ISLES YACHT CLUB

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This month's cover photo features some of our Members from December 2025 Tennis Rally Tally

LOG

Upcoming Deadline for submissions:

JANUARY = Monday, December 14

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





FROM THE BRIDGE

FRANK LEYSHON, COMMODORE



Dear Members,

November has been an exciting and productive month for Isles Yacht Club. As we continue celebrating our 50th Anniversary Watch, I am grateful for the enthusiasm, participation, and support shown by our membership.

First, I would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who attended the Commodores Ball. The evening was a tremendous success, with outstanding attendance, great energy, and most importantly, a wonderful opportunity to thank the past Commodores. Special thanks go to our volunteers, staff, and event organizers whose efforts helped create a memorable evening.

One of the most significant topics discussed during the past month was the continued advancement of our Campus Improvement Plan (CIP). During the Mid-Year Membership Meeting, members were provided an update on project planning, engineering progress, and anticipated timelines as we work toward City approvals and the start of construction in 2027. The Board remains committed to our promise that the project will move forward without a special assessment and that members will have multiple opportunities to participate in funding the future of our Club.

As a recap, three participation options were presented to the membership:

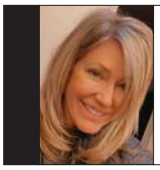
- Compass Fund Donations, which provide an opportunity for generous support and donor recognition.
- Member Promissory Notes, offering a projected 7-year term with 6% annual interest and a minimum participation amount of $10,000. Member pledge forms have now been distributed to help estimate the level of member financing available before formal loan documents are prepared in 2028.
- Advance Capital Dues Payments, allowing members to prepay five years of capital dues at the current program rate and avoid future capital dues increases during the prepaid period.

I encourage all members to review the information that has been distributed and consider whether one of these opportunities aligns with your personal goals and circumstances. Every level of participation helps strengthen the financial foundation of the Campus Improvement Plan and supports the continued enhancement of our Club for future generations.

As we move into the heart of the season, our Club calendar continues to fill with outstanding events, social activities, and opportunities to connect with fellow members. The energy around the Club is evident, and it is exciting to see our membership actively engaged in shaping the future of Isles Yacht Club while enjoying all that makes it such a remarkable organization today.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for your continued support, involvement, and commitment to Isles Yacht Club. Together, we are not only celebrating our first 50 years but also laying the foundation for the next 50 years of success.

Warm regards,
Frank Leyshon
Commodore



GENERAL MANAGER'S CORNER

DANNIELLE MILLER

It's the most wonderful time of the year at Isles Yacht Club!

December is here, and with it comes the excitement of the holiday season, a full calendar of festivities, and the joy of seeing so many familiar faces returning from their summer travels. There is nothing quite like having our Club bustling with laughter, friendship, and the wonderful energy our members bring. It's great to have everyone back!

While many of you were away enjoying your summer adventures, we were busy making improvements around the Club. Among our many projects, we installed two new air-conditioning units—one for the dining room and one for the kitchen. And let me tell you, after the heat our kitchen team endured this summer, I'm pretty sure Chef Robert and his crew were considering adding sauna services to the menu! Thankfully, everyone can now enjoy a much cooler and more comfortable environment.

As we celebrate this season of giving, please keep an eye out for our **Toys for Tots donation boxes** in the hallway. Your generosity can help bring a little Christmas magic to children in need. We also invite every member to participate in our **Member Ornament Drop-Off** tradition. Bring a special ornament to hang on our Member Christmas Tree in the foyer. It's a beautiful way to make our Club feel like home and celebrate the wonderful people who make up our IYC family.

It's also that special time of year when we have the opportunity to give back to the incredible employees who give so much to us throughout the year. Our Employee Holiday Fund is a wonderful way to show appreciation to the hardworking staff who make Isles Yacht Club such a special place. From the friendly faces who greet you at the door to the dedicated teams working behind the scenes, our employees put their hearts into making your Club experience exceptional. I encourage everyone to consider contributing to the Employee Holiday Fund. Your generosity is a meaningful way to say thank you for their hard work, dedication, and the smiles they bring to our Club every day.

I am also thrilled to share that our October Open House was a tremendous success! To all our new members, **welcome to Isles Yacht Club!** We are so happy you've joined our Club family and look forward to creating many wonderful memories together. Please know that my door is always open. Whether you have a question, a suggestion, or simply want to say hello, I would love to hear from you.

