

THE SIREN



Commodore's Log

Cmdre Mickey Donofrio

As you are all aware, our re-opening on June 2nd was a happy day for all of us. It was wonderful to see all the familiar faces enjoying cocktails, dining, and the camaraderie that was so missed during our Covid-19 shutdown. We were all looking forward to easing restrictions on July 1st. Well, you know "the best laid plans of mice and men..." On June 23d we had to shut down again for two more weeks. If there are no further infections among members and staff, hopefully we will be able to reopen on or around the 7th of July; if that changes, we will let you know. I know that we all worry about becoming ill and hope and pray that anyone who does has a speedy recovery.

Also, of note, the board of directors, on advice of the treasurer and Finance Committee, have decided that the club will no longer accept credit cards as of August 1. The reason for this is that the IRS Revenue Code pertaining to 501(c)(7) tax exempt corporations limits us to fifteen percent of our revenue from outside sources, e.g., non-members, in order to remain tax-free. On top of the six to eight thousand dollars that we may have to pay the IRS, the credit card fees are an additional \$4,500 - \$5,000, for a total of \$13,000 per year. For these reasons, all guest charges will have to be charged to a member's account after August 1. The board, our general manager and I agree that this decision is in the best interest of the club, both financially and operationally.

Mickey Donofrio
Commodore

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IMPORTANT CLUB UPDATE

To all VBYC Members,

I regret to inform you that one of our servers, Kassi, has tested positive for Covid19. She informed me of her results Monday, June 22. She worked Saturday evening, June 13, Sunday Brunch, June 14 and Tuesday Dinner, June 16. She was not symptomatic during those days.

Beginning Wednesday June 17, Kassi experienced a fever that lasted for several days along with severe headaches. As of this email she is feeling perfectly fine. She will be required to get retested twice and will need to have two back-to-back negative results before returning to work. Kassi, as were all staff, was always very diligent about wearing her mask and gloves. As of June 25, 2020, no other employees have shown any symptoms.

Because of this, the VBYC board of directors has supported my decision to close the club beginning Tuesday, June 23 for a period of 14 days. Additionally, all personnel will be required to be tested and the club will be deep cleaned and receive the sanitizing defogging prior to reopening.

If you have been to the club in the last eight days, please pay close attention to any developing symptoms such as a fever, headache, cough, and/or shortness of breath. Here is a listing of facilities if you become symptomatic, or if you're are not symptomatic and choose to be tested for your peace of mind.

- Cleveland Clinic by Appointment 9am-5pm ~ 772-226-4846
- Treasure Coast Community Health ~ 772-257-8224
- Care Spot ~ 772-257-3200
- Vero Beach MedExpress ~ 772-978-5679

Please stay safe and healthy and we look forward to seeing you back at your VBYC in two weeks!

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NEW WEBSITE



Our website has a new look, with many new features and options.

You can get up-to-the-minute information on club meetings and events, check the monthly calendar, review club documents, check your account, place a take-out order and even get a weather report!

The website is always evolving as we update documents and post current items, so check early and often!!

<https://verobeachyachtclub.com>

What's Happening on the Water?



Treasure Coast Waterway Clean-Up Day!

Spoil Island #25

Saturday, July 25, 2020, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Join your VBYC friends for a day of community service on the water! We will limit the number of members on each boat for social distancing purposes. After clean-up we can remain at the dock or return to VBYC to enjoy a light lunch with friends. Free tee-shirt for all participants!

On Saturday, July 25, please arrive at the VBYC dock by 9:45 a.m. to sign waivers. Hand sanitizer and water will be provided. Members are encouraged to wear garden gloves and masks. Close-toed shoes are a must. Also bring sunscreen, hats, a snack or lunch item to share, and your beverage of choice. (Small containers are best as cooler space on the boats is limited.)

Reservations are required to plan for boats and distancing. Contact Connie Dominianni (conid@aol.com) by Friday, July 10 to register. Please provide your cell phone number, and tee shirt size.



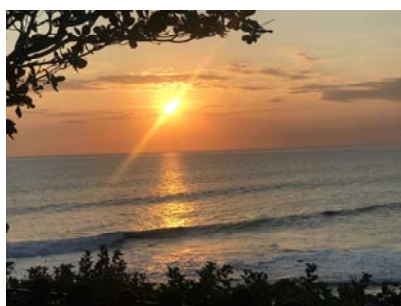
VBYC PADDLE GROUP OUTING - JULY

Saturday, July 11 at 8:45 a.m.

MacWilliam Park Boat Launch

This outing will take us to the area north of Fritz Island. Come and see this beautiful kayak area close to the Yacht Club! Never kayaked before? We will teach you!

Contact Toby Jarman if you are planning to attend at jotoby@moonriveriii.com
Call Maddy at Adventure Kayak Tours for a kayak reservation (772-538-3265 / 772-567-0522).



SUNDOWNER CRUISE

Our June cruise was cancelled due to weather – no sun that day!

The next cruise is planned for **Thursday, July 16**, at Hole-in-the-Wall, 5:30 p.m.

Any large boats that are willing to raft up are asked to contact Captain Piecuch at jpie7237@gmail.com



BEACH UP

Thursday, July 23 at 11 a.m.

Destination: Spoil Island SL-02

Let us know if you plan to bring your boat.

Contact Toby Jarman at jotoby@moonriveriii.com

Membership Committee

The membership committee is responsible for ensuring that club membership is consistent at 650 members, the cap that allows us to offer the optimal club experience for everyone.

Not surprisingly, interest in club membership remains high. During the shutdown we have had 19 inquiries, resulting in 15 applications. Currently, our waitlist is at 83 applications, which equates to 133 individuals. 10 new members have been interviewed since early May, in addition to four pre-vetted applicants who were awaiting membership.

