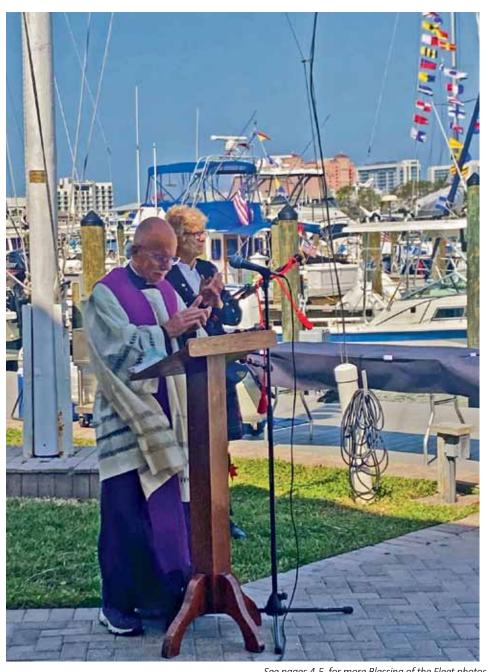


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# Time Honored Tradition..



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## We Have a Winner



See pages 10-11 for more Casino Night photos

## Gulls fashions-easy on the eyes



See pages 12-14 for more Gulls Fashion Show photos

## Commodore's Corner

**THANKS TO ALL** members for coming out to the Club in March! The Blessing of the Fleet, Casino Night, St Patrick's Day, and Commodores Ball all provided lots of opportunities for "entertainment and diversion."



Commodore Curtis Wold

We'll keep the place hopping in April with Breakfast with the Bunny, Easter Grand Brunch, Florida

Commodores Association visit, and some great Friday night dinner and dancing opportunities. 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 reservations whenever possible by phone, e-mail or on-line.

Last month we discussed encouraging our members to think like owners, not just customers. This month I'd like to remind everyone that the Board and Staff seek to provide exceptional experiences every day to our members and guests. We want to receive feedback from all members and guests, and I'd ask all that, if you've had a great time, tell a friend. If not, please tell the General Manager or the manager on duty. We seek constructive criticism so that we can continually improve.

Please fill out comment cards, let your server/bartender/manager know how things are, and let me know when I get a chance to come by and say hello. At the same time, be nice. As we are all members of CYC, let's be kind to each other and guests to our club, even in our criticism, and help to improve CYC and continue our reputation as a fun and friendly Yacht Club.

## See you around the Club!

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

## **BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**

## By Carey Sauer, Secretary

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

- Approved policy revisions to member reinstatement as recommended by the Membership committee;
- Approved cigar smoking on the Tiki deck after dinner for the Commodore's Ball on March 25;
- Approved one new social member and one Trial membership. One full member rejoined. Seven Status changes: 2 Full to Social, 1 Social to Full, 3 Winter to Full and 1 LOA to Full. Two resignations.

The next meeting will be held on April 20 at 6 pm. Please note that all committee and Board meetings are open to the membership!



**HAPPY SPRING!** What a great time to hop on in to CYC while the weather is just right. We have had a successful winter membership drive with 18 new members. I for one, am looking forward to those members remaining part of the CYC family. When you're dining and you see a Pineapple

When you're dining and you see a Pineapple burgee on a table as you pass by, stop for just a moment and say "Howdie." That burgee should tell you, "we're new members and need to feel welcome!" Do it!!!

How about we all put a spring in our step and recruit some new members, if you recruit a new member, you will receive a \$100 food and beverage credit. It's just that easy!

Please join the Membership ambassadors on the first Wednesday of the month in the Board room to discuss recruitment and retention or send me an email at AmieAMC@icloud.com

I have a prize for you if you are the first to ask me the answer to my corny joke—"What did the tree say when spring finally arrived?"

