

Punta Gorda, FL

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Upcoming Deadline:

January - Friday, December 13

Items received after the deadline may not appear in that issue. If you have any photos you would like to have included, please email images in the largest format possible.

Please submit all articles and photos to: iyc@islesyc.com

CORR & FORK DINNER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS WEDNESDAY, JAN. 8 | THURSDAY, JAN. 16 6:00P SOCIAL | 6:15P DINNER COST: \$100++ WITH WINE, \$85++ WITHOUT WINE ATTIRE: JACKETS REQUIRED FOR GENTLEMEN Gentlemen are required to wear long pants, a collared shirt and a jacket worn throughout the evening. Ladies should dress correspondingly with a smart dress or pant ensemble. Reservations Open Monday, December 9

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 eveyone to take photos and share them with your IYC family! Please submit high resolultion photos to: iyc@islesyc.com. When sending with iPhone/iPad please send in "actual size."

ON THE COVER...

This month's cover photo was taken at the Lighted Kayak Paddle in 2023, by Media Coordinator, Katie Malach.

FROM THE BRIDGE CHUCK BUSCH, COMMODORE



At the time of this writing, it is not yet clear that our horrific hurricane season is finally over. The Club was fortunate to escape with relatively minor damage to the dock electrical systems. Repair of those items will require some unanticipated expenses but should be within our current budgets. A special thanks is due to all those members that contributed to the Employee Hardship Fund. Because of you, we were able to give some help to several of our employees who were severely damaged by the hurricanes. I am always amazed and gratified by the generosity of our members when helping others in need.

We held the Commodores' Ball last month to honor all the members who have served their club as Commodore in the past, and their spouses. A slide show was presented during the evening, displaying photos of each of the Past Commodores. It was very well attended, and all seemed to have a good time. We also held a Veterans' Day Dinner in recognition of all those members who have served our country in the armed services. An unexpected and very special treat was Past Commodore Larry Stewart introducing each branch of the military by playing their anthem on the bagpipes.

As we enter the Holiday Season, IYC will be getting into the spirit with a number of events. We always start with the Lighting of the Fleet event. All boats in the Marina will be decorated for the holidays with festive light displays, Santas, candy canes, and a few surprises. There is often an unofficial award of "Best Decorated Boat" that has almost always gone to the McBrides' boat each year. Since the McBrides have no boat this year, there is hope for others, assuming they can get their lights to turn on - (Vice Commodore Barcic). Either way, there will be partying on the Patio leading up to the Lighting, and continuing afterward. Check the "Member Central" page on the Club website for all the many planned events.



Finally, for all you college football fans, the Ohio State vs. Penn State in November game brought out several fans at the IYC Yardarm bar. A couple of sketchy ghosts from past gridiron wars showed up unexpectedly to cheer on the Nittany Lions and Buckeyes.

ALL WELCOME!

Cruising Committee Meeting December 17 at 9:30am



GENERAL MANAGER'S CORNER

JERRY LARACUENTE

December is here, and it's my favorite time of year - the Holiday Season! I'm excited to celebrate my first Christmas Season at the Isles Yacht Club with all of you. We have a great lineup of events this month, including the Admirals Christmas Lunch, our Holiday Concert, the Christmas Ball, and many other festive member gatherings. I also want to express my thanks to everyone who has contributed to the Employee Holiday Fund. Your generosity will bring joy and make a positive difference for our staff during this special season. If you would like to contribute, please note the deadline is December 6, as our Employee Christmas Party will be held on December 15. As a reminder, the Clubhouse, which includes Food & Beverage services, and the Front Office, will be closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, allowing our staff to spend this quality time with their loved ones.

I want to give a warm welcome to all of our new members that joined us in the past month. I am looking forward to meeting you, and invite you to come join us for lunch, dinner, or sign up to attend one of our many exciting Club functions that we are hosting this season, as they are the perfect way to network and get to know other members in our Isles Yacht Club community.

Our kitchen team has been navigating a period of transition following the departure of our Executive Chef. During this time, our Kitchen Manager Brittany and Junior Sous Chef Carl have done an excellent job keeping the culinary team motivated, focused, and positive. I am truly grateful for their hard work and dedication in ensuring smooth daily operations. With that said, our culinary team stepped up to the challenge of executing both of our seven-course "Regions of India" Cork & Fork dinners, and many other Club Events throughout November.

In the front of the house, Edward and Angela are doing great in their new management roles, bringing fresh energy and leadership to the team. You may also notice several new staff members joining our team as we prepare for an exciting and busy upcoming season at the Club.

As a courtesy to your fellow members and our staff, please make and honor your reservations whenever possible. Staggered reservations helps us provide timely service for everyone. Additionally, I kindly ask that you follow the dress code guidelines for all Club events. If you are unsure of the dress code, it is on the back of the LOG, and the website. Thank you for your cooperation!

Please continue sharing your feedback about your Club experience, as it drives me to ensure our team provides exceptional service and hospitality. My goal is to elevate the member experience by fostering a positive work culture and delivering a high-quality Club experience.

Warm regards,

Jerry Laracuente / gm@islesyc.com

INSIDE THE HOUSE

BRIAN BARCIC, VICE COMMODORE



This year, our Club has undergone many personnel changes inside the house starting from the top with the retirement of GM Jake Williams and the hiring of our new GM, Jerry Laracuente. Then with the retirement of Becky Trainor, GM Jerry promoted Angela Cerce and Ed Sauer to lead the banquet, dining, and beverage services. GM Jerry is now in the process of forming a team to lead the kitchen. A new Sous Chef and Grill Chef have been hired and hopefully by the time you read this, GM Jerry will have a new Executive Chef on board. You will also see new servers and bartenders. Be sure to welcome them to our Club and of course, please be patient as they get up to speed.

November's Cork & Fork, "Exploring the Regions of India'" on November 13 and 21 closed out the very successful events for 2024. Cork & Fork will resume in the new year with the theme "Dinner on the Orient Express" on January 8 and 16. There is no doubt that Robert Harbour and his committee will continue with their unique and innovative themes for 2025.

