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## Always great food, great fun!



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### **Inside**

### Sprinkled among the showers



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### Another classic look . . .



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# Commodore's Corner

**CYC KEPT ON** partying through the dog days of summer! Thanks for coming out to the CYC Cruisers Pool Party, the Chicago Chophouse Night, Blue Hawaii Night Pool Party, the annual White Party and the annual Employee Turn About Party, to name a few great events that kept the August fun going at CYC.



*Commodore  
Curtis Wold*

September continues to bring more great opportunities to hang out at "the fun club" with a Labor Day weekend by the pool, Wednesday specialty food nights, Bingo, Trivia, Music Bingo, and the Cruisers Cruise In. Keep an eye on the Compass, the Constant Contact e-mails, and the website calendar for all the wonderful experiences to be had at the Club. Don't forget to try out the new Members Only portal on the CYC webpage to make reservations for you and your guests. Of course, the old standbys, phone or email are perfectly acceptable.

We have received the funds and equipment from the former Indian Rocks Family Sailing Association into the Greater Clearwater Youth Competitive Sailing Association. We have our inventory of their boats, and are now planning the way forward, looking at building our relationship with the Clearwater Community Sailing Center and other yachting ventures in the area for youth sailing. We're truly excited to be a part of the future sailing endeavors of so many young sailors.

The annual Nominating Committee has been appointed, and is preparing the slate of candidates for election at the CYC Annual Meeting on November 11th. Meanwhile, the CYC Holiday Lighted Boat Parade committee has also begun preparation for that major event on December 9th.

CYC has joined the Florida Council of Yacht Clubs (FCYC) Group Insurance Program Initiative, Phase I. This phase will involve data collection from each club, wind modeling and analyzation of the data, and a market viability study. This phase is critical to determine which group program is best suited for our clubs, with the goal to have a program in place next spring prior to the 2024 hurricane season. More information to follow.

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!*



# BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

**by Carey Sauer, Secretary**

The CYC Board of Directors (BOD) met on August 17. The following items were addressed:

- The **Members Only** page on the website is now active. You have received the password in an email. Once you log in, you can find the Club Bylaws, Policies, and Roster. You can also make dining and event reservations!
- The Board approved the appointment of members of the Nominating Committee for 2023. In coordination with Immediate Past Commodore, Greg Crist (as chair) and Leader Development Committee Chair, John Minton, the Board approved three additional members: Craig Bleakley, Steve Hitchcock and Dick Nordman. If you are interested in getting involved, reach out to John Minton.
- In an effort to mitigate the significant increases in insurance, CYC will join with other clubs in Phase I of the Florida Council of Yacht Clubs (FCYC) Group Insurance Program Initiative. Phase I will involve data collection from each club, wind modeling and analyzation of the data, and a market viability study, to determine which group program is best for our clubs to start before hurricane season 2024.
- The Board approved one new Summer Membership and one new Full Membership. We also had some resignations: three Full memberships and two Summer memberships. Look for our Burgee Flag on the tables and, be sure to welcome our newest members!

The next meeting will be held on September 21 at 6 pm. Please note that all committee and Board meetings are open to the membership.

Carey Sauer (703) 930-1806

## 2023 OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, TRUSTEES & APPOINTMENTS

### 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 Crist</b>	Immediate Past Commodore
<b>Jim Coats</b>	FCYC Director

### 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 Dave Billing</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

# Waterside



**By John Minton  
Fleet Captain**



## FROM NORTH OF THE SEA WALL!

First, I would like to start by thanking all slip holders for returning their leases signed as requested. As of this writing our marina

is 100% occupied!

As I travel with the Cruisers to the various Yacht Clubs in Florida, it's nice to compare. Once our project finally concludes, I firmly believe our marina will one of the best in the FCYC Council. As you know our work is not yet done with electric upgrades scheduled to be completed by the end of October—hopefully much sooner.

In the meantime, the Waterside Committee has been active this past month working with the Coast Guard Auxiliary which held an informal vessel inspection on Saturday, August 1st. Sixteen boats were inspected and received the coveted silver sticker that indicates to the regular Coast Guard that their boat follows all maritime requirements.

