

THE SIREN



Commodore
Kiki Rohr

Commodore's Log

I'd like to take the opportunity this month to welcome our new members – those I have met, and those whom I have yet to have the pleasure of meeting. I know that you feel good about your choice to join VBYC (or you wouldn't be here); I'd like you to know that we, likewise, feel good about having you become part of the family. Personally, I wish you all the happiness, friendship, and opportunities I have found here; I always am struck by the fact that our club seems to give to its members whatever they want in terms of the level of activity and participation they desire. We truly do offer something for everyone!

If you have yet to dip your toes into the (social) water, please consider coming to a New Member Reception; they are held the first Wednesday of every month and are a wonderful opportunity to meet other new members, and members who have been here for years. I can promise you tasty hors d'oeuvres courtesy of Chef Rodney, and all the good conversation you could possibly want. And if, for some reason, I haven't found you to offer a warm VBYC welcome, please do seek me out; I look forward to meeting you!

A couple of quick housekeeping notes: You may have noticed that we have added a couple of additional solar shades on the patio that will provide enhanced protection from the afternoon sun. One is at the dock entrance, and the second is at the north end. Additionally, we are experiencing a delay in the seawall construction that will mark the beginning of our South Patio expansion. At this point, we anticipate that our contractor will begin work mid-to-late April. Stay tuned...

Wishing you fair winds, always,
Kiki

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FLORIDA COUNCIL OF YACHT CLUBS (FCYC)



P/C Rey Neville,
Director FCYC

It's a busy time for FCYC!

General Meeting and Change of Watch in March

The change of watch and general meeting are being held at the Tampa Yacht & Country Club, March 11-13, 2022. All members are welcome to attend. Our new FCYC commodore will be John Timmel from TY&CC.

Awards

The annual Change of Watch also includes the presentation of several yachting awards. We are pleased to report that five of our member yachtsmen will be receiving Founders Awards for visiting seven or more fellow FCYC clubs in the past year. Check out page 3 for details

New FCYC Club Member

FCYC has just announced the 37th member of the Council, Oyster Bay Yacht Club in Fernandina Beach, Florida north of Jacksonville near the GA line.



Group Insurance

You may recall in past articles I have noted that there has been an effort to work toward some group insurance savings. The FCYC insurance committee is in the evaluation process to determine if FCYC clubs would benefit from the "dock and wharf" insurance currently being considered. If successful, the program could be extended to additional risks.

Rey Neville

WINEAUX

"California Dreamin" was a very special event! Chef and our wine expert, Eric, collaborated to construct an outstanding dinner; the five courses were perfectly paired with boutique California wines. And, to our surprise, a sixth wine was added, enabling us to compare and contrast two different Cabernets served with the Lamb Prime Rib.

For those who wanted to attend and were unable to get seats, we are so sorry you missed it. However, you will be able to drink some of the wines. The March wine specials, at \$9.50 per glass (while supplies last), will be:

- **Cole Ranch Riesling** – Don't even think SWEET. This wine is Chablis dry with a strawberry nose and taste of green apple and mango. Truly an outstanding Riesling.
- **Klopp Vineyard Chardonnay** - This wonderful wine has a taste of green apple and pear, leading to a buttery finish with only a hint of oak.
- **Karo-Kann Cabernet** – Lots going on here: think plums, mocha, and vanilla. This wine has chocolate and coffee, black cherry and baking spices flavors that finish long on the palate.

Starting March 1, these wines will be our specials, only by the glass, as long as they are available.

You also should pencil in on your calendar the wine tasting on Thursday, March 24, 5-7 p.m. See page 11 for complete details.



SPOTLIGHT ON VBYC MEMBER AWARDS



This month we feature the VBYC members who have received awards in the last year. These include the VBYC Commodore's Cup, The VBYC Yachtsman Award, FCYC Founders' Club Award and, last but not least, the esteemed VBYC Danny Dolphin Award.

VBYC Commodore's Cup

The Commodore's Cup is given to an unsung hero who worked behind the scenes throughout the year on the club's behalf. **Jim DeSimone** epitomizes the spirit of this honor by driving the south patio seawall project. He led the club through early false starts, seemingly endless governmental red tape and a maze of consulting advisors to secure the necessary Federal, state and local approvals. His mangrove martini may not go down in history as memorable but removing the key barrier to the final phase of our patio transformation will.