As we close out another year, I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to our members for making Isles Yacht Club such a special place. It truly is the people who make this Club extraordinary.

From my heart to yours, I wish you and your families **a very Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah, and a New Year filled with good health, happiness, laughter, and wonderful memories!**






INSIDE THE HOUSE

DOUG SCHEID, VICE COMMODORE



As we head into the heart of the season, there is a great deal happening both around the Club and behind the scenes. The House Committee, Charity Cup Committee, and Special Building Committee have all been busy preparing for the months ahead while continuing to focus on the day-to-day member experience.

Food and Beverage operations remain an important focus. Overall sales exceeded budget in the most recent reporting period, although higher food costs continue to be a challenge, particularly with rising produce prices. Management and Chef are reviewing purchasing, menu costs, and service procedures while working to maintain reasonable pricing for members.

Dinner activity continues to trend favorably, and Sunday brunch participation is beginning to increase as more members return for the season. Lunch remains our most challenging meal period, and management continues to experiment with pricing, menu selections, and faster service. Please consider the club for your lunch meetings or to just come in an enjoy your club for lunch!

One improvement that seems to be working particularly well is "cover pacing" on busy evenings. By seating members closer to their reservation times and staggering orders going into the kitchen, the staff can better manage large groups arriving at once. A recent bocce evening with approximately 70 diners was a good example of the system working smoothly. Please try to arrive and be seated so the staff can serve you in your "slot" to minimize disruptions.

Staffing is also in a strong position. Considerable training has taken place throughout the Food and Beverage team, and management reports that both the front and back of the house are well staffed. Members may also have noticed more desserts being prepared from scratch in-house, thanks in part to the addition of an experienced pastry chef.
Planning for the 2027 Charity Cup is also moving ahead. Major dates now include the January 15 Meet and Greet, March 7 Tennis Poker, March 10 Nautical Poker, March 20 Sailing Regatta, and March 25 Charity Cup Dinner/Gala. Work is also underway on sponsorships and the selection of local charitable beneficiaries.

The Campus Improvement Project continues to advance as well. The Special Building Committee has received preliminary construction proposals from Boyette Miller Construction, Charlotte Harbor Construction, and Florida Premier Contracting. The Committee is reviewing costs, project approach, and contractor qualifications, with the goal of interviewing all three firms and moving toward selection of a preferred construction partner.

It promises to be a very active winter season at IYC, and we appreciate the many members, volunteers, and staff who continue working to make the Club a great place to gather, dine, participate, and enjoy time together.



FROM THE REAR COMMODORE

TERRY WRIGHT, REAR COMMODORE

As we wrap up the calendar year, I'd like to thank all IYC members who have continued to support the club through FCYC participation this year. Our club consistently ranks in the top tier for FCYC event participation, interclub play and cruising awards.

FCYC membership brings many benefits to our club and all IYC members. Here are a few:

- **Reciprocity at 35 member clubs all around Florida**
- **Maritime Legislation tracking and reporting**
- **Liaison with USCG and Corp of Engineers**
- **Organized Cruising on member boats and cruise ships**
- **Fellowship and Friendship through Regular Meetings**
- **Organized interclub competitions**

Last year was an award-filled year culminating in our members winning the Yachtsman of the Year (most clubs visited) and Founders (13 or more clubs visited) cruising awards. This year, the club has won numerous participation awards for "Most Members in Attendance", "Most Boats in Attendance" and "Longest Distance by Boat" at the 6 FCYC General and Change of Watch meetings. At the Naples meeting, IYC had 32 attendees, and at the most recent event at Coral Ridge YC, there were 9. We hope our cruisers are working on their FCYC-club cruising logs for submission this year. Remember, visiting 13 clubs earns you a Founders Award.

This year, Executive Committee member Dr. Bob Peterson organized the FCYC interclub sports competitions in Tennis, Golf, Bocce, Pickle Ball, Mah Jongg. Most recent of these events was the Bocce championship, in which Isles Yacht Club took 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place! This coming spring an interclub fishing tournament will take place.

