



ISLES YACHT CLUB

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LOG - DECEMBER 2025



Upcoming Deadline:

January - Friday, December 12

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FROM THE BRIDGE

DAVID MCBRIDE, COMMODORE

Thank you to everyone who attended the Commodore's Ball and helped make it a memorable event. Special appreciation goes to Chef Brittany and the culinary team for a wonderful meal, and to Angela and the dining room staff for their excellent service.

I hope you all enjoyed a delightful Thanksgiving with family, friends, or both, and that your travels were smooth and free of complications. The Club's Thanksgiving Buffet was, as always, extraordinary. Thanks again to our staff for making it such a special occasion.

December is a busy and festive month at Isles Yacht Club. I encourage everyone to join in as many of our wonderful events as possible. The Admirals will hold their Holiday luncheon on December 4, followed that evening by our annual Holiday Concert, featuring Latitude's "No Snow Christmas Show." Enjoy a delicious meal, great music, and camaraderie as we start the holiday season together.

The next week kicks off with the Isle-ettes hosting their Nutcracker Tea and Buffet on December 9. Then on December 11 don't miss the Annual Lighting of the Fleet. Lighting of the Fleet is another great IYC tradition and certainly one of my favorites. Come for the music, greet our Red Dot members, stroll the Docks to admire the decorated boats, and enjoy the company of fellow members. Be sure to register for the evening meal; it promises to be a festive night.

On Saturday, December 13, we host the Christmas Ball, with Club favorites Billy Dean and Dawn providing music for dinner and dancing. This magical evening features everyone in their holiday finest and the Club sparkling with decorations. Get your kayaks ready for the Lighted Kayak Paddle on Wednesday December 17.

Finally, Carolyn and I wish you safe, joyful, and memorable celebrations throughout the Holiday season. Our warmest wishes to you and your families for a Happy Hanukkah, a Merry Christmas, and a wonderful New Year.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

5:00P - 8:00P | LAST SEATING 8:00P



Prix Fixe Dinner

COST: \$75++ ATTIRE: CASUAL

Entertainment: DJ Embe

Reservations Open Tuesday, December 2

Photos

WE WANT YOUR PHOTOS!

Help us improve and update our media content on the TVs around the Club, on our website, all our social media platforms and here in the LOG! We encourage everyone to take photos and share them with your IYC family! Please submit high resolution photos to: iyc@islesyc.com. When sending with iPhone/iPad please send in "actual size."

ON THE COVER: Last month was a picture from the North Pole, and now, we're heading to the South Pole! This month's cover photo is of Terry & Patti Connelly and Brandon & Martha Esslinger at Neko Harbor in Antarctica, in November 2025.

Holiday Hours

There will be no dining services available, and the Front Office will be closed the following days:

Tuesday, December 23 - (Office Open for Limited Hours)

Christmas Eve - Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Day - Thursday, December 25 (Fuel Dock Closed)

New Years Day - Thursday, January 1



GENERAL MANAGER'S CORNER

DANNIELLE MILLER

As I write this article on Veterans Day, I'm filled with gratitude for the many IYC members who have served in the greatest military in the world. I could not be more thankful for your service and sacrifice. Our Veterans Day Tribute on November 11 was a moving event, and it was heartwarming to see such a large turnout. Clearly, I'm not alone in feeling deep appreciation for our veterans.

TENNIS COURT UPDATES

We recently completed some exciting improvements to the tennis courts! We added \$6,000 worth of new clay, installed new windscreens, and purchased new brushes, ball tubes, and line brushes, along with a few other small upgrades. A very special thank you to our Dockmasters for their hard work and dedication in maintaining the tennis facilities. Your efforts are truly appreciated!

CELL PHONE USE

We've received several emails regarding cell phone usage inside the Club. Please remember that our long-standing rules still apply:

- Texting or showing photos is fine.
- No phone calls, FaceTime, or videos with sound inside.

When a member answers a call, it places our staff in a difficult position. Thank you for helping us maintain the comfortable, courteous atmosphere we all enjoy at IYC.

COMMENT CARDS & FEEDBACK

Our management team reads every single comment card that's submitted. We do our best to follow up on each one, so please include your name or member number when possible - whether your comment is positive or constructive. Your input helps guide improvements across the Club.

RESERVATIONS & DINING EXPERIENCE

A friendly reminder to make dinner reservations whenever possible, and to arrive close to your reserved time. When guests arrive late or without reservations, it creates a "domino effect" that can impact service times and the kitchen's workflow.

Our goal is to provide an exceptional dining experience for every member, and the best way to achieve that is by taking reservations, seating guests promptly, and placing orders within 10–15 minutes of being seated.

NEW BEVERAGE PROGRAM FEATURE

Our Beverage Team has added a fun new option when signing up for Club Events. You'll be asked if you'd like to have a bottle of wine waiting at your table upon arrival. So far, members have loved this feature - stay tuned for more creative touches like this!

COMMUNITY GIVING

In the Club hallway, you'll see donation boxes for two cherished holiday traditions: Toys for Tots and Senior Shoebox Project. We also have our annual Employee Holiday Fund, where you can show your appreciation for our staff at the Club. The deadline is the first week in December. Our IYC family is known for its generosity, and your donations bring joy not only to our community, but also to our staff. Thank you for helping make the holidays brighter for so many.

This holiday season, I want to thank all of you for your kindness, support, and enthusiasm. You make IYC such a special place. Wishing you all a safe, happy, & healthy holiday season!



INSIDE THE HOUSE

FRANK LEYSHON, VICE COMMODORE



As we move into the holiday season, I am reminded of how much we have to celebrate together. One of my priorities as your future Commodore has been preparing for our 50th Anniversary, a milestone that reflects the strength and spirit of our Club. To date, donations to the

Compass Fund stand at \$2,950, and I am eager to bring even more excitement to our upcoming anniversary events. If you would like to be part of this effort, please reach out. I welcome your ideas and involvement.

Another highlight is the revitalization of the Charity Cup. After taking a year off, this cherished tradition is back with renewed energy. Events are already planned, and we are proud to report that approximately \$6,400 has been raised. This is a fantastic start, and I look forward to seeing our members rally behind this cause.



Our Cork & Fork Committee recently treated us to a culinary journey with Around the World in Six Cuisines. This event was a resounding success, showcasing creativity and camaraderie that make our Club so special. This is a quote the Committee received from a member: *"We loved it, everyone at our table did. The wines were good and we ordered a few. The starter was from India! I thought the portion sizes were good, not too big, and I had plenty to eat. All the flavors were good, layered, tasty, (could have licked the plate). The presentation of each plate was beautiful. If I had to pick a favorite it would be the duck, fall off the bone and so flavorful."*

And here's something you may not know: your Club proudly serves Braveheart Beef. This premium beef comes from U.S. family farms in the Midwest, where Black Angus cattle are raised with humane practices, sustainability, and a 100% grain-based diet. Processing facilities are located within 200 miles of the farms to minimize stress, and the beef is verified through DNA traceback to ensure it is majority Black Angus. Braveheart is part of the Progressive Beef program, which includes third-party audits for humane treatment and sustainability. Many of you experienced its quality firsthand at the Commodore's Ball, where the filet received rave reviews.

Together, these initiatives and events reflect the vitality of our Club. With your continued support, we will ensure that the Isles Yacht Club not only celebrates its 50th Anniversary with pride but we also continue to build on our strong foundation as we sail into the future.



