

# THE SIREN



Comdre Bob Jones

## Commodore's Log

Is it really June already? Rhetorical question. May was the club's busiest month so far this year, with consistently increasing member usage, snowbirds extending their stay because of great local weather and the return of the DJ Dance and Sunday Breakfast Buffet. A record 38 waitlist applicants became summer members — welcome! Amazingly, our waitlist, at 140 applicants, remains strong, and member turnover is in line with prior years.

**Eight Bells for Ray Auger.** Almost forty VBYC members and staff honored the life of the club's much-loved bar manager, who passed on last year. It was a beautiful and moving service at St. Helen's Church, at which the priest gave Ray a much-deserved promotion from bar tender to "director of friendships," a role he lived with everyone!

**Food & Beverage.** In May, we also welcomed executive chef Rodney Smith into our VBYC family, and he wasted no time making an impact. Hiring F&B staff continues to be a challenge, given the general rebound of businesses in greater Vero, but we have several excellent additions to our server team.



**COVID.** Vaccinated members and guests no longer need to wear masks! See the new COVID guidelines on page 2.

**Reciprocals.** We have cautiously opened up to reciprocal clubs, but will limit the number of diners based on the projected nightly attendance and will prioritize patio seating to members and their guests. Shawn has secured a number of reciprocal relationships, and other clubs may open up if they solve current staffing challenges. So far, we have:

- Golf: Point West and Bent Pine
- Tennis: The Boulevard, Indian Trails and Sea Oaks
- Overnight Docking: most FCYC clubs
- Dining: all the above except Indian Trails, which doesn't have a restaurant

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## COVID GUIDELINES (Revised May 18, 2021)

These guidelines will apply to all regular and special club events.

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.

If you have any symptoms or have been in contact with an infected person, please refrain from visiting the club and consult your physician. In accordance with Florida Laws and Regulations, by dining at the club, you and your guest(s) consent to cooperate with our contact tracing efforts, should you test positive for COVID19.

### INSIDE DINING ~ RESERVATIONS MANDATORY

Walk-in, spontaneous bar seating in the Burgee room is now permitted.

Member Guests permitted. All guest names and phone numbers **MUST** be provided when making reservations.

1. Allowable seating ~ 50% of maximum occupancy or 144 members.
2. Seating at designated tables only, to ensure the 6 feet distancing requirement. Please do NOT add additional chairs.
3. Bar seating permitted.
4. Maximum members at a table (8) at those tables designed to accommodate 8 seats.
5. All gaming, card play is permitted.
6. Dancing is permitted, but please do not crowd the dance floor and keep 6' apart from other dancers.

### OUTSIDE DINING ~ RESERVATIONS MANDATORY

Walk-in, spontaneous bar seating at the Tiki Bar is now permitted.

Member Guests permitted. Please provide names and phone numbers of all guests when making reservations.

1. Allowable seating ~ 100% of capacity with 6 feet between tables.
2. Seating at designated tables only, to ensure the 6 feet distancing requirement.
3. Bar seating permitted.
4. Maximum members at a table (8) only at tables that can accommodate up to 8 seats.
5. Masks are not required on the patio or in the Tiki bar.

**ENHANCED CLEANING AND SANITIZING PROTOCOLS REMAIN IN EFFECT**

## VBYC MEETINGS – JUNE 2021

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

Fleet - Tuesday, June 1 @ 4:30 p.m.

Planning - Tuesday - June 8 @ 10:00 a.m.

Membership - Tuesday, June 8 @ 3:30 p.m.



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

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

Board of Directors – Tuesday, June 15 @ 9:30 a.m.

# FLORIDA COUNCIL OF YACHT CLUBS (FCYC)



P/C Rey Neville,  
Director FCYC

Florida Council of Yacht Clubs meeting May 15, 2021

**LAND YACHTS:** FCYC is acknowledging the natural progression of sailors as they “mature.” It goes something like this: We start out in sailboats or runabouts, then we move on to trawlers or comfortable cruisers and finally we end up on “land yachts.” FCYC is organizing the “FCYC Land Yacht Cruising Club.” Members who have an RV or even a pop-up tent, will be invited to participate in organized “cruises” to great destinations throughout Florida. Look for more details as plans are firmed up!