The next regularly scheduled FCYC General Meeting will be held at the historic Pensacola Yacht Club, on January 8-10, 2027. The signup package is available now, on the FCYC web site, and registration is open until December 23, 2026. PYC has prepared a wonderful event with great options to see Pensacola during the weekend. Pensacolans are very proud of their historic city which was actually established prior to St. Augustine, which holds the record for old est continuously inhabited Florida city. I invite every member to join us for what will be a memorable event.

FCYC change of watch will be held in March, 2027 at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club.

Once again, thank you for supporting IYC and FCYC in 2026!

Respectfully,

Terry Wright

Rear Commodore & FCYC Director

FLEET CAPTAIN REPORT

DENNIS CANTWELL, FLEET CAPTAIN



Light Up the Holidays at Isles Yacht Club!

One of the Isles Yacht Club's favorite holiday traditions is just around the corner! The annual Lighting of the Fleet will take place on Thursday, December 10, at 6:00 p.m., bringing holiday cheer and a spectacular display of lights to our marina.

Each year, members decorate their boats with colorful holiday lights and festive decorations, transforming the marina into a beautiful holiday wonderland. It is a wonderful way to celebrate the season, share some holiday spirit, and enjoy one of the most picturesque sights at the club. The sight of our boats illuminated against the evening sky creates a special atmosphere that members and guests look forward to each year.

If you have a boat in the marina, we encourage you to join the fun! Get creative, decorate your boat, and help make this year's display bigger and brighter than ever. Whether you choose an elaborate holiday display or something simple and festive, every illuminated boat adds to the magic of the evening.

Don't currently have a boat at the marina but would like to participate? You are welcome to bring your decorated boat to join the celebration. Please contact the Dockmaster to discuss dockage arrangements and availability.

Once the boats are illuminated and everyone has had a chance to enjoy the holiday display, continue the celebration with friends and fellow members in the Club's dining room. Make plans to stay for dinner, enjoy a delicious meal, and share in the camaraderie that makes the Isles Yacht Club such a special place during the holiday season. Be sure to sign up for dinner in advance.

So, mark your calendars, start planning your decorations, and get ready to light up the marina!

We look forward to seeing the Isles Yacht Club marina shining brightly on December 10!





Member Boat Photos

If you would like your boat represented on the Fleet Gallery wall in the Bridge Building, please send a high-resolution photo of your boat to Lynne Armstrong at arasala.la@gmail.com. Please include the boat name and owner's last name. The preferred photo is when your boat is in the water with an unobstructed water background as Jim and Claudia Morrow's boat, *Egret*, is displayed on



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

BOB WEISENBECK



As we enter the final 3 months of the current watch, we continue to see the positive momentum of our recruiting initiatives with continued growth in our membership. During the last watch, March 2025-February 2026, we welcomed 49 new full-time members to our club during the entire watch. As of 1 November, we have already welcomed 59 new full-time members, and 13 Trial members, with 3 months to go before the end of the watch. This new membership momentum can be attributed to the positive visibility the club has been receiving within our community, the continued support of the New Member Referral initiatives and other recruiting initiatives supported by the Membership Committee. Of course, not having a hurricane in the past 2 years has also helped. We anticipate that this momentum will continue, not only for the remainder of this watch, but also for our next watch. We currently have 13 Trial Members; let us all reach out to them to ensure they feel welcome and convert to full-time membership.

The Membership Committee, supported by the club leadership, continues to look for new ways to get positive visibility within our community to continue our membership growth. On December 12th, the club will participate in the Charlotte County Annual Christmas Parade held in Downtown Punta Gorda. Glen & Cathy Mayer have offered their pontoon boat which will be decorated by Dannielle and her Decorating Team. The boat will be accompanied by our Commodore and his wife Julie in a decorated convertible. We are also encouraging enthusiastic volunteers to march alongside our float, showcasing the many activities and spirit of the Isles Yacht Club.

Whether you participate in Boating, Tennis, Sailing, Billiards, Bocce, or other Club activities, we encourage you to join the fun and help us show our community what makes IYC so special.
See you at the parade.



