

THE SIREN



Commodore
Kiki Rohr

Commodore's Log

Just when we thought we were out of the woods, Hurricane Nicole came barreling ashore just south of Vero Beach at 3 a.m. Thursday, November 10. This was the first time since recordkeeping began in 1853 that a hurricane has made landfall in November on the Treasure Coast. The good news is that the club and its immediate surroundings fared well (including our newly installed landscaping); the not-so-good news is that our dock has been compromised. By the time you read this, inspections will have taken place, we will have a clear picture of our path forward, and you will have been informed as to the extent of the damage and steps we will be taking to bring our dock up to code. Suffice to say, I am beyond grateful that we all suffered so little in this storm; again, we have dodged a bullet.

As we approach the holidays, please take the opportunity to respond to the letter I recently sent out asking for your kind donations to our Employee Holiday Fund. We are so very fortunate for our loyal and professional staff; they consider us family and I, for one, feel the same way about them. And don't forget the Vero Beach Christmas Parade on Dec. 3; Friendship II will be lit up and will proudly make her way (on her trailer) down Ocean Drive.

A couple of points of business: First, there are two amendments to our bylaws that have been revised and are up for vote at the Annual Meeting in January. One is to indemnify the members who act on behalf of the club in certain capacities; the other is to lay out the terms of dissolution of the club, on the very remote chance that ever should become necessary. The draft amendments are posted on the club bulletin board, and they also can be found on the VBYC website; click on the Governance tab and look under Bylaws. Of course, ask at the office if you'd like hard copies.

Second, you'll see in this issue of the Siren the proposed slate of officers and directors for 2023, as submitted by the Nominating Committee. We will be publishing their bios in the January issue in preparation for your vote at the Annual Meeting.

At this very special time of year, I'd like to wish every one of you a happy and HEALTHY Holiday Season, and a New Year filled with hope and promise. I feel very lucky to know you all, staff and members, and give thanks every day for your friendship.

Wishing you fair winds, always,
Kiki

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FLORIDA COUNCIL OF YACHT CLUBS (FCYC)



P/C Rey Neville,
Director FCYC

FCYC DIRECTOR'S REPORT, November 2022

The aftermath of Hurricane Nicole forced HRYC and FCYC to cancel the on-site visit and conduct a Zoom meeting which V/C Judy Peschio and I attended.

The 2022 Commodore's River Cruise was declared a rousing success by all who attended. The 2023 Cruise, Legends of Scotland and Ireland, June 29-July 9, 2023, will be aboard Oceana Cruises. For more information find the link on floridacouncilofyachtclubs.com. This looks to be a great event and will likely sell out, so if interested inquire soon.

The Right Whale Coexistence Act of 2022 (H.R.6785) has been introduced to create offshore zones in the Atlantic Ocean where right whales congregate or transit. The proposal is to limit speeds on vessels greater than 35 ft. to 10 mph.

The problems with Brightline bridge openings in the Stuart area on the south fork of the St. Lucie River (two short openings per hour) and New River in Ft. Lauderdale have not been solved. The public comment period with the Coast Guard has been closed with no change in policy. The only way forward to effect any change appears to be via Congressional action through Rep. Brian Mast, et al.

We had a briefing from the insurance broker who has been working on the "wind and wash" group insurance for FCYC clubs interested in joining the group. He reported that insurance is going to be very difficult to obtain following the disaster of hurricane Ian and the damage from hurricane Nicole primarily because reinsurance companies are withdrawing funds from the Florida market. The problem is further exacerbated by lawsuits surrounding roof repair claims.

Some issues relating to reciprocity have presented themselves related to the high season. The FCYC Reciprocity Committee has been working diligently to settle these issues and progress is being made. The problem is more serious on the west coast because of the proximity between clubs.



Closest to us, the Moorings suffered total dock failure at their club. Access to reciprocals and members is unavailable until further notice. Clubs with severe damage include Captiva Yacht Club and Pelican Isle Yacht Club. Clubs closed for less severe damage are Naples Sailing and Yacht Club, Naples YC and Smyrna YC. Lake Beresford docks are underwater and Isles YC is unavailable for visits by boat. Most of the west coast clubs sustained major to minor damage of one kind or another.

