

THE SIREN



Cmdre Bob Jones

Commodore's Log

Shipmates

It struck me that many of our newer members may not be aware of VBYC Shipmates, an organization that facilitates camaraderie, provides support to various club activities, and delivers charitable outreach within the community. While it began as a woman's auxiliary, Shipmates is now open to all members and meets on the second Friday of every month at 11:00 a.m. See Siren page 3 for the upcoming activities, in particular the holiday party on December 10th.

Over the past year, Shipmates donated money to the Veteran's Council of Indian River, Friends After Diagnosis, Little Birthday Angels and Beachland Elementary music department. They hosted VBYC's 95th Birthday Party; and they actively support the teddy bear drive for Cleveland Clinic's emergency room, the annual drive for the Food Pantry, and the Ship Store. Shipmates offers a terrific way to simultaneously make new friends and a positive contribution.

South Patio Update

We are finally moving forward to transform VBYC's south patio and Tiki Bar! Commitments have been made to all key suppliers, and the current Tiki Bar and mangroves should be removed by early December. We are working with our seawall contractor to improve on his current late January start date – fingers crossed! Shawn intends to establish an interim cocktail service station at the edge of the current patio pavers. We continue to hope that the new space will be usable in April.

Boating and Water Activities Survey

On behalf of your Fleet Committee, I want to thank all of the members that responded to the recent Boating and Water Activities Survey. It has confirmed that there is considerable interest in an expanded set of offerings as well as a larger and faster pontoon boat. Much like we did with the current Friendship, the Club plans to fund the purchase by offering discounted day use rights, beginning in January. We will have more feedback on the survey findings next month. Dust off your dock-siders!

VBYC Employee Holiday Fund

Last, but definitely not least, please consider making a contribution the employee holiday fund by December 14th. This is a nice way to give a special "thank-you" to the staff who served us tirelessly over the past 52 weeks. Checks should be payable to VBYC Employee Holiday Fund or contributions may be added to your member account.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee has completed its duties as specified in the VBYC bylaws. After receiving letters of interest from members, discussing their merits and interviewing each proposed candidate, we are pleased to present the slate of nominees for the 2022 board of directors and Nominating Committee. The vote will be taken at the annual meeting on January 18, 2022.

Board Candidates:

- Commodore – Kiki Rhor
- Vice Commodore - Judy Peschio
- Rear Commodore - Sean Kashawlic
- Director (reelection) – John Piecuch
- Director (reelection) - Peter Saxon
- Director – Jim DeSimone
- Director – Gordon Sellers

Returning members include Kathy Kinazewitz, secretary; Jane Booth, treasurer; Karen Donofrio; and Pam Young.

Nominating Committee:

- Jim Miskel (reelection)
- Joel Cipola

Returning members are Mickey Donofrio, Madesta Stevens, Tom Peschio and Bob Scofield. The committee chair for 2022 will be Bob Jones.

Respectfully submitted,
Mickey Donofrio, Chair, Nominating Committee

HOLIDAY GREETINGS



The Board of Directors would like to wish everyone a happy holiday season. May the joys of the season remain with you and your loved ones all through the coming year.

Happy Holidays

*The Club will be closed
December 24, 25, 26 and January 1, 2.*

SHIPMATES

'Tis the Season for Giving

FOOD DRIVE

In the true spirit of the season, the Shipmates are giving back to the community. The annual Food Drive for the Food Pantry of Indian River County and the collection of teddy bears for the Cleveland Clinic Indian River Medical Center Emergency Room were kicked off in November and are in full swing.



News from the November Meeting

The Shipmates donated funds again this year to the Beachland Elementary School Music Department.

The Shipmates were treated to an informative beading demonstration by Gina Johnson at their November Meeting.

A very successful Ship Store sale was held in November. Thanks to all the members who supported this sale and a special shout out to all the worker bees for their help.

Coming Attractions

A Holiday Luncheon is planned for Friday, December 10 at 11:30 a.m. with lunch served at noon. The menu will include a choice of two entrées; there also will be festive holiday music and door prizes. Shipmate Lynn Jackson will be giving a short holiday presentation. All members are invited to join us to celebrate the season.

The Guest Speaker for the January Meeting on Friday, January 14 will be Dr. Deepti Sadhwani. Dr. Sadhwani's proudest accomplishment is the creation of the H.O.P.E. Foundation, which stands for Helping Obesity Prevention through Education. The topic of her presentation will be "Aging with Dignity and Grace." All club members are invited to attend.

Mike and I wish you, your family, and friends a wonderful, happy, and healthy Holiday Season. I know that we are all looking forward to the New Year.

Merry Christmas to all! Mary



Please remember our VBYC Staff during the Holidays with your gift to

THE EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY GIFT FUND

DECEMBER 2021- FOOD PANTRY



This is the 4th year that VBYC has served as a donation site for The Food Pantry of Indian River County during the holidays. Last year, VBYC donated 745 lbs. of food, more than twice the previous year's total. Check out our progress for this year on the chart in the lobby.

