

New Leadership-New Beginnings



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Annual Boat Parade



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Where's the Chimney? Mingle Jingle Mingle-repeat!





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Commodore's Corner

Happy New Year to all of our CYC Members!

I'm truly honored to be serving as your Commodore this year. I'm joined by a TEAM of directors that form our leadership group and who are ready to kick off 2022 as a great year at our club!



Commodore **Gregory Crist**

We've already set course on a number of very large, multi-year projects which includes new marina construction in our club. We've also initiated meetings with

community banks to properly fund these projects. This will allow us to manage the investment in this modernization effort. I'm very proud of our Finance team that created a conservative budget and approach, helping us contend with some heavy inflationary headwinds and passing only a modest mothly increase of \$20 in our dues. We hope that you will find that this is easily offset by visiting the club regularly and experiencing new and unique culinary experiences, and entertainment found only at your private beach club.

Did I mention that the best Guilty and Guilt Free Pizza on the beach is coming soon to CYC?

Watch later this month as Chef Jermaine's amazing creations of pizzas, fresh breadsticks and more to come.

Looking to get more involved?

We have a number of new members this year, and some of you have reached out to me on how to get more involved with the club. We currently need help at our committee level in House & Grounds, Entertainment, and Membership. Each group meets monthly and has immediate committee roster openings. Just between us, January is a perfect time to join in and help your club grow as we plan out a number of programs, events and parties fill out our calendar.

Ideas, Suggestions and Comments

Come meet with me and have a Coffee with the Commodore Sunday January 9 at 9-10:30am, an informal and open chat session to share your thoughts and input. The coffee or tea is on me in the Dry Dock.

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 let me know you are coming contact Reinhard Opitz at ropitz@mindspring.com

Bring Your Boat And Join Us

HIGH TIDE SUNSET LEAVE DOCK DATE Thurs. Jan.13 Thurs. March 10 4:17 PM

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

By Kelley Lesperance, Secretary

The BOD took the following actions at the December 16 meeting:

- Received reports from the General Manager, Treasurer/Finance, House and Grounds, Waterside, Capital Improvements, Yachting, Membership, Entertainment and FCYC and COMPASS representatives.
- Approved the recommendation from the Finance Task Force, who were charged with exploring the dock improvement financing plan: Immediately market the Transfer of Development Rights (TDRs) (retaining 7-10 of the 27 units available), limit use of Capital Funds to \$250,000, and utilize a bridge loan to finance dock until we get \$ from TDRs.
- Approved the 2022 Budget as presented
- Approved 5 new members, 1 membership status change, 3 resignations and 1 LOA request.

The next meeting will be held January 20.

2022 OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, **APPOINTMENTS & TRUSTEES**

CYC Officers

Greg Crist Commodore **Curtis Wold** Vice Commodore Rich Libonate Rear Commodore **Phil Shaw** Treasurer

Kelley Lesperance Secretary Rod White Fleet Captain

Mary Kay Delk Immediate Past Commodore

Board of Directors

Joan Carter Misha Kelly **Amie Crosby** John Minton **Jamie Patchett** Jim Hannigan

Board of Trustees

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

Appointments

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

CYC New Members

At the December 16 Board of Directors meeting, the following new memberships were approved:

LEA CAMPEN & STEVEN KOVICH BILL & DALE METH CRAIG & KIM JONES MARK HAEGER STEVE & MELISSA MASSA

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



THE 2022 YACHTING regatta season is gearing up and your club needs your help. There are several large events coming up: West Marine US Open Sailing Series 2/3-6 (Laser/ILCA Class), Sunfish 2022 International Masters, 3/12-15 and Sunfish US Nationals at Midwinters, 3/17-20.



Race Committee Volunteers (Waterside & Landside) will be needed to continue the tradition of putting on profitable, professionally recognized national regattas. These regattas will require about 45 people out on the water in boats running the races and typically 15 or so volunteers daily landside supporting the regattas with registration, distributing food and water to competitors and volunteers, decorating and organizing receptions and dinners.

