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Meet the New Master of the Docks Inside



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Cruisers Beat the Heat in St. Pete



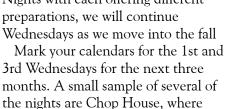
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Commodore's Corner

AS WE MOVE further into the summer months, we have designated Wednesdays as special food nights. What started in July with two Shrimp Nights with each offering different preparations, we will continue Wednesdays as we move into the fall





Commodore Richard Libonate

we will be offering a several variations of steaks with the appropriate sides. Other Wednesdays, we are calling our "Dining Around the World", where we will be offering different cuisine such as Spanish, Asian and Italian.

We are bringing back a member favorite from last summer, on the 3rd Wednesday in August and September, with Maine Lobster night. It was a tremendous success last year, to the point we were sold out, so I recommend you make your reservations early.

So please watch for your emails and social media for updates as we approach each of the special food nights.

It is not too early to begin thinking about Holiday parties! CYC is the perfect place for your Family, Company or just friends. Members enjoy special benefits for banquets. With our newly renovated Dry Dock, our Club has ample room to accommodate your special event.

Don't forget our Tuesday's "Friends & Family" night as well as the signature Friday Prime Rib. I would hope you think about your Club when you are looking for a night out.

We will be continuing music at the Tiki patio on weekends which has a been a great draw for our members, especially on Sunday afternoons.

As I have always said, this is your Club, if you see an area where we can improve your experience, please reach out to me. We are about giving our members the best experience from the time you drive in, until the time you leave. Also, we like to hear if we are doing things right too! You can always reach me at (813) 541-8171 or rlibonate@gmail.com.



True North

By Kurt Greissinger, Co Editor

AHHH, SUMMER! The perfect time to take the classic, all-American road trip. Load up the car, pack the cooler, and hit the open road with your favorite tunes (does anyone else hear Lindsey Buckingham's Holiday Road song from



the National Lampoon's Vacation movie?!?!). I have taken several already this summer including driving from LA to Napa, Florida to Texas, and Florida to Maine. For every trip I had a goal of going a different way, staying at a different place, and / or exploring some new roadside attractions. And after every trip I looked forward to coming "home" even though drives back are rarely as much fun as the excitement of embarking on a new adventure.

That drive home always makes me think about what I missed at CYC, when I would be able to get there next, and what activities were coming up on the calendar. I personally find the Facebook posts and emails from the office to be an invaluable source of information of what I missed and what's to come. The PhotoCircle app allows members to upload photos from events and activities for all to see, many of which are used elsewhere for marketing purposes. And then there is the Compass (to which I am a little biased) to summarize it all in one place on a regular basis. Whether it is a short trip or a summer away, YOUR yacht club will be here for you. Keep up to date with whatever method works for you and let us know if you need help accessing any of the sources of information. See you down the road!

2024 OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, APPOINTMENTS & TRUSTEES

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Waterside



By John Minton Fleet Captain



GREETINGS FROM NORTHOF THE SEA WALL!

As I write this article, we are anxiously awaiting word from the State of Florida that

they will fully fund our pump out project. The final inspection step took place in mid-July. By the time you read this article we will know whether the project was approved or not.

We welcomed Brice Arlt as our new Dockmaster in late June. Brice's bio appears elsewhere in this month's Compass. Brice has jumped right in and has met many of you already. If not, please take the time to stop by his office and say hello.

Erwin Electric is waiting for parts to arrive before the conclude our electrical project. They are projecting mid to late August, and then once they began, it will take approximately 30 days to complete. As a part of this project, Spectrum will be installing Wi-Fi and cable back into the marina under the same timeline. The Wi-Fi will have repeaters on each dock greatly increasing the quality of the internet.

FCYC Update



By Jim Coats

THE JULY FCYC meeting was hosted by the Harbour Ridge Yacht & Country Club.

The proposed revised FCYC By-Laws were voted on and approved. The FCYC Group Insurance Committee reported they are working with legislators and a consultant preparing proposed legislative bills that would allow FCYC to have a group insurance program.

Second reminder, when making plans to visit an FCYC during the summer months check to make sure clubs are open as many clubs are closed or have limited service.

