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Annual Meeting: A Year of Progress



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the Water and Having Fun



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Commodore's Corner

BY THE TIME many of you will be reading this, I should have hoisted a past commodore burgee and handed the watch over to Commodore Rich Libonate! I want to thank the Board of Directors and all the committee members, the Board of Trustees, all the groups that make CYC what it is, our GM and staff, and all the members who make CYC the "fun" club!



*Commodore
Curtis Wold*

I especially want to thank Vice Commodore (now Commodore) Rich Libonate and Rear Commodore (now Vice Commodore) Joan Carter for their dedication and hard work this year, most pointedly during the gap in the general manager position, when they made the club run seamlessly. Special thanks to Rich (again) and Treasurer (now Trustee) Phil Shaw for their volunteer labor after Hurricane Idalia, restoring and improving the Drydock under the watchful eye of Mike Sauer, who provided the guidance and direction to the project after he and Secretary Carey Sauer postponed their vacation to ensure CYC recovered from the storm.

Thanks to all the members for the turnout at the Annual Meeting in November! It was great to be able to present the highlights of our club in the past year and the plans for the future of our club.

Thanks for your generosity in donating to the Holiday Fund for Club employees. This is our way of saying "Thank You!" for a job well done and is always appreciated by the staff. You'll see the charge on your November bill (either the default amount of \$100, or whatever amount you generously donated on the form or via check last month). Thank you for making our staff's holiday a joyous one!

Finally, the CYC Holiday Lighted Boat Parade is coming up on Saturday, December 9th, with a Captains Meeting/Party on Thursday, December 7th. Proceeds from the event will be going to scholarships for kids from Boys and Girls Club of Pinellas County to attend sailing camps at Clearwater Community Sailing Center. Check the website for more information: <https://clearwateryachtclub.org/boat-parade/>

Thanks again for an amazing 2023!

See you around the Club!

Compass Points

Brittani Canals, Co-Editor

Where are you from? Born and raised in Tampa, Florida, moved to Sand Key in 2022

Do you have family? Derek (husband), Johnny (14), Fisher (10), River (1)

Why did you join CYC? We joined CYC because we thought it would be a great place for our family, and we can utilize it for business events and family functions.

Little known skills or hobbies? I enjoy working out, crafting and hosting friends and family for any excuse at our house.

Favorite Boat? Our boat! We are Regulator owners (Field Grown) and partial to the brand.

Tiki, Grill, or Main Dining room? The tiki! Being outside is more our speed.



Kurt Greissing, Co-Editor

Where are you from? The Chicago suburbs, moved to Sand Key by way of Asheville, NC in 2017.

Do you have family? Amy (wife), Trevor (26), Tacy (25).

Why did you join CYC? Our realtor recommended it for meeting people and we joined the same day we closed on our condo.

Little known skills or hobbies? I am a private pilot and enjoy exploring Florida by air.

Favorite boat? Someone else's! :)

Tiki, Grill, or Main Dining room? Having grown up in the Chicagoland area, being able to sit outside at the tiki bar year-round never gets old. The boats, water view, fellowship (and drinks) can't be beat.



2023 OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, TRUSTEES & APPOINTMENTS

CYC Officers

Curtis Wold	Commodore
Rich Libonate	Vice Commodore
Joan Carter	Rear Commodore
Phil Shaw	Treasurer
Carey Sauer	Secretary
John Minton	Fleet Captain
Greg Crist	Immediate Past Commodore
Jim Coats	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

Fr. Bob Wagenseil	Fleet Chaplain
Don Collins	Fleet Surgeon


SAVE THE DATE
for the
Clearwater Yacht Club
Change of Watch
Saturday December 2

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

by Carey Sauer, Secretary

The CYC Board of Directors (BOD) met on November 16. The following items were addressed:

- The Finance committee presented the proposed budget for next year, incorporating the many things that have increased significantly over the past year – insurance, electric, minimum wage. The Board approved the proposed budget which will be forwarded to the Board of Trustees for their review as well.
- The Board approved a Winter membership and a Trial Membership. Let's be sure to welcome Jeff Covington and the Brunner's! The board also approved a change from Trial to Winter and a reduction from full to social. Unfortunately, we also had 7 resignations (3 Social, 3 Full and one LOA).
- In an email vote, the Board approved a House Policy change to the former Gull's Nest nomenclature and usage: The Board Room is maintained for use of Club boards, committees, and groups. Use of the Board Room is coordinated via the General Manager.
- The Dumbwaiter has been having some maintenance issues and is frequently down. The Board approved \$9000 to facilitate complete repairs. Especially considering our newly refurbished Drydock, it should get lots of use!
- The Cruisers report that they are again selling Bricks for around the flagpole. The brick with your names on it is \$100. An additional brick with your boat name is \$75. In addition, the Cruisers are supporting the Boys & Girls Club at Ridgecrest with a virtual Giving Tree. There will be a breakfast at the club on December 16th and Santa will present the (Cruiser purchased) gifts to the children.

