

THE SIREN



Commodore
Kiki Rohr

Commodore's Log

This month, I'd like to raise my glass to the Shipmates, whose members recently donated 100 new menu covers to the club. The beautiful covers couldn't have come at a better time; they are replacing ones that were purchased in 2011, and although they had given excellent service, a lot of them were well past their expiration dates. The Shipmates organization, through this donation, continues a long and storied history of fundraising to help provide the club with important assets, the first of which was an Addressograph in 1975, when the group was barely a year old (a valuable prize will be awarded to the first person to let the commodore know what an Addressograph was).

From the start, the Shipmates have employed several means to raise funds: "white elephant" sales, bake sales, Green Stamp drives (who remembers Green Stamps?), raffles, the ever-popular Ship Store sales, and outright gifts. We can thank them for so many donations over the years that provided furnishings and fixtures for the club, including table linens, table lamps, china, a broiler for the kitchen, funds for building and redecorating, and so much more! In addition to fundraising for the club, the Shipmates conduct outreach and fundraising for local community nonprofits, and their monthly meetings (the second Friday of each month September thru May at 11 a.m.) always include an interesting speaker or program. In my opinion, we owe them a huge debt of gratitude for their commitment to the wellbeing of the club and our local community.

By now, you surely have noticed the progress being made on the South Patio, and our spanking new pavers under the pergola and at the north side of the clubhouse. Kudos to Jim DeSimone, Bob Jones, Bob Scofield and Shawn Witmer for so ably shepherding this complicated project towards completion this summer!

Wishing you fair winds always, Kiki



INSIDE THIS ISSUE	
Commodore's Log	1
FCYC	2
Patio Progress	2
FOSI—Blue Gavel	3
VBVC Meetings	3
Shipmates	4
Jimmy Keys	4
On the Waterfront	5
Submarine Tour	5
Photos	6-8
Summer Reciprocals	8
Activities	9-11
Calendar	12

FLORIDA COUNCIL OF YACHT CLUBS (FCYC)



P/C Rey Neville,
Director FCYC

March meeting and Change of Watch

What a gala affair. Our Friday evening casual social gathering and dinner was held in the equestrian facility at the Tampa Yacht and Country Club; we were garbed in hats and boots and general cowboy attire. A great band, fabulous BBQ, and fun decorations really set the mood. The excursion on Saturday was a fascinating in-depth tour of a WW II Victory Ship. Our new FCYC commodore, John Timmel, was instrumental in getting the historic vessel, the SS American Victory, to Tampa where it is moored near the Tampa Aquarium. The Saturday Change of Watch and dinner



were superb. I encourage everyone who travels to Tampa to take advantage of the outstanding hospitality of this great club. Just be sure to make reservations.



May meeting

Our May 13 - 15 meeting is being held at the Marco Island Yacht Club. Although the deadline for attendance has passed, if anyone wishes to attend just ask Shawn to check to see if you can be added.

PATIO PROGRESS

April has been a dazzlingly-productive patio construction and upgrade month at VBYC – phew. After seemingly endless regulatory, permitting and vendor delays, the south seawall extension is fully installed and the patio has been graded across its expanded width. In May, the pergola extension, bar utilities and floor construction will all proceed in parallel. By mid-July, the south patio project should be completed!



In addition, this month the club upgraded the drainage of the existing patio, extended pavers to the dining room wall and replaced the concrete sidewalk north of the clubhouse with a wider paver-covered walkway.

VBYC – FOSI – BLUE GAVEL

TEAMWORK MAKES THE DIFFERENCE



FOSI (Friends of the Spoil Islands) is a nonprofit and state-sponsored Citizen Support Organization dedicated to promoting, supporting, protecting, restoring, and enhancing the natural habitats and resources of the Indian River Lagoon Aquatic Preserves.

Spoil island #IR25 is a recreational island for public use. VBYC members John Bacon, president of FOSI, and Connie Dominianni have spearheaded VBYC volunteer efforts for several years that aim to keep the island clean and make improvements.

In support of these efforts, the VBYC chapter of the Order of the Blue Gavel is funding a picnic table for the Yacht Club-maintained spoil island. On March 21, PC Frank Bilotta, president of the VBYC chapter, presented a check for \$350 to John Bacon.



