



place. Please do your part by wearing your mask anytime that you are not seated at your table. "I forgot,"



Cmdre Mickey Donofrio

Commodore's Log

Summer is going by swiftly, and it certainly has been hot. Our beautiful patio area with its pergola has become the preferred gathering spot for cocktails and dinner by most of us in these days of the Coronavirus.

Club usage has been down considerably compared to previous years because some of our members are avoiding public places. Our primary objective is to make our members feel comfortable when visiting the club, knowing that there is strict adherence by members and staff to the health protocols that have been put in

"I'm only going to the rest room" and "I have it in my hand" are not good excuses when everyone is trying to avoid contracting this possibly fatal illness. I ask you all to wear your masks, and to remind others who may forget.

On a lighter note your board of directors has approved the improvements presented by the fleet committee for the club's pontoon boat, "Friendship." The boat will be fitted with a full-length Bimini top that will shade the entire deck, and the seat upholstery will be replaced.

I look forward to seeing you at the Club. Mickey

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IMPORTANT REMINDERS



The health and safety of our members and staff are our utmost priority! As cases here in Indian River County appear to be on a downward turn, we need to continue to be vigilant.

Many of you are anxious to attend club events and bring guests. If we all do our part in following the club guidelines, we will be in a much better position to expand activities and include guests.

MASKS ~ Are mandatory until you are seated at your table in the main dining room or patio. You must wear your mask any time you leave your table.

SOCIAL DISTANCING ~ 6 feet. Please respect members' personal space and refrain from visiting others at their table.

RESERVATIONS ~ MANDATORY for all food and beverage, even if you're just stopping by for the Bucks Drawing.

TABLE GROUPINGS ~ MAXIMUM 6 MEMBERS per table. This maximum will be enforced.

GUESTS ~ NO GUESTS AT THIS TIME.

SPECIAL EVENT

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







SHIPMATES



Normally the Shipmates of the VBYC meet on the 2nd Friday of every month from September to May. This year, due to COVID-19, the officers have decided to delay the start of our monthly meetings. We will continue to review the COVID situation and plan to schedule meetings when members feel safer attending group settings. Watch the Siren for details.

The officers of the Shipmates are not, however, asleep at the wheel. Plans are in the works to support the holiday Food Drive and relaunch the in-house Ship Store in time for holiday purchases.

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR GREAT STAFF



Scott, Jacqui, Daniel, Brenda, Kassi

Sous Chef Tommy

Antwan, Dana, Dan, Forest

Kim, Irene



In Honor of Labor Day

VBYC thanks all our employees who work so hard on our behalf.

Dear VBYC Family,

As most of you are aware, I was diagnosed with lung cancer earlier this year. I was hospitalized from May 18th to June 16th with complications related to a tumor found in my right lung. I spent several days in the hospital before my daughter was able to visit me due to the restrictions on visitation at this time. She showed me many of the letters and donations that I had received from my wonderful VBYC family. These cards have touched me so much.

Since then, I have received many more cards and notes encouraging me through this process. You have all been so wonderful with your well-wishes and notes of encouragement. This has helped bring me strength to want to return to the club as your executive chef. I'm fighting hard to do so now.

Chef Bill

 $\mathsf{PS}-\mathsf{A}$ very big thank you to the Shipmates for going above and beyond with their donation.

If you are interested in following Chef Bill's journey, please follow his CaringBridge journal page which is updated periodically by his daughter: <u>https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/billnarhi/journal</u>



ON THE WATERFRONT

"DOCKTALES"

Last March the board of directors approved funds for upgrades to the dock finger piers and emergency ladders. The work has been completed and the new ladders look great!

Previously, the dock ladders extended from the base of the dock into the water. The ladders constantly became encrusted with barnacles, which are sharp and can cause infections, blisters and cuts. This was a safety issue, and the ladders required frequent cleaning. The new ladders have a flip option. They do not extend into the water, and therefore do not collect barnacles. We hope nobody falls in ... but if you do, just lift up on the bottom rung and the ladder will drop into the water so you can climb right out!