Members who are interested in learning more about what's involved are invited to attend (at no cost) CYC's Race Management 101 Course on Saturday, January 22 from 9-noon in the Dry Dock. The club will provide a light lunch, soft drinks, coffee and tea. If you are interested in attending this course, please contact Kelley Lesperance, 407-920-7545 klesperance204@gmail.com to make a reservation.

Race Committee at Clearwater Yacht Club

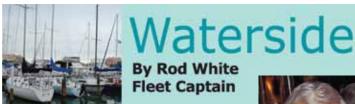
Why is it important? We all take pleasure in belonging to a prestigious Yacht Club. Prestige is measured in many ways, but one of them is successfully hosting major regattas. The Clearwater Yacht Club has a long history of doing just that, and 2022 will be no exception. We are members of a club that has a great reputation, and we need to work hard to retain this leadership.

Why do we need to help? The Clearwater Yacht Club is in the midst of rebuilding our stable of excellent and experienced race committee members who can organize and run good regattas. Every major event we host needs power boats for almost every position on the race course, plus safety boats. We need expert power boat drivers with good navigation and radio communication skills, and people who enjoy being on the water. Without good powerboat support, we simply cannot run a regatta!

How good are the sailors? Well, it depends on the event. In the Olympic class regattas (US Open), you will see some of the top athlete sailors in the world. What fun it was this past year watching sailors in the Olympics that we watched compete in the events right here in the Gulf of Mexico that CYC managed. Then, there are the Masters, where you will see sailors in their 80's competing! In our big boat races (Clearwater Challenge, Pass-A-Grille Run) you will see families and friends crewing together with much more modest racing aspirations, but really knowing how to enjoy the pre and post race parties.

Will I have fun? If you volunteer your boat and come out on the race course you can count on a good time. Experienced crew will be on the race course with you, and afterwards, we all meet up at the bar to relax and trade stories of the day!

See you out on the water!cycyachting@gmail.com - (407) 920-7545



THE WATERSIDE COMMITTEE

met one week earlier on Tuesday, December 14 due to the holidays. We discussed slip lease rules and fees for the upcoming year. Phil Shaw, our Club



Treasurer, updated the committee on the financing plans the Board and Trustees are discussing. We also discussed a Woods Consulting update from Terri Skapik, President, as follows.

- **1.** Dock Office on Dock B—wreck and remove (not to be rebuilt).
- 2. Contractor bids—are scheduled to go out December

- 16, however, Pinellas County has not issued their commercial dock permit yet (a result of delay on Clearwater providing municipal approval). We continue waiting on that. A copy of the contractor bid packages will be provided for review prior to distribution.
- **3.** A separate Army Corps permit is required as both the FDEP and County did not or will not use their delegation of authority for granting federal approvals. A separate Corps permit application is being filed but will not hold up contractor bids from going out. Corps authorization is required prior to construction commencement.

After discussions with Waterside and the Board of Directors we decided to ask Terri to quote repair and replace the Dock office due to WIFI usage, parades, Blessing of the Fleet and the unique structure on our docks.

All guest and slip holders please be aware of appropriate flag display and etiquette in our marina.

Have a wonderful and safe holiday season. 📂















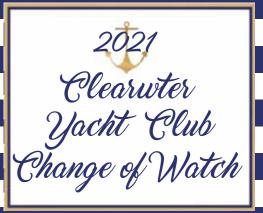








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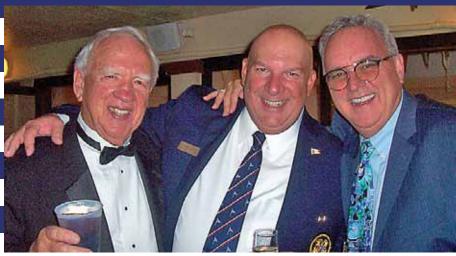


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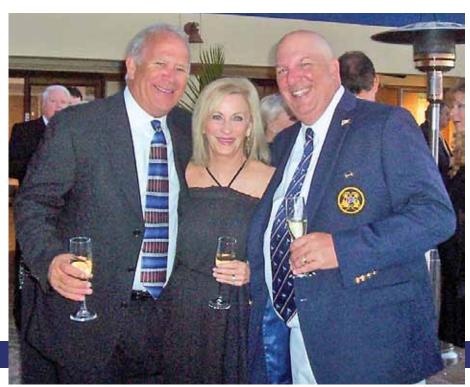






























18-"Chillin the Most"



42-"She'll Be Right/Woodright"

THANK YOU

On behalf of Clearwater Yacht Club and Island Estates Yacht Club, we wish to thank MarineMax for their generous sponsorship and donation to this year's Annual Holiday Boat Parade. MarineMax donated 36 Skipper's Bags and Swag Kits given out to all the Skippers at the Captains' Meeting on December 9, 2021 and also donated \$1200. Thank you MarineMax for your generosity.