**COVID-19 PANDEMIC:** Clubs are relaxing COVID-19 mitigation standards, and many are fully open with no restrictions. If you plan on visiting any FCYC club, be sure to check availability and requirements before arrival.

**INSURANCE:** The Council is considering group risk insurance. If successful, VBYC could benefit by reduced insurance costs in the future.

Rey Neville  
FCYC Director



## JUNE SPECIALS FROM THE WINE CELLAR

Available by the bottle and the glass, at special introductory prices. Ask your server for more information and a sample!

White Wine—

### Filodivino Verdicchio, Castelli, 2019

Glass price \$5, Btl price \$15

This wine is made from 100% Vardicchio grapes, produced by Filodivino in the Marche region of central Italy. It is pale yellow, with almond and chamomile scents and ripe, yellow-fleshed fruit flavors. The mouth has a pleasant mineral feeling and soft fruity nuances. This wine combines well with pasta dishes, roast or grilled chicken and fish soups.



Red Wine -

### Torti Pinot Noir DOC, 2018

Glass price \$6, Btl price \$17

From the Lombardy region of northern Italy, this is a unique Pinot Noir, with a rich blackberry-raspberry fruit profile and notes of toasted oak and vanilla with a rounded, smooth finish. As with any Pinot Noir, this wine pairs well with lighter meats or heavier seafood (think Salmon), as well as poultry.

## KIRB AWARD



### VBYC – A Model of Responsible Stewardship

VBYC was chosen to receive the 2020 Environmental Business Award by a local environmental group, Keep Indian River Beautiful (KIRB). This group is a 501(c)3 non-profit and the mission is to enhance our community environment by beautifying neighborhoods and promoting sustainability. Accepting the award from Kristie Woodward are VBYC board members Judy Peschio and Sean Kashawlic.

VBYC has long recognized the importance of the health of our lagoon waters and the health of the plants and animals therein.

In 2013, VBYC invited Dr. Edie Widder of The Ocean Research & Conservation Association (ORCA) to speak at Skipper’s Table about the health of our lagoon. She spoke about their Kilroy equipment, a water monitoring technology that allows scientists to monitor the Lagoon. VBYC, led by Woody Borman, committed to raising money to adopt a Kilroy. The City Marina manager, Tim Grabenbauer, agreed to let us put one on a day marker near the club. Adopting the Kilroy meant we were also responsible for taking care of it – a weekly chore that was not easy. A team of Richard and Annie Rogers, Tim Hermes, Toby Jarman, and some members of the Power Squadron worked along with the City Marina to keep the equipment running. The Kilroy was at that location for several years but eventually was moved to a location with greater need.

For over ten years, VBYC has been designated a “Clean Marina” as defined by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. To obtain this designation status, facilities must meet all DEP legal regulatory requirements and implement at least 60% of voluntary best management practices, which include addressing critical environmental issues and emergency preparedness.



Beginning in summer of 2016, VBYC volunteers adopted Spoil Island – IR 25 and took on the responsibility of cleaning up and taking care of most of the island. In 2020, the group logged over 43 hours total clean-up time and collected 15 bags of trash weighing 80 pounds that included glass and plastic bottles, metal cans and a host of other surprises. The next cleanup date is Saturday, June 19. Please join us!





## BEYOND OUR BORDERS

Have you lived abroad? Do you have a story to share?  
Let the Publicity Committee know so that we can feature you in a future Siren.

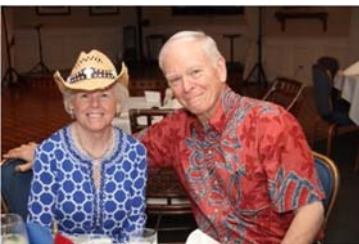


### **BRENDA AND RON RATCLIFF..... *Remembering Life in Malaysia***

Ron and Brenda arrived in Kuala Lumpur in the mid-90s where, after a year of intense preparation, Ron was assigned as the Naval Attaché at the US Embassy to represent US Navy interests in Malaysia. Almost immediately after arriving, Brenda was hired to teach at the International School. Brenda called this time the “Princess Era,” as they benefited from live-in staff who helped with their considerable entertaining duties, which were a central part of attaché life.

