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# Youth Sailing . . . Stars in Their Eyes



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LOOK NOW!**

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**Valentine's Dinner Dance  
—a fun night for all**



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**CYC Sailor's Table is  
back in full swing**



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**Another Gulls' success**



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# Commodore's Corner

**WILL MARCH COME** in like a lion and out like a lamb? Based on some of the sailing regattas in February, it can be hard to predict what the wind will be like on any given day in Florida.

March looks like another great month at our Club with Friday music, Sunday brunches, "James Bond" Casino Night, Blessing of the Fleet, Gulls Fashion Show, Cruisers to Tampa and Commodores Ball! Keep an eye on the Compass, the Constant Contact e-mails, and the website calendar for all the great experiences to be had at the Club and make your reservations early and often.

As noted, Yachting was busy with three regattas in February. Thanks to all the members who were able to volunteer: providing housing for judges and visiting race officials, serving on race committee and support boats on the water, as race committee and support staff ashore and even simply greeting our regatta guests when they visited CYC. It couldn't be done without you, and we greatly appreciate all the work that went into preparing and executing the events!

We had an insightful Board of Directors retreat at the Club in mid-February, including an update from the Long-Term Planning Committee on their strategic efforts, and we were joined at the end by some members of the Board of Trustees. One of the recurring topics of discussion was the idea of encouraging our members to think like owners, not just customers. Each one of us has dedicated time and money into the Club, not only by participating in activities and volunteering for events, but also via our dues for the day-to-day member experience, our capital fund contributions toward repair and replacement of existing assets, and our initiation fees toward aspirational capital for future improvements to our programs and facilities. Remember, each one of us is both a "shareholder" and a customer...invested in the future of CYC and taking pride in being part of "the friendly Club" team.

In the meantime, I can be reached at woldca@gmail.com or on my cell phone by text or voice at (727) 641-8633.

*See you around the Club!*



*Commodore  
Curtis Wold*

# Waterside

**By John Minton  
Fleet Captain**



## GREETINGS FROM THE MARINA.

Unfortunately, not much has changed since last month's communication, i.e.: no breaking news!

That said, supply chain issues, especially with electrical equipment, continue to hinder our efforts to complete the project. Thankfully, these issues haven't caused any catastrophic failures, but new and reliable power as well as new dock pedestals will help us avoid any "what-ifs."

We've been advised our pedestals will ship March 25th. Add to that another month for installation which means to expect completion by early to mid-May--if we're lucky! Hopefully, by then we'll receive our remaining electrical supplies and conclude with Duke Energy and the ever-demanding permitting authorities.

Good News Dept.: Waterline Construction, our contractor, has completed construction of the marina including installation of our new floating dock. As a result, our marina is 100 percent occupied; all leases have been signed. As permitting agencies conclude their inspections, we'll be focused on the finishing touches, including home-approved grab bars/handrails, step downs, ladders, and attractive deck lighting.

Please permit me to remind everyone--sailors and cruisers alike--that we now have a full-time Dock Master, Austin Danner. As Clearwater Yacht Club members, it's customary to show our appreciation for a job well done, especially when he goes the extra mile for large-scale events and assists us personally.

In today's environment it's become so difficult to obtain hard working employees, but we've been more than fortunate to have Austin aboard as our new Dock Master. We must show our appreciation to keep him here for a long time. Lastly, Austin completed and passed all requirements and testing for the captain certificate by the US Coast Guard. Please make sure you congratulate Captain Austin! 🚩

## 2023 OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, APPOINTMENTS & TRUSTEES

### CYC Officers

<b>Curtis Wold</b>	Commodore
<b>Rich Libonate</b>	Vice Commodore
<b>Joan Carter</b>	Rear Commodore
<b>Phil Shaw</b>	Treasurer
<b>Carey Sauer</b>	Secretary
<b>John Minton</b>	Fleet Captain
<b>Greg Christ</b>	Immediate Past Commodore

### Board of Directors

<b>Amie Crosby</b>	<b>Phylis Nordman</b>
<b>Tom Cummings</b>	<b>Keagan Pennycuff</b>
<b>Jim Hannigan</b>	<b>Rod White</b>

### Board of Trustees

<b>PC Dick Boblenz</b>	<b>Harry Jamieson</b>
<b>Jim Coats</b>	<b>PC Hoyt Nichols</b>
<b>PC Collin Heimensen</b>	<b>PC Tish Wold</b>

### Appointments

<b>Fr. Bob Wagenseil</b>	Fleet Chaplain
<b>Don Collins</b>	Fleet Surgeon

## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

**By Carey Sauer, Secretary**

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

- The Board welcomed 4 new members, 1 trial membership, 1 rejoined, 1 status change from Winter to Full, 9 resignations and 2 leaves of absence.

