

THE SIREN



Cmdre Bob Jones

Commodore's Log

This month I wish to share some very good indicators regarding the health of your club.

Volunteerism. The magic of VBYC is due to members who actively volunteer their time and talents to serve on our standing committees and participate in its myriad activities. Club service also is a great way to break the ice and make new friends. If you would like to join the board of directors, please let the Nominating Committee know by emailing Mickey D'Onofrio (mickeydonofrio@comcast.net). **The application cutoff date for the 2022 calendar year is September 30th!**

Seasonality. A few years ago, we had a seasonality profile of around 60% seasonal, 40% full time. Based on recent months' activity, it appears that this profile is now reversed. Sure, many of our members go away in the summer, but increasingly, for shorter periods.

Waitlist. Demand for VBYC membership continues to strengthen, probably driven by accelerating migration from major cities, earlier retirement, and the club's reputation "for fun and friendship." Our waitlist is up to an unprecedented 150 applicants. Increasing the initiation fee to \$5,000 has not dampened the club's attractiveness.

Summer Membership. One of the most successful programs introduced a few years ago is offering those on the waitlist an opportunity to enjoy the club off-season. Last year we strengthened the program by offering summer members reciprocal club and account billing privileges. We now collect dues from summer members from May to October; this year, a record 50 applicants are actively enjoying the club and making new friends.

Club Usage. It seems clear that executive chef Rodney Smith's transformation of menus and kitchen service has increased club attendance and food spend. We will continue to listen to members and make further refinements. While staffing remains a challenge, we have found ways to fill critical vacancies.

Reciprocal Club Participation. While fewer local clubs are offering reciprocal programs this year because of staffing shortages and COVID challenges, we are enjoying robust participation from the clubs that offer them, including Sea Oaks, Bent Pine, The Boulevard, Pointe West and Indian Trails. Reciprocals are universally amazed that VBYC enjoys vibrancy five nights per week off-season, and several have submitted applications to join VBYC.

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It is wonderful to have so many positive things to share! When challenges do surface, your Board will address them head-on and not hesitate to communicate with the membership.

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FLORIDA COUNCIL OF YACHT CLUBS (FCYC)



P/C Rey Neville,
Director FCYC

A year from now VBYC will be hosting a Florida Council of Yacht Clubs (FCYC) general meeting. This group meets six times each year; for all the 37 years we have been a member of FCYC we have never hosted one of these events due to the capacity of the club. So, with this important occasion on the horizon, I thought I would outline some of the history and important roles FCYC performs.

FCYC is an organization made up of 36 member-owned, not-for-profit (501-C7) yacht clubs located around the state from the panhandle to the Keys. The Council was organized in 1960 by the St. Petersburg Yacht Club. This club invited representatives from the leading West Coast Yacht Clubs of Florida to discuss forming a representative body to encourage the sport of yachting and general club activities, to promote safety afloat, to encourage reciprocity between qualified yacht clubs, and to promote beneficial legislation. Today, FCYC represents a population of approximately 37,300 yacht club members; Vero Beach Yacht Club was admitted to FCYC membership in 1984.

FCYC is a respected force that always has promoted legislative matters important to the boating public. To assist the Council in monitoring boating-related legislation, FCYC retains a legislative representative in Tallahassee. Long recognized as a potent organization of dedicated yachtsmen, FCYC is an active member of water-oriented organizations such as the National Boating Federation. The Council also maintains close liaison with the U.S. Coast Guard in St. Petersburg, Tampa, Jacksonville, Miami, and the Corps of Engineers district office in Jacksonville.

Member Clubs sponsor cruises on members' boats to destinations along the East and Gulf Coasts of Florida and the Bahamas. The Council also has sponsored professionally organized cruises to interesting and unique destinations abroad. Members of FCYC clubs enjoy full reciprocity with other member clubs and when arriving by water enjoy one evening of free dockage.