The next meeting will be held on January 18 at 6 pm. Please note that all committee and Board meetings are open to the membership.

Carey Sauer (703) 930-1806

HOUSE and GROUNDS

By Richard Libonate, Vice Commodore



AS THIS WILL be my last House & Grounds column, I would like to thank the Committee members for their hard work, efforts and ideas that made this year a success: Commodore Curtis Wold, Rear Commodore Joan Carter, Christy Crist, Tom Cummings, Jeni

Donnell, Jim Hannigan, Laura Scott, Richie Shaw and Gail Stone. It was a total team effort and I hope you will agree, we exceeded your expectations in many areas. However, there are still improvements to be made and they will be under the direction of incoming House and Grounds Chair, Vice Commodore Joan Carter and her committee. Also, I would like to thank our Trustee's for their financial support all throughout the year.

As mentioned in last month's column, the first-floor renovation of our Club from the damage of Hurricane Idalia is now complete. New Dry Dock, Boardroom and Member Lounge with several additional upgrades all throughout. I would like to thank the Cruiser's and the Poker Run Committee for their generous donation which allowed us to furnish the Member Lounge with furniture and large screen TV's, all so our members have a place to congregate and socialize.

One major point of note, over the years, we have all seen how our members donate their time and hard work to make our Club a great place for all of us to enjoy. However, we have never seen the outpouring of dedication from our members to complete this renovation. In just 10 weeks, we were able to complete the work with over 950 member hours donated equating to over \$29,000 in savings to our Club. On behalf of the Club, I would like to thank everyone who helped, we would not be in this position without it.

Moving into next year, be on the lookout for paving the Driveway and Parking Lot, once Duke Energy installs the new transformers, also a new seating area with a Pergola near the floating dock as well as many other items.

In closing, I was truly honored to be the Chair of the House and Grounds Committee and I thank you, our members for the patience while we completed many of the items.

As always, if you have any questions or comments, please reach out to me directly at 813-541-8171 or rlibonate@gmail.com



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:

No meeting in December
January 16

THE COVENANT OF WATER
by Abraham Verghese

ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING





REBUILDING AFTER THE STORM:

CYC's Resilience Shines Through Hurricane Idalia

HURRICANE IDALIA WREAKED

havoc on CYC on August 29, inundating our first floor with floodwaters. Despite the initial challenges, we embraced the opportunity to transform adversity into innovation. In the aftermath, a collective effort unfolded, resulting in a revitalized space that now boasts a renovated ground floor, including a brand-new Board Room, Dry Dock, and Member Lounge.

The decision was made to move the Accounting Office upstairs. This change not only addressed the immediate issue but sparked a broader vision for a reimagined club space. With the Board Room now relocated, the groundwork was laid for an exciting transformation. Members engaged in a collaborative brainstorming process to conceptualize the revamped spaces. The result was a testament to the power of unity and shared commitment to rebuilding a better CYC.

Ten weeks and over 950 hours of donated member time later, the ground floor underwent a remarkable metamorphosis. The Dry Dock emerged as a focal point with the introduction of a new indoor bar, designed to enhance the club's banquet experience. Importantly, the Tiki-Hut within the Dry Dock will now remain open during inclement weather, ensuring members can enjoy the atmosphere regardless of external conditions.

A highlight of the renovation project is the creation of the Member Lounge. This inviting space is not only suited for everyday use but is also available for rental by members during sporting events and social gatherings. Stepping into the lounge reveals a fresh ambiance, complete with new furnishings and two expansive large-screen TVs.

Hurricane Idalia may have tested the foundations of CYC, but it was met with a spirit of resilience and innovation. The renovated ground floor stands as a testament to the club's ability to turn challenges into opportunities. As members, let us cherish the revitalized spaces and continue to build a stronger, more vibrant CYC community together.