Remember when visiting other yacht clubs, check dress codes. FCYC Fleet Captain-East reported USCG and FWC have partnered to enforce laws when operating a vessel while impaired by alcohol or other drugs.

A committee is working on updating yacht club profiles on the FCYC website.

Guest speaker historian Jim Ferrare, who served in the Navy, gave an historical overview of the operation and role submarines played off the Florida coastline.

A committee will be formed to document the best practices of yacht clubs so another club might benefit.

Stock Island Marina, Key West has offered an invitation to FCYC cruisers: Free First Night Stay. Competitive Rates of \$5 per foot. Floating Docks, WIFI, Pump-out, fuel, 24-hr security.

Next FCYC meeting is in September, hosted by Naples

Next FCYC meeting is in September, hosted by Naples Yacht Club.



Please contact the office at 447-6000 about which job you would like to do.

The Tiki closes to members at 4 pm reopens to employees at 5 pm



In Memoriam

Diane Marie Crowl, 75, of Clearwater, FL and Minneapolis, MN, passed away on July 2, 2024 in Hospice Care near her home in Clearwater, FL. Diane is survived by her loving husband of 56 years, Richard. She is also survived by sisters, Carol and



Marilyn. Diane was the favorite aunt of dozens of nieces and nephews through out the country. Diane grew up in Rochester, MN, the daughter of Ed and Anna Rausch. She graduated from the University of Minnesota and had a successful career as a legal assistant. Diane was a committed golfer and held leadership positions in the women's associations of both the Minneapolis Golf Club and the Belleair (FL) Country Club. Diane never met a charity she didn't like and served as a board member of multiple charities committed to women's and children's well-being.

New Dockmaster Arrives into Port

IN JUNE, WE welcomed Brice Arlt to CYC as our new Dockmaster. Brice is a local boy, born in St. Petersburg and raised in Tarpon Springs. He wrestled all four years of high school and was a District Champion and State Qualifier several times before graduating.

Brice graduated from Anclote High School in 2020 and married his wife, Sky, in 2021. Brice and Sky have been sweethearts since middle school. They enjoy camping, mudding in his 2020 Outlander, and are avid movie watchers. Their favorite restaurant is Texas De Brazil in West Tampa.

Brice grew up fishing every chance he got with his grandmother and friends. His boating experience began early with fishing, and to earn extra money, he started washing neighbors' boats, which led him into detailing. After high school, Brice worked for Absolute Restoration detailing boats. This experience then led him to start his own business, "Florida Shine LLC" – you guessed it, detailing boats!

We were lucky to find Brice through a CYC member, and we hope he remains with us for some time to come. If you think you might want to ask Brice to detail your boat, don't forget he has a full-time job Wednesday through Sunday as Dockmaster at CYC! Any time other than that, feel free!

Join me in welcoming Brice to our club!





and uniform look to all!

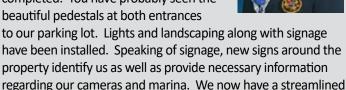
HOUSE and GROUNDS

By Joan Carter, Vice Commodore

GREETINGS! THIS PAST

month your H&G committee was busy with several ongoing projects around the club. We are continuing to beautify and improve the operation of the club.

The pedestal project has now been completed. You have probably seen the beautiful pedestals at both entrances



Landscaping around the club is also underway. Many thanks to Craig Bleakley and Rick Broom for their vision and sweat equity to make this happen. Improvements to date are beautiful and more areas will be completed in the coming months.

Our flood control barriers will be arriving soon and in order to have proper and necessary storage, we are installing a new 10×20 shed in the area near the dumpster. The old shed will be relocated to the boat shed area. The new shed will house the flood mitigation panels as well as the contents of the old shed and other items that Peter would like to have stored nearby. Hedges will be installed surrounding the sheds at the west end of the property to upgrade the look and not interfere with access.

The awning connecting the tiki bar to the building will be replaced with a new one matching the ones over the stairs and ramp. The retractable awning will be cleaned and repaired. You have probably noticed the new umbrellas at the tiki deck! This is a great improvement as we now have enough for all of the tables as well as inside the pool area.