FROM THE REAR COMMODORE

DOUG SCHEID, REAR COMMODORE

EXPLORING OPPORTUNITIES TO ENHANCE OUR COURT FACILITIES

As part of our ongoing commitment to improving the member experience and making thoughtful use of our recreational spaces, the Buildings and Grounds Committee and I have been exploring ideas to expand and diversify our court facilities at the Isles Yacht Club. One concept under consideration is converting one of our four existing Har-Tru Tennis courts into a multi-sport court—a flexible space that could accommodate either one full Tennis court or four Pickleball courts.

This idea comes as we look for ways to serve the growing range of interests within our membership. Pickleball, in particular, has seen tremendous growth across the country and among clubs like ours. Its appeal spans generations, offering a fun, social, and accessible way to stay active. By providing facilities for both Tennis and Pickleball, we could make the Isles Yacht Club even more welcoming to new members and more engaging for current ones.

RESPECTING OUR TENNIS TRADITION

Of course, we understand that our Har-Tru courts are cherished by many members who have built lasting friendships and traditions around tennis here. Any change that affects those courts must be carefully weighed. While converting one court would slightly reduce total Har-Tru capacity, three courts would remain for regular play, tournaments, and lessons. The goal would be to enhance—not diminish—our Tennis program, while introducing opportunities for additional recreational play through Pickleball.

EXPLORING OTHER OPTIONS

At the same time, we're also exploring the possibility of developing a joint-use court on adjacent property. This could allow for expanded use without altering existing Har-Tru courts. In addition, we are evaluating the feasibility of creating two Pickleball-only courts adjacent to the current Tennis complex, providing a dedicated space for the sport while keeping all four Tennis courts intact.

SMART STEWARDSHIP AND FORWARD PLANNING

Whichever direction we take, cost, maintenance, and member satisfaction will remain at the forefront of our decision-making. Har-Tru courts require ongoing upkeep and water management, while a hard-surface option would help reduce long-term maintenance costs. We want to ensure that any investment we make benefits the entire membership and supports the Club's long-term sustainability.

These ideas are still in the exploratory phase, and member input is very important as we evaluate the best path forward. If you have thoughts, suggestions, or concerns, please reach out to me directly: Doug Scheid – dscheid@scheidia.com. Your feedback will help guide our next steps as we continue to make the Isles Yacht Club a place we're all proud to call home.

FLEET CAPTAIN REPORT

TERRY WRIGHT, FLEET CAPTAIN



With thanks to Jeff & Anne Peltier for their input over a glass at the Clearwater FCYC event this month, I offer the following article with some ideas and suggestions for short haul cruises. The theme of this article is based on the predicate that IYC is well situated to perpetuate short haul cruises – let's call them "lunch cruises." For purposes of this article, a "lunch cruise" is one in which you can depart in the morning for a leisurely trip for lunch, and return safely home in the same day. The great thing about lunch cruising is that the boating is not challenging, the venues are varied, and it is a perfect option for smaller boats.

Living in the Charlotte Harbor area, we are afforded many options for lunch cruising, with most destinations in and via protected waters. The classes of destinations for consideration are: safe anchorages, private resorts, and FCYC yacht clubs.

Perhaps the most popular anchorage is Pelican Bay, situated adjacent to Cayo Costa and just off the Intracoastal Waterway, near Boca Grande pass. This well protected bay is a great spot to drop an anchor and enjoy an afternoon meal. It is also one of the closest of the destinations on this list.

With respect to private resorts, there are many options for a lunch cruise. Miller's Dockside and Eagle Grill, near Boca Grande is also a nearby option. Probably the most famous and popular of these choices is Cabbage Key located in Pine Island Sound. With an old Florida vibe, interesting history and walking trails, everyone should visit at least once. Two additional choices in this group include Tween Waters and South Seas Plantation, both located on Captiva Island.

Of the FCYC Clubs, there are several within short boating distance. At only two miles distance, of course, Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club is the closest. Straying just a bit further, the options include Venice YC, to the north, easily reachable via the ICW. To the south, Captiva YC (Pine Island Sound) and St. Charles YC, near the entrance to the Caloosahatchee River, are within a reasonable distance.

In conclusion, we have many choices of nearby destinations for lunch cruising, via protected waters. Whether you want to drop anchor and enjoy a home-made sandwich, experience old Florida charm, or dine in one of the more formal FCYC club dining rooms, the choices are plentiful.

See you on the water...



Employee Holiday Fund

Please turn in your checks by the first week of December. We appreciate your generosity this holiday season!

NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



IAN & JULIE LANG

Ian Lang is the fourth-generation owner of A&E Incorporated located in Racine, WI, and is currently CEO. He earned his BS in Business Administration from Cardinal Stritch University. Ian grew up in Punta Gorda after moving from Wisconsin and is a proud graduate of Charlotte High School. He still enjoys boating, golfing, and playing Pickleball.

Ian is also a lifelong bird hunter and classic car enthusiast. Julie was born in Chicago, raised in Punta Gorda, and is a proud Charlotte High School graduate with deep local roots. She graduated from University of Florida with a degree in Food Science and Human Nutrition. She has been boating on the Great Lakes, inland waters, and around Florida since she was a child. Julie spends a great deal of time volunteering and philanthropy. In addition, she owns a boutique travel agency, and her career also includes two decades in real estate and corporate sales. Ian and Julie have been married for 22 years, and are proud parents to their son Bryce, who is currently attending Auburn University.

Sponsors: Carole Borgstrom DeStefano & Muriel DeStefano

MIKE & WENDY RYAN

Originally from Huntington, Long Island, NY, Mike attended Lehigh University and earned a degree in accounting. After a career in the financial service industry, he is now semi-retired. Currently, Mike is very active with the YMCA where he volunteers and teaches several fitness classes. He loves PGI, the town, and the people. Wendy is originally from Northern New Jersey but considers beautiful Punta Gorda her home. The Ryans escape to the Adirondacks during the summer and to Schroon Lake during the Fall. Prior to working with Mike, Wendy's career was predominantly in the medical device industry. For thirty years she has been a fitness instructor and currently teaches classes at the local YMCA, as well as at her studio in Schroon Lake.

Sponsors: Will Campbell & Debbie Sween



ALBERT (BUD) & TINA FRANKE

Originally from Southern Connecticut, Bud grew up sailing on Long Island Sound. He is a member of Milford Yacht Club, is a Past Commodore, and is currently serving a second term as Vice Commodore. Originally from New Jersey, Tina grew up on the water. She is a longtime member of Milford Yacht Club where she has been involved in many committees including

entertainment, bar & restaurant, communications, race & regatta, and membership. She is a past Secretary of Windjammers Sailing Club in Milford, Connecticut. Bud and Tina reside in PGI and maintain a second residence in Milford, Connecticut.

Sponsors: Brian Capodanno & Paul Jensen

GEORGE & ELAINE WILLIAMSON

George was born in Savannah, Georgia where he grew up on St. Simons Island. He is an undergrad from Tulane University and received his master's degree in economics from Johns Hopkins University. George ran a shipping company out of Antwerp, Belgium and was later Port Director in Pensacola, Managing Director of Port of Houston, and CEO & Port of Tampa. George retired as a lobbyist in DC. He has four children and seven grandchildren. Elaine was born in Coventry, England. She is a former teacher and later recreated herself as a water aerobics instructor. Elaine is active in book club and garden club and looks forward to becoming involved in the many activities here at the Club.

