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## Super Bowl, Super Fun!



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# Commodore's Corner



**Commodore  
Richard  
Libonate**

**THERE ARE SO** many great reasons to come to our Club. Whether it is for everyday dining, meeting friends for a drink or to take advantage of a full calendar of events, we have virtually something for everyone. With our new Dry Dock (The Sand Bar) and Member Lounge (Mariner's Lounge), both are always open six days a week, even when the weather isn't cooperating. A perfect example was the Super Bowl event in early February. Over

210 members attended the event, the most for any event in the history of our Club. Thank you for making CYC your Super Bowl Party venue.

Every month, we have special events such as the Magic Show in early March. Along with our monthly events including Friends and Family Tuesday Dinner, Sunday Brunch, Bingo/Music Bingo, Trivia, and weekly dining specials. Continue to stay updated with the monthly calendar which is attached to every email as well as the "Week at a Glance" sent out on Tuesdays.

However, you just don't need a special occasion to come to the Club, we have a new and exciting menu which Chef David introduced in late February. Beginning in March, as the weather becomes more Florida-like, we will have music at the Tiki Hut on weekends.

Don't forget to make your reservations for the Commodore's Ball (March 23rd) and Easter Brunch (March 31st). Whatever your reason for coming to our Club, we are here to make it a great experience and, as I have always said, to exceed your expectations.

Please don't hesitate to contact me for any reason, whatsoever, at rlibonate@gmail.com or (813) 541-8171.

## 2024 OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, APPOINTMENTS & TRUSTEES

### CYC Officers

<b>Rich Libonate</b>	Commodore
<b>Joan Carter</b>	Vice Commodore
<b>Rod White</b>	Rear Commodore
<b>Keagan Pennycuff</b>	Treasurer
<b>Carey Sauer</b>	Secretary
<b>John Minton</b>	Fleet Captain
<b>Curtis Wold</b>	Immediate Past Commodore
<b>Jim Coats</b>	FCYC Director

### Board of Directors

<b>Amie Crosby</b>	<b>Phyllis Nordman</b>
<b>Rick Broom</b>	<b>Don Reynolds</b>
<b>Jim Hannigan</b>	<b>Richie Shaw</b>

### Board of Trustees

<b>Jim Coats</b>	<b>PC Dick Kidd</b>
<b>PC Collin Heimensen</b>	<b>Phil Shaw</b>
<b>PC Robert de Vos</b>	<b>PC Tish Wold</b>

### Appointments

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

# BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

**By Carey Sauer, Secretary**

**The BOD took the following actions at the February 15 meeting:**

The Board approved several items including:

- Approval for the Membership Committee to move ahead with their WINBACK and UPGRADE campaigns.
- Approval for up to \$45,000 for the completion of the parking resurface and the pergola and furniture in place of Jack's tree.
- Approval to extend temporary Member status to Regatta participants March 8-10 which allows them to pay with a credit card.
- Approval of the Long-Term Planning Committee Members: Mary Kay Delk as Chair; Keegan Pennycuff and Wayne Huneke as continuing members; and Steve Eckovich and Steve Hitchcock as re-upped members.
- Approval of the Members of the Leadership Development Committee: John Minton, Richie Shaw, Phyllis Nordman, and Rick Broom.
- Approval of three new members (one Trial, two Winter); a rejoined Junior member and an upgrade from Social to Full. We also have seven resignations and four leave of absences (two extensions and two new). Please make our new members welcome. New Members – remember to ask for your new member flag to help our veteran members find you!

**Other discussions highlighted some new additions to the Club:**

The new, big TVs in the Drydock provided a great venue for the Superbowl which had the largest crowd ever. Some of the TVs are also set up to allow both PCs and MACs to connect easily for photo sharing and presentations.

The Charthouse next door is slated for demolition shortly. Fears about pile driving have been allayed as they will be augering in the pilings instead. Please do not address questions / concerns to the workers directly – route them through the Bridge or the Club office.

Carey Sauer 703-930-1806

**The next meeting will be held on March 21 at 6 pm.**  
**All members are welcomed to attend.**

**Live  
MUSIC**

**Every Friday night and Sunday afternoon we will feature live music on the Tiki deck**

# Waterside



**By John Minton  
Fleet Captain**



## GREETINGS FROM NORTH OF THE SEA WALL!

Our Waterside Committee continues to make progress in gathering quotes for installing a pump-out system in our marina. We aim to present our findings and recommendations to the Board of Directors during their March meeting.

This month, Mike Sauer attended our Waterside Committee meeting to present his proposal for installing underwater lights in our marina. Prior to the meeting we conducted a vote among our slip holders who voted overwhelmingly to support moving forward with the project. The project was approved by the committee. The Cruiser Club will be the primary funding source, supplemented by generous contributions from some of our members.

Our security camera provider has enabled us to offer access to the marina cameras for our slip holders who desire it. We are currently in the process of installing one access point per slip, when requested.

Additionally, we are urging our slip holders to consider purchasing dock mats for use when staying on their boats in the marina. Recent observations have shown that our new dock can become slippery when wet. We strongly encourage the use of these mats for safer boarding and exiting of boats in the marina.