Signed,

PC Rowland Milam

PC Hoyt Nichols

Co-Chairs for the 2021 Annual Holiday Boat Parade



44 - "Knot Sure

WINNERS

OVERALL GRAND PRIZE

SAILBOAT # 44 - "Knot Sure" - Captain - John Fondrk

POWERBOATS - 30' & OVER

1ST Place - # 35 - "Just the Tip" - Captain - Joshua Craft

TIE: 2nd Place - # 24 - "The Bottom Line" - Captain - Zach Railey

TIE: 2nd Place - # 31-"Reel Therapy" - Captain - Dr. Richard Kidd

3rd Place - # 42 - "She'll Be Right/Woodright" - Captain - Charlie Mackey

POWERBOATS – 29' & UNDER

1st Place - # 22 - "Dos Maynards II" - Captain - Mark Weigand

2nd Place - # 19 - "Beverly Ann" - Captain - Wesley Wimberly

3rd Place-# 18-"Chillin the Most"-Captain-Kevin Geigle

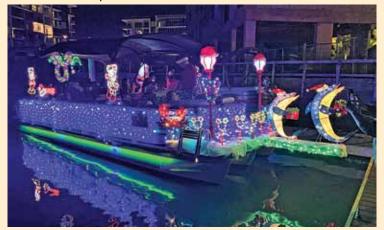


31-"Reel Therapy"





35-"Just the Tip"



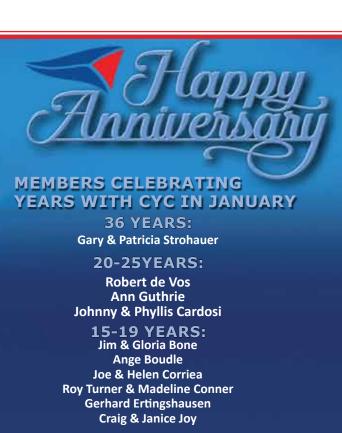
22-"Dos Maynards II"



19-"Beverly Ann"



24-"The Bottom Line"



10-14 YEARS:

Paula Argyros John & Darlene Finn Shirley Iarrobino Paul Lightfoot & Barbara Loubie

5-9 YEARS:

