



# ISLES YACHT CLUB

Punta Gorda, FL

Member of Florida Council of Yacht Clubs

**LOG - JANUARY 2026**



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## FROM THE BRIDGE

DAVID MCBRIDE, COMMODORE



As we welcome 2026 Carolyn and I extend our warmest wishes to you and your families for a year filled with health, happiness, and smooth sailing. While the holidays may be over, "SEASON" is not and there are many opportunities to enjoy your Club in the New Year. Don't forget to check the website, calendar, weekly GM updates, and TV monitor in the lobby hallway to make sure that you are up to date with all the happenings.

The final two months of the 2025-2026 Watch are upon us, but the work is not yet complete. Our Annual Meeting will be held on February 5, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. in the Dining Room. You will soon receive the Annual Meeting package containing the agenda and supporting information. Please review this important information so that you can get ready for the votes that will be taken and make plans to attend the meeting. If you have questions don't hesitate to contact an officer or board member and they will be happy to either answer your question or get you in touch with someone who can. Rear Commodore Doug Scheid will be holding one more small group Q&A session this month. Watch for the announcement. The proposed Campus Improvement Plan is critical to the future of our Club, and we want you to have the best information available on which to make your decision. Don't go by rumor and innuendo, make sure you have the facts. There is a lot of information on our website including a video of the plan rendering and the presentation packages from both our April Member meeting and the Mid-year meeting in October. A project description as well as the most asked Q and A's will be forthcoming in the Annual Meeting Package.

This is also a busy time for all our committees as we close out this watch and prepare for the next one. I thank everyone who has worked hard to make this year a great one for IYC. I would also like to encourage new members to contact an officer, director, or committee chairperson to express your interest in participating on a Club committee. Member participation is critical to our continued success.

Don't forget that 2026 is our 50th Anniversary so let's make it a banner year for Isles Yacht Club. I encourage you to consider donating to the 50th Anniversary Compass Fund to help raise the level of events for this special celebration. I urge everyone to participate in the celebration wherever you can.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11 | THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

6:00P SOCIAL, 6:15P DINNER

CORK & FORK

*Evening  
in Paris*

COST: \$125++ WITH WINE, \$100++ WITHOUT WINE

ATTIRE: JACKETS REQUIRED FOR GENTLEMEN

RESERVATIONS OPEN MONDAY, JANUARY 12

## 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: [ijc@islesyc.com](mailto:ijc@islesyc.com). When sending with iPhone/iPad please send in "actual size."

**ON THE COVER: Happy New Year! Wishing everyone a happy and healthy 2026! Cheers to another year at the Club!**

## Annual Membership Meeting

Join us on Thursday, February 5 at 3:00 p.m. in the Dining Room for our Annual Membership Meeting.



## GENERAL MANAGER'S CORNER

DANNIELLE MILLER

### LOOKING AHEAD: CAMPUS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (CIP)

For nearly five years, the Campus Improvement Project (CIP) Planning Committee has been thoughtfully evaluating and refining variations of a project designed to support the long-term success of Isles Yacht Club. After years of careful consideration, research, and development, we have reached a pivotal moment — one in which our membership is invited to help shape the future of our Club.

As James Cash Penney once said, *"Growth is never by mere chance; it is the result of forces working together."* That sentiment perfectly reflects the spirit behind this effort.

The men and women serving on the CIP Planning Committee have devoted countless volunteer hours to this project. These individuals are not only deeply committed to Isles Yacht Club, but they are also leaders at the top of their respective fields. Our committee includes architects, general contractors, and finance professionals specializing in construction and development. When questions arose beyond our internal expertise, we sought out and consulted with respected industry experts to ensure every aspect of the project was thoroughly vetted.

The intent of this message is simple and sincere: **the research has been done, the work has been done, and the work continues.** Every decision has been guided by one priority — the best interest of Isles Yacht Club and its members. Extensive due diligence has been undertaken to ensure that this project positions our Club not only to thrive, but to be even more successful than it has been throughout its remarkable first 50 years.

Change can naturally bring questions or concerns. If you are feeling uncertain, anxious, or even frustrated, we encourage you to ask questions, seek clarity, and engage in the conversation ahead of the February meeting. As President Calvin Coolidge wisely noted, "All growth depends upon activity." Open dialogue and member participation are essential parts of this process.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and for your continued commitment to Isles Yacht Club. We look forward to sharing more details and, together, charting an exciting course for the future of our Club.

Happy New Year,

Dannielle



## INSIDE THE HOUSE

FRANK LEYSHON, VICE COMMODORE

Dear Members,

As we close out the holiday season, I am reminded of the joy we share when we come together. This was especially evident as one of the largest crowds in recent memory gathered for the Lighting of the Fleet, followed by dinner for 160 members. Just two days later, the Christmas Ball was outstanding. These moments highlight the spirit of fellowship that defines our Club.

Looking ahead, one of my priorities as your future Commodore is preparing for our 50th Anniversary, a milestone that reflects both the strength and enduring camaraderie of the Isles Yacht Club.

### Save the Dates

Our 50th Anniversary celebrations will begin with a Kickoff Celebration on March 5, designed to transport us back to our founding era. Entertainment will feature music and themes from 1976–1977, honoring the year of our Club's birth. This nostalgic evening will set the stage for the Anniversary Party on June 4, a signature event that embodies both our tradition and our future. Snowbirds may want to consider delaying their northern return to join us for these once in a lifetime festivities.

As of today, donations to the Compass Fund stand at \$2,950. This fund provides the foundation for entertainment, décor, and commemorative experiences that will ensure our anniversary is celebrated with pride and polish. If you have not yet contributed, I encourage you to join this effort. Together, we can make our 50th Anniversary truly unforgettable.

### Cork & Fork

Our Cork & Fork Committee continues to shine. January brings Taste of Piedmont, a six course menu crafted by Chef Brittany and paired with wines selected by our Food & Beverage team. Highlights include risotto with porcini mushrooms, Mediterranean sea bass with gorgonzola mousse, hand pinched agnolotti, and short ribs braised in Barolo. Dessert will feature the traditional Bonet Piemontese, a chocolate–amaretto pudding. This promises to be another memorable evening of culinary exploration, with wine pairings thoughtfully curated by the subcommittee.

### Behind the Scenes

Improvements continue across the Club. A new Wi Fi camera has been installed in the Dining Rooms for real time video projection. Please note, this is not a surveillance camera; it will only be used to enhance special events.

Together, these initiatives and celebrations 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 also continues to build on our strong foundation as we sail confidently into the future.