Lastly, Erwin Electric was awarded our contract to complete the final phase of our marina renovation project. They are currently in the permitting phase and as soon as it is approved by the City of Clearwater they will begin work. ➡

# HOUSE and GROUNDS



**By Joan Carter,  
Vice Commodore**



**WE HAD A** busy month in February!

Your House & Grounds committee has been active with some new projects.

First, the Room Naming Contest was wonderful! Thank you to so many members who submitted some great names for all 3 of our rooms! We had over a hundred names submitted.

### Winners of the contest are:

**Board Room** - "Captain's Quarters" submitted by Cat Coats

**Member Lounge** - "Mariner's Lounge" submitted by Don Reynolds

**Dry Dock Bar** - "The Sand Bar" submitted by Amy Long

I know you have been to the club to try out our new appetizers! They have been very well received and are delicious. Over the next month, you will see the new salads and handhelds and then the entrees. We are rolling them out slowly to give the kitchen and waitstaff time to learn the new menu items and ensure they are all prepared and presented as the chef intends.

Soon you will see the new pedestals at the entry to the parking lot. They will be lighted and have our new address signs on them. They will also have the license plate reader camera as part of our security system.

You may have noticed that Dan has resurfaced the stairs and ramp so they look much better now! The new lighting has been installed upstairs as well.

Craig Bleakley and several volunteers are working on a landscape project between the pool fence and the marina to the east of the Tiki bar. This will be a beautiful addition! Thank you to the volunteers for your hard work on this! Craig is also going to help us with a comprehensive landscape plan for the property that we can implement in pieces as we are ready. This should provide the club with more cohesive and beautiful landscaping.

Thank you for all your support – see you at the Club!



## CYC BOOK CLUB

**By Diane Switalski  
CYC Book Club Leader**

**THE BOOK CLUB** meets the third Tuesday of every month at 6 pm in the Captain's Quarters (formerly 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 the office at (727) 447-6000. All books are predetermined by the members prior to discussion. Our upcoming meetings will feature the following:

**March 19**

*DEMON COPPERHEAD*  
**by Barbara Kingsolver**

**April 16**

*REMARKABLY BRIGHT CREATURES*  
**by Shelby Van Pelt**



## BLOOD DRIVE

**March 6 • 2:00 pm**



# True North

By Kurt Greissinger, Co Editor

**WHEN I FIRST** joined the yacht club, I found it fascinating that each club had its own burgee. It was like their street colors but for the water. Similar to a pennant except for its use in specifically identifying a recreational boating organization. Much like one can spot a pirate's skull and crossbones from a distance, the burgee is a visible and outward sign of your affiliation to those around you. No better place to see the difference and variety up close than the burgee walls at the club. There you will find more than 140 examples from visiting clubs all over the world. The first 6 people to find a burgee that doesn't belong on the

wall and turn it into the office gets to choose a fabulous prize (limit 1 prize per member number). Burgees can also be exchanged when visiting other yacht clubs. If members plan to travel and wish to participate in this nautical tradition, you may purchase CYC burgees from the office. Just be sure to record the "exchanging of the burgees" with a photo so that it can be included in a future edition of the Compass.



Did you know? The pineapple burgee, historically placed on the tables of new members, has been replaced with the CYC burgee. Stop by and give them a warm Clearwater Yacht Club welcome when you see one!

## Painting with Bree



At this second installment, more members joined in for this fun event. Here everyone who attended proudly shows off their wonderful masterpieces that they created.



# Vintner's Club

By Kurt Greissinger

**The Vintner's Club** took advantage of Leap Day to host yet another great wine and food pairing event. Fine Paso Robles, California wines were on hand from the likes of Unshackled (of The Prisoner fame), Harvey & Harriett, Booker Perl, and My Favorite Neighbor. Shrimp ceviche, mojo pork, and beef tenderloin were just some of the delicacies prepared and presented by our excellent staff. The lovely music of Jenn Marsh opened the event and her acoustic guitar filled in between courses and wine introductions. It was announced with great pride that the last remaining Vintner's Club memberships have been filled. Welcome Todd and Amie Crosby, Bon Idzik, Dick and Jo Burdek, and Dale and Michelle Merrill! The next Vintner's dinner is scheduled for April 25th.

Steve Hitchcock had the great idea of getting a member's perspective for this month's article and I gladly accepted. With it being March, I took artistic license and wrote it in the form of a limerick. Sláinte!

*The Vintner's Dinner was a big hit,  
A sellout crowd left nowhere to sit,  
With music thanks to Paul,  
Members all had a ball,  
And chef's food was too legit to quit!*



## EASTER Brunch

SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST  
11 AM & 1:30 PM SEATING

### BUFFET

SPIRAL HAM  
PRIME RIB  
LEG OF LAMB  
BACON & SAUSAGE  
OMELET STATION  
FRENCH TOAST  
COLORED DEVILED EGGS  
SHRIMP COCKTAIL  
APPLE & FENNEL SALAD  
POTATO AU GRATIN  
HONEY GLAZED CARROTS & PARSNIP  
PEAS & PANCETTA  
ROSEMARY NEW POTATOES  
MAC & CHEESE  
CINNAMON ROLLS  
SCONES  
ASSORTED DESSERTS  
AMBROSIA

ADULT: \$50  
12 & UNDER: \$25

## Sailor's Table

### Ahoy Sailors!

The Sailors Table meets the fourth Wednesday of every month for Happy Hour cocktails then dinner. So if you enjoy sailing, imbibing, dining and telling sea stories then mark your calendars and join in on the Gab & Grog. The next Sailors Table is on March 27, 6 pm





engaging and funny personality and I know you will enjoy his presentation.

