

# THE SIREN



Commodore  
Kiki Rohr

## Commodore's Log

Happy Spring! Throughout this issue you'll learn about many of the ongoing club projects, so I will simply encourage you to read the articles, especially the extremely informative and thorough update from PC Bob Jones on our South Patio project. You will be pleased to read that we are moving ahead nicely.

Considering the events in Ukraine that, sadly, continue to affect so many innocent civilians, your board of directors discussed the possibility of raising funds through the club for one of the charities on the ground in the war zone. We decided that perhaps it would be better to simply give you information on one such organization, in case you are interested in donating. The charity for which the club raised funds for

the 20th anniversary of 911 is Tunnel to Towers. This organization, which has earned a four-star "exceptional" rating from Charity Navigator, traditionally supports the families of injured and fallen first responders and those injured in battle by providing "smart homes" for survivors and funding scholarships for the children of the fallen. Now, there is an initiative on the ground in Ukraine to help children find safe haven, and Tunnel to Towers has pledged \$1 million to aid that cause. If you are interested in donating, you can learn more at <https://t2t.org/a-ukraine-donation/>, or send a check to Tunnel to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Boulevard, Staten Island, NY 10306. This is by no means a solicitation; however, there are a great many organizations claiming to fund various rescue efforts, and I personally find it can get confusing.

Your board of directors also agreed to extend the deadline for pre-purchase of days on our soon-to-be new pontoon boat until April 30, so you still have time to book your days on the water.

As always, I look forward to meeting and chatting with you, so please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Wishing you fair winds always,  
Kiki

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## GROUNDBREAKING NEWS



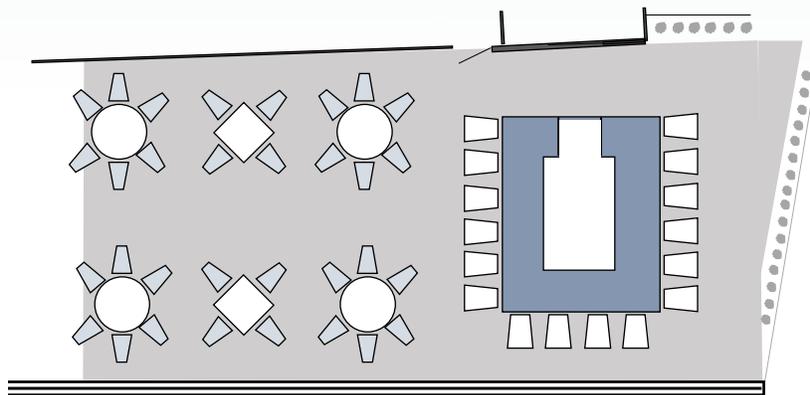
Commodore Rohr with her golden shovel, south patio team and our CSM seawall engineer

### Final phase of patio transformation underway!

Arguably the most exciting phase of VBYC's multi-year patio transformation has finally begun with the seawall extension currently under construction. The completed project will include:

- Extending the seawall approximately 45 feet to the end of the club's property, thereby enabling the Tiki Hut portion of the patio to be expanded by approximately 12 feet in width;
- A new rectangular bar in the southern third of the south patio space with 16 bar stools and an unblocked view of the marina basin; blue granite bar top, with wave-like bar face;
- An extension of the pergola over the entire south patio with drop curtains (we recently added solar shades at the dock ramp and the north-most section of the patio);
- Permeable pavers that match the current patio along with upgrades in the rainwater management of the existing patio and expansion of the sidewalk north of the clubhouse;
- Six tables playing double duty as a socializing space that can evolve into spontaneous dining and chairs with nautical blue webbing.

Our best projection of project completion is July, maybe a little sooner. Thanks to Jim DeSimone, Bob Scofield, Judy Peschio, Bob Jones, and Shawn Witmer for making this happen!



