

THE SIREN



Cmdre Bob Jones

Commodore's Log: Food Survey Results!

As we entered 2021, Shawn and your board committed to further improve VBYC's dining experience. With this priority in mind, we have focused on hiring an executive chef, refining our menu offerings, adding daily specials, and securing member input via a food survey. The survey has been completed; here are the key findings:

- **Importance to members.** Overwhelmingly, members ranked food taste as the most important dimension of the dining experience, followed by menu choice, price/value, and food temperature. These findings solidified the decision to hire a talented executive chef. We have received great response to our job posting and hope to have that chef in place in May.
- **Recent Club performance.** We are pleased to discover that wait staff service, food presentation and service time are largely rated good to excellent. The wait staff has been working on their performance as a team and appreciate that their efforts are making a difference.
- **Experience preferences.** Casual fare and socializing are what survey respondents found most important, followed closely by fine dining. Perhaps influenced by COVID, major fixed entrée events and theme nights were of lesser importance.
- **Food preference.** We were a bit surprised that seafood and shellfish/sushi ranked highest on food preference, followed by entrée salads and beef items.
- **F&B communications effectiveness.** I was particularly pleased to discover that 96% of responding members say that the club's F&B communications are either excellent or good.

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VBYC IS GOING PAPERLESS EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021. DETAILS TO COME.

FOOD SURVEY RESULTS, *continued*....

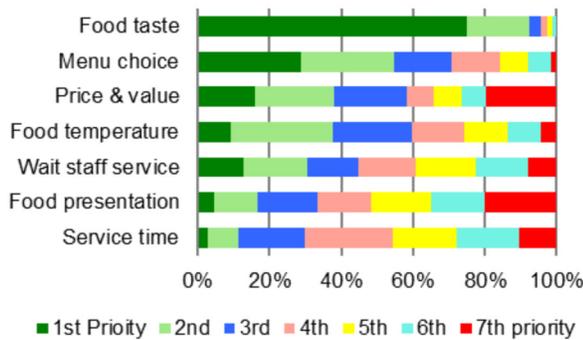
A selection of member comments pertaining directly to food services follows:

- Bring the food presentation, taste, and consistency up to par with the best restaurants in Vero.
- Socially, we have a great club...we should concentrate on high quality basic meals. Great steaks, chops, fish without trying to be 4-star Michelin rated.
- Improve casual/bar food dining choices on the menu.
- Don't worry about making it 'fancy' just make it taste good.
- Not having to make a reservation to just stop in.
- Better seafood options.
- Better food and lighter/healthier selections.

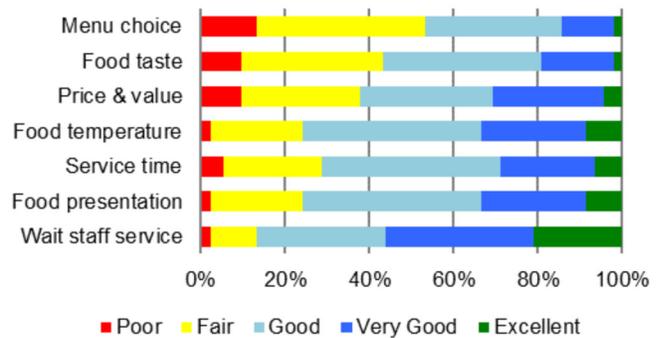
SPOTLIGHT: FOOD SURVEY DETAILS

We received 230 responses to the survey – 35% of our members: far exceeding our expectations! Over 80% of respondents indicate they reside in Vero more than six months per year, which is probably influenced by seasonal members staying north this winter. A visual representation of these results is provided below. We thank you for taking the time to fill out the food survey.