On October 7th we will be bringing the Auxiliary back for a boating safety course. This boating certificate class offers an in-depth and interesting boating safety course, and provides the knowledge needed to obtain a boating certificate from the State of Florida. Some insurance companies will also offer discounts on boating insurance to boaters who successfully complete this course. So, be on the lookout for more information regarding this class. ➡

*Until next time...*

## CYC New Members

At the August 17 Board of Directors meeting, the following memberships were approved:

**Kevin & Jean Sanders  
Edward & Terri Lafferty**

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



**LABOR DAY  
WEEKEND**  
CELEBRATION

**Saturday Sept. 2  
WATERSLIDE ARRIVES FOR THE WEEKEND!**  
**Monday Sept. 4  
HAPPY LABOR DAY!**  
Live Music by Peter Kern 2-5 pm

JOIN US FOR A  
**LABOR DAY  
BBQ**  
from 12 - 4 pm

# 2023



*Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>*

(WFPHRF Gulf Boat of The Year Event)

*Clearwater Challenge  
Captain's Party*

*Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>*

**SEPTEMBER**  
**FUN & GAMES**

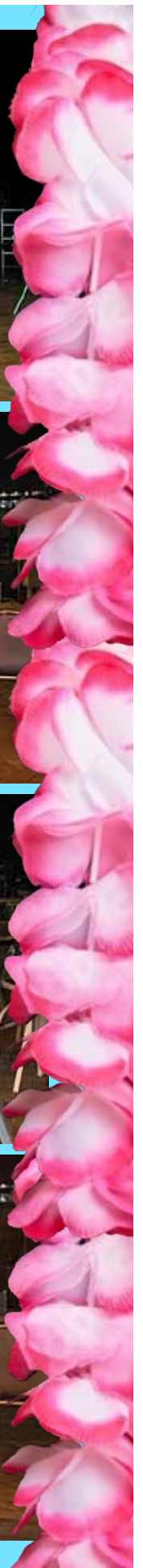
**Tuesday 12 - REGULAR BINGO 7 pm**  
**Thursday 21 - TRIVIA 7 pm**  
**Tuesday 26 - MUSIC BINGO 7 pm**  
**Come and Join In on all the Fun!**



# ELVIS BLUE HAWAII LUAU PARTY







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# ELVIS BLUE HAWAII LUAU PARTY

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# Chaplain's Log

By Fleet Chaplain Father Bob Wagenseil

## CYC Annual Blessing of our Pets Sunday October 8th – 1 pm

**SOME OF HISTORY'S** most notorious persons were also pet owners. Many of them loved their pets much as we love ours. Their pets looked upon them, much as ours look upon us, with unbridled love! Pets seem to have a way of ignoring our faults and forgiving our short-comings. They have a way of sensing our joys and our sorrows, and they are always there to welcome us home at the end of the day. Perhaps it was with such things in mind, that a very wise pet owner once wrote: Lord, help me to be as good a person as my dog thinks me to be.

How might human history have been a better story if history's "bad guys" had listened to their pets? But what a different world it might be today, if all of us strived to be as good as our pets think we are! Perhaps this is why another person, St. Francis of Assisi, who lived many centuries ago and was also a great lover of "God's Creatures Great and Small," left us a very special prayer.

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred let me sow love; where there is injury pardon; where there is darkness light, where there is despair hope, where there is sadness joy.....let me not seek so much to be consoled as to console; to be loved as to love, to be understood as to understand. For it is in giving that we receive, in pardoning that we are pardoned and in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

Please gather with us at 1 pm on October 8th as we ask God to bless our pets. And as we do, may we remember how it is that in no small way our pets have already blessed us with a vision of the good that lies within us. Through that vision may we be blessed as well, and strengthened by God's grace to more fully become the caring, compassionate, and loving persons our pets already believe us to be.

Fr. Bob and Maggie, too!