P/C Rey Neville, FCYC Director

VBYC MEETINGS – DECEMBER 2022

All members are welcome to attend committee and board meetings as a guest.
The December schedule is listed below. Please check the website for additional information.



Fleet - Tuesday, December 6 @ 4:30 p.m.

House and Grounds - Tuesday, December 13 @ 9:30 a.m.

Planning - Tuesday, December 13 @ 9:30 a.m.

Membership - Tuesday, December 13 @ 4:30 p.m.

Publicity & Publications - Wednesday, December 14 @ 10:00 a.m.

Board of Directors - Tuesday, December 20 @ 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT



The Nominating Committee has completed its duties as specified in the VBYC bylaws. After receiving letters of interest from members, discussing their merits, and interviewing each applicant, the following slate of nominees for the 2023 VBYC Board of Directors and Nominating Committee is presented below. Candidate biographies will be in the January, 2023 Siren; members will have the opportunity to vote on the slate at the Annual Meeting on January 17, 2023.

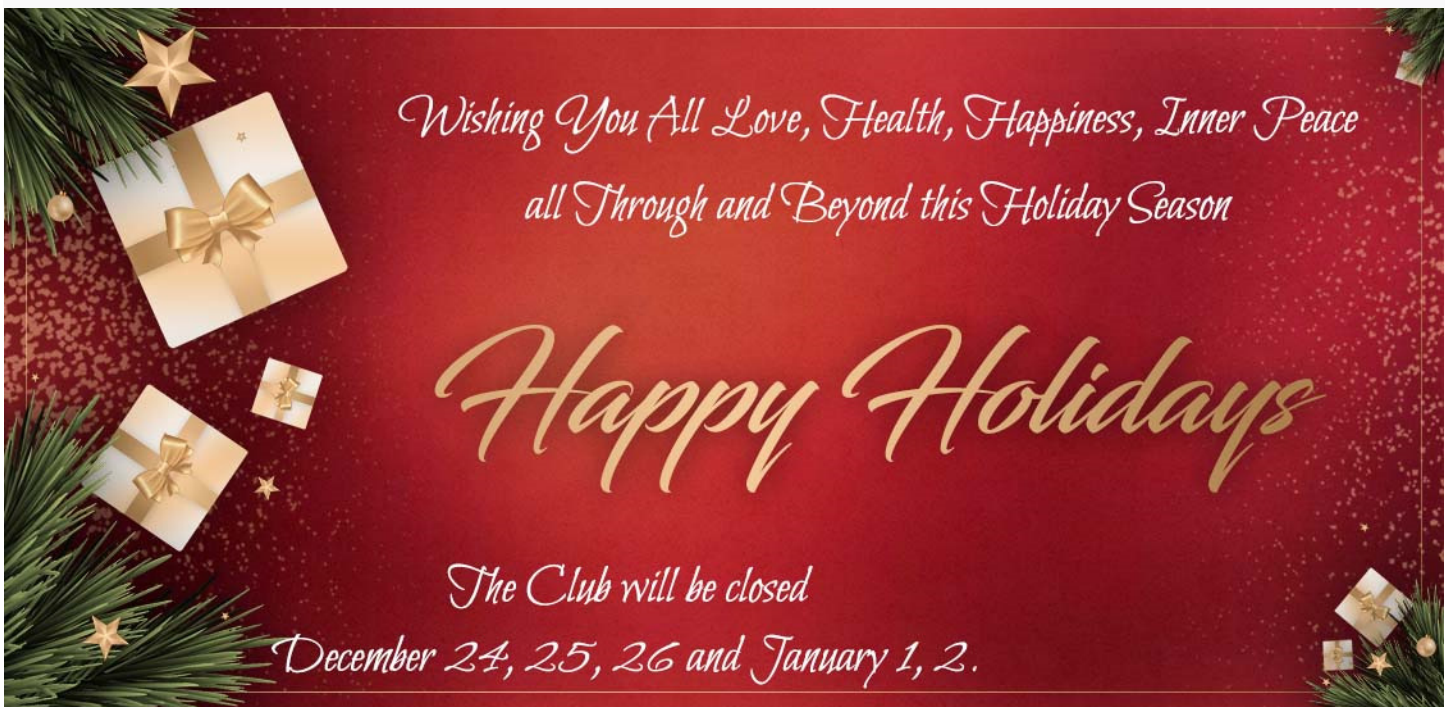
Board Candidates:

- Commodore – Judy Peschio
 - Vice Commodore - James DeSimone
 - Rear Commodore - Gordon Sellers
 - Treasurer (re-election) – Jane Booth
 - Secretary (re-election) – Kathy Kinasewitz
 - Director (re-election) – Karen Donofrio
 - Director (re-election) – Sean Kashawlic
 - Director – Dave Malek
 - Director - Connie Dominianni
 - Director – Tim Dolman
- Returning member: Peter Saxon - Director

Nominating Committee:

- At large members to be re-elected - Tom Peschio and Gary Kinasewitz
- Returning at large members - Joel Cipolla and Jim Miskel
- Past commodore members - Mickey Donofrio, Bob Jones and Kiki Rohr
- Nominating Committee Chair for 2023 - Kiki Rohr

Respectfully submitted, Robert Jones, Chair, Nominating Committee



STAFF NEWS



Ernest Pellicciotti, server, says "I really like it here! I've learned a lot about things that are new to me, such as boating; it's a great experience!"

Chef Jerry is retiring. After 26 years, he is hanging up his waffle iron and we will miss him. Best wishes!



New bar tender Lindsey Tkaczow celebrated her birthday on November 6. She says she enjoys being a part of the VBYC family. "Everyone has welcomed me with open arms."

Pastry chef Alexis Aiello is back. She enjoys hearing from members. "Please let me know your favorite dessert so I can delight you." Be sure to check out her tantalizing creations!



While we did experience some dock damage, thanks to our staff we were well prepared for hurricane Nicole. No matter the event, VBYC staff is always ready to help. Please take the time to let them know you appreciate all that they do for us.



Please remember our VBYC Staff during the Holidays with your gift to

THE EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY GIFT FUND

SHIPMATES



TIS THE SEASON AND THE SHIPMATES ARE BUSY

FOOD DRIVE

The Shipmates conducted the 5th Annual VBYC Food Drive to benefit The Food Pantry of Indian River County during the month of November. As of this writing, final numbers have not been calculated but will be reported next month. Thanks to all VBYC members for your generous donations.

The Annual Teddy Bear Drive to benefit the Cleveland Clinic Indian River Medical Center Emergency Room will be held during the month of December. Bring a bear and place it under the tree in the main dining room. Our donation of Teddy Bears is always appreciated.



SHIPSTORE

The last Ship Store Sale of the year will be held on Friday, December 2 from 5 p.m.-6 p.m. in the main dining room. We have added a few new items to our inventory so stop by and see us. It is a great opportunity to pick up a last-minute holiday gift.

Please plan to join us for the Shipmates Annual Christmas Luncheon on Friday, December 9 at 11:30 a.m. The Beachland Singers will be performing for us. Menu choices for the luncheon are sautéed flounder or chicken piccata with sides and a special holiday dessert. The cost is \$20.00 per person, tax and tip included. Please tell Kim your entrée preference when you make your reservation. All members of the VBYC are invited to attend.



Best wishes to you and your loved ones for a wonderful holiday season and the happiest New Year. Mary



SHIPMATES PRESENT
Ship Store Sale

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

ON THE WATERFRONT

Kayaking

VBYC KAYAK GROUP OUTING — Saturday December 10, at 8:45 a.m. Destination: Jungle Trail to Pelican Island. Kayak from the oldest road on Orchid Island to the first Wildlife Refuge created in the U.S. by President Teddy Roosevelt! If you are new to kayaking, we will teach you. Contact Toby Jarman at jarmantoby1@gmail.com if you are planning to attend. For kayak reservations, email Maddy of Adventure Kayak Tours at madelynrussell12@gmail.com.