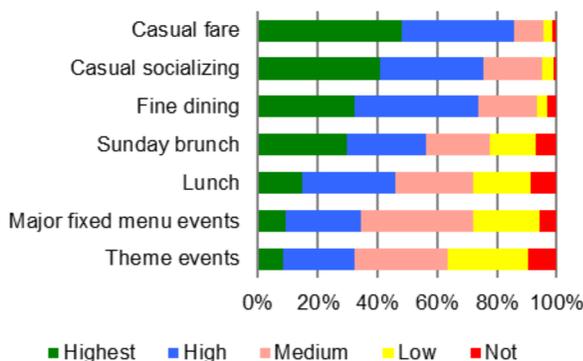
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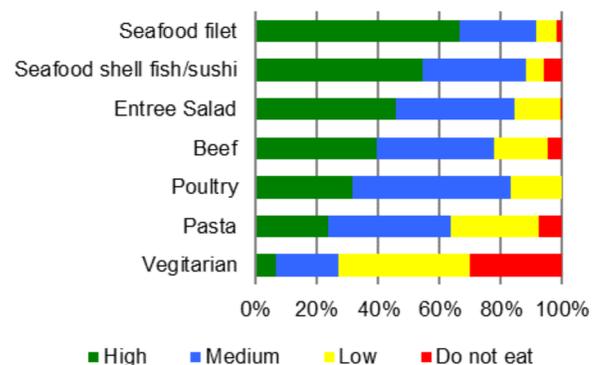
Recent Performance



Experience Preference



Food Preference



FLORIDA COUNCIL OF YACHT CLUBS (FCYC)



P/C Rey Neville,
Director FCYC

U.S. Coast Guard Announces New Law Requiring Use of Engine Cut-off Switches: Effective April 1, 2021, all powered vessels built after 01/01/2020 that are 26 feet or less in length with a cut-off switch installed are required to have a “kill” switch lanyard attached to the operator. A detailed FAC list for more information is available here: [Coast Guard Kill Switch FAC](#).

New FCYC Bridge Officers: At our meeting in March a virtual change of command ceremony was held installing the new commodore and his bridge. They are: Commodore Bert Ralston (Florida Yacht Club), Vice Commodore John Timmel (Tampa Yacht & Country Club), Rear Commodore Joey Sowell (Eau Gallie YC), Secretary Tim Stickney (Key Biscayne YC), Treasurer Ray Williams (Lauderdale YC).

Future Meetings:

The May meeting will be held virtually. Moving forward, FCYC will return to having in-person meetings at member yacht clubs. The July 2021 meeting will be held at the Florida Yacht Club. For those who may not know, VBYC is scheduled to host the July 2022 meeting, giving us a little over a year to prepare. We have never hosted one of these meetings because of our physical size; the thinking is that a July meeting (off season) will have fewer club activities and members in town, allowing us to accommodate FCYC attendees. Judy Peschio, FCYC alternate director, and I will soon be seeking volunteers to help make this the best event possible.

FCYC Website:

The NEW, much better organized FCYC website is operational. For details, the address is: <https://floridacouncilofyachtclubs.com>. Unfortunately, access to the Cruising Guide is not yet available, but soon will be. The FCYC Cruising Log, however, is available. Use it to record your trips to other clubs and win prizes and awards for logging the most clubs and traveling the greatest distances.

Reciprocity: As mentioned in earlier reports, many of the FCYC clubs are now offering reciprocity; however, that can quickly change. Members who are planning on visiting a member FCYC club, need to call the club(s) in question for the latest information on access and reservations (either via water or land).

See you on the water!

Rey Neville

VBYC MEETINGS – APRIL 2021

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

Fleet - Tuesday, April 6 @ 4:30 p.m.

Planning Tuesday - April 13 @ 10:00 a.m.

Membership - Tuesday, April 13 @ 9:30 a.m.

Shipmates - Friday, April 9 @ 11 a.m.



House and Grounds - Tuesday, April 13 @ 9:30 a.m.

Publicity & Publications - Wednesday, April 14 @ 10 a.m.

Board of Directors – Tuesday, April 20 @ 9:30 a.m.