VBYC Yachtsman Award

The VBYC Yachtsman Award is given to someone who has shown "the virtues of yachtmanship" through the years. It is awarded this year to **Captain Ken Argent**. Ken's salty career has spanned merchant marine, professional yacht captaining, yacht ownership and sailboat racing chapters. In many ways, this award is also given to his "admiral," Linda Argent — she has been and is way more than just a first mate. Together, they are the Forest Gump of global yachting and voyaging, and we wish them a long life to tell the tales of their seemingly infinite on-water adventures.

"I would like to thank the members of the Bridge and Board of the VBYC for awarding to me the trophy for Yachtsman of the Year. I have been fortunate, with my wife Linda, to have experienced a great and diversified life at sea and I truly thank you for the recognition."

- Ken Argent

FCYC Founders' Club Award

The Founders' Cruising Award, named in honor of the thirteen yacht clubs that founded the Florida Council of Yacht Clubs, is awarded to east coast cruisers who have visited seven or more FCYC clubs and west coast cruisers who have visited thirteen or more FCYC clubs in their boats in a single calendar year. VBYC honorees for 2021 include:

- Past Commodore Rey Neville and First Mate Regina Moran
- Captain Lee Bowden and First Mate Stuart Tilt
- Past Commodore Jim Stanley
- Captain John Bacon and First Mate Connie Dominianni
- Captain Tim Hermes and First Mate Rita Hermes

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SPOTLIGHT ON VBYC MEMBER AWARDS, *continued*

Danny Dolphin Award

On a lighter note, the Danny Dolphin Award is given for “*un-exemplary seamanship*” and is displayed in the Club’s trophy case as an important deterrent. Awards recently given include:



- Past commodore Rey Neville for being given a speeding ticket warning in a slow zone, while running aground. That takes real talent!
- Past commodore Jim Stanley for requesting a bridge opening on the ICW, while waiting at a quite different bridge. How long did he wait for that opening?
- Mate Rita Hermes thinking that captain Tim had fallen overboard during “docktails,” when he was really at the Eau Gallie Yacht Club bar telling sea stories. Phew, we only have one Tim Hermes!



SHIPMATES

Love Was in the Air...

If you were unable to attend the Shipmates sponsored Valentine Dinner Dance, you missed a magical evening. The dining room was transformed into a cozy hideaway complete with sparkling lights, dazzling hearts, and commanding centerpieces by Decorating Chair Helga McCahan and her team.

Chef Rodney added to the ambiance of the evening by showcasing a beautiful heart presentation of huge prawns as one of the dinner choices. Holiday goodies were raffled off after dinner. The winner of the Sweetheart basket was Susan Kamer and the winner of the gorgeous flowers and CD donated by musician Steve Daley was Tom Lockwood.



Mark your calendars for the St. Patrick's Day Party on Thursday, March 17 featuring a traditional Irish menu created by Chef Rodney, and the first Ship Store Sale of the year on Friday, March 25 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. New items will be available for purchase including a burgee sticker for your car.

The next Shipmates meeting, Friday, March 11, at 11:00 a.m., will feature Commodore Kiki Rohr as our guest speaker. She will share with us her thoughts and goals for our club in the coming year and will swear in the 2022 Shipmates slate of officers.

Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend and learn about what the Shipmates are planning for the coming months; you may just want to join us. For more information, please contact Mary Wohlstein at m_wohlstein@yahoo.com.



FRIENDSHIP II

DON'T MISS THE BOAT!

Your club is well on its way to purchasing a new pontoon boat for use by members. With a capacity for ten adults, the increased speed of this boat will enable users to reach either Sebastian or Ft. Pierce within an hour.

The prepurchase price allows members to purchase up to 12 days at the rate of \$100 per day. Note that a package of 12 days costs \$1000 and reduces the daily rate to \$83.33, a savings of over 40%. Gas consumed will be an additional charge for each day. In order to take advantage of this special, you must purchase days prior to March 31st. After the expiration of the special introductory discount, members will be able to rent the boat for \$150 per day. All prepurchase days will be billed to your account in April.

Rental days are considered any hours the boat is used between sunup and sunset; no overnight usage is allowed, and partial days are not available for sale. Days can be used whenever the boat is available, and reservations can be booked well in advance. Days do not expire and are not transferable. For additional information, please contact the office.



ON THE WATERFRONT



BRUNCH & RAFT UP - Sunday March 6 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. Can't make the brunch? No problem! Just come and join in the fun. We will monitor VHF channel 72. Contact Toby Jarman at jotoby@moonriveriii.com for additional information.

KAYAK OUTING—TURKEY CREEK, PALM BAY - Saturday March 12 at 9:00 a.m.

Paddle along this canopied creek to Palm Bay's lush Wildlife Sanctuary. 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 March 16 (sun sets at 7:30 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 March 15 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.

