

THE SIREN



Cmdre Bob Jones

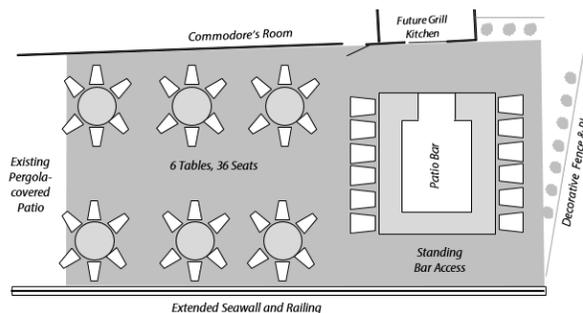
Commodore's Log

I want to express special thanks to the VBYC staff and members for keeping us safe over the past 14 months and to Cheryl O'Neal for providing members and staff with attractive and colorful COVID masks and neck chains.

Clubhouse Improvements

In response to our COVID experience, the board has commissioned several clubhouse improvement projects aimed at maximizing outside dining space and facilitating entry and exit from the clubhouse. These include:

- **North Patio.** The north patio pergola has been completed providing weather protection for six new patio tables. The solar shades will be installed the second week of May.
- **Automatic Opening Doors.** Automated opening doors have been installed at the Burgee-patio and front doors. Touch-less switches operate the front door.
- **South Patio Project.** Exciting plans are being finalized for the transformation of VBYC's south patio aimed at further expanding outside socializing/dining space and creating a more aesthetically pleasing and functional patio bar. While permitting hurdles have yet to be fully overcome before we can secure final board approval and finalize timing, we remain hopeful that it can be completed before end of this year. This project will be funded out of the club's available capital funds.



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Other Announcements

- **Executive Chef.** We are excited to announce that the club has hired Rodney Smith, currently lead chef at Quail Valley at the Pointe, as our executive chef. He will start the third week in May.
- **Reciprocity.** Recognizing the near 100% vaccination of VBYC members, along with relaxed COVID guidelines, the board voted to participate in local club reciprocity. We are waiting to hear about the plans of the clubs with which we reciprocate and will keep members informed.



It's always a beautiful day (and a glorious evening) at the yacht club!

The weather, music, laughter of friends, fun and friendship, exactly what we need to refresh our souls after the long haul through the virus.

It's waiting for you ...

CALL AND MAKE A RESERVATION TODAY

MANAGER'S CORNER

SPRING BRINGS BACK SOME OF YOUR FAVORITES!

- Beginning the first Friday of the month, May 7, welcome back the DJ/Dance party with Joe Tessier (dance hosts will not be participating yet).
- Sunday, May 2 marks the return of the original "world famous" breakfast buffet, now including a cold salad table. Covid guidelines remain in effect so please wear your masks when you leave your table. Masked and gloved staff will be serving at all buffets.
- Saturday night music is being moved to the main dining room in May and throughout the summer. Live music will continue on the patio Wednesday and Thursday nights for the foreseeable future.
- The ever-popular Pasta Trivia will return on Thursday May 27.

Effective June 1, VBYC is going paperless.

If you are currently receiving your monthly statement and or monthly Siren via USPS, this delivery method will end after May. Starting in June, statements and the Siren will not be mailed. Please take the time to make sure the office has a valid email address for you. If you have any questions, contact the office.

- Statements are usually emailed within the first five days of the month. Check your "spam" folder if you do not receive it within that time frame.
- The Siren is emailed and is also posted on the website. Copies of the monthly Siren also will be available at the office.

Going
paperless
is easy!



DID YOU KNOW?

If you haven't been to the club's website recently, please check it out. Our web designer has done a marvelous job on it and keeps it updated regularly with current information and tons of pictures from a variety of events.

See you at the club! Shawn

FLAVORS OF ITALY ON THE LAGOON

Warm temperature, cool breeze, colorful sunset, good food and fine wines. Stir gently and you have the recipe for a perfect evening! Our very own sous chef Tommie, wine guru Stephen Dormer, our fabulous staff and ever-diligent manager delivered just that for a fabulous evening on the patio.