On Saturdays, the Club now has entertainment on the Patio from 3:00-5:00 p.m. with 2-for-1 drink specials from 3:00-4:00 p.m. Saturday afternoons also mean football! Soon the college games will turn into pro games as the college games wind down. Stop down at the Club on Saturdays to enjoy the entertainment, 2-for-1 drink specials, and football.

One of the best events the Club has every year, the Lighting of the Fleet, will be on December 12. It appears that this year, the perennial winner of the coveted trophy for "Best Decorated Boat", Dave McBride, may not have a boat in the competition. That leaves the competition wide open for a new winner. I may even win it this year, IF MY BOAT LIGHTS UP!

The holiday season is one of the best times of the year. We spend time with family and friends, many times connecting with those we don't see as often as we would like. Paula and I are thrilled this year because it's our year to have the grandchildren spend Christmas in Florida. The four and six-year-olds will be here for two weeks through New Years. So, if you see Paula and I looking a little ragged as New Years approaches, you'll know why. For us, it will be a great ragged.

Last, as we celebrate the holidays with family and friends, please keep in your thoughts and prayers those still trying to recover from the devastating losses of Helene and Milton.

Fuel Dock Closed

The Fuel Dock will be closed Christmas Day Wednesday, December 25



FROM THE REAR COMMODORE

FRANK LEYSHON, REAR COMMODORE

Julie and I received an email from a fellow Sea Drifters Boat Club member's wife that her husband, Roger Murray, passed away on Saturday, November 10, 2024. He was the Veteran I highlighted in my Memorial Day talk when I was Fleet Captain. He received five purple hearts being shot in the Vietnam War. Roger was a good friend, an avid boater, and a great wood worker. He will be missed. I want to thank all Veterans as we remembered your service on Veterans Day.



The FCYC meeting at Key Biscayne Yacht Club went well. The view is the most impressive aspect of the yacht club in my opinion.



The FCYC meeting is held every two months. We had eight IYC members attending via car. Although we had four boats sign up to attend, they cancelled due to the weather concerns.

FCYC put together the latest slate of officers for the next Watch. This will be reviewed by our Board of Directors and voted on during

the next FCYC meeting at St Petersburg Yacht Club January 10-12. Members of the Isles Yacht Club can participate as elected and appointed officers within FCYC. Please attend the meetings if interested. There is one appointed position the FCYC is looking to fill, and that is Fleet Captain West Coast. Any members interested in FCYC leadership please contact me.

Several member clubs of the FCYC on the West Coast suffered major damage from both hurricane Helene and Milton. The list of the following clubs sustained damage as of November 9, 2024.

- Tampa Yacht Club both marina and club are damaged
- The Field Club both marina and club are damaged
- Sarasota Yacht Club docks are not open for transient
- Carlouel Beach and Yacht Club completely closed
- Tarpon Springs both marina and club are damaged

Please call ahead if you would like to visit via car or boat. The FCYC West Coast Fleet Captain stated that the Coast Guard reported that the west coast is a mess. Over thirty-percent of the day markers are missing and there is major shoaling.

It is official that the Isles Yacht Club will be hosting the May 16-18 FCYC meeting. We are replacing Bird Key due to the demo and reconstruction of a new facility. There will be more information to follow as we get closer to the date.

Bob Peterson does a great job overseeing and promoting FCYC interclub competition. The interclub Bocce Tournament was won by Ray & Mia Delong from the Isles Yacht Club with runner ups Tony and Randy Incardona from Sarasota Yacht Club. All the participants seemed to enjoy the competition.

FLEET CAPTAIN REPORT

DOUG SCHEID, FLEET CAPTAIN



Finally, we are finished with the summer weather and nasty storms, thank God! By the time you read this our November Captain & Crew will be in the history books, and you can bet it was a real treat to have JoEllen Wilson give us some insight into the Mission of the Bonefish and Tarpon Trust. Building on last months article on Caya Costa, following is a short history of the Peace River.

The Peace River, has a storied history in commerce dating back thousands of years. Indigenous Calusa and Seminole tribes once used the river as a vital trade route, navigating its waters in dugout canoes to exchange fish, shells, and crafted goods with neighboring tribes. When Spanish explorers arrived in the 16th century, the river continued to serve as a key avenue for trade, bringing new European goods into the region and fostering early contact with native populations.

In the 19th century, as settlers moved into Florida, commerce on the Peace River evolved significantly. Steam-powered riverboats carried lumber, phosphate, and agricultural products, marking the beginning of Punta Gorda's prominence as a regional trade center. The natural abundance of the Peace River Basin contributed to the growth of Punta Gorda's economy, with goods like oranges, cattle, and fish being transported downriver for trade in larger ports or across state lines.

By the late 1800s, the arrival of the railroad in Punta Gorda connected the town to broader markets, fueling further economic growth. However, river trade remained vital for the transportation of bulk goods like phosphate, a crucial mineral for the agricultural industry, which was mined in central Florida and shipped down the Peace River to Punta Gorda for export.

In the 20th century, with the rise of road infrastructure, river-based commerce waned, but the Peace River remains an important part of Punta Gorda's identity. Today, it supports recreational activities and eco-tourism, drawing visitors to kayak, fish, and learn about the area's rich history. The Peace River's legacy in Punta Gorda underscores its transformation from a trade route for indigenous tribes to a focal point of industry, and now, a cherished natural landmark for locals and tourists alike.

Please don't forget to sign up and attend the Lighting of the Fleet on Thurdsday, December 12, beginning with a Pre-Lighting Social at 5:00 p.m., Lighting at 6:00 p.m., and Dinner following. If you are planning on bringing you boat, please reserve with the Dockmaster.

NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



JAY & PAULA RUBLE

Jay was given an eleven foot Jon boat with oars for his eighth birthday, and by the age of eighteen had earned a USCG pilot license. He retired from a forty year career in the Inland Waterways Industry as Captain and Corporate executive. Jay enjoys the four "B's": boats, bourbon, bikes, and the Bengals. Jay and Paula moved here three years

ago from Northern Kentucky where they lived for thirty-five years and raised two boys. In March, they will celebrate their fortieth wedding anniversary. Jay Introduced Paula to boating when she was a teenager growing up in Ohio, and it has been a part of her life ever since. Besides boating, Paula enjoys cycling, RVing, playing cards, and traveling in the US and abroad. Retirement is great and they look forward to meeting everyone at the Club. Sponsors: Jane Orlin & Jeanne Myers

DENNIS CLARK

Dennis was born in San Francisco, California in 1946. He was raised in Walnut Creek, a bedroom community east of San Francisco. In high school, Dennis was active in wrestling and cross country. He attended the University of California at Davis earning his BS in Finance and University of Tampa earning his MBA. Dennis spent two



years in Central and South America with his Church group. He served in the US Army: Vietnam-DMZ, Staff Sergeant, and was awarded the US Army Bronze Star and VN Army War Cross. Dennis was in the aerospace and defense industry working in California, England, and Mississippi in the rolls of finance, operations, and senior management. He spent the last nine years consulting directly to the Navy on the repair of their fighter aircraft (NAVAIR). Dennis has lived in the same house in PGI for thirty-three years. He purchased a waterfront lot, designed the home and had Towles build it. Since retiring, Dennis has been writing novels has had twenty-five published so far.

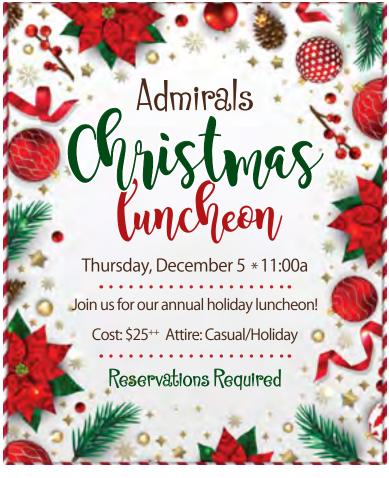
Sponsors: Jake Dye & Paul Benson

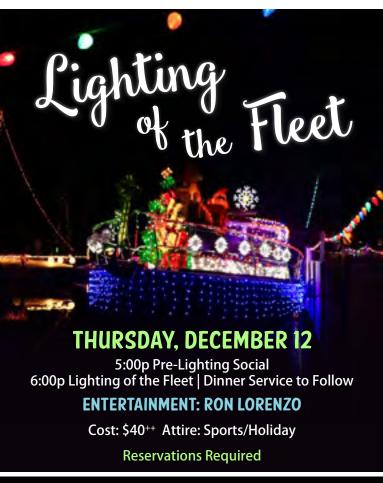


RUSTY & MINDY PALMER

Rusty is originally from Hereford County, Maryland. He served in the Air Force from 1974-1986. Mindy is originally from Chicago, Illinois. She enjoys crossward and jigsaw puzzles, biking, and boating. Rusty and Mindy started their own company, Four Points Technology, in 2002 selling IT related products and services to the US Federal Government.

Sponsors: Jake Dye & Mark Kuharski







5:15p Arrival | 5:45p Photo at IYC Fuel Dock 6:45p Dinner Buffet

Come early to decorate your "sleigh" & yoursELF for this fun tradition!

Cost: \$25++ Attire: Sports/Holiday

Reservations Required



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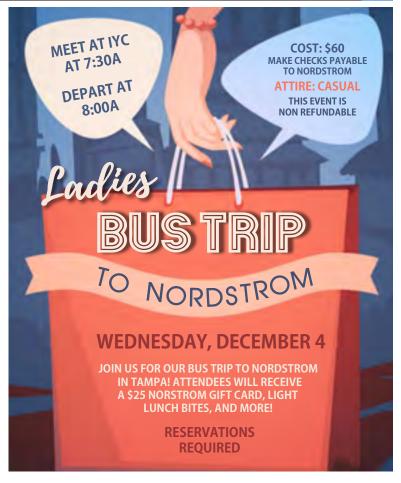
I want to wish everyone the very best holiday season. With Thanksgiving over, everything is in full swing, with holiday events, at the Club.

I am very grateful to Therapeutic Wellness for all of their advice to help us stay healthy, happy and as stress free as possible, during this festive time of year. They were very generous raffling off a hour massage. Heidi Capodanno was the lucky winner for this service. A mini session for acupuncture was also offered to all that attended as well.

We are excited to share some of the holiday spirit at our luncheon on December 10. A String Quartet, from the Florida Philharmonic, will be playing some traditional holiday music to help us celebrate this joyous season. This event is open to the entire Club so everyone is welcome!

Women In Action is doing the shoeboxes for our seniors again this year, as well as bell ringers during the month of December, for The Salvation Army. If you have any questions on either of these, please reach out to myself, or Lisa Kleinbach at 267-372-2894.

Please feel free to contact me anytime with any questions or concerns you may have. 609-618-3040 / mafmak@icloud.com





Contact Mary Anne Faust to request a note <u>mafmak@icloud.com</u>

Notes were sent to...

Jerrie Hoagland's Family Joseph Phelan's Family Lisa Wienecke Mike McDonald Shawn Gilstad John O'Donnell Cindy Bapst Arlene Epting Bob Hardy

Holiday Hours

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

Christmas Eve - Tuesday, December 24 Christmas Day - Wednesday, December 25 New Years Day - Monday, January 1





BICYCLE GROUP

BRUCE & DORRIT TOMPKINS

Mike Savino will be leading a February (exact date to be determined) Bike to Lunch ride on the North Port Legacy Trail Extension. Lunch likely at Blue Tequila. Further details coming soon.

Grab an opportunity to lead other rides in 2025! To do so contact Bruce Tompkins, newshoes5@hotmail.com 941-467-4139.