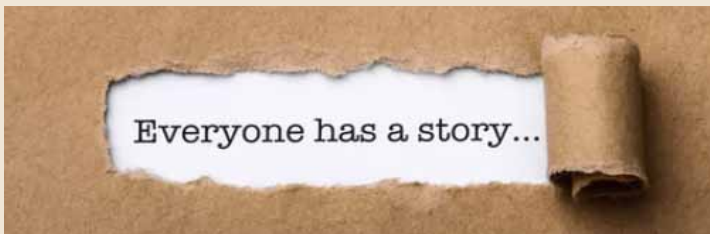
Before joining FOX13 in 2015, he worked at TV stations in Philadelphia, PA, Greenville-Spartanburg, SC, and Panama City, FL.

Mr. Cato is the curator of "Only in Florida" and will present amusing and interesting video clips followed by a Q&A session.



Please read the Gulls' Compass Monthly Articles and look for the email announcements when they are sent out.

We are still looking for volunteers who can bring new blood and fresh ideas for 2025. **There are two positions still waiting to be filled: President and Secretary.** The Gulls



**OUR FEBRUARY 14** luncheon with Mr. Walt Belcher was funny and heartwarming. His stories ran the gamut from his father working in the cotton mill industry to "chickens aren't the dumbest animals in the world" to "Jack with his one bullet to kill a rabbit for his father's dinner" and ending with a touching tale of how a WWII German soldier sketched a picture of Walt's mother after he saw his father always carrying a photo of her in his pocket.

Walt holds story telling workshops in Safety Harbor and also at the Beach Arts Center in Indian Rocks Beach.

Walt indicated that he would like very much to come back and regale us with more stories. We hope that can be arranged in the very near future.

Coming Up Next for March and April 2024 Calendar:



### Wednesday, March 20

#### Ladies' Fashion Show—New Boutique!—Citrus Styles (Dunedin)

As I had mentioned in my February article, this is a new boutique to showcase their beautiful clothes at CYC--definitely upscale with a variety of classy Florida-style fashions.



You don't want to miss this chance to see Citrus Styles! Make your reservation as soon as possible when the announcement is sent out.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

#### Chris Cato, News Anchor, Fox13, Tampa Bay

Mr. Cato is the News Anchor for the 4 O'clock and 11 O'clock News. He has been honored with an Edward R. Murrow Award, two Emmys, and numerous Associated Press Awards for his reporting and anchoring. He is definitely an asset to Fox13 News.

He is extremely personable with an





can only continue to be successful if we have members supporting us. If you think you would be interested in being a volunteer/officer for 2025, please email me and we can discuss further.

We would also welcome more CYC Ladies to join us on the Wednesdays that we do not have scheduled luncheons. We meet downstairs in the recently renamed Board Room **"Captain's Quarters"** (formerly known as the Gulls Nest) around 10:30 a.m. to plan and coordinate future fun events/ luncheons. We also play games, dominos, quilling with paper, or other crafts that you may want to learn or teach. Please join us for a lot of chatter and fun. We then go upstairs for lunch (and more chatter) around noon.

Our main goal is to have fun, plan exciting events, and host interesting speakers, topics, and entertainment. Please email me at [marcia50422@yahoo.com](mailto:marcia50422@yahoo.com) with any suggestions, comments or ideas for future events.

**See y'all soon**

**GILDA  
SAYS:**



SPRING WILL SOON BE HERE —  
CELEBRATE THIS NEW AND BEAUTIFUL  
SEASON WITH ALL THE HOPE AND JOY  
THAT IT WILL BRING YOU!







**By Anne Grace and Christy Poorman**

### **What's Going On?**

We are getting this party started! BowChasers is about a lot of fun and a lot of sailing.

Our Annual Soup Cruise was hosted by Phyllis Nordman at her beautiful clubhouse. We had nine delicious soups along with multiple appetizers and desserts. It was a fun group and a fun evening of friendship. In the end we went home from dinner full and a lucky winner of the 50/50 draw!

Camaraderie, laughs, and new memories are waiting for you at all our member events.

**Join the BowChasers and be a part of the upcoming events**

**February 27th** at 5 pm, Happy Hour at JDs in Indian Rocks Beach



**March 12th** House party hosted by Cathy McNally.

BowChasers Members Check your email for details.

**April 2nd** - Hosting Interclub Regatta at CYC. Come down to the docks and route for the Bowchasers.

**April 25th** - Dueling Pianos in Clearwater at 7 pm.

**May 8th** - Change of Watch and luncheon.

Event information is sent to all paid members.