From the Cellar – Several wines from the Italian wine dinner will be available for the month of May, by the bottle and the glass, at special introductory prices. Ask your server for more information and a sample!



Mondo del Vino Grillo - Glass - \$5 / Bottle - \$18

The Grillo shows bright aromas and flavors of citrus and tropical fruit with hints of mineral and nutty character in a clean, refreshing style.

Caterina Zardini Valpolicella - Glass - \$4 / Bottle - \$13

With ripe intense fruit and overtones of spice and tobacco, this Italian red has medium body and sweet integrated tannins.

Borgo Maragliano - Glass - \$6 / Bottle - \$22

Although not overly sweet, for Moscato lovers this is a winner. With aromas and flavors of strawberry and cranberry, notes of rose petal and nutmeg, and a low alcohol level of 6.5%, it certainly is a quaffing wine.

VBYC MEETINGS – MAY 2021

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

Fleet - Tuesday, May 4 @ 4:30 p.m.

Planning Tuesday - May 11 @ 10:00 a.m.

Membership - Tuesday, May 11 @ 3:30 p.m.

Shipmates - Friday, May 7 @ 11 a.m.



House and Grounds - Tuesday, May 11 @ 9:30 a.m.

Publicity & Publications - Wednesday, May 12 @ 10 a.m.

Board of Directors – Tuesday, May 18 @ 9:30 a.m.

MEET THE ARTIST

While gathered with friends at the club, we've all heard stories about the interesting lives of the folks we meet. This month we are sharing the artistic talents of some of our fellow members. Are you an artist? Let the Publicity Committee know so that we can feature you and your work in a future Spotlight.



Ken Argent (2015) — Ken Argent has spent most of his life around the water and served as captain on a variety of boats, including commercial fishing boats, sailing yachts and large motor yachts. His many years on board these ships influenced his passion for painting and ship model building. Ken's paintings, in watercolors and acrylic, include favorite harbors, as well as fishing and sailing vessels of all types.

His ship models are hand-crafted to exact scale from drawings and photographs. His work has been on display at VBYC, boat shows and museums throughout the world.

Marlene Putnam (2010) — Marlene is a self-taught artist whose works have been featured in many galleries throughout the United States. She has been commissioned by many influential dignitaries, community leaders and business leaders to paint their portraits.



Cathy Ferrell (2014) — Cathy Ferrell is an artist who works in sculpture, and paints in oils, watercolor, and pastels. She began winning awards for stone carving and oil painting in seventh grade and has continued ever since. Her work has taken her around the world and her sculpture is found in national and international museums and collections. Cathy and her husband live in the middle of Archie Carr Wildlife Refuge and next to the Pelican Island Wildlife Refuge between the Atlantic Ocean and the mainland, where the beauty that surrounds her has inspired her wonderful work.

John Payne (2013) — John Payne never took art lessons but credits his interest in art to his mother, who enjoyed working with gold leaf and painting. He began with a few oil paintings and charcoal drawings in his younger years but didn't spend much time creating art until 2010. He paints in oils but feels they are time-consuming, so most of his recent work is in pencil. "A yellow #2 pencil, a good eraser and the right kind of paper are all I need. The ideas for subject matter pop into my head all the time or I simply tear a good idea out of the newspaper or magazine and go for it."



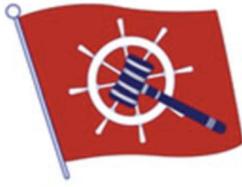
Lisa Rose (2019) — After retiring from her New York City interior design firm, Lisa Rose moved to Vero Beach. Inspired by nature, she started working in pastels. Her landscapes and seascapes are exhibited at local art shows and galleries. In August 2019, she was featured on the cover of Vero Beach Magazine. Her work can be viewed at: <https://lisaroseart.com>.

Rennie Smith (2012) — Rennie took her love of art and kids into a career as an art teacher and taught art to children in grades K through 12 over 15 years. After her teaching career ended, she worked as an interior designer for many years before returning to creating art for family and friends, in addition to commissioned pieces.