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



ACTIVITIESDUANE ISING

On October 29, we hosted an Activities Open House with almost all our two-dozen activities represented. We were hoping for a better member turnout, but most of those who came signed up for one or more activities. It was truly inspirational to see all the activities represented in one room, and confirms just how much this Club has to offer.

Contact information for all our activities is available on the website, and schedules appear in every weekly GM Update. If you need assistance in getting connected, contact the office or me

How Much Do You Know About Your Club?!

"Who approved the lists of officers and directors recommended by the Nominating Committee?"

Click <u>HERE</u> or visit the Nominating Committee letter on the Clubs & Committee webpage, under the Member Central tab.

<u>Last Month's Question:</u>
"How can I find out how the Club is run?"

Answer: In the Clubs Bylaws, Rules & Regulations in section D in the Instruction Manual of the IYC Yearbook (available online).

CRUISING COMMITTEE

JEFF ZIEMER & JOHN TODD



Our cruise to SCYC originally scheduled for October took place November 6-9. Five boats were slated to make the trip; we ended up with three. Hurricane Rafael didn't help matters as it loomed off the coast of SWFL. Winds however were not a factor. They were fairly calm on the day of travel, and were consistent throughout our stay which, actually, made for comfortable, sunny days. The Vice Commodore welcomed us in the dining room Thursday night, and we all enjoyed a delectable dinner and fine drinks. The only a fly in the ointment: As Andre is at the mercy of the SCYC members, a particular slip holder told Andre he would be returning on Friday, which meant our member had to vacate the slip and move to another. Once our member was 'unplugged' and untied, he decided to just head home versus relocating.

As of this writing, Alan Grossman's Tag-A-Long Cruise is underway. Due to Hurricane Milton, a couple of the originally planned destinations were cancelled due to damage at the facilities. Only two stops were viable... Venice YC and Bird Key YC, and only three boats made the cruise. Venice YC had a fitting tribute to Veterans with Veterans' Day ceremonies where IYC members were graciously received and welcomed. Pictured below are Richard & Joanne Collins who captained *Lickity Split*, Alan & Nancy Grossman who captained *Amity*, and Mark & Dayl Pulver who captained *Summer Wind* from IYC to Venice Yacht Club.



Traveling to Bird Key YC, via the ICW from Venice, was an easy trip. There are only a few slow speed signs left after the storms, and there are lots of missing markers. BKYC was welcoming, and we had an excellent dinner on the YC outside deck.

December is a busy month! With all that happens throughout the month, there are no scheduled cruises. However, folks are always ready for a lunch cruise, so feel free to post on the Cruiser's Forum for an impromptu day cruise or even an overnight cruise.

Next up is the January Cruise to Boca Grande. Mark Kuharski and Nancy Railton are your Cruise Directors for this January 22-25 trip.

We need your input! Please mark your calendar NOW for all our Cruising Committee Meetings which take place on the third Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. in the Compass Room. All cruisers are welcome and encouraged to attend.

IYC SAILING CLUB

CHRISTI VAN HEEK & JOE HELLNER

Ahoy IYC Shipmates!

Welcome back to all who have returned from their summer adventures to begin another winter season of fun and warm weather at IYC!

In light of the devastation to our community, neighbors, homes, boats, and Harbor 20 launch sites, following Hurricanes Helene and Milton, the Isles Sailing Club Board revised the IYC Fall Series Championship sailing schedule.

The Fall IYC Series will now be completed in January with five race days scheduled starting November 23. The Winter Series, starting February 1, also has five race days. Because slack in the season schedule has been taken up by rescheduling, there will be no make-up days this season. All the usual regattas are expected to take place but may happen on days other than anticipated as the organizations involved complete post hurricane adjustments.

Off season repairs on the three Club Harbor 20's are complete. They will once again be available to sign out for a sail by IYC members on the qualified skippers list. The Club boats will also be used by the new IYC Team Racing Program. Please contact Michael Mixon if you are interested in becoming a qualified skipper and/or the Team Racing Program

One of the best ways to become familiar with the Harbor 20's and one design racing is to sail on a Club boat in the Casual Practice Racing (CPR) sessions held most Wednesdays. Each Club boat will have a crew of two or three, with at least one qualified skipper aboard. The races feature an informal rabbit start technique and a once around the marks course to provide as much action as possible. Many of our local private boat owners attend CPR to tune up their skills, try out a few things, and have just have fun. No records are kept and the beverage sessions afterword are a highlight of the afternoon. CPR races start at 3:00 p.m. and run until around 5:00 p.m.

The Isles Sailing Club is also working on a new "Intro to the Harbor 20" program where one of our qualified skippers will take members out just for the sheer fun of sailing. Stayed tuned for announcements.

Till next time, see you around IYC!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Want a front row seat at the Harbor 20 Saturday races?
We need volunteers for Race Committee and boats to serve as mark boats, no experience necessary.

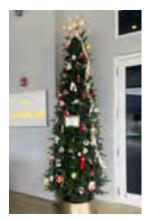
Contact Rick Schultz.

MEMBERS' CHRISTMAS TREE

LINDA AVALLONE

For new members and those who have not previously participated, the Member's Christmas Tree will be decorated with your very personal ornaments. Ornaments are supplied and inspired by you, your hobby, where you are originally from, maybe a model of your boat, or even picture of your family - it's all up to you! This year the Members' tree will be located inside the front door of the Club, where your treasures will be safe from weather. When it is time to take down the decorations you can take your ornament home or I will safely store it for next year's tree.

There is a basket in the front office for you to drop off your ornament OR you can add it to the tree yourself once it is up after Thanksgiving.







Bocce Nightl

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 Bocce Tuesday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 31, due to the holidays.

Members who would like to be added to the email list please contact Jim or Carol Nuzzo jcnuzzo@comcast.net

Visit the IYC Bocce webpage for additional information.

Phone Vrage 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.



PICKLEBALL RICK RIEGER



IYC Pickleballers!