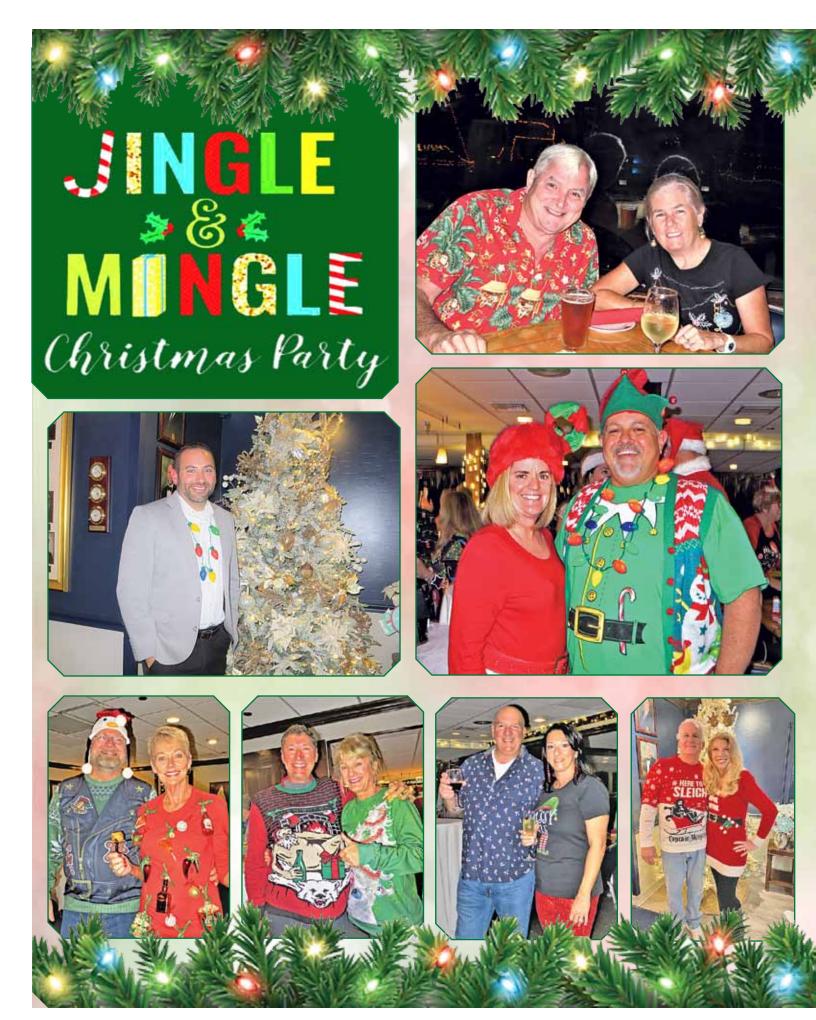
Hal & Patricia Bodley **ReJane Cameron & Anthony Meskawy** Michael & Kiffie Hester **Judy Umeck Linda Welby** Michael Madden Jim & Sandee Pfister Bill & Cathy Athanson **Gene & Linda Dorn Ed & Bonnie Jesteadt Ron & Pam Ward Dave & Deb Aune Delmar Lewis Kelly & Sandy McCarty** Stephanie Sen & Stephan Brandstadter **Robert & Ducksie Stoddard**

1-5 YEARS:

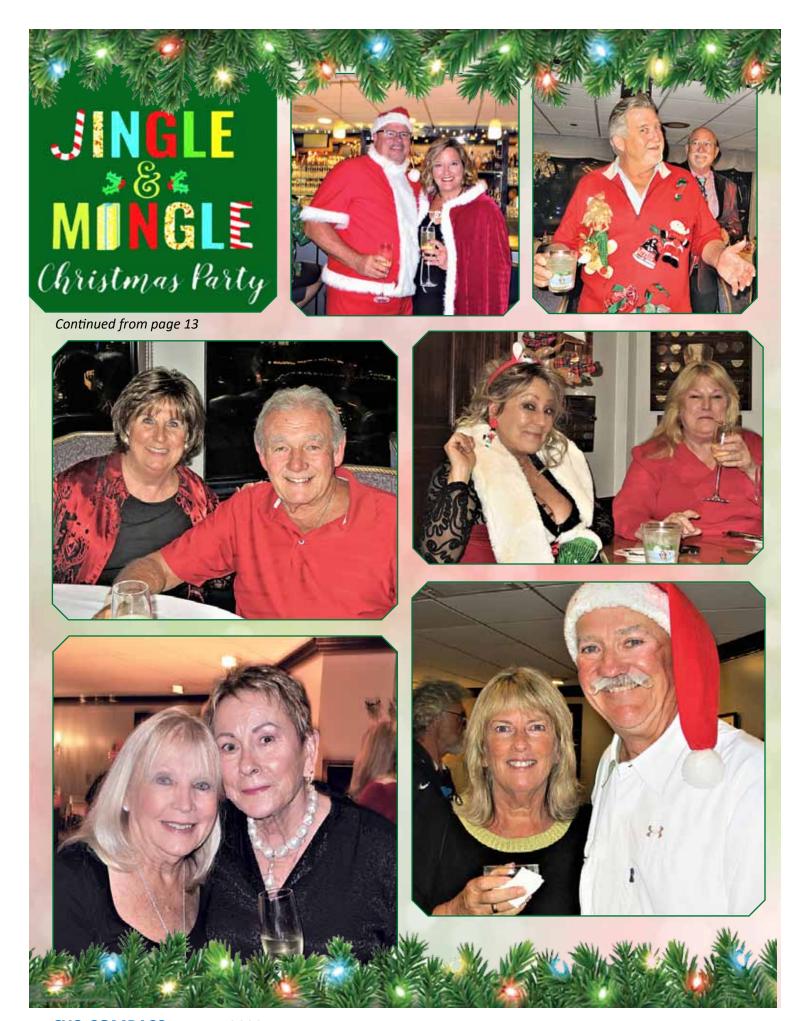
Dave & Patrice Hillis
Ken & Jeannette Doran
Bill & Paige Christian
Bill Cooke (Cookie)
Lance & Sherri Meyerson
Jim & Moira Turner
Jim & Debbie Krchmar
David & Susie Louiselle
Bob & Joanne McIntyre
Don & Lisa Oliver
Rolando & Karin Reyes
Bob & Tracey Sullivan