The next meeting will be held on March 16 at 6 pm. Please note that all committee and Board meetings are open to the membership!



# Yachting

By Gerard Kane and  
Ron Kratzke, Yachting Chairs



**FEBRUARY WAS A** VERY busy month for Yachting with two large regattas with a total of 350+ boats competing. The month started with the US Open and two weeks later we hosted the Laser Mid-Winters East Championship. The Clearwater Yacht Club gained a huge amount of visibility on a national and international scale and all reviews were very positive. For more details, see the pictures and write up elsewhere in the Compass. Thanks to all our volunteers, both waterside and landside, for making these events a success!

Our goal for 2023 is to increase participation in Yachting and continue to enhance Clearwater's reputation as one of the top sailing venues in the US (if not the world). To that end, we will hold additional training sessions on Race Committee 101, Safety and Support as well as on-water practicals to apply the learning. Lastly, we can always use volunteers – so if you have a boat, want to help out landside with registrations or organization, or simply want to get on the water and see the racing up close ... please let me know and we will get you involved.

A special thanks this month to Tish Wold and Susie Nolan-Loiselle for their invaluable support, time and energy in both regattas and to Dick Boblenz for organizing all our flags, equipment and gear for the races.

You can contact me at [gkane63@gmail.com](mailto:gkane63@gmail.com).

Gerard

## Note from the Editor...

**TECHNOLOGY TODAY SEEMS** to offer perfect solutions to a bevy of problems—EXCEPT when I ask the question, which is, “Are people reading the Compass? Or, is it just something we do because . . . ????”

I’m asking YOU (meaning just that—YOU), what are your reading habits. Do you read the Compass at all? Do you read it online? Do you read it when you visit the Club and scarf up a printed copy? Do you access it via CYC’s webpage, via FaceBook, other platforms? Would you read it if it were sent to you? We need to know answers to these things to communicate meaningfully with you, our members.

Please email ([josephflane@gmail.com](mailto:josephflane@gmail.com)) or text me [(727) 289-8278] answers to these 4 questions. Nothing fancy, just the facts. Don’t answer for your spouse, or your sibling—we need to know about YOU!!!

1. Do you read the Compass?
2. Do you read it online?
3. Do you access it via CYC’s webpage, via FaceBook,
4. other platforms?

**Would you read it if it were sent to you?**

We will share the results of our VERY informal, unscientific study with you next month.

Joe Lane, Editor



## CYC 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 at (727) 447-6000. All books are predetermined by the members prior to discussion. Our upcoming meetings will feature the following:

**March 21**

*THE MANY DAUGHTERS OF AFONG MOY*  
by **Jamie Ford**

**April 18**

*OUR MISSING HEARTS*  
**Celeste Ng**

Join us on  
**Saturday, March 4-10 am**  
for Our Most  
**Time-Honored Tradition**



