

# THE SIREN



Commodore  
E. Jane Booth

## Commodore's Log

WOW! What a way to close our 100-day Centennial Celebration! With perfect weather, on April 18 the Fleet Committee conducted the annual Blessing of the Fleet, with more than 15 boats participating. Following the Blessing, we hosted the clergy and City and County dignitaries for a lunch buffet. That evening, we enjoyed another excellent buffet, beautiful fireworks, and an outdoor concert with music from Studio 54 Band. It was a truly outstanding day!

I would like to thank Miles McNamee for his excellent coordination of the Blessing. I am also grateful to the Centennial Committee (Judy Peschio, Susan Burton, Brenda Burnette, Brenda Lloyd, Rey Neville, Kiki Rohr and Gordon Sellers) for their planning efforts over the last two years. And very

special thanks to our general manager, Shawn Witmer, for all his hard work planning and managing all our celebration events.

Other late March and April activities included additional concerts and a Skippers Table evening where we discussed the future of the club. Thanks to Jim DeSimone for the update on the dock committee and Jim Donovan for the kitchen redesign overview. Kathryn Barton and I also provided some details on our financial reserves and initial forecasts of the capital spending for these large projects. Attendees appreciated the deep dive into the state of the club and suggested periodic updates.

Even though we are wrapping up our Centennial Celebration events, we will continue to recognize our history throughout the year. May will be a busy month as we celebrate the Kentucky Derby, Mother's Day, and Memorial Day in addition to our regularly scheduled events.

I wish a fond farewell to our seasonal members and look forward to their safe return. We also welcome new summer members and reciprocals from other local clubs. Please continue to share our spirit of fun and friendship with these new arrivals!

Respectfully, Jane Booth, Commodore

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## HISTORY IN THE MAKING

In the 1980s, the first Burgee Room expansion was completed. In 1993, a second expansion was approved and construction commenced. As you can see from the photos, there was no lack of humor in the process. Interesting that the graffiti shown in these photos (and more) still exists beneath the paint and wallboard that surround us when we're there.



## VBYC MEETINGS - MAY 2026

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



**Fleet** - Tuesday, May 5, 4:30 p.m.

**House and Grounds** - Tuesday, May 12, 9:30 a.m.

**Planning** - Tuesday, May 12, 9:30 a.m.

**Membership** - Tuesday, May 12, 4:30 p.m.

**Board of Directors** - Tuesday, May 19, 9:30 a.m.

## ON THE WATERFRONT

### VBYC KAYAK GROUP OUTING - LITTLE JIM BRIDGE TO "REDNECK RIVIERA"

Saturday, May 9 at 9:00 a.m.

Launch Site: Stan Blum Boat Launch, Fort Pierce

Kayak along beautiful mangrove trails to the "Redneck Riviera," where you can take a dip in clear blue water at Fort Pierce Inlet State Park or simply enjoy a local hangout for anchored small boats. If you are new to kayaking, we will teach you! Contact Toby Jarman at [jarmantoby1@gmail.com](mailto:jarmantoby1@gmail.com) if you are planning to attend. Email Maddy of Adventure Kayak Tours for kayak reservations.



## VERO BEACH AIR SHOW



The Vero Beach Yacht Club Fleet Committee would like to encourage everyone to attend the upcoming Vero Beach Air Show sponsored by Piper Aircraft, Inc. May 15 – 17, 2026.

The Air Show returns this year with a Friday Night Show, May 15. The May 16 and 17 events will include amazing performances from talented acrobatic pilots, and the U.S. Navy Blue Angels will return to grace our skies with amazing military precision. It is sure to be a weekend of family fun and excitement.

Fleet Members Corky & Deb Rittenbaugh will be at the airshow on Saturday, May 16 at the Barnstormer Tent with a Club Burgee if anyone would like to join them by land for an exciting day at the Air Show.

The Vero Beach Air Show ONLY sells tickets online through its website [www.veroairshow.com](http://www.veroairshow.com). If attending, please respond to Corky & Deb at [corkysoasis@comcast.net](mailto:corkysoasis@comcast.net). They will be on site around 10 a.m..



## THE FOOD PANTRY IS COUNTING ON YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS

A Note from Mary Wohlstein:

At the end of the first week of our Food Drive I was only able to deliver 5 bags of food weighing 38 pounds and 3 checks totaling \$350.00. I have decided to extend the drive to May 12 to give more of our members a chance to participate. If you are heading north, please consider donating your non-expired pantry items to our friends at the Food Pantry of Indian River County.

There are so many paths to hunger, often triggered by job loss, family tragedy, mental health struggles or overwhelming rent increases. The Food Pantry addresses hopelessness by providing respect and dignity; and, of course, bags of food.

Your donation of non-perishable items can be left in the wicker basket in our lobby. If you choose to make a donation, please make checks payable to The Food Pantry of Indian River County and turn them in at the club office.

A note from President, Scott Turner:

Together, let us continue to work towards a future where no family must worry about their next meal. Thank you for standing with us as we face the challenges of 2026.

