

# THE SIREN



Cmdre Mickey  
Donofrio

## Commodore's Log

November already, Thanksgiving is just around the corner. To give us something to do until turkey day we have a couple of things on our calendar. On Nov. 13, The Shipmates will hold their first meeting of the year; they have waited until now because of Covid concerns.

The much-anticipated Blessing of the Fleet will happen on Saturday, Nov, 14. Shawn has brought in "The Stevie Nicks Experience" for another one of the "Concerts in the Park (ing Lot)" series on Friday, Nov. 20. Between the above, Veterans Day and Thanksgiving there is no shortage of events and occasions to bring you to the club.

We have finally found and repaired the water leak that was causing wet floors in the entry way and foyer. After hours searching for the source, mostly looking at the roof, it turned out to be a pinhole in a pipe in the hallway wall. The leak was repaired, and a remediation company removed the wet and moldy drywall. New drywall was installed and new moldings were made and installed by Al Ebstein, after which he painted the entire repaired area. Thank you, Al.

Looking forward to seeing you at the club, Mickey

Please join us for the annual  
**VERO BEACH YACHT CLUB**

## Blessing of the Fleet

Saturday, November 14, 2020  
All boaters are welcome



-  Meet at 3:00 PM on the north side of the Barber Bridge. Follow the the lead boat, *Friendship*, toward VBYC.
-  The Boats are blessed as they pass the dock. Flowers may be strewn while passing the clergy.

Monitor Channel 72 for Directions from *Friendship*

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# SPOTLIGHT ON OUR PAST COMMODORE'S



Madesta Stevens  
Immediate Past Commodore

It is with great regret that we have made the decision not to host the annual Past Commodore's Dinner, as we have in past years. It's a tradition I have always enjoyed. Hopefully, next year the membership and the past commodores will again be able to have a lovely social evening together. In lieu of the party, I felt we should recognize our member commodores as well as those commodores for whom eight bells have rung.

As for me, 2019 was a year of fair winds and smooth sailing, with no bad storms and many memorable moments. I attended the Change of Command of the FCYC at Eau Gallie Yacht Club, a magnificent weekend. The pergola, an important addition to the club, was designed and installed in late summer. We hosted an impressive Blessing of the Fleet to celebrate the end of the Vero Beach Centennial Year, with boats from clubs and other venues all over town. The year ended with a full membership of 650; we also had more than 100 on the wait list, which is still true today. I want to thank the entire club membership for their unending support, which made my year as Commodore a great pleasure.



Rey Neville  
2018-2019



Barbara Ebstein  
2017-2018



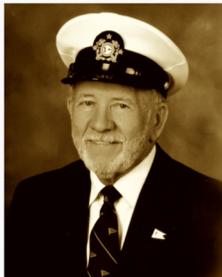
Peter Hollingworth  
2016-2017



Glenn Rose  
2015-2016



Mike Wisniewski  
2014-2015



Frank Bilotta  
2013-2014



Harold Leh  
2012-2013



Jim Stanley  
2011-2012



Doug Case  
2010-2011



Bill Walker  
2009-2010



Dennis Joslin  
2008-2009



Charles Ranson  
2005-2006



Howard Brewer  
2004-2005



Tom Lockwood  
1978-1979



Ed Davis  
2006-2007  
D. 2020



Tom Ellis  
2003-2004  
D. 2019

*Thank you to Rey Neville for the photos.*

## SHIPMATES



A Shipmates meeting will be held Friday, November 13 at 11 a.m. Our speaker will be Commodore Mickey Donofrio. Please plan to join us for our first gathering of the season. The room will be set up to accommodate social distancing, and remember to wear your mask. If you plan to stay for lunch, make a reservation with the office.

Shipmates will kick off the annual Food Drive at the Hallowe'en Party, which will continue through December 15. Join us on Saturday, October 31, for "No Tricks, Just Treats" as we gather items to help our neighbors in need. All collected items will be donated to the Food Pantry of Indian River County. Specific items requested include canned fruits and veggies, tuna, granola bars, jams and jellies, peanut butter, and toiletries. Monetary donations also are gratefully accepted. Checks should be made payable to Food Pantry of Indian River County.



The Ship Store has been restocked and is up and running. Items available for purchase can be viewed in the display case in the Burgee Room or online at the Ship Store page on our VBYC website.

Shipmates still are looking for a volunteer to fill the vacant secretary position. The time commitment is small. Duties include taking minutes of the meetings and sending out reminder emails to members once a month. Interested parties should contact Mary Wohlstein at [m\\_wohlstein@yahoo.com](mailto:m_wohlstein@yahoo.com).