## 2023 OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, TRUSTEES & APPOINTMENTS

## **CYC Officers**

Curtis Wold
Rich Libonate
Joan Carter
Phil Shaw
Carey Sauer

Commodore
Vice Commodore
Rear Commodore
Treasurer
Secretary

Carey Sauer Secretary
John Minton Fleet Captain
Greg Christ Immediate Past Commodore

Tim Roberts FCYC Director

**Board of Directors** 

Amie Crosby Phylis Nordman
Tom Cummings Keagan Pennycuff
Jim Hannigan Rod White

**Board of Trustees** 

PC Dave Billing Harry Jamieson
Jim Coats PC Hoyt Nichols
PC Collin Heimensen PC Tish Wold
Appointments

Appointments

Fr. Bob Wagenseil Fleet Chaplain Don Collins Fleet Surgeon



## Waterside



By John Minton **Fleet Captain** 



#### **GREETINGS FROM THE MARINA.**

I am happy to report some good news this month as progress has been made on several fronts. First, Jim and Cat

Coats deserve a debt of gratitude for installing over 400 solar lights in the decking around the entire marina. This started with Jim telling me he was only going to install 6 or so lights to see how they looked then 242 lights later he said we needed to order more! Jim and Cat got a routine down and simply couldn't stop until they were done. Thank you, Jim and Cat!

Waterline concluded the construction side of the project by installing our floating dock, davit, and the final order of slip holder fenders. Both the floating dock and davit needed some minor modifications to make them more user friendly but overall, we're very pleased with the construction of both.

Our electricians from Phillips Solutions are replacing old pedestals with new as of this writing and, by the time this article goes to print, they will be DONE!!! Once the pedestals are installed the only outstanding items are the remaining electrical components to arrive so the panels can be completed, and Duke will then install the transformer and separate the docks power from the main building. As of this writing I do not have an estimate of when that will occur. We will be meeting with Spectrum this month to get Wi-Fi and cable installed hopefully over the coming weeks.

As the Marina project nears completion, we are in clean up mode trying to take care of the things that were missed and applying the finishing touches.



# 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:

> **April 18** OUR MISSING HEARTS **Celeste Ng**

> > **Mav 16**

Tomorrow and Tomorrow & Tomorrow by Gabrielle Zevin

## Note from the Editor...

A SHORT SURVEY was included in last month's Compass. In it, we attempted to get answers to some very basic questions:

- 1. Do you read the Compass?
- 2. Do you read it online?
- 3. Do you access it via the CYC Webpage or some other platform (FaceBook, paper etc.)?, and
- 4. Would you prefer to have the Compass mailed?

Our survey was featured on the front cover, specifically by page. It was short, sweet and to the point, inviting a response by email (with an embedded link) or text. We wanted to make the process easy for anyone to respond with virtually no effort.

In *Surveyland*, a 3-4% response rate, while a small number, is **not** uncommon. In fact, 4% is often considered very good, one which yields meaningful results without weighty data manipulation. Our response rate was better than 5%.

Admittedly our survey was not "scientific" but it did yield some VERY interesting results.

#### **THOSE CONCLUSIONS ARE:**

- The respondents peruse the Compass on their phone; they do not **read** it there. The vast majority prefer to read the Compass in physical, printed format as opposed to electronic.
- 36% of respondents are authors; 54% are regular members
- Respondents avail themselves of an office copy to get the physical, printed copy they want and read.
- **No one** prints out the Compass to get the physical format. Nearly all respondents expressed that, while they realize the electronic version is more cost effective, they would rather read paper, and would prefer to have it mailed to

Postage to mail 500-900 issues of the Compass monthly is not financially feasible. However, we routinely print 50-70 copies every month. They are kept in the office by Virginia's desk. Most are included in membership packets and for other promotional purposes throughout each month. At the end of the month, last month's Compass are then used as handouts and replaced by the current month's printed ones.

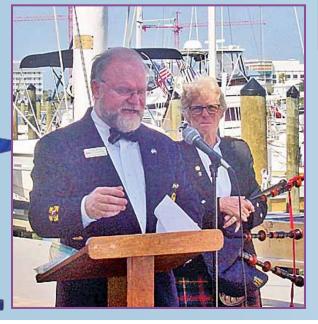
CYC recently began notifying members via Constant Contact that printed copies are available in the office for their convenience. We plan on monitoring the distribution of these physical copies over the next six months to see its effectiveness.

If our survey results are reliable, we would anticipate the requests for the physical copies to increase. If not, we are examining different Compass formats, phasing from a monthly to perhaps a quarterly or semiannual publication. The presentation might change too, to more of a magazine appearance. Or, we may do away with the Compass entirely in favor of social media exposure.

The results are entirely in YOUR hands. To be effective communication, members have to read the Compass. Perhaps an alternate format would be more effective in doing that. Please let us know. My email address is JosephFLane@ gmail.com. We'd love to hear from you.