## 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

# COMMODORE'S BALL



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

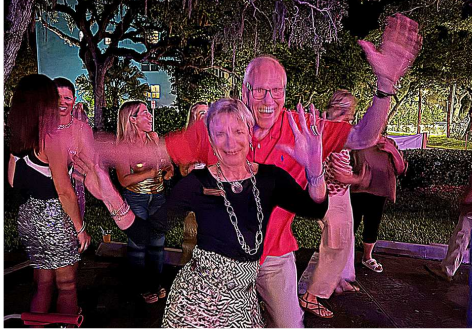
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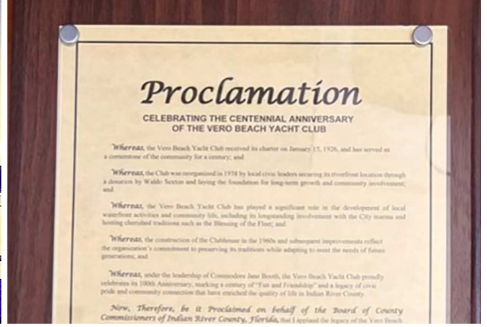


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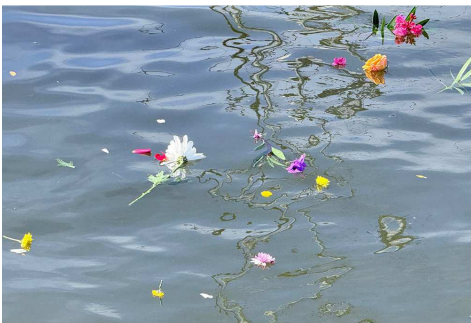


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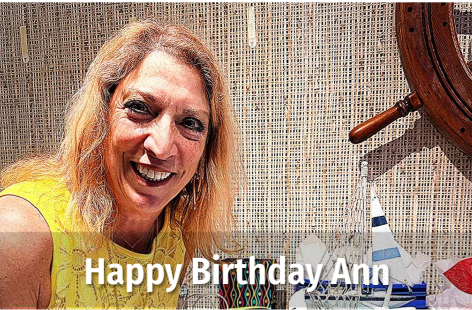
# BLESSING OF THE FLEET



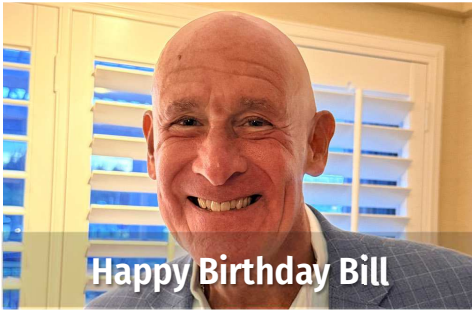
## BINGO



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Happy Birthday Ann



Happy Birthday Bill



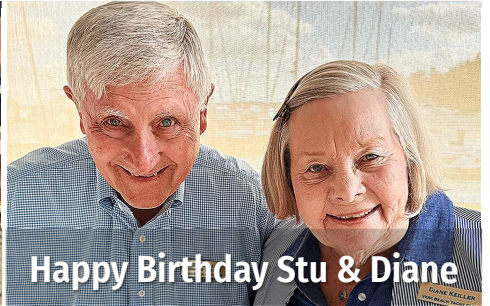
Happy Birthday Kristen



Happy Birthday Mike



Happy Birthday Shirley



Happy Birthday Stu & Diane

## ONCE AROUND THE CLUB



March Trivia Winners



9 & Dine Winners



Spoil Island Cleanup

  
**Kentucky Derby**  
**PARTY**  
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**SATURDAY, MAY 2**  
 4:30pm Doors Open  
 5:30pm Kentucky Derby Buffet \$40.00++  
 6:30-9:30pm Music by Haya  
 House Odds Betting

PLEASE JOIN US FOR  
**MOTHER'S DAY**  
*Brunch*  
**SUNDAY, MAY 10**  
 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
 \$40.00++  
 Reservations Please

**CONCERT IN THE PARKING LOT**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 14**  
**LIFE IN TECHNICOLOR**  
 TRIBUTE TO  
**COLDPLAY**  
  
**AMAZING HIT FILLED SHOW!**  
 YELLOW - CLOCKS - SPEED OF SOUND  
 SPARKS - VIVA LA VIDA - IN MY PLACE  
 THE SCIENTIST - AND MANY MORE!  
**CONCERT START TIME 8:00 PM**  
**CONCERT \$30.00**  
**BUFFET \$30.00++** **DON'T FORGET YOUR CHAIRS**

**MEMORIAL DAY**  
**BBQ**  
 ★ ★ ★ ★  
**SUNDAY, MAY 24**  
**5:00 - 7:00 PM**  
**\$30.00++**

**WINE PAIRING DINNER**

*Exceptional Wines. Perfectly Paired*

**GREETING 6:00 PM  
DINNER 6:30 PM**

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

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

*DJ & Dancing*  
**KARAOKE Night**

**THURSDAY  
MAY  
21**

**6:30  
9:00  
PM**

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

**HAPPY HOUR**

*Every Friday*

**STARTING AT 4:00 PM**

APPETIZER MENU 5:30-8:30 P.M.  
REGULAR DINNER MENU 5:30-8:30 P.M.  
**HAPPY HOUR DRINKS ALL NIGHT**

**SEAFOOD BUFFET**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 27  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**\$75.00++**

*Reservations Appreciated*

# BINGO Night

## MAY 7

TAPAS BUFFET / LIMITED DINNER MENU

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

BINGO BEGINS APPROXIMATELY AT 7:30

# TRIVIA

## pasta

THURSDAY, MAY 28

Pasta Station opens at 5:30 p.m.  
Trivia at 7:30 p.m.