Employee Holiday Fund

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

Holiday Hours

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

Christmas Eve - Wednesday, December 24 *(Fuel Dock Open)*

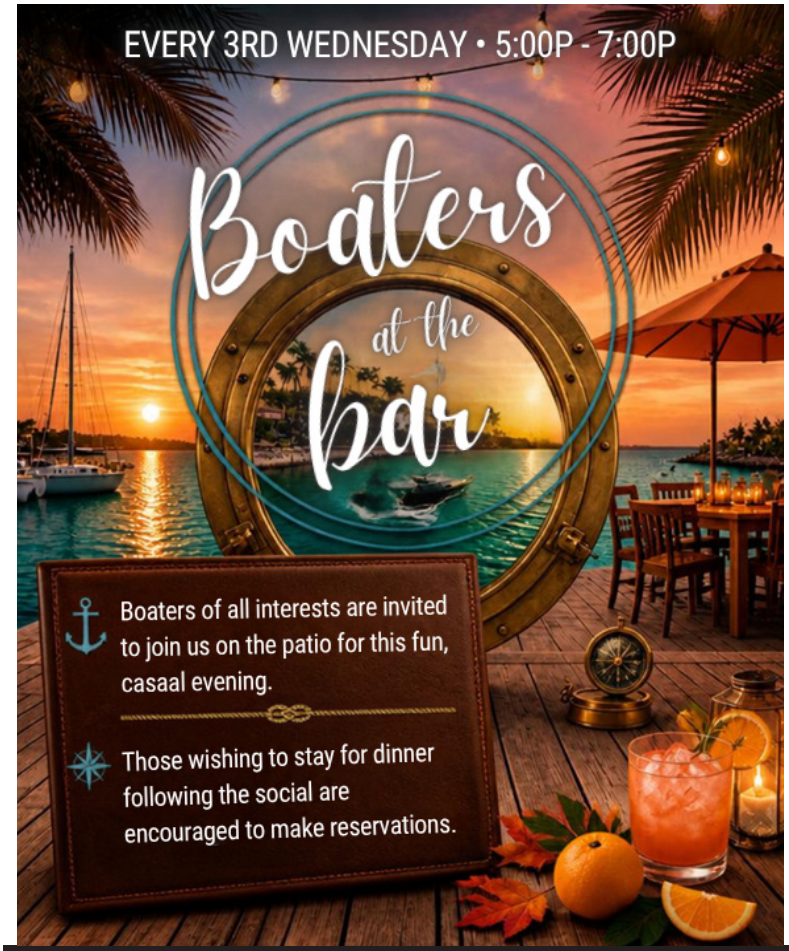
Christmas Day - Thursday, December 25 *(Fuel Dock Closed)*

Wednesday, December 30 (Regular lunch service available. No dinner service; snacks and beverages only)

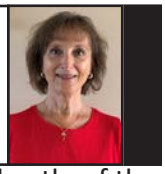
NYE - Thursday, December 31 (No Food & Beverage Service available until the NYE Party)

New Years Day - Thursday, January 1





BOOK CLUB
NANCY MEADOWS



Happy Holidays to all! With all the hustle and bustle of the season, I hope you find time to enjoy that book you've been meaning to read. Maybe a Holiday theme??

Our December 10th book is Theo of Golden by Allen Levi. We meet the 2nd Thursday of each month at 4:00 in the Compass Room. I'm sure there will be lots of discussion on this book!

January 14 we will discuss Atmosphere by Taylor Jenkins Reed. Backdrop of the 1980's space shuttle program about the extraordinary lengths we go to live and love beyond our limits. A fast-paced, thrilling and emotional story transforming the power of love--this time among the stars.

Come enjoy the friendships Book Club offers, along with cookies and a beverage. Our list of books is on the IYC website. Copperfish Books and the PG Library also have our books. Our own IYC library in the Bridge Building offers some great reading! Take a book, leave a book, there's lots to choose from.

Below is a picture from our November Birthday Luncheon. The luncheon is held on the 1st Friday of each month at 11:30. Join us for delicious food and lively conversations.

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

Happy Reading!

Nancy Meadows





ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE
JULIE LEYSHON

As we move into December and look ahead to January, the Entertainment Committee is excited to present a wonderful lineup of events filled with fun, tradition and holiday spirit.

Join us **Thursday, December 3**, for our **Holiday Concert** featuring **The Traditional Carolers**, Florida's original caroling company from **Tampa**. Attired in authentic Dickens-era costumes, accomplished performers will entertain guests with a rich selection of beloved Christmas carols. Wear your favorite holiday sweater for a chance to take home a prize.

