

Punta Gorda, FL

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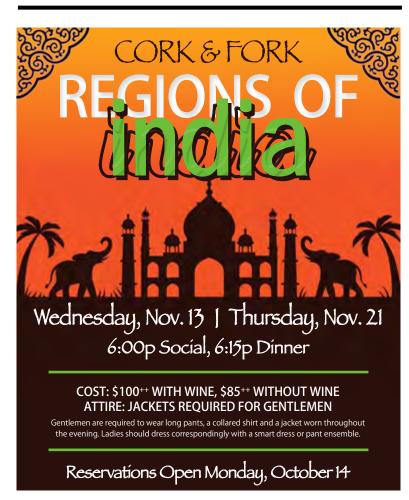


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#### November - Monday, October 14

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## 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: <a href="mailto:iyc@islesyc.com">iyc@islesyc.com</a>. When sending with iPhone/iPad please send in "actual size."

#### ON THE COVER...

This month's cover photo was taken at the 2023 Blessing of the Fleet, by Bruce Tompkins.

### FROM THE BRIDGE

CHUCK BUSCH, COMMODORE



Welcome back! That is for our returning friends who abandoned us for the summer. You will find several improvements that were implemented over the Annual Shutdown. Landscaping items have been added to improve the curb appeal of our beautiful Club. Our rather worn and tired bar stools are being recovered to make them look fresh again. Not so evident, but maybe more important, are several improvements in the kitchen area. All the equipment has received a complete cleaning and finishing to make them look new again. A new ice machine has replaced the old one that failed often. The interior of the Clubhouse has received a thorough cleaning from floor to ceiling A/C vents. The Marina electrical hook-ups and wiring have all been replaced and upgraded to minimize high water failure events and improve safety. By the time you read this article, we will be moving beyond the peak of the storm season, but we are not yet out of the woods. Continue to monitor the weather updates and remain prepared to take action should it become necessary.

October is a busy month at the Club with a number of social activities, including the return of our Captain & Crew nights, Cork & Fork dinners, and several events outlined by the Entertainment Committee article in this LOG, and on our online Member Central webpage. In addition, please join us for the Semi-Annual Membership Meeting on Wednesday, October 30 at 3:00 p.m. This meeting is intended as a mid-Watch informational meeting to update us all on how the Club is doing on all fronts. Plan to stay following the meeting for the Wednesday Party on the Patio, followed by Cigar Night, if you are so inclined.

For those of you who have boats, after all we are a yacht club, our Cruising Club has formed an online web-based cruising link to keep you abreast of all things boating. The site includes links to other sites such as Weather services, Hurricane information, marine electronics, etc. A Cruisers Forum is included that includes boating information, posted cruising events, nautical guidelines and practices, and more. You can browse the site at <a href="https://ivccruisers.com/">https://ivccruisers.com/</a> and register for a password. Also, during the COVID quarantine, many of us became used to the convenience of ordering boat fuel delivered directly to our boat slips at home. Our fuel sales have not fully recovered and are still falling short of past years, so please bring your boat to refuel at our Fuel Dock since it will cost less and will help support all our Club activities as well.

One very special event unique to our Club is our annual Blessing of the Fleet and Fleet Review. This year it will be held on October 5. If you have not already registered your boat, do it today, it probably needs to be blessed! Dinner reservations are required.



#### **GENERAL MANAGER'S CORNER**

JERRY LARACUENTE

I hope everyone had an amazing summer! It's been great to see so many of you back as we gear up for a fun and exciting season ahead. To start this article, I'd like to take a moment to recognize and thank Becky Trainor for her many years of dedicated service to the success of our food and beverage operations. Becky has been an important part of the Isles Yacht Club, and her warm smile will be dearly missed. Please join us on the Patio for Becky's farewell retirement party on Tuesday, October 15, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

During the Annual Shutdown, we were able to accomplish many cleaning projects, as well as some upgrades to the operation. The most notable change was the installation of a new ice machine, a new AC unit, and we have started to re-upholster the bar stools in the Grille Room. Weather permitting, we will begin painting the pool deck soon.

I am thrilled to welcome Edward Sauer as our new Beverage and Service Manager. In this role, he will lead our bar program and work closely with Angela in managing the daily operations of our dining rooms and Club events. Edward has already demonstrated strong leadership behind the bar, and I'm confident he will bring his positive energy, hospitality, and expertise to the management team.

The Club has an exciting lineup of events kicking off this month. Cork & Fork returns with a Classic New Orleans menu, and our Wine Tasting will feature a Sonoma Valley vs. Russian River Valley theme. The Tuesday Night Buffet is back on October 22, and the Sunday Breakfast Buffet makes its season debut on October 6. Along with our regular schedule of awesome Club events, I'm excited to collaborate with Chef Chris as we continue offering our popular Prix Fixe Dinner Events, which have been a big hit.

A friendly reminder for our Cork & Fork events: gentlemen are required to wear long pants, a collared shirt, and a jacket to be worn throughout the evening. Ladies should dress accordingly in a smart dress or pant ensemble.

Finally, as a courtesy to your fellow members and our staff, please make reservations and honor your reservation times whenever possible. We stagger reservations to ensure timely service for everyone.

Please keep sharing your feedback on your Club experience, as it drives me to ensure our team delivers the best service and hospitality possible. My goal is to enhance the member experience by promoting a positive work culture and offering a unique, high-quality Club experience.

Warm regards,

Jerry Laracuente gm@islesyc.com

#### INSIDE THE HOUSE

BRIAN BARCIC, VICE COMMODORE



As the Club reopened and members returned from the Annual Shutdown, they found the Club with a fresh and rejuvenated look. During the Shutdown, the Club, from the front of the house, to the back of the house, got a deep cleaning. Painting, repairs, and replacement of kitchen equipment took place, along with landscaping around the Bridge building. GM Jerry and all the staff deserve huge thanks for a job well done.