P/C Rey Neville, FCYC representative



COVID UPDATE



VBYC leadership team is continuing to monitor local case counts of the virus and the evolving best practices, with the goal of keeping our VBYC family safe and the club open. We are fortunate that the majority of our members and staff are vaccinated. However, we need to continue to be vigilant as the Delta variant presents new challenges.

Currently, the mask requirement has been lifted for all members and guests who have been vaccinated. If you have NOT been vaccinated, we recommend that you wear a mask while indoors and until seated at your table. We are continuing to maintain social distancing between tables and request you not adjust tables or add additional chairs to any table.

If you have any symptoms or have been in contact with an infected person, please refrain from visiting the club and consult your physician.

VBYC is lucky to be able to offer members and reciprocals a mix of socially distant options in the dining room, Burgee room and patio venues. Additionally, we are doing everything possible to complete the south patio project as soon as possible, so we can offer additional outside socializing and dining space this winter.

WINEAUX – MONTHLY SPECIAL



This month, your VBYC is featuring selected wines from the Hahn Family Estate Winery, all of which were served at the August wine dinner. If you missed the dinner, you don't have to miss the wine. Please ask your server for a taste.

Hahn Rose

With peach and pear on the nose, this light, refreshing dry wine has a juicy fruit palate and great acidity. Enjoy with poultry, seafood, and light cheese.



Hahn SLH (Santa Lucia Highlands) Chardonnay

The nose has citrus with some ripe tropical fruit and vanilla. It is full-bodied chardonnay, light oak, with flavors of lemon, vanilla and butter that lead to an elegant long finish. Try it with ceviche, chicken, grilled seafood, and rich cream sauces

Hahn SLH Pinot Noir

Aromas of red cherry, blackberry, earthiness, and toasty oak are balanced with flavors of cherry, raspberry, vanilla and plum on a long finish. Pairs with pork, roast poultry, veal, and lighter cuts of beef



Hahn Boneshaker Zinfandel

A vibrant ruby red in color, this Zinfandel has aromas of dark cherry, blackberry, notes of spice, and a hint of leather. In the mouth are flavors of ripe red berry and fruit, accompanied by a touch of warm spices and a toasty finish. Great with burgers, ribs, meatloaf, or roasted meat.

SHIPMATES



IS IT SEPTEMBER ALREADY? - WHERE DID THE SUMMER GO?

Shipmates will kick off their fall season on Friday, September 10, at 11 a.m. The guest speaker will be Angel Pietsch from the nonprofit Little Birthday Angels. This nonprofit is a homeless persons' center and service in Vero Beach whose mission is to provide birthday parties for children on the Treasure Coast.

Looking ahead, we are going to be busy!

- Shipmates will conduct a meeting Friday, October 8 at 11 a.m. Our guest speaker will be our own Faye Estes, who will show us how to create a seasonal floral arrangement for our homes.

HAPPY
Birthday

- Saturday, October 16, the Shipmates will host a 95th Birthday Party for the VBYC complete with Roaring 20s theme, a walk down memory lane, and a fabulous raffle basket.

- The October birthday party will also kick off our annual Food Drive, which will run until December 15. While non-perishable food items are always welcome, a cash donation helps the Food Pantry to use their purchasing power with several local merchants. Check donations should be made out to Food Pantry of Indian River County and turned in at the office. For more information and to assist with the drive, please contact Helen Drewitt.



- There is no slowdown in November. Shipmates will have another ship store sale in time for holiday gifts and we will be kicking off our annual Teddy Bear Drive. As soon as the greens are hung on November 29, we will be collecting bears under the tree to donate to Cleveland Clinic Indian River Medical Center.

I hope you have all had a great summer. I look forward to seeing you at the club.

Mary Wohlstein



ON THE WATERFRONT



FRIENDSHIP – it comes in all shapes and sizes

VBYC's pontoon boat Friendship is available for member use. Daily rental fee is \$150 and \$25 for gas. Call the office for details, and to arrange your day and key pickup. Training is required and provided by the club. Friendship must return to the dock 30 minutes prior to sunset.