The celebration continues **Saturday, December 12,** with our annual **Christmas Ball.** The evening will be filled with holiday cheer, dancing and camaraderie. Members will enjoy the sounds of **Latitude** as we gather to celebrate the season and the friendships that make our Club so special.

There will be a **Christmas Cookie Class** on **Saturday, December 18th**. Chef Robert's demonstration will include Christmas Cookies and Peppermint Bark. Members will have the opportunity to create and decorate their own cookies. Don't forget to bring your apron and rolling pin! A delicious lunch follows.

After we ring in the New Year, get ready for an evening of soulful sounds and unforgettable entertainment on **Saturday, January 16th**, when we present **Motown Magic with the Motown Ross Brown Duo**. Sing along to the timeless hits of Motown or dance to classic rhythms. It's sure to be a night filled with nostalgia, energy, and great company.

Join us for a truly special **Robbie Burns Night on Saturday, January 23rd**. Celebrate Scotland's most beloved poet with an evening rich in history, tradition, and music. Enjoy the festive spirit of this cherished Scottish celebration as we honor the life and works of Robert Burns in true Highland style including a program featuring **Pastor Bester** and the **Sunset Pipes and Drums.**

Dust off your dancing shoes for our lively **Do-Si-Do Square Dance** on **Thursday, January 28th!** Whether you're an experienced dancer or trying square dancing for the very first time, you'll enjoy an evening of laughter, music, and easy-to-follow calls. **Judy and Dwayne Barnhill** will be our instructors. Come out for a fun-filled event that's guaranteed to keep you moving and smiling all night long.

We wrap up the month in style with the **IYC Car Show** on **Sunday, January 31st, from 3:00 to 5:00 PM.** Admire an impressive collection of classic, vintage, and custom vehicles while meeting fellow car enthusiasts and owners. From gleaming chrome to unique restorations, there will be something to capture everyone's interest.

Mark your calendar and make plans to join us for these exciting events!

ROBBIE BURNS NIGHT
LARRY STEWART



Robert Burns: A Voice That Still Speaks to Us

Robert Burns was born in Alloway, Scotland, in 1759, the son of a tenant farmer. Hard work, financial worries, and life close to the land shaped the writer who became known as the Ploughman Poet. His first poetry collection, published in 1786, brought him recognition far beyond the farm.

Burns wrote with humor, tenderness, and a sharp eye for hypocrisy. He could find something worth considering in a field mouse, a romance, or the pretensions of the powerful. He also collected and adapted traditional Scottish songs, helping preserve a musical heritage that might otherwise have faded.

Why does he matter today? Because his central concerns remain ours: friendship, fairness, love, and the worth of an individual.

In "A Man's a Man for A' That," he writes: "The Man's the gowd for a' that." Gowd means gold. His point is simple: a person's true value lies within, rather than in wealth or social standing. Character counts.

Burns was also a complicated, imperfect man, with tangled romances and persistent money troubles. He died in 1796, only 37 years old, leaving work that outlived both his hardships and his fame.

Whenever we sing "Auld Lang Syne," the traditional song he helped shape and preserve, we renew his invitation to remember old friends. At Isles Yacht Club, where friendships span years and shared experiences, that invitation feels particularly close to home.





ADMIRALS CLUB

CHERYL O'BRIEN, JOANNE ZIEMER
SALLY DORN

As of this writing, we have already had our second of four Admirals luncheons! Due to scheduling conflicts, this Admirals' meeting was held on Friday, December 4, and I hope those of you looking forward to our ornament exchange and holiday luncheon were able to attend despite the date change. We are back on schedule with our next luncheon to be held on the first Thursday of February which will be February 4. Cheryl O'Brien will be introducing Mark Schrader from Marine Max who will share with us some of the most important duties of every First Mate. Although many of us consider ourselves to be 'seasoned' boaters, it is always a good idea for a refresher course now and then. A well-informed, experienced, strong mate is a most valuable asset. Watch for our sign up in early January and plan to attend. You are sure to come away with learning something new!

Don't forget to spread the word about the Admirals Club! We have a lot of new Yacht Club members who may not know what the Admirals Club is all about. Remember, you do not need to own a boat. Our Club is for all women who have an interest in being on or around the water.

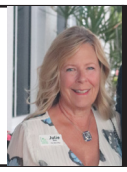
Our purpose is to promote and enhance 'life on the water' in a variety of ways through experience and education. Our motto … Knowledge is Power! Please think about joining us in February and mark your calendar to save the date.