[frbob.wagenseil@gmail.com](mailto:frbob.wagenseil@gmail.com)



Maggie Wagentail





# CYC Annual White Party

**THE YING AND YANG**, background and **WHITE**, a classic Yacht Club event--that best describes the White Party the last Saturday in August. A fitting way to round out summer in Florida. A total of ninety two members and guests participated. A VERY special thanks to Jim Hannigan for serving the welcoming round.





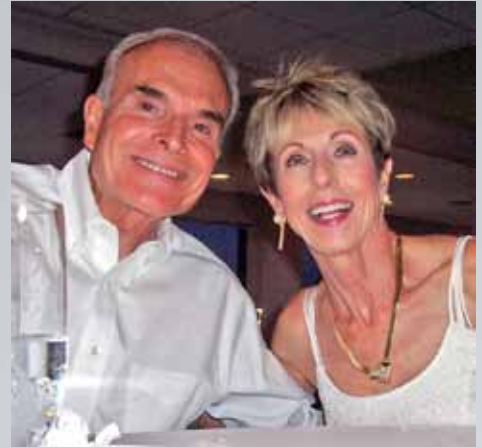


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# CYC Annual White Party

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**By Karen Watson**

## Branching Out from Boats

The Clearwater Cruisers are branching out and dipping their toes into the uncharted territory of planned social activities with no boat required to arrive at your destination. Sometimes it's the weather that doesn't cooperate; sometimes it's the boat. And sometimes, it's just fun to mix things up, and that's exactly what the cruisers do best, this summer especially with two planned social events for all to enjoy locally.

July brought everyone together for breakfast at CYC members Steve Hitchcock and Aubrey Posey's North Clearwater Beach bar, "Reefers." Two dozen cruisers not only tasted the delights of this fun, creative, and renewed beach staple but got \$10 off their tab as well. Saving everyone from parking woes, member Mike McMullin, owner of Makin' Waves, donated the use of two golf carts that day to bring cruisers to breakfast from the Yacht Club and back. Thanks, Mike! (As a shameless, commercial plug, you can visit him at Shepherd's Beach Resort for your rental needs as well.) A great start to the day



segued into spontaneous Saturday relaxation at the Club's Tiki Bar and an opportunity to continue the conviviality by cooling off in the pool.

Speaking of pool time, August offered up additional golden hours to flock together. About thirty cruisers took over the patio, pool, and Tiki bar at CYC earlier in the month to bask before summer rains and snowbirds return. Craig Bleakley stirred up the fun with some lively games. The Barbie movie must have worked its magic as the women dominated in all categories. Gail Broom and Terry Radford beat out a large crowd of eager players in pool ring toss while Phyllis Nordman and Ritchie Shaw emerged victorious in a felt putting green tee-off.

Summer brought it all to the cruisers with boats, beaches, breakfast, and bathing. If only we could branch off to a little nip in the weather like fall.





# Time Again to Turn-About

**THE TURNABOUT PARTY** is the one time a year CYC members get to show its Staff their appreciation for all the attention they give us all year long. Each and every day, members use the Club and its facilities and the Staff makes our days and weeks memorable by catering to individual member whims and wishes. This one day CYC members gladly play cook, waiter, barmaid, babysitter and host to a day the Staff can indulge their whims and wishes. We truly hope this year's Turn-About Party was an event enjoyed by all the Staff members who attended.







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# HOUSE and GROUND



**By Richard Libonate, Vice Commodore**



**YOUR HOUSE AND** Grounds Committee has accomplished quite a bit this year thanks to the hard work and efforts of the entire Committee, as well as our staff. The members of the Committee include Commodore Curtis Wold, Rear Commodore Joan Carter, Phyllis Nordman, Jim Hannigan, Tom Cummings, Christy Crist, Richie Shaw, Laura Scott, Gail Stone, and Jeni Donnell.

We are at a point where we are down to just a few smaller projects with the exception of repaving the parking lot as well as completing the landscaping. Both of these will be commenced once Duke Energy finishes their work on the docks.

I am sure you have noticed the beautiful new Dinnerware, Flatware and Glassware which complement all the upgrades to both the Main Dining and Grill Rooms. A special thanks goes to a Member who donated all the Glassware with several styles to be etched with the CYC Logo in the coming months. You may also notice the staff wearing white gloves as they polish the flatware and glassware while setting the tables, thanks to the direction of our GM, Peter Jutis.