Happy Anniversary

MEMBERS CELEBRATING
YEARS WITH CYC IN DECEMBER

37 YEARS

Mike & Cathy Carroll

21-28 YEARS

Jim & Sharon Crist

Mark & Diane Blum

Diane Switalski

Fr. Bob Wagenseil

11-20 YEARS

Jay & Lance Coats

Ed & Nancy Proefke

Mike & Sandy Kelly

Marietta PoePat Rickey

Peter & Judy Zarilla

Don & Joseph Lucarell

Jean Sanders

Jack & Carolee Stolze

Chris Turpin

6-10 YEARS

Don & Irene Pierce

Tov Vestgaarden

Sam Cantrell

Jack & Cyndee Haydon

John & Margaret Maneri

Michael & Elizabeth Manning

Bo & Michelle Russ

Steve Spencer

Randy & Gail Stein

Charles & Alice McManus

Bob & Dennis Hammersmith

John & Celeste Smallwood

1-5 YEARS

Allen & Shelly Erskine

Brian & Karen Gagnon

Manny & Maryellen Farinas

Sol & Denise Fishman

Greg & Diana Gaylor

Scott & Christine Pendleton

Joan Amsler

Andy Brown

Gerry & Terri Halle

Chrissy & Jason Tellis

Luke & Lindsay Lapham

Debra & Chris Bosler

Leon & Sherri Flasher

Thomas & Anne Kelly

Don & Jeannie Buynack



By Marcia Nichols
Gulls President

GILDA
SAYS:



WHATEVER IS BEAUTIFUL. WHATEVER IS MEANINGFUL. WHATEVER BRINGS YOU HAPPINESS. MAY IT BE YOURS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON AND THROUGHOUT THE COMING NEW YEAR.



JINGLE JINGLE BELLS! The Holiday Season is now at full sleighing speed.

The Gulls have been busy this season starting with the November 15th Ladies Fashion Show.

Many thanks to Patchington for displaying their beautiful Collection. The ensembles were really shown off by our own lovely CYC members: Trish Flynn, Carol Harris, Patti Morrison, Phyllis Nordman, Richie Shaw and Gail Stone. Many rounds of applause for these ladies. A big thank you again to Gulls Vice President Marion Ilacqua for her hard work in coordinating all this with Patchington.

Congratulations to our three Raffle Winners:

50/50: **Reen Moody**

Holiday Doggie Basket: **Stella Minadakis**

Holiday Wine Basket: **Lynne Shackelford**

As the end of 2023 is fast approaching, it does not mean that the Gulls are done for the year.

COMING UP:

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13 - HOLIDAY MUSICAL LUNCHEON WITH KAREN BENJEY.

We are very fortunate that Karen was available to perform for us during her busy holiday schedule. She will be playing and singing Holiday Songs accompanied by a saxophone player. Should be a lot of fun. Be sure to RSVP with your menu selection as soon as possible when the Announcement is sent out.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2023 – BREAKFAST WITH SANTA.

This is a special time for the little ones. Santa arrives that morning and brings treats for all the children. **THIS IS WHERE YOUR RSVP IS ABSOLUTELY IMPERATIVE.** Santa wants to make sure that he has a gift for **every** child. Your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and their little friends are all welcome. Please watch for the Announcement so you can RSVP with the number of children you intend to bring. When you call in with your reservation – please indicate whether the child is boy or girl and the age of the child. We cannot stress this enough as Santa wants to be sure that he will have enough gifts for all the good little boys and girls. Price is \$12.00 for adults and \$10.00 for each child. **Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, December 20.** The event starts at 9:00 a.m. and Santa will be there from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.



MORE CHATTER: 2024

The Gulls have a full schedule already lined up for all CYC ladies and their guests to enjoy.

Here are the first two luncheons. Be sure to save these dates on your social calendar:

Wednesday, January 17 “Aquariumania: What’s happening around CMA”

Joe Handy, CEO of Clearwater Marine Aquarium

Wednesday, February 14

Mark Muncy – “Haunted Love Stories for Valentween!”

(Different Twist for Valentine’s Day—Ghostly Love Stories)

After the holidays - we will be sending out a Calendar Listing for the remainder of the 2024 Luncheons. Be on the lookout for those dates and save the dates.

The Gulls 2024 Dues in the amount of \$25.00 are now being collected and are for the January through December 2024 fiscal year.

2024 Dues Forms have been available starting with our November 15th luncheon and will continue to be available at our December 13th and January 17th Luncheons. **The deadline for your paid dues is January 31, 2024** as all funds received by the Gulls are used to plan and budget the monthly Ladies Luncheons programs. If you want me to email you the Dues Form – please email me at marcia50422@yahoo.com. You may either mail the dues to my attention: Marcia Nichols, Gulls President, c/o Clearwater Yacht Club, 830 South Bayway Blvd, Clearwater, FL 33767 or stop by the Club office and give your completed form and check to either Virginia or Holly and they will put it in the Gulls’ Folder.

Please be sure to read the Gulls’ Compass Monthly Articles and look for the email announcements with details.

FCYC Update



By Jim Coats

THE FCYC DIRECTORS meeting was held on November 11th at St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club and was attended by Jim Coats via Zoom.

Significant topics of discussion consisted of forming an FCYC group insurance program, reciprocity matters, developing an FCYC Cruising Guide, expanding FCYC membership and FCYC club updates. Thus far it appears there are enough clubs that have an interest in participating in a group insurance program. FCYC has retained a consultant to assist in this endeavor. Interested clubs have been asked to provide information for the consultant. Phil Shaw and the CYC staff have submitted a great deal of information. Many clubs are in dire straits regarding club insurance. They either can't get insurance or it is cost prohibitive.

