

# SIREN



Commodore Kiki Rohr

#### Commodore's Log

There is so much going on at your VBYC right now that it's hard to know where to start; but we have to start somewhere, so here goes: September will bring the long-awaited and much-anticipated Grand Opening of our new south patio bar. Please mark your calendars for September 21 and 22; there will be complimentary hors d'oeuvres, half-priced well drinks and music on both nights (I suspect there also will be a great many well-deserved high-fives, too). Coordination among the project team headed up by Bob Scofield, Shawn Witmer and Judy Peschio has been superb! As of now, we have just a few small hurdles to jump; we are nearing the end of this road and the beginning of an exciting new chapter in the life of our club.

Thanks to the Shipmates, we now are able to acquire some really nice new "merch" (that's merchandise) branded with our burgee. Belts are \$32, women's sandals are \$35, and men's sandals are \$50. I can personally vouch for the comfort of the sandals and there is a photo on page 3 so you can see for yourself how good they look. These items may be ordered from Kim in the office; they will take approximately four weeks to arrive. If you are ordering sandals, be sure to order one size larger than your usual shoe size. The Shipmates also are kindly purchasing new candle holders for the outdoor tables; they are stunning!

By the time you read this, work should have started on the landscaping/lighting project that will enhance the front of our building and the large trees fronting the street and our parking lot. The lighting will come first, and from the plans I've seen it will be stunning! Following that step, the plantings along the front of the building will be removed and painting will take place. Lastly, scheduled for October/November, when the weather is more suited to planting, new pots will be installed and planted. My guess is that by Thanksgiving (if not before), our clubhouse will have a wonderfully refreshed look.

Wishing you fair winds always, Kiki

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#### **GRAND OPENING**







## SOUTH PATIO BAR









COMPLIMENTARY HORS D'OEUVRES
HAPPY HOUR PRICES FOR WELL DRINKS AND HOUSE WINES

LIVE MUSIC ON BOTH NIGHTS







#### **SHIPMATES**



#### SAVE THE DATE - HIGHWAYMEN ART IS COMING TO VBYC

The Shipmates will kick off their fall season of meetings on Friday, September 9, at 11 a.m. The guest speakers will be Doretha Hair Truesdell and Crystal Samuel from the Strategic Planning Board for the Highwaymen Museum.

The Highwaymen, also referred to as the Florida Highwaymen, are a group of 26 named and listed landscape artists who have been called "The Last Great American Art Movement of the 20th century." This

group of self-taught African American artists defined themselves against the many racial and cultural barriers of the time in which they painted. For over 50 years, The Highwaymen, from Fort Pierce, FL created large numbers of relatively inexpensive landscape paintings which they sold out of the trunks of their cars on roadsides throughout Florida.

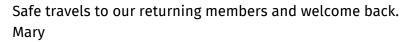
Several pieces of Highwaymen art from VBYC members' personal collections will be on display during the presentation.



#### SHIP STORE SALE - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, FROM 5 PM to 6 PM

A Ship Store Sale will be held on Friday, September 16 from 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Samples of the new VBYC burgee belts and sandals will be available for sizing purposes and can be ordered at the time of the sale or through the VBYC office. Other items available for purchase include long and short sleeve polos, hats, visors, ties, club burgees, stickers, license plates, and throws.

Please mark these dates on your calendars. All members, guests, and summer members are invited to join us for these two events.







#### ON THE WATERFRONT



#### Spoil Island Clean- up

Saturday, September 24, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

All members are welcome. If interested, contact Connie Dominianni at <a href="mailto:conid@aol.com">conid@aol.com</a> by Monday, September 19.





This summer, the fleet visited three yacht Clubs: Eau Gallie, Halifax and Smyrna, as well as the port of St. Augustine. It was a pleasant cruise with the only excitement being that Fleet Captain Bowden was

awarded the Danny Dolphin Award (A.K.A. bent prop award) for leading PC Neville out of the channel and aground.

The boats on this adventure were:

- Wayward Kracken- Ft. Cpt. Lee Bowden and Stuart
- Vigilant- PC Jim Stanley
- San Souci- PC Rey Neville and Regina Moran
- Après Ski- Cpt. Bacon and Connie Dominianni,
- What's her Name- Cpt. Tim Hermes and Rita
- Blue Haven Cpt. Steve Schievelbein and Karen (Summer members)





#### FRIENDSHIP II TRAINING



#### FRIENDSHIP II IS READY TO GO. ARE YOU?

To rent the club boat, members must first complete a training program.

Training is every Monday at 0900 and lasts for approximately two hours.

Training is limited to five members and requires a reservation.

Please call the office at 772/231-2211 to reserve your spot.



