

THE SIREN



Cmdre Bob Jones

Commodore's Log

This month I want to provide an update on the south patio project and preview an initiative just getting launched by the Fleet Committee.

South Patio Project

After a couple of false starts we finally submitted applications to Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Army Corps of Engineers for the removal of our remaining mangroves. These applications included a mangrove mitigation plan and a payment to fund mangrove replacement elsewhere. It is impossible to predict when we will secure approval beyond a range of two to four months, but we are mobilizing to move forward with Tiki Bar demolition and the installation of the seawall as soon as the permits are granted.

After considering two configurations for the new bar, we have settled on the east-west orientation with seven barstools on the north and south side of the bar and up to four on the western edge. This design enhances staff ability to service members, gives 14 members water views and provides room for six cocktail/dining tables in the space just north of the new bar. We are finalizing the details of this design and will submit it for city/county permitting in the next few weeks. In parallel, we are updating quotations for bar equipment, furniture, and flooring. The south pergola extension has already been permitted by the city/county.

As soon as we secure mangrove removal and seawall construction approvals, the VBYC board of directors will review the final plan and costs and vote on proceeding with this investment. Our goal is to install the seawall in October and complete it by end of year. Shawn is confident that his team can isolate the construction project so the existing patio is fully usable in the winter season.

New Fleet Committee Initiative

In their July meeting, the Fleet Committee acknowledged that a relatively small percentage of members currently enjoy VBYC fully as a "yacht club." Fleet activities tend to focus on members who own boats, specifically those who moor their boats at our docks. In fact, a healthy majority of our VBYC family have been active boaters, even if they do not currently own one. The committee has identified over a dozen ideas to make water-centric activities accessible to a broader number of members. Please communicate your interest in participating, whether or not you own a boat, to Lee Bowden (lee@manateepocketyachtsales.com) or Toby Jarman (jotoby@moonriveriii.com). If you own a boat or are seriously considering buying one, and are not listed in the Fleet Roster, please let them know that as well.

Stay tuned!

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FLORIDA COUNCIL OF YACHT CLUBS (FCYC)



P/C Rey Neville,
Director FCYC

FCYC GENERAL MEETING: The Florida Council of Yacht Clubs July meeting was held in person for the first time in over a year. It was hosted by the Florida Yacht Club in Jacksonville. With very short notice, FCYC did an outstanding job organizing and managing the event.

In addition to the business meetings, attendees had opportunities to visit the local community for shopping and dining. Some folks met the staff and owner Cindy Purcell (granddaughter of the founder) of Huckins Yacht Builders. Huckins is famous for the winning design of the WW II PT boat. They continue to design and build cutting edge yachts. Their most recent is a 38' hybrid electric/diesel vessel.

The meeting was highlighted by a presentation from our representatives in Tallahassee who assist in lobbying for boating and general marine matters. There were several bills in this past session that FCYC was successful in changing or modifying to the benefit of the boating public.



FLEET TRIP CRUISE: The FCYC fleet captain is organizing a cruise to Key West tentatively planned for April 2022. Details to come.

LAND CRUISING: As I previously mentioned, FCYC is actively developing RV cruising plans. Locations are selected that have no restrictions on the type of RV or trailer one can bring onto the camp site property so anyone can participate. If a VBYC member is interested in participating, please contact me (reyneville@gmail.com) for more information.

NEXT MEETING: The next FCYC meeting will be at Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club in Port Charlotte, FL, Sept. 10-12, 2021. Please consider making the trip and attending the meeting.

Stay Safe,
P/C Rey Neville, FCYC



WE NEED YOUR TALENT AND EXPERTISE,..



America may run on Dunkin' but VBYC runs on volunteers ...

Yes, our club runs on its volunteers. Without membership participation, we cannot thrive and provide the member experience for which we are known. Every year, we elect club members to our board of directors and the Nominating Committee for two-year terms.

The 11 members of the board of directors are tasked with fully controlling the affairs of the VBYC and ultimately are responsible for all management and financial decisions made on behalf of the club.

The Nominating Committee is directly responsible for identifying potential candidates for the yearly election slate, including bridge officers and directors.

Requirements for potential directors and Nominating Committee members are the same: They must have been VBYC members for at least two years and have served on a standing or special committee.

Service in these capacities not only assists your club but also is interesting and rewarding. We need your talent and expertise, so please consider becoming a candidate. Interested members should craft a 100-word letter expressing your interest and outlining how your participation can benefit VBYC; submit via email to me, Mickey Donofrio, at mickeydonofrio@comcast.net by September 30, 2021.

ON THE WATERFRONT

VBYC Paddle Group Outing

Saturday, August 7 @ 8:45 A.M.