Warm regards,  
Frank Leyshon Vice Commodore



## FROM THE REAR COMMODORE

DOUG SCHEID, REAR COMMODORE

Your IYC membership, which grants access to the 36 Florida Council of Yacht Clubs (FCYC), offers substantial value to boaters, sailors, and yachting enthusiasts seeking a richer and more connected maritime lifestyle. This amenity extends well beyond simple dockage privileges. It provides a comprehensive network of benefits that enhance cruising experiences, foster meaningful community connections, and deliver notable economic, social, and lifestyle advantages—particularly in the realm of dining and hospitality.

One of the most immediate and appreciated benefits is reciprocal access. Members may visit participating yacht clubs throughout Florida and enjoy guest privileges that often include transient dockage, access to clubhouses, social programming, and, importantly, high-quality dining venues. Many FCYC clubs feature waterfront dining rooms, cocktail lounges, and signature culinary offerings that reflect local flavors and traditions. For cruisers navigating Florida's extensive coastline, intracoastal waterways, and Gulf routes, this access creates a dependable network of welcoming destinations where members can confidently enjoy a refined meal in a private club setting. This significantly reduces logistical uncertainty and elevates long-distance cruising into a more relaxed, comfortable, and enjoyable experience.

Equally important is the sense of community fostered through FCYC membership. Yacht clubs have long served as social and cultural anchors for boating communities, and access to this statewide network dramatically expands a member's social circle. Dining plays a central role in this connection. Shared meals, themed dinners, holiday brunches, and waterfront social events create natural opportunities for conversation and camaraderie. These interactions often lead to lasting relationships with fellow members who share local knowledge, cruising insights, and a mutual appreciation for life on the water.

From a financial perspective, membership can yield tangible value. Reciprocal dining privileges often allow members to enjoy upscale club dining without the premium pricing typically associated with public waterfront restaurants or resort venues. Combined with reciprocal dockage and amenity access, these benefits can meaningfully offset membership costs, particularly for members who cruise frequently throughout Florida.

Finally, FCYC membership supports the preservation of maritime traditions and responsible boating culture across the state. By dining, socializing, and participating within established yacht clubs, members contribute to organizations that promote seamanship, hospitality excellence, environmental stewardship, and community engagement.

In summary, access to the thirty-six Florida Council of Yacht Clubs delivers far more than convenience. It offers a refined blend of reciprocal access, exceptional dining, community, financial value, and tradition—making it a compelling investment for anyone committed to an active, social, and elevated yachting lifestyle. Be sure to include stopping at as many FCYC clubs as you can.



## FLEET CAPTAIN REPORT

TERRY WRIGHT, FLEET CAPTAIN

Azure waters and temperate winds met an intrepid group of IYC cruisers for a week of sun, sand and island life while cruising the British Virgin Islands in the week before Thanksgiving. Ten power cats, loaded with sixty IYC members, family and friends embarked on a week-long cruise to places like "Bitter End", "Jost Van Dyke" and "Anegada." Each held a special charm with plenty to offer cruisers.

Our hosts, Marine Maxx Vacations, arranged and led the tour with a boat of their own. The flotilla included ten Aquilla 43' to 54' power cats equipped with three-four staterooms, each. These very maneuverable and comfortable boats are the perfect platform for cruising in the BVI's. Marinas are equipped to accommodate their broad beams and supply full services. For the occasional mooring ball stay there is an easy to use reservation system, and designated anchorages are well protected.

The trip started at Nanny Cay, on the island of Tortola with a hosted 'docktails' party. The second day saw a quick run to Norman Island with a snorkeling stop at "The Indians" and a visit to the famous Willy T's floating bar. Thence to Leverick Bay on the island of Virgin Gorda for a day of R&R.

The next day's trip to Anegada was the longest leg of the cruise but still clocked in at under about two hours. This island paradise offers the unique Moke (mini jeep) experience to get around the island. Topsy's Bar offers unique and scrumptious island imbibements, such as the "Painkiller." Perhaps the finest day's adventure of the trip was the snorkeling experience at Conch Island, where sea turtles and sting rays were seen in abundance, while collecting the conchs which ultimately ended up providing an incredible ceviche. The lobster feast at Potters served up some of the best lobster, ever.

From Anegada, the cruise headed back to Bitter End on Virgin Gorda. The highlight of this visit was the fine dining at Saba Rock, a recently restored resort with fine al fresco dining.

The next day brought us to Scrub Island where a full service resort, marina and retail therapy were offered. The infinity pool, water slide and swim-up bar were favorites!

The final island visited was Jost Van Dyke, via Great Harbor anchorage. A short taxi ride deposited us at White's Bay, for a day at the famous Soggy Dollar beachfront bar.

All in all, the cruise was a wonderful opportunity to vacation in a tropical setting with the bulk of planning and support provided by our hosts. If interested in this experience, please watch for notices. Plans are already being made for a repeat cruise next November.

## NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



### CHAD WARD & DONNA DEERIN

Chad was born and raised in Brogue, Pennsylvania along the Susquehanna River. He competed at a national level in waterskiing and received an athletic scholarship in waterskiing, majoring in business. Chad worked in the family business for fifteen years, commercial real estate sales, and currently owns the Guitar Spot, a retail shop offer

lessons and performances in Red Lion, Pennsylvania. He has one son, Bryce and two adult stepchildren. Donna grew up in Pennsylvania and graduated from Penn State. She is a licensed real estate agent in Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Delaware. She owned a commercial real estate company specializing in leasing, management and development which she sold in 2013. Currently, Donna owns a yoga studio, is a leadership coach, and mother of an amazing daughter and son, and four wonderful grandchildren. Donna has competed in marathons, triathlons, and swimming. She learned to sail lighting racers with her father on the Susquehanna River and loves to paint, walk, paddleboard, and meet new people.

*Sponsors: Sue Rieger & Bob Weisenbeck*

### JOE & TINA CORBISIERO

Joe and Tina were born and raised in North New Jersey. They have been married for thirty-five years and have four children and three beautiful grandchildren. Joe has been self employed since he was twenty-one working in the trucking warehouse industry. Tina was blessed to be a stay-at-home mom, and later work in the office at their family trucking business. Joe enjoys boating, and completing car, motorcycle, and home projects. He has also been having fun trying to play golf for the last two years. Tina loves working out, biking, walking, golfing, and boating. She is looking forward to this next chapter in their lives and making lifelong friendships.