**Memorial Service & Dedication**



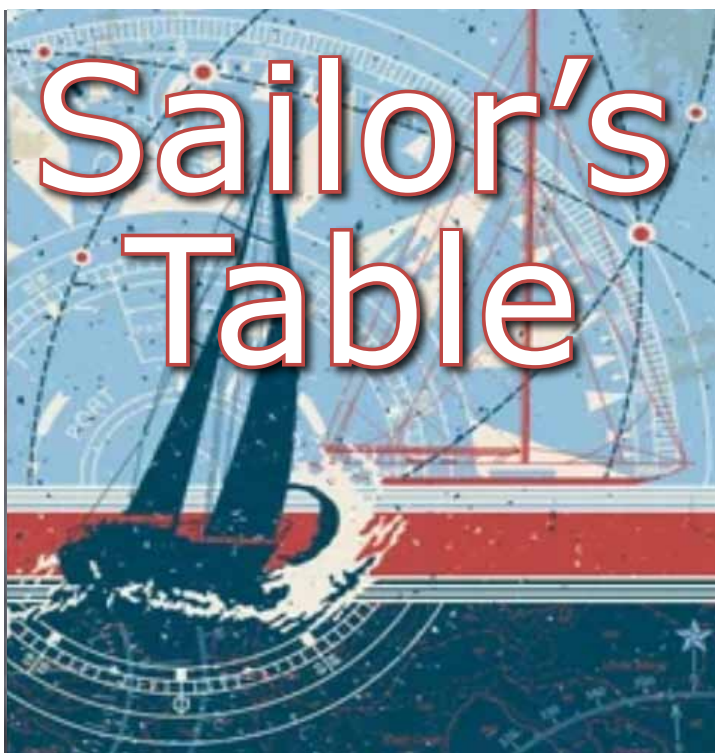
# Valentine's Dinner Dance















The Sailors Table meets the last Wednesday of every month at 5 pm for Happy Hour cocktails then dinner. So if you enjoy sailing, imbibing, dining and telling sea stories then mark your calendars and join in on the Gab, Grog and Grub.

**The next Sailors Table is on March 29**

# Happy Anniversary

MEMBERS CELEBRATING  
YEARS WITH CYC IN MARCH

## 46 YEARS

Harry & Sandy Jamieson

## 25-30 YEARS

Rowland & Kathy Milam

Hoyt & Marcia Nichols

Billy & Lynne Shackelford

Cindy Startari

## 11-24 YEARS

Carole Parsons

Ken & Patricia Santucci

Ryan & Heather Joy

Bill & Glenna Cooke

Fred Haid

## 6-10 YEARS

Joseph & Rima Hirschfeld

Fred & Jan Baldwin

Steve & Leigh Ekovich

Todd & Jennifer Gould

John & Cindy Minton

Robin Austin

Fred & Lynn Buchholz

Frank & Chrissy Dagostino

Paul & Andrea Guidi

Robert Snibbe & Gloria Larson

## 1-5 YEARS

Thaddeus & Mary O'Brien

Frank & Lynn Parrish

Jeff & Betsy Cole

Mike & Margie Hamrick

Arleen Kozaka & Vicki Smith

Tim & Charlotte Spacek

Charles & Deborah Turner

David Pfeil

Fred & Irene Shabel

Rick & Peg Matthews

Karen McCormack

## CYC New Members

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

**WILLIAM TURNER & GINA COCKING**

**BARBARA & ROBERT PRATT**

**DON & TRACY MERRILL**

**MARY ELLEN & JOHN KILBANE**

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





# GULLS CHATTER

By Marcia Nichols  
Gulls President

**I HOPE YOU** were able to attend our February 15th luncheon with Diane Radel and hear her beautiful, heartwarming, and fascinating presentation on how a moment in time changed her life. It defined her purpose as an artist and the sea turtle conservation program. We appreciated Diane in taking time to come to our Club and share her vision and artistry. Her paintings are simply stunning.

Well, just because "Punxsutawney Phil" predicted six more weeks of winter, doesn't mean CYC ladies should hide and cuddle underneath their blanket and wait out the cold weather. No way José!

The Gulls have planned out the rest of the 2023 Spring Calendar and invite all CYC ladies to attend the luncheons.

Here's what's coming up next. Call in your reservations as soon as the Email Announcement is sent out!

**Wednesday, March 15** – Ladies' Fashion Show – Sign of the Dolphin

**Wednesday, April 19** – Lady Comedienne – Juanita Lolita

**Wednesday, May 17** – New Kitchen Towel Swap

**Thursday, March 30** – The James Museum of Western & Wildlife Art

**ROAD TRIP!**

In case you missed the Announcement that went out in early February, the Gulls are testing out their wings and decided to take their first little road trip. Because of the logistics and lunch afterwards at St. Petersburg Yacht Club (full reciprocity only)–this time the group is limited to 20 CYC Full Member Ladies.

Deadline to register is March 15–Deadline for \$19.00 check payable to CYC Gulls is March 23.

Travel to the Museum and to St. Pete Yacht Club will be via carpool so we will need the registrants to have some cars that can accommodate at least 4 to 5 people in each car.

For more information–please contact me at [marcia50422@yahoo.com](mailto:marcia50422@yahoo.com) or call me at (727) 595-5899.



Please be sure to read the Gulls' Chatter Article in the Monthly Compass and look for the email announcements when they are sent out.

**GILDA SAYS:**



A DAY WITHOUT LAUGHTER  
IS A DAY WASTED

As usual, the Gulls continue to meet every Wednesday around 10:30 a.m. in the Gulls' Nest to socialize, play



games, cards, etc. and also plan future events. If you are interested in joining us on one of our crafts or perhaps you have a craft that you want to show and teach or you want to share and/or offer any suggestions – please come. Afterwards, we go upstairs for lunch at noon. We welcome all CYC Ladies to come on Wednesdays. You can also email me at [marcia50422@yahoo.com](mailto:marcia50422@yahoo.com) with any suggestions/ comments.