The sensory overload one experiences in any Asian city was ever-present in Kuala Lumpur (KL to the locals). KL was rapidly transforming from a quaint sleepy city with Kiplingesque wide Banyan-treed boulevards into a bustling metropolis with giant skyscrapers springing up everywhere and roads changing overnight. Learning how to drive a car with the steering wheel on the right side of the car while obeying the British system of driving on the left side of the road was always a challenge. The chaotic, anything goes, approach Malaysians took to traffic laws along with motorcycles darting in and out of traffic made getting anywhere an adventure. Scrapes and dents were a simple fact of life.

One of the great pleasures in such a diverse country was the wide variety of food in restaurants and the innumerable food stalls that were seemingly everywhere. Just about every kind of food was available in KL and, unlike many countries in Asia, it was generally safe to eat. Given the multi-cultural nature of Malaysia, holidays were frequent and celebrated by all with food being the central focus.



### **DOUG & DEB ALEXANDER..... *Commuting in Asia***

In 1949 Deb’s family was transferred from NYC to the Philippines by AIG, an international insurance company. The entrance to Manila Bay reduced her mother to tears as the ship wove through the sunken hulks of abandoned results of a war-torn country. Starving Filipino families lived on these relics, their laundry hanging on the rusted iron beams. During the next ten years it was gratifying to see the steady transformation of a beautiful country brought back to life with American assistance.

When Deb left Asia, she had no idea she would be returning. Years later, she and husband Doug were transferred to Japan, supposedly for a few years. These few years turned into twelve.

The commute to work by subway provided untold experiences. But the day Deb wore her new fur coat, recently purchased in Seoul, on the train takes first prize. She entered the car with several other people and would endure four very embarrassing stops until her destination was reached. Once the door closed and the overhead fans started whirring the car was filled with fur from her bargain sale coat. At every stop thereafter the scene was repeated. When they reached the final stop, Deb was mortified; but not one person scowled or said an unkind word. As they exited the train, they turned in her direction and slowly bowed.

## BEYOND OUR BORDERS, *continued*



### **TOBY & JO ANN JARMAN..... *Around the World and Back***

Toby and Jo Ann's high school sweetheart song was "Moon River." Ironically, the song's lyric, "Two drifters off to see the world," would be a roadmap for their adventurous lives.

From 1972-77, Toby worked in the Honolulu office of Congress' Government Accountability Office. Avoiding family separation with annual travel of seven months, Jo Ann and sons traveled with Toby to 22 countries including Thailand, Japan, Korea, Hongkong, Philippines, Australia, New Zealand and Turkey.

Later, Toby joined the State Department with a six-year tour in Kenya, which included 28 countries in East Africa and the Middle East. Jo Ann served as the Mogadishu Liaison Officer in Nairobi and when neighboring Somalia fell in 1991, was responsible for coordinating logistical needs of evacuating all American employees and families.

Toby retired in 2002 as Minister-Counselor of the Foreign Service after traveling to over 100 countries; he and his family traveled around the world three times.



### **Budd and Sue Buschmann ..... *There's Always time for a Safari***

Budd and Sue grew up, went to school, and married on Long Island. While serving in the Air Force, Budd was posted to Germany where they discovered their love of travel. On returning home, they realized commuting into NYC was not for them, so Budd took a job with Texaco, starting his career in international human resources. Raising their two daughters in Coral Gables, FL, Budd traveled often to Europe, Africa, and the Caribbean. With both girls grown, Sue and Budd had the opportunity to take an overseas assignment and spent three wonderful years in London! Retiring from Texaco at 56, Budd took a job in Equatorial Guinea on the west coast of Africa as HR Director with a petrochemical company. Rotating three months in country and one month home, with travel through Paris, gave them the chance to discover places and people they never imagined growing up on Long Island. Eight years of traveling back and forth provided them opportunities to see Europe and Africa and take the family on safari.