SPOIL ISLAND CLEANUP - Saturday March 19, 2022

Interested members should email Connie Dominianni by Monday March 14, 2022, at conid@aol.com for details and times to participate in the quarterly clean-up of our spoil island. Captains, crew, newbies – all are welcome!



PONTOON BOAT TOUR



ATTENTION ALL VBYC MEMBERS!! *Captain Hiram's Pontoon Boat Tour*

Monday, March 21

Boarding: 9:30 a.m. - Return: 12:00 p.m.

15800 US Highway 1, Sebastian

Cost: \$25 plus tax and may be charged
to your club account.

Join other VBYC members for a two-hour cruise aboard the River King. Travel the Indian River Lagoon to view the dolphins, manatees, fish, and birds. River King is fully accessible and has restrooms. You may bring a small cooler with beverages and snacks or make your own arrangements for lunch after the cruise. Consider carpooling to ease parking.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED AND MUST BE MADE BY MARCH 15.
Please send your request to Kim at vbyc@verobeachyachtclub.com.



VBYC CLUB CRUISE—EAU GALLIE YC

On February 19, the VBYC fleet cast off and headed North to Eau Gallie YC for an overnight stay. Eight boats with twenty-four guests and crew braved the rain and north winds and made it safely to harbor. Once the rain let up and the sun was over the yardarm the voyagers gathered to spin a yarn or two and enjoy the Eau Gallie hospitality.

A special welcome goes to new boat owners Capitan Dave Malek, and First mate Valerie, on Just Enjoy, and Captain Don Broyles, with First Mate Suzanne, on Salty Dawg.

Somebody mentioned birthday and glasses were raised to Fleet Captain Lee Bowdin for another successful "trip around the sun". May he be blessed with many more!



VBYC MEETINGS – MARCH 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, March 1 @ 4:30 p.m.

House and Grounds - Tuesday, March 8 @ 9:30 a.m.

Planning - Tuesday - March 8 @ 10.00 a.m.

Membership - Tuesday, March 8 @ 4:30 p.m.



Publicity & Publications - Wednesday, March 9 @ 10 a.m.

Shipmates - Friday, March 11 @ 11:00 a.m.

Board of Directors - Tuesday, March 15 @ 9:30 a.m.

WINE PAIRING DINNER



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

CONCERT IN THE PARKING LOT



DJ DANCE PARTY



WINNERS JANUARY 2022



PASTA
Trivia
night

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

CHANGE OF COMMAND



SEAFOOD EXTRAVAGANZA



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VALENTINE'S DINNER DANCE



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SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2022

Commodore's BALL



Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Elegant Dinner to Follow

Entertainment
JOHNNY NICK

\$50.00++

Reservations Required
Jacket & Tie / Black Tie Optional

St. Patrick's Day Party Thursday, March 17

Enjoy a delicious Irish Buffet of
Lamb, Salmon, and of course,
Corned beef & Cabbage.

\$35.00++



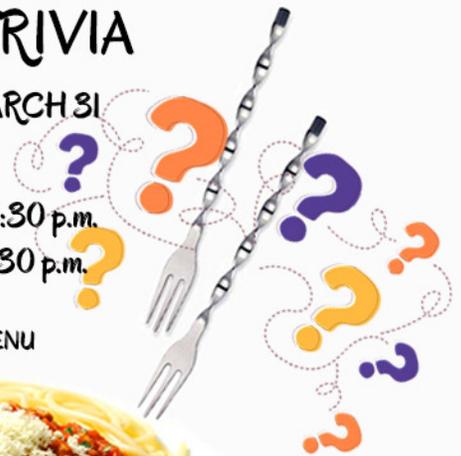
PASTA-TRIVIA

THURSDAY, MARCH 31

Pasta Station @ 5:30 p.m.

Trivia Begins @ 7:30 p.m.

LIMITED DINNER MENU



CONCERT IN THE PARKING LOT

CHINA GROVE

The Ultimate **Doobie Brothers** Tribute Band



THURSDAY
MARCH 10

Concert
\$25.00++

Showtime
8:00 p.m.

LIMITED DINNER MENU

CHINA GROVE

THE ULTIMATE DOOBIE BROTHERS TRIBUTE BAND

This Band is led by vocalist/guitarist Todd Plant who also worked with Chicago, Steely Dan, Kansas, Marshall Tucker Band and many more.

A fantastic Doobie Brothers tribute band from the Tampa Bay area. This group blazes through a sizzling set of memory jarring classic hit songs such as "Long Train Runnin'" to jazzy "Taking it to the Streets" and many other Doobie Brothers favorites! A show you will be sure to ENJOY!

