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Dear Members,

COMMODORE'S MESSAGE



Our Annual Meeting January 20, 2015, is fast approaching and so is the end of my term as Commodore. During the course of the year, numerous members have asked "how is it going?" My sincere response has always been something like this: "It's going well and I'm having fun." This was due to our quality membership and General Manager.

Much has been accomplished this year by a large number of member volunteers who have come forward to contribute their time, expertise, and energy to take our Club to the next level. What they have accomplished in a relatively short period of time is amazing. I look forward to elaborating on this at our upcoming meeting.

Together, the Board of Directors and General Manager have planted a number of seeds throughout the year. I am confident that they will bear fruit over the upcoming year, but this will require the participation of all members.

After five years, this is my last article. It has been a privilege and honor to have served you over the years. The next Commodore, his Bridge Officers, and Directors are the right people at the right time to lead us moving ahead. I appreciate the support given me and trust that you will have faith in your next Commodore and Board as well. Seek the truth in all things, be proud of our Club, share it with friends, and use it.

Sincerely,
Commodore, J. Michael Wisniewski

VBVC ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday January 20th at 4:00 pm

- *Commodore and Board Elections*
- *Treasurers Report*
- *Recognition Awards*
- *Swearing In Ceremony*
- Cocktails and Dinner
After the Meeting

VBVC CHANGE OF COMMAND

**Sunday January 25th
at 11:30 am**

Be a Part of the Tradition

**Brunch/Lunch
Following the Event
Reservations Appreciated**



Dear Members,

Thank you so much for your generous contributions to the Christmas Fund. We are delighted to have had the opportunity to serve you this year and look forward to working with you in 2015. We wish you and your families a very Happy New Year.

Sincerely,
VBVC Staff

NOMINATING COMMITTEE LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR 2015

In accordance with the Club's By-Laws, Section 8.1, the Nominating Committee nominated the following members for the 2015 listed positions:

VBYC COMMODORE (One-Year Term)

Glenn Rose



Joy and I have been members since 2006 and I was the Club's Treasurer for two years (2012-2013) and served as Vice Commodore last year. I have been a private club member for 37 years and retired as a partner with Price Waterhouse with 34 years of financial management experience. Working with our General Manager and Board, I will draw on this experience as we all work to uphold our traditions and look for ways to make VBYC an even better club.

DIRECTORS (Two-Year Term)

Barbara Epstein



As CEO of a 10 person architectural design firm and National Treasurer of the American Society of Interior Designers, I have experience in business management, design and construction. As CEO, I engaged in all aspects of running the business. My current VBYC service includes BOD member, Fleet Captain, and Planning Committee Chair. I have also served as Rear Commodore and part of the House and Grounds Committee and Membership.

Stuart Kennedy



I have been on the Board for some years and have been involved in chairing the Membership Committee for most of that time. I believe I have, and will continue to provide, a calm, thoughtful, knowledgeable and balanced mind that helps the Board come to good decisions. Through the Membership Committee I have been involved in creating innovative promotions to encourage new members.

James Miskel



I currently teach online graduate courses for the US Naval War College, Long Island University, and Norwich University. Until 2005, I was a Professor of National Security Affairs at the Naval War College and for 2 years acting Dean of Academics and Associate Dean of Academics. I have also held Director positions at the Federal Emergency Management Agency and on the National Security Council staff. Mary Ann and I are active members of the Club and I served as Board Member and Treasurer in 2014.

Rey Neville



I was raised in Vero and now Mary and I have returned to live as permanent residents. We have always seen membership and participation in the Club as key elements in our social life in Vero. I believe my experience, as commodore and board member of Boulder Yacht Club, where I have been a member for the past 20 years, would serve me well in a leadership role at VBYC. The skills developed in my professional life as a career military officer, merchandizing manufacturing executive, and educator should also contribute to my effectiveness as a board member.

Donnie Young



My professional background includes a career with the Federal government, combined with private sector experience as a director of a Fortune 500 company. Additionally, I served as board member of two homeowner's associations, currently serve as architectural review committee chair for the Riverwind community in Vero Beach, and am completing my third year as a member of the VBYC BOD, including my second year as Secretary.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE CANDIDATES

The following members have been recommended for the 2015 Nominating Committee: Thomas Deger; Howard Leary; Katherine Thomas.