### **Sailing Activities:**

February brought us beautiful mornings for sailing. We welcomed two new sailors to our fleet: Evelyn and Angel. We are happiest when the sun and easy breeze are with us, and we are racing in the bay.

When not at sea sailing due to inclement weather, the BowChasers become landlubbers and take advantage of the great sailing wisdom of Ned Covell in the newly christened Sand Bar and Mariners Lounge. Thanks, Ned, for your tutelage and constant encouragement to make us better sailors!

Co-Captains Christy Poorman and Cathy McNally will represent the CYC BowChasers and compete in an Interclub race hosted by the Broad Reachers in Pass-a-Grille on February 23rd. Good Luck & fair winds ladies!

The BowChasers will host an FWSA (Florida Women's Sailing





Association) regatta at CYC on April 2nd followed by a luncheon.

We sail on Tuesdays at 9:15 am, weather permitting. Join us for Boat Rigging and races & stay for lunch. If you are interested in sailing with us, please contact Cathy McNally at [cathymcn@gmail.com](mailto:cathymcn@gmail.com)

Water Aerobics: Remember CYC offers free water aerobics in the CYC pool every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 10:30 am, weather dependent. Classes are taught by BowChasers members.

Contact Judy Umeck to get notices of the class schedule.  
[umeck@yahoo.com](mailto:umeck@yahoo.com)

### Membership:

To join the BowChasers please contact Judy Umeck ([umeck@yahoo.com](mailto:umeck@yahoo.com)).

Annual Dues of \$25 helps to support BowChasers activities including party supplies, hostess gifts, and charitable contributions. ➡



# Magic MARCH

**MARCH 2ND | \$30 PER MEMBER**

Buffet begins at 6:30 PM  
Show begins at 7:30 PM

**EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED**

**BUFFET**  
Veggie & Pork Egg Rolls  
Sesame Salad  
Thai Shrimp & Veggie Stir Fry  
Sweet & Sour Chicken Over Rice  
Coconut Curry Mussels  
Assorted Mochi

## GULLS LUNCHEON FASHION SHOW

PRESENTING CITRUS STYLES BOUTIQUE

WEDNESDAY  
**20 MARCH, 2024**  
STARTING AT 10:30AM

\$23 Per Member. Guests are welcome!  
(Inclusive of tax & gratuity)

**MENU**  
Appetizers  
Gulls Muffins

Choice of Entrée  
Baked Seafood Medley with Mashed Potatoes & Vegetable  
OR  
Glazed Pork Loin with Mashed Potatoes & Vegetable

Dessert  
Strawberry shortcake  
Ice Tea & Coffee are Included!

**\$6 DRINK SPECIALS**  
House Wine OR Well Drink Cocktail













By Karen Watson

## Rocking the Yacht

About 15 boats were scheduled to swing by Twin Dolphin Marina Feb. 1-4 for the Cruisers' first voyage of the season. Twin Dolphin is certainly a fan favorite with its convenient location across the street from downtown Bradenton and easy access to shops, restaurants and its trendy multipurpose riverwalk. On-site amenities include a heated pool, a boater's lounge, and well-done individual restrooms and showers for those who prefer to clean up on shore.

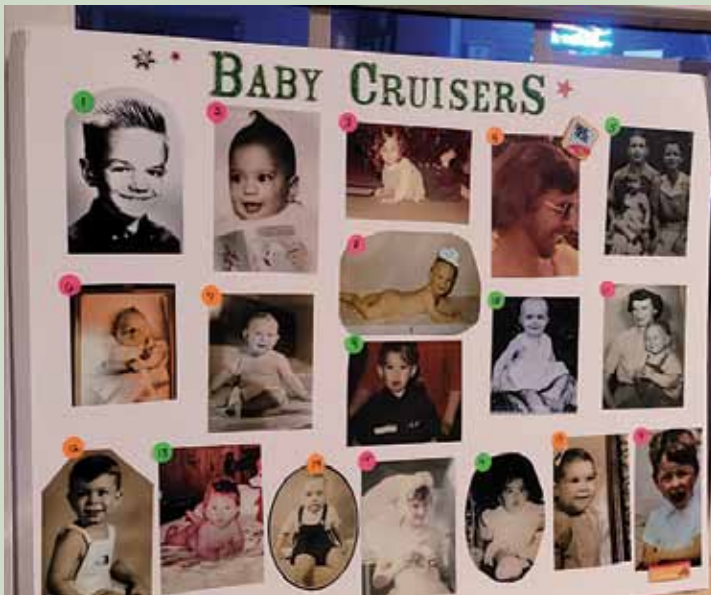
Cruising hosts Richie Shaw and Phyllis Nordman planned the perfect laid-back weekend for all. After enjoying a beautiful sunny day at sea, boaters gathered on the poolside patio for the traditional BYOB social (including appetizers) affectionately known as Docktails. Ken Watson came prepared and broke out his traveling fixings for his famous smokey old-fashioned and soon a second line formed after the generous buffet. (Some may have never made it to the buffet portion of the evening.)

