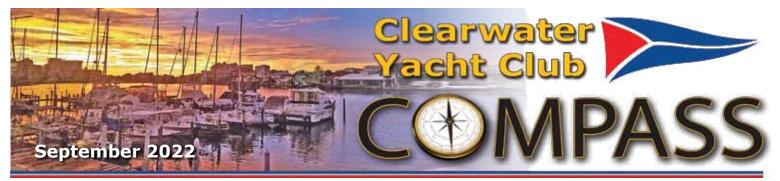


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# **CYC Annual White Party**



See pages 4-6 for more White Party photos

### **Inside**

### Now you see it ... now you don't



See pages 8-9 for more Construction photos

# Turnabout is fair play



See pages 12-13 for more Employee Turnabout Party photos

## Commodore's Corner

### **AS SUMMER DRAWS** to a

close, renovations around the Club are just now heating up.

Our CYC members will begin seeing their Buy-A-Brush campaign monies put to good use, as we repaint the exterior of the clubhouse, returning it to our patriotic Red, White and Blue.



Commodore Gregory Crist

In addition, an extensive remodel to Gregory Crist our Grille area is also getting ready to happen. Both are major projects and will give the club a modern, coastal look and feel.

The Marina project is also moving along quickly with "A" dock and the boardwalk scheduled for completion in just a few weeks. The Boathouse has also gotten a major refresh with a new roof and paint (see story inside on pp 8 & 9).

Of course, none of this would be possible without the hard work and generous support of our members who have rolled up their sleeves and done some heavy lifting to get these projects kicked off!

I'm very proud to have been a part of our leadership team that is focused on addressing every corner of the club with proper logistical and financial resources. All of this happens in coordination with our Board of Directors and Trustees and I'm happy to share that our Club remains strong and vibrant!

Have a Safe Summer and I'll see you at CYC!

THE CLEARWATER YACHT CLUB has partnered with Flagship Bank for partial funding to facilitate a complete rebuild of the Yacht Club Marina. Today, the construction of the new Clearwater Yacht Club docks was started with a groundbreaking ceremony performed by representatives of Flagship Bank, CYC Commodore, Gregory Crist, and CYC

This exciting project is first step in a multi-year plan to upgrade and refresh the yacht club's facilities.

Trustee Chair, PC David Billing.



Pictured L to R.
Rob Saw, EVP, Senior Lending Officer, Flagship Bank.
Gregory Crist, Commodore, CYC.
Christina Dickson, SVP, Market Manager, Flagship Bank.
David Billing, Past Commodore & Trustee Chair, CYC.
Nick Patel, EVP, Retail Director, Flagship Bank.

## **BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**

### By Michael Ciaccio, acting as Secretary

The BOD took the following actions at the August 18 meeting:

- The Board approved a motion to name Gerard Kane/ Ron Kratske as Co-Chairs of the Yachting Committee.
- Regatta Memberships approved for up-coming fall events.
- Approved 4 new members, 1 status change, 6 resignations.

The next meeting will be held September 15 at 6 pm.



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:

**September 20**ANXIOUS PEOPLE **by Fredrik Backman** 

# 2022 OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, APPOINTMENTS & TRUSTEES

### **CYC Officers**

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

Shaw Treasurer
Secretary
White Fleet Capt

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

Fleet Captain

WE HELD OUR Waterside meeting at the Club on August 16 with a very good turnout. Discussions were held about the need for Membership support for docking of some of our boats on B dock. Our



Waterside committee has worked very hard in the past year and a half to get the Club to this point.

August marked the beginning of the Marina renovation project. Our electrician, Phillips Solution, began the week by removing all the wiring and conduit from A dock.

Waterline removed all the decking prior to the arrival of the barge and additional workers. Waterline has been plagued by afternoon storms setting them back a week or so before beginning our project in earnest.

When you see the barge in the marina basin you will know the project is in full swing. By the time of this writing, we will have a great view of the intracoastal without A-dock in the way if only for a short amount of time.

