

# THE SIREN



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## Commodore's Log

As we enter August the year seems to be going by at a very rapid pace. We are still doing battle with the Coronavirus. Depending which news station you follow, you don't know whether it's getting better or worse, but hopefully we will be able to get back to something resembling normal soon. In the meantime, our tireless manager has gone to extraordinary lengths to make sure our club is safe and welcoming and (with the approval of the board) is making a couple of changes to our schedule.

In order to reduce staff requirements, Sunday Brunch will now be served instead of buffet. The menu will contain all your favorite breakfast and lunch items. The other change is that the club will be closed on Thursday nights. These changes will go into effect on August 1 and continue until September 30; check the calendar for the complete monthly schedule.

This month's Spotlight is on the nominating committee. Be sure to read it to get some insight into the workings of the committee that guides the future leadership of our club. Committee chair, Madesta Stevens, asks that anyone who is interested in serving the club as a member of the board of directors or as a member of the nominating committee to send her an email. I urge all members to consider giving back to your club by serving as an officer, director, or a committee member; I guarantee you will enjoy it.

Your club is ready and waiting to welcome you back; we look forward to seeing you soon!

Mickey Donofrio  
Commodore

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## Florida Council of Yacht Clubs (FCYC)



P/C Rey Neville,  
Director FCYC

As you all are aware, the general meeting scheduled for our own Vero Beach Yacht Club this summer was cancelled. Instead, a virtual meeting was held on July 11. This is the second online meeting we have had, and it will not be the last.

The FCYC Cruising Guide is now online. Club members who wish to print pages for FCYC member clubs may email me, Rey Neville, at: [rey.neville@gmail.com](mailto:rey.neville@gmail.com), and I will provide you with the credentials to access the document.

The FCYC East and West Coast fleet captains are regularly querying clubs as to their status and providing spreadsheets to directors with the latest updates. If you are looking for general information, please email me. On the other hand, if you are planning a visit to a specific club, I recommend you contact that club directly to get the latest information, as it changes frequently.

See you on the water, Rey

## Spotlight On Nominating Committee



The nominating committee is a standing committee of the club. It recruits and nominates candidates for election by the regular members at the Annual Meeting to fill the offices of commodore, vice commodore, rear commodore, members of the board of directors, and members to serve on the nominating committee.

This committee consists of seven regular members of the club, of whom three are the three most recent commodores, and four are selected from the general membership, each of these serving a two-year term in rotation. The chair of the nominating committee is the immediate past commodore.

## An Opportunity To Serve



At this time, as chairman of the nominating committee, I am requesting that Yacht Club members consider serving on the board of directors.

In order to serve on the board, one must have been a member of the club for two or more years and must also have served on one or more standing or special committees of the club. Per the bylaws, under extraordinary circumstances, either of these rules may be waived for a specific individual by unanimous vote of the board of directors.

Serving on the board of directors is an exceptionally rewarding experience. It is an opportunity to know fellow members better, make new friends, and have the satisfaction knowing you have contributed to the success of your club.

Applications may be made in writing with a bio or resume of 100 words or less by Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2020, to [madesta212@gmail.com](mailto:madesta212@gmail.com).

Thank You,  
Madesta Stevens, PC

## ON THE WATERFRONT



### VBYC PADDLE GROUP OUTING

Saturday, August 1 at 8:45 a.m.

Wabasso Causeway, west of the Environmental Learning Center.

This outing will take us to several beautiful islands with mangrove tunnels. Even if you have never kayaked before, join us. We can teach you!

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

### SUNDOWNER CRUISE

Thursday, August 20, 5:30 p.m.

Glorious weather for this month's gathering!



The next cruise is planned for Thursday, August 20th, 5:30 p.m. Watch your email for location details. For more information, email Captain Piecuch at [jpie7237@gmail.com](mailto:jpie7237@gmail.com). Additionally, any large boats that are willing to raft up, please let Captain Piecuch know.