Sponsors: Stephanie Stewart & John Beane



MICHAEL & PAM LOWRY

Mike has had a lifelong passion for boating, beginning with childhood visits to lake houses in Illinois. Over the years, he has fulfilled his dream of owning and operating boats on Lake Michigan (Chicago), the Ohio River (Cincinnati), Lake of the Ozarks, and SWFL. Professionally Mike is a Private Wealth Advisor with Merrill Lynch.

He has held leadership roles as Sales Manager and Senior Director. Outside of work, Mike enjoys boating, golf, pickleball, travel, BBQing, and spending time with family and friends. He has strong commitment to community service, having served on non-profit boards, and led United Way campaigns. Pam has worked in promotional sales for more than twenty years. In 2022, her and her husband became Florida residents, spending summers in Kansas City. Pam and Mike have two grown children as well as a golden doodle named Bentley, whose favorite pastime is boating. Pam is an avid golfer, traveler, hiker, boater, pickleball player, and mah-jongg enthusiast.

Sponsors: Heidi Capodanno & Jeff Peltier

Red Dot Social

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Join us at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 11 for a festive Red Dot Social, prior to the Lighting of the Fleet!

Pine Car DERBY



3:30p
Races
Begin

5:00p
Buffet
Service

IYC CHARITY CUP

Saturday, February 7



Create your car & race to win! Spectators Welcome!

Cost: \$25 Check to Isles Yacht Club Charitable Foundation
to get your car building kit from the Front Office

All American Dinner Buffet - Cost: \$35⁺⁺ | Attire: Sports

Kits Available December 1 | Reservations Open January 8

Thursday, December 18 | 11:00a

Christmas COOKIE CLASS

Join us for a hands-on, fun-filled cookie class with Chef Brittany!
Create your own cookies to take home, or enjoy right away!

After the sweet session, stay for a delicious lunch!
Bring your own apron and rolling pin as well!

Cost: \$40⁺⁺ Attire: Sports

Reservations Required



IYC CHARITY CUP DEBBIE MCCARTY



On Friday evening November 14 our three Charity Cup Charities were at the Club to talk with members and answer questions. We are blessed to have dedicated organizations deeply rooted in our community who give so much of themselves. These organizations depend on donations to operate, and Isles Yacht Club is going to do everything we can to help.

This year Isles Yacht Club received the 2025 Large Business of the Year Award from the Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce in part because of the Club's annual Charity Cup giving and community involvement. Our small community here at IYC continually cares about charity causes, and in all honesty the small part we can do will add up making a massive difference in the long run.

Let's keep this tradition going. Our events and fundraising competitions will be a "friend raiser" as well as a fundraiser. Please get involved where you can.

I am still looking for sponsors and am accepting auction items for the March 21, 2026, Charity Cup BBQ Bash. If you would like to donate an item, basket, condominium, cocktail cruise on your boat, dinner at your house, tickets to an event or even a worldwide cruise, please contact me at 313-215-5274 or debmccarty@comcast.net

And finally, I want to thank my Committee members: Brian Barcic, Heidi Capodanno, Wendy Decker, Duane Ising, Dee Van Horne and Board Liaison Frank Leyshon. I couldn't do it without them.

IYC MEMBERSHIP DRIVE & TRIAL MEMBERSHIPS

WANT A MONTH OF FREE DUES? SEND US A NEW MEMBER!

We are looking for new members to join our Club and we are asking for **your** help. Through December 31, 2025, the Club will credit one month of dues for every new single or family membership that you bring in to join the Club.

A Membership Application with a designated start date must be completed and returned by the applicant, along with a check for the initiation fee, to qualify. Please be sure that your name is listed as the main sponsor, or you will not receive credit.

We are also excited to announce that we are now accepting "**Trial Memberships**"! A Trial Membership is three consecutive months, an administrative fee, monthly dues and food minimum do apply. If you refer a Trial Member and they convert to a fulltime membership during or before their trial membership ends, you will qualify for the incentive offered above. The Trial Membership itself does not qualify.

Anyone with questions regarding membership can contact our Membership Coordinator, Lori White at 941-639-7551 Ext. 2 or membership@islesyc.com.



ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

JULIE LEYSHON

December has arrived once again, and it seems to come faster each year. This season is one of the most special times at IYC, filled with opportunities to gather, celebrate, and create lasting memories with friends and family.

We begin the month with our **Holiday Concert** on **Thursday, December 4**, a joyful evening to set the tone for the season. Members are encouraged to show their festive spirit by wearing their favorite ugly Christmas sweater, if they have one. **Latitude's** Tom and Michelle will perform the "No Snow Christmas Show" featuring holiday favorites, along with a humorous look at celebrating Christmas in the Sunshine State.

On **Thursday, December 11**, join us for the beloved **Lighting of the Fleet** and Dinner, featuring live music by **Paul Roush**. This beautiful evening captures the essence of the holidays, as the Marina sparkles with lights.

The celebration continues with the **Christmas Ball** on **Saturday, December 13**, one of IYC's most elegant evenings of the year. After an exquisite dinner prepared by our culinary team, enjoy live music from **Billy Dean and Dawn**. Whether you choose to dance the night away or simply take in the music and ambiance, it will surely be an evening to remember.

Has it been a while since you baked some Christmas cookies? On **Thursday, December 18**, our **Executive Chef Brittany** invites you to a hands-on **Christmas Cookie Class**. Members will have the opportunity to create and decorate their own cookies to take home or enjoy right away. Don't forget to bring your apron and rolling pin! You'll also receive Chef Brittany's Famous Cookie Recipe! A delicious lunch will follow.

Mark your calendar for the **Holiday Eggnog Party** from **3:00 to 5:00 p.m.** on **Friday, December 19** in the Harbor Room. There will be Eggnog and cookies. It is a wonderful time to mingle with fellow members and maybe meet some new members.

We conclude the year on **Wednesday, December 31** with our **New Year's Eve Prix Fixe Dinner**, featuring music by **DJ Embe**. This special evening will offer an exceptional menu. The full menu is available on the IYC website so you can look at a preview of the evening's offerings.

The Entertainment Committee occasionally needs help taking photos at our events. If you're interested in helping by taking photos at an event, please contact me at jleyshon@corbettanndesign.com.

May you enjoy a bright, joyful holiday season filled with unforgettable IYC moments.

Thursday, December 4
5:00p Social, 5:30p Dinner
Music to Follow

Holiday Concert

Entertainment:
Latitude

Cost: \$65++ Attire: Casual/Holiday
Plus, an Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest!

Reservations Required

Lighting of the Fleet

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11
5:00p Pre-Lighting Social
6:00p Lighting of the Fleet | 6:30p Dinner Service

Entertainment: *Paul Roush*

Cost: \$45++ Attire: Sports/Holiday

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED FOR DINNER



HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

BRANDON ESSLINGER

While you may be familiar with the 2017 film *The Man Who Invented Christmas*, the story behind Charles Dickens and his celebrated work deserves wider recognition.

Charles Dickens is considered one of the foremost English authors, with fifteen novels, all of which have remained continuously in print. Despite this enduring legacy, by 1843 Dickens faced diminished popularity, critical disrepute, and financial difficulty. Confronting possible bankruptcy, he even contemplated abandoning fiction writing altogether.

During a six-week period preceding Christmas, Dickens authored a short book with the intention of alleviating his debts. After it was rejected by his publishers, Dickens resolved to self-publish using his limited resources.

Contrary to his concerns, the release of *A Christmas Carol* generated immediate acclaim; the initial printing sold out within four days, and subsequent editions were equally successful. The widespread adaptation of the story for the stage (and later in film) expanded its audience substantially.