While there are many positive things going on at our Club, there are a couple of unpleasant points I would like to bring up, and they have to do with costs. Every member has seen costs rise over the past couple years in every aspect of our daily lives from the grocery store to utilities to fuel. There is one area, however, which has impacted everyone of us and that is insurance. We have recently received our renewal policies, and our wind insurance increased 110% to \$105,000 annually with other policies increasing between 6% and 10%. This equates to almost a \$15 increase per member per month going forward.

Just as with our personal lives, these are costs that are totally out of our control. On top of insurance, our utilities have increased over 45% just in the last two years. I can assure you, the staff and Board are looking for ways to reduce expenses while continuing to give our members the amenities they deserve. We raise these issues, so everyone is aware of the environment we are working in. Ultimately and unfortunately, these costs will have to reflect back to our members, at some point, in the form of membership dues. Please remember, we are attempting to do everything in our power to keep costs down in all areas, as our goal continues to give our Members the best experience possible.

Most importantly, thank you for being a member of the Clearwater Yacht Club. Please come and enjoy our great events and wonderful food and service, in a great environment.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me anytime at (813) 541-8171 or [rllibonate@gmail.com](mailto:rllibonate@gmail.com).

# Happy Anniversary

**MEMBERS CELEBRATING  
YEARS WITH CYC IN SEPTEMBER**

## 29 YEARS

Henry & Kerri Smoak

## 21 YEARS

Gary Dawson & Tammy Strack

## 11-20 YEARS

Terry Campbell

Bruce & Sheron Nichols

Chuck & Becky Sajeski

Boe & Dana Braccio

Ardell Darling

Robert & Lynn Donaldson

Cathy LeBeau

Joseph & Lucy Patsko

## 6-10 YEARS

Rick & Anne Burkel

Anita Cafferty

Tim & Natalie Diasti

Deborah Zimmerman & Tony Bellanca

Elizabeth Hukill

David & Holly Cook

Mike & Susan Murphy

Don & Diane Reynolds

John & Jeanette Bonde

Marilyn & Bob Braude

Jacob & Meghan Coyle

Scott & Trish Flynn

Kurt & Amy Greissinger

## 1-5 YEARS

Hugh & Joanne Baxter

Brian Buckoski

Anthony & Barbara Scarpo

Barry Sawyer & Karen Kolozs

Drew & Jill Clark

Julie Drolshagen

Pete Harkovitch & Julie Zeiher

Tim & Cherie Harris

Alfred & Marina Marek

Robert & Cathryn Meyers

Yvonne Posey

Ronald & Sandra Morrison

Andrew Rock & Darlene Schuster Rock

Teresa Bernot & Mark Demyan

Teri Del Campo

Mayra Morrison

Tom Markunas & Mary Cunningham

Edward & Marsha Droste

Rick Rone & Jennifer Fischley

Rajiv & Swati Lall

James & Susan Kristensen

Gordon & Lori Hornby

Leslie Baungh

Kristen Brant

Jason Paul

Stewart & Genevieve Fortunato

Michael Peters & Denise Garcia



# The Winner!!! The CYC Beach Cruise

**THE SPIRITS HAVE** risen at CYC. Our member mixologists have submitted some creative cocktails to be recognized as the official CYC cocktail among Yacht Clubs throughout the USA. We received over 30 entries covering a range of various spirit combinations. The winning submission is the "CYC Beach Cruise" from members Kurt and Amy Greissinger. It is a tropical concoction featuring Captain Morgan White Rum (not spiced, 80 proof), served on the rocks with an optional floater. This delicious tropical and refreshing drink perfectly represents our Club. We hope you all get a chance to try and enjoy it when visiting the Club. Also, we had to make another decision and chose a cocktail from our own Kane that will be featured exclusively at the Tiki Bar, called the "Hurri-Kane @ The Tiki", featuring Captain Morgan Rums. A very hearty



CYC Beach Cruise

thanks to all our members who took the time and efforts to submit their liquid libation offerings. We look for-



Hurri-Kane @ The Tiki

ward to seeing all of your at the Club enjoying these tasty creations. Cheers to you all!