*Sponsors: Ruth Gehlhausen & Jake Dye*



### MARK & HEATHER KLINE

Mark & Heather both grew up in Kent, Ohio and both are the oldest of five children. They dated in high school and married forty-five years ago. Mark was in tree and lawncare in Ohio, later moving to Chicago for twenty-two years. Heather taught third grade. Their daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter still live in Illinois. Mark & Heather have boated most of their lives. They are now happily retired and excited to be part of the Isles.

*Sponsors: Cindy Welsh & Lynn Renz*



### THOMAS FOTI & LISA PERVIN

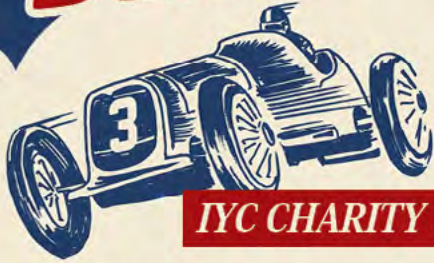
Thomas, originally from upstate New York, has lived in Florida for over forty years. He worked for several power companies as an Electrical Engineer and was owner of Fedora's Cigar Bar here in Punta Gorda for nine years before selling the business. Now retired, he enjoys woodworking and golfing. Lisa has lived in Florida for thirty-five years,

and is previously from Toledo, Ohio. She worked in healthcare for over fifty years and ran a healthcare consulting business. She also owned and operated Fedora's Cigar Bar with Thomas. She looks forward to getting involved and meeting new people at the Club.  
*Sponsors: Jane Orlin & Linda Avallone*

## BVI Cruise Photos



# Pine Car DERBY



3:30p  
Races  
Begin

5:00p  
Buffet  
Service

**IYC CHARITY CUP**

Saturday, February 7



2:00p Registration, 2:30p Calcutta Auction

**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**

Reservations Open Thursday, January 8

## IYC CHARITY CUP DEBBIE MCCARTY



Get ready for an exciting season of sailing and philanthropy! Mark your calendars for the Isles Yacht Club Charity Cup Regatta on March 21, 2026. This annual event promises exciting races on the water and plenty of fun on land with dinner and a silent auction, all in support of our local charities. C.A.R.E., Crossroads Hope Academy, and Peace River Wildlife Center.

But, before the regatta, we'll be kicking things off on Saturday, February 7 with the Pine Car Derby, a fun competition that will take place around the pool area. Members will showcase their creative designs and their savvy racing skills. Come join us, purchase your car kit at the front desk for \$25. You don't want to miss out!

### WHY ATTEND?

**Support a Great Cause:** Proceeds from the Charity Cup will benefit local charities, making a difference in our community.

**Fun for All Ages:** From the Pine Car Derby to the regatta race, there's something for everyone.

**Meet Fellow Club Members:** The barbecue and auction are a fantastic way to connect with other Members.

Stay tuned for more details as we get closer to these exciting events. We look forward to seeing you there.

## 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 June 30, 2026, 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](mailto:membership@islesyc.com).

Thursday, January 8

5:30p Social, 6:00p Dinner, Program to follow

# Captain and Crew

*Cruising the Great Loop*

Presented by Kim Russo  
Executive Director of America's  
Great Loop Cruisers' Association

Cruising experiences from Florida, up the east coast, through the Erie Canal and portions of Canada, the Great Lakes, down the river system and back home – 14 months and over 6,000 miles.

Cost: \$40++ Attire: Sports

Reservations Required



## ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

JULIE LEYSHON

Happy New Year! We have an incredible lineup of entertainment planned, starting with unforgettable events in January that promise laughter, magic, art, music, and timeless tradition.

We're kicking off the year with an evening guaranteed to delight and amaze! On January 10, join us for a **Comedy & Magic Show** featuring the incredibly entertaining **Erick Olson**, a master comedian-magician from Orlando, Florida! Erick was featured on NBC's America's Got Talent. Expect nonstop laughter, mind-bending magic, and plenty of surprises as Erick brings his high-energy performance to the Isles Yacht Club stage. Whether you're a fan of comedy, fascinated by magic, or simply looking for a fantastic night out with friends, this show promises a fun and unforgettable start to the year.

Come discover the incredible talent of our IYC member artists! On **Wednesday, January 21**, there will be small wine tasting and appetizers, so you can sip and wander through the artwork as **Art Meets Wine**. Can't attend the event? No problem, artwork will be on display throughout the day on Tuesday and Wednesday, and purchases can be made at that time. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to support our talented members and take home a unique piece of art.

Whether your Scottish or not, come and join the fun. Robbie Burns turns 267 this year, and we're throwing a party worthy of Scotland's national poet! On **Saturday, January 24**, we invite you to a lively and spirited **Robbie Burns Night** celebration. The evening will be filled with tradition, laughter, and camaraderie as we raise heartfelt toasts to the **Laddies and Lassies**. The stirring sounds of **bagpipers and drummers** will transport us straight to the Highlands, creating an immersive and memorable experience for all. From the rich heritage to the festive atmosphere, Robbie Burns Night is always a favorite.

We'll wrap up the month with a fun **Ladies Night Out** for the ladies and an **IYC Car Show** for the gentlemen. On **Thursday, January 29**, Belinda, our popular line dance instructor, will return to lead the ladies in some **boot-scootin' line dancing**. At the same time, the gentlemen can enjoy a Car Show in the parking lot near the tennis courts, though everyone is welcome to stop by and admire the classic cars.

If you plan to participate in the **IYC Car Show**, don't forget to register your vehicle and consider including a brief "auto biography" to share its story. Whether you're line dancing or mingling among classic cars, it's sure to be an enjoyable evening for all.

We look forward to seeing you at the exciting events in January!

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 10**  
5:30P SOCIAL, 6:00P DINNER, SHOW TO FOLLOW

**Comedy & Magic**  
**SHOW**

*Featuring: Erick Olson*

COST: \$45++ ATTIRE: CASUAL  
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 24**  
5:30P SOCIAL, 6:00P PROGRAM & DINNER

**ROBBIE**  
**BURNS**  
*night*

COST: \$50++ ATTIRE: CASUAL / SCOTTISH

*Robbie Burns' 267th Birthday!*  
*Enjoy Scottish Entertainment & Cuisine*

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED



## HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

BRANDON ESSLINGER

With the arrival of January, I have considered the distinct significance of this month. Serving as the first month of the year, January symbolizes renewal and introspection, a fitting association given its name derives from the Roman god Janus.

Janus is the Roman god of beginnings, gates, transitions, time, doorways, passages, and endings. He is a distinctly Roman deity with no Greek counterpart and is unique for his depiction with a double-faced head, symbolizing his ability to look to both the past and the future simultaneously.