Today, the narrative of Ebenezer Scrooge's transformation following visits from the spirits of Christmas Past, Present, and Yet to Come is universally recognized. However, *A Christmas Carol* did more than restore Dickens' reputation and financial standing; it invigorated a holiday that had lapsed into relative obscurity.

Christmas was a minor holiday, markedly less significant than Easter. The December 25 date, lacking direct biblical reference, was observed quietly, if at all.

This changed following the extraordinary reception of *A Christmas Carol*, which both renewed enthusiasm for the holiday and encouraged concern for the less fortunate. Having experienced poverty and child labor firsthand due to his father's imprisonment for debt, Dickens was committed to highlighting the hardships faced by the poor, especially children, many of whom lacked access to education and resorted to labor or crime.

Dickens believed fervently in self-improvement through education. In *A Christmas Carol*, Dickens employed overt allegory to advocate for societal enlightenment, aiming not merely to entertain but to inform and elevate the public consciousness.

The character of Scrooge remains a symbol of miserliness, yet his dramatic transformation exemplifies Dickens' belief in personal redemption and the possibility of change. I agree with those that attribute the modern celebration of Christmas to Dickens, though not in the context of modern commercialism. Rather, Dickens depicted the holiday as an occasion for generosity and goodwill rather than material excess.

In one brief work, he revitalized a neglected holiday. Over 150 years later, *A Christmas Carol* continues to uplift readers annually, serving as a reminder of the enduring importance of kindness, compassion, and community.

CRUISING COMMITTEE

JEFF ZIEMER & JOHN TODD



It is hard to believe this is our last LOG Article of 2025! The Cruising Committee would like to thank the cruise leaders who stepped up to lead one of the several cruises we've had over the last eleven months – and we are not done yet!

The Tween Waters Christmas Cruise will take place December 15-17. It has been one of the more popular cruises for our Club. We were able to secure a total of ten slips this year and all ten slots filled up fast! All told we had a headcount of twenty-eight which included our boaters and some onboard guests. It's just a two-night cruise but will be chock full of activity. We'll have a potluck dinner, a Christmas Gift Exchange, and a group dinner at Captiva YC. Watch for pictures and mark your calendar now with a reminder to watch for next year's Christmas Cruise sign up!

Next up is the Cruise to Fort Myers Beach for New Year's Eve. By mid-November there were at least eighteen boats signed up to go. The dates are December 30 - January 2. Some folks will be staying Moss Marina and others at Salty Sam's. Please contact IYC front office for details if you are interested in signing up for this cruise. Glen & Cathy Mayer are hosts.

As a reminder, please wear your name tags during the cruise events. We have enjoyed having some of our newer members join us and it is helpful for them, as well as some of us who have been around a little longer, to put a face to a name. Thanks.

We've sent out several Welcome letters in the last month to new members who have shown an interest in Cruising. With each letter, we include an invitation to join our meetings, learn what our Cruising Club is all about, and maybe even offer us some new ideas. Don't forget, the Club meets in the Compass Room on the third Wednesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. (just before Boaters at the Bar!).

We hope everyone had a bountiful Thanksgiving! And we wish everyone a Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah, and a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year!

Save the Date

Isle-ettes Luncheon - Tuesday, January 13
 Boaters at the Bar - Wednesday, January 21
 Robbie Burns Party - Saturday, January
 Braveheart Dinner - Wednesday, January 28
 Ladies Night Out - Thursday, January 29
 Admirals - Thursday, February 5
 Charity Cup Pine Car Derby - Saturday, February 7
 Isle-ettes Fashion Show - Tuesday, February 10



IYC SAILING CLUB

JOE HELLNER

AHOY SHIPMATES!

The IYC Sailing Club provides numerous ways to get out on the water including going out with the Race Committee on support boats or the Committee boat. Also, the Race Committee is always looking for local power boat owners to help with race support. Another popular option is the Wednesday afternoon Casual Practice Racing series (aka CPR), which involves the IYC boats and Harbor 20 sailors from around the area. Novices are welcome as each boat that goes out will have an experienced sailor aboard.

The Sailing page on the IYC website a wealth of information on IYC sailing activities.

The three IYC owned sailboats, *Clipper*, *Crafty Lady*, and *FWB II* are for all members, not just racers, and can be checked out for a sail by qualified members anytime they have not been reserved. Qualification is how IYC ensures the person checking out a Club boat has the knowledge and ability to safely set up, sail, and return the boat. Qualification does not require members to be sailing experts or racers. Crew and guests aboard the IYC boats do not need to be qualified.


The IYC Racing Season is off to an excellent start. As of this article, two of the five Fall Racing Series events have been completed. At this time last year, many boats were still not in the water, and no races were held due the effects of the hurricanes. On November 1, the Championship Series opened with Christ Van Heek (*Flying Cloud*), Jay Nadelson (*All Clear*), and IYC PC Jim Nuzzo (*H2O*) taking first, second, and third, for the day based on total points and tiebreakers. In the IYC Intra-Club boat team competition, *FWB II* (Joe Hellner, Stephanie Green) took first.

Race Day #2 on November 15 could have used a bit more wind, but Jake Dye, Principal Race Officer (PRO), and the Race Committee did a fabulous job getting three races in with very mild yet shifty wind conditions! *FWB II* (Steven Lazar, Chris Taylor, Jim Tanner) won the day in the Intra-Club Series. Rob Sisk (*Aude Man and the Sea*) had a terrific day overall first place with two first places, and a third place. Bob Knowles (*Dark and Stormy*) was second for the day and Jim Nuzzo (*H2O*) was third. Congratulations to the Saturday winners!

There is a lot more action to come with three more race days before the holiday break and the Winter Series and several regattas ahead in the new year.



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17
5:00P - 7:00P



**Boaters
at
the Bar**

BOATERS OF ALL INTERESTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US ON THE PATIO FOR THIS FUN, CASUAL EVENING.

THOSE WISHING TO STAY FOR DINNER FOLLOWING THE SOCIAL ARE ENCOURAGED TO MAKE RESERVATIONS.

Isles Yacht Club Proposed Slate of Officers 2026 - 2027 Watch

In accordance with our Bylaws, the Nominating Committee, chaired by Chuck Busch, has proposed the following Slate of Officers and Directors for the next Watch which begins March 1, 2026. Voting for the proposed slate of officers will take place at the IYC Annual Membership Meeting in February 2026.

Vice Commodore - Doug Scheid
Rear Commodore - Terry Wright
Fleet Captain - Dennis Cantwell
Secretary - Mary Anne Faust
Financial Officer - John Beane


Two Year Term:

Director - Brandon Esslinger
Director - Colleen Hatala
Director - Sheri Roberts

Frank Leyshon succeeds automatically to the position of **Commodore**.

Directors Rudy Askew, Heidi Capodanno, and Bob Weisenbeck to serve the second year of their term.





Admirals Luncheon

Thursday, December 4 * 11:00a

Join us for our annual holiday luncheon and a presentation on The Great Loop by Cheryl O'Brien

Cost: \$30++ Attire: Casual/Holiday

Reservations Required

ISLE-ETTES

CINDY BAPST



Marketplace is now under our belt - and it exceeded all my expectations! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who came out to support this annual event and to those who donated baked goods. The Isle-ettes bake sale table was a tremendous success, bringing in an impressive amount for the Club. I could not have done this without our amazing team: Jennifer Hurst, Nancy Meadows, Connie Wuckert, Nancy Zimbicki, Mary Anne Faust, Susan Barnhart, Pat Mullinax, and Anne Peltier.