*South Patio bar and table layout*

## APRIL WINEAUX

As we watch the weather evolve from spring into summer here in south Florida, we tend to enjoy lighter wines that lend themselves to warmer weather. To try some, plan to join your VBYC mates on April 27 at 6:00 p.m. for a Spring into Summer Wine Dinner. Pairing a light, simple menu with several refreshing wines, this dinner on the patio will give you a chance to explore something new for the upcoming warmer months. Check page 9 for details.

Also watch for our April wine specials. We don't know yet what Shawn will surprise us with, but you can bet it will be good.



## VBYC MEETINGS – APRIL 2022

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



**Fleet** - Tuesday, April 5 @ 4:30 p.m.

**Shipmates** - Friday, April 8 @ 11:00 a.m.

**House and Grounds** - Tuesday, April 12 @ 9:30 a.m.

**Planning** - Tuesday - April 12 @ 9:30 a.m.

**Membership** - Tuesday, April 12 @ 4:30 p.m.

**Publicity & Publications** - Wednesday, April 13 @ 10:00 a.m.

**Board of Directors** – Tuesday, April 19 @ 9:30 a.m.

## CONCERT IN THE PARK(ING LOT)



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

# SHIPMATES

The Shipmates were thrilled to have Commodore Kiki Rohr address them at their March meeting. She spoke candidly about many of the issues, projects, and activities going on at the Club this year.

A festive Saint Patrick's Day Party was hosted by the Shipmates - who knew we had so many Irish folks in the club! A beautiful basket of Irish goodies created by Carin Fedderman and Milley LaCanfora was raffled off and won by Carolyn and Don Urgo. Congratulations!



## LOOKING AHEAD...

The guest speaker at the April 8 Shipmates meeting will be Robin A. Lloyd Sr., attorney at the Law Firm of Robin Lloyd & Associates, P.A.

The Shipmates' last meeting for the spring season will be May 13 at 11 a.m. The guest speaker will be Dr. Deepti Sadhwani, who will talk with us about "Aging with Dignity and Grace."

We are always looking for new faces to welcome to our group. Whether you are a new member or a member of long standing who has never attended one of our meetings, we invite you to stop by and see what we are all about. May will be the last Shipmates meeting until we resume on September 9 at 11 a.m.

Safe travels for those of you leaving us for the summer. We look forward to seeing you when you return. Mary



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# VBYC ARTISTS

VBYC was proud to showcase our talented member artists in February and March. Thanks to Alicia Quinn and Shawn for coordinating this project, and thanks also to our talented participating artists:

## February

Susan Burton  
Susan Buschmann  
Judy Chatterton  
Cathy Ferrell  
Linda Irwin  
Diane Myles  
Marlene Putnam  
Mary Rianhard  
Lisa Rose  
Rennie Smith

## March

Cindy Broten  
Diane Buckley  
John Buckley  
Fran Devitt  
Lynn Jackson  
John Payne  
Dorothy Payne  
Sheryl-Lynne Peterson  
Joyce Russell  
Patricia Willis

The shows ran Friday and Saturday evenings (with an Artists' Reception Friday evening), and Sunday during Brunch service. Feedback from participating artists was very favorable; they enjoyed meeting the other artists and likewise enjoyed sharing their works with the general membership. Most expressed delight in meeting so many members they had not previously known. Club members were impressed with the depth of talent within our membership and the quality of the artwork on display.

Based on the success of these two shows, there is talk of our Member Art Shows becoming annual events!



## AIRBOAT TOUR

ATTENTION ALL VBYC MEMBERS!!

### *Captain Bob's Airboat Ride*

Sunday, April 24

Arrive: 9:00 a.m. - Depart: 9:30 a.m. (Great wildlife viewing time!)

Cost: \$55 / person plus tax (\$57.70).

We are limited to just 13 seats, so sign up early!

Join us for an exciting airboat tour of the Blue Cypress Conservation Marshland and then return to the club for our "World Famous Sunday Brunch." During this one-hour tour, you will enjoy a fun, exciting, educational, and entertaining look at the marshlands and their natural inhabitants in pristine areas that ordinary boats simply cannot reach.