His two faces represent duality, looking back at what has been and forward to what will be. This depiction also symbolizes different perspectives or a reconciliation of two points of view.

The most obvious legacy of Janus is the naming of the month of January, which marks the transition from one year to the next, a time for reflection on the past and hope for the future.

**How should I interpret the underlying meaning? Here are a few ideas.**

Life is a constant cycle, respect change. View significant turning points as opportunities.

Balance the past reflection with future vision. Learn from the past but plan and hope for the future.

Recognize there is duality and complexity in life. Good/bad, rich/poor, success/failure, joy/sorrow are examples of this duality. Understand that life is not one dimensional.

The dual faces may represent the importance of viewing situations from different angles. By recognizing both our strengths and weaknesses, we become more understanding and compassionate towards others.

The Romans called upon Janus to mark new beginnings, seeing a strong start as key to success. Begin with clear goals and push past comfort zones to avoid stagnation.

As we enter the new year, our Club is well-positioned for progress through the strategic improvement plan that will help shape our future direction. We now have an opportunity to thoughtfully consider the best path forward.

In essence, Janus encourages one to stand at the crossroads and move ahead by combining what we've learned from previous experiences with a vision for the future. Happy New Year!

## CRUISING COMMITTEE

JEFF ZIEMER & JOHN TODD



Happy New Year! Wow, another year of cruising under our belts. We're happy to report we have had great turnouts for our monthly Cruisers meetings. It's always satisfying seeing the Compass Room full at our meeting at 4:00 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month. There have been several new member applicants who have indicated an interest in cruising, and some of those new members have attended our meetings. We meet for about one hour and welcome input from our fellow cruisers. Please mark your calendars now for the next monthly meeting which will be on Wednesday, January 21, at 4:00 p.m. - just before Boaters at the Bar!

A recap of the cruises we completed in 2025 included: January Cruise to Boca Grande Marina; March Cruise to Tampa Convention Center, the cruise coinciding with the FCYC Meeting held at Davis Island YC; April Cruise to Marlin Bay Marina in Marathon; May Swap Cruise to Venice YC and a Tag Along to Sarasota YC; July cruise to Eau Gallie YC for the FCYC Meeting; September cruise to Pink Shell Resort; December Christmas cruise to Tween Waters Marina; and a December/January New Year's Eve Cruise to Fort Myers Beach.

Most of the cruises in 2025 were well attended. We hope to make 2026 an even better cruising year and hope that all you cruisers out there will come to our monthly meetings. We are always looking for new ideas and input for cruising our beautiful southwest Florida waters.

## BILLIARDS COMMITTEE

ROGER SPERRY, CHAIR

Our team league is well underway, and more than forty Club members are participating in matches held at 2:00 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesday and Wednesdays. Otherwise, any of our three tables can be reserved for individual play via Reserve My Court (call the office for directions).

January brings the start of the singles league (formerly called the Schooner League). Some of our more experienced players will vie for the championship over a three-month season. Each match consists of nine games — four 8-ball, four 9-ball and one Honolulu. If you come by or walk through the Billiards Room sometime, you may see a couple of serious-looking guys leaning over one of our tables making a shot.

Come get involved and join the fun!



## IYC SAILING CLUB

JOE HELLNER

### AHOY SHIPMATES!

The Fall Harbor 20 Racing Season is in the books! We completed four of the five race days with good winds and a terrific Race Committee setting up challenging and fun racecourses.

On December 13 after our final races, we met at the IYC outside bar to celebrate (Everyone is always invited to join in after IYC Saturday race days!). President Awards were given to: Bill DeBruin on *Two Blessings* for an outstanding fourth race day with third and fourth place finishes, Ray DeLong on *Bella Mia* for a first place start at the pin in the first race, and Scott Schoettley on *Black Marlin* for two first place roundings at the windward mark-one on the fourth race day and one on the fifth race day.

Results for the fifth race day were as follows: Championship Series: Third Place - Bob Knowles and Tony Pocklington, *Dark and Stormy*, Second Place - Mike Scott and Rudy Trejo, *Squealer*, First Place - Christi and Jan Van Heek, *Flying Cloud*. Intra-Club Series: Second Place - Patty McFeely and John Pastornik, *Crafty Lady*, First Place - Steven Lazar and Chris Taylor, *FWBII*.

Final results for the Fall Series are as follows: Championship Series: Third Place - Bob Knowles and Tony Pocklington, *Dark and Stormy*. Second Place - Jim Nuzzo and John Walsh, *H2O*. First Place - Christi and Jan Van Heek, *Flying Cloud*. Intra-Club Series (Team Competition): Third Place - *Clipper*, Manager Richard Sterner. Second Place - *Crafty Lady*, Manager Karl Moller. First Place - *FWBII*, Manager Joe Hellner.

Leaders to date for the Punta Gorda Sailing Club Sunday Spinnaker Series: Third Place – *Mystic Blue* (Bernie Coyne). Second Place – *Aude, Man, and the Sea* (Rob Sisk). First Place – *Dark and Stormy* (Bob Knowles).

Congratulations to all our Fall Season winning boats and crews, our special award winners, and our second and third place finishers!!

There is a lot more action to come in 2026 with the final Spinnaker Fall Series race on January 11, the PPYC Golden Conch Regatta on January 17-18, and the IYC Winter Series first Race Day on January 24.

Please do come and join us whenever you see sailors at the IYC bar. Like fishermen, the sailing stories grow larger with the telling and a few recreational beverages. We also would love to tell you more about IYC sailing programs and why we all have so much fun with the amazing Harbor 20 sailboats.

From the Officers and Members of the IYC Sailing Club, may you have the happiest of Holidays, merriest of Christmases, and a fantastic New Year!

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21  
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.

If you wish to stay for dinner following the social you're encouraged to make reservations.