### **Piero Sferlazzo..... *My Little Story***

Piero was born in Alexandria, Egypt and lived there until he was eight years old. He grew up in Florence, Italy, and in 1981 came to the US to attend graduate school with the plan to stay two years. The common thread all through the years was spending summers in Maremma, the coastal region in southern Tuscany which was his mother's home. Maremma is famous for its beaches, Etruscan hill towns, cowboys and long horned cows; before drainage of the coastal swamps, the area also was known for mosquitos, and malaria. The Maremma of the 50s and 60s was a wonderful relic of a bygone era. Life was punctuated by the changing of the seasons with ritual family gatherings centered around food and its procurement: fishing, porcini, blackberries, escargots, and the family pig in January. Maremma has changed. The beaches are crowded and overbuilt, the fish is scarce, but fortunately porcini are still abundant, and it is still the best place to spend the summer.



## ON THE WATERFRONT



**VBYC Paddle Group Outing** – Saturday, June 5, 8:45 a.m.  
Round Island Park  
See this beautiful park, watch the manatees from the water, and paddle to a spoil island for exploration by foot. For details, contact Toby Jarman at [jotoby@moonriveriii.com](mailto:jotoby@moonriveriii.com). Email Maddy at Adventure Kayak Tours for kayak reservations at [madelynrussell12@gmail.com](mailto:madelynrussell12@gmail.com).

Calling all Volunteers! Mark your calendars!  
**Spoil Island Clean-Up Day** is Saturday June 19, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
If you are interested in a day of community service and camaraderie, please email Connie Dominianni at: [conid@aol.com](mailto:conid@aol.com)  
by Monday June 14.

**Sundowner Cruise / Raft Up**  
Thursday, June 17.  
Contact Captain Piecuch at [jpie7237@gmail.com](mailto:jpie7237@gmail.com)  
for details.



**Beach Up** – Thursday, June 24, at 11 a.m.  
Destination: Spoil Island # SL-8  
Bring your beach chairs and picnic lunch. Please email Toby Jarman at [jotoby@moonriveriii.com](mailto:jotoby@moonriveriii.com) for more information and if you plan to bring your boat.

## SHIPMATES



The Shipmates held their final meeting of the season on Friday, May 7. They presented checks to Carolyn Nelson, executive director of Friends After Diagnosis, and Jim Romanek, executive director of the Veterans Council of Indian River County. This money, raised by the Shipmates, will help to support these local charitable organizations. In case you missed it, the Shipmates were recognized for their contributions to the community in the weekly online newsletter Vero Beach FLASH.

The group also took a moment to say happy birthday to former Shipmates' president, Glendora Morris.

In April, Janet Leh and Mary Wohlstein delivered three bags of bears to the Emergency Room at Cleveland Clinic Indian River Hospital. Shortly after our visit we received a note from Erin Miller at Cleveland Clinic thanking us for our donation. She said, in part, "The moment couldn't have been planned any better than hearing the little girl crying in our ER lobby and having you and Janet there to save her day with a stuffed bunny. The emergency room can be a big, scary place for children with so many masked caregivers moving around; seeing the impact of your generosity first-hand was heartwarming."



Fair winds and following seas to those who will be leaving us for the summer. Stay safe out there and we look forward to seeing you on your return.





# MAY CONCERT IN THE PARK (-ING LOT)



The Ultimate Tina Turner Tribute

## SIMPLY TINA

Thursday, May, 13

***Simply the Best. Better than all the rest!***

How true it is – during the virus year we were in the best place possible. Our VBYC family hung together, supported by our board of directors, management, and staff. Thanks, VBYC!

***Ain't no mountain high enough, ain't no valley low enough, ain't no river wide enough, to keep me from getting to you...***

Through it all, for many of us the club became our safe and welcoming haven as we weathered the storm and slowly ventured out from lockdown.

***And we're rolling, rolling, rolling yeah, rolling on the river...***

And now, we're ready ... there's going to be some rolling on our river!

Check the photo album on the VBYC website for more photos.

<https://verbeachyachtclub.com/photos>





# KENTUCKY DERBY



And the winner was ...  
all the lovely ladies  
and their hats!



## ACTIVITIES



**CONCERT IN THE PARKING LOT  
THURSDAY, JUNE 10  
\$30.00++**



## CARPENTERS TRIBUTE

**"ON TOP OF THE WORLD"**

The music of The Carpenters has always been close to Debbie's heart. This is a project of Love & Passion for Incredible Music to be shared with fellow Carpenter Fans

**AMAZING SHOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**BOOK EARLY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**





## FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH

Sunday, June 20

10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

A Special Day to Honor All Dads

Expanded Brunch with Carving Item

\$25.00 ++

RESERVE EARLY



Wednesday, June 2

4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

## Member Mixer

Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres & Half Priced Drinks



A Great Opportunity to Share  
Fun & Friendship with All Your VBYC Members



Thursday, June 24

PASTA/PIZZA & SALAD BAR

\$20.00 ++

# TRIVIA

Trivia Begins at 7:30 p.m.

