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## COMMODORE'S LOG

**POLISHING THE EDGES:** Our Club is unique and wonderful. We have a warm and friendly atmosphere, lots of fun things to do, and great bar and menu offerings. This is one of those times...it is appropriate to take a look and see where the edges need polishing. This one of those times, and your manager, staff and board of directors are working hard to make sure that all food items served are consistently perfectly prepared, and that they are served in a timely manner. Your comments, both pro and con, are welcomed.



*Madesta Stevens*

**BURGEE MOSAIC:** Many thanks to Rey Neville, who has donated the beautiful mosaic of the club burgee, which we see over the entrance to the club foyer, in memory of Mary.

**NEW FURNITURE:** The board of directors has unanimously passed a motion to replace the brown plastic furniture on the patio with handsome white furniture, which will last many years. We thank Sue Buschmann for her work in obtaining this for us at a substantial discount.

**PARKING LOT:** There is a big puddle in front of the club entrance when it rains. This will be corrected in May. The first step will be to remove the diseased tree, which will also give us one more parking place. Next, the drainage problem will be addressed. This will cause some inconvenience, but not for long. The third part of the plan is to improve the lighting by installing three lamp poles, which will bring our lighting in this area up to code. All aspects of this project have been thoroughly researched, and the most economical path has been chosen.

**SATURDAY NIGHT:** On Saturday evenings when there is not a big event, we have a variety of delightful music entertainers, from traditional dance music to cool jazz and in between. It is the night of our famous Prime Rib, reported to be the best in town. Our Club is the perfect venue to entertain friends or neighbors, or have a romantic dinner for two.

**LOUVERED PERGOLA:** After much research and deliberation, there is now a plan to go forward in incremental steps with the idea of covering most of the patio with a louvered pergola, which will provide for outside dining in all kinds of weather. It will open or shut depending on the weather, have lights, fans, and a pull down sunshade, and it will greatly enhance our club appeal. Capital improvements of this kind are financed with initiation fees, not working capital. There will be a story board posted in the foyer for a few weeks describing all facets of the project. Shawn and Board members welcome your questions and comments.

*Madesta*

## Divalicious!



**Internationally Renowned Celebrity  
Female Impersonator,  
Holly Faris**

**Saturday May 11  
Cocktails & hors d'oeuvres 6:00 PM  
Show starts at 8:00 PM**

**Special à la carte served menu**

**\$50++**

**Casual Attire Reservations Required**

**INSIDE:  
KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY ON MAY 4  
MEMORIAL DAY BBQ ON MAY 26**

## FLORIDA COUNCIL OF YACHT CLUBS NEWS



*Bill Walker*

Our last General Meeting was held at Eau Gallie Y.C. and included the 2019 Change of Command and induction of Commodore Jon Williams and his Bridge. 31 of 36 clubs were in attendance. VBYC won the Council's award for the largest number of members in attendance.

The theme for the meeting was the nearby NASA and featured key speakers from the Kennedy Space Center. George Haddad, the Cassini space mission probe of Saturn and a very special guest, Robert Cabana, Director of Kennedy, who stressed NASA's latest theme "American Rockets, From American Soil". Be sure to watch for the Mars "Trailblazer" launch in 2020 and humans on Mars in 2028. The entire Club was decorated with space and spacecraft materials, compliments of NASA.

Our next meeting will be May 17 & 18 at Marathon Y.C. Contact me for details if you'd like to attend.

Government Affairs reported that the latest FL Budget includes \$2.5B for water improvement projects, \$360M for Everglades Restoration and \$1M for derelict vessel removal.

### Attention boaters!

The East Coast Fleet Captain announced that the Founders Award for cruising to a minimum of 13 clubs in a calendar year has been reduced to 7 for qualification due to the greater distance between clubs on the East Coast. Cruisers should plan their visits now, maintain their Cruising Logs aboard their boats and submit entries to Fleet Captain, Lee Bowden, at year-end.

Vero Beach hasn't won a Founders Award, or Yachtsman of the Year Award, since 2008 when Jim & Marge Fuller won the "Yachtsman" Award for most miles traveled aboard their Nordhaven, Summer Skis. Let's have some East Coast qualifiers in 2019 with a minimum of only 7 clubs to visit.