## Isles Yacht Club Proposed Slate of Officers 2026 - 2027 Watch

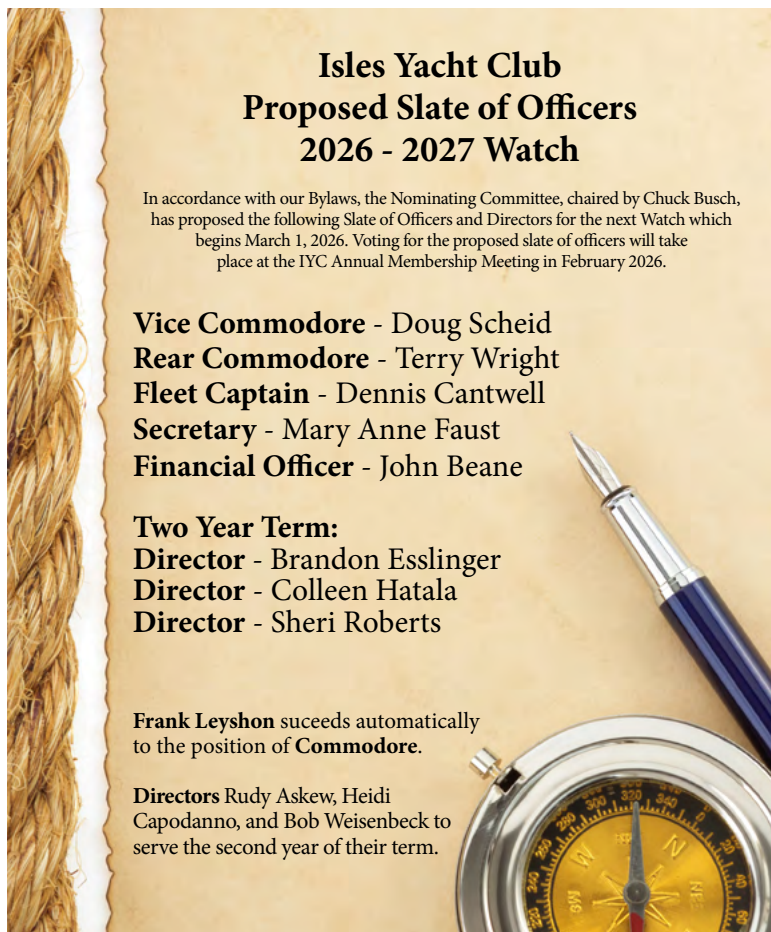
In accordance with our Bylaws, the Nominating Committee, chaired by Chuck Busch, has proposed the following Slate of Officers and Directors for the next Watch which begins March 1, 2026. Voting for the proposed slate of officers will take place at the IYC Annual Membership Meeting in February 2026.

**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.



TUESDAY, JANUARY 13  
11:00A

# Isle-ettes Luncheon

An Afternoon of  
Olive Oil Discovery

HOSTED BAYSIDE BALSAMIC  
& OLIVE OIL

COST: \$30++ ATTIRE: CASUAL

Reservations Required

**ISLE-ETTES**  
CINDY BAPST



Happy New Year! Wishing everyone a very happy & healthy 2026.

The Isle-ettes wrapped up the year with a beautiful performance by Addison and Isabella Weyrauch. They entertained a full group of ladies in a lovely presentation of The Nutcracker, followed by a surprise dance to Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. The young women closed the show with their singing debut of Silent Night.

Looking ahead, Bayside Balsamic will be our guest on January 13, where we will explore the world of premium extra virgin olive oil through a guided tasting - and more. Each member will leave with a small bottle of olive oil to take home. I hope you will be able to join us and support the hosts and their new business.

Planning has begun for our Fashion Show on Tuesday, February 10. Anyone who would like to be part of this event, please contact me—I would love as much participation as possible.

This year's theme will be Palm Royal. The fashions will be provided by Monkee's Boutique. We are currently accepting donations for the silent auction, raffle baskets, and balloon pop.

Again, Happy New Year! I'm looking forward to another great year with the Isle-ettes. Please contact Cindy Bapst with any questions: [cbapst88@gmail.com](mailto:cbapst88@gmail.com) // 703-615-3775

## EVENT DETAILS

For complete details of all Club events, including menus, event cost, and dress code, be sure to visit the Isles Yacht Club mobile app or the IYC website!

## Save the Date!

**Save the Date for these Upcoming Events:**

Admirals Luncheon - Thursday, February 5

Captain & Crew - Thursday, February 12

Valentine's Day Dinner - Saturday, February 14

Mardi Gras Celebration - Tuesday, February 17

Boaters at the Bar - Wednesday, February 18

IYC Charity Cup Game Day - Saturday, February 21

Wine Tasting - Saturday, February 21

Change of Watch - Saturday, February 28

## Sunshine

Contact Nancy Zimbicki to request a note  
[tonyandnancyzimbicki@gmail.com](mailto:tonyandnancyzimbicki@gmail.com)



Notes were sent to...

Doreen Neuman

Terry Wright

Dee Walsh

Rudy Kaldi Family

ALL  
WELCOME!

**Cruisers Meeting**  
January 21 at 4:00pm



## ADMIRALS CLUB

CHERYL O'BRIEN, JOANNE ZIEMER,  
& SALLY DORN

At our December Christmas luncheon, Cheryl O'Brien was scheduled to give her presentation of her Great Loop experience she and hubby Dennis and their two-year-old Doodle Skye embarked upon last summer. As it turns out, Cheryl's Great Loop presentation had to be postponed until a future Admiral's Meeting. Because of the change, we Admirals decided to focus on Sharing. We had asked attendees to wear their festive Christmas attire and share with the group something special about the upcoming Holidays - a favorite memory, a family tradition, or a special recipe one prepares only at this time of the year. We had a much smaller group for lunch but certainly did not lack on sharing! We not only shared Holiday traditions, memories, and recipes, but we shared a lot of personal boating experiences, too! Cheryl was kind enough to 'loop' some photos from her trip during the luncheon, so we all got a sneak peak of what to expect once she does present.

Our next Admiral's Meeting will be Thursday, February 5. Look for the flyer in this issue of the LOG and sign up as soon as reservations open.

Remember, you do not need to have a boat to join our group! The purpose of the Admirals is to promote and enhance life on the water in a variety of ways through experience and education. We have had presentations on safety around the water, instructions on how to use an AED, ideas for cooking on board, and personal experiences from fellow Admirals. We're a fun group and encourage all IYC ladies to come see what we're all about!



## CHEF'S CORNER

BRITTANY WYATT, EXECUTIVE CHEF

### FUN FACT FROM THE KITCHEN

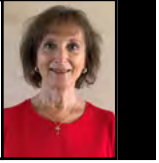
Did you know we are a scratch kitchen? Every dish begins with carefully chosen ingredients and time-honored techniques—including the fats that we cook with.

### WHY WE USE BEEF TALLOW

Beef tallow adds a subtle, savory depth that enhances meats, vegetables, and roasted potatoes without feeling heavy or greasy. Its natural heat stability makes it ideal for high-temperature cooking, delivering a crisp exterior and tender interior. Tallow naturally contains fat-soluble vitamins A, D, E, and K, is free from gluten and lactose, and aligns with keto and whole-food diets. Its use reflects our commitment to whole-animal cooking and sustainability, and it remains lower in omega-6 fatty acids than many seed oils.