# A Recipe From the Chef

## Yummy in the Tummy

By Chef Jermaine Bass

### Balsamic Braised Short Ribs with Roasted Parsnip & Rosemary Puree

#### Ingredients:

- 15 lbs Short ribs, trimmed and portioned to 8 oz
- Salt and freshly cracked black pepper
- 8 C. Onion, chopped
- 4 C. Celery, chopped
- 4 C. Carrots, chopped
- 1 C. Garlic, chopped
- 1/2 C. Chicken broth
- 2 C. Balsamic vinegar
- 2 C. Stout beer
- 1 C. Brown Sugar
- 2 C. Tomato, chopped



#### Directions:

1. Season short ribs. Sear on all sides until very well caramelized. Add vegetables and sweat
2. Add vinegar and beer and reduce by half. Add stock, sugar and tomato, then add all ingredients to 4" hotel pan. Bring to simmer on burner covered with foil.
3. Cook in 500° oven two and a half to three hours or until tender. Remove short ribs and reduce pan to a glaze consistency.

## Luncheon & Fashion Show

Sponsored by The Gulls

ALL CYC LADIES ARE INVITED

(Guests Welcome on Members' Account)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2023

Gathering starting at 10:30 a.m. – to be seated for 11:00 a.m.

Fashion Show to Start 11:00 a.m.

Lunch Following at Noon



New Fashions Provided by  
**SIGN of the DOLPHIN**



#### MENU

Gulls Muffins

Small House Salad

Choice of Corned Beef and Cabbage

or

Irish Stew and 1/2 Reuben Sandwich

Dessert: Bailey's Cheesecake

Lunch only \$23.00 (Inclusive of tax and gratuity)

Ice Tea, Coffee Included

#### SPECIAL DRINK FOR THIS EVENT:

Yuengling or Bud  
Light \$4.00



Irish Maid  
\$6.00

RSVP – By March 10<sup>th</sup> – A Must with Your Choice of Food  
727-447-6000



# West Marine US Open Sailing Series



**CLEARWATER YACHT CLUB** hosted two significant events in February. The US Sailing's US Open is an international event and served as a qualifier for the US Olympic team, the Pan American Games and also the ILCA Worlds. While the Race Committee was largely from CYC, we also had a number of volunteers from Dunedin Boat Club, Davis Island YC and SPYC. Our course also featured Race Officers from Annapolis Yacht Club, Chicago YC, New York YC, San Diego YC and even Bermuda YC. Over the 4 days, we had a variety of weather from sea fog to rough conditions to light winds. The competitors loved it and we received high praise from US Sailing and all the organizing bodies.



PHOTO COURTESY OF US SAILING/ANNA SUSLOVA



# **& ILCA Class Midwinters Regatta**



**THE LASER MID-WINTERS** have a long history at CYC, and we hosted the event again in February. With 175 competitors across three classes of Lasers (ILCA 4, 6, 7) and we had a wide variety of skills and ages competing on the course. This was another 4 day event and we enjoyed a variety of conditions from very light, to quite brisk winds to courtesy of the Gulf. Yachting applied our long-term knowledge of the event and hosted a taco party for the competitors on Saturday night and offered hot soup after the races. The compliments from the racers, parents and our Race Committee were fantastic and we certainly made a strong and positive impression on all who participated.



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# ILCA Class Midwinters Regatta

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## And The Winners Are!



Combined winners ILCA 4, ILCA 6 and ILCA 7



**ILCA 6** L to R 1st Jake Homberger *Lauderdale YC*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter Barnard, *Lauderdale YC/Chicago YC*, 5<sup>th</sup> William Baker *Lakewood YC*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Hamilton Barclays *Houston YC*, 4<sup>th</sup> Nicholas Mueller *Gulf Coast Yacht Sailing Assn*



**ILCA 4** L to R 1<sup>st</sup> James Pine *South Carolina YC*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Craig Ferguson *Bahamas Sailing Assn*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nathan Pine *South Carolina YC*,



**ILCA 7** L to R 2<sup>nd</sup> Daniel Escudero *US Sailing*, 1<sup>st</sup> Leo Boucher, *Annapolis YC/ US Sailing Olympic Development Program*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Robby Meek *US Sailing Olympic Development Program*