### BEACH UP

Thursday, August 27 at 11 a.m.

Destination: Spoil Island SL-08

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

## Caption, Caption, Who's Got the Caption?

Create a fun caption for this photo and you could win dinner at your VBYC! Let the picture speak to you, then tell us what it's saying. Humor is appreciated and facts are allowed, but not necessary. A team of judges will select the winner. Send your caption by email to [manager@vbyc.com](mailto:manager@vbyc.com). All entries must be submitted by August 14.



# Shipmates



## Bears on the March

For more than 10 years, members of the VBYC Shipmates have collected teddy bears and other stuffed animals for delivery to our local hospital. The animals are given out by hospital staff to frightened pediatric patients, as well as other anxious individuals who visit the emergency room. Earlier this year, Shipmates officers Mary Wohlstein and Janet Leh made a delivery of stuffed animals to the emergency department of the Cleveland Clinic Indian River Hospital. VBYC received a note from Erin Miller, with Cleveland Clinic's marketing department, thanking VBYC for their generous donation. She says the animals make not only the patients who receive them happy, but the caregivers who distribute them as well.

Shipmates' secretary Janet Leh notes, "Your donations do make a big impact! Recently, I had a lengthy stay in the hospital. Family was only allowed to stay the night of my procedure. For the next two weeks I was alone in a single room with no visitors, hoping a nurse, a doctor, a cleaner, just anyone, would pop in. And then he came. My friends sent me Theodore Bear. Until that moment I didn't realize how important a stuffed animal could be. When I wasn't holding and hugging him, Theodore sat on my windowsill. Everyone who passed by said, 'Morning, Theodore'. He was a star, and I felt much less lonely!"



## Sunday Served Breakfast Menu



Join us for Sunday Brunch will be from 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and enjoy a served breakfast and lunch. The full lunch menu will be offered as well as the following breakfast menu.

**2 Eggs (any style) w/3 sides**.....\$10.95

**Omelette (your way) w/3 sides**.....\$11.95

*Choose your ingredients ~ Ham, Spinach, Onion, Tomato, Mushrooms, Garlic, Capers, American, Swiss, Cheddar (Egg Beaters and Egg Whites Available)*