## DJ DANCE

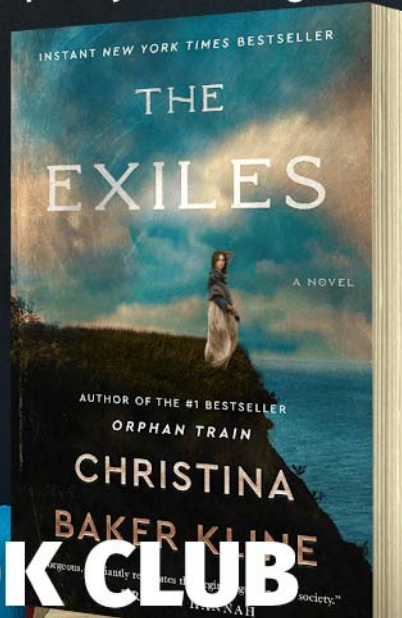


FRIDAY, JUNE 4

Music Starts at 7:00 p.m.



An emotionally resonant novel about three women whose lives are bound together in nineteenth-century Australia and the hardships they weather together.



# BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23 — 4:00 P.M.

## CARD CREATION

The June card creation group will be held

Tuesday, June 1 & Wednesday, June 2

at 10 a.m. in the Burgee Room at the club.

We will be making the 3 cards pictured below, and all supplies will be provided for a fee of \$15.

Please email Marilyn Van Tassell at [mvantas@verizon.net](mailto:mvantas@verizon.net) to make a reservation.



**JUNE SATURDAY BANDS**

- June 5  
*Johnnie Nick*
- June 12  
*Tony & Holly*
- June 19  
*Beachside Trio*
- June 26  
*Kurtis Wilson*

**Live music**

**ON THE PATIO**

Wednesday, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
**DAVE BIALOS**

Thursday, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
**KENT TAYLOR BROWN**



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 Buffet Brunch: 10:00 a.m. ~ 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday and Thursday 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: Music: 6:00 ~ 9:00 p.m. Jackets optional in main dining room

# JUNE 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Card Creation  VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner	2 Lunch Card Creation Music on the Patio Dinner 	3 Lunch MAHJONG  Music on the Patio Dinner	4 Lunch BRIDGE Blue Gavel Happy Hour Dinner 	5 Paddle Group  Johnnie Nick Dinner
6 Pickleball 9:30 Brunch	7 Club Closed	8  VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner	9 Lunch  Music on the Patio Dinner	10 Lunch MAHJONG  Special Limited Menu Dinner	11 Lunch BRIDGE  Happy Hour Dinner	12  Tony & Holly Dinner
13 Pickleball 9:30 Brunch	14 Club Closed	15  VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner	16 Lunch  Music on the Patio Dinner	17 Lunch MAHJONG Sundowner  Music on the Patio Dinner	18 Lunch BRIDGE  Happy Hour Dinner	19  Spoil Island Clean-Up Beachside Trio Dinner
20 Pickleball 9:30 Father's DAY BRUNCH 	21 Club Closed	22  VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner	23 Lunch B Club  Music on the Patio Dinner	24 Lunch MAHJONG Beach Up 	25 Lunch BRIDGE  Happy Hour Dinner	26  Kurtis Wilson Dinner
27 Pickleball 9:30 Brunch	28 Club Closed	29  VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner	30 Lunch  Music on the Patio Dinner	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JULY HIGHLIGHTS</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">July 2 ~ DJ/Dance Party</p> <p style="text-align: center;">July 4 ~ 4th of July Celebration</p> <p style="text-align: center;">July 9 ~ Shipmates Christmas in July Sale</p> <p style="text-align: center;">July 15 ~ Club Event ~ The Beatle Guys</p> <p style="text-align: center;">July 29 ~ Pasta Trivia</p>		