Next, our hosts presented us with two posters of everyone's blast from the past baby pictures and then the guessing began and never stopped. The entire weekend had everyone giving each other the side eye in trying to unlock the specific feature that gave away the baby face. Not as easy as you would think! Most guesses were wrong and that's when the hints and allegations began. Needing extra



time to decipher the details and gather some hints, cruisers could turn in their answer sheets (or should we say, answer guesses) Monday in time for winners to be announced at Wednesday's monthly cruiser meeting.

Terry Radford correctly guessed a whopping 20 out of 39 and had a bounty of prizes to pick from (carefully curated by the hosts from the yacht club's ship store). Gail Broom and Cat Coats tied for second place with 19 correct baby face assignments and selected a prize of their preference including insulated travel cups, wine, t-shirts, and pullovers. Last place, and affectionately labeled the loser, was L.J. Libonate who surmised a measly 9 correctly. Didn't anyone else turn in their sheets? Perhaps the real losers were all the people who *did not* turn in their answer



sheets at all. You can't win if you don't play.

Friday took the cake with cruisers rocking the 80-foot yacht of Jay Coats, *Andiamo*, for his father's 80th birthday. This elegant, catered affair made us all feel grateful to be able to celebrate Jim Coats and his accomplished life.

A side contest, hatched at the last minute, involved the funniest birthday cards sent to Jay (who also had a birthday recently) and Jim. Terry Radford won first place status again with her card to Jay. Rod White claimed winner status with his card for Jim. "Wait a minute," exclaimed Rod at the cruisers' meeting, "It was a serious card!" (LOL) And we were also serious when we banned Craig Bleakley from winning the 50-50 raffles again and again by making him pick Wednesday's winner, Rich Libonate.

No matter what, everyone's a winner with so much fun to go around. Unfortunately, for the Bradenton February cruisers, Saturday's beautiful weather was destined to be replaced by Sunday's high seas and winds. With such predictions forecasted, most scampered back to the yacht club for Saturday night dinner but only after shifting Saturday's scheduled Bloody Mary and Mimosa time to the Pier 22 restaurant. With so much going on, no one missed a beat or the lost day at Twin Dolphin.



# Happy Anniversary

## MEMBERS CELEBRATING YEARS WITH CYC IN MARCH

### 47 YEARS

Harry & Sandy Jamieson

### 26-29 YEARS

Rowland & Kathy Milam

Hoyt & Marcia Nichols

Billy & Lynne Shackelford

Cindy Startari

### 14-19 YEARS

Ryan & Heather Joy

Bill & Glenna Cooke

### 6-9 YEARS

Steve & Leigh Ekovich

Todd & Jennifer Gould

John & Cindy Minton

Robin Austin

Fred & Lynn Buchholz

Paul & Andrea Guidi

Robert & Gloria Snibbe

Thaddeus & Mary O'Brien

### 1-5 YEARS

Jeff Cole & Betsy LaBlond

Mike & Margie Hamrick

Arleen Kozaka & Vicki Smith

Tim & Charlotte Spacek

Charles & Deborah Turner

Karen McCormack

Anthony & Barbara Biller

# DUELING PIANOS

MARCH 16TH  
FROM 6:30 TO 10 PM

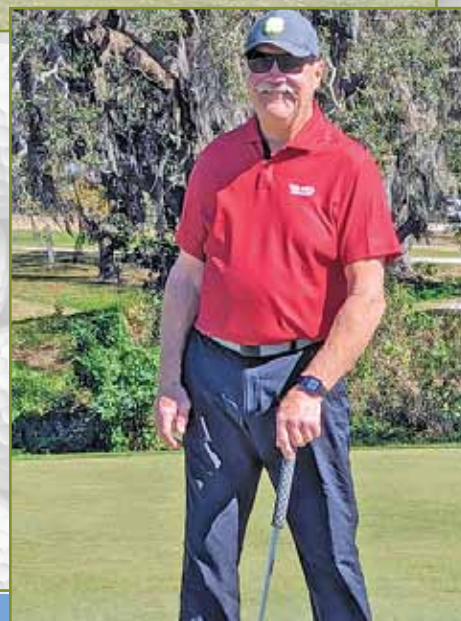


# OMG

ONLY MANIAC GOLFERS

**CLEARWATER YACHT CLUB** has a brand-new club that is open to ALL MEMBERS and ALL GENDERS! Friends of CYC members are also welcome!

This golf league will meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from November thru April at the Clearwater Country Club. Tee times will be between 8 AM and 10 AM and those who join will get to play 18 holes with some friendly competition!



With February bringing some great weather, the Golfers' club is off to a great start.





## IN LIKE A LION AND OUT LIKE A LAMB...

**MARCH IS LIVING** up to its name this year. Linked so closely with the shortest month of the year (February) it is, indeed, a month that “marches forward” from the remnants of winter to the promise of a return to the warmth (heat and humidity) for which the Sunshine State is famous. However, there is another aspect to March which is especially promising for us this year and that is the blessings of inspiration and hope because for us at CYC, March will also include St. Patrick’s Day, the Commodore’s Ball, and Easter.