Kiki Rohr, John Bacon, Frank Bilotta



On Saturday, April 9, 2022 the picnic table was delivered to IR 25 by a representative from the FDEP. Australian pine saplings were cut down to create a good spot for the table and better access from the beach and, under the direction of Al Ebstein, the table was installed by members of the Boys and Girls Club of Vero Beach. Additionally, a plaque stating "adopted by the VBYC" was added to the existing island signage.

Other improvement items on the "wish list" for spoil island #IR25 include fenders for the dock, a new firepit, an additional table, and a tent platform for camping. This is very exciting!

VBYC MEETINGS – MAY 2022

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

Fleet - Tuesday, May 3 @ 4:30 p.m.

House and Grounds - Tuesday, May 10 @ 9:30 a.m.

Planning - Tuesday - May 10 @ 9:30 a.m.

Membership - Tuesday, May 10 @ 4:30 p.m.



Publicity & Publications - Wednesday, May 11 @ 10:00 a.m.

Shipmates - Friday, May 13 @ 11:00 a.m.

Board of Directors – Tuesday, May 17 @ 9:30 a.m.

SHIPMATES

DO YOU HAVE A RED FILE?

The answer to that question was one of the takeaways from the April Shipmates meeting. Our guest speaker and club member, Attorney Robin Lloyd, spoke about the everchanging laws regarding wills and trusts. Robin urged everyone to create a "red file," which would contain everything from passwords, account numbers, wills, trusts, and any other important documents that your loved ones may need in the event of your passing. What a great idea!



IT'S NOT ABOUT BOTOX

The guest speaker for the May Shipmates meeting on Friday, May 13 at 11 a.m. will be Dr. Deepti Sadhwani, who will be speaking to us about "Aging with Dignity and Grace." Specifically, about some of the mental and physical challenges that we face as we get older. All club members and their guests are invited to attend.

Although the Shipmates will remain active throughout the summer with a Ship Store Sale in June, May will be the last Shipmates meeting until September.



For those of you who are leaving - safe travels; and for those who are staying - I will see you at the club.

Mary

JIMMY KEYS



Back by popular Demand, the ever-popular Jimmy Keys filled the house with fun and laughter!



ON THE WATERFRONT

BRUNCH & RAFT UP: Sunday May 1 at 1:30 p.m.

After your world famous VBYC brunch, head out to "Hole in the Wall" (west of ICW green marker 111) to tie up with your fellow boaters in this 7' deep protected anchorage. If you can't make the brunch, come and join in the fun anyway. We will monitor VHF channel 72. Contact Dave Malek at Soleprovider67@aol.com.



KAYAK OUTING — SEBASTIAN RIVER: Saturday, May 14 at 9:00 a.m.

Paddle along this idyllic river with beautiful scenery, vegetation and wildlife. If you have never kayaked before, we will teach you! Contact Toby Jarman at jotoby@moonriveriii.com if you plan to attend. For kayak rentals, email Maddy of Adventure Kayaking at madelynrussell12@gmail.com.

SUNSET CRUISE: Wednesday, May 18 (sun sets at 8:05 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 May 17 Bucks Drawing, there will be special drawings for free rides on "Friendship" for this event (you must be present to win). Contact Toby Jarman at jotoby@moonriveriii.com.



FLEET NEWS

While the captain was away, the crew did not play, but now he's back and this month the fleet is going to be making plans for the summer journey to the St. Johns River and our newest FCYC member club up north. Plans to be finalized in May! If you are interested, contact Lee Bowden at: Bowds21555@gmail.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

LAND TOUR OF TRITON SUBMARINE MANUFACTURING PLANT

Friday, May 13 at 12 p.m.

10055 102nd Terrace, Sebastian, FL

Make your reservations no later than May 6 with "Mac" MacBain at rjmaccm@comcast.net.

Did you know that scientist Dr. Edie Widder of Vero Beach's Ocean Research Conservation Association (ORCA) was the first human to see and video a giant squid, over 40' long, from a Triton Submarine manufactured in Indian River County? For a small town, Vero Beach sure has a lot to brag about! If you're running out of stories to tell at the bar and dinner parties, come with us to this hidden gem in our own backyard where they manufacture submarines for scientific organizations, commercial enterprises, and mega yachts. To see the video taken in the Gulf of Mexico, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dqLLiNxxKU1>.