The boardwalk decking will soon be replaced by gray Wear Deck that will give you a glimpse as to what the entire marina will look like upon completion. A-dock is scheduled to be completed by mid to late September weather permitting. Please bear in mind that the Tiki bar and pool will be open during the entire project. So, please do not hesitate to come out and enjoy.

We hope to see you at the Club. Fair winds and following seas!



See page 8 for more Construction photos

# YC New Members

At the August 18 Board of Directors meeting, the following new memberships were approved:

Leslie Baughn **Jason Paul** James & Susan Kristensen **Lori & Gordon Hornby** 

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



**SEPTEMBER PUTS US** one month away from our first two regattas of the new season, and a good time for a refresh on how we put the "Y in CYC" by offering fun-filled volunteer opportunities for our members! The CYC Yachting Committee is focused on getting sailors and all boaters out on the water, to encourage yachting, and make CYC members more proficient in seamanship and navigation.

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 2022/2023 is no exception.

Why do we need to help? CYC has a core group of excellent and experienced race committee members who can organize and run good regattas. Our venue in the Gulf of Mexico is also very popular. Every major event host needs power boats for almost every position on the racecourse--that is boats, drivers, good radio communication and people who enjoy spending time on the water. Without good powerboat support, we simply can't run any regatta, let alone a good one!

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

What if I don't have a boat? Key volunteer roles landside include registration, breakfasts for volunteers and competitors, cocktail receptions, awards parties, dinners, graphic design and publicity.

Let us know if you would like to get on the list for any of these opportunities. Training for interested volunteers will be scheduled soon.

#### **OCTOBER 1, 2022**

2022 Clearwater Challenge (WFPHRF Gulf Boat of The Year Event)

**OCTOBER 12 - 16, 2022** 

**IMMUNOLIN F18 WORLDS WINTER RACING SERIES** IN CLEARWATER BEACH, FL with Red Gear Racing

> FEBRUARY 1 - 5, 2023 **US OPEN SAILING SERIES**

**FEBRUARY 15 - 19, 2023 ILCA-NA MIDWINTERS EAST** 

Gerard Kane, gkane63@gmail.com, (703) 665-9455 Ron Kratzke, ron.kratzke@gmail.com, (703) 346-2662





















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# **HOUSE** and GROUNDS



### By Curtis Wold, Vice Commodore

#### THE HOUSE AND GROUNDS

Committee is moving forward refreshing and renewing the Grill room to include luxury vinyl plank (LVP) flooring, interior painting (including the Taver Bayly dining room), refinishing Formica at the bar and bar stool replacement. Thanks to Christy Crist, Joan Carter, RC Rich Libonate and PC Tim Roberts for their work on this effort.



We will also have Munyan out to paint the exterior of the club (burgee colors—white base with blue and red trim) sometime in September.

Work is complete on repairs to the boat shed, thanks to members' efforts on August 6th replacing the last of the old siding and doors and painting. Thanks to Craig Bleakley, Cathy and Steve McNally and PC Tim Roberts! Finally, a big thanks to Don Carter and sons for replacing the boat shed roof.

Thanks to all members for the efforts to date. September and October promise to be busy as we continue to update our club both inside and out! Come out often! See how the work progresses!

There will be a new menu for the fall as we continue to strive to provide consistently great meals and service at CYC. Remember to make reservations whenever possible; it helps to know how many members are coming on any given night! Please provide feedback—fill out a comment card, send and e-mail to board@clearwateryachtclub.org, respond to Open

Table reservation follow-up surveys, or simply let Michael, Donna, or Chef Jermaine know how we're doing! We will get a survey out to the general membership as well in late September or October. Keep an eye out for this opportunity to provide input and feedback.