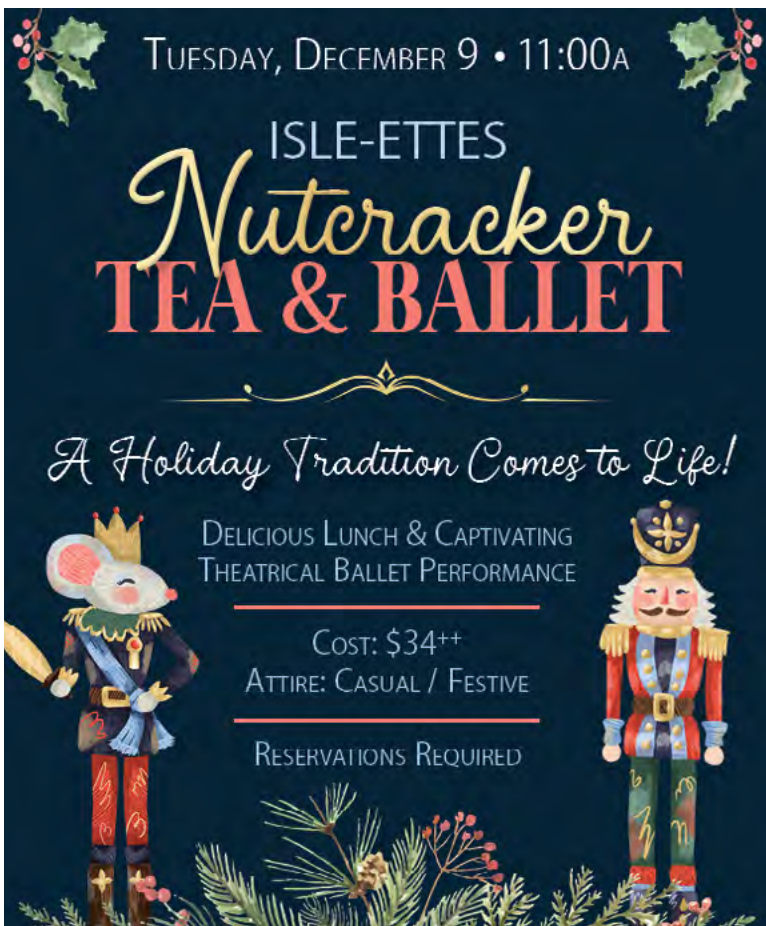
In November, we were treated to a visit from our local "Miss Manners," who refreshed us on modern-day etiquette in her graceful and humorous way. The afternoon was both entertaining and informative, and I hope everyone who attended took away a few useful tips.

Looking ahead, we're excited to share some holiday spirit as we host The Nutcracker Tea and Ballet on December 9. We'll be joined by two very talented dancers who will perform The Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy, with a delightful surprise at the end. This is sure to be a memorable holiday event!

Women in Action is once again spreading kindness this season by preparing shoeboxes for our seniors who are less fortunate. The Isle-ettes will also be supporting the Salvation Army as volunteer bell ringers throughout the month of December.

If you're interested in participating or have any questions, please reach out to me or to Lisa Kleinbach at (267) 372-2894. Let's come together to make this holiday season a little brighter for those in need.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful holiday season!



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9 • 11:00A

ISLE-ETTES

Nutcracker TEA & BALLET

A Holiday Tradition Comes to Life!

DELICIOUS LUNCH & CAPTIVATING THEATRICAL BALLET PERFORMANCE

COST: \$34++
ATTIRE: CASUAL / FESTIVE

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Sunshine

Contact Nancy Zimbicki to request a note
tonyandnancyzimbicki@gmail.com



Notes were sent to...

Robert Kendall Family
 Dan Caldwell
 John Murdock
 John Speaker
 Penny Holmes
 Marlene Barnhart-Mohr
 Dee Van Horne



ADMIRALS CLUB

CHERYL O'BRIEN, JOANNE ZIEMER,
& SALLY DORN

WELCOME TO THE ADMIRALS!

We love welcoming new ladies and encourage all women to attend our meetings. We meet four times a year, October, December, February, and April, on the first Thursday of those months at 11:00 a.m. We host a luncheon with a different theme each (meeting) month. Our purpose is to promote and enhance "life on the water" in a variety of ways through experience and education. Some of our past topics have been safety around the water, correct use of the radio, and what to do should you find yourself suddenly in command. On a lighter note, we've offered tips on cooking onboard, fun games to play while anchored/docked, and every other year or so we have a fun Ornament Exchange or Holiday themed luncheon. We really are a fun group!

You do not need to own a boat to be part of this group; all women, boaters and non-boaters, are welcome to the Admirals!

Please mark your calendars now for the next Admiral's Luncheon which will take place on February 5, 2026. Watch the IYC LOG in January for information and sign up opening date. We'd love to see you there!

CHEF'S CORNER

BRITTANY WYATT, EXECUTIVE CHEF

HOW WE KEEP YOUR DINING EXPERIENCE IN SYNC

I'd like to share a simple explanation of how our Kitchen runs and why timing and communication make such a difference in your dining experience.

Our Kitchen operates like an orchestra. Every cook, every station, and every dish has to stay in rhythm, so your meal arrives properly prepared and beautifully timed. Reservations, seating flow, and on-time arrivals are what set that rhythm for the night. They allow us to staff correctly, prep ingredients, and pace the evening so food comes out smoothly and consistently.

When guests arrive unexpectedly, change their plans at the last minute, or when tables are all seated at once, it sends a wave of orders to the kitchen - and just like an orchestra losing its tempo, everything can fall out of sync. This affects timing and the overall experience for everyone.

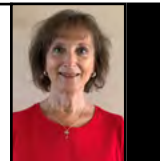
The same is true when part of your table chooses the buffet, and others order from the menu. Buffet guests can go up and eat right away, while cooked-to-order dishes take time to prepare.

Your cooperation with reservations, punctuality, and communication helps us keep the kitchen running in harmony and ensures you receive the high-quality experience you expect.

Thank you for your understanding and support!

BOOK CLUB

NANCY MEADOWS



The hustle and bustle of the holidays are upon us, hopefully you can still find time to relax a bit and read!

Speaking of reading, our December Book Club will meet and discuss *The Memoirs of Stockholm Sven* by Nathaniel Ian Miller. Who knew there was such a fascinating topic as the Arctic Circle!

Book Club is the second Thursday of the month at 4:00 p.m. in the Compass Room. January 8 we will discuss *The Art Thief* by Michael Finkel. Stephane Breitwieser is the most prolific art thief of all time. He pulled off more than 200 heists, often in crowded museums in broad daylight. His collection was worth an estimated \$2 billion. Perfect timing to discuss this book with the recent Louvre break in!

February 12 our book discussion is: *The Masterpiece* by Fiona Davis. The author takes readers into the glamorous lost art school within Grand Central Terminal in New York, where two very different women, fifty years apart, strive to make their mark on a world set against them.

Come and enjoy the friendships Book Club offers, along with cookies and beverages of your choice! Our list of books is on the IYC website. Copperfish Books and the Punta Gorda Library also has our books.

Wishing you the happiest of holidays that warm your heart in countless ways.