Raising money and donating to charities can be a meaningful way to help the local community. Unfortunately, the Charity Cup Committee was unable to reach an agreement with Charlotte Community Foundation or another third-party foundation which makes tax deductible donations possible. The Committee continues to explore options for the best way forward and needs your help. Please be sure to participate in the survey when it is sent out by the committee.

The first Cork & Fork of the new season will feature "Classic New Orleans" on October 9 and 17. As of this writing, the event is sold out. Please go on the waitlist. The first Wine Tasting of the season will be on October 22 and feature Sonoma Valley vs. Russian River Valley. Lastly, every Wednesday, the Party on the Patio is a great chance to enjoy live music, meet old friends and make new ones. Of course, there's also Happy Hour drink specials and prices to go along with the great bar menu!

Keep your "fingers crossed" and "knock on wood" as we have so far escaped the wrath of a hurricane. Be sure to prepare your boat and home if leaving town for an extended time period.

The Semi-Annual Membership Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 30 in the Main Dining Room. All members are encouraged to attend. The meeting will give an overview of the health of the Club so far this year, and a look into the future direction of the Club.

I'm writing this from Seven Springs Resort in Pennsylvania where Paula and I attended the wedding of our niece. When I left Florida, I was looking forward to finally experiencing moderate temperatures in the 50's and 60's. Well, I've determined that my tolerance for cooler temperatures has waned since my arrival in Florida in 2019. Temperatures in the 50's, especially when windy, are outright cold! Thought it was going to snow!

Semi Annual Membership Meeting

Join us on Wednesday, October 30 at 3:00 p.m. in the Dining Room for our Semi-Annual Membership Meeting.



#### FROM THE REAR COMMODORE

FRANK LEYSHON, REAR COMMODORE



I just completed the FCYC meetings and events at Naples Yacht Club. The FCYC meeting, which is held every two months, went well. We had eight (sixteen people) at the meeting via boat. We had an additional eight joining via car. The Isles Yacht Club received the awards for the most boats in attendance at

the event. Most boats departed on Sunday. The wind kicked up out of the west and provided us a rough ride home.

In past years, the Isles Yacht Club consistently received awards at the FCYC weekends. I hope we can make this a more consistent occurrence. I want to thank everyone that participated. I appreciate all the participation. Anyone that has not attended, just ask, and I will explain what happens during the weekend. It is a fun time.





The meeting had thirty-two of the thirty-six Yacht Clubs in attendance. The meeting on Saturday only had one major order of business voted on. The nominating Committee was elected for the upcoming watch.

Bob Peterson does a great job overseeing and promoting FCYC Inter-Club Competition. Registration is under way and will soon end for Bocce, Pickleball and Tennis. The Isles Yacht Club will be hosting Bocce and Pickleball. Anyone interested should contact Bob Peterson, the office staff, or myself. Bob said there are some spots to fill yet. It was also announced at the FCYC meeting that Stock Island is still extending invitations to FCYC boaters. Stock Island is not a member of the FCYC but still extends boat dockage for FCYC members with the first night being free and other perks. Please click HERE or visit our website for details.

FCYC usually has interesting talks from guest speakers. The speaker at this FCYC was Paul Arsenault. Over a fifty-year span, Paul has painted throughout the coastline of Florida. Paul embarked on a six-month expedition as a deckhand on a research vessel out of Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. He landed in Naples in 1974 and immediately honed his skills as a landscape artist. He has amazing artwork displayed at Naples Yacht Club. His artwork has become a history of Florida since 1974. His adventures are also in his published book *My Journey as a Painter*.

### FLEET CAPTAIN REPORT

DOUG SCHEID, FLEET CAPTAIN



The summer is fast coming to a close, and soon our waterways and roadways will be filled with so many of our wintertime friends! The winds will be more favorable for our Harbor 20's and spending time outdoors in the middle of the day will once again be something to look forward to.

Fuel costs are trending downward, and the Marina is keeping fuel prices as low as possible to allow our members to use their boats more. The pedestal replacement project is completed and we are working to finalize approval on the Fuel Dock awning with the hope of receiving it before the end of the Watch.

The IYC Cruising Committee lead by John & Becky Todd and Jeff & Joanne Zeimer is working on several destinations this season with a mix of short, long, and day cruises so everyone can participate.

For those who are not familiar with the Florida Council of Yacht Clubs, I urge to take a look here for more information. There are two awards; the FCYC Yachtsman of the Year for most miles traveled, and FCYC Founders Award for traveling to thirteen or more FCYC clubs. Both awards are documented utilizing the FCYC Cruising Log available HERE.

Blessing of the Fleet combined with Fleet review is scheduled for Saturday, October 5 just weeks away. Please plan to participate with your boat by scheduling with the Dockmaster. While not directly impacting operations, the symbolic act of blessing a fleet is often perceived as an additional layer of preparation, contributing to the overall success of missions. A fleet review is a ceremonial event where a fleet of ships is assembled for inspection. The Isles Yacht Club fleet review is combined with the Fleet Blessing. If you cannot participate, please plan to attend land side as a great way to kick off the season.

October 10 will be our first Captain & Crew. Duane Ising will be presenting on his trip up the St. Johns River. Social will begin at 5:30 p.m. with Dinner at 6:00 p.m. with the presentation to follow. Mark your calendar for the November Captain and Crew on Thursday, November 14 as we welcome JoEllen Wilson from the Bonefish and Tarpon Trust. JoEllen will be doing a presentation on the ongoing juvenile tarpon and snook habitat research and restoration work in Charlotte Harbor and Boca Grande.

Red Dot and Waitlist Social

Join us for our Red Dot/Waitlist Social on Wednesday, October 16 at 4:00 p.m. on the Patio!

#### NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



#### **GREG & LINDA THOMAS**

Greg was raised in Southern Indiana. He received a degree in Engineering from Cal Berkeley and worked with Factory Mutual for forty-one years. Greg traveled extensively for work and pleasure, visiting all seven continents. He enjoys golf, jazz, wine, and travel. His father, David, was Commodore at Isles Yacht Club in 1998-1999. Linda

was raised in Massachusetts and has also lived in Okia, Texas and Windsor, England. She has had the opportunity to travel throughout Europe, Nordic Countries, Russia, Australia, and New Zealand. Linda has two grown sons, and three grandchildren, including year-old twins. She is a retired registered nurse, artist, and Reiki Master. Currently Greg & Linda do not have a boat but are in the research phase.

Sponsors: Susan Hill & George Eichman

#### **BILL BIRDSEYE**

Bill spent the majority of his life in Michigan where he cruised the Great Lakes in his Tiara boat. Home port was the Detroit Yacht Club. If he wasn't cruising, you could find him participating in Club activities. Winters were spent bowling at the Detroit Athletic Club. Sponsors: Richard Beck & Doug Scheid



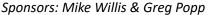
#### **BJORN & KITTY HOOPER**

Bjorn has been boating and sailing since he was eight years old. He has raced nationally, and is a US certified regional race officer, judge, and has his safe sport certification. Bjorn also received the 2016-2017 Yachting Recognition Award. He is owner of a POS software company. Kitty is a graduate of the University of Southern Florda. She is a

property manager and enjoys golf, travel, reading, and boating. Sponsors: George Downing & Laurie Ackerman

#### **JEFF TWITTY**

Jeff was born and raised in Chicago and moved to Dallas in 1997. He has worked in the commercial industry for over forty years. Jeff is an avid golfer and boater. He bought his home in PGI in 2017, and splitting his time between Punta Gorda and Dallas.





#### **LOUISE CLARE**

Louise lives in Toronto, Ontario, Canada and spends some time in Punta Gorda Isles over the winter months. She has a Master's Degree in Social Policy, Planning and Administration, from the University of Toronto. Clare worked for the Attorney General for a number of years and most recently ran her own business consulting practice.

She has two children: a daughter and son-in-law, who live and work in Toronto, along with their two adorable children, ages one and four. Her son and his fiancé live in Brooklyn and work in Manhattan. They met at Harvard Business School, while studying for their MBAs. Louise has been a member of The Boulevard Club in Toronto for many years. Over the years, she has played Tennis and has been very active with Pilates and Spinning classes.

Sponsors: Susan Barnhart & Paul Benson

#### **TOM & LORIE BOHAGER**

Tom graduated highschool in 1984 and went on to get his Bachelors degree in Holistic Nutrition. He started a nutritional company in 1998, called Enzymedica, and sold it in 2016. Tom also founded a nonprofit for families of children with Autism, called the Autism Hope Alliance, where he continues to volunteer. Locally, Tom and Lorie own



Second Chance Gym and the Sunset Inn. He manages short-term rental properties that he and Lorie own in Punta Gorda, and South Beach. Lorie graduated highschool in 1986 and married Tom in 1989. She worked as a CNA at the time. Soon after, Tom and Lorie had three sons. Lorie focused on raising the children and managing the home, while Tom grew a business. Lorie presently assists Tom in managing the rental properties and the Sunset Inn. Sponsors: Jake Dye & Stephanie Stewart

## SAVE THE DATE

#### Save the date for these upcoming events:

Veterans' Recognition Dinner - Thursday, November 7 Isle-ettes Luncheon - Tuesday, November 12 Captain & Crew - Thursday, November 14 Cheeseburger in Paradise - Saturday, November 16 Wine Tasting - Tuesday, November 19 Boaters at the Bar - Wednesday, November 20 Thanksgiving Buffet - Thursday, November 28

#### **NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT**



#### **KAY WEIR**

Kay spent most of her life in Kansas City, Missouri where she raised her family. She served as PEO State President advancing the philontrhopic mission of PEO. Kay spent over thirty years at St. Lukes hospital where she served as the Director of Volunteers for both the adult and youth programs. She has been in Punta Gorda since 2021 and

looks forward to friendship and activities of the Isles Yacht Club. Sponsors: Jim Weir and Paul Benson

#### **DIANA CUTTING**

Diana moved to Punta Gorda in the Spring of 2016. She opened her salon in 2018 and now has a salon & boutique in Punta Gorda, Diana's Salon & Boutique. Diana is very socially active and loves music. She looks forward to becoming active in the Club and making new friends.



Sponsors: Adrienne Hiatt &

Bev Heiberger





#### MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

PAUL BENSON

Soon we will be welcoming home many of our members who traveled north for the summer. Fall is always a great time at the Club with our "snowbirds" returning and some of our traditional Yacht Club events on the calendar.

Our membership remains at our limit of 900, but we have experienced a higher than normal attrition rate this watch. Some of this reflects a significant increase in those citing "moving out of the area" as the reason for resigning. The economy and a cooling real estate market are also likely factors. We have also seen a decrease in the number of people expressing interest in joining the Club. This is where our Membership comes in! As the largest source of referrals, our members are key to promoting our Club and recruiting new members. Let your friends and new acquaintances know about the numerous benefits of Club membership. Our Membership Committee has been pursing ways to increase our visibility in the Community. An updated brochure is now available. You can pick one (or more) up in the office or will be able to access an electronic form. I encourage you to distribute these to anyone you think might be interested in joining our Club.

We hope for great attendance at our next Red Dot/Waitlist Social, Wednesday October 16. See you there!







## **ISLE-ETTES**MARY ANNE FAUST

Welcome back to everyone, that has been away, this summer. I hope your summer was enjoyable where ever you were. I know I am looking forward to some cooler weather, and all the other wonderful things, that comes with the fall.

The Isle-ettes have some exciting events planned for the remainder of the year. This month we have a food scientist, from Mars Wrigley, coming to explain where all of our Halloween chocolate comes from. There will be cocoa bingo, along with chocolate tastings, and candy bouquets. If available please join us and bring your sweet tooth.

