

THE SIREN



Cmdre Mickey
Donofrio

Commodore's Log

Crazy 2020 is drawing to an end and hopefully the coming year will see a slow return to a more normal way of life. The announcement of Covid-19 vaccines that have been shown to be effective in ninety-five per cent of the people in the test group will put us well on the way to ending this pandemic.

The journey to normalcy will be neither quick nor easy, and we at the club must keep our guard up for the foreseeable future. All health protocols such as requiring reservations to attend the club, the sanitizing of tables, chairs and touched surfaces, and social distancing will remain in place.

Wearing masks when you are not seated at your table is the biggest single thing that we must do. Please lead by example and help enforce these rules at your table. Offer a gentle reminder to anyone you encounter who is not compliant. Currently, we are seeing an increase in members returning to the club on a regular basis and most have said that they feel comfortable that we are doing everything possible to curtail the spread of this disease. Let's all keep up the good work.

I wish everyone a healthy and happy holiday season.

Mickey

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FLORIDA COUNCIL OF YACHT CLUBS (FCYC)



Judy Peschio, FCYC
Alternate Director

FCYC meetings continue to be conducted virtually, including the January 2021 meeting. The incoming slate of officers was presented and approved at the November meeting. FCYC is considering an in-person meeting in March 2021 for the installation of officers; a decision will be made in December.

The club information section of the Directors Manual is almost completely updated, and FCYC is closer to having all the operational information online.

The FCYC website now has a listing of the east and west coast clubs and their status relative to the COVID pandemic. It is a useful place to start planning your next trip. However, it is always recommended that you contact the club under consideration to confirm reciprocity status before undertaking a cruise.

Judy Peschio, Alternate Director

SHIPMATES



The Shipmates held their first meeting of the season on November 13, with guest speaker Commodore Mickey Donofrio. The Commodore extended a warm welcome back to all members of the group and explained to the group some of the ongoing projects around the club.

The Shipmates Holiday Luncheon will be held on Friday, December 11 at 11 a.m. with special guests Fire Chief Tad Stone and members of Chief Stone's Brigade. They will be our guests for lunch so that we can show our support to the brave firefighters and paramedics who put their lives on the line every day to keep us safe. Our holiday luncheon will feature your choice of Chicken/Mushroom Crêpes or Tzatziki Avocado Smoked Salmon Roll on a bed of greens for \$18 inclusive. **Please make your Luncheon reservations in advance, at which time you will also select your entrée.** All members are welcome, as are significant others.

Normally we would enjoy the music of the Beachland Shark Singers at our Holiday Luncheon; however, this year is different due to COVID restrictions. Even though the children can't share their music with us this year, the Shipmates voted unanimously to continue our tradition of supporting the Beachland music program by sending a contribution to the Music Department.

The annual Food Drive will continue through December 15. Since the kick-off at the end of October, we have collected 200 pounds of food and over \$300. Collection baskets are located at both entrances to the club. Checks should be written to Food Pantry of Indian River County and can be turned in at the office. Thank you for your generous support.

I wish you and your loved ones a Healthy and Happy Holiday season. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Stay safe out there.

Mary Wohlstein, President
Shipmates

SPOTLIGHT ON THE CLUB




The world has bumbled its way through this past year, and we all have held on to things most dear. Right now, let us rise from the jumble and get ready to tumble - into a bright new year. As our community gets ready to once again rumble, don't fumble or mumble, join us at the club!

Just come to play or even better, join a committee and get really involved. Try House and Grounds, Planning or IT, Membership, Fleet or Publicity. And wait...there's more...maybe your expertise is in HR or Insurance. We could use your energy and experience and it's a great way to meet other members.

We are ever your most humble Board of Directors -

Mickey, Bob, Kiki, Tom, Kathy, Sam, Sean, John, Peter, Jane, Pam

MERRY CHRISTMAS



*May the simple joys of Christmas warm your
heart, fill your home, & last a lifetime*

*The Club Will Be Closed
Christmas Eve & Christmas Day*

Nominating Committee Proposed Slate for 2021 Board of Directors

On October 20, Past Commodore Stevens, chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the proposed slate for 2021:

Board of Directors

- Bob Jones
- Commodore
- Kiki Rohr
- Vice Commodore
- Judy Peschio
- Rear Commodore

Two-year term:

- Kathleen Kinasewitz
- Pam Young
- Sean Kashawlic
- Jane Booth
- Karen Donofrio
- Judy Peschio

One-year term:

- Sam Nerses

Continuing on the BOD for 2021 in the second year of their two-year term:

- Peter Saxon
- John Piecuch

Nominating Committee

Two-year term:

- Bob Scofield
- Tom Peschio

Continuing on the Nominating Committee for 2021:

- Jim Miskel
- Susan Burton

WINEAUX' CORNER

Santa's making a list and checking it twice and so are the Wineaux at VBYC. As the Christmas Holiday approaches, your VBYC has a great gift for you. The manager is making several wines from our current inventory available to members at club cost. They will be sold, by the bottle, to either drink at the club or take home.