IYC WOMEN IN ACTION

LISA KLEINBACH

Once again, we begin the Holiday season by contributing to the local community, Ringing Bells for Salvation Army and Collecting Shoe Boxes for low-income Seniors. This year we have increased our Volunteer hours with Salvation Army to three days at the Publix at Burnt Store. We ring bells on Friday December 5, 12, and 19, each day from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. in shifts of two hours each. Grab a friend, put on a festive outfit and come ring the bell! You can bring a chair and a drink (sorry, no alcohol). I've done this for three years and the customers at Publix are great. We are also collecting Shoe Boxes Seniors for the third year. This is a way to give joy to Seniors, who in many cases, this box will be their only gift. There is a Christmas Wrapped container in the Hall outside the office to place the boxes. Also located there is a sheet showing the items requested to fill the boxes.

If you are interested in Salvation Army Ring a Bell, please call or text Lisa Kleinbach at 267-372-2894 to sign up for a shift. Thank you! Happy Holidays!



lighted
**KAYAK
PADDLE**

Wednesday, December 17

5:15p Launch | 5:45p Group Photo
Leisure Paddle | Dinner to Follow

Decorate your "sleigh"
& yourself for this
fun tradition!

Cost: \$38++ Attire: Sports &
fun, festive holiday outfits!

Reservations Required

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19 | 3:00P - 5:00P

*Holiday
Eggnog Party*

JOIN US FOR COMPLIMENTARY EGGNOG,
CHRISTMAS COOKIES, AND HOLIDAY CHEER!



SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 13

6:00P SOCIAL, 7:00P DINNER

Christmas
BALL

Entertainment:
Billy Dean & Dawn

COST: \$70++

ATTIRE: BLACK TIE OPTIONAL

Reservations Required

NOVEMBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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ISLES YACHT CLUB CALENDAR

December

JANUARY 2026

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>*Note: Sundays the Last Seating Times are:</i></p> <p>Brunch Buffet - 1p Limited Menu - 6p</p>	<p>1</p> <p>RESTAURANT & BAR CLOSED</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9a ISC Meeting 11:30a Blue Gavel 4p Patio Music Danny Beach</p>	<p>4</p> <p>11a Admirals Luncheon 5p Holiday Concert Entertainment Latitude</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Buffet - Pasta Station 6:30-9:30p Music Tiki Tom</p>	<p>6</p> <p>3-6p Patio Music Imaginistics</p>
<p>7</p> <p>10a - 2p Brunch Buffet 3p - 7p Sunday Slice & Football</p>	<p>8</p> <p>RESTAURANT & BAR CLOSED</p>	<p>9</p> <p>11a B&G Meeting 11a Isle-ettes Luncheon</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9a House Mtg. 1:30p Membership Committee Mtg. 4p Tennis Mtg. 4p Patio Music Ron Lorenzo</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:30a Finance Mtg 11a Planning Mtg 3p Entertainment Committee Mtg 5p Red Dot Social 6p Lighting of the Fleet Entertainment Paul Roush <i>No Ala Carte Dinner or Carryout Available</i></p>	<p>12</p> <p>Buffet - Stir Fry Station 6:30-9:30p Music Imaginistics</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6p Christmas Ball Entertainment Billy Dean & Dawn <i>No Ala Carte Dinner or Carryout Available</i></p>
<p>14</p> <p>10a - 1p Brunch Buffet Entertainment Tony Boffa <i>Club Closes at 1p Last Seating at 12p</i></p>	<p>15</p> <p>RESTAURANT & BAR CLOSED</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9a BOD Meeting</p>	<p>17</p> <p>4p Cruisers Mtg. 4p Patio Music Mike Archer 5p Boaters at the Bar 5:15p Lighted Kayak Paddle</p>	<p>18</p> <p>11a Christmas Cookie Demo & Lunch</p>	<p>19</p> <p>3p Holiday Eggnog Party Buffet - Carving Station 6:30-9:30p Music Tony & Lori</p>	<p>20</p> <p>3-6p Patio Music Imaginistics</p>
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<p>28</p> <p>10a - 2p Brunch Buffet Entertainment Tony Boffa 3p - 7p Sunday Slice & Football</p>	<p>29</p> <p>RESTAURANT & BAR CLOSED</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>5p New Years Eve Prix Fixe Dinner Entertainment DJ Embe <i>No Ala Carte Dinner or Carryout Available</i></p>	<p>Kitchen Hours: Sunday Breakfast: 10a - 2p Limited Menu 3p - 7p Monday Closed Tuesday - Saturday: 11a - 9p Bar: Tues - Sat: 11a - 10p Sunday: 1p - 7p Happy Hour: Tues - Fri: 4p - 6p Sat - Sun: 3 - 5p</p> <p>Cancellation Policy: No-shows and reservations not cancelled by 10a.m. the day BEFORE the event, will be charged to the member. Cancellations for Cork & Fork dinners must be made by 10a.m. 7 DAYS before the event. Office: (941) 639-7551 Dockmaster: (941) 769-0842</p>		



PICKLEBALL

RICK RIEGER



I hope everyone has enjoyed a summer and fall filled with plenty of Pickleball play!

PICKLEBALL'S INCREDIBLE GROWTH

Pickleball is exploding! With 22.7 million players and a \$1.8 billion global market in 2025, this fast, social, and addictive sport is winning fans of all ages and skill levels.

IYC UPDATES

At IYC, we're exploring adding Pickleball to our activity offerings. The proposal under review would convert one of the four Tennis courts into a dual-purpose court: four Pickleball courts alongside one Tennis court.

With over 40% of new members expressing interest in Pickleball, this addition could attract new members, increase participation, and bring more activity to the Yardarm and Club dining areas. Your input is valuable - please attend the meeting to help shape this decision.

IYC CHARITY CUP PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

Mark your calendars! The IYC Pickleball Club will host its first-ever Charity Cup Pickleball Tournament in March 2026. At the meeting, we'll discuss tournament format, participation, and volunteer opportunities to make it fun and inclusive for all players.

WEEKLY PLAY & SOCIAL FUN

We'll also establish a weekly Pickleball schedule so members can connect, compete, and enjoy friendly matches, followed by post-game dining and camaraderie at the Club.

WHERE TO PLAY PICKLEBALL IN PUNTA GORDA

Looking for more courts around town? Here are three great options:

- **Gilchrist Park** – 400 W Retta Esplanade. Free public Pickleball courts with beautiful waterfront views. Currently scheduled for resurfacing - check for updates before heading out.
- **South County Regional Park** – 670 Cooper Street. Eight outdoor and four indoor lighted Pickleball courts with restrooms and a small drop-in fee for indoor play.
- **PicklePlex® of Punta Gorda** – 26300 Airport Road. Premier facility with 24+ outdoor Pickleball courts, leagues, clinics, and a free beginner Pickleball intro class - perfect for new players! Visit pickleplex.org to check current offerings, membership details, and event schedules.

Join us on December 2 at 4:00 p.m. to learn more, share your ideas, and help shape the future of Pickleball at IYC!

SAFETY COMMITTEE

DR. JAMES MCCARTY

NARCOTIC OVERDOSE AND THE USE OF NARCAN

While narcotic overdoses are more common on land than at sea, being prepared on the water is critical. A medical emergency offshore can quickly become life-threatening when professional help is miles away. Having Narcan (naloxone) aboard and knowing how to use it can save a life.

What Is Narcan?

Narcan is a safe, easy-to-use nasal spray that reverses the effects of opioid overdoses, including those caused by prescription painkillers, heroin, or fentanyl. It works by quickly blocking the opioids from attaching to receptors in the brain, restoring normal breathing within minutes.

Recognizing an Overdose

Common signs include unresponsiveness, slow or no breathing, pinpoint pupils, bluish lips or nails, and a weak pulse. If you suspect an overdose, act immediately - time is critical.