Judges L to R: Peter Jutis, Zach Lynch-Diageo Hospitality Group, Jackson O'leary Coastal-Pacific Wine & Spirits-Sales Consultant-Clearwater, Jenna Morgan Coastal-Pacific Wine & Spirits-Sales Manager-Tampa Bay, Jim Hannigan.



By Jim Hannigan, Entertainment

**GREETINGS CYC MEMBERS.** I do not think I would be wrong in speaking on behalf of everyone that we are glad to welcome the month of September. The month of August had us all working those air conditioners hard and searching for cool places to escape the record heat we just experienced. Thank goodness for our Club and the cool refuge it provides us, along with the cold beverages provided in the Grill and the Tiki Bar. Speaking of adult beverages, we should have our new CYC signature cocktail **The CYC Beach Cruise** available at all the bars for all the members to enjoy. Thanks to all the member "mixologists" who submitted their tasty concoctions. We had some VERY creative recipes.



Besides the heat in August, the Club offered Bingo (Traditional and Music) Night, Gulls Social, Fajita Night, Cruisers Pool Party, Bow Chasers Summer Fun Event, Specialty Food Night, Birthday & Anniversary Karaoke Night, Chicago Chophouse Night, Trivia Night, "Elvis Blue Hawaii" Night, White Party Night, Grand Brunch, and the annual Employee Turn About Party, and the Vintners Wine Club Dinner Night.

We kick off the month of September with **Labor Day Weekend**. Activities all weekend (9/1-9/4), including the water slide at the pool area, and College Football games. A BBQ and live music on Labor Day will be offered. Let's get ready for NFL Football kickoff Sunday (9/10), Bingo (9/12), Jazz Night (9/13), Trivia (9/21), Cruisers Cruise-In (9-22-9/24), Grand Brunch (9/24), JIM HANNIGAN'S BIRTHDAY (9/27) (I know, shameless, selfish plug!), and the Vintners Wine Club Dinner (9/28).

Messages have gone out to everyone regarding upcoming events for the rest of the year. Good times you should add to your calendars to hold those dates. A "Havana Nights" event (10/14), and cigars will be allowed after sunset; Gulls Ladies Luncheon (10/18); Halloween Party (10/28); CYC Annual Meeting (11/11); Gulls Ladies Luncheon (11/15); Pre-Thanksgiving Night (11/22); Thanksgiving Feast (11/23); CYC Change of Watch (12/2); CYC Boat Parade Captains meeting (12/7); CYC Boat Parade (12/9); Gulls Ladies Luncheon (12/13); Cruisers Christmas Party (12/13); Breakfast with Santa (12/16); CYC Holiday Happening (12/22); and New Year's Eve (12/31).

We appreciate everyone's support and participation on all the Club's offerings. Ideas and suggestions are always welcomed and will be considered for future events. Please share with the office any musical act you may have encountered elsewhere that may be a good fit for a Friday night in the MDR, or a Sunday afternoon at the Tiki. Remember to make those ever important reservations when visiting the Club, and now is a good time to utilize the new CYC Member Only page on our website to confirm. Always notify the Club of any dietary concerns when dining, so you can enjoy the meal that satisfies your restrictions.

The next CYC Entertainment Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 12th, 6:00 pm, in the upstairs Board Room. All members are welcome to attend and encouraged to participate in the planning of events. We are always looking for potential hosts or sponsors for all events.