The goal is to clear out the wine cellar in preparation for restocking with new and exciting offerings for the coming year. Check your email for a detailed list of available wines.

With Christmas dinner, you may want to pair your favorite main course with a new or different wine. Consider combining lighter dishes with lighter wines and heavier dishes with heavier wines. For example, Sauvignon Blanc, the most popular white choice, pairs well with turkey and savory sides. Or, you might go for a light red, such as ever-popular Pinot Noir or the German Pinot Noir, Spatburgunder.

Ham is always popular at Christmas and there are several excellent pairings. Look for a light body such as Pinot Noir or a Côtes du Rhône. The fruitiness of Zinfandel also works well with salty ham. These all pair well with pork crown roast.

And then there's beef. Big red meats want a big red wine. Cabernet Sauvignon, Zinfandel, Merlot, and red blends all mix and mingle beautifully with a slice of perfectly roasted beef.

Whatever you choose, make some memories and raise a toast to the Holidays and the coming New Year.



BLESSING OF THE FLEET



Magnificent weather was the backdrop for the annual Blessing of the Fleet on Saturday, November 14. As each vessel passed the reviewing stand it was saluted by the VBYC Bridge and blessed by the clergy. In keeping with tradition, each vessel threw flowers into the water while being blessed.

Twenty-one vessels participated, including representatives from the VBYC Fleet, Youth Sailing Foundation, the Coast Guard, the IRC Sheriff, and fellow mariners from the Moorings and other yacht clubs.

Many VBYC members enjoyed a cruise after the blessing and rounded out the day with “docktails,” followed by a delicious dinner at the club.



ON THE WATERFRONT

VBYC PADDLE GROUP OUTING - Saturday, December 12 at 8:45 a.m.
Pelican Island off the Jungle Trail.

Kayak in the first Wildlife Refuge established by Teddy Roosevelt. Never kayaked before? We will teach you! Contact Toby Jarman at jotoby@moonriveriii.com if you are planning to attend. Call Maddy at Adventure Kayak Tours for a kayak reservation (772-538-3265 / 772-567-0522).



BEACH UP - Saturday, December 26th at 11 a.m.
Destination: Spoil Island #SL-2

Bring your beach chairs and picnic lunch. Please let Toby Jarman know at jotoby@moonriveriii.com if you plan to bring your boat.

PHOTO ALBUM



On Saturday, October 31, The Shipmates presented a (No Tricks ..Only Treats) Halloween party.

On Friday, November 20, there was a **landslide** of fun in the parking lot! VBYC presented a Fleetwood Mac Tribute by The Stevie Nicks Experience.

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

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

<https://verobeachyachtclub.com/photos>



Thursday, December 3

6:00-9:00 pm

Kick off the Holiday Season with an Elegant evening of Great Food, Music and Fun while supporting our community. Kim & Shawn are designing & donating 2 Holiday Wreaths for Riverside Theatre's Festival of Wreaths which will be auctioned off with proceeds donated to Riverside Theatre Education Programs In partnership with Oceanside Business Association.

*Heavy Hors d'oeuvres (served)
- \$20.00 -*

*Auction - 7:30 pm
Attire: Holiday Elegant*



HAPPY NEW YEAR

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

**Served Hors d'oeuvres
Surf & Turf Dinner ~ 6 - 9 pm
Complimentary Glass of Champagne**

MUSIC BY RICK COLLINS BAND

8:30 pm - 12:30 am

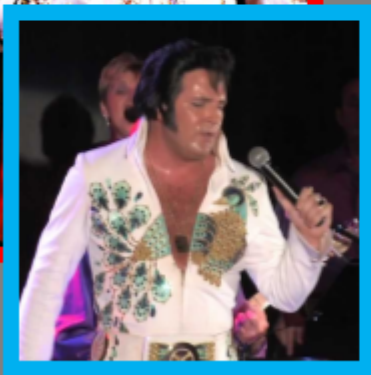
\$65.00 ++

JACKET AND TIE (BLACK TIE OPTIONAL)

Reservations Required

ELVIS TRIBUTE

Dwight Icenhower has taken home over 60 "FIRST PLACE TITLES" in contests all over the world !! In 2013, Dwight became the ONLY Elvis Tribute Artist to ever win THREE World Champion "First Place" titles consecutively during Elvis Week !!
An AMAZING VOICE !! COMING TO VBYC ~ !!!!!



CONCERT IN THE PARKING LOT

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9 ~ RESERVE EARLY!!

Cost Concert Only ~ \$30.00

REGULAR DINNER MENU AVAILABLE

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



THURSDAYS AT VBYC

DECEMBER 3

CLUB EVENT- WREATH AUCTION

DECEMBER 10

HOME COOKING NIGHT

DECEMBER 17

PASTA NIGHT

DECEMBER 24TH – CLUB CLOSED

DECEMBER 31

NEW YEARS EVE WITH RICK COLLINS BAND

REGULAR DINNER MENU NOT AVAILABLE



ATTENTION ALL VBYC GOLFERS
NINE AND DINE IS BACK!