The Commodore’s Ball honors those CYC members who have placed their time and talent in service to CYC and done so “at the helm” where the course has always required a stable and experienced hand capable of inspiring our members and guiding us through the dangerous lee shores of financial and, at times, seemingly countless challenges. The importance of capable leadership and visionary inspiration

reminds me that the example of St. Patrick remains especially important for us in 2024, as well.

At present, violent conflict is raging in many parts of the world and even here in the USA we are experiencing continued political and even religious divisions among families and neighbors. But St. Patrick’s life reminds us that often the antidote for all the hard feelings and fears between neighbors might be best rectified not by turning away from those who have offended us but rather by turning towards them. Patrick was a slave in Ireland and escaped to freedom in England. So, then, what did he do to “get even” with his enslavers? He may have escaped to England “like a lion,” but after ordination to the priesthood he returned to Ireland “like a lamb” and through his kindness and gentle display of “good news” the people of Ireland became Christians. Things didn’t always go smoothly, and many failures would lie ahead for Ireland, but Patrick’s approach has always been there for them and for us, summoning “the better angels” of our humanity. His example is never about the quick fix or easy answers to complex questions, but it is the “way” that flows from the “Lamb” whose Easter triumph over evil and death Christians will celebrate this year on the final day of March.

Yes, March comes in like the lion and goes out with the Lamb, and we are blessed to remember those whose lives and labors continue to inspire us in the present and give us hope for the days to come.

*Fr Bob Wagenseil* [frbob.wagenseil@gmail.com](mailto:frbob.wagenseil@gmail.com)

# CYC MEMBERS LAND ON AIRCRAFT CARRIER

**IN MID-FEBRUARY**, CYC Trustee and former Sheriff Jim Coats and Rear Commodore Rod White had a once in a life-time experience. They arrived at the San Diego Naval Base and flew out to the Aircraft Carrier, Abraham Lincoln, 150 miles out in the Pacific Ocean. Once on the ship, they toured and spent the night just like one of the 5000 sailors. The next day, they joined the crew in returning to port.

The opportunity to land and take off on an aircraft carrier is definitely on the “Bucket List” for anyone, but especially since they are both licensed pilots. It is an honor to have them represent the Clearwater Yacht Club. 🚩





# New Landscaping

**CYC KUDOS TO** Craig Bleakley, Rick Broom and Ken Watson for their time and effort on the new landscaping! Together they invested 99 volunteer hours to make it happen. The crew cleaned up the old landscape, repaired the irrigation system, added lighting, installed the wooden ramp from the pool gate to the dock, and installed the glass rocks, plants and mulch. Thanks, guys! 🏊

## Landscape Architect Needed!

CYC is looking for a member who is a landscape architect and willing to volunteer some time and expertise.

We are in the process of putting together a master plan to beautify our property's landscape and we would love to have your expert help and advice!

Please call the office or mail Joan Carter at [dnjcart@verizon.net](mailto:dnjcart@verizon.net) if you have the expertise and time! Thank you so much!





# ENTERTAINMENT

**By Jim Hannigan & Christy Crist**  
**Entertainment Co Chairpersons**

**GREETINGS CYC MEMBERS.** Everyone settle in because we have a 31-day March ahead of us. A note on behalf of the Yachting committee: they are looking for volunteers for land and water assistance for the upcoming Gulf Coast Regatta (3/8-3/10). This is for the ILCA class and over 100 competitors will be racing in the Gulf of Mexico on Saturday and Sunday. Please contact the Club or Yachting Chairman Gerard Kane to volunteer, either for one or two days. All available help is greatly appreciated and only helps our Club continue to gain prominence in the Yachting Community across the country.

We had a busy start to the month of February, beginning with our Valentine's Masquerade dinner and dance. The next day featured an incredible turnout for our Super Bowl party, upstairs and downstairs, and an exciting game as well. That was followed up with a Mardi Gras party for "Fat Tuesday". Then the actual Valentine's Day Intimate Candlelight dinner and concert. Props and kudos to our amazing office, Chef and kitchen staff, and servers for making these events run so smoothly. We had Bingo night, and then a night of Trivia. A Grand Brunch on the last Sunday of the month, Music Bingo, and then the Vintners Club dinner to close out the month.

The Club is hosting another blood drive Wednesday, March 6th in the parking lot. Please come out and donate if you can, starting at 2:00 pm. Saturday, March 2nd, the Club is hosting "Magic March" to coincide with the annual "March Madness" for college basketball. This should be an entertaining event, with a dinner and magic by John Williams. Make those reservations. We have Bingo on Tuesday, March 12th. The ever-popular Dueling Pianos returns on Saturday, March 16th. We will also be celebrating "St. Patrick's Day" all weekend long, beginning on Thursday, March 14th, and culminating on Sunday, "St. Patrick's Day", with the traditional Irish food offerings. Trivia night will be on Thursday, March 21st. The annual Commodore's Ball will be on Saturday, March 23rd. Please join us as we celebrate Commodore Rich and LJ on their special night. Music Bingo will be on Tuesday, March

26th. The Easter Buffet will be on Sunday, March 31st, with two seating offerings. Please make your reservations for this dining opportunity.