Looking to our history, the membership has been interested in dining together, and seeking good value for the meals. According to "The First Hundred Years: Clearwater Yacht Club 1911-2011", referencing "Fifty Years of Clearwater Yacht Club" from 1961, in November of 1935 ". . . somebody proposed that CYC hold a buffet supper on the first Thursday of each month. The price:-50 cents. Out of this came (the) famed Candlelight Buffet but only after considerable discussion, temperate and otherwise . . . " Dinner was followed by dancing and entertainment by the club's own four-piece orchestra. These buffets were a main source of entertainment (and controversy) at CYC for decades. The popularity of the buffet was unchallenged. Its price and changes thereto were, however, sources of some serious "food fights." In 1938, "the price of the buffet soared to 85 cents" and then later that same year, increased again to the lofty price of \$1.00. This increase occasioned "considerable" grumbling," but nothing compared to the fury unleased by the next prices increase. On November 21, 1940, "...the Board of Directors voted to raise the buffet price to \$1.25. A few days later, after all hell had broken loose among the membership, the price was hastily dropped back to one dollar." Isn't PERSPECTIVE a wonderful word!!!

The next House and Grounds Committee meeting will be Thursday, September 8 at 6:30 pm. Until then, I can be reached at woldca@gmail.com or on my cell phone (text or voice) at (727)-641-8633.

### By Jim Hannigan, Entertainment Co-Chair

#### **GREETINGS CYC MEMBERS.** It's

hard to believe we are already into September after an active summer season at the Club. The month of August had an enthusiastic Game Night, a Low Country Boil and Crawfish Races, a Jazz Night with our own Hannah center stage, a Napa Valley Wine



Dinner, the annual "White Party", and finished up with our Employee Turnabout Party. We can never forget the delicious meals prepared by Chef Jermaine and his incredible staff, and our tiki bar serving all our favorite adult beverages to keep us properly hydrated.

We welcome September with a festive Labor Day Weekend filled with music, food and fun. Football season will be in full swing and we will have a football kickoff/ tailgate party (9/10) at the Tiki bar. Third quarter Birthday/Anniversary Karaoke (9/17) and Game night (9/22) will offer fun for all. The Commodore's Cruise-in to CYC (9/22) starts the weekend with a Grand Jazz Brunch closing it out. There will be a Skipper's party (9/30) at the Tiki bar to kick off the Clearwater Challenge Regatta taking place on Saturday, October 1. Make plans to come out and meet our Captains and racing crews, and enjoy a festive night on the patio.

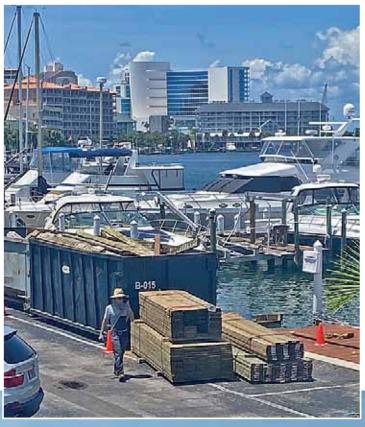
We will continue to keep everyone informed through the Compass, digitally or through Facebook, of all activities taking place in the upcoming months. Please continue to make those reservations when visiting our wonderful Club. New members are joining and our seasonal folks will soon be returning, so those RSVP'S will help our wonderful staff accommodate everyone. We truly appreciate all of your support and enthusiasm for all the events we create for all to enjoy. Everyone is welcome to submit any ideas, suggestions, or musical acts that might be utilized for a future event.

The CYC Entertainment Committee meets on Tuesday, September 13, 6:00 pm, in the upstairs board room. All are welcome to attend. Enjoy a wonderful September.

Yes, you can wish me a Happy Birthday (9/27), as I will be accepting well wishes all month! Cheers!

# A Whole Lot of Construction

**ENJOY THE OPEN** water views; they will disappear as the new dock and fingers rise above the water. We need to remember, folks from all over the world save all year long to enjoy for a week or two what we have EVERY DAY.