PHOTO ALBUM



ALMOST ABBA CONCERT

*"Friday night and the lights are low
Looking out for the place to go
Where they play the right music, getting in the swing ...*

*Dancing Queen, feel the beat ...
You can dance, you can jive, having the time of your life"*

Well, it was Thursday, not Friday but the Dancing Queen(s) of VBYC were dancing, jiving, and having the time of their lives in our parking lot!



Captain Hiram's Cruise



Captain Bob's Airboat Ride
7 folks went on the Swamp boat tour last Sunday with Captain Bob.



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

ONCE AROUND THE CLUB...



March Trivia Winners



Wine - fun and friendship



Does anybody see a zebra?



They don't look grumpy to me!



April 15 Nine & Dine



SEAFOOD EXTRAVAGANZA

Seafood EXTRAVAGANZA



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

"HAPPY EASTER" BRUNCH AT THE CLUB



SUMMER RECIPROCALLS

SUMMER RECIPROCALLS

BENT PINE GOLF CLUB

May 1 - October 15
772-567-0746

SEA OAKS

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

OAK HARBOR

May 1 - October 31
Dining 772- 562-3808
Golf 772-978-4427

POINTE WEST

May 2 - October 31
Credit Card Only
Dining 772-770-3675
Golf 772-770-4653

THE BOULEVARD VILLAGE & TENNIS CLUB

Credit Card Only
May 1 - Oct. 31
772-778-4200

INDIAN TRAILS TENNIS CLUB

May 1 - October 31
772-234-9981

START ME UP

The Rolling Stones Tribute...



CONCERT IN THE PARKING LOT
MAY 19 - 8:00 PM

START ME UP is a 5 piece band consisting of SEASONED PROS! The Best of the Best! THE ULTIMATE ROLLING STONES TRIBUTE!!!!

\$30.00 ++

A SPECIAL HAPPY

Mothers Day

BRUNCH

SUNDAY, MAY 8 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM

\$30.00+

RESERVATIONS APPRECIATED



MEMORIAL DAY BBQ

Sunday, May 29

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

\$25.00++



SATURDAY, MAY 7

Doors Open at 4:00 p.m.

House Odds Betting / Music by Johnny Nick

~ Buffet Menu ~

Buffet Opens at 5:30 p.m.

- Black-eyed Pea and Chili Pepper Salad
- Spinach Salad with Spiced Pecans & Apple Vinaigrette
- Bourbon-Peach Glazed Beef Brisket
- Kentucky Hot-Brown / Cucumber Dill Salmon
- Garlic Roast Asparagus / Bacon & Cheese Grits

~ Dessert ~

Horse Race Pie & Strawberries and Cream

\$30.00 ++



KENTUCKY DERBY
CHURCHILL DOWNS

REGULAR DINNER MENU NOT AVAILABLE

PIZZA ...PASTA & TRIVIA

Thursday, May 26

Pasta Station @5:30 p.m.

Trivia @7:30 p.m.



Limited Dinner Menu

MEMBER MIXER

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4
5:00-6:00 PM

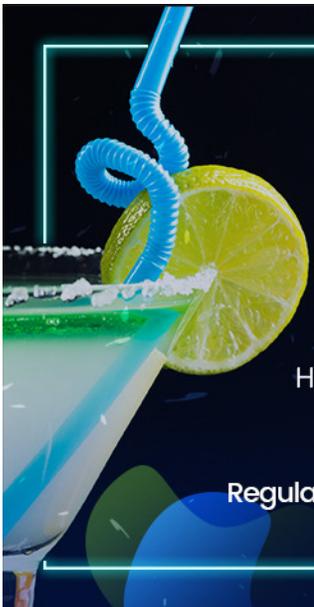


COMPLIMENTARY HORS D'OEUVRES

FRIDAY, MAY 6



Music 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Happy Hour Menu 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Regular Dinner 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.