When VBYC purchased the pontoon boat a contest was held to name her. The winning entry was submitted by Carin Fedderman and Millie La Canfora. The prize was a day on the water aboard Friendship. Last month the ladies celebrated with a lovely cruise along the river.



PADDLE GROUP OUTING

Saturday, September 4, 8:45 a.m. at Little Jim Bridge.

Kayak through mangroves for a swim at "Redneck Riviera." If you have never kayaked before, will teach you. Contact Toby Jarman, jotoby@moonriveriii.com, if you are planning to attend. Email Maddy, madelynrussell12@gmail.com, at Adventure Kayak Tours for kayak reservations.



VBYC is participating in International Coastal Cleanup Day!

September 18, 2021, is International Coastal Cleanup Day. Beach cleanups are important events to help alleviate the problems caused by ocean debris and danger inflicted on marine life because of plastic pollution. The objective of the International Coastal Cleanup is to engage people around the world to remove trash and debris from beaches and raise awareness of the extent of the marine debris problem. Members interested in helping clean up the Spoil Island on that day should email Connie Dominianni at conid@aol.com by Tues Sept 14. All participants will receive a free t-shirt.

BEACH UP

Thursday, September 23, at 11 a.m. at Spoil Island # SL-02.

Bring your beach chairs and picnic lunch. Contact Toby Jarman if you plan to bring your boat at jotoby@moonriveriii.com.

SALTY TALES - PART 3

What is a CLOD? The acronym stands for Cruisers Living On Land. You know them, those former liveaboards who are always willing to talk about life on the water and get all misty-eyed as they describe their travels. Our adventures continue this month with three more salty tales. Enjoy!



Ken Argent

It was late summer of 1967 and I was working as a croupier in a casino in London. I had been doing this for several years but was becoming dissatisfied with the hours and the job in general.

I took a trip to the Hamble River on the south coast of England to look at the boats. In the evening, I would visit a pub called the Jolly Sailor, where most of the crew working on the boats would congregate. While there, I got chatting to some salty looking types who were talking about their upcoming trips to the Mediterranean or the Caribbean. I managed to convince some of them that I knew all about sailing and had been crewing for years. A few days later back in London, I got a call from one of the guys. He asked if I could take some time off and make a delivery trip on a 57' sailboat to Antigua. I jumped at the chance and agreed to be at the boat in a few weeks to leave for Madeira (our first stop) where the owner would join us for the crossing. This was to be a non-paid trip and I would have to pay my own expenses.

The next few weeks were exciting, to say the least, as I had no idea what would be expected of me. I read every book I could find about offshore sailing, the terminology and generally how I should act once on board. I had been told that there was very little storage on the boat and to bring as little as possible. I packed a small duffle bag and left most of my belongings with friends who lived in London. The time finally came for me to travel down to the Hamble and start the great adventure.

I was the last to arrive on board and, of course, I was shown to the worst bunk, but tried to get comfortable amongst the various sails and assorted spares. We departed the dock and set off down the English Channel. It soon became obvious that I was not a sailor as I commenced to throw up anything that I had eaten during the past week. The other crew, who all were experienced sailors, thought it hilarious and told me that they all knew that I had never been on a boat before, despite the "Aaaagh's" and other nautical phrases I had learned from my reading. The trip down the Channel was rough but otherwise uneventful.

We arrived safely in Madeira and tied up at the yacht club dock, where we remained for the next 10 days waiting for the owner. I was happy with this situation as I had the chance to explore the island. Eventually it was time to depart and head off across the Atlantic ("the pond," as real sailors call it) but luck was not with us as we sprung a leak in the water tank and were rapidly running out of fresh water. The closest port, without going backwards, was in the islands of the Azores so we altered course and headed in that direction. A couple of days later we were back under way with the leak repaired and headed for Antigua. The remainder of the trip was quiet, apart from the required swim in mid-Atlantic.