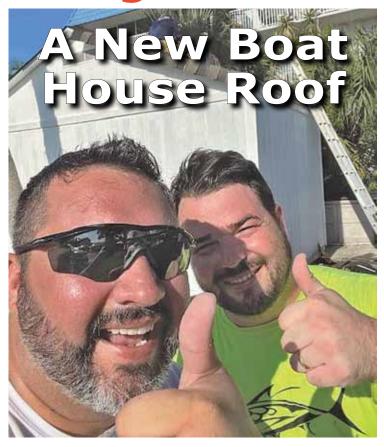








# Going On!



WE CANNOT THANK all of the members who give so freely of their time, talents and dollars to make a difference to our facilities. A "tired" CYC is reemerging through the generous work of so many of you. Show Don Carter, and his sons pictured here, a special CYC Pat-on-the Back for the new boathouse roof.









# What ever happened to the Crow's Nest?

By Joe Lane, Editor

serendipity [ser-uhn-dip-i-tee] noun; adjective an aptitude for making desirable discoveries by accident; good fortune; luck

**I HATED HISTORY**—any kind. It was boring, and with every class I took, I asked repeatedly why we had to bring up the past. What a waste! This was my attitude for many years.

In Engineering school, I registered for a manditory 'core curriculum' course entitled *History of the Middle Ages*. I was told, "ONLY sign up for Mr. Crowley."

I took one of the last seats available, toward the front of the lecture hall. A slightly balding, middle aged Mr. Crowley entered the room. He sat on the edge of an old wooden desk facing the class. He began telling this Sophomore class extemp stories about real people, real real things--about why people in the middle ages made swords; because they had to defend themselves years before against attacking dinosaurs. People that stood up for, sweated and bled and died for what they believed. I found myself raising my hand and asking questions about his stories. I finally had an answer to "Why do we study history?"

In today's cancel culture, we are driven to ignore



history because past events pale by comparison with what happens NOW. This best describes the demise of the Crow's Nest. Things are happening at CYC but we never want to lose what we have, more importantly the stories behind what we have.

### What's all this got to do with the Crow's Nest you ask?

I asked our members about the Tower. Some said it's the

dock master's office. Others said, "He's never used it because in summer it got too hot." Some said, "The only time I've ever seen it used was as a reviewing stand for judging the Lighted Christmas Boat Parade." Others said it was a podium for the Fleet Chaplain during the annual Blessing of the Fleet. While all that is true, the REAL reason for the Crow's Nest was as a memorial, a remembrance of PC George Hanselman. It was paid for and constructed by his wife Margaret after his death.



### OK, what about the Serendipity???

The serendipity is: that is how I found all this out, in a little known volume called "The First Hundred Years--Clearwater Yacht Club" The book was published by members a decade ago. The facts in that book are like my story here. They bring to life the history of CYC, our struggles and how we sometimes "just" made it. The stories of real people, like those sitting opposite you tonight. They gave so that there would be a Clearwater Yacht Club today. There is a movement afoot to do a second printing of that book. If you are interested, please call me and we'll start a list. Serendipity is when something totally unexpected happens that ends up being more wonderful than your wildest imagination can conceive of. That's what happened when I asked about the Crow's Nest, I found the "The First Hundred Years."



Gary & Sondra Newcom Cruising Chairpersons



### THE SKIPPER, GILLIGAN,

Thurston Howell, III, and a whole lot of Mary Anns took over 3 Rooker Bar for a castaway weekend August 20-21 in lieu of the usual marinas and yacht clubs the Cruisers visit for their monthly getaways. Head Skipper and Hostess, Todd and

Amie Crosby, led the way for the 13 boats who chose

to brave the waves and land on this deserted barrier island just off the coast of Crystal Beach and Honeymoon Island.

The Crosbys expertly pitched tents and positioned grills for beach burgers and hot dogs for lunch, ready for the relaxed captains and company who rafted ashore.

