

THE SIREN



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Commodore's Log

It's the first of October and if you are like me you are ready for the drier, cooler days of fall that are approaching. This month we will be taking a small step toward returning to normal by allowing our members to invite guests to join them at the club. All other Covid-19 health protocols will remain in place for everyone's protection. The entire guideline is on Page 2 of this issue; please be sure to read it so there is no confusion. I look forward to seeing more members and their guests at the club this month, as it appears that the infection rates have gone down substantially in Indian River County.

On a sad note our beloved Head Chef Bill passed away on the 17th of September. Bill was a great asset to the club and a genuinely nice guy. He will be missed by all. Mickey



P/C Rey Neville,

Florida Council of Yacht Clubs (FCYC)

The September FCYC meeting was held virtually on September 12, 2020. This policy is likely to continue through the end of the year. A few items of interest:

The *FCYC Cruising Guide* is now available for access on the VBYC website. In the Members section, hover over FCYC at the top of the page and then click on *FCYC Cruising Guide*; take note of the username and password, then click on *Click here for the FCYC Cruising Guide link*. You may download the file and put it on your computer or mobile device (tablet would be preferable and convenient when cruising). It is a large file and may take some time to load. **Note**, this document is for the exclusive use of active members of FCYC affiliated clubs and is not to be shared with unauthorized non-members.

If you are thinking of traveling to visit member clubs, please call ahead to ensure the availability to reciprocal members and that reservations are available. With COVID-19 rules in place, dining space can be limited. Good news, however several west coast clubs are welcoming reciprocals to varying degrees. Specifically: Clearwater YC, St. Andrews Bay YC, St. Charles YC, Tampa YCC and Venice YC. See you on the water, Rey

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OCTOBER 1 GUIDELINES

If you have any symptoms or have been in contact with an infected person, please refrain from visiting the club. Consult your physician, self-quarantine, stay at home and monitor your symptoms. Please do not visit local establishments that do not enforce CDC guidelines.

In accordance with Florida Laws & Regulations, by dining at the club you and your guest consent to cooperate with our contact tracing efforts, should you test positive for Covid19.

These Guidelines Will Be Strictly Enforced (enhanced cleaning and sanitizing protocols remain in effect)

Inside Dining ~ RESERVATIONS MANDATORY (for both dining and drinks) No Walk-Ins

Guests now permitted (limited to 2 guests per member per visit) All guest names and phone numbers MUST be provided when making reservations

1. Allowable seating ~ 50% of maximum occupancy or 144 members.
2. Seating at designated tables only, to ensure the 6 feet distancing requirement. Please do NOT add additional chairs.
3. Limited Bar seating permitted in groups of no more than (2). No standing at the bar for any reason.
4. Maximum 8 members at a table designed to accommodate 8 seats.
5. **Masks are required when inside the clubhouse. Masks may be removed only when seated.**
6. All gaming and card play are permitted.
7. Dancing is permitted. Please do not crowd the dance floor and keep 6 feet apart from other dancers.

Outside Dining ~ RESERVATIONS MANDATORY (for dining and drinks) No Walk-Ins

Guests now permitted (limited to 2 guests per member per visit) All guest names and phone numbers MUST be provided when making reservations

1. Allowable seating ~ 100% of capacity with 6 feet between tables.
2. Seating at designated tables only, to ensure the 6 feet distancing requirement.
3. Limited Bar seating permitted in groups of no more than (2). No standing at the bar for any reason.
4. Maximum 8 members at a table that can accommodate up to 8 seats. Do not add additional chairs.
5. **Masks are required on the patio. Masks may be removed only when seated.**

Patio preferred seating will be prioritized for member only reservations. Members with guests wanting to sit on the patio may do so pending availability 24 hours before the time of reservation; otherwise, they will be seated in the dining room or Burgee Room.

All guidelines will apply to any and all special club events.

SHIPMATES



Shipmates officers have decided not to conduct their monthly meeting in October. They will revisit this decision for the November meeting.

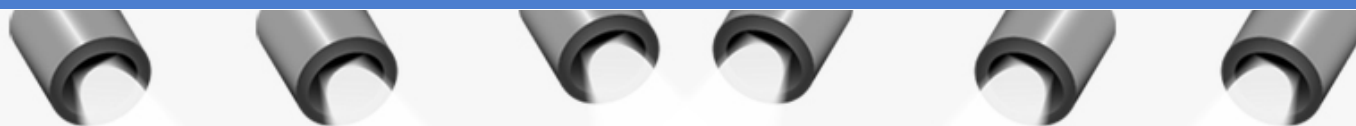
The Shipmates are looking for someone to fill the vacant Secretary position for 2021. If you are interested, please contact Mary Wohlstein at m_wohlstein@yahoo.com.

