spoil island with lovely trails. If you are new to kayaking, we will teach you! Contact Toby Jarman (jarmantoby1@gmail.com) if you are planning to attend; email Maddy of Adventure Kayaking Tours (madelynrussell12@gmail.com) for kayak reservations.



FUN WITH THE FLEET , *continued*



SPOIL ISLAND CLEANUP

Saturday, June 27, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

Meet at the VBYC Patio

Enjoy a day on our beautiful waterway, explore the Indian River Lagoon, and help protect our environment by cleaning up VBYC's adopted island. After the fun on the water, join your VBYC friends and make new ones on the patio with bring-your-own lunch and beverages. RSVP Connie by Thursday June 25th. (connie.dominiani@gmail.com)

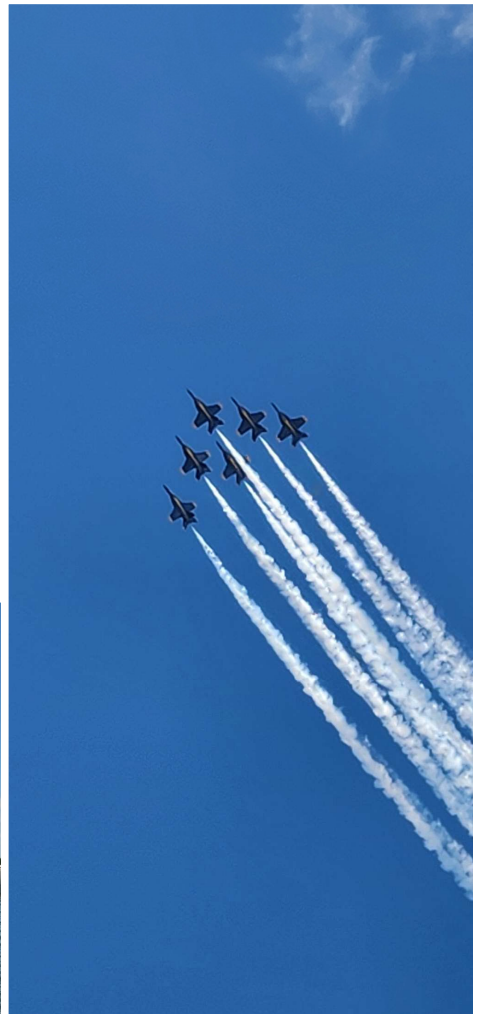


MAY 15-17 VERO BEACH AIR SHOW

by Corky & Deb Rittenbaugh

What a great Patriotic weekend it was! The Vero Beach Air Show, featuring the Navy's Blue Angels, never disappoints. A purely spectacular event both at the show and on the water enjoying Yacht Club camaraderie. The Vero Beach Yacht Club was well represented, with club members and guests celebrating aviation with the return of the Blue Angels and a lineup of diverse aerobatic performers that delivered nonstop action throughout the weekend.

Ten members and guests enjoyed the Barnstormer Tent on Saturday with impressive static aircraft displays and interactive experiences, and on Sunday, 30 members and guests enjoyed a 6-boat raft up on the water to view the spectacle that never fails to deliver.



KENTUCKY DERBY



AIR SHOW RAFT UP



BINGO



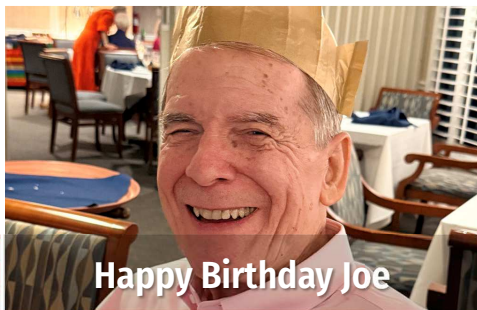
HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Happy Birthday Jane