In addition to our monthly luncheon we also will be hosting our Holiday Marketplace, on Saturday, October 19. Vendor space is completely sold out, and we can't wait for you to see all that they have! We have quite a few of our own Club members that will be displaying their treasures. This event is open to the public, so please share the date, with your family and friends! If anyone is interested in helping with this event, please contact me. Any suggestions or questions are welcome to. 609-618-3040 / mafmak@icloud.com





## Bocce Night!

#### **BOCCE IS BACK - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22**

Organized Tuesday Bocce is played weekly October thru April.
Sign-up details are emailed to all members on the
current Bocce group email list.

Members who would like to be added to the email list please contact Jim or Carol Nuzzo <a href="mailto:jcnuzzo@comcast.net">jcnuzzo@comcast.net</a>

Visit the IYC Bocce webpage for additional information.







#### **BICYCLE GROUP**

**BRUCE & DORRIT TOMPKINS** 

**October 7:** The IYC Monthly Bike to Lunch Group kicks off the 2024-25 Season with an old favorite: The Venice Waterways Trail/Soda Shoppe extravaganza. Park in Centennial Park in downtown Venice. Group Photo at 9:30 a.m. Then we ride the Venetian Waterway Park Trail, looping back to our starting point past Sharky's on the Pier, a few interesting streets and Heritage Park. Lunch at the Soda Shoppe featuring pizza, etc. but more importantly - ice cream!



## 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

#### **CRUISING COMMITTEE**

JEFF ZIEMER & JOHN TODD



First of all, welcome back to the Cruisers who have returned from the North! Your Cruise Chairmen have been busy putting together cruises for the remainder of 2024 and into the 2025 cruising season. We are still looking for cruise leaders! More info on the schedule can be found on the Cruisers Website.

Since the last LOG article, only one cruise was completed. Diane & Duane Ising hosted a July cruise with five boats, plus two guests, made a total of twelve people in attendance at Palm Harbor Marina. Duane said the travel conditions were comfortable and the weather nice, despite the typical summer high temps. The first night docktails and potluck supper did not disappoint; the food was terrific! A tough nautical quiz followed, but collectively, all questions were answered correctly, so the champagne was well earned.

In the morning, breakfast was served poolside, courtesy of Diane Ising, followed by a jigsaw puzzle marathon along with lots of pool time and great conversation. Traditionally, everyone water taxied over to Rum Bay for dinner.

The cruise was a great success, and served as a way to get out and use your boat in the middle of the summer. However, considering summers seem to be getting hotter and hotter, Duane mentioned maybe moving this annual Palm Harbour Cruise to September.

Eight boats from IYC made their way to Naples YC for the FCYC meeting September 13-15. Following Naples YC, several of these boats and a few others met at Pink Shell Marina to continue the camaraderie and fun.

Upcoming cruises include SCYC October 16-18. Currently, the cruise is sold out, but be sure to add yourself to the waitlist in case more slips become available, or people cancel. Mark your calendar and plan to join us at IYC October 26 for Halloween on the Docks! Let's light up the marina with our Halloween inspired lights! There will be a contest, and a prize, for the best decorated boat. This, of course, will be followed by our Halloween Party, complete with costumes, and a pumpkin carving contest.

Other cruises have been scheduled for the remainder of the 2024. Jeff and John have been busy scheduling some cruises for early 2025 as well. Check out the list of cruises on our Cruising Website.

Our committee meets at the Club on the third Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Compass Room. Meetings last about one hour. We encourage attendance and participation, so we hope to see you there!









#### IYC SAILING CLUB

CHRISTI VAN HEEK & JOE HELLNER

Do you want to try some real racing? In addition to Wednesday Casual Practice Races, we are trying a team concept Saturday series with the three Club boats that will not require the same crew for every race. No experience necessary, just a willingness to learn. For more information, contact Michael Mixon.

As we head into another exciting season at IYC, summer found our sailors in all kinds of places on adventures far from Punta Gorda.

There was much joy up in NJ as Patti and Michael Mixon celebrated the wedding of daughter Anais to Justin Hetrick.

Mark & Jean Mastrangelo had a long summer of Race Committee in NJ. Jean served as Fleet Captain of the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association as well as some local races out of their home club, Bay Head Yacht Club. She reports they averaged twenty-four races among twelve classes of boat each Saturday for ten weeks. Nephew Hamilton Barclay made it to the finals US Youth Match Racing, won the US ILCA Nationals, and crewed on the winner of the M15 US Nationals!

Alan & Nancy Grossman spent a month in Anchorage, AK to see the many sights, wildlife, and meet folks in the area. Visitors included their daughter Susan, son-in-law Kurk, grandkids Asher & Gavin, and IYC members Rudy Askew & Rose Askew-Hergenhan, and Larry & Stephanie Stewart. Highlights included a visit to Denali, Glacier cruises, wild game dinners, ATV runs, fishing, and sightings of moose, bears, caribou, whales, sea otters, seals, and bald eagles.

Mountain men, Ray Delong, and his brother Dave, did the Via Ferada in Telluride, CO.

Bob & Debbie Sween went to Maine to cruise Penobscot Bay on the *Jenn-Tessa* with friends Ed & Carla Ellish, watch the fog come and go in Pemaquid Harbor, and spend some time on Clearwater Lake. Life is good!

Joe & Kathy Hellner completed a three-week cruise aboard their boat, *Bear-ly Legal II*, covering a nearly eight-hundred-mile loop from Baltimore YC to NC. Ports visited included Norfolk, Coinjock, Belhaven, Oriental, New Bern, Ocracoke, Hatteras, and Manteo.

Our wizard of the "magic string", Pro Rick Schulz lives year-round in Punta Gorda. Noting his skill at running races in Charlotte Harbor, Dave & Marlene Mohr invited him to stay at their place in Avalon, NJ to escape the Florida heat by serving as Pro for the Mid-Atlantic Yacht Racing Association Flying Scot Championship in July. Naturally, Rick did superb job handling twenty-three boats and has tentatively accepted their invitation for next year.

