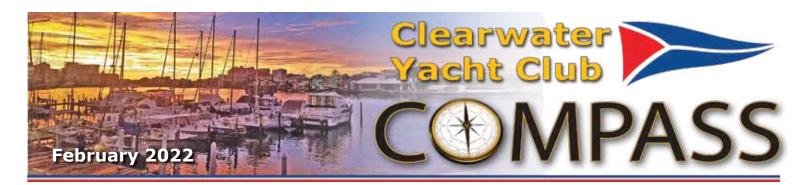


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Unbridled Success Race Committee 101!!!



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Cruisers



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Dry Dock Refresh



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Commodore's Corner

Pulling it all Together!

The challenges of COVID continue to stick around but that has only slowed us down for a few days. With that said, we are excited about the progress we've made so far in the New Year. As promised, we introduced some of our new CYC pizza creations and our Executive Chef has rolled out a new menu with some amazing dishes.



Commodore Gregory Crist

The "Friends and Family" night each week continues to be a hit with additional special culinary creations on the Tuesday menu. Now in case you haven't heard, we've also brought back the "Original" CYC Happy Hour. Take it from the Commodore, "It's the Best Damn Happy Hour on the Island!"

Down to business...

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am pleased to welcome Tom Cummings to our CYC Board. Tom is also the current Co-Chair of our Entertainment Committee and brings an enormous amount of business experience to our seasoned team. Our flag officers and I have been working closely with each department and committee chair to ensure that we are actively focused on enhancing member experience in every way.

The House and Grounds committee is moving forward with a lot of momentum on new projects and an exciting fundraising campaign. Our Waterside committee is progressing nicely with permits for repair and replacement of our docks and the Entertainment committee is in full gear with a new slate of entertainment and member events. The Membership team is preparing to roll out some new programs along with new member ambassadors.

Finally, when it comes to reporting all of the activity in this club, our new Communications group still needs a few extra hands to manage our website, social media and member content development. If interested in writing, photography or creative development, please reach out to Diane Reynolds through the front office.

We've just seen a complete transformation of our Dry Dock with additional seating for member use. That was timely, as the Yachting Committee just held a race management training for 43 people. That group will be working major regattas and sailing events later this year that are putting CYC on the map of racing!

There's lots to do this month at the club with our featured Valentine's Dinner and other special events. Check your email regularly with our "Week at a Glance" for updates. We still have the tent on the patio outside with heaters available as the weather turns colder. Extra TV's have been added for all of the championship games including the Super Bowl Party!

See you at the Club!

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

By Kelley Lesperance, Secretary

The BOD took the following actions at the January 20, meeting:

- Received reports from the GM, Commodore, Finance, Treasurer, House and Grounds, Fleet Captain, Entertainment, Membership, Yachting, FCYC, Cruisers and Communication Committee representatives.
- Voted to appoint Tom Cummings to the Board of Directors, effective immediately, replacing James Patchett, who resigned in December.
- Approved the updated agreement between the Trustees and the Board of Directors regarding Initiation Fees and Renewal Income, effective January 1, 2022.
- Approved 11 new members, 1 full member from LOA, 8 resignations and 1 LOA request.

The next meeting will be held February 17.

2022 OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, APPOINTMENTS & TRUSTEES

CYC Officers

Greg Crist Commodore
Curtis Wold Vice Commodore
Rich Libonate Rear Commodore
Phil Shaw Treasurer
Kelley Lesperance Secretary

Kelley Lesperance Secretary **Rod White** Fleet Captain

Mary Kay Delk Immediate Past Commodore

Board of Directors

Joan Carter Jim Hannigan Amie Crosby Misha Kelly Tom Cummings John Minton

Board of Trustees

PC David Billing Harry Jamieson
PC Dick Boblenz PC Hoyt Nichols
PC Collin Heimensen PC Tish Wold

Appointments

Fr. Bob Wagenseil Fleet Chaplain
Don Collins Fleet Surgeon
Tim Roberts FCYC Director





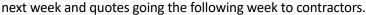
Waterside

By Rod White Fleet Captain

THE WATERSIDE COMMITTEE

meeting was held Tuesday, January 18 with the following items we discussed.

