

THE SIREN



Cmdre Bob Jones

Commodore's Log

Four years ago, past commodore Rey Neville asked me to consider joining the VBYC board and succession chain. While I had enjoyed participating in the Planning and Finance Committees, his request took me by surprise as I had never considered becoming a commodore of either this or my prior club in Annapolis – I've always been more of a behind the scenes sort of guy. Rey observed that I was at the club maybe three to four times per week, was an active volunteer and live even two houses closer to the club than he does. But he finally got to me by saying, "If not someone just like you, then who?"

Fast forward to today, I am so grateful for the several years of opportunities I've had to understand the tradition, operational processes, and special magic of VBYC more fully by participating on the Planning, Membership, and House and Grounds Committees. I now feel an equal mix of humility and honor to have been elected as your commodore. Throughout our VBYC journey, Pam and I have made lifelong friends and experienced magical moments, many of which germinated directly from being an active volunteer.

With this personal saga in mind, I invite you to spend a few minutes reading through the Siren Spotlight Section that highlights VBYC's committees and activity groups. Ask yourself, "Where might my skills best contribute to our club?" As it relates to committee leadership and succession, remember Rey's challenge to me, "If not someone like you, then who?"

As your commodore, effectively communicating committee activity will be a high priority this year. You are welcome to attend most of the committee and board meetings as a guest to get a sense of how you might participate and contribute. Feel free to reach out to the committee and activity chairs for more context. You will not regret taking that step.

VBYC is beginning the search for a new executive chef. This process is expected to take several months, and the BOD would like to hear from members regarding this important decision. Soon you will receive an email blast asking for your participation in an online food and beverage survey. Please take the time to respond, as your opinion is important to us. Bob Jones

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FLORIDA COUNCIL OF YACHT CLUBS (FCYC)



P/C Rey Neville,

The FCYC Board of Directors met again in January in a virtual format. The final decision was made that the Change of Watch meeting in March would be held virtually. The new FCYC commodore will be Bert Ralston of the Florida Club in Jacksonville.

The legislative committee reported on a bill working its way through the state legislature that, if left unchanged, will significantly affect boating of all categories. FCYC, through its lobbying representatives in Tallahassee, will work to modify and change some of the more onerous proposed requirements. With our 36 member clubs representing nearly 40,000 members, FCYC can exert some influence in these matters, all in the interest of better boating.

The revised FCYC website will soon go live. I have seen some aspects of it and am looking forward to the new, fresh, user-friendly design. When it is fully activated, I will ask Shawn to send out a blast to notify our members.

See you on the water,
Rey Neville
FCYC

ON THE WATERFRONT



Thank you to Captain Leh for sharing his photo.

A New Day Dawns

Happy, healthy and safe 2021 to all!

Stay tuned for the spring Spoil Island cleanup and the return of the Sundowner cruises.

VBYC PADDLE GROUP OUTING — Saturday February 6, 8:45 a.m.

Ten Mile Creek — Kayak along the beautiful north fork of the Saint Lucie River.

Never kayaked before? We will teach you! Contact Toby Jarman if you are planning to attend at jotoby@moonriveriii.com. Call Maddy at Adventure Kayak Tours for a kayak reservation (772-538-3265 / 772-567-0522).

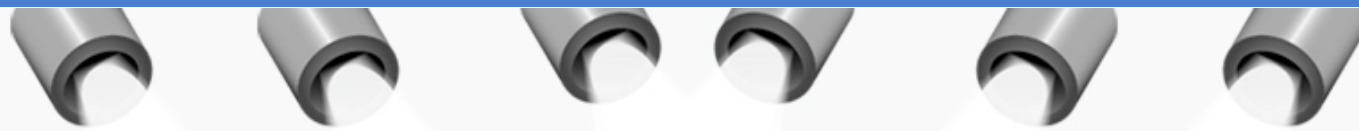


BEACH UP — Thursday, February 25, 11 a.m.