Wabasso Causeway

This outing will take us to several beautiful islands with mangrove tunnels. For details, contact Toby Jarman at jotoby@moonriveriii.com. To reserve a Kayak, email Maddy of Adventure Kayak Tours at madelynrussell12@gmail.com. If you are new to kayaking, no worries, we will teach you.



Sundowner Cruise

Saturday August 21.

Contact captain Piecuch at: jpie7237@gmail.com for location and details.



BEACH UP

Thursday, August 26 @ 11 A.M.

Destination: Spoil Island # SL-08

It's always a beautiful day on the water! Bring your beach chairs and a picnic lunch. Contact Toby Jarman at jotoby@moonriveriii.com if you plan to bring your boat.

SHIPMATES

Summertime and the Livin' is Yummy

Wednesday July 14, Shipmates hosted a cooking demonstration by executive chef Rodney Smith. 44 attendees looked on as Chef Rodney demonstrated how to make fried green tomatoes with lump crab, tuna tacos, and shaved Brussels sprout wontons. Following the demonstration, members and guests feasted on these items along with a nice plate of warm cookies for dessert.

Looking ahead to fall -

- The September meeting is on Friday, September 10 at 11:00 a.m.
- It is time to fill the officer positions for Shipmates for 2022. If you are interested in becoming a Shipmates officer, please contact m_wohlstein@yahoo.com to discuss the positions and duties.
- Save the date – VBYC is going to be 95 years old! Shipmates are hosting a Roaring 20s-themed birthday party on Saturday evening, October 16. Festivities will include fine food, music, dancing, a memory table, and a raffle. Volunteers are needed to assist with decorations, menu planning, and execution of the evening.

Ship Store sales are picking up due to our extensive inventory. A big “shout out” to the following Shipmates who helped to make the sale a success: Brenda Sheridan, Pam Young, Caroline Riordan, Catherine Walker and Mary Wohlstein. Thank you also to the members who supported this event. Purchases can be made from the Ship Store anytime the office is open. Southern Embroidery also will embroider any personal items for \$7.00 each, but due to copyright restrictions the item must be turned in to the office. They will be delivered to Southern Embroidery, and you will be called when they are ready.

Enjoy your summer, stay safe, and come home to VBYC soon!

Mary Wohlstein,
Shipmates President



SALTY DOGS - THE ADVENTURES CONTINUE...

Ahoy there, Mates! "Ahoy" is a word that can be used as a greeting, a warning, or a farewell. It stems from the sea-faring world and is used as an interjection to catch the attention of other crew members. We hope these salty stories catch your attention.



Bobbie Sward

My husband and I were at the right place at the right time ... While waiting to board a ship in Puerto Rico, a friend saw us and yelled, "Get on the Marco Polo ship in January 1994" and off he went, running to catch his ship.

When we returned home, we researched the Marco Polo. It was a Russian ice breaker being refurbished to sail to Antarctica. The cruise we booked would circumnavigate the globe from South America to

New Zealand, traveling for 23 days along Antarctica; it would be the first time a ship ever had made this voyage. Among the 400 passengers on this cruise were Sir Edmund Hillary, who first climbed Mt. Everest, and his wife; Sir Vivian Fuchs, the first man to cross Antarctica by land, and his wife; Robert Scott's daughter-in-law and grandson (Robert Scott's team lost their lives trying to reach the South Pole in 1912); the niece of Roald Amundsen, the first man to reach the South Pole in 1911; and Robert and Birgit Bateman, famous naturalist painters from Canada. Lars-Eric Lindblad was our expedition leader; he is best remembered as an explorer who led the first tourist expedition to Antarctica in 1966.

Most of these people gave lectures during the cruise but we all mixed with them, ate with them, and socialized with them. We got off the ship six times during the cruise and went ashore in zodiacs. One of our biggest thrills was when we were able to get off at Deception Island and go for a swim... even though the hot springs weren't hot that day.

Going through the Drake Passage, the ship lost total power for an hour. The fuel had been sabotaged with water. Our last stop was at McMurdo Station, then a helicopter guided us through the ice to New Zealand.



Connie Bowman

- **1984** — A bareboat charter prompted us to adventure through four sailboats, 20', 30', 35' and finally a 40' in 1994 when I got my Captain's License. We sailed all five Great Lakes, cruised out the St Lawrence after my husband retired, and wintered the boat in Nova Scotia for five seasons. We sailed the Maritimes, circumnavigated Newfoundland, got up close and personal with icebergs in Labrador, and experienced 30 ft. tides in Bay of Fundy.