The in-house Ship Store has been restocked with new items such as shirts, hats, key chains, throws, burgees and license plates. Please take a moment and view these items available for purchase at the Ship Store by clicking on the Ship Store tab on the VBYC member home page.

No Tricks, Just Treats!

Shipmates are kicking off our annual Food Drive at the VBYC Halloween Party this year. With all the chaos this year, many of our neighbors are not able to provide food for themselves or their families. Once again, VBYC Shipmates are partnering with Food Pantry of Indian River County to help those in need. Please join in the effort by bringing a donation to the party. Specific items requested include canned veggies, fruits, tuna, granola bars, jams and jellies, peanut butter, and toiletries. Monetary donations also are gratefully accepted. Please make the check payable to Food Pantry of Indian River Co., Inc. Shipmates thank Helen Drewitt for organizing this event.

SPOTLIGHT ON HOUSE AND GROUNDS



In 2020, the House and Grounds and Planning committees have met jointly to minimize the overlap relating to project management. This worked well and has not diluted the unique accountabilities of each committee.

Coronavirus has shifted the club's focus from major initiatives to several smaller refinements addressing member safety and club operational efficiency. Most notably, we plan to install self-opening hurricane-rated doors at the club's front entry and between the Burgee Room and patio, which will reduce the potential for bacterial transmission, make the club even more accessible for mobility-compromised members and increase the efficiency of staff serving the patio.

House and Grounds also deliberated on how the club can safely accommodate guests in a COVID world and updated the House Rules, most importantly to allow your favorite guests to visit the club two times a month. Potential projects deferred at least a year include extending the pergola to cover the north patio and/or the Tiki Bar and adding a kitchen grill station in the southwest corner of the clubhouse. We also are working collaboratively with the City as they shape and execute the Marina Master Plan, which may one day in the future enable VBYC to expand its docks, to accommodate a few larger yachts.

Finally, I want to thank Madesta Stevens and Bill O'Neal for upgrading the patio plantings.

The House and Grounds and Planning committees meet at 9:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of the month.

Bob Jones, Vice Commodore and H&G Committee Chair

ON THE WATERFRONT

VBYC PADDLE GROUP OUTING — Saturday, October 3 at 8:45 a.m.



Long Point Park—one mile north of Sebastian Inlet Bridge. Kayak around several islands through mangrove channels. 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). Never kayaked before? We will teach you!

SUNDOWNER CRUISE – Thursday, October 15

Calling all captains! The Monthly Sundowner is scheduled for Hole-In-The-Wall. Please plan to be there at 5:00 p.m., as the sun is setting earlier. As in the past, if the weather looks bad an email will be sent prior to the start of the cruise. Captain Piecuch will monitor vhf channel 72 during the event.



BEACH UP — Thursday, October 22 at 11 a.m.

Destination: To Be Determined

Bring your beach chairs and picnic lunch. Please contact Toby Jarman at jotoby@moonriveriii.com if you plan to bring your boat. **Toby has reserved his boat club's double decker pontoon boat complete with sliding board -- don't miss this one!**

BLESSING OF THE FLEET Saturday, November 14

No numbers or registration required this year. Boat captains should gather at the bridge by 2:45 p.m. on Saturday to begin the procession to VBYC dock. Please monitor vhf channel 72 for instructions. Dinner at VBYC to follow. Guests are permitted per the October guidelines and reservations are required.



VBYC FLEET BOAT TRIP

Original plans by members of the VBYC fleet to cross Florida via Lake Okechobee were scrapped due to hurricane Laura. Why, you ask, did the group plan a trip during hurricane season? Because they have cabin fever like so many of us and decided that a cross-Florida boat trip, sleeping on their own boats, would be a safe and fun way to travel!