THE GULLS BROUGHT the year to a close with a busy December.

In addition to lunch every Wednesday and dominoes, we jointly sponsored the December Ladies Luncheon.

The Gulls and BowChasers gathered together for the Ladies luncheon where the Gulls had jewelry, Christmas decorations and other amazing "stuff" for sale. We also raffled off a wine basket while The Bow Chasers had a 50/50. Overall, both groups did well and, from what I hear, all the members were pleased.

After lunch we had a quick craft to make. A strand of

lights that goes in a bottle starts the project and is finished off with a pretty bow. Fun and easy! We also enjoyed holiday music by Anita Cafferty.

In the Gulls tradition, *Breakfast* with Santa was on Saturday
December 18. Approximately 30 children were at the club to meet
Santa who arrived by water. All the good little boys and girls got presents from Santa, breakfast and then play time. Our own Jason Collins was the man of the hour making great balloon creations for everyone! Anita

Cafferty played the piano for singing and dancing. Craft time was available in the Dry Dock to those who chose to decorate a Christmas Tree or wreath to take home.

The New Year will continue to bring lunch and dominoes (or other games if you choose) on Wednesdays. We are in the process of planning monthly Ladies



Luncheons. Stay tuned for dates and details. I can tell you now that the February luncheon is a topic near and dear to my heart, First Aid. Spring will bring another fashion show. Any ideas you have for a topic, please send them our way.

Hope everyone had a joyous Christmas and safe and Happy New Year.









By Anita Cafferty, Bow Chasers

DECEMBER 14TH SAW a combined Christmas Party between the Bow Chasers and the Gulls. There were 41 gals to help get the holiday spirit hopping. We were worried when we first walked in to see Lynne Shackelford's holiday project for us to attempt after lunch. There were two tables before us just loaded with all kinds of empty bottles of vodka, whiskey, wine, brandy and other various libations.

No one wanted to say it, but we all had a little bit of worry about Lynne taking this project way too much to heart and, had to consume all this liquor to get the empty bottles needed. Our worries were assuaged when she told us she had recruited the club to get the bottles.

The project was to fill the bottles with these tiny little lights and then tie a ribbon around them. They all turned out great. Thanks to Phyllis Cardona for the beautiful bows, as some of us really needed the extra help to keep our bottles from looking like a plate of spaghetti.

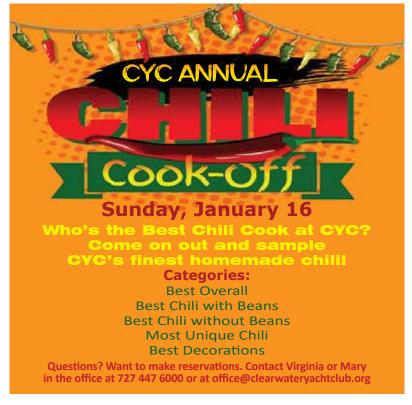
So while we were enjoying lunch and fun, our own Cathy McNally was down at St. Pete YC defending the CYC at the Florida Woman's Sailing Association Regatta. She had strong winds, a little bitty boat and

2 foot waves which gave her a wet bottom and really cold conditions. There were 2 races. She was out on the water over 3 hours; but she did us proud coming in SECOND OVERALL. Way to go Cathy . . . you always make CYC shine in the sailing world!