We have received an inquiry from a St. Augustine area yacht club for admittance to the Council. Should they qualify by meeting all of our stringent requirements, I will advise the Members.

As a reminder, VBYC will be hosting its first-ever FCYC General Meeting from July 10-12, 2020. We will accommodate about 150 members from the other FCYC clubs, arriving by boat and car.

P/C Bill Walker  
Director, FCYC

## This-N-That As the Season Changes

### Summer Hours

No Dinner or Bar Service Wednesday Nights  
(Club closes at 4 pm)

All other days and nights remain the same.

Price Changes May 1st:

Sunday Brunch \$15++

Pasta Trivia \$20++



**2019 Seasonal  
Reciprocals  
begin in May**

Enjoy a game of golf or tennis  
at one of these Clubs.

And while traveling, visit a FCYC Club in  
Florida or one of 700 Yacht Club of America  
members throughout the USA.

- Bent Pine ~May 13 - October 15
- Grand Harbor Golf & Beach Club  
May 14 through September 30
- Indian River Club ~ Year Round
- Indian Trails Tennis Club  
May 1 - October 31
- Oak Harbor ~ May 1 - October 31
- Pointe West ~ May 1 - October 31
- Riomar ~ May 1 - October 13
- Sea Oaks Beach & Tennis Club  
May 1 - October 31
- The Boulevard Village & Tennis Club  
May 1 - October 31
- Vero Beach Country Club  
May 1 - October 31

Watch your e-mail for more clubs and dates.



## 20TH STREET JAZZ BAND BIG HIT AGAIN!



## Kentucky Derby Party

Saturday May 4  
Festivities begin at 4 PM



Best Hat competition

Music and Dancing by  
Marshall and Sally

Churchill Downs Buffet

\$30++

Reservations Required

## Wineauxs Present "Simply Elegant" Wine Pairing Dinner Thursday May 9th

### 1st Course

Champagne Poached Salmon served on bed of  
Organic Spring Greens with a Dill Cucumber salad  
Paired Wine ~ Bousquet Sparkling Rosé

### 2nd Course

Pappardelle served with a Romesco sauce and  
sautéed Fennel  
Paired Wine ~ Santa Christina Chianti Antonori

### Intermezzo

Lemon Granité

### Main Course

Grilled Lamb Chops accompanied with baby  
Hasselback Potato and grilled marinated Green  
Asparagus  
Paired Wine ~ Chateau Cadrans De Lassegue  
Bordeaux

### Cheese Course

Humboldt Fog garnished with Chocolate Graham  
Crackers and Strawberries  
Paired Wine ~ Grahams "20 Year" Tawny Port

Pre-Dinner Libations Available On Your Own  
Wine & Dinner Begin At 6:30 PM

Wine & Dinner ~ \$65 Dinner only ~ \$45



## 2019 COMMODORE'S BALL



## Special Mothers Day Brunch

Sunday,  
May 12th

10:00 AM - 1:30 PM

\$25++



## Memorial Day BBQ

Sunday, May 26th  
5 to 7 PM

\$20++



## PASTA & TRIVIA

Thursday, May 30th

Pasta Station  
Opens at 6:00 PM

Trivia starts at 7:30 PM

\$20.00 ++

Casual Attire





## ALTER EAGLES BRING THE SOUND OF THE SEVENTIES BACK TO VBYC



## SKIPPERS' TABLE

Presentation and Dinner

Guest Speaker: Bob Heckman  
Retired FBI Supervisory Special Agent  
with assigned to the FBI Laboratory,  
Explosives Unit

"Explosion of TWA Flight 800 in 1996  
over Long Island, NY."

Thursday, May 16th  
Cocktails 6:00 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM  
Speaker 8:00 PM

Casual Attire - Reservations Required



**Fridays at VBYC**  
Half-priced  
house wine & well cocktails  
from 4:30-6:30 PM

Happy Hour Buffet  
from 5:00 to 7:00 PM  
\$13.95++

## MEMBER MIXER & MAY BIRTHDAY BASH

Thursday, May 2nd

**Member Mixer 5 to 6 PM**  
**followed by the Birthday Bash**  
**DJ Patti Hills 6 to 9 PM**  
**Dinner Menu**  
**BOGO Entrée for Birthday Celebrants**