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The next Spoil Island cleanup date is scheduled for Saturday, December 17, 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Interested members should contact Connie Dominianni at conid@aol.com by Monday Dec. 12 to reserve a spot. All are welcome!

VBYC and Friendship II Thank Blue Gavel!

The board of directors and Fleet Committee would like to thank the Vero Beach chapter of the International Society of the Blue Gavel for donating funds for the purchase of a VHF radio and antenna for Friendship II. Having a radio will allow for reliable communication in case of an emergency.

Pictured: PC Mike Wisniewski, Paul Chatterton, PC Frank Bilotta, and PC Barbara Ebstien



HALLOWEEN



ONCE AROUND THE CLUB



**BURGEE
EXCHANGE**



VETERAN'S DAY



PAST COMMODORES' BALL



Check the photo album on the VBYC website for more photos. <https://verobeachyachtclub.com/photos>



This show, H2O, re-produces a dedicated performance to "The Greatest Duo" in Rock and Roll History... Daryl Hall & John Oates. TOGETHER, THEY BRING YOU H2O LIVE!!



SHIPMATES HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

11:30 AM / 12:00 PM LUNCH

**ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO JOIN US
TO CELEBRATE THE SEASON**



**Please Provide Your Entrée Choice
When Making Your Reservation**

ENTRÉE CHOICES

Chicken Piccata or Stuffed Flounder
**Both served with Red Bliss Potato &
Broccoli**

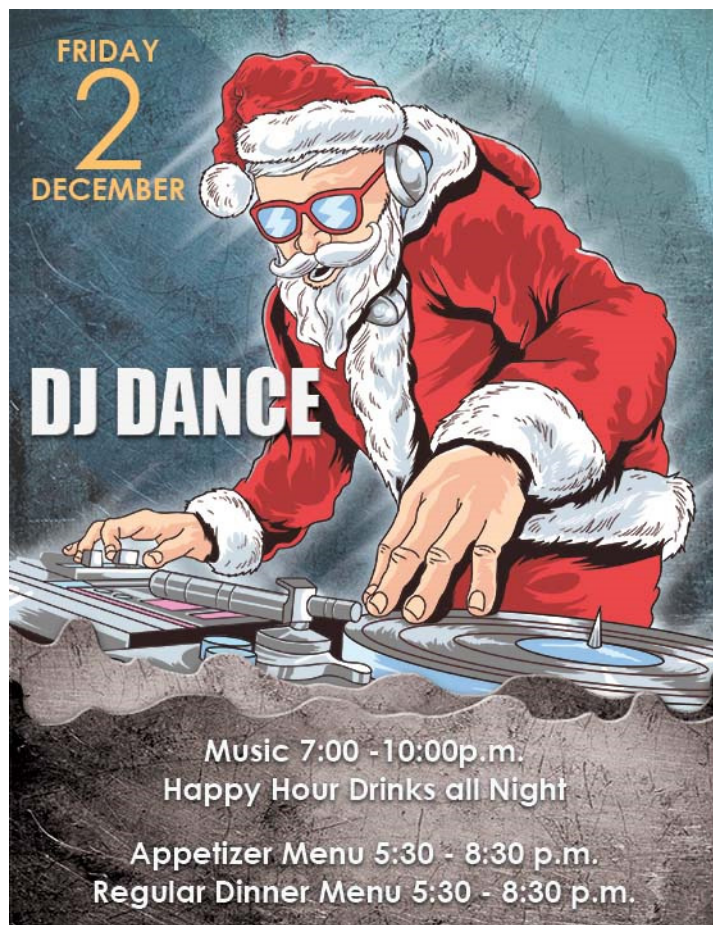
DESSERT

**Green Crème de Menthe Parfait
with a Christmas Cookie**

\$20.00

Festive Holiday Music & Door Prizes





THE VERO BEACH THEATRE GUILD
BROADWAY'S BEST IS COMING TO
THE VERO BEACH YACHT CLUB
TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS.