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# **ILCA** Class Midwinters Regatta

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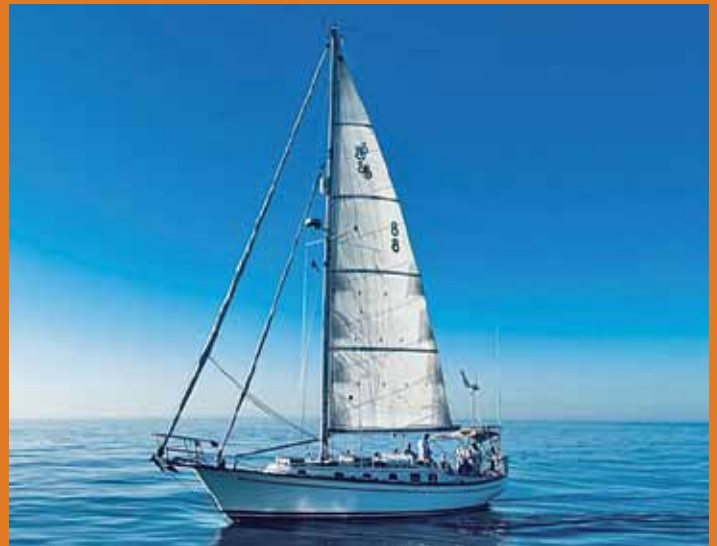




# RETURN OF THE SUNSET CRUISE

**By Anita Cafferty**

**ON JANUARY 31**, the SUNSET CRUISE returned to a band of very happy participants who left the CYC docks at 5:00 p.m. to see a magnificent sunset outside the Clearwater Pass. Big thanks to Ron Howard and Reinhard Opitz for providing their boats for this inaugural adventure. Dinner was followed in the upstairs Dining Room with everyone buoyant in this beautiful evening. Hopefully these cruises will continue. They are planned to be always on the last Tuesday of the month, weather permitting. So watch for email announcements for particular info and time. Make sure to make your dinner reservation with the Club under Sunset Cruise.







**By Anita Cafferty**

**IT WAS A** perfect night for the Bow Chaser's Annual Soup Cruise. There was a light dusting of snow that set up appetites for all the goody hot soups that were lovingly prepared by the gals.

Chef Jermaine's culinary expertise selected the most outstanding entries.

So the month started out with a bang and slowly whimpered out with the cancellation of the much looked forward to sunset cruise. Luckily the Club's newly revived Sunset Cruise connected with the newly revived Sailors table came to the rescue.

And the sailors continue to wait--not so patiently--for the dock to be completed. We are 11 months without being on the water. ➡



# ENTERTAINMENT

**By Jim Hannigan, Entertainment GREETINGS CYC MEMBERS.**



Spring is here, and so is Baseball Spring Training, warmer weather, and tourists! The Club had various activities during the month of February to keep the month rolling. Trivia night, US Open Sailing Series, Game Night, Valentines Dinner & Dance, Super Bowl Sunday, Valentines Dinner, Gulls Luncheon, ILCA Midwinters East Sailing Regatta, Mardi Gras Party, Cruisers to Sarasota, Clearwater to Pass A Grille Sailing Regatta, and a Grand Brunch to close out the month. The Chili Cook Off had to be cancelled this year, but we hope to have it return next year with a new format.

March will be an active month, beginning with the traditional "Blessing of the Fleet" (3/4). A Jazz dinner that same night (3/4), The James Bond/Dress to Impress Casino Night (3/11), Bingo (3/14), Gulls fashion show, Cruisers to Tampa, St. Patrick's Party (3/17), the Annual Commodores Ball (3/25), and a Grand Brunch to end the month (3/26).

Future events to keep noted in your event calendar include: Easter events (4/8 & 4/9); Crawfish Races & Boil (4/28); Birthday & Anniversary Karaoke (4/29); Cinco de Mayo (5/5); Kentucky Derby (5/6); Arc Day (5/13); Memorial Day Weekend (5/26-5/29); Poker Run (6/23 & 6/24); and the Dueling Pianos event (7/22). Stay tuned for more events as they become finalized. Should any of these events interest you to become involved in the process, please let us know as we welcome members to host or help out in any manner.

We thank you all for your continued support and patronage of our Club and the activities we present for your enjoyment. Please always make those important "RSVP'S" when visiting the Club. We welcome any musical acts you may have seen or heard outside of the Club, so that we can look into possibly booking them for future engagements. Any ideas or suggestions for future events are most welcome, and will be given consideration.