Joe Lane, Editor





#### **TIME HONORED TRADITION** is a term

frequently used with Clearwater Yacht Club's Blessing of the Fleet ceremony. This year's event was somber yet moving. As carnations hit the water, the bell rang out with each name. Suddenly, the reflection of past members, Commodores and friends gone over the past 12 months became real and drew a profound silence. What began as a friendly, one might say even jovial get together suddenly became a quiet memory-provoking event.

The ceremony ended with Fr. Bob blessing our newly constructed docks and the vessels that abide there. Remember please our friends and the good times shared while they were with us. Thank you to all who participated. It is not an easy thing to remember but, remember we must. Cherish those memories until that bell chimes for us.























# Clearwater Challenge 2023

## By Jim Hannigan

THE CLEARWATER TO Pass-A-Grille Run Sailing Regatta took place on Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. The registered competitors met on Friday evening (2/24)

for a Captain's meeting and informal cocktail party poolside at CYC. Nine boats were at the line Saturday morning to begin the race, which was a staggered start, meaning the boats started at various times from the starting horn by the signal boat. It was a beautiful day on the water, but the winds did not seem to follow suit. There was a very light breeze for the sailors as they made their way south along the coast to the finish line. Regardless of "Mother Nature" not being kind to the boats by providing adequate wind, it was still a great day on the water. Pass-A-Grille/SPYC provided a festive post-race environment for all the finishers of the race.





#### SPINNAKER CLASS

You Know Who - Dr. Paul Guidi

#### **CRUISER CLASS**

1<sup>ST</sup> Red Sky - Charles Mixon 2<sup>ND</sup> Chances R - Tim Roberts 3<sup>RD</sup> Island Hopper - Carol Elwood













next Sailors Table is on April 26

# Commodore's Ball













































## Spring is Nature's Way of Saying "Let's Party!"



**BY THE TIME** this April article is published –Spring has already arrived – March 20<sup>th</sup> and the Gulls were ready for it as the Gulls sponsored their annual Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon on March 15. Sign of the Dolphin provided the beautiful

ensembles. The hats were a big hit. Kudos to our Treasurer, Lynne Shackelford, who coordinated this fashion show and luncheon.

We had a terrific turnout — over 71 ladies in attendance! The Dining Room was almost filled to capacity. It was really great to see so many of our CYC Ladies and their guests. Hopefully, we can keep this up and encourage all our CYC Ladies to attend our events.

Many thanks to our lovely members who volunteered to be models: Sharon Crist, Jeni Donnell, Mitzie France, Patti Morrison, Phyllis Nordman, Lynne Shackelford, and Gail Stone.



While I am on the subject of volunteering – I want to take this opportunity to highlight and applaud the Gulls (especially Lynne Shackelford and Connie Boblenz, both long time members of CYC and the Gulls – Lynne over 28 years and Connie over 40 years) for giving their time, energy, materials and talent, especially these last 10 years in knitting hats and lap robes to so many military organizations and hospitals. This year the hats and lap robes were donated to the American Legion. And in between all that; Connie Boblenz found the time to knit those great handles for the skillets used on Wednesday's Fajita Night at the club. So, the next time you go for those fajitas, say a thank to the Gulls for donating the materials and to Connie for knitting those great handles.

Just another Gold Star for the Gulls' legacy in their continuing generosity and contributions to the club and its members.

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With Easter coming around the corner – April 9th (and all the delicious candy that goes with it)—I am reminded of a funny saying from one of my favorite people in the world

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# Gull's Spring









## Gull's Spring Fashion Show







Congratulations to Kat Hannigan – she was the winner of our 50/50 Raffle this time and came away with a nice tidy cash prize. (Don't spend it all in one place now, Kat!)



- Charles Schulz (creator of Peanuts). For those that know me well—know that my alter ego is Snoopy.





## Wednesday, April 19 – "The Comedy of Juanita Lolita"

Juanita Lolita is an actress, writer and nationally touring stand-up comedian that has been featured on television. Within one year of her first open mic show, she was performing for over 7000

women at the World Changers Dome in Atlanta. Since then, she has performed all over the country for major clubs such as The Comedy Zone, Funny Business, and the Improv. Her fast- paced humor is always funny and always clean making her a popular choice among club owners, businesses and Churches.

The email announcement for this luncheon will be coming out soon and the Gulls would not want you to miss out on this wonderful chance to hear Juanita's comedy as we guarantee you will have lots of laughs as you can relate to her stories.