Update on the final permit of our dock repair and replace expected to arrive this



- Tom and Dan were able to do some safety repairs to docks A and B until construction begins. Thankful for our great team's work.
- Discussion of applying for a Federal grant to add pumpout station to our marina while doing our replacement of our current docks.
- We are asking for current pricing and timing to do maintenance on our seawall before construction on the docks.

Hopefully we will see work begin in the next couple of months on our replacement of our docks. I am very thankful for the work the Waterside Committee has done to get our club the best solution for the needed repairs to our marina.

CYC New Members

At the January 20 Board of Directors meeting, the following new memberships were approved:

KEVIN & JENNIFER DUTTON
MIKE & MARIA ROESNER
GERRY & TERRI HALLE
HECTOR & BRANDY MILIAN
PAGE & PETER AFENDOULIS
ANDI BROWN & BRIAN FALLS
JOAN AMSLER
CHRISY TELLIS & JASON BATTEN
ROBERT & CARRIE PIGOTT
GARY & SHARON YOUNG
SUSAN DECKER ROSS & ED MITCHELL

If you see the pineapple flag on a table, please introduce yourself and give our newest members a warm CYC welcome!





TIS THE SEASON for racing, and the calendar is full of opportunities to compete and volunteer.

The West Marine US Open sailing series is coming to Clearwater February 4-6. US Sailing and the U.S. racing community identified a need for a racing and training



platform based in the United States that serves to provide a runway to the Olympic Games for prospective athletes. This collaborative initiative with yacht clubs like ours, provides world-class coaching support to promising American youth sailors competing in high-performance classes. CYC is hosting the Internaional Laser Class Association (ILCA) races February 4-6. To volunteer contact Gerard Kane gerard.kane@netapp.com.

Then, March 5 is the Clearwater to Pass-A-Grille Run Regatta, in partnership with Dunedin Boat Club (who can field the most boats-us or them?). We will start the weekend with a skippers meeting at the CYC Tiki on Friday, March 4. Gather up your boat and crew now and plan to join us for a fun race, finishing up Saturday afternoon with food, fun and awards at the Pass-A-Grille Yacht Club, where we will be given complimentary dockage. Register at Yachtscoring.com.

To get your crew and boat racing ready for Clearwater to Pass-A-Grille Run why not sign up to participate in the Dunedin Boat Club Winter Series? The link to registration can be found at https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=14926

CYC is the organizing authority for the Sunfish US Nationals and MidWinters and the Sunfish International Masters March 12-20. We will need a large number of volunteers on the water March 13-15, March 17 for Team Racing, and March 18-20. In addition, many landside volunteers will be needed for registration on March 12 and for hospitality for both our CYC volunteers and the competitors during the week. Contact Kelley Lesperance, 407-920-7545 if you would like to help.

The next Yachting Meeting will be February 15 at 6 pm in the Gulls Nest.

Remember to check the Regatta page on the web site at clearwateryachtclub.org for updates on Yachting activities.

RACE COMMITTEE 101

Safe, Fair, Fun

THE DRY DOCK was filled to capacity with volunteers from across our area, including SPYC and DBC, as the CYC Yachting Committee hosted Race Committee 101 Training on Saturday, January 22. The new and improved presentation was carefully curated by PC David Billing, PC Fairlie Brinkley and Bob Smith.

Yachting Committee Chair Kelley Lesperance kicked off the morning and set the tone for how we can deliver SAFE, FAIR, FUN competition in the nearly perfect setting of Clearwater, FL. PC Tish Wold and PC Tim Roberts gave informative presentations

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Kelley Lesperance introduces and sets the tone for the training.



Gerard Kane gave practical on the water experience.

geared to a successful CYC Race Committee future.

After the classroom learning, Gerard Kane took a group of intrepid volunteers out on the water for some practical training on how to set marks. A good time was had by all and a gathering at the TIKI huddled by the heaters followed. Thanks to all the attendees for wanting to bring CYC to the forefront of competitive sailing in our area, and to solidify our reputation in the sailing community. Working on the prestigious regattas that are hosted in full or part by CYC is a great way to meet new people and have fun with your fellow members. While there are a number of key jobs on the water during the regattas, especially for experienced power boat operators, there are equal numbers of roles on land before, during and after the events.



PC Tish Wold demonstrates proper flag protocols.