- **2014** — We went to the "dark side" and purchased a Nordic Tug 32; it was then that Trawler life began. That year we began our greatest

adventure from Detour, Michigan in the Upper Peninsula: the circumnavigation of the eastern half of the United States, The Great Loop! In 2015 Bill's health began to fail, and he was not able to continue beyond Annapolis, MD. We managed to get the boat back to Florida.

- **2016** — There was no sailing but for little day trips near Cape Canaveral. Bill "crossed the bar," as they say, on August 17 of that year.
- **2017** — Against our five children's wishes, I prepared myself and my boat to finish the loop for Bill. They agreed only if I promised to have at least one other person on board. I left in late April and crossed my wake in Detour on July 1st, then shipped Simpatico back to Florida. I had no trouble getting crew, wonderful folks, who spent five days to three weeks at a time with me. *continued...*

SALTY DOGS - THE ADVENTURES CONTINUE...

Connie Bowman, *continued...*

- **2018** — I decided to take the boat to Michigan. The highlight of that trip was my crew – 16-year-old grandson joined me from Vero to Charleston, where my 15-year-old grandson joined us all the way to New York. Unforgettable! Upon reaching Michigan, I realized I had just completed one half of a second Loop. I couldn't stop there!
- **2019** — I completed the second half of the 2nd Loop in November just in time for Thanksgiving dinner with my Vero family. It was on this last lengthy voyage that I realized it was time to let Simpatico go.
- **2021** — The bittersweet day arrived this past February: A couple from Indiana found her waiting for them. I am pleased they are thrilled and Simpatico is out there doing what she is meant to do.

Today, I can get my “on the water” fix and toddle around the ICW and Indian River on my little deck boat. I am looking forward to RV-ing my way to every National Park out West and more in my “She-Shanty,” (a Winnebago).



Tom Butz

It started on my 10th birthday. My parents bought me an 8 ft. sailing Pram, which you had to assemble, and that summer I learned how to make it go. A few years later it was a Sunfish which took me on many adventures. Launching it from the beach in Ocean City, Maryland I sailed east until I lost the sight of land. When I returned, a crowd had gathered and asked if I had sailed over from England! Not quite! Marriage and family made the Sunfish impractical, so I upgraded to a 25 ft. Catalina. Our first overnight with 5 young kids proved almost the end of my sailing adventures. My wife was not going on that boat anymore. The answer: a bigger boat. The Catalina 30 was perfect. We loved sailing the Chesapeake. So many anchorages and places to go, and my love for sailing really took off. As with many sailors, there is always a new and distant shore to explore and the idea of sailing around the world consumed me. I needed a boat that could do that, so once again I upgraded and in 1983, I purchased a Bayfield 40 ketch. Our sailing took on longer trips and overnights in the ocean. Our first trip was to Block Island. The kids were concerned a whale would sink us, but my wife and I convinced them we would be OK. We were proud we found Block Island because at that time there was no affordable GPS! Next on our bucket list was Bermuda. Eastport Yacht Club sponsors the Annapolis to Bermuda race, so we signed up for the 1988 race. I had a crew of six and again no GPS. This trip was very challenging: we encountered a tropical depression. Everyone had life jackets on. We went through the eye of the storm and for 360 degrees all we saw was a wall of clouds, except for blue sky right above us! Unfortunately, we knew the only way out was through the other side. We made it; however, three of the crew who were scheduled to bring the boat back pulled mutiny - they weren't going back out in that scary ocean! So, I had to find new crew to help sail the boat back to Baltimore. I put handwritten signs in the local Bermuda bars looking for crew and I got two volunteers. Once the fresh new crew was ready, we set sail for mainland US. Just as we pulled out of the Bermuda inlet, the two new crew began to get seasick. I turned and looked at my wife and said, "Well, it's going to be a long trip home." The crew eventually recovered after about two days and we made it back, no problems or storms. I have since done that race four more times.

With the kids grown, my wife and I started to cruise south; we loved the places we saw and the people we met. We spent several winters in the Bahamas, from Marsh Harbor to Georgetown. Great times. We also loved New England in the summer; Maine was a favorite.

4TH OF JULY PHOTO ALBUM



JUNE/JULY PHOTO ALBUM



ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE...



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

WINEAUX REPORT



The new wine list is finished (finally) and should be on your table. Please take some time to check out all the new choices.

Wine specials for this month include a Pouilly Fumé from France and a Cabernet Sauvignon from California. Ask your server for a sample.

La Craie

Pouilly Fumé
Loire Valley, France

This Sauvignon Blanc has a nose that combines floral and fruit fragrances. The mouth is apple, berries, and citrus, coming across as lively and bright. It pairs very nicely with seafood and chicken.