After all, this duo are old hands at throwing a good beach party. Gilligan games ensued with costumes, of course, How Low Can You Go limbo, Quick Play Cornhole and Beach Left, Right, Center (bring some money to this one). Coconut (egg) toss provided fierce competition but did anyone "Howell" when they saw Sondra make the winning catch between her legs?

Happy Hour at the Howell's Beach Club featured Mai Tai cocktails and snacks. What could be better than dinner on the beach unless it's Gilligan's Pot Luck Dinner with friends? No one left hungry but only about half stayed the entire night to enjoy the next morning. This creative camp out will surely be one everyone wants to repeat.









# TURNING ABOUT

**ONCE A YEAR** CYC heads on a new tack with the members opening the club for the employees to enjoy. The hope is that the employees and staff enjoyed the day as much as the members who showed their gratitude in this small way. THANK YOU!!!!





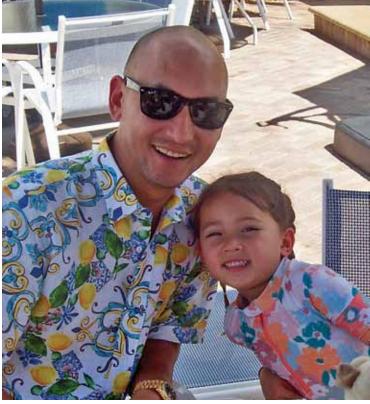


















# **EVENTS** Save These Dates

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

### SEPTEMBER, 2022

Friday - 2<sup>nd</sup>

Live Entertainment MDR - TBD

Saturday - 3rd

Tiki Live - 2-5 pm - CHELLO HOLLYDAY

Tiki Live - 6-9 pm - JEFF RED PRIVATE MDR LUNCH

Sunday - 4th

Tiki Live 2-7 pm - MIKE NICHOLS

**LABOR DAY PIG ROAST** 

Monday - 5th

**LABOR DAY** 

Tiki Live 12-5 pm FLOYD LEWIS and the

**CARIBBEAN CONNECTION** CYC Labor Day BBQ

Tuesday - 6th

**CLUB CLOSED No Diner** 

Wednesday - 7th

Membership - 6 pm

Thursday - 8th

House & Grounds - 6:30 pm

Friday - 9th

Live Music MDR – J.R. Connections

Saturday - 10th

**FOOTBALL SEASON KICK-OFF BBQ TAILGATE PARTY** 

Private MDR - 2 pm

Tuesday - 13th

Entertainment - 6 pm

Yachting - 6 pm

Waterside - 6:30 pm

**BINGO** - 7:30 pm

Wednesday - 14th

Finance - 6 pm

Cruisers - 6:30 pm

Thursday - 15th

Board of Directors - 6 pm

Friday - 16th

Live Music TBD

Saturday - 17<sup>th</sup>

**3RD QUARTER BIRTHDAY/ ANNIVERSARY KARAOKE** 

Tuesday - 20th

**Bowchasers FWSA Meeting and Lunch** 

Trustees - 6 pm

Book Club - 6 pm

Wednesday - 21st

**GULL'S LUNCHEON – Com. Crist** 

Speaker

Thursday - 22<sup>nd</sup>

**GAME NIGHT - 7 pm** 

**COMMODORES CRUISE-IN** 

22ND - 25TH

Friday - 23rd

Live Music MDR - SCOTT HARDY

Saturday - 24th

**COMMODORES CRUISE DINNER MDR** 

Sunday - 25th

Jazz Grand Brunch - 10 am-2 pm

w/PETER KERN

Thursday - 29th

Jim Hannigan's Birthday

Friday - 30th

Live Music TBD

**CLEARWATER CHALLENGE CAPTAIN'S PARTY** 

OCTOBER, 2022

**CLEARWATER CHALLENGE** 

Saturday - 1st

Private MDR? Brunch

Sunday - 2<sup>nd</sup>

**BLESSING OF THE PETS 1 PM** 

Tuesday - 4th

Land Cruisers - 5:30 pm

House & Grounds - 6:30 pm

Wednesday - 5th

Membership - 6 pm

Friday - 7th

Live Music MDR-TBD

Saturday - 8th

Private MDR - PM

Tuesday - 11th

Entertainment - 6 pm

**BINGO** - 7:30 pm

Wednesday - 12th

Cruisers - 6 pm

**IMMOLIN F18 WORLD WINTER RACING SERIES -**

**CLEARWATER BEACH** 

Friday - 14th

Live Music MDR - J.R. Connections

Saturday - 15th

Latin Night?