Prospective members fill out an application and pay a \$50 application fee. They then are added to the end of the wait list, and currently can expect to wait about 12 to 15 months. When an application reaches the top of the list, an interview is scheduled. The good news is that the length of the wait has not dissuaded applicants.

Periodically, the membership committee will interview the top five applicants on the list and post their status to the membership for a ten-day comment period; the board of directors will vote on their membership during this time, and applicants can activate their membership at the next available opening without a further wait. This is known as the "pre-vet" period.

As new members are activated, a membership Ambassador meets with them to offer a warm club welcome, present their club card, explain the house rules, and instruct them on the use of the private side of our website.

The membership committee is always looking for members to participate. If you are interested, please contact Rear Commodore Bob Heckman, rjhssa1W@verizon.net.

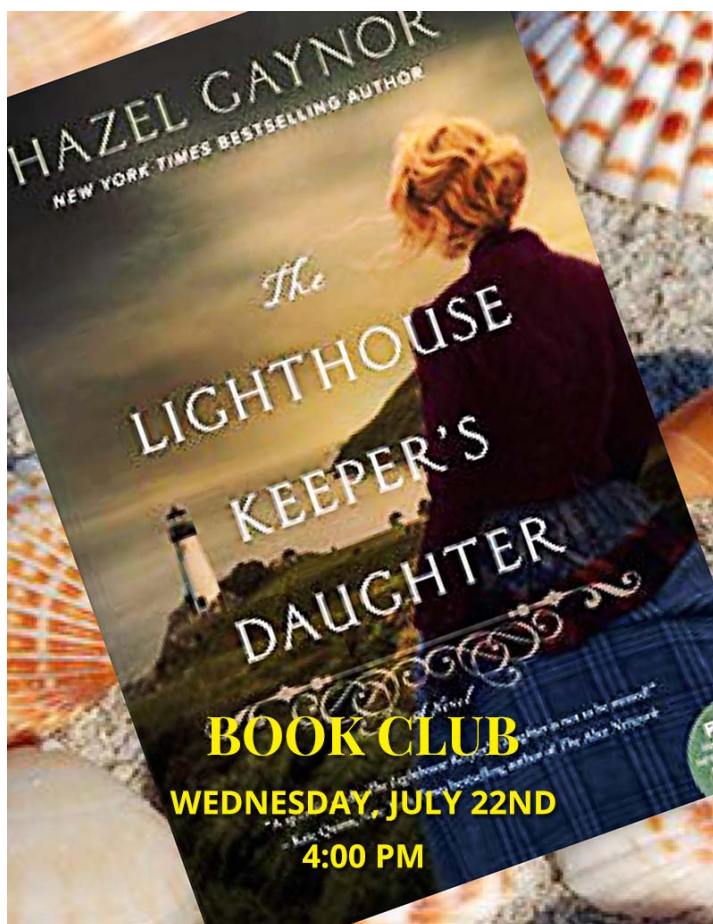
Holly Faris — June 19th

Check Out

<https://verobeachyachtclub.com/hollyfaris>

For more photos of a
fantastic and entertaining event!!





KEITH RAYGOR
MUSICAL MINDREADER

Saturday, July 18th

Where Magic, Music and
Mindreading Merge into one
SUPERB performance!!

DINNER AND SHOW - \$50.00++

BANDS FOR JULY
SATURDAYS

JULY 11th
Beachside Jazz

JULY 18th
CLUB EVENT
KEITH RAYGOR
(Musical Mind Reader)

JULY 25th
Sunny & Curtis

MUSIC
ON THE PATIO

FEATURING
Jazz Guitarist Dave Bialos

WEDNESDAYS
6:00-9:00

PLEASE CALL FOR YOUR RESERVATION



Reservations Required For July ~ 772-231-2211

Lunch Wednesday through Friday: 11:00 am ~ 1:30 pm

Sunday Brunch: 10:00 am ~ 1:30 pm

Wednesday Night on the Patio with Music: 6:00 pm ~ 9:00 pm

Dinner Tuesday through Saturday: 5:30 pm ~ 8:30 pm

Saturday ~ Jackets optional in main dining room

JULY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS Saturday, August 22nd <i>Singing Vocal Impressionist</i> <i>Eric Kearns</i>			1 Club Closed	2 Club Closed	3 Club Closed	4 Club Closed
5 Club Closed	6 Club Closed	7 Club Closed <i>Virtual VBYC Bucks Drawing</i>	8 Lunch <i>Music on the Patio</i> Dinner	9 Lunch Dinner	10 Lunch Dinner	11 <i>Paddle Group 8:45 AM</i> <i>Music by Beachside Jazz</i> Dinner
12 Pickleball 9:30 Brunch	13 Club Closed	14 <i>VBYC Bucks Drawing</i> Dinner	15 Lunch <i>Music on the Patio</i> Dinner	16 Lunch Dinner	17 Lunch Dinner	18 <i>Special Event The Musical Mind Reader</i> Dinner & Show
19 Pickleball 9:30 Brunch	20 Club Closed	21 <i>VBYC Bucks Drawing</i> Dinner	22 Lunch Book Club <i>Music on the Patio</i> Dinner	23 <i>Beach Up 11:00 AM</i> Lunch Dinner	24 Lunch Dinner	25 <i>Treasure Coast Waterway Clean Up Day 10 - 1</i> <i>Music by Sunny & Curtis</i> Dinner
26 Pickleball 9:30 Brunch	27 Club Closed	28 <i>VBYC Bucks Drawing</i> Dinner	29 Lunch <i>Music on the Patio</i> Dinner	30 Lunch Dinner	31 Lunch Dinner	August 1 <i>Music by "Papa" Pete McCullough</i> Dinner