Destination: Spoil Island # SL-8

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

VBYC'S KEY COMMITTEES



There is always something going on at VBYC! We work hard to manage the club's committees and to sponsor a diverse set of activities that appeal to most everyone — volunteers are the lifeblood of your club. Please consider getting involved. Further, participation in committees and activities is a great way for new members to break the ice and make new rest-of-life friendships.

Information on the club's key committees is shared below.

House and Grounds – Kiki Rohr, chair, comstrat@earthlink.net

Acts as a liaison between the BOD and membership regarding member satisfaction and concerns. Develops and recommends changes to house rules and regulations. Works in coordination with the general manager to maintain, repair and enhance club facilities and grounds. Subcommittees include Design, Clubhouse Garden, Flower Ladies, and Food and Wine. Meets jointly with the Planning Committee on the second Tuesday of every month at 9:30 a.m.

Finance – Jane Booth, chair, janedbooth@gmail.com

Reviews and approves the club's annual operating budget and, in conjunction with Planning, prepares a long term capital budget and reports on club financial performance, all for approval of the BOD. Works with the Audit and Inventory and Insurance subcommittees to make BOD recommendations for possible improvements in the financial operation of the club. Meets as required.

Membership – Judy Peschio, chair, japeschio@gmail.com

Interviews and vets potential new members while striving to keep the club at its 650 membership cap. Assists new members assimilate via the ambassador program and works in conjunction with the Publicity and Publications Committee to develop promotional materials and campaigns to market the club to prospective members, as needed. Meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 3:30 pm.

Publicity and Publications – Karen Donofrio, chair, karendonofrio@comcast.net

Promotes positive relationships with the local community and member clubs in the Florida Council of Yacht Clubs (FCYC). Creates and publishes the "SIREN" as the official club monthly publication. Assists the Membership Committee in program and promotional material development and provides oversight to the club's website and social media efforts. Meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 10 a.m.

Planning – Peter Saxon, chair, petersaxon741@gmail.com

Works to enhance and expand clubhouse facilities and operation by identifying potential long-term capital projects and the development of detailed plans, designs and quotations for near-term major projects. Provides updates to the club's useful life study. Meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 9:30 a.m.

VBYC'S KEY COMMITTEES, continued....

Fleet – Lee Bowden, chair, bowds21555@gmail.com

Conducts and coordinates club boating-related activities (including kayak trips, cruises, and beach up events), and recommends suitable rules for the use of the docks, boat storage and policies to be followed in assigning dock space, while monitoring the docks and waterfront. Meets first Tuesday of every month at 4:30 p.m.

Human Resources – Pam Young, chair, pamyoungvb@att.net

Assists the general manager with employee matters and acts as a forum to manage employee concerns. Identifies necessary changes to employee compensation schedule for non-exempt and exempt personnel. Meets as required.

Nominating – Mickey Donofrio, chair, mickeydonofrio@comcast.net

Recruits and nominates candidates annually for election to the BOD, the offices of Commodore, Vice-commodore and rear commodore, and for the Nominating Committee. Members include three past commodores and three at-large members elected by the membership at the annual meeting. Meets as required.

Shipmates – Mary Wohlstein, president, m_wohlstein@yahoo.com

Focuses on encouraging and facilitating camaraderie among female members of VBYC; assists and supports the general interests and needs of the club, in particular, community outreach. Meets on the second Friday of every month at 11:00 a.m., followed by a luncheon.

SHIPMATES



The 2021 officers of the Shipmates were sworn in at the January meeting by Commodore Mickey Donofrio. They are president - Mary Wohlstein, treasurer - Anne Levenson, and secretary - Judi Wisniewski. Vice president Janet Leh was unable to attend the meeting and will be sworn in later.

The Shipmates received a letter from Erin Miller, Cleveland Clinic Indian River Hospital expressing their gratitude for our participation in the Teddy Bear drives. She thanked us for our continued support in these challenging times and stated, "Hospital caregivers say it makes a big difference in the demeanor and attitude of the children and adults who receive [the Bears]."

In addition to the Teddy Bear drives and the annual drive for the Food Pantry, The Shipmates currently are evaluating ways in which we can partner with organizations in the community to help make a difference for our neighbors during these difficult times.