Tuesday - 18th

Book Club - 6 pm

Yachting - 6 pm

Waterside - 6 pm

Wednesday - 19th

**GULLS LUNCHEON 11 AM** 

Finance - 6 pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

### **CYC Committees** and Organizations

**COMMITTEES** 

Entertainment, Jim Hannigan & Tom Cummings

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, Gerard Kane & Ron Kratzke

**Communications, Diane Reynolds** 

**CYC ORGANIZATIONS** 

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Cruisiers, Gary & Sondra Newcom

Gulls. Marcia Nichols

FCYC Director. PC Tim Roberts

**COMPASS** 

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Crist, Jim Hannigan, Joe Lane, Sondra Newcom, Virginia Vollenweider.

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

Thursday - 20th **CRUISERS TO TWIN DOLPHIN** 20TH-23RD

Board of Directors - 6 pm

Friday - 21st

Private DD - PM

Live Music MDR - TBD

Saturday - 22<sup>nd</sup>

LIGHTNING SEASON KICK OFF PARTY

Tuesday - 25th

Trustees - 6 pm

Wednesday - 26th

**CELEBRATION OF YACHTING?** 

Friday - 28th

Live Music MDR - SCOTT HARDY

Saturday - 29th

CYC HALLOWEEN PARTY

Sunday - 30th

Grand Brunch 10-2 w/ANDRE ROY

## From the Front Office

By Michael Ciaccio, **General Manager CCM** 

### **CHANGES AT THE CLUB:**

I hope the membership is enjoying the August Heat. At the club, we have been busy with many projects that will be taking



place over the next few weeks and months. As many of you know the Marina project has started and is moving along swiftly. "A" Dock is almost gone and they have begun to install pilings for the new Board Walk. The Tiki Hut will remain open throughout the project. Please come support your club and your favorite Tiki Bartenders. Around the clubhouse there will be changes as well. The building will be getting painted in the near future. The grill room will be receiving luxury vinyl flooring and new furniture, paint, and the bar will be getting a re-fresh as well. This is all due to the generosity of the membership and through the Buy-A-Brush Program we are able to move forward with this progress. It is an exciting time for every member of the Clearwater Yacht Club. I hope to see you at the club soon!

Michael



### All Pets on Deck!

**DEAR FELLOW PETS** and human companions:

Sunday October 2nd at 1:00 pm will once again be OUR DAY at CYC. That's right! It is the annual CYC Blessing of Pets. I will be bringing Father Bob with me, and now it is up to you to motivate your human family to get off their tails and bring you to the Club that afternoon no later than 1300 hours (1 pm).



I'm looking forward to seeing you guys on Sunday October 2nd. 'Til then, stay

cool, watch the drool and wag your tails.

Yours truly,

Maggie Wagentail







Thursday 22 -GAME NIGHT 7 pm Come and Join In on all the Fun!







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Donna Chong Food & Beverage Manager
Virginia Vollenweider Office Manager
Michele Geis Accounting Manager
Dan Geis Maintenance Supervisor
Dockmaster







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The boats land on the beach
where public can meet the competitors face to face and see the boats up close.
You can see all the details of these events on F18World2022.org and RedGearRacing.org
You can sign up to volunteer for the types of things you like, such as on the water rescue, beach, help the competitors, arrival assistance, departure assistance.

### PLEASE JOIN US AND SIGN UP TODAY!

https://www.f18world2022.org/volunteers-needed/



### FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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