

THE SIREN



Commodore
Bob Jones

Commodore's Log

Boating and on-water activities survey

Permission to come aboard?

The Fleet Committee has launched (pun intended!) an initiative to make boating and on-water activities more accessible to members who do not own boats or even have boat-piloting skills.

Additionally, the club may have the opportunity to extend its dock 90 feet westward and offer larger slips. As such, the VBYC board needs to assess the possible demand for additional and longer slips.

We also want to assess member interest in funding a replacement for the club's pontoon boat, Friendship, by pre-buying days of usage at a discount. The new pontoon boat will handle 10-12 people and get to Sebastian or Fort Pierce in an hour. We used this approach successfully to fund the current Friendship five years ago.

A boating survey will be emailed to all current and summer members to determine interest in boating activities, ranging from yacht charters in exotic places to local raft-ups. The survey offers an option to provide your name and contact information, making it easier for VBYC boat owners and those orchestrating activities to invite interested members to activities. Please respond and join in the fun.

Permission granted!

Past Commodores' Gala

On Saturday, November 6, VBYC will host the annual Blue and Silver Gala, a club tradition honoring past commodores. This yacht club event is an opportunity to dress up for a night of socializing with special friends, enjoy yet another culinary delight from Chef Rodney's kitchen, and dance the night away. All club members are invited to attend. More information is located on page 9.

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Christmas Parade

The Vero Beach Christmas Parade is back! Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 4. VBYC will once again be participating with the club pontoon boat, Friendship, our commodore and lady commodore on board, and VBYC members walking alongside and waving at the parade spectators. We need volunteers to help with decorating and walking in the parade; please contact committee chair Sue Burton at suziebsmb@gmail.com for more information.

South patio update

In October we received the last remaining permit from Florida Department of Environmental Protection. As such, we are now ready to remove the mangroves, build the south patio seawall, demolish and rebuild the current Tiki Bar, and install the pergola – phew! We also are proceeding with a few enhancements to the current pergola solar shades, including one for the area in the far north of the patio and one at the dock gate. Unfortunately, our seawall vendor, Wilco, is backed up and will not be able to address the seawall until late January or early February. We are working on ways to accelerate the schedule and hope to have the grand opening before our seasonal members depart in the spring.

GIVING THANKS

wishing you a happy
Thanksgiving

This is the time of year when we reflect on counting our blessings.

But it is also a time to think about making our blessings count.

(Neal A. Maxwell)

THE VBYC BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS GRATEFUL FOR ALL THE TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE CONTRIBUTED BY OUR MEMBERS TO BENEFIT OUR CLUB. IT IS YOU WHO MAKE US SUCH A SPECIAL PLACE.



NOVEMBER SHIPMATES



The Shipmates held their October meeting on Friday, October 8 and were treated to a demonstration by club member Faye Estes on creating a beautiful holiday decoration using pumpkins and succulents. Thank you, Faye. Brenda Lloyd, who has agreed to serve as treasurer for the remainder of the year, was sworn in by General Manager Shawn Witmer. The Shipmates also presented a check to Angel Piesch from Little Birthday Angels.

VBYC is 95 years young! On Saturday, October 16, the Shipmates hosted a birthday bash. Everyone had a great time, and the winner of the Basket of Cheer was Mary Wohlstein's son John, who kindly donated the basket to the VBYC staff. Thanks to all the Shipmates who volunteered their time and talents to make this evening a success! Check out the pictures on page 7.



The holidays are going to be busy! Mark your calendar for these special events:

- The annual Food Drive benefiting the Food Pantry will kick off on November 1 and run through December 17. While non-perishable food items are always welcome, a cash donation helps the Food Pantry 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 VBYC office. For more information or to assist with the drive, please contact Helen Drewett at helendrewett@comcast.net.



SHIPSTORE

- The Shipmates will conduct a Ship Store Sale on Tuesday, November 9 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in time for holiday gift giving.