Rob & Aude Sisk enjoyed the cottage at Conomo Point, Essex, MA that has been in the family since 1930. It was Rob's sixty-eighth summer there. As a child, he learned to sail in a type of sailboat called a Turnabout on Essex Bay and, for many years, has been on the board of the Essex Bay Sailing Club supporting the local youth sailing program for kids. By parts scrounging, skill, and miracles, Rob kept the fleet of no longer made Escape Captiva sailboats healthy and ready for next year. A shout out to Will Welles of North Sails who facilitated an old sails exchange for Sea Bags MN beach bags, which were auctioned to raise money for new sails!



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Mark and Jane Mastrangelo aboard the Committee boat



Alan and Nancy Grossman in Alaska with family



Rob Sísk's Summer Racers



Ray and Dave DeLong on the Mountain

## 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.



#### PICKLEBALL RICK RIEGER



Greetings IYC Pickleball enthusiasts. Hoping you had a fun summer filled with lots of Pickleball play. Pickleball continues to grow across the country. In 2023, Pickleball reached 13.6 million players in the United States, a 51.8% increase from 2022. In four years, since 2020, Pickleball has grown 223.5%.

Closer to home, the City Council of Punta Gorda has agreed to resurface the courts at Gilchrist Park. They also have agreed to remove the benches, which currently block four of the eight courts from play. This will be a great improvement to courts that were in great disrepair.

The IYC Pickleball Club will be holding its fall meeting on the Pool Deck on October 8 at 4:30 p.m. If you have any interest in learning or playing Pickleball, please attend this organizational meeting.

Finally, on November 16, the IYC will be hosting the Florida Council of Yacht Clubs Pickleball tournament at the PicklePlex. There will be a Women's League, Men's League and a Mixed doubles team. Please reach out to Rick Rieger at rdriegerx6@gmail.com.

Dink On!!!

WELCOME!

Cruising Committee Meeting October 15 at 9:30am



#### IYC CHARITY CUP SHAWN GII STAD

In August, the IYC Charity Cup Committee informed the Membership that due to being unable to reach an agreement with the Charlotte Community Foundation or any other umbrella 501C3 (necessary for the proper handling of tax-deductible donations), it was decided to cancel the 2024/2025 Charity Cup for this year.

With permission from the Board, the IYC Charity Cup Committee has been working hard exploring options for moving forward in the current environment. The Committee wants your help, by sharing your thoughts on the future of the IYC Charity Cup.

A survey will be going out shortly, and we encourage all members to take a few minutes to complete it so that we can hear your thoughts and opinions. We greatly appreciate all of you, and thank you for helping the IYC Charity Cup Committee.

#### **ADMIRALS CLUB**

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



As we enter a fresh season here at the Isles, our Admirals are looking forward to a smorgasbord of topics to chew on at our upcoming meetings. We begin our first meeting of the season on Thursday, October 3 at 11:00 a.m. We meet in the far side of the main dining room beginning with a little time to catch up with friends followed by a short presentation. We are thrilled this fall to have Mary Ellen Leithiser share her experiences as she sailed, together with eleven other women, across the Pacific Ocean. What a powerful crew!

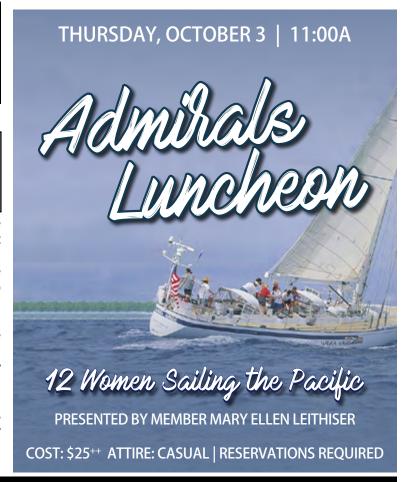
As is our tradition, Chef always delights us with a scrumptious lunch before we, all sail away to our home ports.

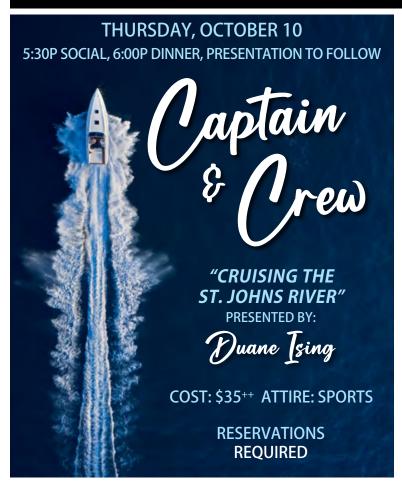
For those of you who may be new to the Club... the Admirals Club is a group of women with an interest in boating. Lady sailors or power cruisers, novice or experienced, you do not have to own a boat, ALL are welcome.

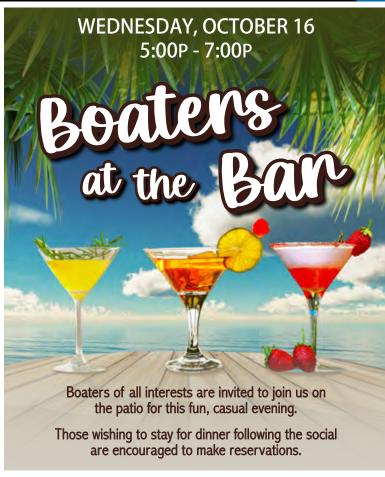
The purpose of the Admirals is to promote and enhance' life on the water' in a variety of ways through experience and education.

"Knowledge is Power" is our motto

We hope you will join us.















#### **ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE**

GAIL BUSCH

For those of you who were out of town this summer, you missed some great silliness at the Club!



That was evident in the photo above, from our August Ladies' Night Out: Mrs. Roper's Romp. Our cocktails and caftans night provided games, prizes, good times and a birthday celebration for Gwen... all good things.