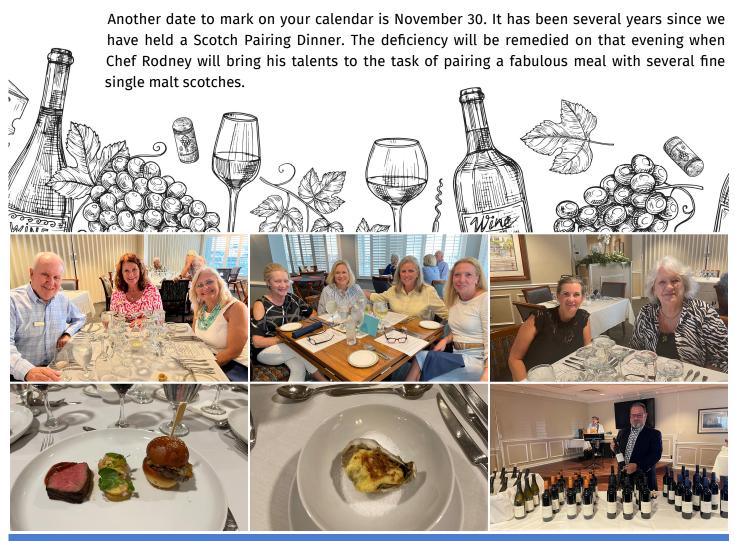
#### WINEAUX

### The July Wine Dinner, "A New York State of Mind," was a great success.

Chef Rodney's menu, including Oysters Rockefeller and a beef duo of NY Strip and Wagyu Sliders, was outstanding. Paired with the menu were four wines from McCall Vineyards on Long Island's north fork, and a desert Sauterne. Interestingly, McCall was featured in the September issue of Wine Spectator, which was delivered the day after the dinner.

By far the favorite wine was Marjorie's Rosé, 2021. Hopefully we will add this Rosé to the club wine list. Our distributor representative, Eric Ruiz, said the VBYC was the first location in Florida to receive these wines.

Great food and great wine. What more could you ask for? Well, you might simply say, "Please Sir, can I have some more?" Then more you will have. On Wednesday, September 28, VBYC will hold a Portuguese wine dinner, gathering at 6:30 with dinner at 7:00; be sure to save the date on your calendar. Although best known for the Ports from the Douro Valley, Portugal is rapidly gaining acclaim for producing wonderful wines, both red and white; some of the best reds are coming from the native Touriga Nacional grape variety.



#### BLAST FROM THE PAST



#### Jim Stanley- Commodore 2011-2012

My memories of my year as commodore are filled with the contributions of so many members doing so much....and having a good deal of fun doing it. I am grateful to have been included in the merriment!

The two nicest things said about me about me during my year were "He courageously steered the ship through calm waters" and, "Not all the alcoholics were anonymous that year."

Probably the most significant change to the club was establishing the Tuesday night drawing. It was started to bring members into the club on an absolutely dead night. Board member Jimmy Breslin, a former bar owner in New York, convinced me that a drawing would work. I didn't believe him, but we tried it anyway. We would hold off the drawing as long as we could, to sell as many drinks as possible. When the crowd began to thin ( usually around 7:15-7:30), a board member would pull the winning ticket. As soon as the winner was identified, Jimmy Breslin would yell, "Oh my goodness, what a generous soul, (the winner) has just brought a round of drinks for the bar- God Bless him!" In most cases, the winner would buy the round and, hopefully, wasn't too much in the hole. I do remember Tim Hermes winning one night and it cost him \$100 because of the small size of the pot. The rest, as they say, is history; Tuesday night is now the second busiest night of the week at VBYC.



















#### VERO BEACH THEATRE GUILD



















#### ONCE AROUND THE CLUB

#### WINNERS







#### SATURDAY NIGHT











#### **DUELING PIANOS**



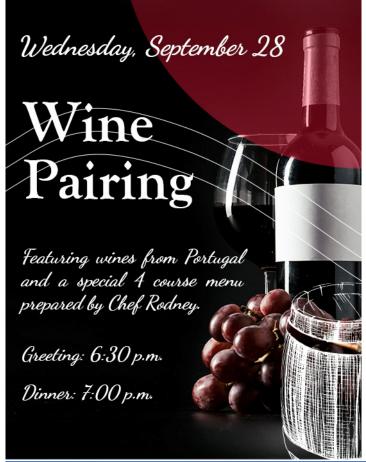


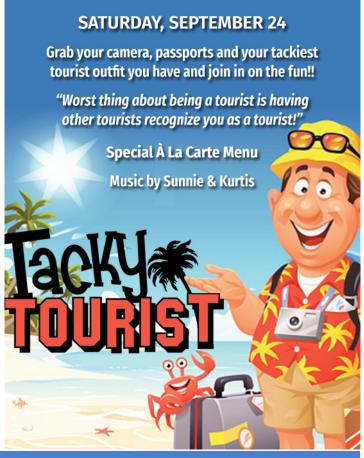


Check the photo album on the VBYC website for more photos. <a href="https://verobeachyachtclub.com/photos">https://verobeachyachtclub.com/photos</a>