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Helen Drewitt

I have been around sailboats since I was 14 years old. My older brother had a sailing dinghy called a Merlin Rocket, a very tender little boat he sailed on the local river in Sunday morning races. If he couldn't get good crew, kid sister would be called on; but really, I was too light and certainly much too inexperienced. I never learned to release the jib sheet in time or move quickly enough to the high side. The dinghy would heel hard very suddenly and then we were both in the water, with my brother yelling "why didn't you let go the jib sheet, you dummy!"

But I must have liked it to some degree because later my husband and I had our own little dinghy we sailed on the local lakes and then, having moved from the UK, we trailed a daysailer from our home in Hartford to the CT shore. After a few years, with a young family, we ventured to Block Island, Newport and even Nantucket, first in an O'Day 25 and later a Cal 34. Happy times! We were all becoming confident sailors, spending many summers on the water in the company of other boating families.

But the best, the very best, came when we moved to Annapolis in Maryland and bought a Sabre 402. That boat could fly, especially upwind. One time, on our way to Solomons on the Chesapeake Bay, we saw 11.5 on the knotmeter! We both loved that boat. I would trim the sails until there was maybe just a little flutter aloft in the leech but other than that both jib and main would be super tight with a perfect slot in between. The skipper might suggest moving the jib car a fraction and then I would look back at him and he would smile and say, "another half knot!" The bow would dig in, the hull seemed to lift, and we had done it.... boat and crew all working together to produce the perfect sailing machine! With no weather helm, the skipper could take his hands off the wheel. We loved it and somehow you could tell the boat loved it too!



Now, alas, she belongs to different sailors who I hope are experiencing the same joy of sailing with her that we did.



Toby and Jo Ann Jarman

Toby and Jo Ann did what a lot of people dream of. They sold their house and moved onto a 46' power boat, Moon River III. Initially, they lived and worked in Washington, DC with 125 other liveboard boaters.

After retiring in 2002, they let go their lines and became full-time boaters, spending the colder months cruising the Bahamas, both coasts of Florida, and the Keys. During the summers, they returned to the Chesapeake Bay to visit family and friends. With onboard washer/dryer and satellite TVs, they certainly were not "camping out." However, anchoring out and waking next to uninhabited islands in the southern Bahamas was an adventure by anyone's standards.

Cruising gave Toby and Jo Ann an opportunity to visit towns and cities in Florida, where they knew they eventually wanted to settle. They of course picked Vero Beach, and after a total of 11 years of living aboard (24-7-365), they left Moon River III for a home in Seagrove Oceanside.

ACTIVITIES

LABOR DAY

BBQ

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

5:00-7:00 p.m.

\$25.00++

M E N U

SALADS

Watermelon Salad

*Fresh Plums, Sherry Vinegar, Ewoo,
Jalapeno Aioli, Ricotta Salata*

Tomato Cucumber Salad

Dill, Red Onion, White Balsamic

Deviled Egg Macaroni Salad

Bacon, Chives

Summer Tossed Salad

*Hearts of Palm, Citrus, Sweet Peppers,
Goat Cheese, White Balls Dressing*

ENTREES

Slider Burgers & Bacon Wrapped

Slider Hot Dogs

(Regular Hot Dogs Available)

Red Onion BBQ Chicken Thighs

Roasted Corn Salsa & Fried Cornbread

Beer Battered Key West Pink Shrimp

Old Bay Chips, Comeback Sauce

White Cheddar Jalapeno Mac & Cheese

Roasted Summer Vegetable

Mini Apple Pies

CLUB EVENT

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

\$10.00++



DOO WOP CITY
Oldies Rock n' Roll Band



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

5:00-6:00 P.M.

COMPLIMENTARY HORS D'OEUVRES

DJ DANCE PARTY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

MUSIC BEGINS AT 7:00P.M.



PASTA/PIZZA

AND

TRIVIA NIGHT ????

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

PASTA / PIZZA 5:30 P.M.

TRIVIA 7:30

CONCERT IN THE PARKING LOT IS BACK!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

\$30.00++

Nationally recognized as one of the best 80s tribute bands

Kids In America

The show covers the biggest hits and artists like Madonna, Michael Jackson, Guns & Roses, Duran Duran, Prince, Journey, and many more.

