

# THE SIREN



Commodore  
Kiki Rohr

## Commodore's Log

Well, it's August and we are deeply into the dog days of summer. However, you wouldn't know that if you considered the flurry of activity (and activities) taking place at your VBYC.

As I am writing this (mid-July), we are moving closer by the day to the completion of the new south patio and bar. There is a lot of excitement, and many questions regarding the Grand Opening which I am unable to answer because at this point there still are, in the immortal words of one of our members, "a lot of moving parts." Between waiting for various components and coordinating vendors, our worthy team has their hands full...but the end (and their triumph) is in sight. GM Shawn is committed to keeping everyone informed about the project's progress

and will be announcing the Grand Opening via email blasts, so keep an eye out for his messages and I look forward to seeing you there!

We enjoyed some outstanding events in July, and August promises more of the same. Throughout this issue you'll learn about some of the wonderful ways to slide through these lazy, hazy summer days (and evenings) in the company of friends at the VBYC. Given the number of reciprocals enjoying the club this summer, Shawn has decided that attendance at holiday events, e.g., Memorial Day, July Fourth and Labor Day, will be limited to members (and their guests) only. That being said, there is so much activity this summer that I encourage you to reserve early for any of our holidays or special events.

One more shout-out on behalf of the Nominating Committee: If you have been a club member for two years and would like to be part of the club's leadership team, please send an email stating your interest (100 words or so) to PC Bob Jones, Nominating Committee chair, at [robertmeadejones@gmail.com](mailto:robertmeadejones@gmail.com).

And last, but certainly not least, I raise my glass to our master mixologist, Dan Revell, on his promotion to bar manager. Congratulations, Dan; keep up your great work with those generous club pours.

Wishing you fair winds always,  
Kiki

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# FLORIDA COUNCIL OF YACHT CLUBS (FCYC)

## FCYC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Florida Council of Yacht Clubs general meeting - July 8-10, 2022

The Isles Yacht Club in Punta Gorda graciously hosted the July FCYC meeting. Please consider a visit to this wonderful club if you are in the area; the members and staff are friendly, and the dining is superlative. Please, always, call for a reservation. Punta Gorda itself is a lovely town a little larger than Vero with a vibrant downtown with great restaurants and amenities.



P/C Rey Neville,  
Director FCYC

### The Commodore's Cruise

October 16-24, 2022: This is a great opportunity to see the heartland of the USA. And, for a limited time, excellent savings are available for this Mississippi River cruise. Members can purchase tickets on a two-for-one basis. If you are interested, apply soon before the opportunity is lost. Here is the link for more information and to reserve your cruise <https://tinyurl.com/FCYCcruise>.

### Group Insurance Program

The FCYC new group insurance plan for docks and wharves did not get implemented this year for a variety of reasons, including the effort involved in collecting all the data from each of the participating clubs. The insurance firm (BKS Partners, Tampa, FL) and the FCYC committee will start again in November to get everything completed before the June 1 deadline. Clubs that did not participate in the first effort are welcome to reconsider for this coming year.

### Presentations

There were two outstanding and informative presentations: One on the rebuilding of IYC after hurricane Charlie (2004) demolished the old clubhouse, out-buildings and even the tennis courts; the other was a presentation on Seven Ways to Increase Value for Yacht Club Members. I will be distributing a copy to our board members and our GM.

### Outreach

New commodore John Timmel continues to innovate. He is initiating a FCYC newsletter for distribution to all clubs and members. In addition, his bridge and staff will be submitting their reports to directors before the meetings to allow more opportunity for dialog and discussion. He is also looking into creating interclub competitions such as sailing, tennis, pickleball, etc. More on that to come.

### Land Yacht Cruising

There are now 120 RV owners engaged in the new FCYC land cruising group. The next cruise is scheduled for Tampa, FL. When details are available, VBYC will send out an e-blast to inform all who are interested.

Next meeting: September 11-13, 2022, at the Halifax River Yacht Club in Daytona.  
Remember, all are welcome.