## BOOK CLUB

NANCY MEADOWS



The busy times of the holidays are now past and we can focus on the new year 2026... and start reading that book that you've set aside last month.

Book Club is excited to announce our guest author for the March meeting is Nicolas Butler, author of ***A 40-Year Kiss***. Please mark your calendar for March 12, 4:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Feel free to invite a guest to join this zoom author presentation.

January's book discussion is ***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!

February 12 we will discuss ***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.

Don't forget about our IYC Library in the Bridge Building. Take a book, bring a book. The ceiling is fixed so the library is accessible now. Looking forward to you joining us the second Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in the Compass Room. Have a cookie, beverage and enjoy the many friendships. No reservation required. For new members, our book selections are listed on the IYC website. Also, Copperfish Books and the PG Library have our book selections.

Happy Reading!

## ACTIVITIES

DUANE ISING



Our many activities at IYC are well underway for the season. It is never too late to express interest and join one or more. Contact me if you need help getting started at [duane.ising@gmail.com](mailto:duane.ising@gmail.com).

Bob Peterson, former IYC and FCYC Commodore, reports that on November 15 the FCYC West Coast Pickleball tournament was held at the Pelican Isle Yacht Club in Naples. There were twenty-two teams participating from five FCYC clubs: Bradenton Yacht Club, Captiva Island Yacht Club, Isles Yacht Club, Marco Island Yacht Club, and the Pelican Isle Yacht Club.

There were six teams in the Men's Doubles Division, six teams in the Women's Doubles Division and ten teams in the Mixed Doubles Division. Richard Buy and Gary Gaddy from the Isles Yacht Club won the Silver Medal for placing second in the Men's Doubles Division.

As you participate this season, please remember to thank the activity leaders who are vital to making our member-led club thrive! Best wishes to all for the holidays.



**WEDNESDAY  
JANUARY 21  
5:30P**

# ART MEETS WINE

Join us to view a variety of different types of art made by our very own members!

Artwork will be available to view January 20 thru January 21

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**  
Wristbands for the Wine Tasting portion of the event can be picked up in the office.

Those who wish to stay for dinner after the social, must make a reservation.

Cost: \$30++  
Attire: Casual

Wine Available to those with Wristbands

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

# CAR SHOW

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 29  
4:00P**



**OLD & NEW CARS**


**MOTORCYCLES WELCOME**

**CAR RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

**OPENS TUESDAY  
DECEMBER 30**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 29  
4:00p - 6:00p**

# LADIES NIGHT OUT



**LINE DANCING  
WITH INSTRUCTOR BELINDA!**

*Let's Go Girls!*

*Attire: Casual, Western*

**Reservations Open Tuesday, December 30**

LUNCHEON | SILENT AUCTION | RAFFLE BASKETS | 50/50 RAFFLE

ISLE-ETTES

# Palm Royale FASHION SHOW



**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10 | 11:00A**

*Fashions by Monkee's*

**COST: \$50++ ATTIRE: RESORT CHIC**

*DJ Mike Willis*

**RESERVATIONS OPEN WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14**

## DECEMBER 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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## ISLES YACHT CLUB CALENDAR

# January

## FEBRUARY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Kitchen Hours:</b> Sunday Breakfast: 10a - 2p (last seating 1p)   Limited Menu 3p - 7p (last seating 6p) Monday Closed Tuesday - Saturday: 11a - 9p Bar: Tuesday - Saturday: 11a - 10p   Sunday: 1p - 7p Happy Hour: Tuesday - Friday: 4p - 6p   Saturday - Sunday: 3p - 5p  <b>Cancellation Policy:</b> 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. <b>Office: (941) 639-7551 Dockmaster: (941) 769-0842</b>				<b>1</b> <b>CLUBHOUSE CLOSED</b>  <i>Happy New Year!</i>	<b>2</b> <i>Buffet - Stir Fry Station</i> 6:30-9:30p Music <i>Imaginistics</i>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 10a - 2p Brunch Buffet 3p - 7p Sunday Slice & Football	<b>5</b> <b>RESTAURANT &amp; BAR CLOSED</b>	<b>6</b> <i>Bocce Returns</i> <b>5:30p Lecture: Pharmaceuticals</b>	<b>7</b> 9a ISC Meeting <b>11:30a Blue Gavel Change of Watch</b> 4p Patio Music <i>Danny Beach</i> <b>5:30p Wine Tasting</b>	<b>8</b> 4p Book Club 3p Entertainment Committee Mtg. <b>5:30p Captain &amp; Crew</b>	<b>9</b> <i>Buffet - Carving Station</i> 6:30-9:30p Music <i>Mark Archer</i>	<b>10</b> <b>5:30p Comedy &amp; Magic Show</b> Entertainment <i>Erick Olson</i>
<b>11</b> 10a - 2p Brunch Buffet 3p - 7p Sunday Slice & Football	<b>12</b> <b>RESTAURANT &amp; BAR CLOSED</b> <b>Bike to Lunch</b>	<b>13</b> <b>11a Isle-ettes Luncheon</b>	<b>14</b> 1:30p Membership Committee Mtg. 4p Tennis Committee Mtg. 4p Patio Music <i>Bill Fredericks</i> <b>6p Cork &amp; Fork Piedmont #1</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <i>Buffet - Pasta Station</i> 6:30-9:30p Music <i>Latitude</i>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 10a - 2p Brunch Buffet Entertainment <i>Tony Boffa</i> 3p - 7p Sunday Slice & Football	<b>19</b> <b>RESTAURANT &amp; BAR CLOSED</b>	<b>20</b> 11a B&G Meeting <b>Art Meets Wine</b>	<b>21</b> 9a House Mtg. 4p Patio Music <i>Mike Archer</i> 4p Cruisers Mtg <b>5p Boaters at the Bar</b> <b>5:30p Art Meets Wine</b>	<b>22</b> 9:30a Finance Mtg. 11a Planning Mtg. <b>6p Cork &amp; Fork Piedmont #2</b>	<b>23</b> <i>Buffet - Stir Fry Station</i> 6:30-9:30p Music <i>Imaginistics</i>	<b>24</b> <b>5:30p Robbie Burns Night</b>
<b>25</b> 10a - 2p Brunch Buffet 3p - 7p Sunday Slice & Football	<b>26</b> <b>RESTAURANT &amp; BAR CLOSED</b>	<b>27</b> 9a BOD Meeting	<b>28</b> 4p Patio Music <i>Danny Beach</i> <b>7p Cigar Night</b>	<b>29</b> <b>4p Car Show</b> <b>4p Ladies Night Out</b>	<b>30</b> <i>Buffet - Carving Station</i> 6:30-9:30p Music <i>Rockadelics</i>	<b>31</b>