Costumes, props, and performance provide a full energy 80's stage show!

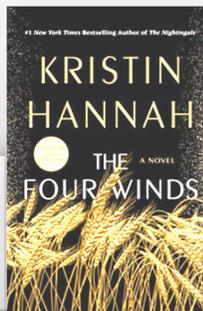


The Four Winds **BOOK CLUB**

by Kristin Hannah

Wednesday, September 22 – 4:00 p.m.

The Four Winds is a sweeping novel that brings to life the Great Depression and the people who lived through the harsh realities that divided us as a nation and the enduring battle between the haves and the have-nots. A testament to hope, resilience, and the strength of the human spirit, The Four Winds is a portrait of America and the American dream, as seen through the eyes of one indomitable woman whose courage and sacrifice will come to define a generation.



For additional information, please contact Book Club Facilitator Kathy Kinasewitz at: kkinasewitz@hotmail.com

SEPTEMBER

SATURDAY BANDS

SEPTEMBER 4
JOHNNY NICK

SEPTEMBER 11
STEVE DALEY

SEPTEMBER 18
BEACHSIDE TRIO

SEPTEMBER 25
SUNNIE & KURTIS

Live Music
on the Patio

Wednesdays
6:00 - 9:00 P.M.
DAVE BIALOS

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)

SEPTEMBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS Friday, October 1 - DJ Dance Thursday, October 7 - Concert in the Parking Lot Saturday, October 16 - Shipmates – Roaring Twenties Wednesday, October 20 - Wine Dinner Thursday, October 28 - Pasta Trivia Saturday, October 30 - Halloween Party Food Pantry Kick Off</p>			<p>1 Lunch</p>  <p>Music on the Patio Dinner</p>	<p>2 Lunch</p> <p>MAHJONG</p> <p>Dinner</p>	<p>3 Lunch</p> <p>BRIDGE</p> <p>BLUE GAVEL</p> <p>Happy Hour Dinner</p>  <p>Johnny Nick Dinner</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Paddle Group</p>
<p>5 Pickleball 9:30 Brunch</p> <p>LABOR DAY BBQ</p>	<p>6 Club Closed</p>	<p>7</p> <p>BRIDGE</p> <p>VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner</p>	<p>8 Lunch</p> <p>Music on the Patio Dinner</p>	<p>9 Lunch</p> <p>MAHJONG</p> <p>Dinner</p>	<p>10 Lunch</p> <p>BRIDGE</p> <p>SHIPMATES</p> <p>Happy Hour Dinner</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Steve Daley Dinner</p>
<p>12 Pickleball 9:30 Brunch</p>	<p>13 Club Closed</p>	<p>14</p> <p>BRIDGE</p> <p>VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner</p>	<p>15 Lunch</p> <p>Music on the Patio</p>	<p>16 Lunch</p> <p>MAHJONG</p> <p>Doo Wop CITY</p> <p>Dinner</p>	<p>17 Lunch</p> <p>BRIDGE</p> <p>Happy Hour Dinner</p>	<p>18</p> <p>International Coastal Cleanup Day</p> <p>Beachside Trio Dinner</p>
<p>19 Pickleball 9:30 Brunch</p>	<p>20 Club Closed</p>	<p>21</p> <p>BRIDGE</p> <p>VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner</p>	<p>22 Lunch</p> <p>B Club</p> <p>Music on the Patio Dinner</p>	<p>23 Lunch</p> <p>MAHJONG</p> <p>Beach Up</p> <p>Dinner</p>	<p>24 Lunch</p> <p>BRIDGE</p> <p>Happy Hour Dinner</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Sunnie & Kurtis Dinner</p>
<p>296 Pickleball 9:30 Brunch</p>	<p>27 Club Closed</p>	<p>28</p> <p>BRIDGE</p> <p>VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner</p>	<p>29 Lunch</p> <p>Music on the Patio Dinner</p>	<p>30 Lunch</p> <p>MAHJONG</p> <p>PASTA Trivia night</p>		