9 & DINE



Sandridge Golf Course
December 11 & December 18

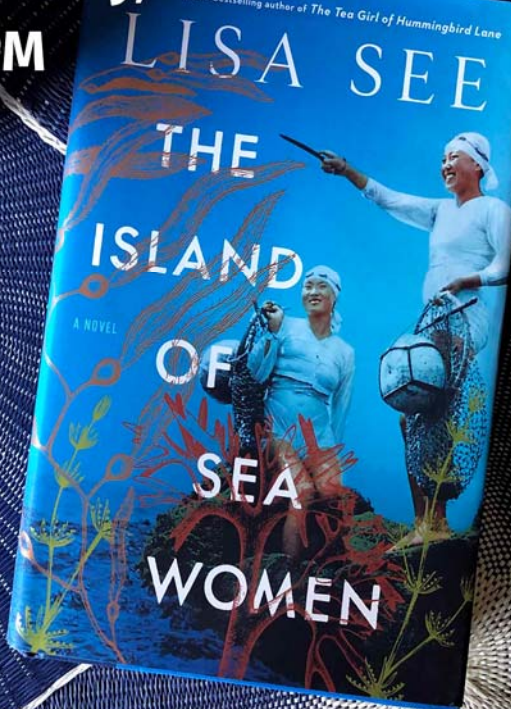
Watch your email for details or contact Ginny Hustead at:
virginia.hustead@gmail.com

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

BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, December 2

4:00 PM



CARD CREATIONS

The final Christmas Card class for 2020 will be held on Tuesday, December 8 and/or Wednesday, December 9 at 10:00 AM in the Burgee Room. All are welcome, no experience necessary. Materials cost is \$15. Please email Marilyn Van Tassell at mvantas@verizon.net, to reserve your choice of day.



DECEMBER BANDS
SATURDAY
 December 5th
 Papa Pete
 December 12th
 Beachside Jazz
 December 19th
 Tony & Holly
 December 26th
 Sunny & Kurtis

MUSIC
ON THE PATIO
 FEATURING
Jazz Guitarist Dave Bialos
WEDNESDAYS
6:00 - 9:00 PM
 PLEASE CALL FOR YOUR RESERVATION

Music
ON THE patio
 FEATURING
CONNOR CHRISTOPHER
THURSDAYS
DECEMBER 3, 10 & 17
6:00 - 9:00
 RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Connor Christopher was born in Melbourne, Florida on April 14th, 2000. Connor grew up with his dad and grandfather as his biggest musical influences. His father, Paul Christopher, is a long-time local musician from the Space Coast, so there was always music being played around the house. Connor's grandfather, Morris Eswein, who recently passed, was an astounding country music singer who wrote hundreds of songs throughout his lifetime. Since his grandfather's passing, Connor has written "Someone Else Strumming Along with Me," a song honoring the memory of his grandfather.

Now a student at Florida State University, Connor has started playing gigs around the Space Coast area and is looking forward to where his music will take him. He started posting videos on Instagram (@connoreswein), and he was recently recognized by James Taylor. Taylor decided to post a few videos of Connor's to his own Instagram, and Connor is now in talks with his son, Henry about putting a project together. Connor is also looking forward to travelling to Nashville to record his debut album.

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

Reservations Required For December ~ 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 Through Sat: 5:30 p.m. ~ 8:30 p.m.

Saturday ~ Jackets optional in main dining room

DECEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner	2 Lunch B Club Music on the Patio Dinner	3 Lunch Wreath Auction Music on the Patio	4 Lunch Happy Hour Dinner	5 Papa Pete Dinner
6 Pickleball 9:30 Brunch	7 Club Closed	8 Card Creation VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner	9 Lunch Card Creation CONCERT IN THE PARK(ING LOT) Dinner	10 Lunch Music on the Patio Home Cooking Themed Dinner	11 Lunch Shipmates 9DINE Happy Hour Dinner	12 Paddle Group Beachside Jazz Dinner
13 Pickleball 9:30 Brunch	14 Club Closed	15 VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner	16 Lunch Music on the Patio Dinner	17 Lunch Music on the Patio Pasta Night Themed Dinner	18 Lunch 9DINE Happy Hour Dinner	19 Tony & Holly Dinner
20 Pickleball 9:30 Brunch	21 Club Closed	22 BYC Bucks Drawing Dinner	23 Lunch Music on the Patio Dinner	24 Christmas Eve Club Closed	25 Christmas Day Club Closed	26 Beach Up Sunnie & Kurtis Dinner
27 Pickleball 9:30 Brunch	28 Club Closed	29 BYC Bucks Drawing Dinner	30 Lunch Music on the Patio Dinner	31 Lunch NEW YEAR'S EVE Rick Collins Band	JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS Friday, January 8 Shipmates Tuesday, January 19 Annual Meeting Thursday January 21 Concert in the Parking Lot Sounds of Soul Sunday, January 31 Change of Command	