PEOPLE & EVENTS

Traditions were upheld and celebrated at the recent **Past Commodores' Party**. Many past Commodores attended the party and everyone enjoyed the fine dining and dancing.



A hilarious evening followed when **Hypnotist Rich Alexander** put a daring group of volunteers "to sleep." From riding motorcycles to ballet dancing, the participants were wonderful!



VBYC WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Colin and Anne Dunwoody come to us from Haverford, PA and now live at Cache Cay in Vero.

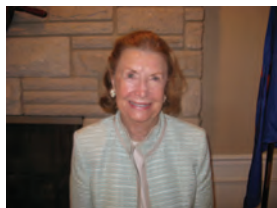


Colin hails originally from Canada and they

have lived in various places around the world. They are very interested in boating, and plan to become involved with other boaters at the Club. They are avid golfers, and want to join in on all the social activities offered at VBYC.

Sponsored by Charles Miner and Suzanne Hyatt

Sally Edwards lives in East Hampton,



New York and Johns Island in Vero. In East Hampton, Sally belongs to the Maidstone Club

as well as the Country Club of New York. Sally is primarily interested in joining our VBYC social activities. She is also the mother of another new member, Anne Dunwoody.

Sponsored by Charles Minor and Suzanne Hyatt

John (Jack) and Diane Myles come to us



from New Hampshire and currently reside in Central Beach. Jack is a retired American Airlines

senior pilot, and both Jack and Diane are dedicated boaters. They are very interested in becoming involved in all boating and social activities at the Club. Hiking, rowing and travel are also among their many interests.

Sponsored by Paul Ives, Jr. and David Vogt

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE BRINGS IN NEW MEMBERS

Your Membership Committee is pleased to report a solid uptick in new member applications. With 540 current members, and a growing number of pending approvals, membership will continue to grow in the new year.



Peter Hollingworth

Responsible for much of this activity are those current members who have sponsored new members, and those continuing to recommend our Club to friends and acquaintances. Keep up the good work!



Stuart Kennedy

The Business Promotion Program has produced early positive results, and we look forward to enhanced efforts here bringing in additional members and providing greater Club recognition.

Finally, our Committee would be remiss in not recognizing our sister committee, Publicity and Publications, for its stellar efforts in raising VBYC's profile in the community to ever higher and positive levels.

—Peter Hollingworth and Stuart Kennedy,
Co-chairmen

BLESSING OF THE FLEET

The annual VBYC Blessing of the Fleet was well attended and the boaters enjoyed perfect weather. Nineteen boats participated, including boats from the Moorings. After the Blessing, VBYC members enjoyed Happy Hour at the Club. Here's to a year of Safe Boating for all!



—Barbara Epstein, Fleet Captain



The **Clubhouse** lit up the neighborhood, while the Christmas trees shone with goodies for the community.



VBYC Holidays were merry with members participating in the Vero Beach Lighted Boat Parade, Christmas parties and other fun events. Once again, thank you to everyone for your generous donations to the Safe Space Angel Tree and the IRMC Hospital Auxiliary Teddy Bear Drive. Your contributions helped bring happiness to those in need this Holiday season.

The elegant **Christmas Dinner Dance** was aglow with holiday glitter and much merriment.



SHIPMATES

Happy New Year!



Our Christmas Luncheon on December 12th, with P/C Harold Leh as Santa, was a huge success. Marie Mulcahy delighted attendees with homemade chocolate lollipops and everyone enjoyed the festive music, special lunch and door prizes.

The "Bring-a-Friend for Safe Space" reception demonstrated once again the generosity of VBYC members. The Angel Tree was filled with gifts and our special Christmas charity was very thankful for all the support and donations received.

It has been a wonderful year and in parting I would like to especially thank Shipmate members Marie Coletti, Marie Mulcahy, Nece Buckle and Carin Fedderman, whose strong support was much appreciated.