McNab Ridge

Cabernet Sauvignon
Mendocino, California

With an aroma of cherries, spice, and a bit of cocoa, this is a full-bodied wine. Flavors of dark berries, pepper, and cocoa finish with a hint of coffee. Try it with steak, mushrooms and grilled veggies.

ACTIVITIES

Hahn Estates Wine Tasting Dinner

Thursday August 12

Gather - 6:00p.m. - Dinner - 6:30p.m.

Join us for a spectacular evening of Chef Rodney's culinary creations perfectly paired with magnificent wines from Hahn Estates.

\$85 ++

\$65 ++ (dinner only)



CLUB EVENT

Thursday, August 19, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

(Main Dining Room)

FEATURING

The Beachland Band



The Beachland Band is a variety tribute band featuring music from The Beach Boys, The Drifters, Jimmy Buffet and Yacht Rock from the 70s.

REGULAR DINNER MENU 5:30-8:30 p.m.

EVENT ONLY - \$10.00

Member Mixer & Special Wine Tasting

Wednesday, August 4

Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres 5:00-6:00 P.M.

Complimentary Special Wine Tasting by Touton Representative Eric Ruiz offering some Refreshing Rosés, Sparkling Rosés and our "August Wine Features"

La Craie Pouilly Fumé and McNab Ridge Cabernet



DJ & DANCE MUSIC

FRIDAY

AUGUST 6

MUSIC BEGINS AT 7:00 P.M.



PASTA & TRIVIA NIGHT

PASTA, PIZZA

TRIVIA!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

Pasta Station opens @ 5:30 p.m.

Trivia @ 7:30 p.m.



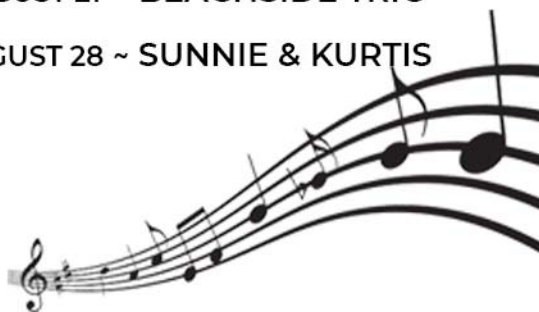
AUGUST SATURDAY BANDS

AUGUST 7 ~ JOHNNIE NICK

AUGUST 14 ~ TONY & HOLLY

AUGUST 21 ~ BEACHSIDE TRIO

AUGUST 28 ~ SUNNIE & KURTIS



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

MUSIC ON THE PATIO

The Book Club is taking a break
and will not be meeting in August.



Sandridge Golf Course

The golf group will be teeing off at 2:06 p.m.

Fridays, August 6 and 20.

The group is taking September off and will return in October.

Please call Madesta Stevens at
madesta212@gmail.com to sign up.

CARD CREATIONS

Tuesday, August 3 & Wednesday, August 4

Tuesday, September 7 & Wednesday, September 8

Classes will take place at 10:00 A.M. in the Burgee room at the yacht club. Cost for materials is \$15.

Interested members should contact Marilyn Van Tassel at mvantas@verizon.net.



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 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1 Pickleball 9:30 Brunch	2 Club Closed	3   VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner	4 Lunch   Music on the Patio Dinner	5 Lunch  Dinner	6 Lunch   Happy Hour Dinner 	7 <i>Paddle Group</i> <i>Johnnie Nick Dinner</i>	
8 Pickleball 9:30 Brunch	9 Club Closed	10  VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner	11 Lunch Music on the Patio Dinner	12 Lunch  	13 Lunch  Happy Hour Dinner	14 <i>Tony & Holly Dinner</i>	
15 Pickleball 9:30 Brunch	16 Club Closed	17  VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner	18 Lunch Music on the Patio Dinner	19 Lunch   Dinner	20 Lunch   Happy Hour Dinner	21 <i>Sundowner Cruise</i> <i>Beachside Trio Dinner</i>	
22 Pickleball 9:30 Brunch	23 Club Closed	24  VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner	25 Lunch Music on the Patio Dinner	26 Lunch  <i>Beach Up</i> 	27 Lunch  Happy Hour Dinner	28 <i>Sunnie & Kurtis Dinner</i>	
29 Pickleball 9:30 Brunch	30 Club Closed	31  VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner	<p style="text-align: center;">SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, September 1 ~ Member Mixer</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday, September 3 ~ DJ Dance</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, September 5 ~ Labor Day BBQ</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, September 16 ~ Club Event ~ Doo Wop City</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, September 30 ~ Pasta Trivia</p>				