**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED AND MUST BE MADE BY APRIL 15.**

Please send your request to Kim at [vbyc@verobeachyachtclub.com](mailto:vbyc@verobeachyachtclub.com).

Don't forget to make your brunch reservation.

For questions, email Karen Smith at: [kmsfla@gmail.com](mailto:kmsfla@gmail.com)



## ON THE WATERFRONT



### RAFT UP

Sunday, April 3, 11:30 a.m.

Head out to Wesley's Island in Fort Pierce to tie up with your fellow boaters at this 6' deep anchorage. Bring lunch and hors d'oeuvres to share. We will monitor VHF channel 72. Contact Toby Jarman at [jotoby@moonriveriii.com](mailto:jotoby@moonriveriii.com)

### KAYAK OUTING—TURKEY CREEK, PALM BAY

Saturday, April 9, 9:00 a.m. (Re-scheduled)

Paddle along this canopied creek to Palm Bay's lush Wildlife Sanctuary. If you are new to kayaking, we will teach you! Contact Toby Jarman at [jotoby@moonriveriii.com](mailto:jotoby@moonriveriii.com) if you plan to attend. For kayak rentals, please email Maddy of Adventure Kayaking at [madelynrussell12@gmail.com](mailto:madelynrussell12@gmail.com).



### SUNSET CRUISE

Thursday, April 21 (sun sets at 7:50 p.m.)

Fill your boat with friends and enjoy a beautiful cruise at your own pace and departure time followed by dinner at the club. Attention non-boat owners: after Tuesday's April 19 Bucks Drawing, there will be special drawings for free rides on "Friendship" for this event (you must be present to win). Contact Dave Malek at [Soleprovider67@aol.com](mailto:Soleprovider67@aol.com).

## FRIENDS OF THE SPOIL ISLANDS

We never know what we might find on clean-up day at our adopted spoil island. So, when 16 of our members landed for the recent adventure, they did so with open minds. Surprisingly, the island was much cleaner than normal and only one bag of trash was collected. Our haul did not include the broken folding chair or the skim board (wonder where those came from). Since we had free time, we all went for a cruise on a magnificent day. Thanks to captains Bacon, Jarman and Neville!



## RAFT UP AT HOLE IN THE WALL



## ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER PONTOON BOAT TOUR



# COMMODORE'S BALL



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## Easter Brunch

10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Special Brunch - \$30.00 ++

## Easter Dinner

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

### CHOICE OF

Roast Prime Rib of Beef - \$34.00 ++

Lamb Shank - \$32.00 ++

Hickory Smoked Ham - \$27.00 ++

Grouper - \$34.00 ++

Includes Soup or Spring Tossed Salad

**SUNDAY, APRIL 17**

RESERVATIONS APPRECIATED



## The Premier Tribute To ABBA



### CONCERT IN THE PARKING LOT

Almost ABBA recreates the magic & nostalgia of ABBA in a costumed, choreographed & audience-interactive show! Boasting a sound-a-like performance of intricate harmony's & top notch musicianship. They truly Live up to their ALMOST ABBA Name.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 7 - 8:00 PM**

**\$30.00++**

SPRING INTO SUMMER

## WINE

PAIRING DINNER

Featuring unique lighter wines and culinary delights from around the world.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27**

6:00 PM GATHERING

DINNER & WINE - \$80.00++

6:30 PM DINNER

DINNER ONLY - \$60.00++



## JIMMY KEYS



**SATURDAY, APRIL 23 - 8:00 PM**

AN INTERNATIONAL MUSICAL COMEDY ENTERTAINER!

A high energy variety show packed with comedy, musical impressions & your favorite Broadway tunes wrapped around some of the most exciting piano playing you will ever witness!

COST OF SHOW ONLY - \$20.00++

SPECIAL MENU - REGULAR MENU NOT AVAILABLE



SHIPMATES PRESENT

## ARE YOUR AFFAIRS IN ORDER?

Friday, April 8 at 11 a.m.