A less visible but very important upgrade is a new "hot box" with improved temperature regulation as well as upgraded options allowing Chef to better prepare and serve our food. You will notice the improvement in your meal service!

One last item is a washer and dryer that will be installed downstairs for use by the club and by marina patrons. This will allow the club to wash our own microfiber towels and table skirts. Prior to this, Virginia and Peter took these items home to wash. Transient boaters will also have limited and supervised access.

Upcoming projects include improvements to the Jonas system which are underway and the new parking lot which will begin after the electricity has been completed to the docks and the new pump out system has been installed.

ENTERANMENT

By Christy Crist & Jim Hannigan Entertainment Co-Chairpersons

GREETINGS CYC MEMBERS. We are

rounding that corner and getting closer to another new year. We can look back and see what an incredible first half of the calendar year we have enjoyed at our wonderful Club. We appreciate our awesome membership and all the support they bring forth whenever visiting the Club. Stay tuned, don't turn those dials, as we have a great lineup of events to close out this year and keep everyone entertained.

July kicked off with the traditional "July Fourth Weekend" festivities beginning on Thursday and going through the weekend; Bingo; Cruisers Tampa Bay Rays baseball outing; Magic Show; Trivia; New Member Orientation and breakfast; Music Bingo; Chef David's Specialty food night- "Shrimp Night"; Vintner's Wine Dinner; Calypso Christmas Party; and ending with the Sunday Grand Buffet.

August is coming in hot and heavy, just like our everyday weather. Blue Hawaii Night (8/3); Bingo (8/6); Jazz Night (8/14); Trivia Night (8/15); Blood Drive with the "Big Red Bus" in the parking lot; The White Party (8/17); Employee Turn About Party (8/18); Music Bingo (8/20); Welcome Home Noah Lyons-pending (8/25); Vintner's Wine Dinner (8/29); Labor Day Weekend (8/30-9/2); Cardboard Boat challenge (8/31); Jimmy Buffett Parrot Head Party (8/31).

Keep those calendars close by and hold these dates. The NFL Kickoff Sunday (9/8); Halfway to St. Patrick's Day (9/14); End of Summer Party (9/21); Celebration of Yachting Weekend (10-3-10-5); Octoberfest Weekend (10/4-10/5); Halloween (10/26); Mexican Holiday Party (11/2). These are just a few of the upcoming events planned and more are on the way as they become confirmed.

Please keep in mind that the CYC Membership drive is still underway until September 30. Recruit those friends and neighbors to join this great Club. We hope everyone has been enjoying the music on the weekends by the Tiki. We welcome any musical or entertaining acts you may know of, or have heard or seen live, and think they might be a good fit for our listening and enjoyment purposes, please share with the front office and they will be considered for future scheduling.

We thank you all very much again for your continued support and participation of all our events. All members are welcome to attend our Entertainment meetings and be a part of this great committee. We are always looking for potential hosts of various themed events, or assistance with decorations and set ups. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 13th, at 6:00 pm in the downstairs "Captains Quarters". We look forward to seeing you around the Club. Cheers to an Awesome August.

Christy Crist-Entertainment Co-Chair Jim Hannigan-Entertainment Co-Chair: 727-215-5418 jhannigan@sgws.com





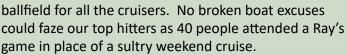




By Karen Watson

Take Me Out to the Ballgame

JULY CAN BE too hot to handle so Sondra Newcom brought forth the brilliant idea of a special night at the



A special area for food and fun hit a home run for all. Everyone took home a new baseball cap, and two lucky attendees won \$25 from a special baseball game concocted by Gary Newcom.