There continue to be issues with some FCYC clubs not emphasizing the importance of communication flow from management to lower staff levels when it comes to how reciprocity works. For instance, dining reservations for visiting club members, transient docking, up charging visiting club members for meals and beverages, and making visiting members feel welcome. It was noted at a recent meeting "the importance of reciprocity as it is a pillar of our organization".

FCYC has nearly completed a Cruising Guide for all FCYC clubs. The Cruising Guide provides a great deal of information about the clubs and nearby amenities.

Several non-FCYC clubs have applied for FCYC membership, however none of the applicants meet FCYC membership criteria. Coconut Grove Sailing Club and Miami Yacht Club have applied for FCYC membership and are currently under review.

Before making plans to visit any FCYC club, it is recommended to check with that club as many are remodeling buildings and marinas or going through repairs from storm damage.

Tom Pace, Past Commodore and current Race Chairman of the Pensacola Yacht Club, gave a presentation regarding a movement to host the America's Cup Race in Pensacola in the future.

Sad to report for those that don't already know, the St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club was destroyed by fire early Sunday morning following the FCYC Directors meeting.

CYC is scheduled to host an FCYC Directors meeting in November of 2025.

The next FCYC Directors meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2024 at Halifax River Yacht Club. 🚩

CYC's Official Drink Recipe by Kurt & Amy Greissinger



Whether you call it the CYC Beach Cruise (thanks, Jim!), Long Walk on the Beach with Kurt (thanks, Kane!), or by its original name, the Coconut Telegraph, you can now order the club's official drink or make one at home.

1 1/2 oz Captain Morgan spiced rum or white rum
1oz Pina Colada mix
1/2 oz fresh lime juice (or juice of 1 small/medium lime)
1/2 oz Cointreau or Tiplers orange liqueur
Shake on ice, strain and garnish with a Luxardo cherry (opt. Zacapa floater)

GULLS LUNCHEON

MUSICAL SOUNDS OF THE SEASON

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023
STARTING AT 10:30 AM

\$23 PER MEMBER/GUEST

FEATURING HOLIDAY MUSIC BY
KAREN BENJEY AND GUEST SAXAPHONE PLAYER!



\$6 Drink Specials
Poinsettia Cranberry Cocktail
or
Choice of House Wine

MENU

Starters
Gulls Muffins
&
House Salad with choice of Ranch or Balsamic

Choice of Entrée
Chicken Pot Pie served with Cranberry Sauce
or
Penne Pasta with Grilled Shrimp
with Princess Sauce & Fresh Vegetable

Dessert
Peppermint Ice Cream
Iced tea and coffee included

PLEASE RSVP BY DECEMBER 7TH
WITH YOUR CHOICE OF ENTRÉE.
GUESTS ARE WELCOME!



By Karen Watson

Winding Down

As our sailing season winds down and the holidays pick up, the Cruisers can't quite set astern Thanksgiving without acknowledging a boat load of things of which to be thankful.



First and foremost, on the list are our fearless leaders, Gary and Sondra Newcom, who have led us on many adventures near and far. This includes Sarasota, Tampa and two times to our own club. Land adventures rounded out the festivities when weather and other elements didn't cooperate. Cruisers flocked to the fun at CYC-based pool parties and a breakfast at fellow cruiser Steve Hitchcox's Clearwater bar.

But wait, there's more! Not only have the Newcoms selflessly organized and planned trips for 2023 but also for the previous two years. During their tenure, they have seen



our ranks swell from 60 members to 90. We know who to thank for that wild success.

Amid constant shouts of "four more years!" Gary and Sondra graciously acquiesced to at least one more year before hanging up their leadership roles. The lineup for 2024 is already filling up with a Day at Tampa Bay Downs and cruises to Twin Dolphins, Tampa, Sarasota and more.

Meanwhile, the Cruisers are looking forward to their Christmas meeting/dinner and gift exchange in December. Adding to the Christmas Spirit this year, the Cruisers are teaming up with Ridgecrest Boys and Girls Club to bring 50 children Santa Claus, lunch and a fulfilled Christmas Wish list at the club.

It's been a great year, and we are truly thankful for all those involved who made things happen. It takes a team, and the Cruisers are excellent at that.