Important reminder to set those clocks ahead on Sunday, March 10th. Daylight Savings Time is once again upon us. Yay, to sunsets after 8:00pm again!

Please continue to read and enjoy our monthly Compass, as future events will be posted there. Props and kudos to Brittani and Kurt for their awesome job with the Compass. Holly continues to keep our socials (Facebook, X, Instagram) up to date with all events, so keep plugged into the digital world.

Thanks to all our wonderful members who continue to support our events and utilize this great Club with all its offerings. We appreciate you all very much. Please share any music or acts that might be suitable for our Club, and we will certainly take them into consideration for future bookings.

Our next Entertainment Committee meeting will be Tuesday, March 12th, at 6:00pm, in the "Captain's Quarters" (Board Room). All members are welcome to attend. We are always looking for potential hosts or chairpersons for upcoming events. Take a personal interest in our Club and join us to share any ideas you may have.

Have a great March, and we look forward to seeing you around the Club. Cheers always! 🚩

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## MARCH

### 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!**

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY

17 MAR 2 PM

MUSIC • DRINKS • FOOD • 50/50 RAFFLE • GIVEAWAYS

FOOD SPECIALS	DRINK SPECIALS
\$14 Beer Bangers & Mash with Mustard Gravy	\$7 Irish Car Bomb
\$15 Corned Beef & Cabbage	\$6 Jameson
\$17 Shepards Pie with Lamb, Beef, Vegetables, & Mashed Potatoes	\$5 Guinness

**LIVE MUSIC BY**  
**RAY BOUCHER!**  
**2 TO 6 PM**

# 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

### MONTHLY MEETINGS

### MONTHLY COMING EVENTS

## March Events

### Friday - 1st

Prime Rib Night & Live Music by **Peter Kern**  
Private Event DD 6 pm

### Saturday - 2nd

**Magic March 6:30 pm**

### Sunday - 3rd

Breakfast Buffet 10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Tiki Bar 11:00 am - 7:00 pm

### Tuesday - 5th

Bow Chasers Sail 9:30 am  
Friends & Family Night 5:00 pm  
**Landcruisers Meeting & Dinner 5:30 pm**  
**House & Grounds Meeting 6 pm**

### Wednesday - 6th

**Blood Drive 2:00 pm**

Gulls Social 10:30 am  
**Cruisers Meeting 6:30 pm**

### Thursday - 7th

Lady Cruiser Bunco 10:30 am  
Private Event DD 6 pm

**Membership Meeting 6 pm**

### Friday - 8th

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

### Sunday - 10th

Breakfast Buffet 10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Tiki Bar 11:00 am - 7:00 pm

### Tuesday - 12th

Bow Chasers Board Meeting 5:00 pm  
Friends & Family Night 5:30 pm  
**Entertainment Meeting 6:00 pm**

### Bingo Night! 7:00 pm

### Wednesday - 13th

Gulls Social 10:30 am

### Thursday - 14th

**Waterside Meeting 5:30 pm**

### Friday - 15th

Prime Rib & Live Music **Daryal Erdem**

### Saturday - 16th

**Dueling Pianos! 6:30 pm**

### Sunday - 17th

Breakfast Buffet 10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Tiki Bar 11:00 am - 7:00 pm

### St. Patrick's Day Party! 2:00 pm

### Tuesday - 19th

Bow Chasers Sail 9:30 am  
Friends & Family Night 5:00 pm  
**Yachting Meeting 6:00 pm**  
**Book Club 6:00 pm**

### Wednesday - 20th

Gulls Luncheon 10:30 am  
**Finance Meeting 6:00 pm**

### Thursday - 21st

**Board of Directors Meeting 6:00 pm**

**Trivia Night! 7:00 pm**

### Friday - 22nd

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

### Saturday - 23rd

**Commodores Ball 6:00 pm**

### Sunday - 24th

Breakfast Buffet 10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Tiki Bar 11:00 am - 7:00 pm

### Tuesday - 26th

Bow Chasers Sail 9:30 am  
Friends & Family Night 5:00 pm  
**Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm**

**Music Bingo Night! 7:00 pm**

### Wednesday - 27th

Gulls Social 10:30 am  
**Sailor's Table 6:00 pm**

### Friday - 29th

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

### Sunday - 31st

**Easter Buffet MDR 11am & 1:30 pm**

## April Events

### Tuesday - 2nd

Bow Chasers Sail 9:15 am  
Friends & Family Night 5:30 pm  
**Landcruisers Meeting & Dinner 5:30 pm**  
**House & Grounds Meeting 6:00 pm**

### Wednesday - 3rd

Gulls Social 10:30 am  
**Cruisers Meeting 6:30 pm**

### Thursday - 4th

Lady Cruisers Bunco 10:30 pm  
**Membership Meeting 6:00 pm**

### Friday - 5th

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

### Saturday - 6th

**Blessing of the Fleet 10:30 am**

Private Party MDR 6 pm

### Sunday - 7th

Breakfast Buffet 10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Tiki Bar 11:00 am - 7:00 pm

### Tuesday - 9th

Bow Chasers Board Meeting 5:00 pm  
Friends & Family Night 5:30 pm  
**Entertainment Meeting 6:00 pm**