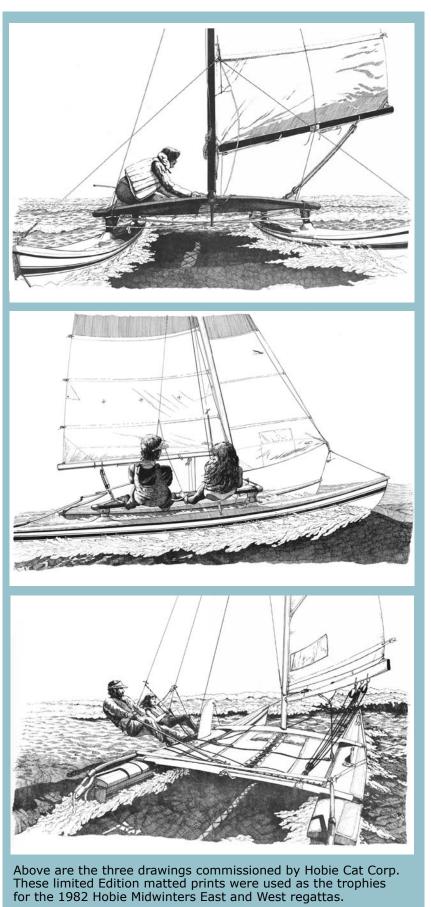
What about Bob? Bob is an industrious, almost 2-year old from the Netherlands seen here wearing a t-shirt Kurt & Amy Greissinger brought him in April of this year during a visit to the family. In addition to his wardrobe of shirts, Bob wears many hats. When he is not busy being Yacht Club Bob, he could be found as Cowboy Bob, Executive Bob, Dr. Bob or even Bob the Builder! If you take pictures of CYC merchandise from the Ship Store worn around the world, please submit them to the Compass for consideration in a future newsletter.

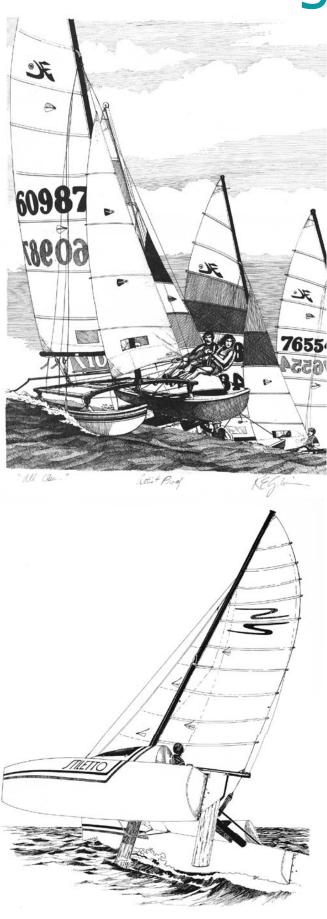






An Artist/Sailor Combining





Passions

By Randy Gdovin Cómpass Graphic Designer

MANY OF YOU have probably seen me around at events taking photos for the Compass. Those who aren't familiar with me I have been doing the design and production of the Compass since 2012.

I grew up in Dunedin and still reside there. My first introduction to sailing was in the summer, when I was eight years old. A friend was joining the Dunedin Pram Fleet and asked me to also join. Well, he guit not long after joining but I had found a new love, SAILING.

Later when I was attending FSU I continued sailing as a member of the sailing team. It was then I saw my first Hobie 14. Attracted by the speed I had to have one and I bought my first 14 and the rest was history. I started racing and in 1980 I was competting at the 14 nationals. I had just done my first Hobie pen and ink drawing (right). It was there a friend talked me into selling my drawing as prints.

A Hobie Cat executive was impressed by my drawings (prints) and asked if I could create drawings (far left) to be used as trophies for two future regattas.

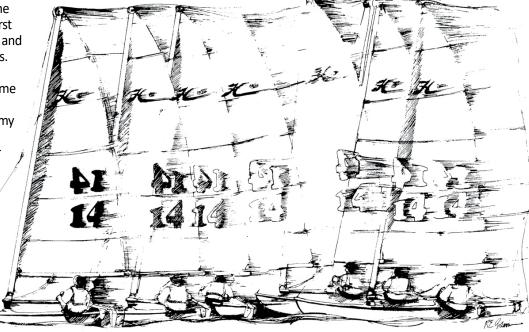
Most recently CYC asked if I would create trophy and T-Shirt designs for the Sunfish Championships regatta the club was hosting.

I am still creating sailing themed art as well as other genres as 3D illustrations on the computer.