CYC New Members

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

Jeff Covington
John & Pat Brunner

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



Chaplain's Log

By Fleet Chaplain Father Bob Wagenseil

Chaplain's Log – December 2023

What's on your Holiday Gift list this year? Perhaps like me, you are having the same difficulties finding the perfect gift that will bring happiness to those you love. How to find the gift that will last? How to come up with a gift that truly means something to others. It seems that the older I get, the more challenging it is to come up with the answer. Therefore, this year, I've decided that the important gifts I need to share must begin with me. After careful and at times prayerful consideration, I am convinced that the best gifts I can offer in 2023 should be the ones that will last well into 2024 and beyond. Here's what I've come up with by way of lasting gifts I intend to do my utmost to offer this year:

- ★ Kindness towards all.
- ★ Patience, especially with those whose points of view are different from my own.
- ★ Gentleness directed to those who do not measure up to my standards.
- ★ Eyes to see the good in others.
- ★ Ears to listen with an open mind to those around me.
- ★ Generosity for the poor.
- ★ Self-control when faced with situations I cannot control.
- ★ Compassion for the sick, the unemployed, and the homeless.
- ★ Gratitude for the gift of each new day.
- ★ God's grace to speak and to act in a manner that brings joy and encouragement to the people around me.
- ★ Faith, to believe that it is still possible to "overcome evil with good."
- ★ Hope, to live in the certainty that better days are coming.
- ★ Love, to plant the seeds of the better days I'm hoping for.
- ★ Prayers for peace, most especially the prayer that says, "... and let it begin with me."



I realize that the gift list I'm seeking is very expensive. All the money in the world can never purchase those items because the cost can only be borne through the quality of my daily life and the words and actions which my life conveys. They are not for sale on any Black Friday advertisement. Nevertheless, they are out there just waiting for us to take the time and make the effort to put them into practice every day. And to the extent that we are willing to make such a

sacrifice, then we may well discover that these are the gifts which come from the one who brought the light of Hanukkah to those who were living in darkness and uncertainty long ago. These are the same gifts that brought light to the world on that first Christmas in a stable in Bethlehem. And, yes, these are the gifts that last and have the potential to transform the world for ever and for good in our own generation, as well,

I wish you and those you love a Merry Christmas/Happy Hanukkah/Holiday Season filled with gifts that last a lifetime and beyond.

Fr Bob

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Introducing the Vintner's Club

HAVE YOU HEARD? CYC has a new "club within the club" ... the Vintner's Club!

If you love wine and great food, then this is the experience for you.

Modeled after a similar club within Tampa Palms, the Vintner's Club provides its members with 9 wine dinners during the year (all months except March, November and December) featuring specially prepared food and wine pairings, an opportunity to purchase the wines featured at the dinners at a great deal and a personal wine locker to store the wine you purchase through CYC so that you can enjoy it any night of the week. During each dinner, you will learn more about each of the wines and the region or the family the wines are from. This is also the club for wine novices as each dinner provides a chance to learn more about wine.

First year membership is \$650 to build the lockers and to purchase specialty glasses needed for the Vintner's Club dinners. Renewing members will pay a reduced renewal rate in subsequent years.

Dinners are anticipated to be priced between \$59-\$79 per person. Reviews for the dinners have been fabulous.

Only a few spots remain in the Vintner's Club. This is an exciting time to join. The wine lockers will be installed in the Main Dining room alcove soon. And, if you join as a Founding Member, you will receive a special gift! To join, contact Steve Hitchcock at cycvintnersclub@gmail.com to obtain an application.





By Christy Poorman

THE BOW CHASER sailors are finally back in the water after a long hiatus due to the new dock installation last season, which looks great! The sailboat prams were scrubbed and readied for the new sailing season. Thanks to Cathy and Steve McNally, Christy and Bruce Poorman and Anita Cafferty.

We sailed our first race of the season on October 31. Cathy McNally won the first 2 races and Christy Poorman won race # 3. The following two weeks races were canceled due to too little wind and too much wind! When racing is canceled our race committee chief, Ned Covell, holds race classes. He is a wealth of information! Join us on Tuesdays at 9:15 am to participate in rigging our boats and watch the sailing competition...really, it's about the fun!!!

Our Bow Chaser Club is part of the Florida Women's Sailing Association. We meet and sail with clubs from Daytona to Venice. Cathy McNally sailed and placed second at the Commodore Lucas Cup at Passe a Grille Yacht Club in October. Cheers to Cathy!!

Our Friendship gathering at Lynne McCaskill's was a huge hit! We enjoyed good food, good friends and good ideas of how to proceed with events and parties, so everyone is involved. Check our Facebook page for fun photo memories.

During the Friendship gathering we all participated in discussion concerning future parties and gatherings. It was agreed to cancel our December 1 Christmas party and plan for both a house party as well as our much-anticipated Soup Cruise on Tuesday January 30, 2024. Again, watch your email for updates, and don't hesitate to call any board member about what's going on.

The Bow Chaser's are a club for women who enjoy cultivating new friendships and the bonus is you get to sail and represent Clearwater Yacht Club at other Yacht Clubs in our area and beyond.