COMMODORE'S BALL



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

SHIPMATES



Forecast - Sunny and warm!
Our friendly club is bursting with smiling faces!

The Shipmates Fashion Show was a great success. Patchingtons shared the colorful spring fashions, but our models carried the show! We thank our models - Carole Brubaker, Faye Estes, Pam Jones, Kiki Rohr, Cathy Walker, and Barbie White for supporting the Shipmates. They were lovely.

Meeting news:

The guest speaker for the March Shipmates meeting was Carolyn Nelson, executive director of Friends After Diagnosis. As a recent cancer patient (now cancer-free), I can honestly tell you how valuable the information was.

As a follow-up to the club Food Drive, our guest speaker for April is Tom Mackie, president of the Food Bank. All members of the club are invited to attend. Also in April, stop by the Ship Store sale, Friday April 9, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Looking ahead to our May meeting, the last one before summer, a surprise! Hope everyone will attend the meeting and stay for lunch afterward. Don't forget to make a reservation.

Janet Leh
Shipmates VP



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ON THE WATERFRONT

Friendship ...

Our girl Friendship has had a make-over! The worn cushions have been replaced and a double Bimini top that covers the whole boat has been added for additional shade while on the water. She is ready and waiting for you to get back out onto the water.

The rental rate is \$150 per day plus an automatic fuel/cleaning charge of \$25. The going rate around town for a rental like this is close to \$350 per day plus gas, so Friendship is a heck of a deal! The captain renting the vessel must take a trial run with a designated club captain to familiarize themselves with Friendship's rules and regulations prior to their desired rental day and Friendship must return to club docks before sunset. Consider a day on the water followed by dinner at the club. Please contact the office for additional information.



VBYC Paddle Group Outing — Saturday, April 3, 9:00 a.m.

Laze along the Saint Sebastian River and enjoy the abundant flora and fauna as you glide down this beautiful, winding stretch of water. Never kayaked before? We will teach you! Contact Toby Jarman at jotoby@moonriveriii.com if you are planning to attend; call Maddy at Adventure Kayak Tours if you need a kayak reservation (772-538-3265 / 772-567-0522).

Sundowner Cruise / Raft Up

Thursday April 15, at 4:00 p.m.

Please contact Captain Piecuch at jpie7237@gmail.com for details.

Beach Up

Thursday, April 22, 11 a.m.

Destination: Spoil Island # SL-3

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



CONCERT IN THE PARK (-ING LOT)

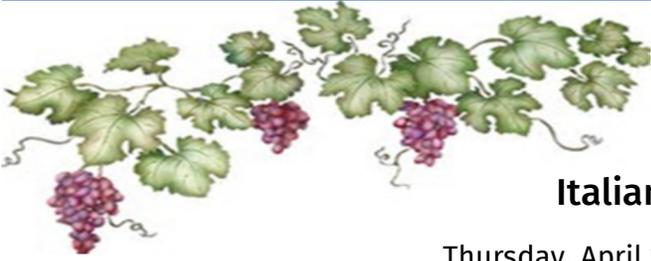
Boss Project had everyone “Dancing in the Dark” during the Concert in the Parking Lot! It’s true, “you can’t start a fire without a spark” and they sure had the sparks flying!



HAPPY HOLIDAY



WINEAUX' CORNER



Italian Wine Dinner

Thursday, April 22, 2021 — Time: 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$75 with wine, \$50 without wine

Enjoy a six-course dinner and taste a luscious wine with each course, including wines from the regions of Sicily, Marche, Veneto, Basilicata, Lombardy, and Piedmont. Come dine al fresco under the newly completed north pergola. Details are located on page 9 of this month's Siren.

SAINT PATTY'S SELFIES



The
Leprechauns
were out and about
to celebrate
St. Patrick's Day!