We look forward to seeing you all around the Club. Have a wonderful March. Cheers always! ➡

**Jim**

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**Thursday 2 - TRIVIA** 7 pm

**Saturday 18 - GAME NIGHT** 7 pm

**Tuesday 14 - BINGO** 7 pm

Come and Join In on all the Fun!





By Karen Watson

## You Don't Know (Marina) Jack

Cruisers got a Sweetheart of a deal in February with a mid-week cruise Feb 21-24 to Sarasota's Marina Jack. Instead of the usual starting day of Thursday, the boaters began festivities on Tuesday. Officially, the cruise concluded on Friday but gave an option to stay the weekend boosting the trip to 5 days for 10 boats.

Located in the heart of downtown Sarasota, CYC members could take advantage of numerous restaurants and shops, all within walking distance. Particularly convenient was the walking tour to Marie Selby Gardens, and passing by--or



staying at--O'Leary's Tiki Bar for drinks and music on the water.

One of the highlights of the week was a trip to McCurdy's Comedy Theater after drinks and dinner at Perspective's Rooftop Bar.

Ken and Karen Watson and Craig and Catherine Bleakley took

the helm for hosting this time around. The two couples put their own spin on the beginning night Docktails with a Soup and Salad theme and Bring Your Own Mixers (booze provided) at the marina.

Of course, this could be just a lot of fiction since this Compass article had to be written before the event. You'll have to wait for next month to see what really happened like last month's cruise to St. Petersburg that got waylaid to our Yacht Club.

We could only tell you about what was planned. Who could have predicted the fun Richie Shaw and Phyllis Nordman brought to the party at the Dry Dock that weekend with the hilarious game "Minute to Win It"? Cruisers split up into 4 teams and played games with names such as Nose Dive, Face the Cookie, Blow Hard and Nut Stack, not to mention Junk in the Trunk. No one knew what was in store for them until given instructions at the last minute. Those names could mean anything! Who would dare? But dared we did! Want to know more? Too bad. You had to have been there to be in the know.

*Until next time...*



TEAM NAMES	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL
STACK 'EM UP	1	5	1	5	5	1	5	5	1	5	34
NOSE DIVE	1	3	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	3	20
FACE THE COOKIE	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
SUCK UP	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
BLOW HARD	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
NUT STACKER	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
BALLS UP	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
CROSS EYED	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
CUPS	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
JUNK IN THE TRUNK	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
TOTAL	34	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	200





# CYC 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

### March 2023

#### Wednesday – 1<sup>st</sup>

Gulls Social 10:30 am  
Membership - 6 pm

#### Thursday – 2<sup>nd</sup>

**TRIVIA NIGHT**-7 pm

#### Friday – 3<sup>rd</sup>

Live Music by Ernest Collins

#### Saturday – 4<sup>th</sup>

Private Event – Dry Dock

**ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE FLEET**

#### Sunday – 5<sup>th</sup>

Breakfast Buffet - 10 am – 2 pm

#### Tuesday – 7<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Wednesday – 8<sup>th</sup>

Gulls Social 10:30 am  
Cruisers - 6:30 pm

#### Thursday – 9<sup>th</sup>

Waterside - 5:30 pm

#### Friday – 10<sup>th</sup>

Live Music by JR Connections

#### Saturday – 11<sup>th</sup>

**"JAMES BOND" THEMED CASINO  
NIGHT DRESS TO IMPRESS-7 pm**

#### Sunday – 12<sup>th</sup>

Breakfast Buffet - 10 am – 2 pm  
New Member Orientation – 11:30 am  
**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS**

#### Tuesday – 14<sup>th</sup>

Entertainment - 6 pm  
Yachting - 6 pm  
**BINGO**-7 pm

#### Wednesday – 15<sup>th</sup>

**GULLS FASHION SHOW LUNCHEON**  
- 10:30 am  
Finance - 6 pm

#### Thursday – 16<sup>th</sup>

Board of Directors - 6 pm

#### Thursday – 16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>

**CRUISERS TO TAMPA  
CONVENTION CENTER**

#### Friday – 17<sup>th</sup>

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY**  
Live Music by Scott Hardy