WINE TASTING & CELLAR SALE

THURSDAY, MARCH 24

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

TASTING \$10.00++

RESERVATIONS APPRECIATED



**WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS**

MEMBER MIXER

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

5:00-6:00 PM

Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres

An opportunity to share fun and friendship
with all VBYC members.



VBYC MEMBER ART SHOW

March 18, 19 & 20

GALLERY HOURS

Friday & Saturday

5:00-9:00 p.m.

Sunday

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Art display in the Commodore Room



DJ DANCE

FRIDAY-MARCH 4

MUSIC 7:00-10:00 PM

HAPPY HOUR MENU 4:30-6:30 PM

REGULAR DINNER 5:30-8:30 PM

**SHIPMATES
SHIPSTORE
MARCH**

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4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

New items will be available for purchase
including a burgee sticker for your car.



20th St

**JAZZ
BAND**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

7:30-9:30 PM

\$10.00

Regular Dinner Menu available 5:30-8:30 p.m.

**Seafood
EXTRAVAGANZA**

Wed 23 March

6:00-8:00 p.m.

\$65.00++

Reserve Early



Our tables have lovely fresh flowers each week thanks to the VBYC flower ladies. They gather on Monday @ 9:30 a.m. in the burgee room. If you would like to help, contact Kathy Kinazewitz at: kkinasewitz@hotmail.com.



Flower Ladies

HAPPY HOUR

FRIDAYS 4:30 – 6:30 PM

Half-Price House & Well Drinks
Appelizer Menu

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



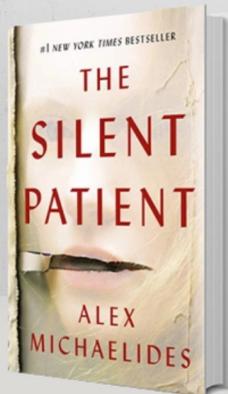
BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, March 23 @ 4:00 p.m.

The March selection is the psychological thriller, *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides.

Contact Katy Kinazewitz for more information.

kkinasewitz@hotmail.com



MUSIC ON THE PATIO

FEATURING
JAZZ GUITARIST DAVE BIALOS

Wednesdays - March 2, 9, 16, 23
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.



9&DINE

Sandridge Golf Course



The golf group will be teeing off Fridays, March 4 and 18
Tee times start at 1:48 p.m.

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

February 4 Winners
Ron and Brenda Ratcliff, Steve and Ginny Husted

Saturday Night Bands

March 5 - Johnny Nick
Commodore's Ball

March 12 - Steve Daley

March 19 - Beachside Trio

March 26 - Sunnie & Kurtis



Be sure to ask for a free libation during your birthday

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)

MARCH 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 BRIDGE VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner	2 Lunch MEMBER MIXER Music on the Patio Dinner	3 Lunch MAHJONG BLUE GAVEL Dinner	4 Lunch BRIDGE 9&DINE Happy Hour Dinner DJ PARTY	5  Commodore's BALL Johnny Nick Band
6 Pickleball Brunch Brunch & Raft Up	7 Club Closed	8 BRIDGE VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner	9 Lunch Music on the Patio Dinner	10 Lunch MAHJONG CONCERT IN THE PARK (ING LOT) Limited Dinner Menu	11 Lunch BRIDGE SHIPMATES Happy Hour Dinner	12 Kayak Outing Steve Daley Dinner
13 Pickleball Brunch	14 Club Closed	15 BRIDGE VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner	16 Lunch Sunset Cruise Music on the Patio Dinner	17 Lunch MAHJONG Saint Patrick's DAY SPECIALS Irish Buffet	18 Lunch BRIDGE 9&DINE art show Happy Hour Dinner	19 Spoil Island Cleanup art show Beachside Trio Dinner
20 Pickleball Brunch art show	21 Club Closed TICKET PONTOON BOAT TOUR	22 BRIDGE VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner	23 Lunch B Club Music on the Patio Seafood EXTRAVAGANZA	24 Lunch MAHJONG Wine TASTING & SALE Dinner	25 Lunch BRIDGE SHIPSTORE Happy Hour Dinner	26 Sunnie & Kurtis Dinner
27 Pickleball Brunch	28 Club Closed	29 BRIDGE VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner	30 Lunch 20th St JAZZ BAND Dinner	31 Lunch MAHJONG PASTA Trivia night	APRIL HIGHLIGHTS Member Mixer ~ April 6 ABBA Tribute ~ April 7 Easter ~ April 17 Jimmy Keys ~ April 23 Pasta Trivia ~ April 28	