We hope you all enjoyed a bountiful Thanksgiving! December brings us to our Holiday Season where there is so much going on in and around the Club. We Admirals wish everyone a Happy Holiday and a Hardy and Healthy New Year!



SAFETY COMMITTEE

JULIE ANN WEIR



When my husband and I came to Punta Gorda in 2020 during Covid, we made the decision to bring our parents the following year. This decision was not made lightly. There were a lot of things in play. They had lives, homes, established medical care, friends and social circles. Having them here full-time made our lives fuller. We are all living our best lives!

There are various times where we are faced with being separated from a loved one. How do you support them? How do you keep an eye on things but still allow them independence? How do you keep them safe? There are many community resources available to us that we may not be aware of and frankly, if you just ask at your table at dinner, the next time you're at the Isles I'm sure there is someone that is going through this exact same thing. There are stories that you can learn from. It's called "support". Whether you're supporting a loved one locally or from afar, everyone needs somebody to talk to and learn from. You are not alone.

We are eager to host an informative lecture "Caring for the Caregiver" on January 19th at 5:30 pm. Our speaker will be Mr. Chris Parent from Empath Health. Please sign up on the IYC website.

Many thanks to Lt. Justin Davoult from the Punta Gorda Police Department for speaking to our group on the topic of "Active Assailant Training".

Key take aways from this lecture:

- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Have a plan (know where the exits are).
- Never hesitate to report suspicious behavior by calling 911.

On behalf of the Safety Committee, we wish all of you a safe Holiday Season!





IYC SAILING CLUB
JOE HELLNER

The three IYC Harbor 20s in the water and ready to be taken out by Qualified IYC skippers. Please contact IYC sailing club president Christi Van Heek for more information on how you can enjoy these boats with family and friends and/or try your hand at racing.

Three Fall Season Harbor 20 race days and four Casual Practice Racing days are in the books to go before Santa sails in on his sleigh.

Supported by our Principal Race Officer (PRO) Rick Shulz, the Race Committee, and our volunteer boats on a beautiful fall day, November 14th saw some terrific racing in fluky strong winds at times approaching the race wind cancellation limit!

Jim Nuzzo (IYC) and crew on *H2O* had a great day with a 1, 2 and a 3 ending in **first place** for the day. Bernie Coyne on *Mystic Blue* finished in **2nd place** overall and Ed Werner (IYC) on *Taxi* finished in **3rd place** with a spectacular third race way ahead of the rest of the fleet!

Bob Knowles, *Dark and Stormy,* finished in **fourth place** for the day with very consistent finishes. Christi van Heek (IYC), *Flying Cloud,* finished in **fifth place.**

Among other racers who sailed particularly well, Ray DeLong IYC), *Bella Mia,* finished in sixth place with a 4th and 5th place finish in the 2nd and 3rd races while Bill DeBruin, *Two Blessings,* was often in the mix of boats in the front of the fleet doing port/starboard crosses and had a first-place start in the 3rd race.

The challenging conditions did not deter our IYC club boats who battled it out in the Intra-Club Series. Congratulations to Joe Hellner (IYC) on *FWB II* for finishing in **1st place** and Rick Fontana (IYC) on *Crafty Lady* for finishing in **2nd place**. Again, this was one of the more challenging winds and courses we sail! Nice job!!

Weekly Wednesday afternoon Casual Practice Racing (CPR) resumed on November 7th. Starting with a short talk at 2PM about selected topics of interest to sailors of all abilities, CPR involves the IYC boats plus Harbor 20 boats and sailors from around the area in a fun learning format for all levels of skill. **Novices are welcome** as each boat that goes out will have an experienced sailor aboard. Wednesday CPR is one of the best ways to meet IYC and area sailors and learn about the Harbor 20s! **Winter Season Dates to Remember:**

IYC Winter Series Race Days Remaining (1st Race at 11 AM): Nov 21, Dec 5, Dec 19

IYC Sailing Club Meeting (9 AM at IYC): Dec 2Fleet 6 Meetings (3 PM at IYC): Nov 19, Dec 17

Race documents, schedules and other Harbor 20 information can be found at

IYC Sailing Club - Isles Yacht Club or Harbor 20 Fleet 6 Charlotte Harbor, FL

DOCKMASTER'S DESK
JUHA PHILLIPS



As summer begins to wind down, the harbor has been a little quieter than usual, with many of our members spending the season up north. But that quiet period has given us an opportunity to take care of a number of important projects around the marina.