Thank you to Gwen and Tom Miller

Happy Easter

April 4

Easter Brunch

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

Breakfast & Lunch Menu

Easter Dinner

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Choice of:

Roast Prime Rib of Beef — \$34.00++

Lamb Shank — \$32.00 ++

Hickory Smoked Ham — \$27.00 ++

Halibut — \$34.00 ++

Reservations Appreciated



Italian Wine Tasting & Dinner

Thursday, April 22

Meet at 5:30 — Dinner at 6:00

Cost With Wine \$75.00 / Without \$50.00

Aperitivo

Mondo del Vino Grillo 'Angelo' DOC

Antipasto

Filodivino Verdicchio Castelli di Jesi DOC

The Primo

Caterina Zardini Valpolicella Superiore
Pappardelle Pasta with Red Pepper Pesto & Fennel

Secondo

Cantine de Leonardis Aglianico Vulture 'Piano dei
Moro' DOC

Ossobuco W/ Farro and Roast Vegetables

Contorno

Torti Pinot Noir DOC

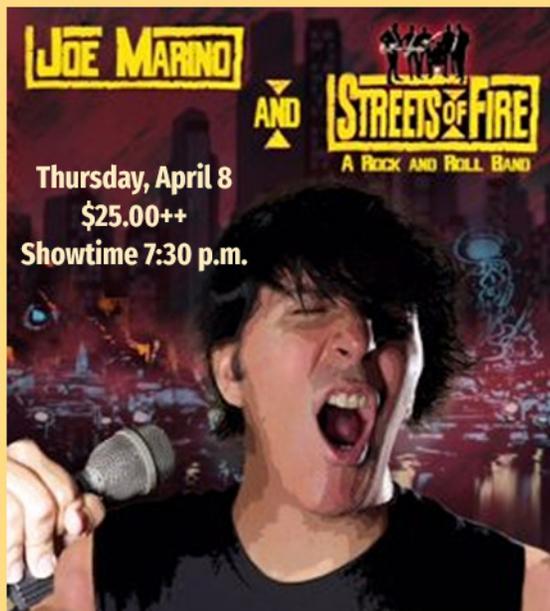
Sliced Roasted Beets on Field Greens with Goat Cheese

Dolce

Borgo Maragliano Brachetto DOC
Olive Oil Cake With Strawberry Sauce and Fresh Berries

NO REGULAR DINNER MENU

CONCERT IN THE PARKING LOT JOE MARINO & STREETS OF FIRE BAND



Thursday, April 8
\$25.00++
Showtime 7:30 p.m.

A truly dynamic and entertaining "Total Package" experience with universal appeal to audiences of all ages! Playing everything from 50's-60's Oldies to 70's-80's Classic Rock, to current Top 40!! Several music celebrity tributes! It's a high-energy clap along, sing along musical show! Genuine crowd pleaser!

SATURDAY

MAY 1

DOORS OPEN AT 4:00 P.M.



SPECIAL DERBY MENU

5:30 - 8:30 P.M.

HOUSE ODDS BETTING

MUSIC BY JOHNNIE NICK





ATTENTION!!
Ship Store Sale

Friday, April 9

4:00-6:00 p.m. in the main dining room

Many new items have been added to our inventory, including children's clothing.

Stay for Happy Hour and Dinner!
See you at The Club!!

9 & DINE

Sandridge Golf Course

The golf group will be teeing off
Fridays, April 2, 16, and 30.

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 THEME NIGHT

April 1
Italian – \$20.00

April 8
Bar Food Favorites – \$15.00

April 15
Home Cooking – \$20.00

April 22
Wine Tasting Dinner
\$75.00 with Wine/ \$50.00 without Wine

April 29
Greek – \$20.00



CARD CREATION

Below are the three cards we will be making at the April Card Class. The classes will be held on

Tuesday, April 6 & Wednesday, April 7

at 10 a.m. in the Burgee Room at the club. Cost is \$15 for materials. Please email mvantas@verizon.net to choose a day and reserve your spot. All are welcome to attend.