Respectfully submitted,  
P/C Rey Neville, FCYC Director



## SHIPMATES

Save  
the  
Date

The Shipmates will be resuming their monthly meetings on Friday, September 9 at 11 a.m. The guest speakers will be Doretha Truesdell and Crystal Samuel from the strategic planning board for the Highwaymen Museum. The Highwaymen are a group of 26 African American self-taught artists that started painting in the 1950s and were successful in their painting careers in the 1960s and 1970s. They were the beginning of Florida's contemporary art tradition. Their individual styles depict Florida's natural beauty.



All members, summer members, and guests are invited to attend what is sure to be a most interesting presentation. Please make a reservation if you plan to join us for lunch after the meeting.

I hope to see you there. Mary Wohlstein



## FRIENDSHIP II TRAINING

What a beautiful boat we have in Friendship II. To keep her beautiful, and our members safe, everyone who rents her must be trained and certified by the Fleet Committee. Trainers include Bob Scofield, Dave Malek, Paul Chatterton, and Toby Jarman. Training takes place, by reservation, each Monday morning at 9:00. Please call the office to make your reservation for training.

Training consists of both dockside and on the water training, including:

- Boat inspection
- Location of the boat registration and Coast Guard required safety equipment
- Use of engine kill and battery switches
- Use of dock lines
- Departing and returning to the slip
- Anchoring
- Operation of electronic charts, GPS, and depth finder
- Contacting Tow Boat US for assistance
- Inspection for damage
- Post-use fueling and cleanup

**READY TO  
LEARN?**



**Burgee exchange with the Shrewsbury River Yacht Club.** Pictured are Lata Mahbubani, representing the Shrewsbury River Yacht Club, Commodore Kiki Rohr, and PC Rey Neville.

## BLAST FROM THE PAST



### Past Commodore Howard G. Brewer 2004-05

Howard and his wife Phyllis retired to Vero Beach in 1995 and have been members of VBYC since 1996. He served as Commodore in 2004-5 earning the nickname of "Hurricane Commodore."

When asked about his tenure, PC Brewer said: "My year as commodore of the VBYC started out as nice and normal as I could wish."

*"I had a very hard-working and compatible board of directors, great staff, and big plans for an active social season. We took our popular annual bus trip to the Calder Racetrack, which included special dining and seating at the clubhouse and our 'famous reverse lottery' on the trip to and from. We made plans for an active social season including the INK SPOTS performing one fine Sunday afternoon."*

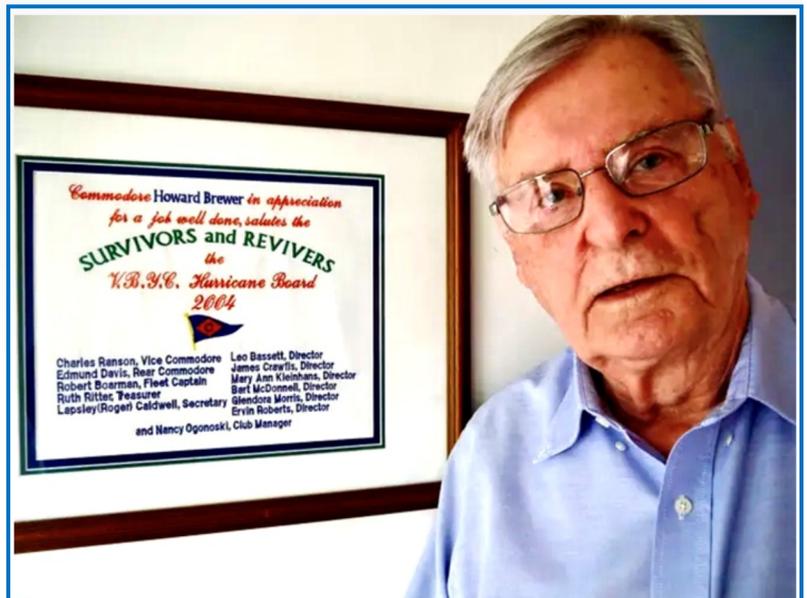
*"Then Mother Nature made her appearance under the names of Hurricane Francis and, three weeks to the day later, Hurricane Jeanne. The club was just destroyed. The tiles from the dance room were floating in over 10 inches of water. The docks were destroyed. We even had crabs crawling around inside the building..."*

He concluded that, "The good news is that through the efforts of my board and many club members with special skills, I was able to reopen a completely refurbished club in early January."