And to finish out the Gulls Spring Season with even more laughter:

Wednesday, May 17 – New Kitchen Towel Swap (different twist on "White Elephant" Party")

This should be a lot of fun as well—be sure to look for the Announcement on this one for all the details.



YOU CAN BE GORGEOUS AT
THIRTY, CHARMING AT FORTY,
AND IRRESISTIBLE FOR THE REST
OF YOUR LIFE...

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 then go upstairs for lunch at 12 noon. We welcome all CYC Ladies to come on Wednesdays. You can also email me at marcia50422@yahoo.com with any suggestions/comments.

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

I know everyone is ready for that Spring fling season, after changing back to daylight savings time and enduring a thirty one day March! The Club hosted a variety of activities this past month, including: the



annual and traditional "Blessing of the Fleet; Casino Night; new member orientation; Gulls Fashion Show & Luncheon; Cruisers trip to Tampa; St. Patrick's Day; the annual Commodore's Ball; Grand Jazz Brunch; and closing out the month with a Spanish wine dinner.

April events upcoming include: Breakfast with the Bunny (4/8); Easter Grand Brunch (4/9); Master's Par Tee (4/9); Jazz Night with Tommy Keys (4/12); Gulls luncheon (4/19); Cruisers to Venice and Venice to CYC (4/20-4/23); Crawfish Races Party (4/28); Birthday/Anniversary Karaoke (4/29); and closing out the month with our Grand Brunch. Back by popular demand, we are starting live music on Sunday afternoons at the Tiki beginning on Sunday, April 16.

Please hold the dates for future events taking place: Cinco de Mayo (5/5); Kentucky Derby (5/6); ARC Day (5/13); Mother's Day (5/14); Gulls luncheon (5/17); Memorial Day Weekend (5/26-5/29). Other events on the horizon: Island Day Away (6/2-6/3); Father's Day (6/18); Poker Run (6/23-6/24); Summer Sailstice (6/24); July Fourth Weekend (6/30-7/4); Dueling Pianos (7/22); Movie Night by the Pool (6/29); Elvis/ Blue Hawaii Night (8/19); White Party (8/26); and the CYC Employee Turnabout party (8/27).

Please keep watch for all messages, in the monthly Compass and both snail mail and digital for updates and new events. And continue to follow those four very important letters: "R S V P"! Visiting the Club for dinner, or just drinks and appetizers, making those reservations is important as the Club grows and more people are utilizing the Club's facilities more and more.

We welcome any and all suggestions for future musical or entertaining opportunities. Should you be proposing an event, we welcome anyone to be the host for that particular happening. The CYC Entertainment Committee meets on Tuesday, April 11, 6:00 pm, in the Board Room. All members are welcome to attend.

Thanks to all for your continued support of all the events and for your enthusiasm of our wonderful Club. Enjoy a wonderful month ahead. Cheers to all!

Contact me at jhannigan@sgws.com or 727-215-5418





**Don Chilton** 



### By Anita Cafferty

THE MONTH STARTED off with gatherings and guessings.

**GATHERINGS** were the Happy Hour at the Tiki Bar on March 7<sup>th</sup> after planning for future events at the Board Meeting. One of our biggest recent events is Lunch at Gigglewaters in Safety Harbor at 1 pm on March 22. Our Annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny will be on April 8 and is again ramping up to be one of our highlights of the year. Always great fun to see the kids in their finest Easter apparel dining on bunny and Easter basket pancakes.

**GUESSING** came as the sailors patiently watched the new floating dock appear. At first, there were loud cheers as the sailors watched the long awaited dock emerge that would end our year long absence from the water. This was followed by comments of "uh-oh" and, "oh no". . . we're not there yet.

It seems the new dock jutted out allowing our prams just enough room to slide underneath it. Thanks to Cathy McNally's persistence, she brought the prams out to see what maneuvers could be done to avoid damage to our masts and gracefully avoiding a Bow Chaser beheading.

An engineer determined that more work was needed for





our safety and that of our boats.

And the waiting continues, as hopes dwindle for getting back on the water this season to maintain the historic tradition of these unique boats.









## By Karen Watson **Green With Envy**

One needed the luck of the Irish to secure their own spot through Dockwa to make it on this latest cruising trip St. Patrick's Day weekend March 16-19 to Tampa's downtown waterfront district. Those left ashore were surely green

with envy knowing that cruising hosts Judy and Ty Witherington planned plenty of shenanigans for all those who could come by boat or car. Perhaps a few boaters might have been envious of the lux hotels snagged by some instead of crab traps along the way.