We held our organizational meeting on November 11. Lots of great discussions and good ideas discussed on how to play more pickleball with IYC members. Since we do not have access to courts at the Yacht Club (yet), we explored various locations to play. We as a group have decided to meet at the Pickleplex on Monday afternoons from 3:30-5:30 p.m. to play together. This will continue for the months of November and December. Regardless of your level of play, please stop by and join in on the fun. We played this past week and had a great turn out.

Lessons for all level of players are available at the Pickleplex. If you want to learn how to play or improve your game, please explore the Events Calendar at the Pickleplex website. Additionally, there are three pros that can provide private lessons. One other fantastic resource is YouTube. There are literally hundreds of free coaching pickleball videos available to help improve your Pickleball game and strategy.



The FCYC Pickleball Tournament was played at the PicklePlex in beautiful Punta Gorda on Saturday, November 16. Garry Gaddy and Richard Buy played incredibly well in the Men's league. Together they focused on strategic Pickleball with soft dinks and hard drives. Based on their patient play they brought home the GOLD medal for IYC. Congratulations to them both for an excellent day of play.

Ann Pfister Brown and Marjorie Petruccelli also played fantastic Pickleball representing the IYC in the Women's league. As true allaround racket sport athletes, who play both tennis and Pickleball, they played with finesse and skill and we able to secure the coveted SILVER medal in the women's league. Really good to have them out on the courts bringing honor to IYC.

Susan and Rick Rieger represented IYC in the mixed portion of the tournament. They were able to win all of their matches and ended up in the finals but were outplayed in their final match of the day. They were able to secure the SILVER medal for the FCYC tournament. They had a great time playing with other yacht clubs from around the West coast of Florida.

All players came to our Yacht Club for a celebratory lunch with some adult beverages. A special thanks to our staff for feeding twenty-five people with flawless service and the warmth and friendliness that IYC is known for. Also, thanks to Bob Peterson for organizing the FCYC Pickleball tournament.

Hope to see you on the courts!

ADMIRALS CLUB

CHERYL O'BRIEN, JOANNE ZIEMER, SALLY DORN, NANCY CWYNAR



It's that most wonderful time of the year! The dishes are done, grandmas card table is stowed in the hatch and the carcass is simmering in preparation for some good turkey soup. Now it's time to fluff the greens and break out the glitter... an Admiral's work is never done and boy oh boy do we love these holidays!

Kicking off this joyful season begins with decorating our Admirals Christmas tree, you are invited to show up the Sunday right after Thanksgiving, ALL hands-on deck, to help straighten bows and dangle balls. There will be plenty of cheer throughout the Club as many teams will be doing their own special trees. We need help, so don your most festive casual wear, put on a cheerful smile and bring your helping hands.

The December meeting is going to have a party atmosphere, our Chef is preparing a special turkey dinner with all the fixings and there will be music in the air. We all love presents, so let's gift each other a holiday ornament, nautical theme or otherwise. Wrap it up tightly because we will play the fun Chinese gift exchange, always sure to get us laughing.

Note the date: Thursday, December 5, at 11:00 a.m. You won't want to miss this one!



Save the Date

Prix Fixe Dinner - Tuesday, January 7

Boaters at the Bar - Wednesday, January 15

Wine Tasting - Thursday, January 23

Robbie Burns Party - Saturday, January 25

Art Meets Wine - Tuesday, Jan. 28 & Wednesday, Jan. 29

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

GAIL BUSCH

On the afternoon of Saturday, October 26, five boats participated in the "Frighting" of the Fleet by decorating their boats at the marina. Best Decorated Boat honors went to Kate & Bill Carney on their haunted *Sea Dog*. That evening, Club members turned out in their scariest best to enjoy an evening of dining and dancing. The food was great — hats off to the kitchen staff, and servers. A-Train did not disappoint, even getting into the Halloween spirit with their costumes. Winners of the Best Costume award went to the Alice in Wonderland group whose costumes and makeup won the contest, hands down.

The following day was the annual Canine Costume Party with twenty-one dogs participating in their costumes. Honorable mentions go to Coquito, as the Target shopping cart, and dog Lizzie and Nancy Cwynar as IYC pup superheroes. All the dogs enjoyed home baked biscuits, courtesy of our very own server, Valerie. She served up Pup-kin lattes as well, a cool treat for the dogs. A special thank you to Bob & Linda Avallone for helping with this special event.

On Saturday, November 2, we paid tribute to all the previous Commodores from our Club, and other yacht clubs, and their spouses. At the annual Commodores' Ball, everyone was dressed in their finest and enjoyed a very nice meal before dancing the night away.

Twenty-three Veterans, along with families and guests, attended dinner at the Club on November 7 in honor of Veteran's Day. It was our small way to say "Thank You" to those who sacrificed so much for our country. Army veteran Larry Stewart piped the military hymn of each branch of service as the members were recognized.

The Club was turned into a tropical paradise on November 16 with over one-hundred and sixty members attending Cheeseburger in Paradise. The band Tropical Avenue kept everyone entertained and dancing throughout the night. No wonder they are considered one of the most fun bands in SW Florida!

At the time of this writing, we have over three-hundred reservations for our annual Thanksgiving Dinner! There is a reason it is so popular every year. The exquisite menu always has delectable offerings for everyone, as well as being a visual feast! Perhaps we'll need to start an annual Isles Yacht Club Thanksgiving Day Parade to walk off the calories next year?

We will dive right into December with our Holiday Concert on December 5, featuring the music of Billy Dean and Dawn. The following week is the ever-popular Lighting of the Fleet on December 12, where everyone waits with bated breath to find out if Barcic's boat will light. The calendar year winds down with the Christmas Ball on December 14, Eggnog and Cookies on the December 20, and New Years' Eve Dinner on December 31.

The Boogiemen are coming!... to IYC that is, on Saturday, January 11. You don't want to miss this nine-piece band! Get your kilts and sashes ready for Robbie Burns Night on Saturday, January 25, the bagpipes are polished, and the haggis has been ordered. January 28 and 29 we are bringing back Art Meets Wine, featuring the works of our talented Club members who are artists.







TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31
PRIX FIXE MENU | LAST SEATING 8:00P

Entertainment: Tony & Lori

COST: \$65⁺⁺ ATTIRE: CASUAL

Reservations Open Tuesday. December 3

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9a - 1p Breakfast Buffet	RESTAURANT & BAR CLOSED	8:30a ISC Meeting Tuesday Buffet	8a Ladies Bus Trip to Nordstrom	11a Admirals Luncheon	Buffet - Pasta Station	3-5p Patio Music Ron Lorenzo		
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9a - 1p Breakfast Buffet	RESTAURANT & BAR CLOSED	11a B&G Meeting 11a Philharmonic Luncheon Tuesday Buffet	9a House Mtg. 1p Membership Committee Mtg. 4p Tennis Mtg. 4p Patio Music Danny Beach	11a Planning Mtg 1p Finance Mtg 4p Book Club 5p Red Dot Social 6p Lighting of the Fleet Entertainment Ron Lorenzo No Ala Carte Dinner or Carryout Available	3p Jingle Ball Tennis Buffet - Carving Station Entertainment Steve Cipriano	3-5p Patio Music Ron Lorenzo 6p Christmas Ball Entertainment Dave Powers Trio No Ala Carte Dinner or Carryout Available		
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BOOK CLUBNANCY MEADOWS

Thanksgiving is a blessed time to be thankful for so many things. I hope you enjoyed your time with family and friends.

The very busy season is upon us and Book Club is ready! Starting with a reorganization of the IYC library. Thanks to the ladies that to helped. Stop by to take a book, leave a book or just browse, you will not be disappointed.

December 12 we will be discussing *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* by Taylor Jenkins Reid. Aging and reclusive Hollywood movie icon Evelyn Hugo is finally ready to tell the truth about her glamorous and scandalous life. But when she chooses unknown magazine reporter, Monique Grant for the job, no one is more astounded than Monique herself. Why her? Why now? Come join us for holiday cookies and beverages at 4:00 p.m. in the Compass Room.

January 9 our book is <u>The Big Finish</u> by Brooke Fossey. Meet Duffy, an old curmudgeon who lives in an assisted living home. Meet Josie, a desperate young woman who climbs through his window. Together, they're going to learn it's never too late - or too early - to change your ways. A spokesperson from the PG library will also give us a presentation on the updates of the PG Library in January.

You can find this season's list of books on the IYC website <u>HERE</u>. Our list of books are at the PG Library and Copperfish Books.

Happy reading!



COMPASS FUNDPC JIM NUZZO, COORDINATOR

The purpose of the Compass Fund is to serve as the primary fundraising vehicle for the IYC. Funds donated to the Compass Fund shall be used for the enhancement of the Club. Donations can either be "Designated" or "Undesignated". Undesignated donations are used at the General Manager's discretion with BOD approval. Designated donations are used for established projects. At present, the Compass Fund has eleven open established projects accepting donations. Those projects include: Music, Flowers, Tennis Enhancements, Bocce, Isle-ettes, Kitchen equipment, Outdoor enhancements, Small Boat Hoist, Support/Rescue Boat, Marine Activity Incentive Awards and Marina Repairs.

Duties of the Compass Fund Coordinator include: steering individual projects proposed by members or groups, advising those members/groups the proper channels to proceed, and after BOD approval work with the project initiators to help raise funds. In my words, the position acts as a facilitator.

Members or groups wishing to support any of the above-named projects or any questions please feel free to contact me. Additional Compass Fund information can be found on the IYC website by choosing Member Central then choosing Compass Fund from the drop-down list.

BILLIARDS COMMITTEE

ROGER SPERRY

Our team Billiards matches got underway on November 11. Now it's time to sign up for one of our singles leagues. In past years, our Club fielded three leagues, called Yawl, Sloop and Schooner for different skill levels of our players. Last winter we held only the Schooner League for our most experienced players. This winter we want to continue the Schooner League and restart the Sloop League. We need more players for both leagues. The Sloop League will be for all players other than our most experienced. Even if you haven't played in a league before or are new to the game at the IYC, it's a great way to break in and get to know some fellow players.

We've delayed the start of both singles leagues until January to allow more time to sign up. Both leagues run for about 3 months with playoffs at the end. Players compete weekly and play three different games: 8-ball, 9-ball, and Honolulu. If you're interested, contact Reg Brooks for the Schooner League: rlsperry@comcast.net or 941-661-1133.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

CAROL NU77O



During the October 30 Semi-Annual Membership Meeting, I reviewed the process the Planning Committee follows in developing a Capital Plan. There are two important parts to the Capital plan. First are the recommended Capital expenditures for the next Watch. These decisions are based on priority and contribution to the Club. The plan for the 2025/2026 Watch was reviewed by the Finance Committee to ensure the plan can be fully funded. The plan was then submitted to the Board of Directors for approval. The plan is then presented to membership at the February Annual meeting for our review and vote.

The second part is the five-year plan which addresses the future needs of our Club. The Building Committee has been focused on campus development needs of which the top priority is replacing the Bridge building.

As planned, the property has been surveyed and we can begin to move forward knowing the requirements regarding land development codes and drainage requirements. We now know the priority is storm water retention, and the best solution is storage under the parking lot along Marion Avenue. Currently, we are awaiting engineering estimates for a water retention system, which will allow us to begin planning a timeline with cost estimates for the new building and pool. Engineering will continue for the balance of this year.

Your comments, questions and feedback are always welcome. Feel free to contact anyone on the Planning or Building committee or leave your feedback on the IYC website under "Member Central", Strategic Plan, Vision, Mission and Goal.



HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

BOB AVALLONE

hos·pi·tal·i·ty; the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers.

There are many wonderful benefits to belonging to IYC – the beauty of the Club itself, our members, the staff, the food, the activities, etc. This article is about another benefit of which you may not be taking full advantage – the privilege to use the facilities of other clubs, or 'reciprocity'.