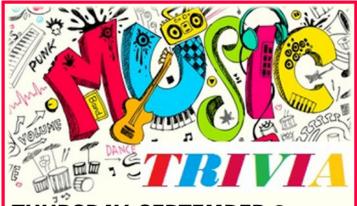










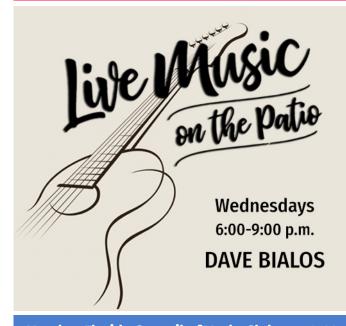


#### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

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

Special Menu



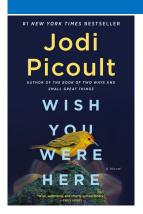








#### **BOOK CLUB**



#### WISH YOU WERE HERE by Jodi Picoult October 26, 2022

Diana O'Toole is perfectly on track: married by thirty, done having kids by thirty-five and moved out to the suburbs, all while climbing the professional

ladder in the cutthroat art auction world. She's not engaged just yet, but she knows her boyfriend, Finn, a surgical resident, is about to propose on their romantic getaway to the Galápagos—days before her thirtieth birthday. Right on time.

Then a virus that felt worlds away appeared in the city, and on the eve of their departure, Finn breaks the news: he must stay behind. He encourages her to go so the nonrefundable trip does not go to waste. In the Galápagos Islands, where Darwin's theory of evolution by natural selection was formed, Diana finds herself examining her relationships, her choices, and herself—and wondering if, when she goes home, she too will have evolved into someone completely different.

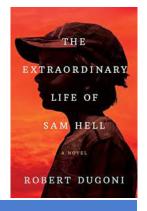
#### THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF SAM HELL

by Robert Dugoni November 30, 2022

Sam Hill always saw the world through different eyes. Born with red pupils, he was called "Devil Boy" or Sam "Hell" by his classmates; "God's will" is what his mother called his ocular albinism. Her words were of little comfort, but Sam persevered, buoyed by his mother's devout faith, his father's practical wisdom, and his two other misfit friends.

Forty years later, Sam, a small-town eye doctor, is no longer certain anything was by design-especially not the

tragedy that caused him to turn his back on his friends, his hometown, and the life he'd always known. Sam embarks on a journey that takes him halfway around the world. This time his eyes are wide open, bringing into clear view what changed him, defined him and made him so afraid, and he finally sees what truly matters.





#### Reservations Required ~ 772-231-2211

Lunch: Wednesday through Friday: 11:00 a.m.  $\sim$  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 optional in main dining room Saturday: Music: 6:30 ~ 9:30 p.m. (main dining room)

SEPTEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS  DJ Dance Party (Dance Hosts Return) ~ Friday, October 7  Tapas & Music Trivia ~ Thursday, October 13  Concert in the Parking Lot (ELO Tribute) ~ Thursday, October 20			1 Lunch MAHJONG	2 Lunch BRIDGE Happy Hour Dinner	3	
<b>Pasta &amp; Trivia</b> ~ Thursday, October 27 <b>Halloween Party</b> ~ Saturday, October 29			Dinner	ABUD X	<i>Johnny Nick</i> Dinner	
4 Pickleball Brunch	5 Club Closed	6	7 Lunch	8 Lunch MAHJONG	9 Lunch BRIDGE	10
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11 Pickleball Brunch	12 Club Closed	BRIDGE BUCKS Dinner	Lunch  Music on the Patio Dinner	Lunch MAHJONG  DOCTO Dinner	Lunch  ERIDGE  SHIPSTRE  Happy Hour  Dinner	17  Beachside Trio Dinner
18 Pickleball Brunch	19 Club Closed	BRIDGE BUCKS Dinner	Lunch  PATIC GRAND  Music on the Patio Dinner	Lunch MAHJONG BAR JPENING  Music on the Patio Dinner	Lunch  BRIDGE  Happy Hour Dinner	Spoil Island  Tacky  Sunnie & Kurtis Special Menu
25 Pickleball Brunch	26 Club Closed	BRIDGE BUCKS Dinner	Lunch  Music on the Patio  WINE PAIRING DINNER	Lunch MAHJONG PASTA LITIVIA MIGHT	Lunch BRIDGE  Happy Hour Dinner	