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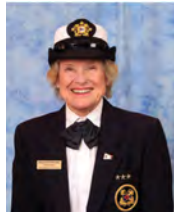


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COMMODORE'S LOG

EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS FUND:

A letter has gone out to all members inviting them to contribute to the Christmas fund for our employees. Each year at holiday time we collect funds from our members to distribute to the men and women who take such good care of us throughout the year. Our employees are special members of the VBYC family, and most of them stay with us for many years. Your contributions must be received in the office by December 17th, so that they may be distributed in time for Christmas.



Madesta Stevens

PATIO DINING: Now that the pergola is finished, we have a dining venue unequalled in all of Vero Beach. Chef Charles, seasoned in Caribbean cuisine, has his little kitchen up and running, turning out island favorites which will rotate monthly. In addition, the regular menu is always available outside. With fans for warm weather and heaters for cold weather our patio is a year round attraction. So bring your favorite friend, member or guest, and experience a very special evening. And lunches with the river and marina view can't be beat!

NAUTICAL NEWS: Our VBYC representative to FCYC, P/C Rey Neville returned from Jacksonville Yacht Club, who hosted last month's FCYC meeting.



At that meeting it was reported that Lake Okeechobee is extremely low, creating hazardous boating conditions. If you plan on visiting the west coast, please check water levels prior to going.

We are attempting to reschedule the previously cancelled "sunset cruise" sometime in the next year.



Stay tuned for an email notification when the new date has been secured. We apologize for the disappointment, but conditions on the dock were too dangerous due to high water levels.

Madesta

New Years Eve Celebration



Tuesday, December 31st

Cocktails/Hors d'oeuvres 7:30-8:30 PM

Dinner at 8:30 PM

Music 8:30 PM -12:30 AM

by

Rick Collins band

\$85++

**Jacket & Tie
Black Tie Optional**

FLORIDA COUNCIL OF YACHT CLUBS NEWS



The November FCYC meeting was held at Florida Yacht Club in Jacksonville. Both Judy Peschio (our Alternate Director) and I attended.



Rey Neville

This is a lovely club and the oldest in Florida. It is situated on a peninsula in a very attractive neighborhood bordering the St. Johns River. I encourage a visit if you are in the area. If planning a cruise, be sure to call ahead. Some of their dockage is still compromised from hurricane Irma.

Cruising Guide: The council is initiating a new policy regarding the publication of the Cruising Guide. By Jan. 15, 2020 the guide will be posted online for members to print just the information they need. This will allow more frequent updates and reduce the cost of the published paper guide.

Temporary lock closing: The Banana River lock access to the Canaveral Barge Canal will be closed from Dec. 1, 2019 to Mar. 31, 2020.

Okeechobee Water Levels: Lake "O" water levels are trending low. Captains planning a crossing should be cautious and know the levels before entering the lake.

Policy on Divers (bottom maintenance): A question was raised about the management of divers doing maintenance on member boats. A diver was injured at a marina (not a FCYC club) which raised the issue of awareness when divers are at work. An informal survey indicated about a quarter of the member clubs had a policy in effect. At a minimum, always check the environment before engaging your vessel.

Cruise to Gasparilla Island (Boca Grande area): The FCYC West Coast Fleet Captain is planning a cruise to this beautiful island for May 2020. Details will be forthcoming.

Yachtsmen of the Year: Captains seeking this honor must turn their logs in by January 15, 2020.

Next meeting: Tampa Yacht & Country Club January 10-12, 2020.

March meeting: will be held at Isles YC in Punta Gorda, FL. If you plan to go be sure to make lodging plans early. Hotel rooms during this period are expected to be difficult to find.

P/C Rey Neville
Director, FCYC



CHRISTMAS DINNER/DANCE

Saturday, December 14th

Music by Manhattan Connection

6-7 cocktails/Hors d'oeuvres

Elegant Served Dinner at 7 PM

**\$50++
Jacket & Tie**



Holiday Food Drive

To Benefit the Indian River County Food Pantry

- Share your abundance with those less fortunate.
- IRC has an unusually high number of residents that work in the service industry. 50% of the workforce paid less than \$12 per hour, with no health insurance.
- From Census Bureau, 14.3% of IRC lives with Food Insecurity (defined as a lack of consistent access to enough food for an active, healthy life).
- The Food Pantry gives residents who cannot afford to buy themselves, an emergency supply of food for 3-4 days only once a month.
- Types of donations suggested: Non-refrigerated, non-perishable foods such as cans of veggies, tuna, peanut butter, granolas, jams, jellies and toiletries.