Enjoy holiday music as three talented performers from the Vero Beach Theater Guild stroll around singing holiday favorites. Performance to begin around 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 1
 Showtime: 7:30 p.m.
 Show Only \$10.00

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OUR SAPPHIRE ANNIVERSARY

MEMBER MIXER
 Wednesday, December 7
 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres

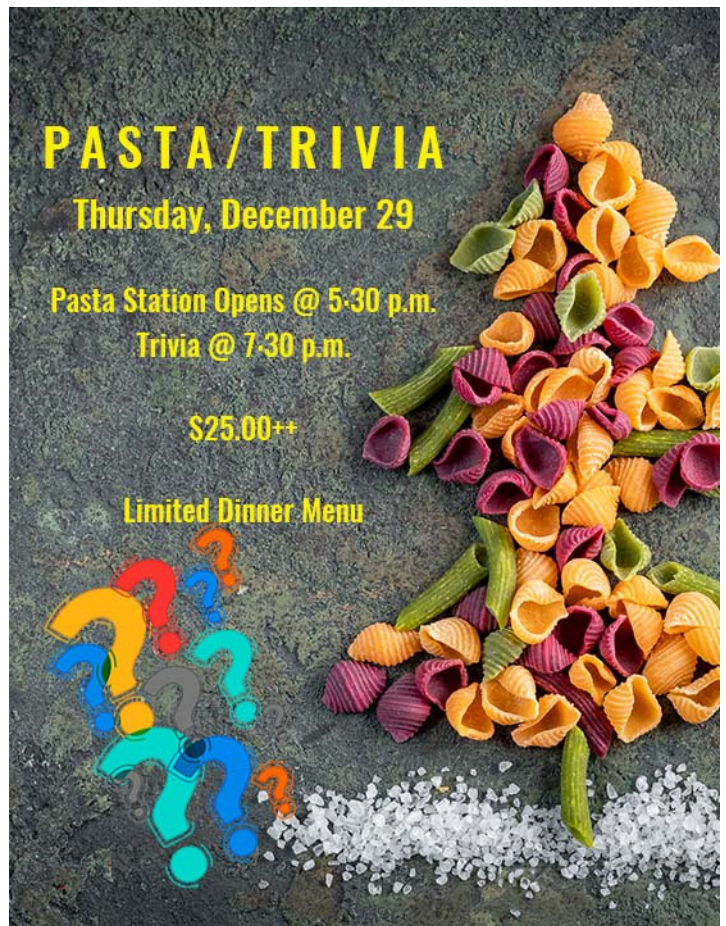


MUSIC TRIVIA

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

Music Begins @ 6:00 p.m.
 Music Trivia @ 7:00-8:00 p.m.
 Regular Music @ 8:00-9:00 p.m.

Special Menu



PASTA/TRIVIA

Thursday, December 29

Pasta Station Opens @ 5:30 p.m.
 Trivia @ 7:30 p.m.