Robin A. Lloyd Sr., attorney at the Law Firm of Robin Lloyd & Associates, P.A., will be presenting a seminar on the ever-changing laws around Wills and Trusts. All VBYC members and their guests are invited to attend.

Please make a reservation if you plan to stay for lunch.  
772-231-2211



**PASTA-TRIVIA**  
Thursday, April 28

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

Limited Dinner Menu

**TRIVIA NIGHT**

# DJ DANCE PARTY

FRIDAY, APRIL 1

MUSIC 7:00 - 10:00 PM

HAPPY HOUR MENU 4:30 - 6:30 PM

REGULAR DINNER 5:30 - 8:30 PM

# MEMBER MIXER

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

5:00-6:00 PM



COMPLIMENTARY HORS D'OEUVRES



## Seafood Buffet

Wed 20 April

6:00-8:00 p.m.

\$65.00++

Reserve Early



# 9 & DINE

Sandridge Golf Course

The golf group will be teeing off Fridays

April 1, April 15, and April 29

Tee times start at 1:48 p.m.

For more information contact Ginny Husted  
at [virginia.husted@gmail.com](mailto:virginia.husted@gmail.com).



**MARCH WINNERS**  
Mike Wohlstein  
Dorothy Payne  
Steve Kudriavitz  
Marion Pietrowski

FRIDAYS 4:30 - 6:30 PM

JOIN US FOR  
**HAPPY HOUR**

Half-Price House & Well Drinks  
Appetizer Menu

Regular dinner menu is available from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.



## Saturday Night Bands

April 2 - Johnny Nick

April 9 - Steve Daley

April 16 - Beachside Trio

April 30 - Sunnie & Kurtis

## BOOK CLUB

### The Paris Library

by Janet Skeslien Charles

Based on a true story of the librarians at the American Library in Paris during World War II this is a moving tribute to the importance of libraries, and books, in our lives. Contact Kathy Kinazewitz for more information.

[kkinasewitz@hotmail.com](mailto:kkinasewitz@hotmail.com)

Wednesday

April 27

4:00 p.m.



# Live music

**ON THE PATIO**

JAZZ GUITARIST DAVE BIALOS

Wednesdays - April 6, 13, and 20

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.



**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 Buffet 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: 6:00 ~ 9:00 p.m. (main dining room)

# APRIL 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<p><b>MAY HIGHLIGHTS</b></p> <p>Member Mixer – Wednesday, May 4            DJ Dance Party – Friday, May 6            Kentucky Derby – Saturday, May 7            Mother’s Day Brunch – Sunday, May 8            Concert in the Parking Lot - (Rolling Stones Tribute) - Thursday, May 19            Pasta Trivia – Thursday, May 26            Memorial Day BBQ – Sunday, May 29</p>						1	2
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Pickleball Brunch <i>Brunch &amp; Raft Up</i>	Club Closed	BRIDGE VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner	Lunch MEMBER MIXER Music on the Patio Dinner	Lunch MAHJONG CONCERT IN THE PARK(ING LOT) Dinner	Lunch BRIDGE SHIPWRECK SPECIAL EVENT BLUE GAVEL Happy Hour Dinner	Kayak Outing  Steve Daley Dinner	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
Pickleball Brunch	Club Closed	BRIDGE VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner	Lunch Music on the Patio Dinner	Lunch MAHJONG Dinner	Lunch BRIDGE 9&DINE Happy Hour Dinner	Beachside Trio Dinner	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
Pickleball <i>Easter Brunch</i> Easter DINNER	Club Closed	BRIDGE VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner	Lunch Music on the Patio Seafood EXTRAVAGANZA	Lunch MAHJONG Sunset Cruise Dinner	Lunch BRIDGE Happy Hour Dinner	JIMMY KEYS Special Dinner Menu	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
Pickleball Brunch TICKET AIR BOAT RIDE	Club Closed	BRIDGE VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner	Lunch B Club WINE PAIRING DINNER	Lunch MAHJONG PASTA Trivia night	Lunch BRIDGE 9&DINE Happy Hour Dinner	Sunnie & Kurtis Dinner	