Contact Judy Umeck, our membership chairperson for information on becoming a Bow Chaser. Forms are available at the CYC office to register and sign up. ➡



ENTERTAINMENT

By Jim Hannigan, Entertainment

GREETINGS CYC MEMBERS.

It is December and my goodness gracious, all the changes we have seen around the Club. The new docks, the MDR, the Dry Dock, and many more all for the good of the Club. We do hope everyone is enjoying our wonderful Club and the Entertainment Committee will continue to bring forth another year of events to enjoy at the Club.

The month of November featured "mixology w/Kane @ the Tiki Bar; Bingo; our annual CYC Meeting; Trivia; Dueling Pianos; Friendsgiving/Wild Turkey/Jazz Night; Thanksgiving Dinner; Grand Brunch; Music Bingo; and the Vintner's Wine Pairing event. The Club was limited on space with the construction in the Dry Dock area, but all should be good to go this month with the completion of that area, along with the Members Only area. Props and kudos to all the members who offered their time and efforts in bringing the Dry Dock area to a beautiful gathering space we can all enjoy.

December starts with the Bow Chasers Christmas party (12/1); the annual Change of Watch ceremony (12/2); Painting w/Bree (12/5); Bingo (12/5); Lady Cruisers Christmas party (12/6); Holiday Boat Parade Captains meeting/party (12/7); Toys For Tots dinner (12/8); Holiday Lighted Boat Parade (12/9); Blood Drive (12/12); House & Grounds/Entertainment Committee Christmas party (12/12); Cruisers Christmas party (12/13); Boys & Girls Club Giving Tree event (12/16); Trivia (12/21); Holiday Happening (12/22); Breakfast w/Santa (12/23); Christmas (12/25); Music Bingo (12/26), and New Year's Eve Dinner/Dance (12/31). The Holiday Boat Parade Captain's meeting is open to all. A social hour from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm, with happy hour prices in effect at the Tiki Bar, followed by the meeting at 7:00 pm, then more merriment at the Tiki. The Holiday Boat Parade will have the Club open to all members and guests, both the MDR and the Dry Dock area. Come early for food and beverages and settle in for the parade passing by the Club around 8:30 pm-9:30 pm.

A few dates to hold for the new the year include the Gasparilla Party (1/13/2024); Gasparilla (1/27/2024); Chili/Chowdah Cookoff (1/28/2024); Valentines Dinner/Dance (2/10/2024); Super Bowl Party (2/11/2024), and Valentine's Day (2/14/2024),



and the annual Commodores Ball in March.

We would like to thank each of you for your continued support and participation of all the events this past year. The committee strives to bring forth music and activities that keep you all coming back and enjoying our wonderful Club and the camaraderie between members. Please continue to forward any potential musical or event wise acts that might be suitable for the MDR or the Tiki Bar area. Always notify the Club of any dietary restrictions you may have, especially with programmed or themed dining, so that you may enjoy a meal that pertains to your diet.

Florida has inclement weather at times that may force the Tiki Bar to be closed. Fear not, with the new Dry Dock area, the inside bar will be open and available to enjoy your visit during any weather shutdowns. We will have the bar open, tv's on, and a comfortable and relaxing setting for your visit to the Club.

The next meeting for the Entertainment Committee will be a joint Christmas party with the House & Grounds Committee on Tuesday, December 12, in the Members Only lounge, at 6:00 pm.

Thank you all once again and we look forward to seeing everyone at the Club. A special thanks to our outgoing Commodore Curtis Wold, our incoming Commodore Rich Libonate, Vice Commodore Joan Carter, Virginia, Holly, and Peter for their leadership and support this past year.

Merry Christmas, Seasons Greetings, Happy Holiday, and a very Happy New Year to all in 2024. Cheers to a festive December! ➡

Jim Hannigan

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DECEMBER

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!

12th Annual Kind Mouse

Holiday Food Drive

Nov. 20- Dec. 8, 2023
www.TheKindMouse.org

Proceeds will assist us in our children feeding programs.
Over 3/4 Million Tummies Filled to Date!

Our Mission is to assist families in transition and their chronically hungry children while developing the next generation of volunteers to carry on the mission of The Kind Mouse. No hardworking individual and their family should ever go hungry.

Participation is Easy!
We Drop Off Empty Bins
You Fill The Bins
We Pick Up Your Filled Bins

Please contact us at 727-575-7834
to join in the fun!