Limited Dinner Menu

Enjoy!

**\$28.00++**

## SATURDAY NIGHT BANDS

May 2 ~ Haya

May 9 ~ The Kennys

May 16 ~ Sunnie & Kurtis

May 23 ~ Muffy Charles

May 30 ~ Johnny Nick



## 9 & Dine



The golf group will be teeing off on Fridays  
May 1, May 15, and May 29

For additional information contact Ginny Husted: [virginia.husted@gmail.com](mailto:virginia.husted@gmail.com).

**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](mailto:robertmeadejones@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 772-713-5727 or [sassykat61@comcast.net](mailto:sassykat61@comcast.net).



## BOOKclub

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.

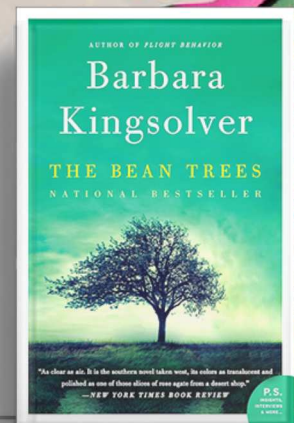
Many thanks to Kathy Kinasewitz, who has been facilitator extraordinaire for many years and is taking a well-deserved break.



**THE BEAN TREES**  
by Barbara Kingsolver  
Wednesday, May 27  
4:00 p.m.

The Bean Trees is the first of Barbara Kingsolver's novels, and it set the stage for her success as a storyteller. It is the tale of Taylor Greer, a half-Cherokee, rural Kentucky native, whose two goals in life are to get away from her roots and avoid getting pregnant. She succeeds on both counts, but her journey takes an unexpected turn: on her way West, she encounters and inherits a three-year-old Native American girl named Turtle. Together, the two embark on a journey that takes them from Oklahoma to Arizona in search of a new life. It is a story of friendship, love, abandonment and belonging, and the discovery of surprising resources in seemingly empty places.

## BOOK Club



# MAY 2026

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

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  
 Saturday: Music: 6:30 ~ 9:30 p.m. (main dining room)

1 Lunch <b>BRIDGE</b> 9&DINE <i>Happy Hour Dinner</i>	2  KENTUCKY DERBY. <i>Haya Special Buffet</i>
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3  
Pickleball  
*Sunday BRUNCH*

4  
Club Closed

5  
**BRIDGE**  
**BIG BUCKS**  
Dinner

6  
Lunch  
Dinner

7  
Lunch  
**MAHJONG**  
**Bingo!**  
*Tapas Buffet Limited Menu*

8  
Lunch  
**BRIDGE**  
*Happy Hour Dinner*

9  
  
KAYAKING  
*The Kennys Dinner*

10  
Pickleball  
*mother's day BRUNCH*

11  
Club Closed

12  
**BRIDGE**  
**BIG BUCKS**  
Dinner

13  
Lunch  
Dinner

14  
Lunch  
**MAHJONG**  
**CONCERT IN THE PARK(ING LOT)**  
*Special Buffet*

15  
Lunch  
**BRIDGE**  
9&DINE  
*Happy Hour Dinner*

16  
*Sunnie & Kurtis Dinner*

17  
Pickleball  
*Sunday BRUNCH*  
  
BOATING

18  
Club Closed

19  
**BRIDGE**  
**BIG BUCKS**  
Dinner

20  
Lunch  
**WINE PAIRING DINNER**

21  
Lunch  
**MAHJONG**  
**DJ PARTY**  
Dinner

22  
Lunch  
**BRIDGE**  
*Happy Hour Dinner*

23  
*Muffy Charles Dinner*

24  
Pickleball  
*Sunday BRUNCH*  
**MEMORIAL DAY BBQ**

25  
Club Closed

26  
**BRIDGE**  
**BIG BUCKS**  
Dinner

27  
Lunch  
**B Club**  
*Seaford EXTRAVAGANZA*

28  
Lunch  
**MAHJONG**  
**PASTA Trivia night**  
Limited Menu

29  
Lunch  
**BRIDGE**  
9&DINE  
*Happy Hour Dinner*

30  
*Johnny Nick Dinner*

31  
Pickleball  
*Sunday BRUNCH*

**JUNE HIGHLIGHTS**  
 Bingo - Thursday, June 4  
 Speak Easy Jazz - Saturday, June 13  
 DJ/Karaoke - Thursday, June 18  
 Pasta Trivia - Thursday, June 25  
 A little bit Country and a little bit Rock & Roll - Saturday, June 27