- Hanging of the Greens will be Monday, November 29 at 9:30 a.m. Volunteers are always needed.
- The Teddy Bear Drive to benefit the Cleveland Clinic Indian River Medical Center Emergency Room will kick off on Tuesday, November 30. Donations should be placed under the tree in the main dining room.
- The next Shipmates meeting will be Friday, November 12, at 11 a.m. The guest speaker will be Gina Johnson, who is on staff at the Vero Beach Museum of Art teaching beading classes. Some of Gina's work will be available for cash purchase at the meeting.



The Shipmates are a busy group around the club, and we would love to have you join us at the November meeting.

Mary Wohlstein



ON THE WATERFRONT



BEACH UP

Thursday, November 18 at 11 a.m.

Destination: Spoil Island # SL-06

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

NO KAYAK OUTING IN NOVEMBER.

RAFT UP

Pack up your boat and join fellow VBYC boaters for an afternoon on the water Sunday, November 21. For additional information, contact Captain John Piecuch at jpie7237@gmail.com.



VBYC ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE FLEET

Saturday November 13, 2021

All Boaters are welcome!



-  Meet at 3 p.m. on the north side of Barber Bridge.
-  Follow the lead boat, Friendship, toward VBYC.
-  Boats are blessed as they pass the dock.
-  Flowers may be strewn while passing the clergy.
-  Monitor Channel 72 for instructions from Friendship.

FLEET CRUISE

On Friday, September 24, four boats from the VBYC Fleet (Wayward Kraken, Vigilant, What's Her name, and San Souci) ventured out the Fort Pierce Inlet southbound to visit some of our FCYC neighbors. Initially, with beam seas at three - four feet, it was not the most comfortable ride. But Cpt. Hermes assured that with the easterly winds, once the boats reached Jupiter and were in the lee of the Bahamas, the seas would flatten. Of course, they did. After completing the 125-mile run in just 4 1/2 hours, captains and crew arrived in plenty of time to check out the newly rebuilt Lauderdale Yacht Club clubhouse and enjoy poolside docktails, a beautiful sunset, and a wonderful dinner.

On Saturday, crews gathered on Vigilant for a run to Coral Ridge YC for breakfast. Despite a windy squall moving in on the return to LYC, it soon dried off and everyone was ready to head north on the ICW to the Royal Palm Yacht Club. Due the many bridges and slow zones between the two clubs, the 30-mile run took 2 1/2 hours. Possibly adding a bit of time to that was some mild confusion when the captain of the lead boat, whose name we won't mention, became a bit muddled about a bridge name and requested the opening of a bridge not even in sight of the fleet.

The vessels arrived at RPYC about 1730, and were greeted by Après Ski, which had motored down from Vero that morning. At dinner, the generous RPYC Fleet Captain greeted the wayfarers with complimentary bottles of wine which flowed late into the night.

Sunday's return to VBYC was a leisurely cruise up the ICW. After many more bridges and slow zones, the fleet arrived in Vero at 1700. The vessels were unloaded, and the fleet celebrated another successful cruise with, you guessed it, docktails!



VBYC COMMITTEE MEETINGS – NOVEMBER 2021

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



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

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

Planning - Tuesday - November 9 @ 9:30 a.m.

Membership - Tuesday, November 9 @ 3:30 p.m.

Publicity & Publications - Wednesday, November 10 @ 10 a.m.

Shipmates - Friday, November 12 @ 11:00 a.m.

Board of Directors – Tuesday, November 16 @ 9:30 a.m.

WINEAUX REPORT



Tour de France

For the October 20 wine dinner, Chef Rodney developed a superb French menu and collaborated with wine expert, Eric Ruiz of Monsieur Touton, to create outstanding wine pairings for a dinner that delighted a room full of your fellow clubbies. Alongside each dish was a specifically-paired fine French wine that highlighted the outstanding menu. Starting with a world class Champagne offered with passed hors d'oeuvres and followed by four delicious courses of fine food, this was a night to be remembered. If you missed this one, keep your eye on the Siren for upcoming events.

November Specials

Great news!!! The two most popular wines at our recent French Wine Dinner will be our bar special wines for November. These special prices, by the glass, will be featured all month.