Paul Pickel (2017) — Paul Pickel leads a staff of artists at the Conrad Pickel Studio, creating stained glass, mosaic, and sculpture. Paul's wife Rosie works with him and selects every piece of stained glass for each window they create. Pickel creations can be found in local churches and buildings including VBYC, which has a beautiful mosaic burgee in memory of Mary Neville.

BLUE GAVEL REGIONAL DINNER



Saturday, May 22, 5:30 p.m.

All VBYC members are invited to attend the dinner hosted by the Florida International Order of the Blue Gavel. A cash bar with hors d'oeuvres opens at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner and dancing at 6:30 p.m. Join this group of life-long boaters, and former yacht club commodores, to share stories and learn more about their organization.

The dinner menu will include arugula salad with fresh berries and feta cheese; filet mignon and lobster tail combination, with all the trimmings, followed by chocolate heath cake. The cost of \$60/person includes tax and tip.

Please call the office to make a reservation.

Note – There will be a limited casual menu available for non Blue Gavel participants.

THE SHIPMATES HAVE BEEN BUSY!



At the April Shipmates meeting, voting members voted to make donations to two local charities. At the May 7th meeting, checks will be presented to Carolyn Nelson, executive director of Friends After Diagnosis and to Jim Romanek, executive director of the Veterans Council of Indian River County. Members also decided to continue to support the Food Pantry with our local drive beginning mid-October and running through mid-December.

A Ship Store Spring Sale was held on Friday, April 9th. Over \$1200 in merchandise was sold during the 2-hour sale. Thanks to Barbie White and Brenda Sheridan for their support of this activity and to all the members who came out to show their true "Club Colors!" Ship Store items may be purchased or ordered from the VBYC whenever the club is open. Many new items have been added to the inventory including children's clothing and various colors of polo shirts. A Christmas in July Ship Store Sale is planned for Friday, July 9 from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

A club-wide event will be held outside on the patio on Thursday, May 27 at 11:30 a.m., which includes lunch and a make-up demonstration by Cindy Goetz, an independent make-up artist here in Vero Beach. Lunch choices include your choice of cobb salad or salmon roll. The cost will be \$18.00 per person; reservations are required, menu choice should be made at time of reservation.

May 7 is the last official meeting of the Shipmates until September 10. The members of the Shipmates will be meeting for lunch once a month throughout the summer, however. The first "Ladies Lunch Bunch" will be held on Wednesday, June 16 at the Eau Gallie Yacht Club in Melbourne. More details to follow in the June Siren.

The Shipmates are always looking for new members to join us; all members of the club are welcome. Come out and have some fun with us!

Safe travels to those members who are headed "home" for the summer. We look forward to seeing you again in the fall.

Mary Wohlstein, President, Shipmates



ON THE WATERFRONT



VBYC Paddle Group Outing — Saturday, May 1, 9:00 a.m. Blue Cypress Lake

Enjoy the outdoors as you paddle through an idyllic cypress tree forest. If you are new to kayaking, we will teach you. For details and to make a reservation, contact Toby at jotoby@moonriveriii.com. Call Maddy at Adventure Kayak Tours for a kayak reservation (772-538-3265 / 772-567-0522).

SUNDOWNER CRUISE

On April 15, five VBYC boats braved the Indian River Lagoon in search of fun fellowship and a sunset. Arrgh – there be pirates in these here waters!

The next Sundowner cruise / raft up is scheduled for May 20. Email Captain Piecuch at jpie7237@gmail.com for details.



Beach Up — Thursday, May 27, 11 a.m.

Destination: Spoil Island # SL-6

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

On Saturday, March 27, 14 VBYC members and captains Chatterton, DeSimone, Jarman and Piecuch enjoyed a magnificent day on the water, did some community service, enjoyed lunch and took a boat tour following the clean-up of Spoil Island #25! Good news: less than the usual amount of trash was found on the island. Interesting items collected - a portion of a 2x4 and..... an egg? Oh no, it was a beer pong ball! Stay tuned for information about the next Island clean up. You never know what we might find.