PC Tim Roberts presents what safe fair and fun really means.









▲ Race Committee Training 201

will be held on 2/12/22 at 9 am in the Dry Dock. Join us and find out how you can be a part of putting the "Y" in CYC! You do not need any background in sailing or boating to participate. Contact Yachting Chair, Kelley Lesperance, (407) 920-7545, cycyachting@gmail.com for more information.



By Anita Cafferty

WELL, HERE WE are in 2022 and I feel like the lead actress in a trailer of the 70's movie SOYLENT GREEN recast to take place in 2022.

Things start unraveling at a quick pace and then—nothing is happening.

Parties are being cancelled again and the wind gods have either given us too much winds or, mere whispers so our sailing has to be cancelled more times than not.

The temperature gods got in their little licks too as, one time it was so cold, we wore enough layers that if we fell down we would just bounce up again.

Our annual Soup Cruise was held on January 25 in the CYC Dry Dock. Mmmmmm mmmmmm good.....details next month!



Sunset Cruises

We are trying something different. Instead of Saturday evening, we are doing Thursday evening SUNSET CRUISES. We hope more boaters will join us.

We meet at the Tiki Bar 30 minutes before we leave the dock to go out into the Gulf to enjoy the sunset. We then

return whenever you like. Most will return shortly after sunset.

For more info or to let me know you are coming contact Reinhard Opitz at ropitz@mindspring.com

Bring Your Boat And Join Us

HIGH TIDE SUNSET LEAVE DOCK Thurs. March 10 4:17 PM 6:37PM

Membershi

By Amie Crosby, Membership Chairman

HERE WE ARE 2/2022! Membership Committee is looking forward to another very successful year. The committee is made up of full voting members that will now be referred to as Membership Ambassadors. We have hit the ground running with a



dynamite first meeting in January and are excited to work on our mission of recruitment and retention of members.

A few things that I would like all to be aware of:

- Winter Membership is a one-time opportunity for prospective members to try the club, with no initiation fee and monthly dues at \$200, this promotion ends March 31st
- If a current member refers someone that joins CYC the referring member receives a \$100 food and beverage credit as well as being entered into a quarterly drawing for a \$250 food and beverage credit.

Membership Categories are:

Full – Initiation is \$3,700 and \$210 a month (+ \$24 Capital)

Social – Initiation is \$2,700 and \$170 a month (+ \$24 Capital)

Junior – Initiation is \$1,000 and \$117.50 a month (+ \$24 Capital)

Open to applicants up to age 40, and remainder of initiation fee due at age 40

Active Military/First Responder – Initiation is \$500 and \$117.50 a month (+ \$24 Capital)

Legacy–Initiation is \$250 and \$117.50 a month For children of full members up to age 40, at 40 dues goes to that of Full Members

If you are looking for ways to recruit new members, I ask you to take a look at the CYC website for ten reasons why to join Clearwater Yacht Club.

Be sure to pay attention to email announcements, as well as the calendar for events that will involve recruitment of new members, and membership engagement activities.

Membership meets the first Wednesday of the month in the Board room, if you ever have any questions or comments please come to a meeting or email me at amieamc@icloud.com

Who misses the corny joke? Let me know via email? Don't forget--what makes new members feel welcome is when other members stop by and say, "WELCOME".

When you see a table with a pineapple burgee, stop by and engage them! I promise they won't bite, and, who knows, you might even begin the best friendship of your life!!!

HOUSE and GROUNDS



by Curtis Wold, Vice Commodore

HAPPY GROUNDHOG DAY,

CYC! We had some amazing projects finishing as 2021 ended, especially upgrades to the Dry Dock area.

Hopefully, everyone has had a chance to see how great that area of our club looks now; if not, check it out next time you're



at the club, and consider what a great area it could be for hosting your next party!

What is the reward for good work? More work!! We're kicking off a "Buy a Brush" fundraising campaign for the next couple of months to raise some additional funds to continue to refresh and remodel areas of CYC, such as finishing the Dry Dock upgrades, refreshing the Tiki Bar, and painting the exterior of the building, to name a few. Our goal is to raise \$30K, and I invite everyone to buy a brush on your account at the Tiki or Grill Bars, print your name on it, and we'll display it at the club and publish a list of donors in the Compass as well!