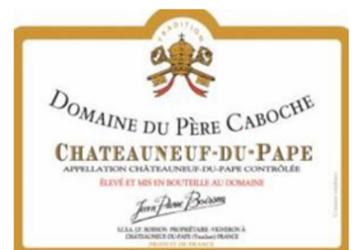


Roux Chassagne Montrachet Blanc ~ \$14/Glass

Honeysuckle and balsamic aromas blend with hazelnut and buttered toast on the nose. The mouth is intensely mineral with honey and ripe pear. The complex, mellow flavors are persistent. Truly one of the world's finest Chardonnays.

Dom. Du Père Caboché Chateauneuf du Pape ~ \$9/Glass

The grapes for this great French blend are hand-picked and hand-sorted, leading to a nose with aromas of chocolate and added red and black fruits with peppery notes. Hints of ginger and menthol give freshness. The mouth is fruity and spicy, well-rounded and minerally, with a long finish.



Wine Sale

For those of you who haven't finished your Christmas shopping, make a reservation to attend the VBYC Black Friday wine sale on November 26. Details on page 10.

NOVEMBER PHOTO ALBUM

Photos are one of the most enjoyed items in the Siren. We aim to please, but some occasions are not included because we don't have enough folks to take the pictures. If you can help, please contact publicity chair Karen Donofrio at karendonofrio@comcast.net.



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

NOVEMBER PHOTO ALBUM, *continued*



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HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Thursday, November 25
12:00-7:00 p.m.

Special Menu
Reservations

Jackets Not Required



Past Commodores' Gala
Saturday, November 6



Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres - 6:00 p.m.

Dinner - 7:00 p.m.

Music By Johnnie Nick 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

\$45.00 ++
Jackets Required

All Members Encouraged to Attend and Guests are Welcome



CONCERT IN THE PARKING LOT
Thursday, November 4
\$30.00

SAVANNAH JACK

WHERE COUNTRY MEETS CLASSIC ROCK

Voted as one of the "Top 10 concerts of 2010"

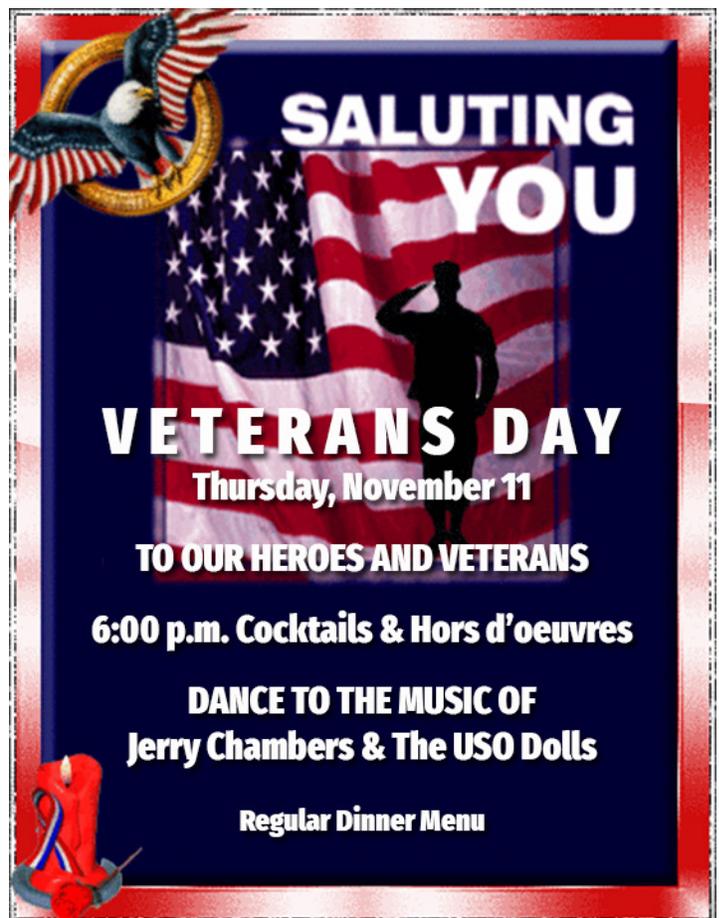
Music ranges from The Gatlin Brothers to The Eagles, Beatles, Tom Petty and many more.