How to Use Narcan

1. Call for help or radio the Coast Guard.
2. Lay the person on their back and ensure their airway is clear.
3. Insert the Narcan spray into one nostril and press the plunger firmly.
4. If there's no response in 2-3 minutes, use a second dose in the other nostril.
5. Begin rescue breathing or CPR if needed until help arrives.

Important Notes

Narcan is safe even if the person hasn't taken opioids, so when in doubt, use it. It's available without a prescription in most states and should be stored in a cool, dry place as part of every vessel's first-aid kit. After use, medical evaluation is always required—Narcan's effects wear off in 30-90 minutes, and overdose symptoms can return.

A Narcan safety box is located below the AED in the hallway by the bar at Isles Yacht Club. Knowing where it is - and how to use it - could save a life.

BIKE TO BREAKFAST

Don't forget about our WEEKLY Bike to Breakfast, every Saturday morning. We aim to ride as a group to one of half dozen or so local restaurants. For more information, please contact Barbara Besheer / bbesheer@gmail.com

TENNIS COMMITTEE

TOM JACKSON

COURTSIDE CHATTER

The Tennis Committee jumpstarted its season with dinner and an outstanding speaker, Allyson Houston. Alli attended West Point Academy and played varsity tennis. She was a helicopter pilot and served her country proudly. As her travels took her to different places, she ended up being recruited to become a USTA lines official and chair umpire. As she sported her Wimbledon attire, Alli showcased just how serious of a speaker we had among us that evening. Truly, sorry if you missed this phenomenal presentation.

Thursday, November 13, 4:30-6:00 p.m., our Under the Lights program premiered. Ann Pfister-Brown will send out the distribution list on Monday morning. She is looking for sixteen maximum to play. To avoid hiccups, you must reply to Ann that you want to play; Ann will send out a final roster Wednesday evening. Just showing up will add to confusion and means that some players may need to leave. We do not want any of that! This is a fun and collegial evening to play a round robin of sorts and to share snacks and drinks on the patio to further persevere our play that evening.

On various Thursdays, we will also enjoy some extra fun. Once a month, Ann would like to hold a Rally Tally. Members will be on one side of the court while a more experienced player will be on the other. Our goal is to keep that ball going back and forth. Each time the ball goes over the net, you earn \$1 for the Charity Cup organizations. If we consistently hit 50 balls, we earn \$50, 30 balls - \$30, 100 balls - \$100.

Ann already secured sponsors and supporters for this past November. They were:

- Play Tennis. Practice Yoga. Proprietor: Margit Bannon
- Wrigley's Tennis Shop: Proprietor: Rich Vernsey
- Sterner Consulting: Proprietor: Richard Sterner

Please support their businesses and talents throughout the season and thank them each.

In December, The Lighting of the Fleet takes place on December 11. Like last year, we played Tennis in the twilight hours and turned off the lights prior to the big bang on the Docks. We will have food and signature Honey Deuce drinks served to celebrate this historic site.

January 16, 23, 30 BIG DAYS!!! The Davis Cup begins again. Get ready to sign up. There are four teams with one captain, and three women plus three men on each team. If you have any interest in being a captain, Ann is looking for two more. This is an outstanding and enjoyable event. Fun and competitive play. If you have not participated in it ever before, now is your chance. If you want to play again, please sign up. Sign-ups will begin after the first of the year. Captains will select their select teams.

The courts are looking good. Deep gratitude for the collaborative effort among all forces. With that being said, if you find there is an issue on the court, please file it with Mike Darcey, our Court Coordinator.

BIKING

CHRIS TAYLOR

On Monday, November 4, eight IYC riders hit the roads of Myakka River State Park. It was a beautiful morning as we pushed off from the Visitor Center to explore the park. Riders set their own pace to watch the alligators at the bridge over the river, walk above the trees on the Canopy Walk, or just ride and enjoy watching the forest for wildlife. Besides the alligators, we saw turkeys, wood storks, egrets, vultures, herons and a lot of beautiful landscapes. After the ride we all got together for lunch at the Madfish Grill nearby.

Next ride will be Pine Island, on January 12, led by Alan Grossman (609) 932-9219 / alan.grossman@gmail.com



WEDNESDAY JANUARY 7



WINE

tasting

OPENS DECEMBER 9

Thursday, January 8

Captain and Crew

"Cruising the Great Loop"

Opens December 9



SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

5:30P SOCIAL, 6:00P DINNER, SHOW TO FOLLOW

THE MASTER

AND THE

Mystic

COMEDY HYPNOSIS SHOW

ENTERTAINMENT:

TF Schaff & Amanda Lyn

COST: \$45++ ATTIRE: CASUAL

Reservations Open Thursday, December 11

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 14 | THURSDAY, JAN. 22

CORK & FORK

Piedmont

6:00P SOCIAL, 6:15P DINNER

COST: \$125++ WITH WINE
\$100++ WITHOUT WINEATTIRE: JACKETS REQUIRED
FOR GENTLEMEN

RESERVATIONS OPEN MONDAY, DECEMBER 15



Phone Usage in the Club

A friendly reminder that phones are not to be used while in the Club, except for text messaging and emailing.

Please remember to mute your phone upon arrival.



Bocce Night!

Organized Tuesday Bocce is played weekly October - April.
Sign-up details are emailed to all members on the current Bocce group email list.**There will be no Tuesday Bocce on December 23, and December 30, due to the holidays.**

Members who would like to be added to the email list, please contact the IYC Front Office.

Visit the IYC Bocce [webpage](#) for additional information.



PLANNING COMMITTEE

DENNIS CANTWELL

THE CAMPUS IMPROVEMENT PLAN COMES ALIVE

For those who were unable to attend the 2025 Semi-Annual Membership Meeting and missed the Rendering Video of the proposed Campus Plan, the presentation is now available online.

The video and accompanying slides were produced and generously donated by Scheid Architectural, a Buffalo-based firm led by Doug Scheid, one of our members and current Rear Commodore. Using the Club's current drawings, Doug and his team transformed them into a dynamic, must-see visual experience.

The rendering video truly brings the Campus Improvement Plan to life. As you watch, you'll take a virtual drive down Marion Street, entering the parking area near the Bocce courts. From there, the perspective shifts to a scenic walk along the marina side of the property, where you'll pass the new activity building and pool, continue by the expanded outdoor dining area, and conclude near the new dockmaster and storage building. The smooth transitions and life like details make it feel as though you're personally visiting the enhanced IYC campus.

To view the video, visit the Isles Yacht Club website. Navigate to Member Center → Strategic Plan - Vision, Mission, and Goals, then click the green box labeled "Campus Improvement Plan Rendering Video."

After enjoying the video, you can explore additional information by selecting "Click here to view the 2025 Semi-Annual Membership Meeting Power Point." This presentation provides further insight into the Campus Improvement Plan.

While on the website, you can also submit your comments by selecting "Click HERE to submit your questions and feedback about the Campus Plan." The Planning Committee welcomes your thoughts and questions.

The Planning Committee has spent several years developing construction details and cost estimates. The Finance Committee has reviewed these estimates and confirmed that the Club can proceed with the project under the current Capital Revenue forecast, without requiring any special assessments.

The final step toward bringing the Campus Improvement Plan into the construction phase will be a vote of the membership, scheduled for the February Annual Meeting. The Planning Committee is confident in its projections, and the Finance Committee is equally confident that our current cash flow, along with available commercial financing, will allow us to successfully complete this exciting project.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

BOB WEISENBECK



MEMBERSHIP DRIVE STILL ON, RECEIVE ONE MONTH FREE DUES IF YOU SPONSOR A NEW FULL-TIME MEMBER BEFORE DEC. 31!