I look forward to chairing House & Grounds this year as we advise and consult with our GM, Michael Ciaccio, on his duties for day-to-day operations of the restaurant, clubhouse, club grounds and staff. I encourage anyone interested in strategic planning in these areas to attend upcoming committee meetings. At our January meeting we made a list of potential projects for 2022, and in February we'll set to prioritizing them, planning, and getting bids for accomplishing these projects.

I'll continue this year in this column with some yacht club trivia: Who is recognized by the Marie Shepard McMahon Fellowship Award each year? Text me at 727-641-8633 with your answer and your name; I will give you a gift certificate for a couple of drinks at the CYC Tiki Bar for the third member who texts me the correct answer.

Back in December in my last Entertainment column, I asked, when was the last time a CYC Commodore served for more than one year? The answer from "The First Hundred Years: Clearwater Yacht Club 1911-2011" is PC Donald Sieburg who served as Commodore from 1983-1985. I did not receive any answers in December, even with this information right at everyone's fingertips in the Change of Watch invitation, so I thank folks for helping me pay my holiday bills!

The next House and Grounds Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, February 1 at 6:30 pm. Until then, I can be reached at woldca@gmail.com or on my cell phone by text or voice at (727) 641-8633. Let's have a great 2022, CYC!





CYC Members Kat and Jim Hannigan recently attended a wedding event at the Fort Walton Yacht Club. Kat and Jim were welcomed by the General Manager of Fort Walton Yacht Club, Avery McAninch.





AFTER CELEBRATING THE

holidays, the Clearwater Yacht Club Cruisers are cruising again.

Eighteen boats made our January cruise to Twin Dolphin Marina. Our hosts Richie Shaw and Phyllis Nordman made sure that everyone had a great time.

We started off on Thursday evening

with a Docktail party with everyone bringing some of their favorite dishes and, things continued for a fabulous 3M party on Friday morning, Mary's, Mimosas and Muffins.

Several Cruisers made their way to Caddy's for lunch on Friday where there were lots of laughs hearing about previous Cruisers' trips.

Mattison's City Grill did a fantastic job serving 45 of us for dinner on Saturday evening. The party didn't stop there. Some of us participated in a 3 bar Pub Crawl. There was plenty of dancing going on this night.

Mother Nature did not want to cooperate for the rest of the trip, so many left on Saturday to avoid the nasty winds that were coming and, make sure we made the crossing safely.

We all made it back with 4 boats staying until Tuesday.

February's cruise will be heading to The Isles Yacht Club and Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club.

If you are interested in attending any of our cruise activities and do not have a boat, contact me at **slnewcom@verizon.net** so we may add you to any of our reservations.

HAPPY BOATING!!!









By Jim Hannigan, **Entertainment Co-Chair**

GREETINGS CYC MEMBERS! I hope

you have firmly put 2021 in the past and are focused on a festive 2022. Tom Cummings, myself, and the wonderful Entertainment



Committee are dedicated in bringing festive events to all this year. Remember members are always welcomed at our meetings, and we are looking for your input in events and



potential musical acts to be featured at the Club.

We have a Valentine dinner/ dance scheduled on Saturday, February 12.

Not to overshadow Valentine's Day, Super Bowl party follows on Sunday, February 13.

March 1 celebrates "Fat Tuesday" Mardi Gras party.



Friday, March 4, enjoy the Captains cocktail party before the Clearwater to Pass-A-Grille Yacht Race—all are welcome!

Saturday, March 5, we remember our birthdays/anniversarys with dinner. The Wearing O' the Green

Saturday, March 12, we feature our Wearing O' the Green St. Patrick's party.

Saturday, March 26, enjoy Dueling Pianos, which

coincides with the CYC Cruisers Cruise weekend.



activities planned and more to be inserted as they become finalized. Keep your monthly Compass handy and consult your weekly Constant Contact posts to keep up with events, times and dates.

Please support these events when

you can, and take part in the various committee planned functions (Cruisers, Yachting, etc). We look forward to seeing everyone at the Club. Please remember to make those reservations when visiting, call the office, e-mail, or use the Open Table app.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 8, 6:00 pm, in the upstairs board room. Thanks to all for their continued support and enthusiasm for this wonderful Club. Cheers!