#### Saturday – 18<sup>th</sup>

**GAME NIGHT** - 7 pm

#### Tuesday – 21<sup>st</sup>

Book Club - 6 pm  
Trustees - 6 pm

#### Wednesday – 22<sup>nd</sup>

Gulls Social 10:30 am

#### Friday – 24<sup>th</sup>

Live Music by Chello Hollyday

#### Saturday – 25<sup>th</sup>

**ANNUAL COMMODORE'S BALL** with  
Live Music by Walter Kittle

#### Sunday – 26<sup>th</sup>

**GRAND JAZZ BRUNCH** with  
Live Music by Hannah Hassic - 10 am – 2 pm

#### Wednesday – 29<sup>nd</sup>

Gulls Social 10:30 am  
**SAILORS TABLE**- 5 pm

#### Friday – 31<sup>st</sup>

Live Music by Jazz DaddyOs

### April Events

#### Sunday – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Breakfast Buffet 10 am – 2 pm

#### Tuesday – 4<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Wednesday – 5<sup>th</sup>

Gulls Social 10:30 am  
Membership - 6 pm

#### Thursday – 6<sup>th</sup>

**TRIVIA NIGHT**-7 pm

#### Friday – 7<sup>th</sup>

Live Music by Ernest Collins

#### Saturday – 8<sup>th</sup>

**BREAKFAST WITH THE BUNNY**

#### Sunday – 9<sup>th</sup>

**EASTER GRAND BRUNCH**

#### Tuesday – 11<sup>th</sup>

Entertainment - 6 pm  
**BINGO**-7 pm

#### Wednesday – 12<sup>th</sup>

Gulls Social 10:30 am  
Cruisers - 6:30 pm

#### Thursday – 13<sup>th</sup>

Waterside - 5:30 pm

#### Friday – 14<sup>th</sup>

Live Music by JR Connections

#### Sunday – 16<sup>th</sup>

Breakfast Buffet 10 am – 2 pm

#### Monday – 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>

**CRUISERS TO ST. PETE YACHT CLUB**

#### Tuesday – 18<sup>th</sup>

Book Club - 6 pm  
Yachting - 6 pm

#### Wednesday – 19<sup>th</sup>

Finance - 6 pm  
**GULLS SOCIAL-Lady Comedienne  
– Juanita Lolita**

#### Thursday – 20<sup>th</sup>- 23<sup>rd</sup>

**CRUISERS TO VENICE YACHT  
CLUB; VENICE YACHT CLUB TO CYC**

#### Thursday – 20<sup>th</sup>

Board of Directors - 6 pm



Live Music by Hannah Hassic - 10 am-2 pm  
**March 26**

## CYC Committees and Organizations

### COMMITTEES

**Entertainment**, Jim Hannigan & Tom Cummings

**Finance**, Phil Shaw

**House & Grounds**, VC Richard Libonate

**Membership**, Amie Crosby

**Nominating Committee**,

**Policy**, PC Mary Kay Delk

**Sailing Activities**,

**Waterside**, John Minton

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#### Friday – 21<sup>st</sup>

Live Music by Scott Hardy

#### Sunday – 23<sup>rd</sup>

Breakfast Buffet 10 am – 2 pm

#### Tuesday – 25<sup>th</sup>

Trustees - 6 pm

#### Wednesday – 26<sup>th</sup>

Gulls Social 10:30 am  
**SAILORS TABLE**- 5 pm

#### Friday – 28<sup>th</sup>

Live Music by Chello Hollyday  
**CRAWFISH RACES!!**

#### Saturday – 29<sup>th</sup>

**BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY  
KARAOKE NIGHT!**

#### Sunday – 30<sup>th</sup>

**GRAND BRUNCH** with Live Music



# From the Front Office

By Michael Ciaccio, General Manager CCM

## GREETINGS CYC MEMBERS!

February is here and, with that, comes tons of fun! Last month was a big January for us but, as you all know, it's February that really lights things up here at the Club. Regatta season is in full sail with the Club hosting the ILCA Midwinters East in the middle of the month. There was great weather, racing and camaraderie from all members and competitors.



a place where prospective members/spouses meet, where families safely engage in recreational and social activities. As we continue to go through this process in becoming the best that Clearwater Yacht Club can be, we need to really reflect on what made this Club the great Club it is. That being its rich history in sailing, a community social hub where friends and families alike can gather while enjoying each other's company. This is the best time to bring a potential member to the club to showcase all of the improvements and the exciting future that CYC has in store.

March is shaping up to be a fantastic month at the Club. CYC starts the month off with the Blessing of the Fleet, Musical Bingo, James Bond theme Casino Night and then the Commodore's Ball to end the Month. These are just a few of the main events happening, not to mention regular membership activity and banquets. All events have been selling out over the past few months so make your reservation early.