SAVE THE DATE VBYC BLESSING OF THE FLEET NOVEMBER 13 – 14 Check the October Siren for details



VBYC PADDLE GROUP OUTING – Wednesday September 9 at 8:45 a.m.

Little Jim Bridge Ft. Pierce. Kayak through mangroves for a swim at "Redneck Riviera."



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).

SUNDOWNER CRUISE – Thursday, September 17 at 5:30 p.m.

Watch your email for location specifics; we'll also email if it looks like stormy weather and we have to cancel. Please contact John Piechuch at <u>jpie7237@gmail.com</u> if you intend to participate and, if you have a large vessel, if you would be the anchor boat.

BEACH UP — Thursday, September 24 at 11 a.m. Destination: Spoil Island SL-02

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



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Things are quiet at your VBYC right now, so let's take a walk down memory lane....



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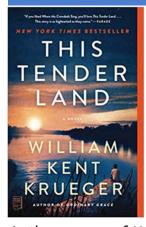


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BOOK CLUB



This Tender Land William Kent Krueger

SEPTEMBER 23

The unforgettable story of four orphans who travel the Mississippi River on a lifechanging odyssey during the Great Depression.

In the summer of 1932, on the banks of Minnesota's Gilead River, Odie O'Banion is an orphan confined to the Lincoln Indian Training School, a pitiless place where his lively nature earns him the superintendent's wrath. Forced to flee after committing a terrible crime, he and his brother, their best friend. Albert. Mose. and а brokenhearted little girl named Emmy steal away in a canoe, heading for the mighty Mississippi and a place to call their own. These four orphans journey into the unknown and cross paths with others who are adrift, from struggling farmers and traveling faith healers to displaced families and lost souls of all kinds.

THE LAST TRAIN TO KEY WEST Chanel Cleeton

OCTOBER 28

In 1935 three women are forever changed when one of the most powerful hurricanes in history barrels toward the Florida Keys.

For the tourists traveling on Henry Flagler's legendary Overseas Railroad, Labor Day weekend is an opportunity to forget the economic depression gripping the nation. Over the course of the holiday weekend, the three women's paths cross unexpectedly, and the danger swirling around them is matched only by the terrifying force of the deadly storm threatening the Keys.



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

Reservations Required For September ~ 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.

SÉPTEMBER 2020

Dinner Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat: 5:30 p.m. ~ 8:30 p.m. Saturday ~ Jackets optional in main dining room

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner	2 Lunch <i>Music on the</i> <i>Patio</i> Dinner	3 Lunch Club Closes at 4:00 PM	4 Lunch Happy Hour Dinner	5 KENTUCKY DERBY Tony & Holly Dinner
6 Pickleball 9:30 Brunch LABOR BBC	7 Club Closed	8 VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner	9 Paddle Group Outing Lunch Music on the Patio Dinner	10 Lunch Club Closes at 4:00 PM	11 Lunch Happy Hour Dinner	12 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 Club Closes at 4:00 PM Sundowner Cruise	18 Lunch Happy Hour Dinner	19 MASKquerade Party PaPa Pete Dinner
20 Pickleball 9:30 Brunch	21 Club Closed	22 VBYC Bucks Drawing Seafood Boil Dinner	23 Lunch Book Club Music on the Patio Dinner	24 Lunch Beach Up Club Closes at 4:00 PM	25 Lunch Happy Hour Dinner	26 Sunny & Kurtis Dinner
27 Pickleball 9:30 Brunch	28 Club Closed	29 VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner	30 Lunch Music on the Patio Dinner	OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS Saturday, October 17 Concert in the Parking Lot Featuring Majesty of Rock A Tribute to 1970s & 80s Super Group "Journey" Saturday, October 31 Halloween Party with Sunny & Kurtis		