Visit <http://www.foodpantryirc.org/>

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

The Club will be closed on

Tuesday, December 24th
and
Wednesday December 25th



**Please remember to give to the
Employee Holiday Fund!**

**Contributions can be added to member
accounts or by check made out ot
VBYC Employee Christmas Fund.**

Thank you!

**DJ Dance Party
with Dance Hosts**

**Friday, December 6th
6:30 to 9:30 PM**

Music starts at 7 PM



“Stayin Alive” with the BEE GEES



VBYC Celebrates Veterans at BBQ



NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee met many times during 2019 to formalize the slate of candidates to be presented at the January 21, 2020 Annual Meeting. These candidates' names were posted on the Bulletin Board at the Club on November 22, 2019. Their biographies will be published in the January 2020 Siren.

Our 2020 Nominees are:

Commodore	Mickey Donofrio
Vice Commodore	Robert Meade Jones
Rear Commodore	Robert Heckman
Director [2-year term]	Robert Meade Jones
	Tom Peschio
	John Piecuch
	Peter Saxon
	Kristin M. Rohr

Director [1-year term]

Sean Kashawlic

Nominating Committee [1-Year term]

Donnie Young and

Gary Kinasewitz

Nominating Committee [2-Year term]

Susan Burton, and

James Miskel

Also serving on the Nominating Committee are the three most recent Commodores.

Directors continuing the 2nd year of their two-year terms are: Robert Heckman, Kathleen Kinasewitz, Sam Nerses, and Pamela Young.

This year's Nominating Committee members were P/C Rey Neville, P/C Barbara Ebstein, P/C Peter Hollingworth, Susan Burton, Connie Dominianni, Gary Kinasewitz, and Donnie Young.

SAVE THE DATE!

**Scotch tasting paired
with food
Thursday, January 9, 2020
at 6:00 pm**



Pasta & Trivia

Thursday, December 26th

Pasta Station
Opens at 6:00 PM

Trivia Starts at 7:30 PM

20.00++
Casual Attire

DINING AT VBYC

Patio Menu Available
Tuesday through Saturday
5:30-8:30 PM

Dinner Menu
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday
5:30-8:30 PM

Friday Happy Hour Buffet (Themed)
5:00-7:00 PM

December 6th- Southern
December 13th- Italian
December 20th – Mexican
December 27th- Asian



**VBYC IS HOSTING THE
TREASURE COAST JAZZ
SOCIETY CONCERTS THIS
YEAR.**

The Treasure Coast Jazz Society Lunch & Concerts series will be hosted by Vero Beach Yacht Club on select Saturdays beginning in January. Here's the lineup:

January 18 - Eddie Metz Trio

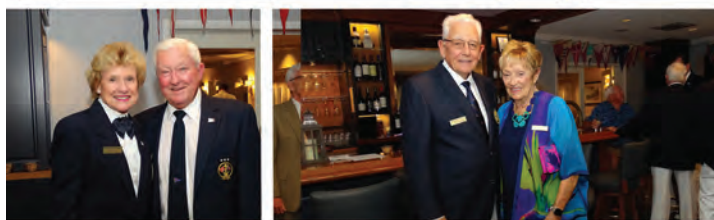
February 15 - M&M Latin Jazz Ensemble

March 7 - New Orleans Night Hawks featuring
Pat Gulotta

April 4 - Larry Brown Quintet

Contact Treasure Coast Jazz Society for more
information at 772-234-4600 or e-mail at
TCJAZZSOCIETY@gmail.com

PREVIOUS COMMODORES STRUT THEIR STUFF!



VBYC DECEMBER PADDLE GROUP OUTING

PELICAN ISLAND WILDLIFE REFUGE
**The snow birds—and white
pelicans—are back!!**

Saturday December 7th at 8:45 AM
Picnic or buy lunch at
Wabasso Beach Park



Contact Toby Jarman
if you are planning to attend.
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.**

NOVEMBER TRIVIA WINNERS



VBYC Golfers Enjoying the Sunset and New Pergola!