\$25.00++

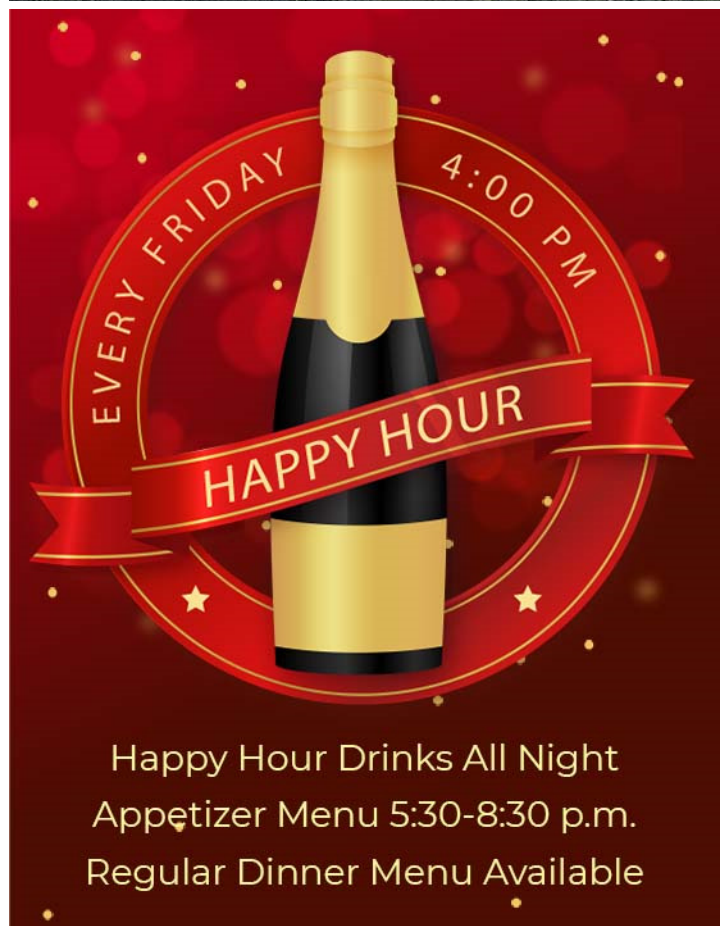
Limited Dinner Menu



CHRISTMAS
Boat Parade

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

JOIN US AT THE CLUB TO WATCH THE PARADE



EVERY FRIDAY 4:00 PM

HAPPY HOUR

Happy Hour Drinks All Night
 Appetizer Menu 5:30-8:30 p.m.
 Regular Dinner Menu Available



SATURDAY BANDS

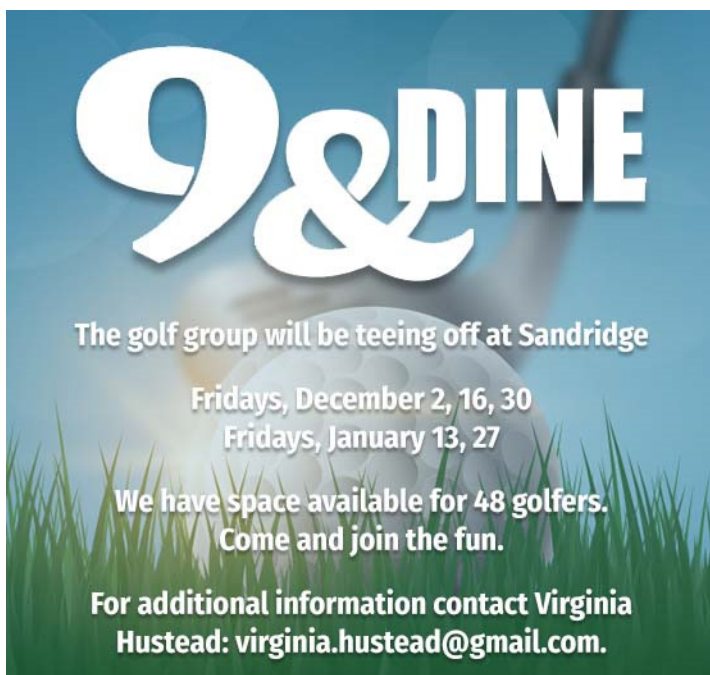
- December 3 - Johnny Nick
- December 10 - Haia & The Hits
Christmas Dinner Dance
- December 17 - Beachside Trio
- December 31 - Sunnie & Kurtis
Happy New Year!