The February meeting of the Shipmates will be held on Friday, February 12 at 11am. The guest speaker will be Jim Romanek, executive director of the Veterans Council of Indian River County. All members are invited to attend. Please remember to make a reservation if you are staying for lunch.



WW2 CELEBRATION

September 2, 2020 marked the 75th Anniversary of the end of WWII.

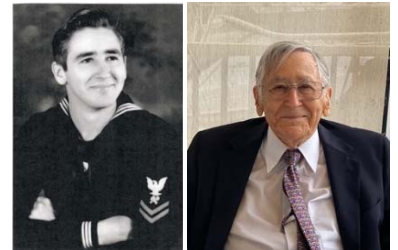
Every day, memories of World War II disappear. The men and women who fought and won the great conflict are now in their late 80s and 90s. According to current statistics, only 325,574 of the 16 million Americans who served in World War II were still alive in 2020. To belatedly commemorate the end of WWII, the club set aside an evening to honor and recognize ALL our VBYC veterans who have served our great country and, specifically, five members who served in WWII: Robert Smith, Dallas Stephens, Leavenworth Sperry, Irv Terry, and Don Hubbard.

Robert Smith served in the Navy as a flight engineer, plane captain, and enlisted pilot with a P2V squadron serving in the Pacific theatre. We mourn his recent passing.



Leavenworth Sperry served in the Navy as the executive officer on the USS Pochard, a minesweeper that cleared mines across the Pacific all the way to Japan.

Dallas Stephens also served in the Navy as a storekeeper on the USS Pecos in the Pacific and was later stationed in Alaska.



Don Hubbard entered active duty late in 1945 and served in the US as a radio communications specialist. He was assigned to a navy base in Chicago.

Irv Terry served in the Navy as a gunner's mate on the USS Greer, a destroyer escort performing convoy duty in the Pacific.



These WWII veterans embody the spirit of that great and selfless generation. They didn't see themselves as heroes but as Americans defending their country and saving the world. Many of them say that they "just" did what needed to be done. God Bless them, and all our VBYC members who have served. You have our deepest gratitude.

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

CONCERT IN THE PARKING LOT



Concert in the Parking Lot
January 2021

VBYC has Soul!
The Sounds of Soul that is ...

It was a high energy evening full
of song and dance.



VBYC DINING

V.B.Y.C. DINNER MENU

~ Starters ~

Cajun Shrimp Wonton Cups, Beef Carpaccio, Polenta
Toast Rounds, Escargot, French Onion Soup Crock

~ Salads ~

Greek, Wedge or Caesar Salads, Asian Noodle Salad,
Crunchy Red Cabbage & Arugula Salad, Three "B" Salad

~ Casual Fare ~

Hot Dog, 1/2 lb Hamburger, Chicken Quesadilla, Beef Bean
& Corn Chili, Pastrami Reuben, Thai Peanut Wrap,
Lobster Roll

~ Entrees ~

SEAFOOD: Creamy Garlic Basil Key West Shrimp, Crab
Stuffed Flounder, Salmon Your Way, Seared Ahi Tuna

MEAT: Marinated Sliced Tenderloin, 8 oz Beef Short Ribs,
Braised Lamb Shanks, Chicken Cordon Bleu

VEGETARIAN: Tuscan White Bean Skillet

COMPLIMENT YOUR ENTRÉE WITH A
GLASS OR BOTTLE OF WINE

NEW MENU
NEW WINE LIST
LAUNCHING FEBRUARY 2



CONCERT IN THE PARKING LOT

Featuring

THE TURNSTILES

The Ultimate Tribute to the Music of Billy Joe



THURSDAY, February 18

Starting @ 8:00 PM

Reserve Early!!

Cost Concert Only - \$25.00 ++

Tapas Menu
available prior to the show.

Bring your lounge chairs & dance moves, or just kick back and enjoy the show.



9& DINE

Sandridge Golf Course

The golf group will be teeing off
Fridays, February 5 and 19.

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.