Once all accommodations were secured, Cruisers rode to the top of One Tampa City Center to enjoy reciprocity at the

University Club of Tampa. Glorious views of Tampa's skyline and seascape below added to an elite evening of St. Pattythemed decorations and appetizers.

The next day continued the green theme with a Best Decorated Boat contest (Wee Bit took the prize with Terry and Max Radford's green light extravaganza) and the river dyed green courtesy of the city. Lunch at Rick's on the River proved that Hillsborough County can hold its own when it comes to waterfront dining. Evening docktails rounded out the evening along with an inventive way to play Bingo and plenty of prizes for all.

Another day in Tampa's busy downtown center brought the group together at Splitsville at Channelside. Bowling, feather bowling, ping pong and dining provided choices for everyone. No dull moments for this entertaining weekend and many thanks goes to all who helped plan and make it happen. Too bad those people can't get a little green for their efforts. A little envy will have to do.

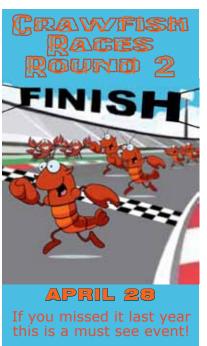












## **EVENTS** Save These Dates

**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

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

### **April Events**

Sunday - 2nd

Breakfast Buffet 10 am - 2 pm

Tuesday - 4th

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

Wednesday - 5th

Gulls Social 10:30 am

Membership - 6 pm

Thursday - 6th

Private Event MDR Evening

Friday - 7th

**BURNING OF THE SOCKS** 

Live Music by Ernest Collins

Saturday – 8th

**BREAKFAST WITH THE BUNNY-9 am** 

Private Event Upstairs Member Dining in Dry Dock

Sunday - 9th

**EASTER GRAND BRUNCH** 

with Live Music by Walter Kittle from 11 am to 3 pm!

MASTERS PARTEE 3 PM TILL END OF THE MATCH! May Events

Tuesday - 11th

Entertainment - 6 pm

**BING** 0 - 7 pm

Wednesday - 12th

Gulls Social 10:30 am

Cruisers - 6:30 pm

TOMMY KEYS JAZZ NIGHT! -6 - 9 pm

Thursday - 13th

Waterside - 5:30 pm

Friday - 14th

Live Music by JR Connections **FLORIDA COMMODORES** 

**ASSOCIATION MEETING MDR** 

Saturday - 15th

FLORIDA COMMODORES ASSOC.

**MEETING** All Day Event MDR

Sunday - 16th

Breakfast Buffet 10 am – 2 pm

Live Music on the Tiki Deck by Steve Angel

from 2 – 5 pm

Monday - 17th-19th

**CRUISERS TO ST. PETE YACHT CLUB** 

Tuesday - 18th

**BOW CHASERS BOARD OF** 

**DIRECTORS MEETING** - 4 pm

**Bow Chasers Happy Hour** - 5 pm

Book Club - 6 pm

Yachting - 6 pm

Wednesday - 19th

Finance - 6 pm

**Gulls Sponsored Ladies Luncheon** with Comedian Juanita Lolita

Thursday - 20th- 23rd CRUISERS TO VENICE YACHT CLUB; **VENICE YACHT CLUB TO CYC** 

Thursday - 20th

Board of Directors - 6 pm TRIVIA NIGHT-7 pm

Friday - 21st

Live Music by Scott Hardy

Saturday - 22th

**Private Event MDR Evening** 

Sunday - 23rd

Breakfast Buffet 10 am - 2 pm

Tuesday - 25th

Trustees - 6 pm

Wednesday - 26th

Gulls Social 10:30 am

SAILORS TABLE- 5 pm

Friday - 28th

**CRAWFISH RACES!!** on the Tiki Deck with Live Music by Chello Hollyday

Saturday - 29th

**BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY** 

KARAOKE NIGHT!