Save These Dates

Dining Room:

Monday Closed Tues-Thursday 11:30 am-9 pm Tues-Thursday 5-9 pm Sunday: 10 am-2 pm

Monday Closed Fri & Sat: 11:30 am-9:30 pm Fri 2 pm - Till, Sat 11 am-10:30 pm *NEW* Fri 4-6 pm Sunday: 11 am-8 pm

Happy Hour: Monday Closed Tues-Thursday 5-7 pm

MONTHLY MEETINGS

MONTHLY COMING EVENTS

August Events

Thursday— 1st

Membership Meeting 6:00 pm

Friday - 2nd

Prime Rib Night & Live Music by Peter Kern

Saturday - 3rd

Blue Hawaii Party 6:30 pm

Sunday - 4th

Breakfast Buffet 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Tiki Bar 11:00 - 8:00 pm

Live Music Tiki Deck by Eric Engel 3 - 6:00 pm

Tuesday - 6th

Friends & Family Night 5:30 pm

House & Grounds Meeting 6:00 pm

Bingo Night! 7:00 pm Wednesday – 7th

Gulls Social 10:30 am

Cruisers Meeting 6:30 pm

Thursday - 8th

Waterside Meeting 5:30 pm

Friday - 9th

Prime Rib Night & Live Music

Saturday - 10th

Live Music Tiki Deck by **Sean Delong** 5 – 8:00 pm

Private Party MDR 5 PM

Sunday-11th

Breakfast Buffet 10 am to 2 pm

Tiki Bar 11:00 – 8:00 pm

Live Music Tiki Deck by **Ray Boucher** 3 – 6:00 pm

Tuesday - 13th

Friends & Family Night 5:30 pm

Entertainment Meeting 6:00 pm

Wednesday - 14th

Gulls Social 10:30 am

Jazz Night 6:30 pm

Finance Meeting 6:00 pm

Thursday - 15th

Board of Directors Meeting 6:00 pm

Trivia Night! 7:00 pm

Friday - 16th

Blood Drive 2 to 6 pm

Prime Rib & Live Music by Maggie Lee & Me

Saturday - 17th

White Party 6:30 pm

Live Music MD by Eric Engel 6:30 pm

Sunday -18th

Breakfast Buffet 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Tiki Bar 11:00 am - 8:00 pm

Live Music Tiki Deck by Ray Boucher 3 – 6:00 pm

Employee Turn About Party 5 pm

Tuesday - 20th

Friends & Family Night 5:30 pm

Book Club 6:00 pm

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Yachting Meeting 6:00 pm

Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm

Music Bingo 7 pm

Wednesday - 21st

Gulls Social 10:30 am

Lobster Night 5:30 pm

Thursday—22nd

Cruisers Head to South Seas

Friday - 23rd

Prime Rib & Live Music by Heart & Soul

Saturday-24th

Private Party DD/MDR 5:00 pm

Live Music Tiki Deck by **Tyson** 5 – 8:00 pm

Sunday - 25th

Cruisers Back from South Seas

Grand Breakfast Buffet 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Tiki Bar 11:00 am - 8:00 pm

Live Music Tiki Deck by Ray Boucher 3 - 6:00 pm

Tuesday - 27th

Friends & Family Night 5:30 pm

Wednesday - 28th

Gulls Social 10:30 am

Sailors Table! 6:00 pm

Thursday—29th

Vintner's Dinner 6:30 pm

Friday - 30th

Labor Day Weekend!

Prime Rib & Live Music by JR Connections

Saturday - 31st

Cardboard Boat Challenge 2 to 4:00 pm Jimmy Buffet Party 4:00 pm

September Events

Sunday - 1st

Breakfast Buffet 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Tiki Bar 11:00 - 8:00 pm

Tuesday - 3rd

Friends & Family Night 5:30 pm

House & Grounds Meeting 6:00 pm

Wednesday - 4th

Gulls Social 10:30 am

Cruisers Meeting 6:30 pm

Southwest Tex-Mex Night 5:30 pm

Thursday— 5th

Membership Meeting 6:00 pm

Friday - 6th

Prime Rib Night & Live Music by Peter Kern

Sunday—8th

Breakfast Buffet 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Tiki Bar 11:00 am - 8:00 pm