## CHEF BILL NARHI

Dear VBYC Members and Staff,

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the death of my father, Chef Bill Narhi. He passed away peacefully on September 17, 2020 with family by his side.

My father led an incredible career as a Certified Executive Chef, working at private clubs and fine dining establishments, winning numerous awards, teaching at the Culinary Arts Institute of Louisiana, and finally serving as the Executive Chef of Vero Beach Yacht Club from 2013 until his passing.



Earlier this year, he was diagnosed with stage-four lung cancer. He fought an impressive battle and had us all quite convinced that he'd be back in the VBYC kitchen in no time. While it saddens me that the VBYC members were not able to enjoy his culinary talents again, I wanted to share a story to let you know that, even in the end, he never gave up his passion:

In one's final days, it is common to experience moments in and out of lucid thought. While many people experience the comforting presence of family members and loved ones by their bedside in this time, my father instead spent this time running the kitchen.

My father dreamt that he was plating food and called – often out loud! – for orders to be picked up and served. He expressed concern to his caretaker that there might not be enough chicken for the next meal service and made sure to verify with his unseen kitchen staff that all necessary prep work had been completed. In his last days, he was so happy to "return" to work with his team in the kitchen and serve the VBYC members.

It brings me joy to know how much he loved his career and his workplace. His memories of working at VBYC brought him so much comfort in the end that I felt it must be shared with all of you. Even at the end of his life, he was still your Chef Bill.

Megan "Shawn" Silver, Chef Bill's Daughter

Chef Bill's Obituary: <https://lowtherfamily.com/obituaries/william-carl-bill-narhi/>

## ON THE WATERFRONT

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#### INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEANUP

Eighteen VBYC members volunteered to clean up Spoil Island #25 on International Coastal Waterway Cleanup Day. Eight bags of trash were filled, and some unusual items were found: two chairs, one truck mudflap and a white plastic bowl! Cleanup efforts were hampered by the swampy nature of the island due to excessive rain this fall and the king tide. However, that did not stop Alice: She waded into the water to retrieve trash! Leaving Spoil Island #25, members ventured to other islands to clean and were treated to a cruise on the water by Captains Burton, Jarman, and Piecuch! Many thanks to everyone for a beautiful day!



**VBYC PADDLE GROUP OUTING** – Saturday November 7 at 8:45 a.m.  
Queens Island – north of the Seal Museum.

Kayak along a beautiful wooded area to Jack Island Park. Don't worry if you have never kayaked before, we will teach you! Contact Toby Jarman at [jotoby@moonriveriii.com](mailto:jotoby@moonriveriii.com) if you are planning to attend. Call Maddy at Adventure Kayak Tours to arrange for a kayak.

#### SUNDOWNER CRUISE

Thursday, November 19 at 4:30 p.m.

Note earlier time. Watch your email for location specifics; we'll also email if it looks like stormy weather and we must cancel. During the event, Captain Piecuch will be on VHF channel 72.



**BEACH UP** — Friday, November 27 at 11 a.m.

Destination: Spoil Island # SL-13

Bring your beach chairs, beach umbrella, and picnic lunch. Please let Toby Jarman know at [jotoby@moonriveriii.com](mailto:jotoby@moonriveriii.com) if you plan to bring your boat.

# MAJESTY OF ROCK



On Saturday, October 17,  
VBYC held its first club event since February.

Our Concert in the Parking Lot featured the  
music of Journey, performed by Majesty of Rock.

The crowd sang, danced, and howled at the  
moon until it rained at the very end.

It felt good to be back!

For those of you who couldn't join us  
– we missed you and hope to see you soon.

## Don't Stop Believing

– we will get through this.

Check the photo album on the VBYC  
website for more photos.

<https://verobeachyachtclub.com/photos>



COMING TO VBYC FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Concert at 8pm

## FLEETWOOD MAC TRIBUTE CONCERT THE STEVIE NICKS EXPERIENCE



The Stevie Nicks Experience pays tribute to Stevie in the 1980s with a 90 minute show that takes the audience back in time. They have created a look and sound that pays homage to the best of Stevie's hit songs.

CONCERT IN THE PARKING LOT

Don't forget your chairs and please call for your reservation.

Regular dinner menu will be available.

Cost - Concert only \$25

## *Thanksgiving* for Friends & Family

**Thursday , November 26**  
Serving Dinner 12:00- 7:00 pm

**Three Entrée Choices:**

- \* Turkey
- \* Roast Prime Rib of Beef
- \* Pan Seared Halibut

Four Course Dinner at Individual Pricing  
Reservations Required

# 9 & DINE

ATTENTION ALL VBYC GOLFERS  
NINE AND DINE IS BACK!