The dedication and conviction of PC Brewer, the BOD, and other club members, along with a large financial reserve, allowed them to pull together contractors and rebuild; within a little over four months, the club was up and operational again. VBYC retained the entire staff, some of whom had been there for nearly 20 years, and in what is now a continuing VBYC tradition, the BOD approved continuing to provide medical insurance to all VBYC employees during the shutdown. The staff was also assisted by donations from a member-sponsored Employee's Hurricane Fund in addition to the annual Employee's Christmas Fund.

A grand reopening was held on January 7, 2005, at which point the VBYC returned to normal operations.

There is a complete and powerful accounting of those woeful days in Walter McCahan's "A Definitive History of The Vero Beach Yacht Club," which is available at the Ship's Store.



Past Commodore Howard Brewer stands by the plaque located in the Burgee Room honoring him and the 2004-2005 BOD for the obstacles they overcame.





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

**vbtg**



**Thursday, August 4**

Showtime: 8:00 p.m.

Show Only \$15.00

Special À La Carte Menu Pricing

## THE VERO BEACH THEATRE GUILD

**BROADWAY'S BEST IS COMING TO  
THE VERO BEACH YACHT CLUB**

Celebrating 65 years as Vero's Community Theater, cast members will entertain you with professional gusto in "Broadway's Best," a musical tribute to the songs behind the brightly lit marquees in Times Square. Musical director Gregory Harris and choreographer Beth McKenzie-Shestak will team up with award-winning vocalist Catlin Harris to harmonize your favorite Broadway show tunes. They also will present a few blockbusters from the upcoming March show.

Reservations Appreciated

come in your best "parrothead" attire

# Margaritaville PARTY

**Saturday, August 13**

Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres  
5:30-6:30 p.m.

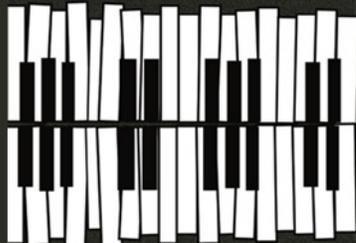
Special À La Carte Dinner

**MUSIC BY THE FUNFEST BAND**

Reservations Appreciated

**VBYC Presents**

**DUELING**



**PIANOS**

**Thursday, August 18**

7:30-9:30 p.m.

The Ivory Brothers and their Dueling Pianos  
Known as the human jukeboxes

Bring your playlist, and get ready to have a great time

Special À La Carte Menu

Show \$10

**VBYC BUCKS DRAWING  
RETURNS TO  
TUESDAYS**

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**NOW**

**TUESDAYS, 6:00 PM**

Must be Present to Win

**GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!!**

# MEMBER MIXER

Wednesday, August 3  
5:00-6:00 p.m.

Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres



# DJ PARTY

Friday, August 5

Music 7:00-10:00 p.m.

Happy Hour Drinks All Night

Appetizer Menu 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Regular Dinner Menu 5:30-8:30 p.m.



**THURSDAY  
AUGUST 11**



Music Starts @ 6:00 p.m.

Music Trivia @ 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Special Menu

Regular Music @ 8:00-9:00 p.m.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 25**

Pasta Station Opens at 5:30 p.m.

Trivia Begins at 7:30 p.m.

Limited Dinner Menu



**PASTA  
Trivia  
night**

FRIDAYS STARTING AT 4:00 PM

# HAPPY HOUR

Happy Hour Drinks All Night

Appetizer Menu 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Regular Dinner Menu Available



# 9 & DINE

The golf group will be teeing off Fridays...

August 12, August 26

For more information and to register, contact  
Madesta Stevens at [Madesta212@gmail.com](mailto:Madesta212@gmail.com)

**SATURDAY NIGHT BANDS**

**August 6**  
**Johnny Nick**

**August 13**  
**Margaritaville Party**  
**Funfest Band**

**August 20**  
**Beachside Trio**

**August 27**  
**Sunnie & Kurtis**

**Live music**  
**ON THE PATIO**

Wednesday, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
**DAVE BIALOS**

The Book Club is taking a break  
and will resume in October.