Private Event Dry Dock Evening

Sunday - 30th

**GRAND BRUNCH** with Live Music by Jeff Red

Tuesday - 2nd

House & Grounds - 6 pm Land Cruisers - 5 pm

Wednesday - 3rd

Gulls Social 10:30 am

**BOW CHASERS CHANGE OF WATCH** 

LUNCHEON

Friday - 5th

CINCO DE MAYO! Live Music by Steve Angel

Saturday - 6th

**DERBY DAY ON THE TIKI DECK!** 

Private Event MDR Morning Private Event MDR Evening

Private Event DD Evening

Sunday - 7th

Breakfast Buffet 10 am - 2 pm Private Event DD Morning

9th - Tuesday

Entertainment - 6 pm

**BINGO**-7 pm

10th - Wednesday

Gulls Social 10:30 am

Cruisers - 6:30 pm

Thursday - 11th

Waterside - 5:30 pm

Friday - 12th

Live Music by JR Connections

Saturday - 13th

**ARC DAY** Live Music by JR Connections

Sunday - 14th

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH with Live Music

Tuesday - 16th

Book Club - 6 pm

Yachting - 6 pm

## **CYC Committees** and Organizations

COMMITTEES

Entertainment, Jim Hannigan

Finance, Phil Shaw

House & Grounds, VC Richard Libonate

Membership, Amie Crosby

Nominating Commitee,

Policy, PC Mary Kay Delk

Sailing Activites,

Waterside, John Minton

**Yachting, Gerard Kane & Ron Kratzke** 

**Communications, Diane Reynolds** 

**CYC ORGANIZATIONS** 

Bowchasers, Linda Dorn & Lynne McCaskill

Cruisers, Gary & Sondra Newcom

Gulls, Marcia Nichols

FCYC Director, PC Tim Roberts

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Nichols, Karen Watson, Curtis Wold

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

Wednesday - 17th **Gulls Sponsored Ladies Luncheon** 

Finance - 6 pm

Thursday - 18th- 21st **CRUISERS CRUISE IN!** 

Thursday - 18th Board of Directors - 6 pm

Friday - 19th

Live Music by Scott Hardy

Saturday - 20th

Private Event MDR Evening

Sunday - 21st

Breakfast Buffet 10 am to 2 pm

Tuesday - 23rd

Trustees - 6 pm

Wednesday - 24th

Gulls Social 10:30 am SAILORS TABLE- 5 pm

#### **MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**

Friday - 26th

Live Music by Chello Hollyday

Saturday - 27th

Private Event MDR Evening

Sunday - 28th

**GRAND BRUNCH** Live Music by Walter

Kittle! 10 am – 2 pm

Live Music on the Tiki by Craig Jackson 2 – 5 pm

Monday - 29th **MEMORIAL DAY CYC BBQ** Tuesday - 30th

**CLUB CLOSED** Wednesday - 31st

Gulls Social 10:30 am

# **HOUSE** and



## by Richard Libonate, Vice Commodore



**ALL OF OUR** many projects are moving ahead nicely; however, we have encountered several supply chain issues, which have introduced delays in a couple of key area. But good news, I am sure you have noticed new tables in our Grill Room which complement our décor.

What's next, as soon as Duke Energy completes the dock electrical work, we will pave and stripe the parking lot and driveway, and we are hopeful to have this completed in the next two months.

We have met with our Landscape Contractor to work on landscape design plans for all our grounds. Many of our plantings are old and tired while others just need a little TLC. Many thanks to Board Member Phyllis Nordman and member Craig Bleakley for assisting with our Landscape

I know we all miss "Jack's Tree" however due to the roots compromising our seawall, it was necessary to be removed. We have plans for that area to include a pergola along with palm trees and an outdoor seating area. A very Big "Thank You" goes out once again to our Cruisers and member Gail Stone for contributing to our new flag pole which is scheduled to arrive in May.

We will be introducing an updated menu in April. It is our intention to pare down the menu. We will be introducing separate Lunch and Dinner Menus with each being served during the appropriate time of the day, and serving all areas including the Tiki Hut. On Sunday, our lunch menu will be available all day at the Tiki Hut. It is our goal to refresh our menus every 3 or 4 months. This doesn't mean an entirely new menu but an occasional addition and deletion. We will continue to have daily dinner specials which is where we look for potential new menu items.

In the next several weeks, we will be working to create new staff uniforms to give our food and bar employees a clean, consistent and modest look. And speaking of our staff, I would like to thank all our members who consistently add extra gratuities to your dining and bar receipts. It is greatly appreciated!