On August 17, the Sheriff came to the Isles Yacht Club Saloon to solve a mysterious murder. After a great meal, members put on their detective cowboy hats to figure out who done it. The actors did a great job of staying in character to play their parts. Check out the pictures on the website under "About Us" and then "Event Photos."

By the time this goes to press, we will have already enjoyed an afternoon of Beach Ball Bingo at the Yardarm on September 19 and will be looking forward to our final event of September, a Night on Broadway featuring the music of Broadway Knights with Special Guest, Vocalist Debra G.

For our snowbirds returning in October, we start the month with the Blessing of the Fleet on October 5 providing musical entertainment by Ron Lorenzo. The Oktoberfest Buffet will be held on Friday, October 18, so get your lederhosen and dirndls ready! We will celebrate Halloween with jack-o-lanterns and haunted boats on Saturday, October 26 at our costume party. Then, the following day, our pups join in the fun with the Annual Canine Costume Party at the Yardarm, which is always a good time!

If you would like to sit in on a meeting of the Entertainment Committee, ladies and gentlemen of the Club are welcome to join us on the third Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in the Board Room. We will soon be planning for next year, so bring your ideas!

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### **ISLES YACHT CLUB CALENDAR**

# October

NOVEMBER 2024						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Kitchen Hours: Sunday Breakfast: Monday Closed Tuesday - Saturday Bar: Tues - Sat: 11 Happy Hour Daily: Office: (941) 639-7 Dockmaster Cell:	y: 11:00a - 9:00p :00a - 10:00p 4:00p - 6:00p	1	2 11:30a Blue Gavel 4p Patio Music Ron Roy 5p Rescheduled Prix Fixe Dinner	3 11a Admirals Luncheon 7p Rescheduled Sept. Cigar Night	4 Buffet - Carving Station Entertainment Bobby & Doreen	5 4p Fleet Review, Blessing of the Fleet, & Dinner Entertainment Ron Lorenzo No Ala Carte Dinner or Carryout Available Fuel Dock Closes at 1:00pm
<b>6</b> 9a - 1p Breakfast Buffet	7 RESTAURANT & BAR CLOSED Bike to Lunch	8 11a Isle-ettes Luncheon	9 1p Membership Committee Mtg. 4p Tennis Mtg. 4p Patio Music Danny Beach 6p Cork & Fork Classic New Orleans #1	10 4p Book Club 5:30p Captain & Crew	11 10a Flu Shots 1p Planning Mtg Buffet - Pasta Station Entertainment Tony & Lori	12
13 9a - 1p Breakfast Buffet	14 RESTAURANT & BAR CLOSED	9:30a Cruiser's Meeting 11a B&G Meeting 2p Entertainment Committee Mtg	9a House Mtg. 4p Patio Music Ron Roy 4p Red Dot Social 5p Boaters at the Bar	9:30a Finance Mtg 6p Cork & Fork Classic New Orleans #2	Oktoberfest Themed Buffet Entertainment A-Train	19 10a Isle-ettes Holiday Marketplace 3p Patio Music Ron Lorenzo
20 9a - 1p Breakfast Buffet Entertainment <i>Tony Boffa</i>	21 RESTAURANT & BAR CLOSED	9a BOD Meeting Tuesday Buffet 5:30p Wine Tasting	23 4p Patio Music Danny Beach	24 5:30p Welcome Back Tennis	25 Buffet - Pasta Station Entertainment Tiki Tom & LA	3p Patio Music Ron Lorenzo 4:30p Halloween Party Entertainment A-Train
27 9a - 1p Breakfast Buffet 3p Canine Costume Party	28 RESTAURANT & BAR CLOSED	3p IYC Activities Day Tuesday Buffet	30 3p Semi-Annual Membership Mtg 4p Patio Music Danny Beach 7p Cigar Night	31	Cancellation Polic No-shows and rese cancelled by 10:00a BEFORE the event to the member. Car for Cork & Fork / W dinners must be ma SEVEN DAYS befo	rvations not am, the day will be charged acellations ine & Dine de by 10:00am



## **BOOK CLUB**NANCY MEADOWS

Book Club is back in full swing and looking forward to this season's books discussion. We have a great selection of books! Find the complete list of books on the website, or by clicking HERE. Come join us the second Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m. in the Compass Room. No reservation required. Have a beverage, cookie(s) and great discussions with your fellow IYC members.

October 10: <u>The Splendid and The Vile</u> by Erik Larson. Learn the first twelve months of Winston Churchill as Prime Minister and how he took on Adolf Hitler. The story of political brinkmanship, but it's also an intimate domestic drama.

November 14: <u>The Kitchen House</u> by Kathleen Grissom. A story of orphaned Lavinia arriving on the steps of the kitchen house and a new life begins for her. A story line that keeps your attention!

December 12: <u>The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo</u> by Taylor Jenkins Reid. Aging & 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?

Our IYC book selections are at Copperfish Book Store, and at the Punta Gorda Library. Also, don't forget the IYC library in the Bridge Building where there are many enjoyable books to select. Happy reading and the (hopefully) cooler weather!

## 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

#### COMPASS FUND

PC JIM NUZZO, COORDINATOR





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Laracuente. If you have contributed to the Compass Fund and would like to proudly display the Compass Fund decal on your name badge, please see Jerry.

Contributions to the Compass Fund this year total \$54,513. Total contributions to the Compass Fund since inception total \$1,085,805. It is from those contributions significant enhancements have been made possible. Thank you, members, for your generosity, it really does make a difference.

Members with questions or in need of assistance are encouraged to contact me. The Compass Fund has a variety of established projects members can choose to support or discuss establishing a new idea or project. Please consider visiting the IYC website then proceeding to the Compass Fund page for additional information.