Live Music on the Patio

WEDNESDAYS

- December 7 - Dave Bialos
(Guitar)
- December 14 - Carl Lewis
(Saxophone)
- December 21 - Kent Brown
(Piano)
- December 28 - Anna Ivanova
(Violin)



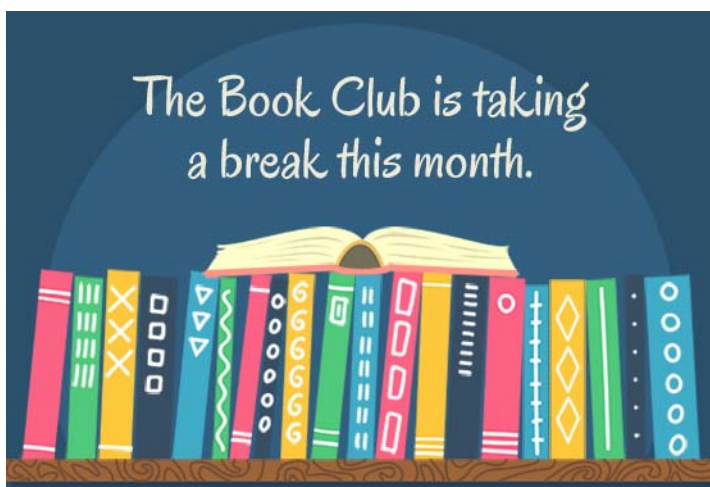
9&DINE

The golf group will be teeing off at Sandridge

Fridays, December 2, 16, 30
Fridays, January 13, 27

We have space available for 48 golfers.
Come and join the fun.

For additional information contact Virginia
Hustead: virginia.hustead@gmail.com.



The Book Club is taking
a break this month.



SUNDAYS AT 9:30 AM

IN THE EAST PARKING LOT

**CRAZY FOR
PICKLEBALL!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT BOB JONES
AT ROBERTMEADEJONES@GMAIL.COM

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

Reservations Required ~ 772-231-2211

Lunch: Wednesday through Friday: 11:00 a.m. ~ 1:30 p.m.

Sunday Brunch: 10:00 a.m. ~ 1:30 p.m.




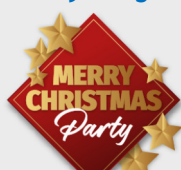



Wednesday Night on the Patio: Music: 6:00 p.m. ~ 9:00 p.m.

Dinner: Tuesday Through Saturday: 5:30 p.m. ~ 8:30 p.m.

Saturday: Jackets required in the main dining room only

Saturday: Music: 6:30 ~ 9:30 p.m. (main dining room)

DECEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS Closed Sunday, January 1 & Monday, January 2 Annual Meeting ~ Tuesday, January 17 Concert ~ Thursday, January 19 Member Art Show ~ Friday January 20 to Sunday, January 22 Wine Pairing Dinner ~ Wednesday, January 25 Change of Command ~ Saturday, January 28				1 Lunch MAHJONG  Dinner	2 Lunch BRIDGE 9&DINE SHIPSTORE <i>Happy Hour</i> Dinner 	3 <i>Johnny Nick</i> Dinner
4 Pickleball Brunch	5 Club Closed	6 BRIDGE BIG BUCKS Dinner	7 Lunch  <i>Dave Bialos</i> Dinner	8 Lunch MAHJONG MUSIC <i>Trivia</i> Special Menu	9 Lunch BRIDGE  <i>Happy Hour</i> Dinner	10 <i>Kayaking</i>  <i>Haia & the Hits</i> Special Menu
11 Pickleball Brunch	12 Club Closed	13 BRIDGE BIG BUCKS Dinner	14 Lunch <i>Carl Lewis</i> Dinner	15 Lunch MAHJONG Dinner	16 Lunch BRIDGE 9&DINE <i>Happy Hour</i> Dinner	17 <i>Spoil Island</i>  CHRISTMAS BOAT PARADE <i>Beachside Trio</i> Dinner
18 Pickleball Brunch	19 Club Closed	20 BRIDGE BIG BUCKS Dinner	21 Lunch <i>Kent Brown</i> Dinner	22 Lunch MAHJONG  CONCERT IN THE PARK(ING LOT) Limited Menu	23 Lunch BRIDGE <i>Happy Hour</i> Dinner	24 
25 	26 Club Closed	27 BRIDGE BIG BUCKS Dinner	28 Lunch <i>Anna Ivanova</i> Dinner	29 Lunch MAHJONG PASTA Trivia <i>night</i>	30 Lunch BRIDGE 9&DINE <i>Happy Hour</i> Dinner	31 