Sandridge Golf Course  
Every other Friday beginning October 30

Watch your email for details or contact Ginny Husted at:  
[virginia.husted@gmail.com](mailto:virginia.husted@gmail.com)

If you wish to have drinks or dinner at the club afterwards,  
you must reserve a table.

## *November Bands*

Saturday, November 7  
Beachside Jazz

Saturday, November 14  
Papa Pete

Friday, November 20  
CONCERT IN THE PARKING LOT  
Fleetwood Mac Tribute Concert  
The Stevie Nicks Experience

Saturday, November 21  
Tony & Holly

Saturday, November 28  
Sunnie & Kurtis

# MUSIC ON THE PATIO

FEATURING

**JAZZ GUITARIST DAVE BIALOS**

WEDNESDAYS  
6:00-9:00 PM

PLEASE CALL FOR YOUR RESERVATION

# THANK YOU VETERANS

## COMPLIMENTARY DRINK FOR VETS ON VETERANS DAY

## CARD CLASS

Our November card class is planned for Tuesday, November 10, and/or Wednesday, November 11, at 10 AM.

We will be making 3 Christmas Cards which are posted above. As always, interested persons should email me at [mventas@verizon.net](mailto:mventas@verizon.net) to let me know which day they prefer. Materials cost is \$15, and everything needed will be provided. Please feel free to invite a friend if you would like.



## BOOK CLUB



### *The Island of Sea Women* — Lisa See

The selection for November/December is *Island of Sea Women* by Lisa See. We will meet Wednesday, December 2, at 4:00 p.m. on the patio.

Due to the holidays, the next meeting will be Wednesday January 27.

*The Island of Sea Women* is a “beautiful story about the endurance of friendship when it’s pushed to its limits.”

Mi-ja and Young-sook, two girls living on the Korean island of Jeju, are best friends who come from very different backgrounds. When they are old enough, they begin working in the sea with their village’s all-female diving collective, led by Young-sook’s mother. As the girls take up their positions as baby divers, they know they are beginning a life of excitement, responsibility and danger.

*The Island of Sea Women* takes place during a period of Japanese colonialism in the 1930s and 1940s, followed by World War II, the Korean War, through the era of cell phones and wet suits for the women divers. Throughout, the residents of Jeju find themselves caught between warring empires.

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

**Reservations Required For November ~ 772-231-2211**

Lunch Wednesday through Friday: 11:00 a.m. ~ 1:30 p.m.

Sunday Brunch (Breakfast & Lunch Menus): 10:00 a.m. ~ 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday Night on the Patio with Music: 5:30 p.m. ~ 8:30 p.m.

Dinner Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat: 5:30 p.m. ~ 8:30 p.m.

Saturday ~ Jackets optional in main dining room

**NOVEMBER 2020**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Pickleball 9:30 Brunch	2 Club Closed	3 VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner	4 Lunch Music on the Patio Dinner	5 Lunch Club Closes at 4:00 PM	6 Lunch Happy Hour Dinner	7 Paddle Group Beachside Jazz Dinner
8 Pickleball 9:30 Brunch	9 Club Closed	10 Card Class VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner	11 Lunch Card Class ★ THANK YOU ★ veterans Music on the Patio Dinner	12 Lunch Club Closes at 4:00 PM	13 Lunch Shipmates 9&DINE Happy Hour Dinner	14 Blessing OF THE FLEET PaPa Pete Dinner
15 Pickleball 9:30 Brunch	16 Club Closed	17 VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner	18 Lunch Music on the Patio Dinner	19 Lunch Club Closes at 4:00 PM Sundowner Cruise	20 Lunch CONCERT IN THE PARK(ING LOT) Happy Hour Dinner	21 Tony & Holly Dinner
22 Pickleball 9:30 Brunch	23 Club Closed	24 BYC Bucks Drawing Dinner	25 Lunch Music on the Patio Dinner	26 Thanksgiving DINNER 12 pm – 7 pm	27 Lunch Beach Up 9&DINE Happy Hour Dinner	28 Sunnie & Kurtis Dinner

29 Pickleball 9:30 Brunch	30 Hanging of the Greens (Volunteers Needed) Club Closed
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**DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS**

Friday, December 11  
**Shipmates Luncheon**

Wednesday, December 9  
**Concert in the Parking Lot ~ Elvis "3 Time World Champion"**

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day  
**Club Closed**

New Year's Eve  
**Rick Collins Band**