Savannah Jack has honed their skills as outstanding live entertainers who captivate audiences from the very 1st note.

Great Players and Incredible Harmonies!!

HIGHLY ENTERTAINING & ENERGETIC

RESERVE EARLY!!



SALUTING YOU

VETERANS DAY

Thursday, November 11

TO OUR HEROES AND VETERANS

6:00 p.m. Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres

**DANCE TO THE MUSIC OF
Jerry Chambers & The USO Dolls**

Regular Dinner Menu



Pasta &

TRIVIA NIGHT

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Pasta Station Opens at 6:00 p.m.

Trivia Begins at 7:30 p.m.



BLACK FRIDAY

WINE CELLAR CLEARANCE SALE
WINE TASTING WITH HORS D'OEUVRES

\$20.00

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26

5:00 - 7:00 P.M.

RESERVATIONS APPRECIATED



MEMBER MIXER
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres





Tuesday, November 2 & Wednesday, November 3

10 a.m. in the Burgee Room

Materials cost is \$15 to make 3 cards.

Please email Marilyn Van Tassell
at mvantas@verizon.net to register.



9 & DINE

Sandridge Golf Course

The golf group will be teeing off Fridays

November 5, November 19

December 3, December 17, December 31

Tee times start at 1:57 p.m.

For more information and to register contact Ginny Husted at
virginia.husted@gmail.com.

If you plan to have dinner or cocktails at the club,
you need to make a reservation.

MUSIC ON THE PATIO

Wednesdays 6:00 - 9:00 p.m

DAVE BIALOS



BOOK CLUB

ANXIOUS PEOPLE

by Fredrik Backman.

Wednesday, December 1, 4:00 p.m.

The November/December Book Club meeting
will be Wednesday December 1, at 4:00 p.m.

The selection is *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman. "From the author of *A Man Called Ove* comes a poignant, charming novel about a crime that never took place, a would-be bank robber who disappears into thin air, and eight extremely anxious strangers who find they have more in common than they ever imagine."

SATURDAY NIGHT BANDS

November 6 ~ *Past Commodores' Gala* ~ Johnnie Nick

November 13 ~ Steve Daley

November 20 ~ Beachside Trio

November 27 ~ Sunnie & Kurtis



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)

NOVEMBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Club Closed	2  BRIDGE VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner	3 Lunch   Music on the Patio Dinner	4 Lunch MAHJONG  Dinner	5 Lunch BRIDGE 9&DINE Happy Hour Dinner 	6  Johnny Nick
7 Pickleball 9:30 Brunch	8 Club Closed	9 SHIPSTORE BRIDGE VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner	10 Lunch Music on the Patio Dinner	11 Lunch MAHJONG ★ THANK YOU ★ veterans Dinner	12 Lunch BRIDGE SHIPMATES Happy Hour Dinner	13  Dave Bialos Dinner
14 Pickleball 9:30 Brunch	15 Club Closed	16 BRIDGE VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner	17 Lunch Music on the Patio Dinner	18 Lunch MAHJONG Beach Up PASTA Trivia night	19 Lunch BRIDGE 9&DINE Happy Hour Dinner	20 Beachside Trio Dinner
21 Pickleball 9:30 Brunch Raft Up	22 Club Closed	23 BRIDGE VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner	24 Lunch Music on the Patio Dinner	25 Thanksgiving DINNER 12:00 - 7:00 	26 Lunch BRIDGE Wine TASTING & SALE Happy Hour Dinner	27 Sunnie & Kurtis Dinner
28 Pickleball 9:30 Brunch	29  Club Closed	30 BRIDGE VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner	<p style="text-align: center;">DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Member Mixer ~ Wednesday, December 1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DJ/Dance Party ~ Friday, December 3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Concert in the Park (-ing Lot) ~ Citizens of Soul ~ Thursday, December 9</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Christmas Dinner Dance ~ Saturday, December 18</p> <p style="text-align: center;">New Years Eve Celebration ~ Friday, December 31</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PLEASE NOTE: The Club Will be Closed December 24, 25 and 26</p>			