Happy
Birthday

CARD CLASSES

Tuesday, February 2 & Wednesday, February 3
10 a.m. in the Burgee room at the club.

We will be making three birthday cards. Everyone is welcome to attend, but space is limited. Please contact Marilyn at mvantas@verizon.net to make a reservation. The cost is \$15 for materials.

Wednesday 6:00 - 9:00 PM
DAVE BIALOS

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

Live Music
on the Patio

Please Call For Your Reservation

Saturday Night Bands

February 6
Johnnie Nick

February 13
Tony & Holly
(Valentines Dinner Dance)

February 20
Beachside Trio

February 27
Kurtis Wilson

BOOK CLUB



Miss Benson's Beetle

Rachel Joyce

Wednesday, February 24, 2021 — 4:00 p.m.

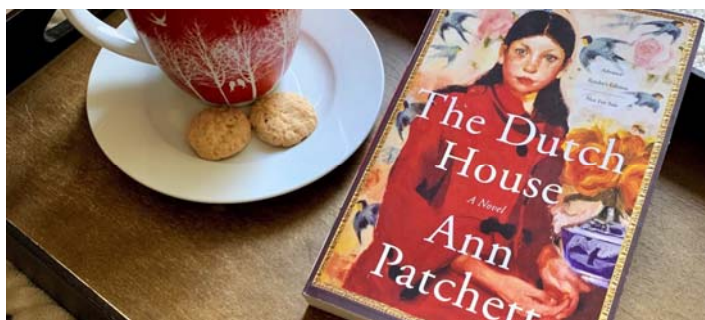
The February selection for book club is *Miss Benson's Beetle* by Rachel Joyce. "From the bestselling author of *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* comes an uplifting, irresistible novel about two women on a life-changing adventure, where they must risk everything, break all the rules, and discover their best selves - together."

The Dutch House

Ann Patchett

Wednesday, March 24, 2021 — 4:00 p.m.

Ann Patchett, the bestselling author of *Commonwealth*, has written a powerful novel exploring the indelible bond between two siblings, the house of their childhood, and a past that will not let them go. This story digs deeply into questions of inheritance, love, and forgiveness, of how we want to see ourselves and of who we really are.



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

Reservations Required For January ~ 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: 6:30 p.m. ~ 9:30 p.m.

Dinner Tues Through Sat: 5:30 p.m. ~ 8:30 p.m.

Saturday ~ Jackets optional in main dining room

Thursday ~ Theme Nights

FEBRUARY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Club Closed	2 Card Creation VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner	3 Lunch Card Creation Music on the Patio Dinner	4 Lunch MAHJONG Music on the Patio Fry Night Themed Dinner	5 Lunch 9&DINE Happy Hour Blue Gavel Dinner	6 Kayaking Johnny Nick Dinner
7 Pickleball 9:30 Brunch	8 Club Closed	9 VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner	10 Lunch  Music on the Patio Dinner	11 Lunch MAHJONG Music on the Patio Home Cooking Themed Dinner	12 Lunch Shipmates  Happy Hour Dinner	13 Tony & Holly Valentine's Day  DINNER
14 Pickleball 9:30 Brunch	15 Club Closed	16 VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner	17 Lunch Music on the Patio Dinner	18 Lunch MAHJONG  CONCERT IN THE PARK(ING LOT) Tapas Night Themed Dinner	19 Lunch 9&DINE Happy Hour Dinner	20 Beachside Trio Dinner
21 Pickleball 9:30 Brunch	22 Club Closed	23 VBYC Bucks Drawing Dinner	24 Lunch  Music on the Patio Dinner	25 Lunch MAHJONG Beach Up Music on the Patio Italian Night Themed Dinner	26 Lunch Happy Hour Dinner	27 Kurtis Wilson Dinner
28 Pickleball 9:30 Brunch	MARCH HIGHLIGHTS Thursday, March 11, 2021 ~ Concert in the Parking Lot ~ Bruce Springsteen Tribute – “The Boss Project” Wednesday, March 17, 2021 ~ St. Patrick’s Day Dinner Saturday, March 20, 2021 ~ Commodore’s Ball					