You are all very much appreciated. I can be reached at: jhannigan@sgws.com, and (727) 215-5418. Cheers! ►





There are definitely plenty of



Jim & Debora Wilder **Arlene Roche Phil Zieger Steve & Wendy Ingram Edward & Phyllis Carlson Richard & Betty Massell Marshall & Rana Morris** Nicholas & Susan Annenos **Albert & Theresa Farrell Christine Melendy** Joe Sampson & Jeanne O'Kelley **Larry & Jeannine Schaub Erica Vitsky**

1-4 YEARS:

Dave & Patrice Hillis Ken & Jeannette Doran Bill & Paige Christian Bill Cooke (Cookie) Lance & Sherri Meyerson Jim & Moira Turner Jim & Debbie Krchmar **David & Susie Louiselle Bob & Joanne McIntyre Don & Lisa Oliver Rolando & Karin Reves Bob & Tracey Sullivan**

Save These Dates

Club Dining Hours

Tuesday-Thursday 11:30 am - 9:00 pm Friday & Saturday 11:30 am - 9:30 pm Sunday Breakfast 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Tiki Bar Hours

Tuesday-Thursday 5:00 -10:00 pm Friday 2:00 pm - closing Saturday & Sunday 11:00 am - closing

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 1st

Landcruisers - 5 pm Bowchasers - 5:30 pm House & Grounds - 6:30 pm

Wednesday 2nd Membership - 6 pm

Thursday-Sunday 3rd-6th **West Marine US Open Sailing Series** Laser/ILCA Class Regatta

Friday 4th

Live Music - Stacy Nights

Saturday 5th

Private MDR - Luncheon Tiki Entertainment-Jim Donnell 6-9

Tuesday 8th Entertainment - 6 pm **B-I-N-G-O** - 7:30 pm

Wednesday 9th Cruisers - 6:30

February 10

SUNSET CRUISE Leaves 5:10 pm

Friday 11th

Live Music - J.R. Connections

Saturday 12th

CYC Valentine's Dinner Dance with J.R.

SUPERBOWL Kick-off Party

Sunday 13th

Sweetheart Brunch - 9 am-1 pm Fill the Grid Tailgate Party 1pm-Tiki

SUPERBOWL LVI 6:30pm

Monday 14th

Happy Valentine's Day

Tuesday 15th

Book Club - 6 pm Yachting - 6 pm Waterside - 7 pm

Wednesday 16th

Finance - 6 pm

Thursday 17th

Board of Directors - 6 pm

Friday 18th

Live Music - JEFF RED

Saturday 19th

Private Dry Dock- PM

Sunday 20th

Jazz Grand Brunch - 9 am-1 pm

Tuesday 22nd

Race Committee 201-9 am

Trustees - 5:30 pm

New Members Orientation - 6pm

Thursday 24th

Spirit Wine Tasting-Above 90pts. 6 pm

Friday 25th

Live Music - Scott Hardy

Saturday 26th

Private MDR - PM

MARCH

Tuesday 1st FAT TUESDAY Mardi Gras Party

Landcruisers - 5 pm Bowchasers - 5:30 pm House & Grounds - 6:30 pm

Wednesday 2nd

Membership - 6 pm

Friday 4th

Pass A Grille Regatta

Live Entertainment - Motel Funk

Saturday 5th

1st Quarter Birthday/ **Anniversary Karaoke**

Private DD PM

Tuesday 8th

Entertainment - 6 pm

Wednesday 9th

Cruisers - 6 pm

Friday 11th

Live Entertainment - J.R.

Saturday 12th

CYC St. Patty's Party

Sunday 13th

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME-Spring Forward!