OUR YEAR ENDED with a fun filled Christmas party held at Clearwater Yacht Club. Chef Jermaine prepared a delicious dinner for 74 Cruise members. During the evening, gifts were presented to all our hosts who

helped make our monthly cruise trips fun and enjoyable. There where a lot of nice and some fun gifts exchanged during the White Elephant—I don't think we needed Don Carter to end up with the Karaoke Mic gift!

I want to say Thank You to all our Cruisers who helped make our first year as Cruise Directors a success and keeping us for one more year. We have several of our monthly trips planned and the long trip scheduled for April and May. You can obtain more info on CYC website or by contacting me Slnewcom@verizon.net.

Be safe and Happy Holidays to everyone!



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:

January 18, 2022

WINE AND WAR:

The French, The Nazis and The Battle for France's Greatest Treasure

by Don & Petie Kladstrup

February 15
LAST GIRL GHOSTED
by Lisa Unger



WE HAVE NO way of knowing what the new year, 2022, will bring. However, in may ways that future will very much depend upon the choices we make each day in the here and now. As I try to look to the future with hope, I am reminded of the old saying, "there is no time like the present."

Indeed, there is no time like the present to speak a word of forgiveness, to re-kindle a friendship from the past or tell our parents/children/spouse how much we love them.

Yes, there is always "no time like the present," because the future is being prepared for us in the here and now. This is not only true when it comes to our relationships with others, but also when it comes to our responsibilities as "Prudent Mariners" as well. The time to ensure that our days on the water will be remembered as happy ones begins not when we face some future emergency but in the here and now.

The time when we should upgrade and replace our old dock lines is not after future damage is done during an afternoon squall. The time to overhaul storm lines and fenders is not after the hurricane passes. There is no time like the present to change the oil, and replace worn halyards, and install a new impeller, and update charts, and review the latest Notice to Mariners, and inspect the standing rigging, and clean the canvas, and check that the bilge pumps are all functioning, and ensure that fire extinguishers are up to date, and inventory the PFD's, and make sure the life-raft inspection is current, and change the zincs in the heat exchanger, and make sure all the running lights are functioning, and replace the worn jib sheets, and service the furling gear, and inspect the chain and nylon rode on the anchor(s), and ensure that the many pieces of technology onboard including depthsounders, speed logs, radio and radar equipment are all in proper working order, and spend a few hours reviewing COLREGS . . . and the list goes on because there is no time like the present to help ensure that our time underway in the future will be a reflection of another old saying I remember from my childhood: "Safe Boating is Fun Boating."

Who knows what the future may bring? None of us, but the wisdom of a thousand generations reminds us that in no small way, the future we will experience, both in our personal relationships and in our time on the water, is being written each and every day through the choices we make, the words we speak, and the prudent seamanship we exercise. No doubt about it: "there is no time like the present."

So then, here's to a great 2022! May we be blessed with the love of our families and friends, good comradeship with our fellow CYC members, and "safe landfalls" at the harbors we are bound for." frbob.wagenseil@gmail.com

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

JANUARY, 2022 **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Saturday 1st