**2 Eggs Benedict w/3 sides**.....\$12.95

*Traditional or Florentine*

**Quiche Du Jour w/3 Sides**.....\$10.95

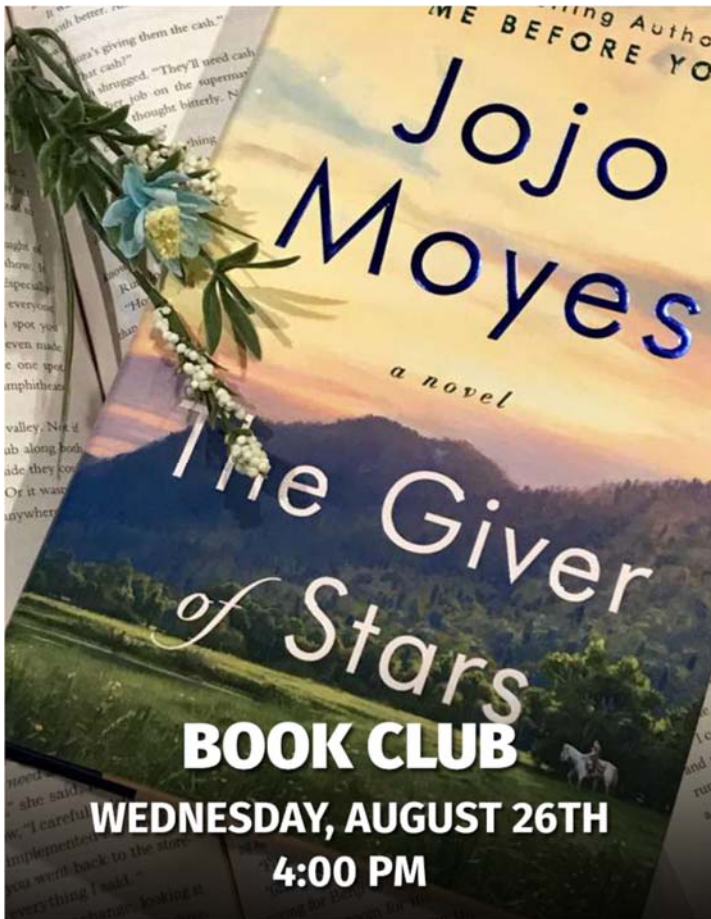
**3 Pancakes w/3 sides**.....\$9.95

*Toppings ~ Butter, Maple Syrup, Strawberries, Blueberries, Whipped Cream*

**1 Cheese Blintz w/Melba Sauce**.....\$2.95

**2 Cheese blintz w/Melba Sauce** .....\$4.95

**Sides** ~ Bacon, Sausage, Corned Beef Hash, Breakfast Potatoes, Grits, Fresh Fruit



**And Music Trivia**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 22**

**7:30 pm**

**Hosted By Joe Tessier**

**Regular Dinner Menu**



**AUGUST BANDS**

SATURDAYS

**AUGUST 1**

**DJ Joe Tessier**

**AUGUST 8**

**BEACHSIDE JAZZ**

**AUGUST 15**

**TONY AND HOLLY**

**AUGUST 22**

**NAME THAT TUNE**

**AUGUST 29**

**Sunny and Curtis**

**MUSIC ON THE PATIO**

FEATURING

**Jazz Guitarist Dave Bialos**

WEDNESDAYS

6:00-9:00 PM

PLEASE CALL FOR YOUR RESERVATION



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

**Reservations Required For August ~ 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

# AUGUST 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>Paddle Group</i>  <i>Music by DJ Joe</i> Dinner
2 Pickleball 9:30 Brunch	3 Club Closed	4 <i>VBYC Bucks</i> <i>Drawing</i> Dinner	5 Lunch  <i>Music on the</i> <i>Patio</i> Dinner	6 Lunch  <i>Club Closes</i> <i>at 4:00 PM</i>	7 Lunch  Happy Hour Dinner	8   <i>Music by</i> <i>Beachside Jazz</i> Dinner
9 Pickleball 9:30 Brunch	10 Club Closed	11 <i>VBYC Bucks</i> <i>Drawing</i> Dinner	12 Lunch  <i>Music on the</i> <i>Patio</i> Dinner	6 Lunch  <i>Club Closes</i> <i>at 4:00 PM</i>	14 Lunch  Happy Hour Dinner	15   <i>Music by</i> <i>Tony &amp; Holly</i> Dinner
16 Pickleball 9:30 Brunch	17 Club Closed	18 <i>VBYC Bucks</i> <i>Drawing</i> Dinner	19 Lunch  <i>Music on the</i> <i>Patio</i> Dinner	20 Lunch  <i>Club Closes</i> <i>at 4:00 PM</i>	21 Lunch  Happy Hour Dinner	22   <b>CLUB EVENT</b> <b>Name That Tune</b> <b>Music Trivia</b> Dinner
23 Pickleball 9:30 Brunch	24 Club Closed	25   <i>VBYC Bucks</i> <i>Drawing</i> Dinner	26 Lunch  Book Club  <i>Music on the</i> <i>Patio</i> Dinner	27 Lunch  <i>Beach Up</i>  <i>Club Closes</i> <i>at 4:00 PM</i>	28 Lunch  Happy Hour Dinner	29   <i>Music by</i> <i>Sunny &amp; Curtis</i> Dinner
30 Pickleball 9:30 Brunch	31 Club Closed	<b>SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS</b> Saturday, September 5 ~ Kentucky Derby Sunday, September 6 ~ Labor Day BBQ (Dine In or Take Out)				