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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

December

Friday – 1st

Prime Rib & Live Music by **Jazz DaddyO's**

Saturday – 2nd

Change of Watch 6 pm

Sunday – 3rd

Breakfast Buffet 10 am – 2 pm

Tiki Bar 11 am – 7 pm

Private Event MDR 5 pm

Tuesday – 5th

Bow Chasers Sail 9:15 am

Landcruiser's Meeting & Dinner 5 pm

Friends & Family Night 5:30 pm

Painting with Bree 6 pm

Wednesday – 6th

Gulls Social 10:30 am

Lady Cruisers Bunco Christmas Party in the DD 5 pm

Specialty Food Night 5:30 pm

Membership - 6 pm

Thursday – 7th

Mandatory Boat Parade Captains

Meeting 6 pm in the DD/Tiki

Friday – 8th

Prime Rib & Live Music by **JR Connections**

Toys for Tots Marine Corp Dinner 6:30 pm

Hanukkah Begins

Saturday – 9th

Private Luncheon MDR

Annual Holiday Lighted Boat Parade 6:30 pm

Boat Parade Party on the DD/Tiki

Buffet in MDR 6 pm

Sunday – 10th

Breakfast Buffet 10 am – 2 pm

Tiki Bar 11 am – 7 pm

Tuesday – 12th

Bow Chasers Sail 9:15 am

Private Event in DD 12 pm

Bingo Night! - 7 pm

Blood Drive 2 pm – 6 pm

Friends & Family Night - 5:30 pm

Entertainment and House & Grounds

Committee Christmas Gathering ML 6 pm

Private Evening Event in DD 6:30 pm

Wednesday – 13th

Gulls Luncheon 11:00 am

Bow Chasers Happy Hour 5-7 pm

Cruisers Christmas Party in the MDR

Thursday – 14th

Private Luncheon in the MDR

Waterside - 5:30 pm

Private Event MDR/Dinner Buffet in MDR

Private Event in the DD- **USCG Sand Key**

Friday – 15th

Prime Rib & Live Music by **Scott Hardy**

Private Event in the DD- Evening

Saturday – 16th

Private Event in Grille, MDR, & DD- Boy & Girls Club Luncheon

Member Dining on the Tiki Deck

Sunday – 17th

Breakfast Buffet 10 am – 2 pm

Tiki Bar 11 am – 7 pm

Tuesday – 19th

Bow Chasers Sail - 9:15 am

Friends & Family Night - 5:30 pm

Book Club - 6 pm

Yachting - 6 pm

Wednesday – 20th

Gulls Social 10:30 am

Finance - 5:30 pm

Thursday – 21st

Board of Directors - 6 pm

Trivia Night! - 7 pm

Friday – 22nd

Prime Rib & Live Music by **Chello Hollyday-**

Holiday Happenings

Saturday – 23rd

Gull's Sponsored Breakfast with Santa 9 am

Sunday – 24th

Christmas Eve! Club is Closed.

Monday – 25th

Merry Christmas CYC Members!