NFL Kickoff Sunday

Tuesday-10th

Friends & Family Night 5:00 pm

Entertainment Meeting 6:00 pm

Bingo Night! 7:00 pm

Wednesday - 11th

Gulls Social 10:30 am

Thursday—12th

Waterside Meeting 5:30 pm

Friday - 13th

Prime Rib & Live Music by JR Connections

Saturday - 14th

Halfway to St. Patty's Day Party 6:30 pm

Sunday - 15th

Breakfast Buffet 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Tiki Bar 11:00 am – 8:00 pm

Tuesday - 17th

Friends & Family Night 5:30 pm

Book Club 6:00 pm

Yachting Meeting 6:00 pm

Wednesday - 18th

Gulls Social 10:30 am

Finance Meeting 6:00 pm

Lobster Night 5:30 pm

Live Music by Heart & Soul 7 to 10.00 PM

Thursday - 19th

Board of Directors Meeting 6:00 pm

Trivia Night! 7:00 pm

Friday - 20th

Prime Rib & Live Music by Maggie Lee & Me

Sunday - 22nd

Breakfast Buffet 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Tiki Bar 11:00 am - 8:00 pm

Live Music Tiki Deck by Sean Delong 3 - 6:00 pm

Tuesday - 24th Friends & Family Night 5:00 pm

Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm

Music Bingo 7 pm Wednesday - 25th

Gulls Social 10:30 am

Painting with Bree 6:00 pm

Sailors Table 6:00 pm

Thursday - 26th

Vintner's Dinner 6:30 pm

Friday - 27th

Cruisers Cruise In

Prime Rib & Live Music

Saturday- 28th

Cruisers Cruise In

Sunday - 29th

Cruisers Cruise In Grand Breakfast Buffet 10:00 am - 8:00 pm

Tiki Bar 11:00 am – 8:00 pm

From the Front Office

By Peter Jutis, General Manager

SO, ANOTHER MONTH has come and gone. It's been a really hot summer this year. July was a good month and a nice turn out for the events. August is filled with events, our Blue Hawaii Elvis themed event, Jazz Night,

the White Party, Employee Turn About Party and the Jimmy Buffet Celebration. Hope to see you all.

As some of you know, we have a new dockmaster. Brice has been doing an amazing job in his first month.

This month's employee of the month has been a star since she came aboard here at CYC. She has stepped it up to any roll we have asked her to do without hesitation Tara thank you for all the hard work keep it up.



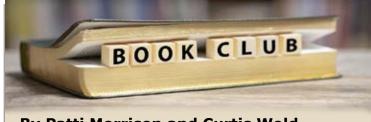
TARA FIKE

I AM HONORED to be employee of the month here at CYC! When I'm not working, I'm at home spending time with my little girl, Kalani. Being a mom is the greatest gift. I love coming in and sharing my stories and memories of my days with her to you all. On the topic of sharing, I have a surprise. There's a baby boy on board coming January 2025!

COMING NEXT MONTH







By Patti Morrison and Curtis Wold

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

August 20

THE WOMEN

by Kristin Hannah

September 17

THE HEAVEN AND EARTH GROCERY STORE

by James McBride



THE SUMMER MEMBERSHIP IS HERE!

Clearwater Yacht Club

This offer is for first time CYC members and runs from May 1st through September 31st!

There is NO initiation fee and for \$275 a month you will get exclusive use of CYC and find out what it is like to be part of Clearwater's #1 social club!



REFERRAL PROGRAM





If you bring a new member into the club and they sign up for a Summer Trial Membership, we will give you a gift certificate for a FREE Sunday breakfast buffet for FOUR! If your family or friends enjoy the club and would like to join as a Full or Social Member after the Summer Trial Membership, we will give you a \$250 credit on your account to spend on food and drinks! There is NO LIMIT to how many new members you refer to the club!





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Yachting, Gerard Kane

Communications, VC Joan Carter & Carev Sauer

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

WATER EROBICS



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

Contact Judy Umeck to get notices of the class schedule. umeck@yahoo.com