## HALF HULLS ADDED TO COMMODORE'S ROOM

Recently three members each provided a half hull to add to the Commodore's Room to enhance the nautical ambiance of our Club. A few years ago, Richard Rogers provided the history of a half hull for a Siren article, which we share with you in this edition:

Historically hand carved half hulls were treated as a boatwright's set of plans or blueprints. When a boatwright was commissioned by an owner to build a ship, the half hull was the means of fulfilling this dream. The boatwright carved the half hull to the owner's wishes, combining his own knowledge and talent into carving a fair hull. As the half hull progressed, it was finely tuned to the hand and eye of the boatwright. Knowing eye sweetness was an essential part of the boatwright's shipbuilding ability.



Early on, it was decided that only half the model was needed since after the plans were developed from the carving, they could be mirrored to create the opposite side. This method simplified the difficulty of separately drawing two perfect sides for the boat.

Using various jigs and fixtures, the boatwright took measurements and curves from the half model which he could then enlarge or reduce using a grid system. One method he used to get the specifics involved a tick stick and story board, methods used today by kitchen remodelers to measure angles and wall irregularities for counter tops.



The boatwright smoothed out the ship's plans using ship curves or French curves. He used long smooth battens to layout the frames from the plans. All of these measurements resulted in a set of ribs or frames eventually attached to the keel that bound the ship together, forming the ship's beauty and its future purpose in life. Keep in mind, a boatwright had knowledge of the sea and knew the way a boat should perform. He could design and shape a hull to do what the owner wanted it to do,

be tracking straight, tacking smartly or carrying a large cargo.

Half hulls have been around since there were saws and tools sharp enough to shape wood. It's interesting to note that in the past, boatwrights burned their half hulls so no one could copy their designs. Today, the plans and designs are perfected on a CAD system, however the boatwright is responsible for finalizing a multitude of details.

Half hulls are now collector's items as well as works of art.

The half hull pictured (top left) is the Atlantic, a three masted schooner commissioned by New York City Yacht Club member, Wilson Marshall, and built in 1903 by Townsend & Downey. From the moment Atlantic went to sea, it was clear that she was an exceptionally fast and beautiful schooner that hit 20 knots on trials and went on to win The Kaiser's Cup in 1905, creating a record time that stood until 1998. This half hull was hand carved by Ken Argent in 2019, specifically for our Club.

The half hull pictured (bottom left) represents S/Y Endeavour, the British Royal Yacht Squadron entrant in the 1934 America's Cup Regatta. This state-of-the-art vessel was built for Thomas Sopwith (aviation pioneer) and designed by Charles Nicholson. She had a steel hull and spars and pioneered the quadrilateral genoa sail along with adapting several aviation innovations to the design and control of the great J-Boat classic. She still sails today. This half hull was provided by Past Commodore Rey Neville.



The one (above) was hand carved by Richard Rogers in 2004, and is a model of the boat he built in 1968, a Kenner Privateer designed by Thomas Gillmer. The half hull was carved from certified 350-year-old walnut provided by a friend in St. Mary's, Maryland. It was carved mainly by rack of eye just as original half hulls were carved—with no plans or numbers.



**DJ/Dance Party**  
**"Trés De Mayo Party"**  
**with dance partners**

**Friday, May 3rd**  
**6:30 to 9:30 PM**  
**Music Starts at 7:00 PM**

**Happy Hour Mexican Buffet**



**APRIL BIRTHDAY BASH**



**VBYC MAY**  
**PADDLE GROUP OUTING**

**BLUE CYPRESS LAKE**  
**Paddle through a Cypress Tree Forest**

**Saturday, May 11th at 8:45 AM**

**Middleton's Fish Camp**  
**Picnic Lunch in the Park**



**Contact Toby Jarman if you are planning to attend. [Jotoby@moonriveriii.com](mailto:Jotoby@moonriveriii.com).**

**Rent kayaks for \$25 single/\$40 tandem.**

**Please call Maddy at Adventure Kayak Tours (772-538-3265/772-567-0522) for reservation**

**SHIPMATES MEETING**



**Friday, May 10th**  
**11:00 AM**

**Speaker:**  
**VBYC General Manager,**  
**Shawn Witmer**

*Current and future Club happenings and what role the Shipmates can play in enhancing the members' experience.*