CONNECTING WITH FELLOW MEMBERS



Have you ever wished you had taken the phone number or email of a member you just met so that you could connect with them outside of the club? If that's the case, worry no more. Reaching out to fellow members is easy using the VBYC website, which has been redesigned within the last year for ease of use. Here's how it works:

1. Log onto the member portion of the Vero Beach Yacht Club website (www.veroachyachtclub.com) using your Username, which is your member number (found on your monthly statement) and password. If you don't know your member number or password, click on *Forgot Your Password or Username* under the *Login* button. You will be able to enter either your username or email on record and will automatically be sent an email with your username and directions to change your password.

USERNAME
Username

PASSWORD
Password - Case Sensitive

REMEMBER ME

LOGIN

Forgot your password or username?

2. Once you've logged in, you will be taken to the member home page, which shows you at a glance your account balance and upcoming events, and contains a series of links to other sections of the site that provide helpful information for members. One of these sections is the Member Roster.



3. If you click on the Member Roster link, you will be taken to a page where you have two options to find a member: across the top you can click on the first letter of the member's last name, or you can enter the member's first and/or last name in the form.

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

First Name:

Last Name:

SEARCH

- a. If you click on the first letter of the member's last name, you will be taken to a page that lists all the members with the same last name initial. The links are live, so scroll down to find the member's name and click on the link; you will be taken to the page with their pertinent personal information.
- b. If you enter the first and/or last name of the member, you will be taken to a similar page that by also scrolling down will show matching members' full names as live links. Click on the appropriate link and you will be taken to their page with their phone number, email address, street address and photo (if a photo exists).

So, now you can easily find any member and connect in your preferred manner. Please remember that the member roster is reserved for members only, and is not to be shared with anyone outside the club; nor is the roster to be used for solicitation or business other than club-related activities.

APRIL CONCERT IN THE PARK (-ING LOT)



Joe Marino had the Street on fire - to be sure - as members sang, clapped, and grooved with the music.

Join with fellow VBYC members on Thursday, May 13, for an evening with Tina Turner – Simply the Best!

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

<https://verobeachyachtclub.com/photos>



MAY CONCERT IN THE PARK (-ING LOT)

THE ULTIMATE TINA TURNER TRIBUTE

SIMPLY TINA

Thursday, May 13 — 8:00 p.m.

Reserve Early

\$30.00

Simply Tina is a world class Tina Turner tribute band composed of talented musicians, singers and dancers. Our HIGH ENERGY SHOW with audience participation is sure to get you out of your seats while you sing along to so many of TINA'S HITS!

Simply Tina is a full live band!!

Our lead singer, Karena Korokous, transforms herself into the Legendary TINA TURNER on Stage





KENTUCKY
DERBY

Saturday, May 1, 2021

Doors Open at 4:00 p.m.

House Odds Betting / Music by Johnny Nick

~ Buffet Menu ~

Buffet Opens at 5:30 p.m.

Black-eyed Pea and Chili Pepper Salad
Spinach Salad with Spiced Pecans & Apple Vinaigrette

Bourbon-Peach Glazed Beef Brisket

Kentucky Hot Brown / Cucumber Dill Salmon

Garlic Roast Asparagus / Bacon & Cheese Grits

~ Dessert ~

Horse Race Pie & Strawberries and Cream

\$30.00 ++

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

*A Special
Mother's Day Brunch*

Sunday, May 9

10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

\$25.00++



**DJ DANCE
RETURNS!!!**

**FRIDAY, MAY 7
6:30 — 9:30 P.M.**

MUSIC BEGINS AT 7:00 P.M.

MEMORIAL DAY BBQ

Sunday, May 30

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Featuring a BBQ Buffet

Salad Bar, Burgers, Hot Dogs

Chicken Skewers

\$20.00 ++




SHIPMATES
 A Club Wide Event on the Patio
LUNCH AND A MAKE-UP DEMONSTRATION
 Thursday, May 27 at 11:30 a.m.
 Lunch choices include your choice of
 cobb salad or salmon roll.
 \$18.00
 Reservations Required
 Menu choice should be made
 at time of reservation.

IT'S BACK!
Thursday, May 27
PASTA
PASTA STATION OPENS
at 6:00 p.m.
Trivia Begins
at 7:30 p.m.
\$20.00 ++
AND
TRIVIA

9 & DINE

Congratulations to the April 16 winners. The team of Buschmanns and Burtons tallied an awesome 34 and only 10 putts!