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY BASH





MEMBER MIXER & DECEMBER BIRTHDAY BASH

**Thursday, December 5th
Member Mixer 5 to 6 PM**

**Half price house wine & well cocktails
& complimentary hors d'oeuvres
followed by Birthday Bash**

Karaoke DJ Patti Hills

Dinner Menu

BOGO Entrée for Birthday Celebrant



Shipmates Christmas Luncheon

Friday, December 13th

Spouses and Guests Welcome

Carols by Beachland Elementary Chorus

11:30 AM - Cocktails

12:00 Noon - Chorus

12:30 PM - Luncheon

Menu Options

Broccoli & Cheddar Quiche

or

Chicken & Mushroom Crêpe

or

Trio Salad

**Green Crème De Menthe Parfait
& Christmas Cookie**

\$15++

Elegant Wine Pairing Evening



December



Reservations Appreciated 231-2211
 Lunch: Wednesday through Friday 11 am to 1:30 pm
 Sunday Brunch: 10 am to 1:30 pm
 Dinner and Patio Menus Tuesday through Saturday.
 Saturday ~ Jackets required in main dining room.
 Burgee Room Hours ~ Tuesday through Friday from 11:00 am

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 <i>Pickleball</i> 9:30 <i>Sunday Brunch</i> 10:00 ~ 1:30	2 CLUB CLOSED 10-11 Qigong/ Tai Chi	3 No Lunch <i>Dinner & Rubber Bridge</i> <i>VBVC Bucks Drawing</i>	4 Lunch 10-11 Qigong/ Tai Chi <i>Dinner</i>	5 Lunch & Bridge 11:30 Mah Jongg <i>Member Mixer/ Birthday Bash</i> <i>Dinner</i>	6 Lunch & Bridge <i>BLUE GAVEL</i> <i>Happy Hour Buffet Southern</i> 5 ~ 7 <i>DJ Dance Party w/Partners</i>	7 No Lunch <i>Kayak Outing</i> <i>Music & Dancing</i> 6:30 ~ 9:30 <i>Music by Mark Green & Bill Shine</i>
8 <i>Pickleball</i> 9:30 <i>Sunday Brunch</i> 10:00 ~ 1:30	9 CLUB CLOSED 10-11 Qigong/ Tai Chi	10 No Lunch <i>Greeting Card Making Class</i> 10:00 <i>Dinner & Rubber Bridge</i> <i>VBVC Bucks Drawing</i>	11 Lunch 10-11 Qigong/ Tai Chi <i>Dinner</i>	12 Lunch & Bridge 11:30 Mah Jongg <i>Dinner</i>	13 Lunch & Bridge <i>Shipmates Christmas Luncheon</i> 11:30 AM <i>Nine & Dine</i> <i>Happy Hour Buffet Italian</i> 5 ~ 7	14 No Lunch 
15 <i>Pickleball</i> 9:30 <i>Sunday Brunch</i> 10:00 ~ 1:30	16 CLUB CLOSED 10-11 Qigong/ Tai Chi	17 No Lunch <i>Dinner & Rubber Bridge</i> <i>VBVC Bucks Drawing</i>	18 Lunch 10-11 Qigong/ Tai Chi <i>Dinner</i>	19 Lunch & Bridge 11:30 Mah Jongg <i>Dinner</i>	20 Lunch & Bridge <i>Happy Hour- Buffet Mexican</i> 5 ~ 7	21 No Lunch <i>Music & Dancing</i> 6:30 ~ 9:30 <i>Music by Tony & Holly</i>
22 <i>Pickleball</i> 9:30 <i>Sunday Brunch</i> 10:00 ~ 1:30	23 CLUB CLOSED	24 CLUB CLOSED	25 CLUB CLOSED	26 Lunch & Bridge 11:30 Mah Jongg PASTA TRIVIA	27 Lunch & Bridge <i>Nine & Dine</i> <i>Happy Hour Buffet Asian</i> 5 ~ 7	28 No Lunch <i>VBVC Beach Up</i> <i>Music & Dancing</i> 6:30 ~ 9:30 <i>Music by Sunnie & Kurtis</i>
29 <i>Pickleball</i> 9:30 <i>Sunday Brunch</i> 10:00 ~ 1:30	30 CLUB CLOSED 10-11 Qigong/ Tai Chi	31 No Lunch <i>New Years Eve Celebration</i> 2020	 <p>January Highlights 1 ~ Club Closed 9 ~ Scotch Tasting Dinner 16 ~ 1970s Super Group ~ Chicago 21 ~ Annual Meeting 23 ~ Pasta Trivia 26 ~ Change of Command</p>			