**BOOK CLUB**



***The Girl Who Wrote***  
***In Silk***  
**by Kellie Estes**

**Thursday, May 23rd at 4:00 PM**

*The book club will meet on the 4th Wednesday at 4:00 PM even though the Club will technically be closed.*



# MAY

Reservations Appreciated 231-2211

Lunch: Wednesday through Friday 11 am to 1:30 pm

Sunday Brunch: 10 am to 1:30 pm

Expanded Dinner Menu Tuesday through Saturday. Saturday ~ Jackets Optional

Burgee Room Hours ~ Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 11:00 am

Summer Hours ~ Club Closes Wednesday at 4 pm

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>JUNE HIGHLIGHTS</b> 7 ~ DJ Dance Party 16 ~ Special Father's Day Brunch 22 ~ Billy Dean & Dawn ~ Concert and Dinner Dance 27 ~ Pasta Trivia			<b>1</b> Lunch 10-11 Qigong/ Tai Chi <b>Club Closes 4:00 PM</b>	<b>2</b> Lunch 11:30 Mah Jongg 5~6 Member Mixer 6~9 B'DAY BASH & DJ	<b>3</b> Lunch & Bridge <b>BLUE GAVEL</b> Happy Hour w/ Appetizer Buffet 4:30 to 6:30 Très De Mayo DJ Dance Party	<b>4</b> No Lunch Kentucky Derby Party Music and Dancing by Marshall & Sally 
<b>5</b> Pickleball 9:30 Sunday Brunch 10:00 ~ 1:30	<b>6</b> CLUB CLOSED 10-11 Qigong/ Tai Chi	<b>7</b> No Lunch Dinner & Rubber Bridge VBYC Bucks Drawing	<b>8</b> Lunch 10-11 Qigong/ Tai Chi <b>Club Closes 4:00 PM</b>	<b>9</b> Lunch 11:30 Mah Jongg "Simply Elegant" Wine Tasting Dinner	<b>10</b> Lunch & Bridge 11 ~ Shipmates Nine and Dine Happy Hour w/ Appetizer Buffet 4:30 to 6:30	<b>11</b> No Lunch Kayak Outing <b>CLUB EVENT</b> Female Impersonator <b>Holly Faris</b>
<b>12</b> Pickleball 9:30 Mother's Day Brunch 10:00 ~ 1:30  Happy Mother's Day	<b>13</b> CLUB CLOSED 10-11 Qigong/ Tai Chi	<b>14</b> No Lunch Dinner & Rubber Bridge VBYC Bucks Drawing	<b>15</b> Lunch 10-11 Qigong/ Tai Chi <b>Club Closes 4:00 PM</b>	<b>16</b> Lunch 11:30 Mah Jongg Skipper's Table	<b>17</b> Lunch & Bridge Happy Hour w/ Appetizer Buffet 4:30 to 6:30	<b>18</b> No Lunch Music & Dancing 6:30 to 9:30 Music by Mark Green & Bill Shine
<b>19</b> Pickleball 9:30 Sunday Brunch 10:00 ~ 1:30	<b>20</b> CLUB CLOSED 10-11 Qigong/ Tai Chi	<b>21</b> No Lunch Dinner & Rubber Bridge VBYC Bucks Drawing	<b>22</b> Lunch 10-11 Qigong/ Tai Chi 4 ~Book Club <b>Club Closes            after Book            Club</b>	<b>23</b> Lunch 11:30 Mah Jongg	<b>24</b> Lunch & Bridge Nine and Dine Happy Hour w/ Appetizer Buffet 4:30 to 6:30	<b>25</b> No Lunch Music & Dancing 6:30 to 9:30 Music by Sunnie & Kurtis
<b>26</b> Pickleball 9:30 Memorial Day  BBQ 5 ~ 7	<b>27</b> CLUB CLOSED 10-11 Qigong/ Tai Chi	<b>28</b> No Lunch Dinner & Rubber Bridge VBYC Bucks Drawing	<b>29</b> Lunch 10-11 Qigong/ Tai Chi <b>Club Closes 4:00 PM</b>	<b>30</b> Lunch 11:30 Mah Jongg <b>PASTA            TRIVIA</b>	<b>31</b> Lunch & Bridge Happy Hour w/ Appetizer Buffet 4:30 to 6:30	

Click on band name to visit website.