Sandridge has reserved tee times for
Fridays, May 14 and May 28.
 The group will then be on hiatus
 until November.

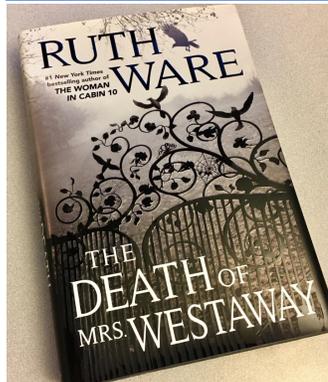
For more information contact Ginny Husted
 at virginia.husted@gmail.com.

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

THURSDAY THEMED NIGHT
 May 6
 BBQ Night
 May 13
 Home Cooking Menu
 May 20
 Greek Night
 May 27
 Pasta Trivia



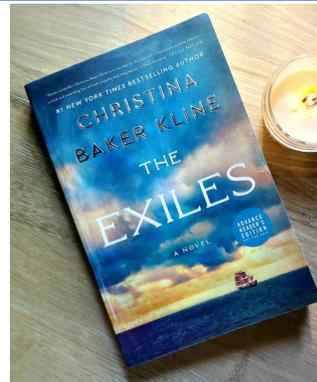
BOOK CLUB



The Death of Mrs. Westaway
by Ruth Ware

Wednesday, May 26
4:00 p.m.

On a day that begins like any other, Hal receives a mysterious letter bequeathing her a substantial inheritance. She realizes very quickly that the letter was sent to the wrong person but also that the skills she's honed as a tarot card reader might help her claim the money. Soon, she finds herself at the funeral of the deceased where it dawns on her that there is something very, very wrong about this strange situation and the inheritance at the center of it.



The Exiles
by Christina Baker Kline

Wednesday, June 23
4:00 p.m.

An emotionally resonant novel about three women whose lives are bound together in nineteenth-century Australia and the hardships they weather together. Christina Baker Kline recreates the beginnings of a new society in a beautiful and challenging land, telling the story of Australia from a fresh perspective, through the experiences of Evangeline, Hazel, and Mathinna. While life in Australia is punishing and often brutally unfair, it is also, for some, an opportunity for redemption, for a new way of life, for unimagined freedom.

MAY 2021

Reservations Required for May ~ 772-231-2211

Be sure to ask for a free libation during your birthday month.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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 with 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

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Johnny Nick Derby Buffet

2 Pickleball Brunch	3 Club Closed	4 VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner	5 Lunch Music on the Patio Dinner	6 Lunch MAHJONG Music on the Patio BBQ Night Dinner	7 Lunch BRIDGE SHIPMATES BLUE GAVEL Happy Hour Dinner DJ PARTY	8 Tony & Holly Dinner
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mother's day BRUNCH

9 Pickleball	10 Club Closed	11 VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner	12 Lunch Music on the Patio Dinner	13 Lunch MAHJONG CONCERT IN THE PARK (ING LOT) Home Cooking Dinner	14 Lunch BRIDGE 9&DINE Happy Hour Dinner	15 Beachside Trio Dinner
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16 Pickleball Brunch	17 Club Closed	18 VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner	19 Lunch Music on the Patio Dinner	20 Lunch Sundowner Cruise MAHJONG Music on the Patio Greek Night Dinner	21 Lunch BRIDGE Happy Hour Dinner	22 BLUE GAVEL Dave Bialos Trio Dinner
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23 Pickleball Brunch	24 Club Closed	25 VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner	26 Lunch B Club Music on the Patio Dinner	27 Lunch Beach Up MAHJONG Shipmates Luncheon Music on the Patio Pasta Trivia Dinner	28 Lunch BRIDGE 9&DINE Happy Hour Dinner	29 Kurtis Wilson Dinner
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MEMORIAL DAY BBQ

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Pickleball Brunch

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Club Closed

JUNE HIGHLIGHTS

Concert in the Park (-ing Lot) ~ Thursday, June 10 ~ "Carpenters Tribute"

Fathers Day Brunch ~ Sunday, June 20

Pasta Trivia ~ Thursday, June 24