DINING ROOM CLOSED

Tiki Open from 1-5 pm - Limited Menu

Sunday Jan. 2 **Bucs at Jets**

Tuesday 4th

Land Cruisers - 5 pm Bow Chasers - 5:30 House & Grounds - 6 pm

Wednesday 5th

Membership - 6 pm

Friday 7th

Live Music - TBD

Saturday 8th

4TH QUARTER 2021 BIRTHDAY/ ANNIVERSARY KARAOKE

Sunday 9th

New Member Orientation - 10:30 am Coffee with the Commodore 9 am to 10:30

Panthers at Bucs

Tuesday 11th

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

Wednesday 12th

Cruisers - 6:30 pm

January 13

Sunset Cruise Leaves 4:45 pm

Friday 14th

Live Music – J.R. Connections

Sunday 16th

CHILI COOK OFF -**DRY DOCK & PATIO**

Tuesday 18th

Book Club - 6 pm

Yachting - 6 pm Waterside - 7 pm

Wednesday 19th

Finance - 6 pm

Thursday 20th

Board of Directors - 6 pm

Friday 21st

Live Music - TBD

Saturday 22nd

RACE MANAGEMENT 101 DRY DOCK - 9 AM-NOON

Tuesday 25th

Trustees - 5:30 pm

Saturday 29th

Private MDR AM **GASPARILLA**

Sunday 30th

Grand Brunch - 9 am to 1 pm

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 - TBD

Saturday 5th

Private MDR - Luncheon

Tuesday 8th

Entertainment - 6 pm

B-I-N-G-O - 7:30 pm

Wednesday 9th

Cruisers Mtg.- 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

SUPERBOWL LVI

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 - TBD

Saturday 19th

Private Dry Dock- PM

Sunday 20th

Jazz Grand Brunch-9 am-1 pm

Tuesday 22nd

Trustees Mtg. - 5:30

Friday 25th

Live Music - TBD

Saturday 26th Private MDR - PM

Sunday 27th

Chowdah Challenge





CYC Commitees and Organizations

COMMITEES

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR CYC! We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. We are all geared up for an exciting 2022. Kudos to Vice Commodore Curtis Wold who led the Entertainment Committee this past year, and



did a wonderful job in bringing lots of events for our members to enjoy and participate. We wish VC Curtis well on his next adventures in his new role at the Club.

First, please welcome Tom Cummings as Co-Chair of the 2022 Entertainment Committee. We look forward to his valuable input and direction as we move forward planning events for all to enjoy.

We begin the month of January with various football opportunities, whether it be college bowl games, or NFL games, join us at the Club to watch and partake of our exciting offerings.



There will be a Chili cook off on Sunday, January 16. Start preparing those delicious recipes. More info to follow.

Gasparilla is on Saturday, January 29,

for those looking to join in the festivities with

250,000 of your closest friends in downtown Tampa.

Please, make sure you continue to make reservations when visiting the Club, either by phone, e-mail, or the Open Table App. It is very important and appreciated by the staff.



Tuesday, January 11, the Entertainment Committee will meet at 6:30 pm in the Board room. All CYC members are cordially invited to attend and to share any ideas about upcoming events the Club could pursue. We are always looking for hosts for these events as well. Thanks again to VC Curtis and to you our members who support and make these events so successful. You are all very much appreciated. I can be reached at: jhannigan@sgws.com, and (727) 215-5418. Cheers!



From the Front Office

By Michael Ciaccio, General Manager CCM

THIS MONTH, I would like to introduce our new Food and Beverage Manager, Steven Waln

Steven is a local, born and bred in the Indian Rocks area. He is the father of 4 grown sons and been involved in the hospitality industry for 40 years.





Steven Waln

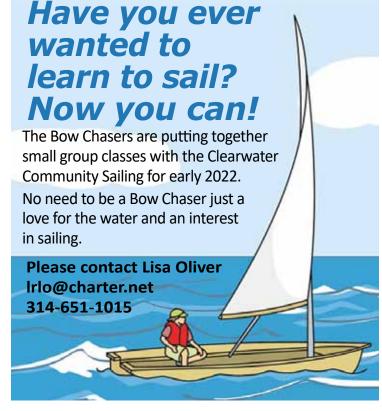
"I started my career at the Sheraton Hotel and Convention Center in NC working as their Food and Beverage Director for 12 years.

I then moved my family back to Florida to continue my career at Walt Disney World where I managed all Signature Dining restaurants in both Disney World and Epcot Orlando

resorts for 11 years. I decided to leave Disney and return to my birth area of Indian Rocks.

Upon returning to my home town, I worked as the manager of the Columbia Restaurant and Ulele. I decided when I moved back to the area I wanted a slower and more personal location to truly be able to connect with the guests.

A slower pace with tradition and attention to detail. I feel that Clearwater Yacht Club is the perfect fit. It reminds me of the Clearwater I grew up in and affords the opportunity to get to know each and every member by name is exactly the environment I was looking for.







RACE COMMITEE TRAINING 101 DRY DOCK - AM

Saturday, January 22 9 am-Noon

Learn all about being part of CYC's world famous race committee!





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Office Manager
Accounting Manager
Maintenance Supervisor
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