Passport to Isles Open House held on October 15 was highly successful. Seventy-nine non-member guests attended, resulting in ten new Full-Time members, and four Trial memberships. This turn-out clearly demonstrates that there is a strong interest in our Club. Thanks to everyone who attended, and I think you will all agree, that Dannielle, Lori, and the entire Club staff did a great job in organizing and catering the event. Their efforts demonstrated to our guests how great it is to be a member of the Isles Yacht Club. I would also like to thank the members of the Membership Committee for supporting the Open House.

Another event sponsored by the Membership Committee was the Single & Solos Mixer held on Friday, November 7. More than twenty people got together in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere for casual conversations. Hope to see more of these types of events.

An upcoming event sponsored by the Membership Committee is the Red Dot Pre-Lighting Social scheduled from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 11. Appetizers and wine will be provided for all the Red Dots in attendance. The Lighting of the Fleet is an annual tradition where all boats in the basin are decorated with festive lights and holiday-themed displays to celebrate the beginning of the holiday season. Who will have the "best dressed" boat this year?

The Membership Committee would like to welcome our newest Red Dots: Steve & Cindi Gdovic, George & Elaine Williamson, Albert & Tina Franke, Mike & Wendy Ryan, Ian & Wendy Lang, and Michael & Pam Lowry. Make sure when you see a Red Dot around the Club, make them feel welcome!

MEMBERS' CHRISTMAS TREE



Hard to believe it's time to start thinking about decorating our Club for the Holidays. Once again, we will have an IYC Member's Christmas Tree (set up inside the front entry and protected from weather). The ornaments for the tree are provided and inspired by YOU... think hobby, home, family (picture), or even a model of your boat.

For new members, those members who have not previously participated or for those who took their treasures home last year, there will be a basket in the front office starting November 1 to collect the ornaments to be placed on the tree. Ornaments can be dropped off during November, or you can place your ornament on the tree following Thanksgiving. When it is time to take down the decorations you can take your ornament home; or, we will store it for next year.



EUCHRE

CATHY STUART-GILBERT

Euchre/7-Up will be played the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m., in the Compass Room. Singles welcome - instructions will be offered! Questions? Contact cathygilbert@bell.net

MAH JONGG

KATHY KELLE 941-575-2142



Game play every Monday at 1:00 p.m. Anyone who would like to learn Mah Jongg is welcome.



MENS BRIDGE

PETER SINDEN 716-672-9003

Men's Bridge players meet every Friday at 11:00 a.m. in the Commodore's Grille for lunch with Bridge play following in the Compass Room.

If you would like to play, call Peter. All players welcome.



MEXICAN TRAIN

KAY WEIR (816) 550-3146



Mexican Train is played every third Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. in the Compass Room.

We would be delighted to have you in our group and if you're just learning, we will educate you on how to play this strictly-for-fun game! Contact the office if you are interested in playing.

CANASTA

GAIL OLSEN

We will meet every Tuesday, November - May at 12:30 p.m. in the Compass Room. Come early and enjoy lunch! It's a great way to meet fellow members. Questions? Contact Gail Olsen at gailolsen@charter.net

RUMMIKUB

BARB HIEBNER

We meet every second and fourth Friday of the month, at 12:00 p.m. in the Bridge Building. Questions? Contact Barbara Hiebner bamhiebn6@gmail.com / (941) 661-8797

MEDIA ARTISTS IN ACTION

DEBBIE MURPHY-FISCHER

Our group has expanded to accommodate other points of interest besides beading and stitching. If you are a fiber artist, a stone wrapper or card maker, just to name a few, you are all welcome. Weekly participation is not required. Come as often as you like. Join the fun on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m.



Employee Birthdays

December 1	Emely Gutierrez, Server
December 3	Courtney Anderson, Housekeeping
December 5	Emilea Sturk, Kitchen
December 7	Conner Twogood, Server
December 20	Cathy Lindenauer, Reservations
December 30	Jodi Hartz, Accounting

ISLES YACHT CLUB

fitness classes

FOREVER FIT with Mitzi
Mondays: 11:15 a.m.
Fee: 1 class/\$9, 10 classes/\$75

ABS with Mitzi
Resumes this Fall
Mondays & Fridays: 8:30 a.m.
Fee: 1 class/\$9, 10 classes/\$75

WATER AEROBICS with Rhonda
Tuesdays & Thursdays: 10:30 a.m.
Fee: 1 class/\$9, 8 classes/\$65

YOGA with Judy
Resumes November 5
Wednesdays & Saturdays: 8:30 a.m.
Fee: \$10 per class

ZUMBA with Rhonda
Tuesdays, Thursdays: 9:00 a.m.
Fee: 1 class/\$9, 8 classes/\$65

Personal Trainers Available:
Paula Beers: (812) 786-1228 / Mitzi Rigden: (941) 740-0604

YOUR 1ST
class is free!

Vouchers are available
in the office.

Member Birthdays & Anniversaries

December Birthdays

1	Chris Freeland
	Jerry Hayes
	Mindy Palmer
	Bill Pizoli
2	Kim Amontree
	Susan Brooks
	Jan Downing
	Eric Loche
	Jeff Whiteside
3	Marlene Barnhart-Mohr
	Susan Graff
	Kim Kramer
	Beverly MacMahon
	Jim Sanders
	Connie Wuckert
5	Martha Esslinger
	Anita Nordberg
6	Dean Bloemke
	Sandy Fisher
7	Dennis Donegan
8	Paul Flesher
	Rose Stivers
	Diann Ufer
9	Mary Harbour
10	Tom Aquilla
	Richard Jahnke
12	Miles Seter
13	Al Alexander
	Barbara Fraser
	John Hoder
14	Louis Hermans
	Janet Shetter
15	Tricia Gunn
	Deborah Iappini
	Herb Remer
16	Rose Askew-Hergenhan
	JoAnn Helphenstine

December Birthdays

17	Don Powers
18	Heidi Capodanno
	Colleen Hatala
	Anna Saplis
	Robert Toothaker
	Anita Wood
19	Walt Crickmer
	Tom McElvain
	Jan Randles
	Monica Robinson
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21	Lorri Walberg
22	Jeanne Myers
23	Jennifer MacLeod-Kulm
24	Dennis Clark
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30	Richard Bunnell
	Bette Carlson
	Ron Graff
	Mark Pulver
	Gerry Tait
	John Taylor
31	Richard Collins

December Anniversaries

1	Terry & Patti Connelly
	John & Annie Speaker
11	Jack & Marilyn Herider
	John & Nancy Knight
16	Dennis & Pat Cantwell
26	Chuck & Cathy Hopper
27	Robbie & Sonja Sifrit
28	Mike & Gail Fortier
	Duane & Diane Ising
	Harry & Carol Tokay
30	Greg & Judi Pearson
	Steve & Diane Sears
31	Art & Lynne Armstrong
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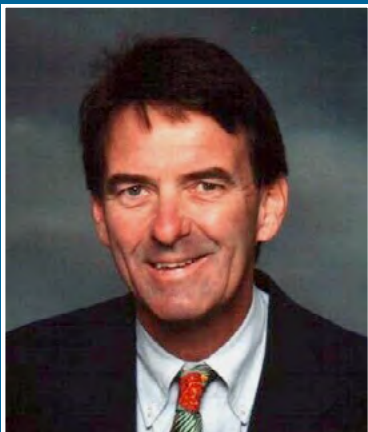


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