## A Recipe From the Chef

By Chef Jermaine Bass

### Creamy Bourbon Chicken with Fried Sweet Plantains & Lime Drizzle



#### Ingredients:

- 6 ea Boneless, skinless chicken breast halves
- Salt & Pepper to taste
- 1/2 c All purpose flour
- 3 tbsp Butter
- 2 tbsp Olive oil
- 2 ea Green onions
- 1/2 c Bourbon
- 8 oz Mushrooms, sliced
- 1 c Heavy cream
- 1/2 c Vegetable oil
- 4 ea Very ripe plantains (about 1/4 pound each), peeled and cut diagonally into 1/2" slices
- Salt to taste
- 2 ea Limes, cut into wedges

#### Directions:

##### FOR CREAMY BOURBON CHICKEN

1. Sprinkle chicken breasts with salt & pepper. Lightly dust with flour and set aside.
2. Heat butter and olive oil in a large, heavy skillet over low heat. Add chicken pieces and chopped green onions. Saute, turn frequently, until chicken is golden brown and tender, about 15-20 minutes.
3. While chicken cooks, baste with a few spoonfuls of bourbon every few minutes, adding in very small batches so liquid cooks off while chicken cooks and does not accumulate in pan. When chicken is cooked through and golden brown, transfer to warm platter.
4. Add sliced mushrooms to skillet and saute, stirring constantly, about three minutes. Add heavy cream to mushrooms and scrape loose browned bits that may be stuck to skillet.
5. Simmer until mixture is hot and begins to thicken. Adjust to taste with salt and pepper, then pour sauce over chicken.

##### FOR FRIED PLANTAINS

1. Heat oil in a heavy duty skillet over high heat. Add four or five plantain slices in a single layer and cook until golden brown and tender, about four to six minutes per side. Transfer to plate lined with paper towels. Repeat with the remaining plantain slices.
2. Sprinkle cooked plantains with salt and drizzle with lime.

Serves 6

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Club, enjoying our wonderful CYC camaraderie. ➡

**Cheers to a wonderful September!**

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# 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 10:00 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 Events