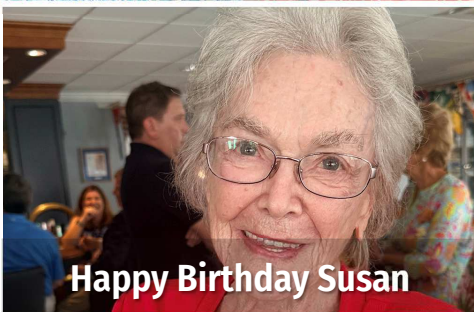
Happy Birthday Clare & Terry



Happy Birthday Joe



Happy Birthday Janet & Harold



Happy Birthday Susan



Happy Birthday Karen

ONCE AROUND THE CLUB



9 & Dine Winners



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April Trivia Winners



Centennial Committee



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



Father's Day
BRUNCH

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

10AM TO 1:30PM

Includes Complimentary Cocktail for Dad


SPEAKEASY
JAZZ
Blues

SATURDAY, JUNE 13
7:00 - 9:00 PM

FEATURING MUFFY CHARLES TRIO

SPECIAL À LA CARTE MENU

DJ & Dancing



KARAOKE
Night

THURSDAY, JUNE 18
6:30 - 9:00 PM

REGULAR DINNER MENU
5:30 - 8:30 PM

SATURDAY JUNE 27
6:30-9:30PM

I'm a little bit
Country
& a little bit
Rock'n'roll

FEATURING "GROUP THERAPY"

SPECIAL BUFFET ~ \$45++

COUNTRY OR ROCK & ROLL ATTIRE EXPECTED

BINGO



THURSDAY, JUNE 4

TAPAS BUFFET / LIMITED DINNER MENU

1 CARD FOR \$2.00 3 CARDS FOR \$5.00

BINGO BEGINS APPROXIMATELY AT 7:30



PASTA

Trivia

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

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

\$28.00++
LIMITED DINNER MENU



Happy HOUR Every Friday

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



9 & Dine

THE GOLF GROUP WILL BE TEEING OFF ON
FRIDAY, JUNE 12 & FRIDAY, JUNE 26

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT GWEN MILLER.
MILLERGWEN65@GMAIL.COM

SUNDAYS AT 9:30 AM
IN THE EAST PARKING LOT



PICKLEBALL

PRIOR RACQUET SPORTS EXPERIENCE RECOMMENDED

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

PLEASE JOIN OUR WEEKLY
MAHJONG
Game



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.

The book club is taking the summer off; there will be no meetings in June, July or August.



When meetings start again in September, Linda Barker and Marie Taglione will be facilitating the meetings.

SUMMER RECIPROCALLS

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

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

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

JUNE 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Club Closed	2 BRIDGE BIG BUCKS Dinner	3 Lunch Dinner	4 Lunch MAHJONG Bingo! Tapas Buffet & Limited Menu	5 Lunch BRIDGE <i>Happy Hour</i> Dinner	6 Dinner
7 Pickleball <i>Sunday BRUNCH</i>	8 Club Closed	9 BRIDGE BIG BUCKS Dinner	10 Lunch Dinner	11 Lunch MAHJONG Dinner	12 Lunch BRIDGE  BOATING 9&DINE <i>Happy Hour</i> Dinner	13  KAYAKING  BOATING SPEAKEASY JAZZ & Blues Muffy Charles Trio Special Menu
14 Pickleball <i>Sunday BRUNCH</i>  BOATING	15 Club Closed	16 BRIDGE BIG BUCKS Dinner	17 Lunch Dinner	18 Lunch MAHJONG  DJ PARTY Dinner	19 Lunch BRIDGE <i>Happy Hour</i> Dinner	20 Dinner
21 Pickleball <i>Father's DAY BRUNCH</i> 	22 Club Closed	23 BRIDGE BIG BUCKS Dinner	24 Lunch Dinner	25 Lunch MAHJONG  PASTA Trivia night Limited Menu	26 Lunch BRIDGE 9&DINE <i>Happy Hour</i> Dinner	27  FOSI FRIENDS OF THE SPOIL ISLANDS a little COUNTRY a little ROCK 'N ROLL  Group Therapy Buffet
28 Pickleball <i>Sunday BRUNCH</i>	29 Club Closed	30 BRIDGE BIG BUCKS Dinner	<p style="text-align: center;">JULY HIGHLIGHTS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bingo - Thursday, July 2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BBQ, Dancing & Fireworks - Saturday, July 4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Club Event "The Supremes" - Saturday, July 11</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DJ/ Karaoke - Thursday, July 16</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Club Event "Doo Wop/Sok Hop" - Saturday, July 25</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pasta Trivia - Thursday, July 30</p>			