Tuesday – 26th

Club Opens at 5 PM

Friends & Family Night - 5:30 pm

Trustees - 6 pm

Music Bingo Night!-7 pm

Wednesday – 27th

Gulls Social - 10:30 am

Sailors Table- 5 pm

Friday – 29th

Prime Rib & Live Music by **Andre Roy**

Sunday – 31st

Grand Brunch 10 am - 2 pm

New Year's Eve Party! 7:00 pm

Live Music by **Yaya & The Dream Catchers** MDR

January Events

Tuesday – 2nd

Club Opens at 5 PM

House & Grounds 6 pm

Wednesday – 3rd

Gulls Social 10:30 am

Membership - 6 pm

Cruisers - 6:30 pm

Thursday – 4th

Lady Cruiser Bunco 10:30 am

Friday – 5th

Prime Rib & Live Music by **Peter Kern Duo**

Sunday – 7th

Breakfast Buffet 10 am – 2 pm

Tiki Bar 11:00 am – 7 pm

Tuesday – 9th

Bow Chasers Sail 9:15 am

Bow Chasers Happy Hour 5 – 7pm

Friends & Family Night 5:30 pm

Bingo Night! - 7 pm

Wednesday – 10th

Gulls Social 10:30 am

Thursday – 11th

Waterside - 5:30 pm

Friday – 12th

Prime Rib & Live Music by **JR Connections**

Saturday – 13th

Gasparilla Party Live Music by

J.R. Connections 6:00 pm

Sunday – 14th

Breakfast Buffet 10 am – 2 pm

Tiki Bar 11 – 7 pm

Tuesday – 16th

Bow Chasers Sail 9:15 am

Friends & Family Night 5:30 pm

Book Club - 6 pm

Yachting - 6 pm

Wednesday – 15th

Gulls Luncheon 10:30 am

Finance - 5:30 pm

Thursday – 18th

Board of Directors - 6 pm

Trivia Night! - 7 pm

Friday – 19th

Prime Rib & Live Music

Sunday – 21st

Breakfast Buffet 10 am – 2 pm

Tiki Bar 11 am – 7 pm

Tuesday – 23rd

Bow Chasers Sail 9:15 am

Friends & Family Night 5:30 pm

Trustees - 6 pm

Music Bingo Night!-7 pm

Wednesday – 24th

Gulls Social 10:30 am

Thursday – 25th

Vintner's Dinner 6:30 pm

Friday – 26th

Prime Rib & Live Music by **Chello Hollyday**

Sunday – 28th

Grand Brunch 10 am – 2 pm

Tiki Bar 11am – 7 pm

Tuesday – 30th

Friends & Family Night 5:30 pm

Wednesday – 31st

Gulls Social 10:30 am

Sailors Table- 5 pm

COMING NEXT MONTH



Saturday January 13th



Sunday January 28th

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

Co-Editors, Brittani Canals, Kurt Greissinger

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From the Front Office

By Peter Jutis, General Manager



I HOPE EVERYONE had a fantastic Thanksgiving. Thank you to all the members who spent it with us. I want to thank the staff who worked Thanksgiving, thank you for doing an amazing job. Everything went nice and smooth for my first holiday event. So, another month has passed with some great changes. As some of the members have heard, chef Jermaine gave his resignation. I want to thank him for all the work he has done for the club and on behalf of the staff we wish him great endeavors in his new job. With that I want to welcome our new chef, David Sanchez. He has been a friend of mine for a few years. I believe he is going to elevate the standard that I want with consistency in the food and bring a fresh new look going into 2024. David was born here in Tampa then moved to Colorado where he fine-tuned his skills in the kitchen. Coming back to his roots in Tampa, David worked at Saddlebooke Resort for the past year or so until a few months ago. I will let Chef David tell you the rest of his story. I hope that you all have a great holiday and a Happy New Year.

Peter

MEET THE CHEF

By David B. Sanchez, Executive Chef

IT IS MY sincere pleasure and privilege to be selected as your new Executive Chef here at the Clearwater Yacht Club. I am looking forward to creating and elevating new dining experiences for you to enjoy. I am excited to eventually meet all of you in the days and evenings ahead. I welcome conversations about favorite dishes, recipes and meal ideas that bring us together.

A bit about my background, I was raised in South & West Tampa, my family is 5 generations in Tampa. I grew up with the influences of my Spanish, Sicilian, and Cuban Grandparents cooking. My career spans over 42 years, from family restaurants to major corporate operations. Graduated from Johnson and Wales University where I later taught as a Chef Instructor. I am also classically trained in French, Italian, Cuisines among others. A majority of my career was spent in Vail, Colorado where I managed many of the resort restaurants and clubs, like, The Game Creek Club, The Beaver Creek Club, The Vail Golf Club and The Brightwater Club. This



career has afforded me many exciting opportunities to cook for some wonderful Families, Royalty, former Presidents, Celebrities as well honors like Chef for the U.S. Ski Team.

I am currently developing new menus for CYC and hope to unveil them in early January. Until then, please feel free to introduce yourselves and help me become the best chef for CYC.

Thank you,
Chef David



CLEARWATER YACHT CLUB'S 49TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTED BOAT PARADE

DEC. 9TH, 2023 • 6:30 PM

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP FOR THE PARADE
OR LEARN ABOUT SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!



Please join us for

Breakfast

WITH SANTA

DEC 23

9 AM

**Children 10 and under \$10
Adults \$12**

Breakfast will include:

Pancakes, Sausage, Bacon, Hash Browns,
French Toast, Scrambled Eggs & Cereals

Call 727-447-6000 to RSVP by December
20 and please indicate whether the child is
a boy or girl and the age of the child

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

31 DECEMBER | 6:30 PM

LIVE MUSIC
FORMAL DINNER IN MDR | BUFFET IN DRY DOCK
CHAMPAGNE TOAST AT MIDNIGHT

2 THEMED PARTIES!
BLACK TIE IN THE MAIN DINING ROOM
CASUAL IN THE DRY DOCK/TIKI

MORE DETAILS TO COME!

Painting with Bree

DECEMBER 5TH AT 6 PM

Come experience the fun of creating
your very own painting with fellow members!
NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!

Follow step by step instructions from
a painting professional! Dress Casually!
Smocks will be provided. Event includes
all supplies needed to create your
Holiday Masterpiece! We just need you!

Limited Reservations!
Please call the office to RSVP your easel.



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Please help Toys for Tots by bringing new, unwrapped gifts
to CYC and placing them in the crib. Help support this
amazing organization that brings joy to children
throughout the holiday season. Let's help them make the
76th year of Toys for Tots extra special!

TOYS FOR TOTS MARINE CORP DINNER

Friday, 8 December 2023

Marines will be arriving at 6:30 pm
to join CYC members for dinner.