**SUMMER RECIPROCALLS**

**SEA OAKS**  
May 1 - October 31  
772-234-4242 (ext. 1)

**BENT PINE GOLF CLUB**  
May 17 - October 15  
772-567-0746

**POINTE WEST**  
May 2 - October 3 (Credit Card Only)  
Dining 772-770-3675 / Golf 772-770-4653

**INDIAN TRAILS TENNIS CLUB**  
May 1 - October 31  
772-234-9981

**OAK HARBOR**  
May 1 - October 31  
Dining 772-562-3808 / Golf 772-978-4427

**INDIAN RIVER CLUB**  
June 15 - October 31 (Credit Card Only)  
Dining Only 772-770-0757

**THE BOULEVARD VILLAGE & TENNIS CLUB**  
May 1 - Oct. 31 (Credit Card Only)  
772-778-4200

**The Florida Council Of Yacht Clubs' Commodore's Cruise**  
**October 16 - 24, 2022**

For additional details and to make reservations...

1. Go to <https://floridacouncilofyachtclubs.com>
2. See "what's new"
3. Click on "click here for commodore's cruise information"

Or Contact Patricia Kelley to reserve your space at [pak2travel@hotmail.com](mailto:pak2travel@hotmail.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 optional in main dining room

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

# AUGUST 2022

| Sun                     | Mon               | Tue                                      | Wed  | Thu   | Fri  | Sat   |
|-------------------------|-------------------|--|--|---|--|---|
|                         | 1<br>Club Closed  | 2<br><b>BRIDGE</b><br>VBYC Bucks Dinner  | 3<br>Lunch<br><b>MEMBER MIXER</b><br>Music on the Patio Dinner | 4<br>Lunch<br><b>MAHJONG</b><br>VERO BEACH THEATRE GUILD<br>Special Menu  | 5<br>Lunch<br><b>BRIDGE</b><br>Happy Hour Dinner<br><b>DJ PARTY</b>              | 6<br>Johnny Nick Dinner                                 |
| 7<br>Pickleball Brunch  | 8<br>Club Closed  | 9<br><b>BRIDGE</b><br>VBYC Bucks Dinner  | 10<br>Lunch<br>Music on the Patio Dinner                       | 11<br>Lunch<br><b>MAHJONG</b><br><b>MUSIC Trivia</b><br>Special Menu  | 12<br>Lunch<br><b>BRIDGE</b><br>9&DINE<br><b>BLUE GAVEL</b><br>Happy Hour Dinner | 13<br>Margaritaville PARTY<br>Funfest Band Special Menu |
| 14<br>Pickleball Brunch | 15<br>Club Closed | 16<br><b>BRIDGE</b><br>VBYC Bucks Dinner | 17<br>Lunch<br>Music on the Patio Dinner                       | 18<br>Lunch<br><b>MAHJONG</b><br><b>DUELING PIANOS</b><br>Special Menu  | 19<br>Lunch<br><b>BRIDGE</b><br>Happy Hour Dinner                                | 20<br>Beachside Trio Dinner                             |
| 21<br>Pickleball Brunch | 22<br>Club Closed | 23<br><b>BRIDGE</b><br>VBYC Bucks Dinner | 24<br>Lunch<br>Music on the Patio Dinner                       | 25<br>Lunch<br><b>MAHJONG</b><br><b>PASTA Trivia night</b>  | 26<br>Lunch<br><b>BRIDGE</b><br>9&DINE<br>Happy Hour Dinner                      | 27<br>Sunnie & Kurtis Dinner                            |
| 28<br>Pickleball Brunch | 29<br>Club Closed | 30<br><b>BRIDGE</b><br>VBYC Bucks Dinner | 31<br>Music on the Patio Dinner                                | <p align="center"><b>SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS</b></p> <p align="center">Labor Day BBQ ~ Sunday, September 4</p> <p align="center">Music Trivia ~ Thursday, September 8</p> <p align="center">Do Wop ~ Thursday, September 15</p> <p align="center">Tacky Tourist ~ Saturday, September 24</p> <p align="center">Wine Dinner ~ Wednesday, September 28</p> |  |   |