HAPPY HOUR

FRIDAYS 4:30 - 6:30 PM

Half-Price House & Well Drinks
Appetizer Menu

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

SATURDAY NIGHT BANDS

MAY 7 - JOHNNY NICK
MAY 14 - STEVE DALEY
MAY 21 - BEACHSIDE TRIO
MAY 28 - SUNNIE & KURTIS

9 & DINE

Fridays, May 13 & 27

For additional information and tee times, please contact Ginny at virginia.hustead@gmail.com.

Madesta Stevens has graciously agreed to coordinate the 9 & Dine events for June thru September. Watch for specific information in the June Siren.



Live Music on the Patio

Wednesdays 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

DAVE BIALOS

"SUMMERTIME" MEMORY WIRE BEADED BRACELET WORKSHOP

Wednesday, May 25 - 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the Burgee Room at the Yacht Club

Come join the group to make a lovely bracelet for yourself or for a treasured person in your life!

Charms and Swarovski crystals will be available to complete your unique creation.

Feel free to bring your own charm as well.

8 SPACES AVAILABLE

Register by Friday, May 20 to reserve your space.

Lynn Jackson - dreamovations@aol.com - 317-547-5390

(Please let me know if you would also like to join the group for lunch following the workshop.)

Cost: \$20.00

(includes wire, bead ends, jump rings, head pins, various charms, multi-colored beads, crystals)

Tools will be available to complete your project.

Payment Due Date: Upon arrival to the workshop

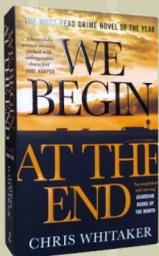
Instructor: Lynn Jackson

Assistant: Wendie Reynolds



BOOK CLUB

Book Club Will be meeting Wednesday, May 25 and Wednesday, June 29 at 4:00 PM. The group will not meet in July, August, or September and will reconvene in October. For additional information please contact Kathy at kathykinasewitz@hotmail.com. Bookclub selections:



We Begin at the End

by Chris Whitaker

Wednesday, May 25 - 4:00 p.m.

Winner of the Gold Dagger for Best Crime Novel from the Crime Writers' Association, this is a vibrant and engrossing thriller that packs a serious punch. A book that will surprise you along the way and linger in your mind long after you have finished reading. Right vs. wrong? Life is lived somewhere in between.



The Plot

by Jean Hanff Korelitz

Wednesday, June 29 - 4:00 p.m.

The Plot is a compelling read about a story too good not to steal, and the writer who steals it.



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 Music on the Patio: 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)

MAY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Pickleball Brunch <i>Brunch & Raft Up</i>	2 Club Closed	3 BRIDGE VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner	4 Lunch  Music on the Patio Dinner	5 Lunch MAHJONG Dinner	6 Lunch BRIDGE Happy Hour Dinner 	7  Johnny Nick Buffet Dinner
8 Pickleball <i>mother's day BRUNCH</i>	9 Club Closed	10 BRIDGE VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner	11 Lunch Music on the Patio Dinner	12 Lunch MAHJONG Dinner	13 Lunch BRIDGE  SUBMARINE PLANT  BLUE GAVEL Happy Hour Dinner	14 Kayak Outing Steve Daley Dinner
15 Pickleball Brunch	16 Club Closed	17 BRIDGE Friendship Drawing VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner	18 Lunch <i>Sunset Cruise</i> Music on the Patio Dinner	19 Lunch MAHJONG  Dinner	20 Lunch BRIDGE Happy Hour Dinner	21 Beachside Trio Dinner
22 Pickleball Brunch	23 Club Closed	24 BRIDGE VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner	25 Lunch   Music on the Patio Dinner	26 Lunch MAHJONG 	27 Lunch BRIDGE  Happy Hour Dinner	28 Sunnie & Kurtis Dinner
29 Pickleball Brunch 	30 Club Closed	31 BRIDGE VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner	<p align="center">JUNE HIGHLIGHTS</p> <p align="center">Member Mixer ~ Wednesday, June 1 DJ/Dance ~ Friday, June 3 Stage Show (Singing Impressionist Eric Kearns) ~ Thursday, June 9 Father's Day Brunch ~ Sunday, June 19 Pasta Trivia ~ Thursday, June 30</p>			