You are probably aware that IYC's participation in the Florida Council of Yacht Clubs (FCYC) gives us automatic reciprocity to 35 Florida clubs, and many of us indeed take advantage of that. Your IYC membership, however, also buys you an unlimited ticket to dine and use the facilities at hundreds of magnificent yacht clubs all over the nation, and indeed, the world. You need only to ask.

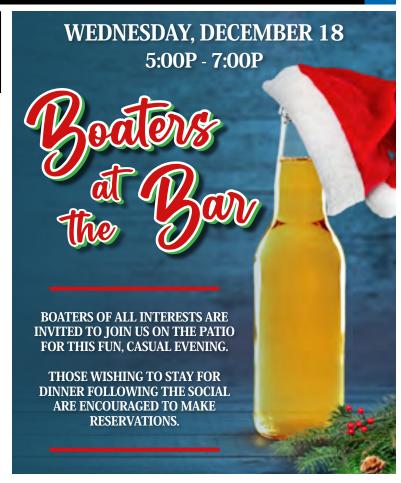
The process of securing reciprocity is relatively simple, but varies slightly from club to club. Although most clubs list their reciprocity requirements on their website (along with club facilities, hours of operation and dress codes), I recommend a confirmation call to the club you'd like to visit well in advance of your intended visit. Some clubs will simply honor your IYC member card, some will first require a written request from you, and still others will ask for a 'letter of introduction' from our Membership Coordinator stating that you are a current member of IYC 'in good standing'.

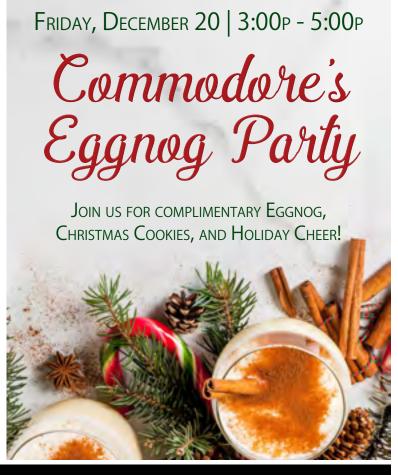
Before moving to PGI, Linda and I visited yacht clubs all over Long island, and made it a practice to visit clubs whenever we'd travel. In New York we visited clubs in Manhattan, Buffalo and Rochester, and out of state we visited clubs in Chicago, Houston, Sarasota, St. Pete, Naples, Punta Gorda, San Francisco, Santa Barbara and Cape Cod (Hyannis). Most clubs simply accept your dinner reservation, while others may issue a 'day' pass allowing you to use all their facilities. IYC offered us a temporary membership card for the Club for the entire week of our visit. (Not surprising for 'The Friendliest Club in SW Florida'). Be aware that many clubs have blackout days when only their members can use their facilities - typically around holidays, when they are having a club 'member event', or even when large conventions are in their locale (like a boat or car show). Some clubs participate in a 'burgee exchange program' where you may bring an IYC burgee for them to display, and they'll give one of theirs for you to keep as a memento of your visit. Most clubs will allow you to put meals or any charges on your credit card, and others will require cash at their dining facility or bar. Again, a call to the club you intend to visit will get you all the info you need.

Next time you go on a visit or vacation outside of Florida, think about finding the area's yacht club. Let's face it, every yacht club is great place for lunch, dinner or drinks, and you are guaranteed to meet interesting people.

One last thought for those of you who travel for business. Many of your out of state clients are aware of the beautiful yacht clubs near them, yet they can't get in – but you can, and you can take them as your guests. For clients, it's a visit from you they won't soon forget.

My advice: ABUSE THE PRIVILEGE (you'll love it).





SAFETY COMMITTEE

DR. JAMES MCCARTY

EMERGENCY TREATMENT OF ANAPHYLAXIS

Anaphylaxis is a severe, life-threatening allergic reaction that requires immediate medical attention. It can be triggered by various allergens, including certain foods, insect stings, medications, and latex. Prompt recognition and treatment are crucial to prevent serious complications or death.

Symptoms of Anaphylaxis

Symptoms of anaphylaxis can develop rapidly and may include:

- Difficulty breathing due to airway constriction
- Swelling of the face, lips, throat, and neck
- Hives or skin rash
- Rapid, weak pulse
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
- Dizziness or fainting

Immediate Treatment Steps

- **1. Call for Emergency Help:** Dial emergency services immediately (e.g., 999 or 112) and inform them of the situation.
- **2.** Administer Epinephrine: Use an epinephrine auto-injector (such as an EpiPen) if the person has one prescribed. Inject it into the outer thigh muscle and hold for ten seconds to ensure the medication is fully delivered. This is the most critical step and can be life-saving.
- **3. Position the Patient:** Lay the person flat and elevate their legs to improve blood flow. If they are having trouble breathing, allow them to sit up to make breathing easier.
- **4. Monitor Vital Signs:** Continuously check for changes in breathing, pulse, and responsiveness. Be prepared to perform CPR if necessary.
- **5. Second Dose of Epinephrine:** If symptoms do not improve within 5-15 minutes and a second auto-injector is available, administer a second dose.
- **6. Prevent Chilling:** Keep the person warm by covering them with a blanket, but avoid overheating.
- **7. Stay with the Patient:** Do not leave the person alone. Reassure them and stay calm until emergency services arrive.

Anaphylaxis requires swift and decisive action to manage effectively. Carrying an epinephrine auto-injector if you are at risk, and ensuring that those around you know how to use it, can significantly increase the chances of a positive outcome during an emergency.

TENNIS COMMITTEE

ROBERT HARDY

We are once again enjoying, along with superb Fall weather, a full tennis schedule. The courts have been rejuvenated with fresh Har-Tru and are in excellent condition. Our Social Activities Chairperson, Ann Pfister-Brown, has restarted the very popular "Thursday Under the Lights" social tennis. Following that evening event, the players regroup on the Patio for snacks, beverages and socializing. It has proven to be very popular, so if you would like to participate, and players at all skill levels are welcome, contact Ann.