### Friday - 1st

Live Music by Ernest Collins

### Saturday - 2nd

**WATERSLIDE ARRIVES!**

### Monday - 4th

**HAPPY LABOR DAY!** Club Open  
**LABOR DAY BBQ** from 12 - 4 pm  
Live Music by Peter Kern 2-5 pm

### Tuesday - 5th

**Club Opens at 5 pm**

House & Grounds - 6 pm

### Wednesday - 6th

Gulls Social 10:30 am

Membership - 6 pm

Cruisers - 6:30 p

### Friday - 8th

Live Music by Peter Kern

### Sunday - 10th

**NFL KICKOFF SUNDAY**

### Tuesday - 12th

Entertainment - 6 pm

**REGULAR BINGO NIGHT!** - 7 pm

### Wednesday - 13th

Gulls Social 10:30 am

### JAZZ NIGHT

### Thursday - 14th

Waterside - 5:30 pm

### Friday - 15th

Live Music by Scott Hardy

### Tuesday - 19th

Book Club - 6 pm

Yachting - 6 pm

### Wednesday - 20th

Gulls Social 10:30 am

Finance - 6 pm

### Thursday - 21st

Board of Directors - 6 pm

**TRIVIA NIGHT!** - 7 pm

### 21st thru 24th

**CRUISERS CRUISE IN**

### Friday - 22nd

Live Music by Chello Hollyday

### Sunday - 24th

Grand Brunch! 10 am-1 pm

### Tuesday - 26th

Trustees - 6 pm

**MUSIC BINGO NIGHT!** - 7 pm

### Wednesday - 27th

Gulls Social 10:30 am

**SAILORS TABLE** - 5 pm

Jim Hannigan's Birthday

### Thursday - 28th

**VINTNER'S WINE CLUB DINNER**

### Friday - 29th

**CLEARWATER CHALLENGE  
SKIPPERS PARTY**

Live Music by Ernest Collins

### Saturday - 30th

**CLEARWATER CHALLENGE**

## October Events

### Tuesday - 3rd

House & Grounds - 6 pm

### Wednesday - 4th

Gulls Social - 10:30 am

Membership - 6 pm

Cruisers - 6:30 pm

Land Cruisers - 5 pm

### Friday - 6th

Live Music by Jazz DaddyOs

### Saturday - 7th

**US COAST GUARD BOATING  
SAFETY CLASS**

### Sunday - 8th

**BLESSING OF THE PETS** - 1 pm

### Tuesday - 10th

Entertainment - 6 pm

**BINGO NIGHT!** - 7 pm

### Wednesday - 11th

Gulls Social - 10:30 am

### Thursday - 12th

Waterside - 5:30 pm

### Friday - 13th

Live Music by JR Connections

### Saturday - 14th

**HAVANA NIGHT** ON THE TIKI DECK

### Tuesday - 17th

Book Club - 6 pm

Yachting - 6 pm

### Wednesday - 18th

Gulls Social - 10:30 am

Finance - 6 pm

### 19th - 22nd

**Cruisers to Pink Shell Marina**

### Thursday - 19th

Board of Directors - 6 pm

**TRIVIA NIGHT!** - 7 pm

### Friday - 20th

Live Music by Scott Hardy

### Tuesday - 24th

Trustees - 6 pm

**MUSIC BINGO NIGHT!** - 7 pm

### Wednesday - 25th

Gulls Social - 10:30 am

**SAILORS TABLE** - 5 pm

### Friday - 27th

Live Music by Chello Hollyday



## CYC Committees and Organizations

### COMMITTEES

**Entertainment**, Jim Hannigan & Tom Cummings

**Finance**, Rod White

**House & Grounds**, VC Richard Libonate

**Long Term Planning**, PC Mary Kay Delk

**Membership**, Amie Crosby

**Nominating Committee**, IPC Greg Crist

**Policy**, Commodore Curtis Wold

**Jr. Activities**, Fr Bob Wagenseil & Rich White

**Waterside, Leader Development**,

John Minton

**Yachting**, Gerard Kane

**Communications**, RC Joan Carter & Carey Sauer

### CYC ORGANIZATIONS

**Bowchasers**, Linda Dorn & Lynne McCaskill

**Cruisers**, Gary & Sondra Newcom

**Gulls**, Marcia Nichols

**FCYC Director**, Jim Coats

### COMPASS

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**Art Design & Production**, Randy Gdovin

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Joe Lane

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

### Saturday - 28th

**CYC HALLOWEEN PARTY**

with Live Music by JR Connections

### Sunday - 29th

Grand Brunch - 10 am - 2 pm



# From the Front Office

By Peter Jutis, General Manager

## WHAT'S HAPPENED SINCE I

first appeared, I'm still waiting on everything to come in—the espresso machine, the cappuccino machine. We've replaced our coffee supplier, so the coffee is different but the new machines are in the warehouse. Of course, when they arrive, they have to be installed. They are all part of the process.

I think we're getting better every day. I keep hearing a lot of positive comments. Bit by bit, everything I do is going to be the best for the Club, the drinks, the cocktails, menus.



People complained the new glassware was different, it's new but the drinks aren't!

The glasses are almost exactly the same. The new glasses we have are just a hair bigger than the old glasses they look smaller but it's a perception thing.

The old martini glasses were thicker, new ones are thinner—it makes it look like the old ones are bigger but it's a perception thing.

The bartenders pour booze into the glass and shake it. They pour it into the martini glass to the rim. There's still alcohol in the tin; now they're throwing the tin away. That's costing members and me as a manager money, because we're throwing alcohol away.

My objective is to make them pour properly so that you get your great drink, great price full drink but the tin is empty, so that we're not wasting that ounce or two of alcohol. Say we make 50 drinks a night, that's 50 oz of booze! It costs us money. It costs, and everything has to go up.

Jermaine's food is better than ever. He has so much passion for his specials and his food, everything else just didn't get the same attention. A hamburger is just a hamburger. We talked and Jermaine agrees; now it's not just a hamburger, it's our food. Everything that comes out of the kitchen has his name attached to it. It has my name attached to it too. It better be good.

Our cooks are learning how to cook his food, the way we want it. It's not just a hamburger, it's a great burger! That's my goal.

Going forward, Jermaine's on board. We're going to work on the big events, like pasta night—we're going to get better. Right now it's not done to the potential we need to be.

The servers are getting better; the cooks are getting better. They're starting to buy into the incremental changes we're instituting, feed into the Kool-Aid, feed into what my goal is. I'm loving it!!