**Bingo Night! 7:00 pm**

### Wednesday - 10th

Gulls Luncheon 10:30 am

### Thursday - 11th

**Waterside Meeting 5:30 pm**

### Friday - 12th

Prime Rib Night Live Music by **J.R. Connections**

### Sunday - 14th

Breakfast Buffet 10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Tiki Bar 11:00 - 7:00 pm

## WATER AEROBICS IS BACK!



CYC offers free water aerobics in the CYC pool every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 10:30am, weather dependent. Classes are taught by Bow Chaser members. Contact Judy Umeck to get notices of the class schedule. [umeck@yahoo.com](mailto:umeck@yahoo.com)

### Tuesday - 16th

Bow Chasers Sail 9:15 am  
Friends & Family Night 5:30 pm  
**Book Club 6:00 pm**

**Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm**

**Yachting Meeting 6:00 pm**

### Wednesday - 17th

Gulls Social 10:30 am  
**Finance Meeting 6:00 pm**

### Thursday - 18th

**Board of Directors Meeting 6:00 pm**

**Trivia Night! 7:00 pm**

### Friday - 19th

Prime Rib & Live Music by **Daryal Erdem**

### Sunday - 21st

Breakfast Buffet 10:00-2:00 pm  
Tiki Bar 11:00 am - 7:00 pm

### Tuesday - 23rd

Bow Chasers Sail 9:15 am  
Friends & Family Night 5:00 pm

**Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm**

**Music Bingo Night! 7:00 pm**

### Wednesday - 24th

Gulls Social 10:30 am  
**Sailors Table! 6:00 pm**

### Thursday - 25th

**Vintners Dinner 6:30 pm**

### Friday - 23rd

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

### Sunday - 28th

Grand Brunch 10 - 2 pm  
Tiki Bar 11 - 7 pm

### Tuesday - 30th

Bow Chasers Sail 9:15 am  
Friends & Family Night 5:30 pm



# Voyagers of the Month



## AFTER 46.5 HOURS

at a heading of 122°, Don and Cassie Hamblen of the Pensacola Yacht Club finally landed at CYC in their Catalina C350 named Gypsea. No wind made it a long and tedious crossing but time spent at the tiki bar helped with their recovery. We wish them smooth seas and winds to their back on their 5-6 week trip to the Abacos. Thanks for stopping by and bon voyage! 🚤



## CYC New Members

At the February 15 Board of Directors meeting, the following memberships were approved:

**JOE & CAROL BOX**  
**GARY & NANCY GUBICZA**  
**RONNIE DAVIS**

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

## From the Front Office

By Peter Jutis, General Manager



**GOOD DAY EVERYONE.** I hope everyone had a great February. We had a great turnout for our events. The Super Bowl was amazing and Valentine's Day candlelight dinner was outstanding. Thank You to all the members for coming out and to the staff for really stepping up and working your tails off. One employee I want to thank is Emily for going above and beyond. She is the employee of the month and keeps up the great work. Hopefully by March 3rd Haley will have had her baby boy by then, congratulations.



Now going into March, we have another fun filled Month with a ton of fun events like the magic show, dueling pianos, St. Patrick's Day, Commodore's Ball, Easter, and a few others. Please RSVP for these events early. It helps me to staff the event and for the chef on what he needs to prepare for. A note for new members: When you make a reservation, please inform the office that you are a new member so we can place the new member flag at your table. This way other members know and they can come introduce themselves to you and welcome you to the club.

*Thank you*

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT *employee of the month*



**MY NAME IS** Emily Longley and I am both humbled and honored to be recognized as employee of the month. I'm thankful I have the privilege of working here alongside everyone here at CYC. I can't wait to see what is to come this year at CYC and I hope to continue to grow as an even better teammate and employee.



# CYC Committees and Organizations

## COMMITTEES

**Entertainment,** Jim Hannigan & Christy Crist

**Finance,** Rod White

**House & Grounds,** VC Joan Carter

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

**Membership,** Mike Sauer

**Nominating Committee,** IPC Curtis Wold

**Policy,** Commodore, Richard Libonate

**Waterside, Leader Development,** John Minton

**Yachting,** Gerard Kane

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

## CYC ORGANIZATIONS

**Bowchasers,** Cathy McNally & Lynne McCaskill

**Cruisers,** Gary & Sondra Newcom

**Gulls,** Marcia Nichols

**FCYC Delegate,** Jim Coats

**Vintner's Club,** Steve Hitchcock

## COMPASS

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Dockmaster

**Holly Fulmer** Communications & Membership Manager

**Dan Geis**

Maintenance Supervisor



Please join us for

# *The Commodore's Ball*

Enjoy a "Toast to Italy"

MARCH 23rd, 2024  
6 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

\$75 per Member

Please RSVP to the CYC office due to limited seating.  
\*48 hour cancellation policy is in effect  
with a 75% charge after.\*



## COMING NEXT MONTH



# BLESSING OF THE FLEET

Memorial Service & Dedication  
"Our Most Time-Honored Tradition"

Saturday, April 6th, 2024  
10:00 AM on the Tiki Deck