## PICKLEBALL

RICK RIEGER



Greetings! Here is an overview of the IYC Pickleball Organizational meeting for those who were unable to attend:

- Pickleball beginner lessons are available at the PicklePlex on Tuesday nights at 5:45 p.m. If you are interested in learning how to play the fastest growing sport in the world, please reach out to Gloria Reilly at [Gloria.Reilly@pickleplex.org](mailto:Gloria.Reilly@pickleplex.org). There is no charge for this introductory class, but you should make reservations with Gloria prior to showing up. She provides paddles and balls.
- Monthly Play for IYC members: We are going to establish a monthly "day of play" for IYC members that want to play together. This season, the third Thursday of the month at 10:30 am is the designated time. We will play at the PicklePlex where there is a \$10.00 drop-in fee for non-members. For IYC Pickleball players, January 15 will be the next date we gather to play together. This is for all levels of players.
- The IYC Pickleball Club will be hosting a Pickleball tournament in March of 2026 to support of the 2025-2026 Charity Cup. The amazing Deb McCarty shared with the club the goals of the Charity Cup and Crossroads Hope Academy, Peace River Wildlife Center, and C.A.R.E. We need some additional volunteers to help Pat Cantwell, Dee Walsh and Joanna Boeckl organize this fundraising event. If you are interested in getting involved, please reach out to Rick Rieger at [rdriegerx6@gmail.com](mailto:rdriegerx6@gmail.com).

### PICKLEBALL AT IYC

- The Vision Statement of IYC states "IYC should be recognized as the- premier yacht club in southwest Florida providing a friendly private club experience with a broad range of quality activities for boaters and non-boaters."
- The Mission Statement of IYC states "IYC is to provide a friendly and inclusive environment with quality facilities, services and activities that will attract and retain membership in a fiscally responsible manner."
- The Goals of IYC state: "IYC should create and promote a breadth of boating and non-boating activities that continually meet the interests of members."
- Pickleball uniquely meets the Vision Statement, the Mission Statement, and the Goals of IYC and it is actively being reviewed and explored how best to offer this fun filled activity at IYC. Commodore Dave McBride spoke to the group and explained that Pickleball courts are being considered in the future plans of IYC. If you support this initiative, be sure to let our leadership team know your position.

Hope to see you on the courts!

## SAFETY COMMITTEE

DR. JAMES MCCARTY

### WHEN SHOULD YOU CALL 911?

Knowing when to call 911 can save a life - on land or on the water. At the Isles Yacht Club, safety is a shared responsibility, and quick action during an emergency can make all the difference. Here are clear guidelines to help you decide when a situation requires an immediate call to emergency services.

### *Call 911 right away if you witness any of the following:*

#### A Medical Emergency

This includes chest pain, difficulty breathing, signs of stroke, severe bleeding, loss of consciousness, serious injuries from falls or boating accidents, or any situation where someone's condition is rapidly worsening.

#### Fire or Explosion Risk

If you see smoke, flames, or smell a strong burning odor - whether in the Clubhouse, marina, or on a vessel - call 911 immediately. Fire spreads quickly, especially around fuel sources.

#### A Crime in Progress or Threat to Safety

If you observe suspicious or dangerous behavior, theft, assault, or any situation that poses an immediate threat, contact 911 first, then notify Club management.

#### A Boating Emergency

Groundings with injuries, man-overboard situations, collisions, or vessels taking on water all require urgent attention. While VHF Channel 16 alerts the Coast Guard, calling 911 provides a direct local response, especially in inland waters.

#### If You're Unsure - Call

It's always better to err on the side of caution. Emergency dispatchers are trained to assess the situation and will send appropriate help. After calling 911, alert the Isles Yacht Club staff so they can assist first responders in reaching the location quickly.

Your preparedness saves time. Your call may save a life.

## Personalized Reservation Signs



**Cost: \$43 plus Tax**

Want your very own personalized reservation sign when you arrive at your table? See the hostess or stop by the front office, to order yours today!!

## TENNIS COMMITTEE

TOM JACKSON

### COURTSIDE CHATTER

There will be many 2026 events you will not want to miss. As always, we have our weekly Under the Lights on Thursdays 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. We have introduced a RALLY TALLY once a month where we see how many continuous shots we can make. Each shot is worth \$1. We have generous supporters and sponsors where the donations go into our Charity Cup fund. Even if you do not participate, come and spectate!

DAVIS CUP will take place on Fridays, January 16, 23, 30, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. We will create four teams with six players on each team (three women, and three men). There are three matches which include women's, men's and mixed doubles. It is fun competition. You are encouraged to sign up regardless of level. Reservations will begin just after New Year's. In an ideal world, it is great if you can make ALL three Fridays; however, we encourage subs to sign up as well.

Sunday, January 25, beginning at 10:00 a.m. is our annual celebration of the Australian Open where we will have shrimp on the barbeque and Foster's to wash them down. Wear blue to mimic the courts down under. No reservations required. Ann Pfister-Brown will rotate players as they arrive.

Finally, please report any court issues to Mike Darcey. Just as a safety reminder, refrain from leaning on the nets. We want all players to stay safe and continue to have fun!

## Tennis: Save the Dates

### Davis Cup:

Friday, January 16, 23, and 30

### Australian Open:

Sunday, January 25



## 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

## BIKING

CHRIS TAYLOR

Hello all IYC Bikers. Registration for Monday, January 12 Bike Ride to Pine Island is open.

Picture taking is 9:30 a.m. sharp at the Galt Preserve parking lot. This is about a 45–60-minute drive from the Club. The ride takes you around the south end of Pine Island and St. James City with lunch at the Waterfront Restaurant and Marina at about 11:30 a.m. Family and friends are welcome and if you don't have a bike rack we can pair you up with someone who does. All riders must wear a helmet. You can register on the IYC calendar.

Questions? Contact the leader Alan Grossman 609-932-9219, or Chris Taylor 941-661-7092.