Benefits of being a member and why Membership is a Privilege not an Entitlement-Membership in a fine club is an earned privilege, an opportunity to spend quality time with people who share your values, interest, and morals;

The Clearwater Yacht Club Online Ship store is adding new items each day. You can access it on our web site next to the Compass section. The link is <https://cycshipstore.org/> They have worked through the inventory and shipping issues from the past year, and I would like to invite all members to look at the wonderful items that are available for purchase.

Please remember that the Club offers online reservations through the open table link on our Club web site. This is a quick and easy way to make reservations. We are experiencing a growth of the members using it which is fantastic.

**Thank You**

## HOUSE and GROUNDS



by Richard Libonate, Vice Commodore



**OUR GOAL AS** your House & Grounds Committee is to "Exceed Our Members High Expectations, Everywhere, Everyday". We want the Member experience to begin from the moment you drive into our parking lot or dock your boat, to the time you leave and everywhere in-between.

As was outlined in the February Compass, very shortly, you will begin to see noticeable differences in our building both inside and out, as well as our grounds. The most important part will be the entire dining experience. The main ingredients (pun intended) are the meals you order, is it delivered in a timely manner? Is it hot? How does it appear on the plate? Is it how you ordered it? And finally, the key to the entire experience, does it taste GREAT!!! This is what we mean by Exceeding Our Members Expectations Every day.

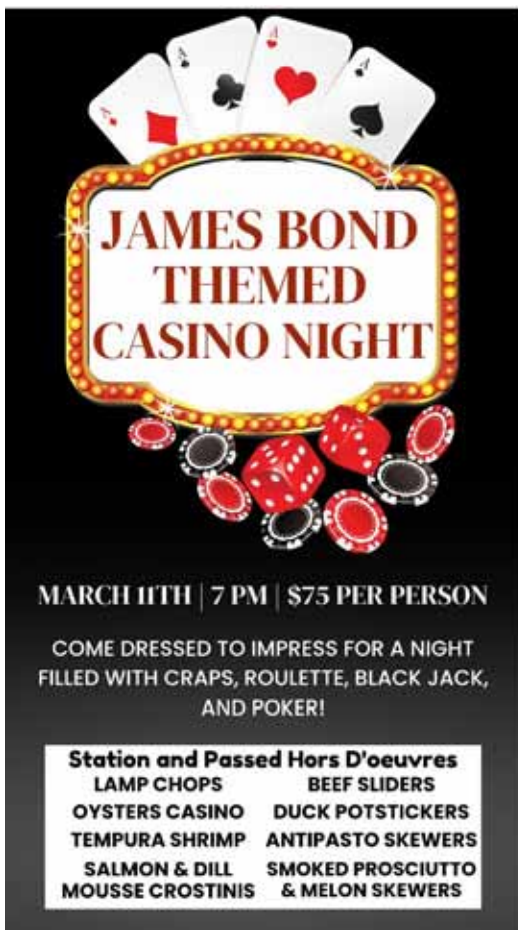
In the next couple of weeks, we will be revising

our menu with our goal of streamlining the menu for Lunch, Dinner and the Tiki-Hut. Every day, we will continue serving daily specials with 3 or 4 choices. Our goal would be to revise the menu every 3 or 4 months. Obviously, the favorite, traditional items will remain throughout, while we add new dishes and pause others. We want to keep our menu fresh and exciting while giving our members an array of choices every time you come to our Club.

We have seen a noticeable increase of members coming and enjoying dinner, especially Friday nights. Over the past several months, the number of members enjoying dinner is up over prior year. We would like to thank you for making CYC your dining choice, and we hope we have exceeded your expectations. We hope you continue dining with us!! Most importantly, we would like to hear from you, our members.

As we have said in previous articles, we know we have much work to do, however you will be seeing the difference shortly. In the meantime, please let us know when we do not exceed your expectations as well as when we do. The only way we can improve, is if we hear from you. Also, if you have suggestions for amenities around our Club, please don't hesitate to contact me directly at [rlibonate@gmail.com](mailto:rlibonate@gmail.com).





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MOUSSE CROSTINIS	& MELON SKEWERS



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AND MALE  
BEST POKER HAND  
WORST LOSER**

WE WILL BE TAKING RESERVATIONS AND NOT RESERVING TABLES. WE HAVE 100 PERSON LIMIT FOR THIS EVENT SO SECURE YOUR SPOT TODAY!



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**Friday March 17**

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