SATURDAY NIGHT BANDS

April 3 — Johnnie Nick

April 10 — Beachside Trio

April 17 — Tony & Holly

April 24 — Kurtis Wilson

Live Music
on the patio

Wednesday, 6:00 - 9:00 PM
DAVE BIALOS

Thursday, 6:00 - 9:00 PM
KENT TAYLOR BROWN

BOOK CLUB

THE VANISHING HALF
a novel
BRIT BENNETT
Author of The Mothers

Wednesday, April 28

The April meeting is Wednesday, 28; we will discuss **The Vanishing Half** by Brit Bennett.

Weaving together multiple strands and generations of the Vignes family from the Deep South to California and from the 1950s to the 1990s, Brit Bennett produces a riveting, emotional family story. *The Vanishing Half* considers the lasting influence of a person's past as it shapes future decisions, desires, and expectations. One sister lives with her black daughter in the same southern town she once tried to escape. The other secretly passes for white, and her white husband knows nothing of her past. What will happen to the next generation when their own daughters' storylines intersect?

Looking beyond issues of race, this book explores some of the multiple reasons why people sometimes feel pulled to live as something other than their origins.

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

APRIL 2021

Reservations Required ~ 772-231-2211

Lunch: Wednesday through Friday: 11:00 a.m. ~ 1:30 p.m.
 Sunday Brunch (Breakfast & Lunch Menus): 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

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|----------------------|---|--|--|---|---|
| MAY HIGHLIGHTS Kentucky Derby ~ Saturday May 1 Mother's Day Brunch ~ Sunday May 9 Concert in the Parking Lot ~ Thursday May 13 "Simply Tina" Memorial Day BBQ ~ Sunday May 30 | | | | 1 Lunch MAHJONG <i>Music on the Patio Italian Night Themed Dinner</i> | 2 Lunch BRIDGE 9&DINE BLUE GAVEL <i>Happy Hour Dinner</i> | 3 <i>VBVC Paddle Group</i> <i>Johnny Nick Dinner</i> |
| 4 Pickleball Brunch  | 5 Club Closed | 6 <i>Card Creation</i> <i>VBVC Bucks Drawing Dinner</i> | 7 Lunch <i>Card Creation</i> <i>Music on the Patio Dinner</i> | 8 Lunch MAHJONG  CONCERT IN THE PARK(ING LOT) <i>Bar Food Favorites Themed Dinner</i> | 9 Lunch BRIDGE  SHIPMATES  SHIPSTORE <i>Happy Hour Dinner</i> | 10 <i>Beachside Trio Dinner</i> |
| 11 Pickleball Brunch | 12 Club Closed | 13 <i>VBVC Bucks Drawing Dinner</i> | 14 Lunch <i>Music on the Patio Dinner</i> | 15 Lunch MAHJONG <i>Sundowner Cruise</i> <i>Music on the Patio Home Cooking Themed Dinner</i> | 16 Lunch BRIDGE 9&DINE <i>Happy Hour Dinner</i> | 17 <i>Tony & Holly Dinner</i> |
| 18 Pickleball Brunch | 19 Club Closed | 20 <i>VBVC Bucks Drawing Dinner</i> | 21 Lunch <i>Music on the Patio Dinner</i> | 22 Lunch <i>Beach Up</i> MAHJONG <i>Music on the Patio</i> <i>Wine Dinner</i> | 23 Lunch BRIDGE <i>Happy Hour Dinner</i> | 24 <i>Kurtis Wilson Dinner</i> |
| 25 Pickleball Brunch | 26 Club Closed | 27 <i>VBVC Bucks Drawing Dinner</i> | 28 Lunch  <i>Music on the Patio Dinner</i> | 29 Lunch MAHJONG <i>Music on the Patio Greek Night Themed Dinner</i> | 30 Lunch BRIDGE 9&DINE <i>Happy Hour Dinner</i> | May 1  KENTUCKY DERBY 147 <small>CHURCHILL DOWNS</small> |