Fall league play is back in full swing with five ladies and three Gentlemen's teams. Sadly, our B5 team has disbanded because of a lack of players. Let me make a plea to all Club members to encourage the men to reconsider playing the game you so enjoyed in your more youthful years. The men's program is very active in a wide variety of programs and diverse in their level of play. Even if you've never played tennis, it's never too late to begin. Please consider joining us — a great way to begin is with our 8:00 a.m. Saturday Round Robin. Just show up for some fun — we will loan you a racket if you need one.

Speaking of Saturday Round Robin, our Committee Secretary Kate Carney had the brilliant idea of using the Club's Website calendar (the same one you use to make a dinner reservation) to indicate your intent to play in the Round Robin event on Saturday morning. You can also see who else has "signed up" to play. The system has been in use for only a couple of weeks, but it has resulted in a dramatic increase in players, especially among the men.

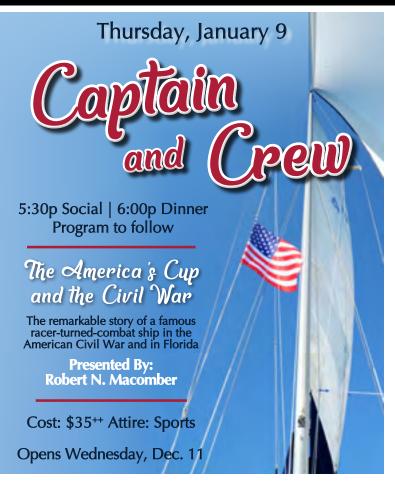
Our Welcome Back Dinner the evening of October 24 was attended by sixty-nine players, spouses, and friends who enjoyed a very lively presentation by Bridget Tran, a local scholar/athlete. The Tennis Committee Nominating Committee, consisting of Gareth Morgan, Julie Weir, Pam Weyrauch, and Mike Darcey, are canvassing candidates for Committee Chair and Treasurer. If you are interested in serving in either of those positions, please contact any of the committee members.



TENNIS DLAYERS

IYC is open to ALL tennis players. If you are interested in playing, whether you are a beginner or a returning player, feel free to join!

Contact Margaret Seter for more information. (631)871-4279 / margaret121@comcast.net











EUCHRECATHY STUART-GILBERT

Euchre/7-Up will be played the first Wednesday each month, 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.

Isles Yacht Club Proposed Slate of Officers 2025 - 2026 Watch In accordance with our Bylaws, the Nominating Committee, chaired by Mark MacMahon, has proposed the following Slate of Officers and Directors for the next Watch which begins March 1, 2025. Voting for the proposed slate of officers will take place at the IYC Annual Membership Meeting in February 2025. Commodore - Dave McBride Vice Commodore - Frank Leyshon Rear Commodore - Doug Scheid Fleet Captain - Terry Wright Secretary - Mary Ann Faust Financial Officer - John Beane Two Year Term: **Director** - Rudy Askew Director - Heidi Capodanno Director - Bob Weisenbeck 8/28/2024

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 HEIBNER

We meet every second and fourth Friday of the month, at 12:00 p.m. in the Bridge Building. Questions? Contact Barbara Heibner bamhiebner6@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

December 1 Emely Guiterrez, Server

December 7 Conner Twogood, Server

December 20 Cathy Lindenauer, Reservations

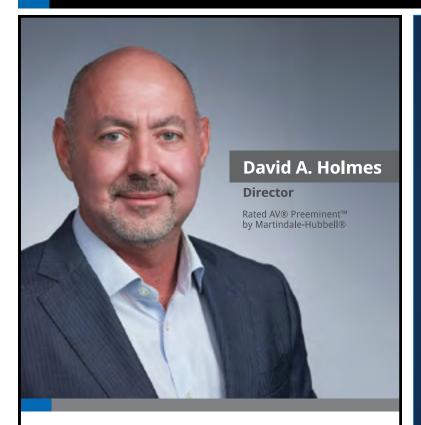
December 20 Jodi Hartz, Accounting



Member Birthdays & Anniversaries

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	Jerry Hayes	18	Heidi Capodanno		John & Annie Speaker
	Mindy Palmer		Colleen Hatala	11	Jack & Marilyn Herider
	William Pizoli		Anna Saplis		John & Nancy Knight
2	Kim Amontree		Anita Wood	16	Dennis & Pat Cantwell
	Susan Brooks	19	Walt Crickmer	17	Igor & Iwona Kapuscinski
	Jan Downing		Tom McElvain	26	Chuck & Cathy Hopper
	Marie Knabe		Jan Randles	28	Mike & Gail Fortier
	Eric Loche		Monica Robinson	20	Duane & Diane Ising
3	Marlene Barnhart-Mohr	20	Holly Tanner		Harry & Carol Tokay
	Susan Graff	21	Lorri Walberg	30	Bjorn & Kitty Hooper
	Kim Kramer	22	Debbie Anderson	30	Greg & Judi Pearson
	Beverly MacMahon		Jeanne Myers		Steve & Diane Sears
	Jim Sanders	24	, Dennis Clark	31	Tom & Judi Faldetta
	Connie Wuckert	25	Marcin Boeckl	31	Bruce & Mary Gensmer
4	Dana Hoffmann		Mary McHugh		Dean & Mary Ruelle
5	Martha Esslinger		Catherine Sanders		Dean & Mary Ruelle
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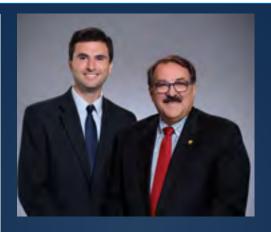
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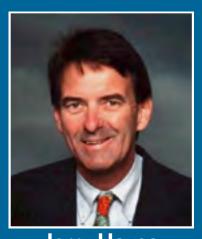




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Men may not wear hats inside the Club.

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