Other things are in place but they're not there yet; glass-



ware, we're waiting on our wine glasses, our Old Fashion glasses, they're all getting etched and should be here in the next 5-6 weeks. Everything in due time.

We're cleaner, more organized. The Gulls Nest for instance, we're going to get that organized, cleaned. Get the wine, the water, the plates, the silverware, out of there. We're also going to clear that shed too, there's old kitchen stuff, the stuff from under the staircase, all in the shed.

We want to preserve our history. A lot of the pictures—they reframed and they are now hanging around the Club. I'll throw out an old computer that's been sitting back there unused for 15 years or an old ice machine—no use storing old, useless stuff. We're donating some vases; half of the shed is full of old notebooks, most of them empty.

Going forward we're getting more modern too with a new computer system, a new inventory system, everything on the "Cloud" and server based. You don't have to look at a binder to search a book to see what sales we had. We should be able to look on a database, knowing the date, we should be able to see how many hamburgers we sold. It's modern. Some change is good; we'll slowly implement those things.

Nothing happens over night. It's not like one day you walk in, and everything's changed—slowly. We're looking into add-ons for our POS system which will augment our software using technology that will allow our staff to recognize members when they walk in and address them by name, knowing their family, we can more easily relate to them as individuals, as members of the Club.

The "Jonas" system needs to be updated, it will include handhelds so that member orders can be taken tableside. The order is in the kitchen before your server even leaves the table. We're also looking at performers and the variety of acts in addition to those that already perform here. It's amazing how much talent is out there.

In short, it's a tightrope! We're making progress—stay-tuned.



## 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:

**September 19**  
**LESSONS IN CHEMISTRY**  
**by Bonnie Garmus**

**October 17**  
*Read any Banned Book*



## COMING NEXT MONTH

# Annual PET BLESSING



Sunday, October 8

Trick or Treat

# HALLOWEEN PARTY

**Saturday, October 28**  
with Live Music by JR Connections

## Boat America Coast Guard Auxiliary Course to be offered at CYC



## Clearwater Yacht Club



Boat America is a boating certificate class that offers an in-depth and interesting boating safety course and provides the knowledge needed to obtain a boating certificate from the State of Florida. Some insurance companies will also offer discounts on boating insurance to boaters who successfully complete this course.

### TOPICS INCLUDE

- Introduction to Boating – Types of power boats, boating vocabulary, sailboats, paddle boats, powering boats, and engine types.
- Boating Law – Boat registration, regulations, hull identification numbers, required safety equipment, Federal boating law, state boating law, and reporting accidents.
- Safety Equipment – Life jackets, fire extinguishers, sound-producing devices, visual distress signals, anchors, and other safety equipment.
- Safe Operation and Navigation – Buoys and beacons, aids to navigation, navigation rules, docking, and the dangers of alcohol on the water.
- Boating Emergencies – Hypothermia, boating accidents, man overboard, capsizing, emergency radio calls, carbon monoxide dangers, and weather.
- Trailing – Types of trailers, lights, hitches, towing a trailer.
- Sports and Boating – Water-skiing, hunting and hunting gear, PWC operation, and other boating tips.

When: Saturday - October 7, 2023, 9am to 5pm

Where: Clearwater Yacht Club

Cost: \$50/person for all books, materials exam, certificate, and Florida Boating Card

Who: CYC members, family members, and friends

How to Register: go to <https://forms.gle/EHSvBwX8H2R67kV9> and then go to <https://clwboatingsafety.com/boater-class-registration/> and scroll down to pay via PayPal or to see an address to send a check.

Questions? Contact Karen Miller at 727-365-0731 or [clwtr.auxboating@gmail.com](mailto:clwtr.auxboating@gmail.com).



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## A FRIENDLY REMINDER

**WE WANT TO** ensure that our Members remember that collared shirts on men are required in the Main Dining Room at all times. This includes Lunch, Dinner and Sunday Brunch as well as any special events. After 5 pm, collared shirts are required in the Grill Room. It's the responsibility of our Members to assure their guests follow this policy.



We thank our Members for following these policies to prevent what could be an uncomfortable situation for Staff and Members.