Please welcome the new Shipmates board for 2015: President Janet Leh, Vice President Marie Coletti, Secretary Marie Mulcahy, and Treasurer Cheryl Casano. The change of office is January 9th at 11 am, followed by lunch. Everyone is invited!



—Milley LaCanfora
Shipmates' President

FLORIDA COUNCIL OF YACHT CLUBS NEWS



The Last Council meeting was held at Venice Y.C. on November 7th & 8th with 31 of 36 clubs in attendance. The Nominating Committee presented the Bridge candidates for 2015:

Commodore- Tom Smith, Royal Palm Y.C; Vice Commodore- Jack Burwell, Charlotte Harbor Y.C; Rear Commodore- Audrey Rice, Venice Y.C; Secretary- George O'Malley, Moorings Yacht & C.C.; Treasurer- Jack Kindsvater Pelican Isle Y.C. The Directors will vote at the January meeting.

Bob Whiticar, past CFO of the Isles CC and former CPA and IRS Enrolled Agent, spoke on IRS 501.C.7 organization, IRS 990 and FL liquor laws as they impact the operation of a FL Yacht Club. A summary of findings from the State Anchoring Regulations meeting was distributed to club Boards and boaters. A uniform set of guidelines is the goal.

The 2015 Council Cruise, a California Coastal round trip from San Francisco to Ensenada, MX aboard the Crown Princess, is planned for October 10th-17th. Prices begin at \$819 per person, inclusive of port charges and fees, plus airfare. Cruise Information flyers are available in the Burgee Room. VIP World Travel (800-323-7448) is our agent.

The price of the "Guide to the Clubs by Land & Water" has been reduced to \$15.95. Take advantage of your FCYC reciprocity benefit with 35 Council clubs like the Moorings where VBYC members enjoyed the recent FCYC Cruising Rendezvous weekend.



The next Council meeting will be at Key Biscayne Y.C. on January 9th & 10th.

—P/C Bill Walker
Director, FCYC

Sing and Dance Night
Thursday, January 8th

Karaoke With Blueberry Hills

Regular Menu

NEW AT THE CLUB

New Menus: Chef Bill has extended dinner menus to include a broader range of choices, and Thursday night specials will be in addition to the regular dinner menu. Watch for new wine selections to compliment dinner.

Skippers' Dinner Table is back for the Season launching on January 7th with a presentation by David Hunter, retired diplomat stationed in the Ukraine. His topic will focus on U.S.-Russian relations and the Russian strategies behind the Ukraine invasion.

Karaoke returns on January 8th with Blueberry Hill.

Happy Hour Moves to Wednesday Night: Enjoy 1/2 price drinks and delicious appetizers from 4:30 to 6:30 pm.

New Dress Code for Gentleman: Collarless shirts are acceptable male attire, in the Burgee Room only, until 6:00 pm. Shirts with objectionable language and/or graphics are not permitted, nor are tank-top style shirts. Jackets are optional on Friday nights in the dining room.

Celebrity Series: Watch for Tributes to George Burns, Frank Sinatra (Jan), Odyssey (Feb), Motown (April), Elvis, Jerry Lee Lewis and Johnny Cash (March) this season. These are sell outs so reserve early!

SUNDAY BRUNCH & THEATRE



Vero Beach Theatre Guild

Sunday, January 18th
Curtain Time 2 pm

Brunch and Show \$35.50++
Brunch/Lunch Only \$10.95++

Skippers' Dinner Table

Wednesday, January 7th

"Ukraine and US-Russia Relations"
Speaker: David Hunter
U.S. Diplomat In Ukraine (Retired)

Full Dinner Menu/Commodores Room
Cocktails 5:30 pm Dinner 7:30 pm
Speaker 8:00 pm


JANUARY 2015

Reservations Always Appreciated

Lunch: Wednesday through Friday 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, Brunch and Lunch: Sunday 10:00 am to 1:30 pm

Dinner: Tuesday through Saturday 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm (Friday Dinner: Jackets Optional Saturday Dinner: Jackets and Ties Required)