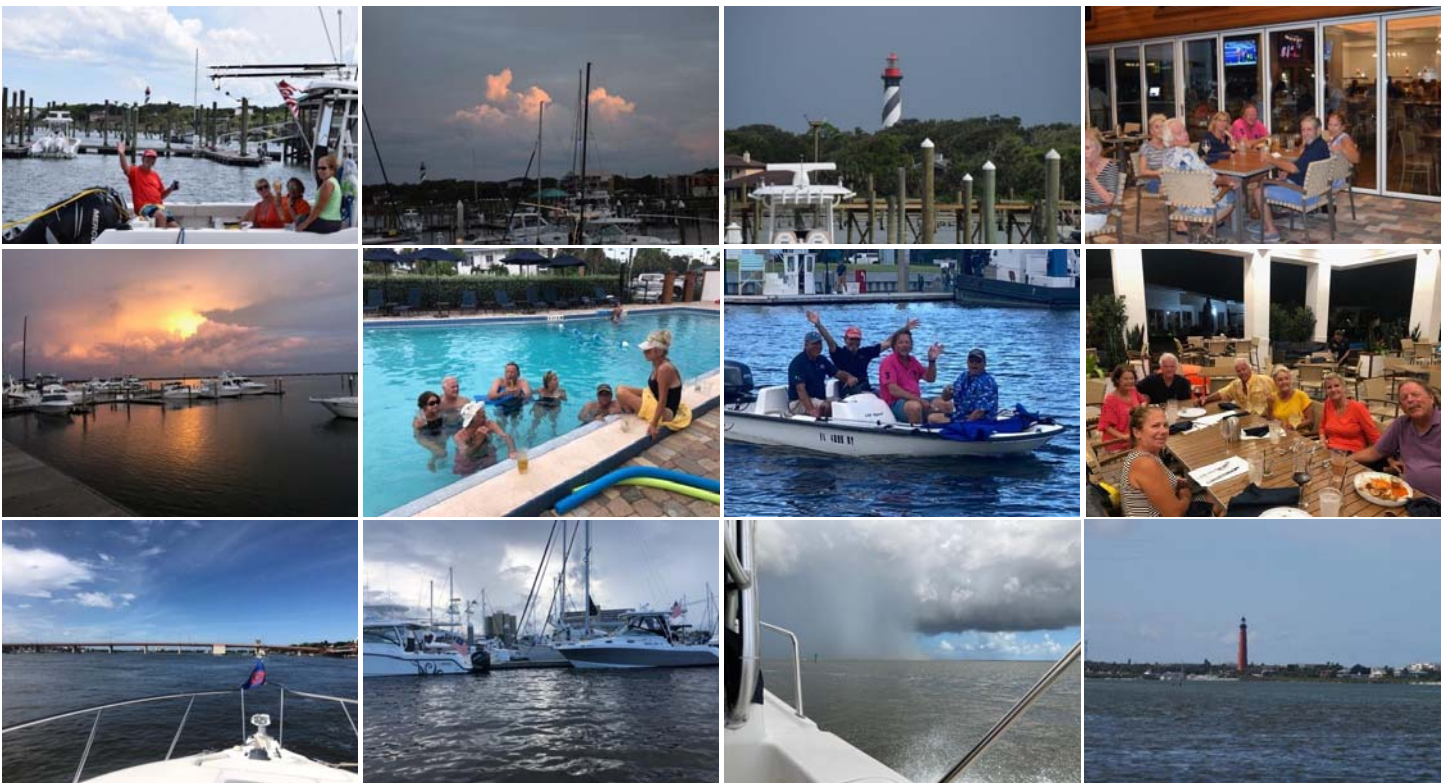
Original plans included an overnight trip to Harbor Ridge YC in Stuart, Roland and Mary Martin's marina in Lake Okechobee, and other stops along the way before ending up at Isle YC in Punta Gorda. However, due to the pending storm, plans changed to a north Florida trip.

On Tuesday, August 25, *Après Ski*, *Sans Souci II*, *Wayward Kracken* and *What's Her Name?* travelled to Eau Gallie Yacht Club for two nights of fun, beverages at the pool, and delicious lunches and dinners. The group awakened twice at 2 a.m. to wait for the rocket launch; after two failed attempts, they got smart and began to check for delays. *Wayward Kracken* was brave to travel without functioning air conditioning; ask the captain and first mate if they will ever do that again! However, traveling with a skilled mechanic helps and in one day the problem was fixed.

On Thursday, all the boats but *What's Her Name?* headed to Halifax Marina in Daytona, a 4-hour cruise with magnificent weather that brought the group through remarkably interesting scenery. The Chart House was walking distance from the marina and the crews enjoyed a delicious and well-earned dinner!

Friday the group departed for a 4-hour cruise to St Augustine and the Conch House Marina, a unique setting with raised tiki bars for dinner, in addition to a pool and bar.

On Saturday, the group cruised back to Eau Gallie to meet *What's Her Name?* and *Vigilant*. Everyone enjoyed an AMAZING thunder and lightning show and shared fun times over dinner. On Sunday afternoon, the group journeyed home in a flotilla, looking forward to their next adventure!





SHIPMATES PRESENT
HALLOWEEN PARTY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31
 (No Tricks ..Only Treats)
 À LA CARTE DINNER
 MUSIC: SUNNIE & CURTIS
 PRIZES FOR BEST MASK & COSTUME

Bring a "Treat" for the Food Bank to benefit the many needy Vero Beach residents affected by the Covid pandemic.
 CANNED VEGGIES, FRUITS, TUNA, GRANOLA BARS, JAMS AND JELLIES, PEANUT BUTTER, AND TOILETRIES....THANK YOU!!