The need is greater than ever. It's hard to realize that in our affluent community many families have a hard time putting food on the table and many children are often hungry, but it is a sad fact.

The Food Pantry has been serving county residents since 1987. It is an all-volunteer operation: 92 cents of every dollar raised goes toward the purchase of food. All applicants must be Indian River County residents who are registered with The Food Pantry; currently, between 20,000 and 25,000 lbs. of food are distributed each month to approximately 1,500 families.

Non-perishable items food items are always appreciated; however, cash donations enable The Pantry to buy the products that are needed most. Please make checks out to "The Food Pantry of Indian River County" and leave with Kim in the club office.

The annual Food Drive is a Shipmates activity, headed up by Helen Drewett, that takes place between November 1 and December 17. Helen makes sure that all food and checks are delivered to the Food Pantry.

ON THE WATERFRONT



VBYC PADDLE GROUP OUTING— RESCHEDULED!

Saturday, December 4 at 8:45 a.m.

Little Jim Bridge

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

CLUB CRUISE / RAFT UP

Sunday, December 12 @ 1:00 P.M.

Contact Captain Piecuch at jpie7237@gmail.com for more information.



BEACH UP

Thursday, December 16 at 11 a.m.

Destination: Spoil Island # SL-02

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

SPOIL ISLAND CLEAN UP

Saturday, December 18, 10 a.m. until noon.

Contact Connie Dominianni at conid@aol.com for details.

NEW PONTOON BOAT



FRIENDSHIP – THE ADVENTURE CONTINUES

Goal

To purchase a newer pontoon boat with the capacity for ten adults and capable of making it to either inlet in less than an hour.

Pre-purchase Opportunity

- Pre-purchase one day rental \$100 or twelve days for \$1,000 plus gas (regular rental fee will be \$150/day plus gas)
- Pre-purchase is available from January 1, 2022 - March 31, 2022
- Days purchased will appear on the April club statement

For Additional information please contact the office.



CALLING ALL WINE DRINKERS



In case you missed the Black Friday Wine Tasting and Cellar Clearance, the wines are available during the month of December while supplies last. Please check your email for a list of the wines.

VBVC is offering two spectacular wines as "By the Glass Specials" for the months of December and January.

San Marzano "Edda Bianco", is a blend of Chardonnay, Moscatello Selvatico, and Fiano grapes from Puglia, located on the inner bootheel region of Italy. This lovely white is full bodied with rich viscosity and a long finish. The nose is pronounced apricot, honey, vanilla and butter, with a fruity mouth of peach, pear and apricot (\$7-glass).

The featured red is Smith and Hook "Reserve" Cabernet Sauvignon. Wine Spectator awarded it 92 points and described it as having an intense aroma of smoky oak, ripe berries and caramelized cherries that lands large on the palate, with smoked meat, black-cherry compote and oak-dust flavors (\$12-glass).



NOVEMBER PHOTO ALBUM



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

NOVEMBER PHOTO ALBUM, *continued*



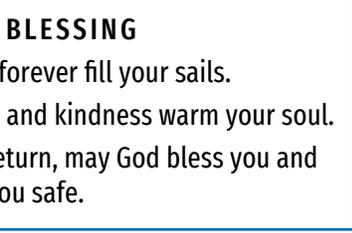
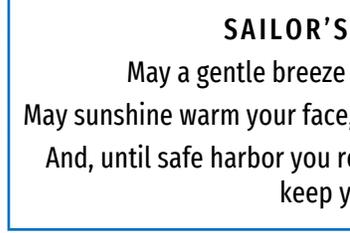
PASTA
Trivia
night



BLESSING OF THE FLEET

TOSSING OF FLOWERS

We toss these flowers upon the sea in remembrance of our family members, friends, and loved ones who have gone out from our harbors never to return.



SAILOR'S BLESSING

May a gentle breeze forever fill your sails.
May sunshine warm your face, and kindness warm your soul.
And, until safe harbor you return, may God bless you and keep you safe.



Blessing
OF THE
FLEET

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PAST COMMODORES' GALA



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*Christmas Candlelight
Dinner Dance*

Saturday, December 18

*Gourmet Hors d'oeuvres
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.*

*Dinner
7:00 p.m.*

*Music
6:30 - 9:30 p.m.*

\$50.00 ++

Attire: Holiday Elegant



*New Years Eve Gala
Friday December 31*

*Gourmet Hors D'Oeuvres
7:30-8:30 p.m.*

*Dinner
8:30 p.m.*

*Music
8:30-12:30 p.m.*

\$100.00++

*Includes One Complimentary Cocktail
and Champagne Toast*

Reservations Required

Attire Elegant Black Tie Optional

**CONCERT IN THE PARKING LOT
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9**

A group of young, high energy soul providers poised to rock your world! A high speed soul train of the classics. Experience dazzling choreography, beautiful harmonies, and a hard driving horn section! Billy Meether and The Citizens of Soul will provide a night full of Musical prowess with heartfelt vocals, mixed with his passion for Soul Train Classics!