Burgee Room ~ Lounge Hours ~Tuesday through Friday 11:00 am & Saturday 4:00 pm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
HAPPY HOURS MOVE TO WEDNESDAYS		<i>Be sure to ask for a free drink during your birthday month.</i>		1 HAPPY NEW YEAR CLUB CLOSED	2 Lunch & Bridge Dinner Menu Music & Dancing Bob Gaffney	3 Dinner Menu Music & Dancing Kent Taylor Brown
4 Breakfast Buffet And Lunch 10:00 – 1:30	5 Club Closed	6 10:00 Yoga PM Bridge Dinner Menu	7 Lunch & Bridge HAPPY HOUR 4:30pm to 6:30pm SKIPPER'S TABLE/DINNER Dinner Menu	8 10:00 Yoga 1:00 Mah Jongg Lunch Dinner Menu Featuring STEAK NIGHT KARAOKE Bunco	9 Lunch & Bridge Dinner Menu Music & Dancing The Jacks	10 NEW WINE LIST TASTING Dinner Menu Music & Dancing Just Me 2
11 Breakfast Buffet And Lunch 10:00 – 1:30	12 Club Closed	13 10:00 Yoga PM Bridge Dinner Menu	14 Lunch & Bridge HAPPY HOUR 4:30pm to 6:30pm Dinner Menu	15 10:00 Yoga 1:00 Mah Jongg CLUB EVENT A Tribute To GEORGE BURNS Special Dinner	16 Lunch & Bridge Dinner Menu Music & Dancing Bobby Owen Band	17 Jazz Society Concert & Lunch Buffet Dinner Menu Music & Dancing Don Kane
18 Breakfast Buffet And Lunch 10:00 – 1:30 Theatre Guild Matinee and Brunch "Whose Wives Are They Anyway"	19 Club Closed	20 10:00 Yoga PM Bridge ANNUAL MEETING 4:00 PM Dinner Menu	21 Lunch & Bridge HAPPY HOUR 4:30pm to 6:30pm Dinner Menu	22 10:00 Yoga 1:00 Mah Jongg Dinner Menu Featuring a Pasta Station Trivia Challenge	23 Lunch & Bridge Dinner Menu Music & Dancing Rick Collins Band	24 Dinner Menu Music & Dancing Mark Green Duo
25 Breakfast Buffet And Lunch 10:00 – 1:30 CHANGE of COMMAND	26 Club Closed	27 10:00 Yoga PM Bridge Dinner Menu	28 Lunch & Bridge HAPPY HOUR 4:30pm to 6:30pm CLUB EVENT SINATRA & MINELLI Special Dinner	29 10:00 Yoga 1:00 Mah Jongg Dinner Menu	30 Lunch & Bridge Dinner Menu Music & Dancing Rick Collins Band	31 Dinner Menu Music & Dancing Frank Bartley
February Coming Events: Saturday 7th & 28th: Jazz Society Concert & Lunch Buffet Saturday 14th: Valentines Dinner Dance w/ Just Me 2 Wednesday 25th: New Odyssey (3 guys playing 30 different Instruments)						



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Ed Metz Trio

JAZZ UP YOUR SATURDAYS

The Treasure Coast Jazz Society Invites You To Enjoy A Buffet Lunch
and Jazz Concert Select Saturdays 2015 Season

Doors Open @ 11:15 Concerts begin @ 12:30

Buffet Lunch Only \$14.00++ pp

\$50.00++ pp for non-Jazz Society members

\$45.00++ pp for Jazz Society members.

January 17th Ed Metz Trio
February 7th Peter and Will Anderson

February 28th Bill Allred Classic Jazz Band
March 21st John Proulx Quartet

CELEBRITY SERIES COMES TO VBYC

Coming Thursday, January 15th



George Burns
Tribute by Peter Salzer

Experience the Wit and Style
of this

Beloved Comedian and Actor
Dinner and Show \$40.00++



Coming Wednesday, January 28th



Frank Sinatra and Liza Minelli
Plus Surprise Guest

Tributes by
Michael Dutra & Gailyn Addis

"Rat Pack" Revisited!
Dinner and Show \$45.00++