Tuesday 15th

Book Club - 6 pm Yachting - 6 pm

Waterside - 7 pm

Wednesday 16th

Gulls Luncheon Finance - 6 pm

Thursday 17th

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

Board of Directors - 6 pm Private Dry Dock - PM

Friday 18th

Live Entertainment - JEFF RED Sunfish Regatta (18th-20th)

Saturday 19th

Sunfish Regatta Dinner - MDR

Tuesday 22nd

Trustees - 5:30 pm

Thursday 24th CYC CRUISE IN (24TH-27TH)

Friday 25th

Live Entertainment - Scott Hardy

Saturday 26th

Dueling Pianos - MDR

Sunday 27th

Jazz Grand Brunch - 9 am-1 pm

COMING



March 1



March 5



March 12

CYC Committees and Organizations

COMMITTEES

Entertainment, Jim Hannigan Finance, RC Rich Libonate House & Grounds, VC Curtis Wold Membership, Amie Crosby Nominating Commitee, Policy, IPC Mary Kay Delk Sailing Activites, Waterside, Rod White

Yachting, Kelley Lesperance **Communications, Diane Reynolds**

CYC ORGANIZATIONS

Bowchasers, Linda Dorn & Lynne McCaskill Cruisiers, Gary & Sondra Newcom

Gulls. Lynne Shackelford

FCYC Director, PC Tim Roberts

COMPASS

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Sondra Newcom

The deadline for all copy, ads, photos is the Friday following the Board of Directors' meeting each month.

From the Front Office

By Michael Ciaccio, General Manager CCM



CYC's newly refreshed dry dock is BEAUTIFUL and available to host your next function. We would love to host any gathering, from a small business meeting to a wedding.

Chef Jermaine has menus prepared you can choose from or we are more than

happy to create special menus to please your group's palate. By working directly with the staff we can create menus to fit any taste or budget.

Besides the dry dock, we can offer the Board Room and Main Dining Room depending on availability.

The best part as a member there are no room rental fees. Contact Virginia, office@clearwateryachtclub.org or Michael, gm@clearwateryachtclub.org today to begin planning your event.









BUSY TIMES AT Clearwater Yacht Club. In addition to lunch and dominoes on Wednesday, Shelly Robbins has been teaching us Quilling. What a neat craft, especially if you are coordinated. After the January luncheon I hope we can go back to learn more.

I wish I could report on the Scottish Luncheon but this article is due before the event. Hope you came and enjoyed it.

Speaking of Ladies Luncheons, February 16 will be our luncheon with a topic of First Aid. March 16 will bring musical entertainment and April will be a Fashion Show from Sign of the Dolphin. Please mark your calendar so you can attend all these fun and/or enlightening luncheons.

If you like our luncheons, please consider helping us. We need volunteers to check people in, sell 50/50 tickets, come up with ideas for the topic and then help organize. We really want to keep this going but it does require people.

We look forward to seeing you at upcoming events.



BOOK CLUB

By Diane Switalski

THE BOOK CLUB meets the third Tuesday of every month at 6 pm in the Board Room. All members and their guests are welcome to join our stimulating and fun-filled discussions. If you enjoy reading, this is the place to be! Many of us stay for dinner. If you plan to do so, please make reservations with Virginia or Mary at (727) 447-6000. All books are predetermined by the members prior to discussion.

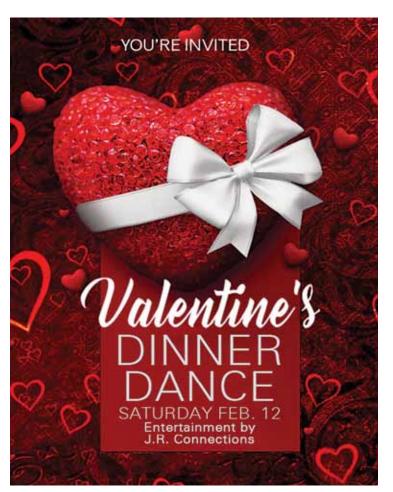
Our upcoming meetings will feature the following:

February 15
LAST GIRL GHOSTED
by Lisa Unger

March 15

THE PERSONAL LIBRARIAN

by Marie Benedict & Victoria Christopher Murray



UPCOMING REGATTAS

WEST MARINE US OPEN SAILING SERIES



Internaional Laser Class Association (ILCA) races February 4-6

Clearwater to Pass-A-Grille Run Regatta, in partnership with Dunedin Boat Club March 5





Sunfish US Nationals, MidWinters and the Sunfish International Masters March 12-20.



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The Bow Chasers are putting together small group classes with the Clearwater Community Sailing for early 2022.

No need to be a Bow Chaser just a love for the water and an interest in sailing.

Please contact Lisa Oliver Irlo@charter.net

314-651-1015