PC Jim Nuzzo, Compass Fund Coordinator

#### **BILLIARDS COMMITTEE**

ROGER SPERRY

Fall is here, and it's time to get ready for League play, which will begin in early November. We will have a team league with six teams of about eight players each and hopefully two individual player leagues. Both will run for about three months with weekly matches, and there will be playoffs at the end. Specific schedules will be posted in the Bridge Building's Billiards Room.

Everyone is welcome - men and women.

- If you're interested in playing on a team, please contact Duane Ising (duane.ising@comcast.net / 941-286-3298).
- If you want to play in an individual league, please contact Reg Brooks (reg\_brooks@earthlink.net / 951-661-1822) for the Schooner League, which is generally for our most experienced players.
- For the Sloop League, which is for all other players, contact Roger Sperry (rlsperry@comcast.net / 941-661-1133).

We especially would like to see some of our newer Club members sign up. You'll enjoy the competition playing a great game and make some new friends as well.



#### **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**CAROL NUZZO** 

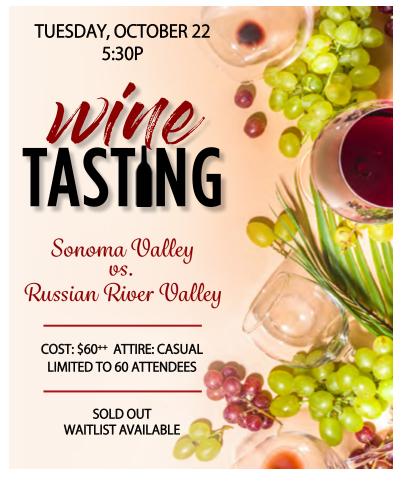
Summer months are a busy time of year for the Planning Committee. Per our Bylaws, the committee is responsible for developing a five-year Capital plan. The process involves reviewing items submitted from all auxiliary organizations and committees. Each item request is evaluated on its priority and contribution to the Club. Planning considerations, as one would expect, involves critical input from the General Manager. GM Jerry has provided the committee with essential input that has been invaluable to the committee. Additionally, assets of the Club are reviewed which include the Pool, Tennis Courts, Clubhouse interior and exterior, Fitness Center, Bridge Building replacement, and Marina. Once completed, the Capital plans are submitted to the Finance Committee in September. Once reviewed and if approved, the plan is sent to the Board in November for their review. If approved at the Board level, then presented to Membership to review and vote on at the annual meeting in February.

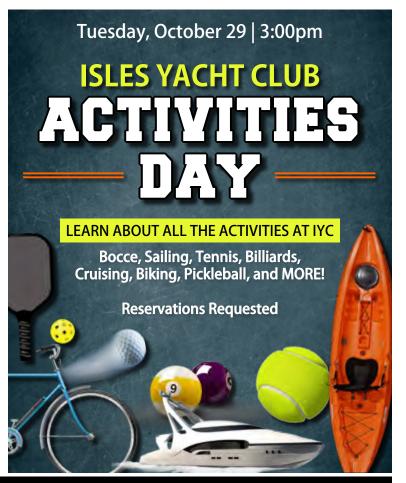
#### **BRIDGE BUILDING REPLACEMENT**

Campus site engineering, as of this writing, is in its final stages of completion. The Building Committee has been working with Weiler Engineering Corporation all summer. Future campus development possibilities are dependent on the findings from the site engineering. Updates will be provided at the upcoming Semi-Annual Membership Meeting on Wednesday, October 30. If you are in town, hope you can attend this informative meeting.

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







#### SAFETY COMMITTEE

DR. JAMES MCCARTY

#### **ESSENTIAL MEDICATIONS FOR BOAT TRIPS**

Planning a boat trip requires more than just packing snacks and sunscreen. Ensuring you have the necessary medications can make the difference between a great day on the water and a miserable one. Here are the key medications to bring on your boat trip.

#### **Prescription Medications:**

Each person should bring enough of their prescribed medications, stored in original containers for identification and legality.

#### **Seasickness Remedies:**

Over-the-counter options like Dramamine and prescription patches like Scopolamine are effective. Natural alternatives such as ginger candies can also help.

#### Pain Relievers and Anti-Inflammatories:

Ibuprofen and acetaminophen are essential for managing headaches, muscle aches, and minor injuries.

#### **Antihistamines:**

For allergies, bring options like Benadryl or Claritin to handle reactions to insect bites, plants, or food.

#### First Aid Kit:

A basic kit should include adhesive bandages, antiseptic wipes, gauze, medical tape, tweezers, and scissors. Hydrocortisone cream for bites and rashes, and a digital thermometer are also useful.

#### **Sun Protection and Burn Relief:**

High-SPF sunscreen is crucial, with regular reapplication. Include aloe vera or after-sun lotion for sunburn relief.

#### **Gastrointestinal Medications:**

Pack antacids for heartburn, anti-diarrheal medications like Imodium, and laxatives for constipation.

#### **Emergency Medications:**

For severe allergies, bring an epinephrine injector (EpiPen). Consider carrying a course of broad-spectrum antibiotics, prescribed by a doctor, for longer trips.

#### **Storage Tips:**

Store medications in a waterproof container, kept in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight.

By preparing these essential medications, you ensure a safer and more enjoyable boat trip for everyone on board. Happy boating!

#### TENNIS COMMITTEE

**ROBERT HARDY** 

Finally, the long dog days of summer are behind us, and we begin to look forward to the more hospitable weather of autumn. The condition of the courts for this time of year, because of the heavy daily rains is always problematic, but the courts are in pretty good shape right now with the promise of fresh Har-Tru early in October to make certain they will be in top shape for the beginning of the Fall and Winter season.

Early preparations for the coming tennis season are well under way with the 2024-2025 league matches for both men and women already posted. Kate Carney has done an amazing job in scheduling practice time for each team as well as court time for the scheduled matches. All that information has been entered into RMC (Reserve My Court). The Fall/Winter team practice schedule will begin on Monday September 30. The Saturday Round Robin times will change on October 5 with the Men's Round Robin from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m., and for the women, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Thank you, Kate!