Lastly and the most importantly, over the last couple of months, we have seen a healthy increase in the number of members coming to enjoy our Club, especially for dinner and our Tiki-Hut. We thank you for making the Club your choice of dining. We sincerely hope, we are exceeding your expectations in the service and more importantly in the quality of our food offerings. As I have said before, please don't hesitate to contact me directly if you have any suggestions on how we can better serve you. I can be reached at rlibonate@gmail.com.

## **From the Front Office**

By Michael Ciaccio, General Manager CCM

## **Happy Spring Members!**

I cannot believe it is already April! This year has been flying by due to all of the fun events and activities at the Club. I love the excitement and business we have had during the 1st quarter.









February and March have been very strong months for the Club. I expect the next few months will follow suit. The staff has been busy developing their teamwork skills and learning how to work together for the betterment of you, the members. Chef Jermain has addeed some exciting features, and wine dinners during the first few months. We have a new menu starting in April, and we are excited to showcase some of the changes. He is putting the finishing touches on a gourmet event he is calling the "Chef's Table." Stay tuned!







## Save these dates for these exciting events:

April 7th: Burning of the Socks and Seafood Buffet

**April 9th:** Easter Brunch

April 28th: Round 2 of the Crawfish Races ... if you

missed it last year this is a must see event!

April 29th: 1st Quarter Birthday/Anniversary Night

May 6th: Derby Day May 13th: Arc Day May 14th: Mother's Day

May 18-21: The Cruisers Cruise-In

May 26-29: Memorial Day Weekend with the Slide

## ARecipe From the Chef

## Yummy in the Tummy

**By Chef Jermaine Bass** 

## **Roasted Parsnip & Rosemary Puree Ingredients:**

10 lbs Large Parsnips, peeled and chopped Olive oil

1/2 G Heavy Cream

1 lb Butter

1 C. Roasted Garlic, chopped

2 Tbsp Fresh Rosemary

#### **Directions:**

- 1. Roast Parsnips in olive oil in 450 degree oven until tender, about 35 minutes
- 2. Bring cream, butter, garlic, and rosemary to simmer. Reduce by half. Puree.
- 3. Add parsnips and cream mixture to food processor in batches. Puree until smooth.





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## Reciprocity Responsibilities and Privileges of FCYC Club Members

## Your Responsibilities When Visiting Another FCYC Club:

- Reservations should be made with the hosting club. Even if the decision to visit another FCYC club is spur-of-the-moment, a call to the hosting club is appropriate.
- Be prepared to show evidence of your membership in another Council member club. Carry your membership card; or, be prepared to show it on your mobile phone; or, have a letter of introduction from your club.
- Inquire about dress code when making a reservation.
- Inquire about any club events that may be going on at the time you want to visit.
- Clubs in close geographic proximity to other FCYC member clubs may impose special reciprocity restrictions on the members of those clubs within close proximity. Inquire of your club about any special reciprocity restrictions that may be in place by clubs in close proximity.
- Reciprocity privileges should not be abused, including the frequency with which any one host club is visited.
- A visiting member of another FCYC club is expected to comply with the host club's governing documents, including house and marina rules.
- Some clubs require visiting boaters to provide proof of insurance and require minimum levels of coverage. Visiting boaters should inquire of such requirements when reserving a slip.

## Your Expectations of Privileges When Visiting a Host Club:

- With a few exceptions, a visiting member of another Council club should be treated no differently than a member of the visited (host) club. Two acknowledged exceptions include:
  - o FCYC member clubs with golf courses are not required to offer golf as a reciprocity benefit.
  - o Clubs may, in some cases, have a charge for visitor parking.
- Charges of a visiting FCYC member are to be billed back to the visitor's club. While a host club may offer to settle the charges via credit card, it is the choice of the visiting member whether to settle the charges via credit card or billing to his/her home club.
- With few exceptions, the prices paid for goods and services by a visiting member of another Council club should be the same as paid by members of the host club. Exceptions to this policy may be made for the sale of fuel and for private events hosted for a visiting member.
- Reasonable effort should be made on the part of a host club to honor the reciprocity visit request of a member of another Council club. Seasonal restrictions on reciprocity are not appropriate.
- It is understood that certain special events held at a club may result in the club being unable to extend reciprocity for very short periods of time.
- Any Council member club may decline to extend reciprocity privileges or limit the extent of reciprocal privileges to any individual member of another Council member club.

A comprehensive guide on reciprocity entitled "Reciprocity Standards – Q&A" may be found in Section J of the Council's Information Binder, copies of which are maintained by your club's office and FCYC Director.