### Future Rides:

February 16: Cape Haze Pioneer Trail

March: TBD

April: Possible Everglades moon ride

## Bike to Lunch

Monday, January 12

**PINE ISLAND**

LEADER: ALAN GROSSMAN



## Medical Lecture Series



TUESDAY, JANUARY 6 | 5:30P

# PHARMACEUTICALS

with Trygve Anderson R.Ph

LEARN MORE ABOUT PHARMACEUTICALS, SUCH AS HOW THEY ARE DEVELOPED, APPROVED, SIDE EFFECTS, INTERACTIONS, AND IDENTIFYING DIFFERENT PILLS.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7 | 5:30P

# WINE Tasting

Wines of Northern California

COST: \$65++ ATTIRE: CASUAL  
LIMITED TO 60 ATTENDEES

SOLD OUT - WAITLIST AVAILABLE

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 14 | THURSDAY, JAN. 22

## CORK & FORK Piedmont

6:00P SOCIAL, 6:15P DINNER

COST: \$125++ WITH WINE  
\$100++ WITHOUT WINE

ATTIRE: JACKETS REQUIRED  
FOR GENTLEMEN

JANUARY 14: SOLD OUT WAITLIST AVAILABLE  
JANUARY 22: SPACE AVAILABLE

## 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.

**Bocce returns on Tuesday, January 6.**

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

### IT'S TIME FOR THE CIP

This may be my final LOG article that you read before the Annual Meeting on Thursday, February 5. As Chair of the Planning Committee, I want to express my sincere appreciation to all past and present members of the Planning Committee, as well as those who served on the Special Building Committee. Your time, expertise, and dedication have been essential in developing the Campus Improvement Plan (CIP). I also thank the many Clubs' committees that contributed their input and perspectives, and the Board for its continued support and approval of the final CIP plan.

The CIP has been years in the making. Countless hours of analysis, discussion, and collaboration have gone into creating a plan that meets our Club's needs, provides the best use of our property, and modernizes our facilities for current and future members.

By now, every member should have had the opportunity to review the details of the project. We have held several member meetings, provided detailed information on the website, and offered small-group information sessions where members could ask questions directly. The feedback we have received from those who engaged has been largely positive.

I recognize that not every member will agree with all the details of the plan. What we found was, for every person who thought something should be smaller, there was someone who wanted it larger. For every suggestion that something should be eliminated, another member insisted it was essential. These differing opinions were heard and carefully considered. The plan presented reflects the best judgment of many people who have spent years evaluating what will serve the Isles Yacht Club as a whole.

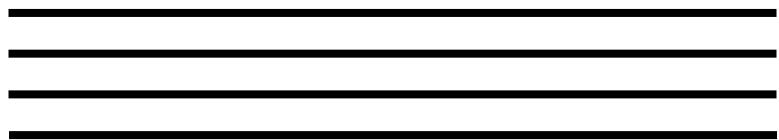
Ultimately, it now comes down to a membership vote - whether we move forward with modern, functional facilities or remain stagnant. I am confident that if every IYC member understood the details of the plan and as thoroughly as your elected Board and the committees who worked so diligently on it, they would see the value and opportunities of the CIP as presented.

I ask that you trust the leadership you elected and the committees who worked thoughtfully and responsibly throughout this process and vote YES in approving the Campus Improvement Plan at the Annual Meeting on Thursday, February 5.

## SAFETY KITS

There are "Stop the Bleed" kits available at the front office for \$40. It's a great idea to have one of these available in your home, boat or car.

## Holiday Events



## ISLES YACHT CLUB

## Large Business of the Year

Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce 2025





## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

January 9	William Mikell, Server
January 14	Layne Jones, Busser
January 18	Melanie Hinz, Server
January 21	Jessica Pickett, Bartender
January 22	Brittany Wyatt, Executive Chef

## 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 1<sup>ST</sup>**  
*class is free!*

Vouchers are available  
in the office.

## Member Birthdays & Anniversaries

### January Birthdays

1	Dale Tauer
2	Judy Busse Jim Hoffman Peter Sinden Dorothy Strunk
3	Rick Beck Martha Peterson Nancy Vrabel
4	Tom Roberts Cathy Stuart Gracie Stuessy
5	Jeffrey Sacco
7	Julie MacDonald Steven Murphy Elaine Sless
8	Carol Fidler Jay Ruble
9	Joe Kovacs Becky Krikorian Becky Pastorik
10	Susan Barnhart Dean Cheetham Elizabeth Fox Michael Mixson
11	Ernest Chance Jack Herider Cary Liphart Patricia Mullinax Jackie Spann
13	Nancy Corless Sherry Olmsted
14	Lorry Matheson
15	Kate Carney Maria Gonsalves Philip Kairez Ed Werner
16	John Matheson John Mayers

### January Birthdays

17	John Maultsby Jim Pase Deanna Williams
18	Victoria Mayers
19	Tony Burkhart Bob Carlson Barb Werner
20	Leanne Murphy John Pastorik
21	Max Achtau Paul Benson Carol Bunnell Brian Capodanno Susan Monroe Doreen Newman
22	Mary Jo Butler Stephen Kapin
23	Shaune Freeland Maryanne Remer Margaret Seter Colleen Wright
24	Pat Dye
25	Reg Brooks Terry Connelly Nancy Meadows Scott Ruffner
26	Jane Geronime Heather Kline Robert (Bucky) McQueen Dianna Pelland
27	James Levell Cate Peterson Sarah Trulaske
29	Ken Barber Bob Ufer Barbara Whelan
30	Cynthia Bapst Robert Faust
31	Rich Ojard

### January Anniversaries

1	Donald & Adrienne Hiatt Chip & Julie Kelly
2	Roger & Carol Sperry
3	Charlie & Becky Krikorian
4	Ron & Susan Graff
7	Robert & June Toothaker
8	Paul & Lynda Benson Dwight & Doris Neuhausel
9	Dave & Becki Goulet
11	Dan & Shelly Sullivan
13	David & Annie Greth Eric & Jennifer Loche
20	Bruce Armstrong & Gail Olsen
22	Jim & Connie Barr
26	Michael & LeeAnn Egan
27	Mike & Bonnie McDonald
28	Sean & Jennifer Myers



*Enjoy a complimentary house cocktail or dessert  
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of house wine for your anniversary!*

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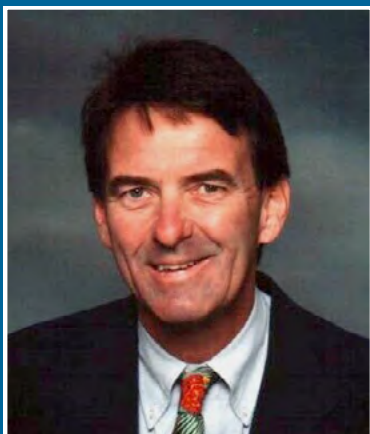


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