The annual Welcome Back Dinner is planned for the evening of October 24, so mark your calendar now. The speaker for the evening will be Bridget Tran who will speak on the challenges of being a scholar/athlete. Reservations are now open.

Our very popular social program, "Thursday Under the Lights", under the supervision of our Social Program Chairperson Ann Fister-Brown, will resume the evening of November 7.

On November 23 we will once again host the very popular 8.5 Women's Invitational Tennis Gobbler. The tournament draw is already filled with eight teams competing. All are welcome to come and watch some outstanding women competitors from all over Southwest Florida.

Registration for the third annual FCYC Inter-Club Tennis Competition has begun and will be played on November 9 at the Bird Key Yacht club in Sarasota. The competition features Women's, Men's and Mixed Doubles. Registration closes noon September 28. To register, contact Bob Peterson via email at <a href="mailto:rpeterson3606@yahoo.com">rpeterson3606@yahoo.com</a>.

## TENNIS PLAYERS

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

#### **MEN'S SPORTING CLAYS SHOOTING**

JIM WEIR

Once per month a group of Club members travel to an excellent facility near Sarasota (<u>sarasotatrapskeetdandclays.com</u>) to shoot sporting clays. We meet at the IYC parking lot at 8:30 a.m. and travel together. As we don't keep score or gamble, everyone remains friends. New participants are welcome; principally for safety reasons, it is assumed any prospective participant is reasonably acquainted with the careful handling of firearms. To be added to the mailing list, contact Jim Weir. jimweir@compdme.com

# How Much Do You Know About Your Club?!

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### FLU SHOTS

Friday, October 10 | 10:00am - 11:30am You can register online or contact the front office.





#### **EUCHRE**

BOB SWEEN 941-916-0110



Euchre is played at 7:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month from November to May in the Compass Room.

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

#### **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.



#### **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.



We love to see photos of our members enjoying the Club, their travels, or making memories with friends.

Email your photos to iyc@islesyc.com. When sending with an iPhone/iPad, please send in "actual size."



Employee Birthdays!

#### **OCTOBER**

October 18 Kathey Erland, Server

## 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.

## Member Birthdays & Anniversaries

## October Birthdays

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1	Elizabeth Triana	17	Larry Mullins
2	Fred Meyer	-,	John O'Donnell
3	Mary Cassady		Janet Twomey
	Ron Ingram	18	Bruce Gensmer
	Debi Smith		Paula McQueen
4	James Petruccelli	19	Candy Cheetham
5	Jacquelyn Engle		Susanne Hoder
6	Tim Harris		Duane Ising
	Jill Siemon		Joe Molhoek
7	Juanita Douet		Joan Thomas
•	Angela Kearley		Robert Weitz
	Lori Sullivan	20	Susan Chester
	Tom Weekes		Diane DeGurian
8	Sylvia DeValle		Linda Phelan
	Lyn Ford		Bill Robison
	Jim Forrester	21	Peter Fucini
	Laura Mullins		Mark Hatala
9	Dawn Atchley		Sue Mohn
10	Joe Butler	22	Bill Morgan
	Peg Connolly		Jane Sturges
	Sharon Helphenstine	23	Tina Ford
	Amy Pizoli		Selah Ireland
	Joyce Scaccianoce	24	Aude Sisk
11	Kathy Kelle	26	Bob Harbour
12	Rudy Askew		Bob Rice
	Steve Bjorkman	27	Ed Railton
13	Carolyn McBride	28	Jeni Hudson
	Jose Quesada	30	Greg Pearson
15	Amy Castillo		Lew Springer
	Jason Danka	31	Hank Ames
	Diane Ising		Daniel Chou
	Jeff Saplis		Craig Esterly
16	Judith Faldetta		Paul Jensen
	Karen Severtsen		Johnny Swanson

## October Anniversaries

1	Rick & Karen Beck
2	William & Brenda Meara
	Steven & Leanne Murphy
3	Jack & Carol Akerman
4	Frans & Jeannie Van Hekken
6	Dan & Sharon Caldwell
8	Ed & Nancy Railton
	James & Holly Tanner
9	Dave & Peg Connolly
	Robert & Deborah Sween
12	Doug & Patti Scheid
	Greg & Linda Thomas
13	Rudy Askew & Rose Askew-Hergenhar
	Tom & Sandy Fisher
14	Goran & Susanne Modig
15	Craig & Janet Esterly
16	Steve & Connie Wuckert
17	Chuck & Sue Mohn
	Andy & Eileen Templeman
18	Terry & Deann Johnson
19	Paul Beatty & Kathleen Fuller
	Walt & Marge Freed
	Ron & Brenda Ingram
20	Jim & Lauri Koinis
22	Dave Mohr & Marlene Barnhart-Mohr
25	Tom & Lyn Ford
27	William & Lynn Renz
29	Doug & Coni Swanson

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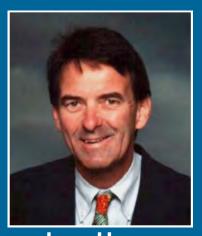
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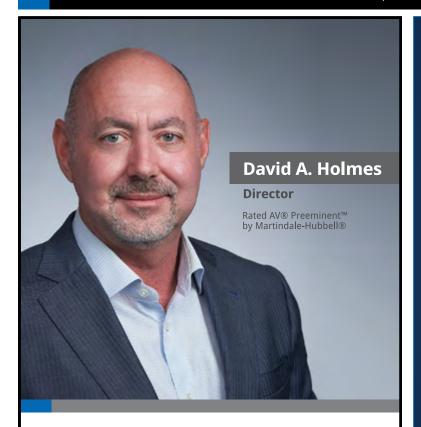


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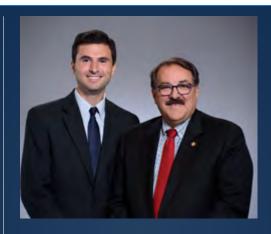
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