OCTOBER BANDS

OCTOBER 3
PAPA PETE

OCTOBER 10
BEACHSIDE JAZZ

OCTOBER 17
CONCERT IN THE PARKING LOT
MAJESTY OF ROCK
THE MUSIC OF JOURNEY

OCTOBER 24
TONY & HOLLY

OCTOBER 31
HALLOWEEN PARTY
SUNNY & CURTIS



CONCERT IN THE PARKING LOT
 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17 – 7:30 - 8:45 PM
 CONCERT - \$20.00
 BRING YOUR BEACH CHAIRS AND ENJOY THE SHOW!!

REGULAR DINNER MENU – RESERVATIONS PLEASE



MAJESTY OF ROCK
 THE MUSIC OF JOURNEY



PREAKNESS 145
Saturday, October 3

À La Carte Dinner
House Odds Betting - \$\$\$\$
Music By Papa Pete

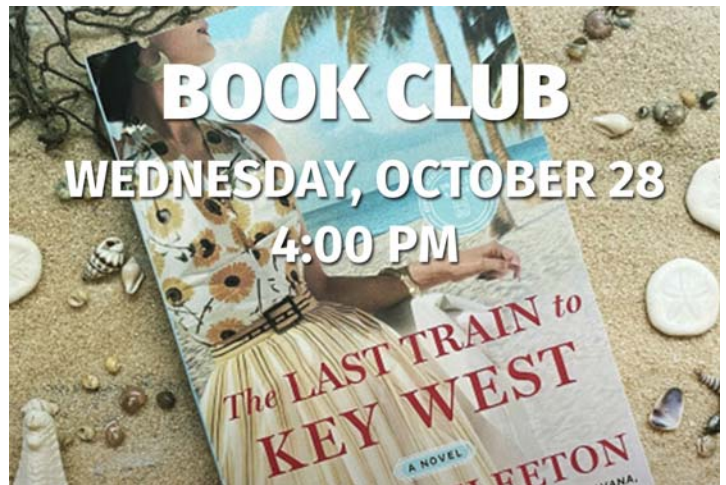
COME JOIN THE FUN!!
DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 PM

MUSIC ON THE PATIO

FEATURING
JAZZ GUITARIST DAVE BIALOS



WEDNESDAYS
6:00-9:00 PM
 PLEASE CALL FOR YOUR RESERVATION



The Vero Beach Yacht Club is proud to support our community by being a member of the Oceanside Business Association (OBA). We have participated in the annual Christmas Parade, and have worked in partnership with the OBA to help with the popular Sunset Saturday Night concerts.

Many of the small businesses have been struggling during COVID-19 and The Oceanside Business Association will be sponsoring the Semi-Annual Beachside Sidewalk/Tent sale Friday, October 23 and Saturday, October 24, from 10 a.m.– 5 p.m. Why not invite a friend or two and shop-til-you-drop, then stop by VBYC for lunch or Happy Hour? (Reservations Required)

Thank you for shopping local and supporting small businesses on the Island.



SEPTEMBER EVENTS



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

Reservations Required For October ~ 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

OCTOBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS Wednesday, November 11 Veteran's Day Saturday, November 14 Blessing of the Fleet Friday November 20 Concert In The Parking Lot – Stevie Nicks Experience Thursday, November 26 Thanksgiving – Dine In or Take Out from 12-7pm				1 Lunch Club Closes at 4:00 PM	2 Lunch Happy Hour Dinner	3 <i>Paddle Group Outing</i>  PREAKNESS 145 <i>Papa Pete Dinner</i>
4 Pickleball 9:30 Brunch	5 Club Closed	6 Card Making <i>VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner</i>	7 Card Making Lunch <i>Music on the Patio Dinner</i>	8 Lunch Club Closes at 4:00 PM	9 Lunch <i>Happy Hour Dinner</i>	10 <i>Beachside Jazz Dinner</i>
11 Pickleball 9:30 Brunch	12 Club Closed	13 <i>VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner</i>	14 Lunch <i>Music on the Patio Dinner</i>	15 Lunch Club Closes at 4:00 PM <i>Sundowner Cruise</i>	16 Lunch <i>Happy Hour Dinner</i>	17  CONCERT IN THE PARK(ING LOT)  Dinner
18 Pickleball 9:30 Brunch	19 Club Closed	20 <i>VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner</i>	21 Lunch <i>Music on the Patio Dinner</i>	22 Lunch <i>Beach Up</i> Club Closes at 4:00 PM	23 Lunch <i>Happy Hour Dinner</i>	24 <i>Tony & Holly Dinner</i>
25 Pickleball 9:30 Brunch	26 Club Closed	27 <i>VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner</i>	28 Lunch <i>Book Club</i> <i>Music on the Patio Dinner</i>	29 Lunch Club Closes at 4:00 PM	30 Lunch <i>Happy Hour Dinner</i>	31  HALLOWEEN PARTY <i>Sunny & Curtis Dinner</i>