Shipmates Holiday Luncheon

Friday, December 10

11:30 a.m. / 12:00 p.m. Lunch

ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE SEASON

One of our own members, Lynn Jackson, will be giving a short holiday presentation.

We will enjoy a choice of two entrées, festive holiday music and door prizes

\$18.00

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23

TRIVIA *Night*

Pasta station opens @ 5:30p.m.

Trivia @ 7:30p.m.

Limited Dinner Menu



MEMBER MIXER

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

5:00-6:00 P.M.

COMPLIMENTARY Hors d'oeuvres

9 & DINE

Sandridge Golf Course

The golf group will be teeing off Fridays
December 3, December 17, December 31

January 7, January 21
Tee times start at 1:57 p.m.

For more information contact Ginny Hustead at
virginia.hustead@gmail.com.

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

DJ DANCE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

7:00 - 10:00 P.M.



CARD CREATION

The January card creation class will be held Tuesday, January 4 & Wednesday, January 5 at 10 a.m. in the Burgee Room at the club. We will be making the 3 birthday cards pictured below, and all supplies will be provided for a fee of \$15.

Please email Marilyn Van Tassel at mvantas@verizon.net to reserve your spot.



SATURDAY NIGHT BANDS

December 4
Johnny Nick

December 11
Steve Daley

December 18
Beachside Trio

December 25
Club Closed

Merry Christmas



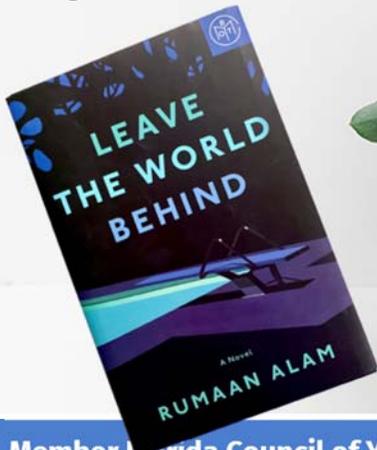
BOOK CLUB

LEAVE THE WORLD BEHIND

by Rumaan Alam.

Wednesday, January 26, 4:00 p.m.

A magnetic novel about two families, strangers to each other, who are forced together on a long weekend gone terribly wrong. Leave the World Behind explores how our closest bonds are reshaped—and unexpected new ones are forged—in moments of crisis.



Live Music on the Patio

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

DAVE BIALOS

The background of the poster is orange with a guitar neck and headstock on the left, and various musical notes scattered throughout.

BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 1
4:00 P.M.

The book cover for 'Anxious People' by Fredrik Backman is shown, featuring a man and a woman in blue coats. To the right of the book is a bouquet of purple hydrangea flowers.

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)

DECEMBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS Member Mixer ~ Wednesday, January 5 DJ/Dance Party ~ Friday, January 7 Concert in the Park (-ing Lot) ~ U2 ~ Thursday, January 13 Annual Meeting ~ Tuesday, January 18 Seafood Extravaganza ~ Wednesday, January 19 Pasta & Trivia ~ Thursday, January 27 Change of Command & BBQ ~ Sunday, January 30 PLEASE NOTE: The Club Will be Closed January 1 and 2</p>			<p>1 Lunch   Music on the Patio Dinner</p>	<p>2 Lunch  Dinner</p>	<p>3 Lunch    Happy Hour Dinner </p>	<p>4 <i>Paddle Group</i></p> <p><i>Johnny Nick</i> Dinner</p>
<p>5 Pickleball 9:30 Brunch</p>	<p>6 Club Closed</p>	<p>7  </p>	<p>8 Lunch   Music on the Patio Dinner</p>	<p>9 Lunch   Dinner</p>	<p>10 Lunch   Happy Hour Dinner</p>	<p>11 <i>Steve Daly</i> Dinner</p>
<p>12 Pickleball 9:30 Brunch <i>Club Cruise/Raft Up</i></p>	<p>13 Club Closed</p>	<p>14  </p>	<p>15 Lunch  <i>Beach Up</i> Dinner Music on the Patio Dinner</p>	<p>16 Lunch  <i>Beach Up</i> Dinner</p>	<p>17 Lunch   Happy Hour Dinner</p>	<p>18 <i>Spoil Island Clean Up</i> </p>
<p>19 Pickleball 9:30 Brunch</p>	<p>20 Club Closed</p>	<p>21  </p>	<p>22 Lunch   Music on the Patio Dinner</p>	<p>23 Lunch  </p>	<p>24 Christmas Eve Club Closed</p>	<p>25 Christmas Day Club Closed </p>
<p>26 Club Closed</p>	<p>27 Club Closed</p>	<p>28  </p>	<p>29 Lunch  Music on the Patio Dinner</p>	<p>2 Lunch  Dinner</p>	<p>31 Lunch  </p>	