One of our key marina projects this season has been AC electrical current testing. The majority of vessels have now been tested, and the Marine Committee will be providing a timetable for the remaining boats so that we can complete the process in an organized and timely manner.

There is also news at the fuel dock. Both our diesel and gasoline pumps have received brand-new fuel hoses. With the boating season picking back up, we're looking forward to putting them to good use.

The annual shutdown went extremely well this year, giving our team the opportunity to tackle a substantial list of maintenance and improvement projects. Nearly everything on the project list has now been completed, painting the swimming pool patio is the one remaining in the list because of constant daily rain, project is still to be addressed.

Our recreational facilities have also received some attention. The tennis ball machine has a fresh supply of new balls and as we move into high season and usage increases, we anticipate replacing them more frequently. The tennis court watering system is another area where we've seen a noticeable improvement. Regularly flushing the system is working great, no more dry spots, that helps us maintain the court and keep conditions consistent for everyone enjoying a match.

On the security front, it has been another very quiet season with no trespassing incidents. That is certainly welcome news, but even when things are quiet, it's important that we don't become complacent. Please continue to keep an eye on your belongings and make sure valuables are properly secured. A little awareness goes a long way toward keeping your valuables safe.

Finally, a quick update from the docks: our pilings remain in good condition, and we will be wrapping the newest additions in vinyl to provide an added layer of protection and help maintain their appearance for years to come.

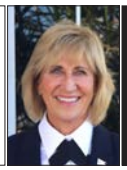
With members beginning to return, the pace around Isles Yacht Club will soon pick up—and that's something we're looking forward to. After a productive summer of maintenance, upgrades, testing, and preparation, we're ready for the busy season ahead. Welcome back, everyone. We look forward to seeing you around the docks!





ISLE-ETTES

JENNIFER HURST



A huge thank you to everyone who baked, volunteered and came out to support our annual Holiday Marketplace. It was a tremendous success!

We welcomed many new vendors, along with some familiar returning faces, all offering amazing items. It was wonderful to see so many attendees leaving with packages in their arms and the vendors are already asking about next year!

An event like this doesn't happen without the support of so many people. A heartfelt thank you to the club (Angela, Danielle and Staff), the Isle-ettes Board, and all our volunteers who gave their time and energy to make this event possible. It truly takes a village, and we are so grateful for each and every one of you!

Looking ahead, we have a very special treat planned for our upcoming Holiday Luncheon. Each attendee will have the opportunity to choose their very own teacup provided by the Isle-ettes, take them to their table and enjoy a lovely cup of tea before and during lunch. The teacup will be a memento to keep.

Following lunch, we'll be entertained by the Charlotte Prep Carolers, a group from our local high school, who will share a wonderful mix of holiday favorites and upbeat tunes to get us in the holiday spirit!

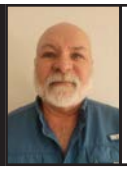
And of course, Chef Robert is preparing something special with his delicious Tea Lunch menu. Trust us, this is one luncheon you won't want to miss! Gather your friends and join us for an afternoon of tea, music, wonderful food and holiday cheer. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

Women in Action is once again spreading kindness this holiday season with some great events. We will be preparing shoeboxes for our seniors who are less fortunate and supporting the Salvation Army as volunteer bell ringers throughout the month of December. If you are interested in participating, please contact any of the Isle-ette Board members or Lisa Kleinbach.

Let's come together to make this holiday season a little brighter for those in need.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful and joyous Holiday Season.

Jennifer and the Isle-ettes Board



BILLIARDS COMMITTEE

DUANE ISING

Our team 8-ball league is underway and going well. We encourage our newest players to come out and watch, even if they are not playing in that match.

If you are currently enjoying pool, bring it up with your friends to see if they wish to join us. We always have players willing to share some important pointers for beginners.

Don't forget that we have Ladies Social Billiards on Thursday evening at 7:00pm. If you have interest in any billiard activity, just contact me at duane.ising@gmail.com to get started.

This month's shooting Tips:

1. Don't overhit the balls. It's a definite symptom of anxiety, costs you accuracy, and especially dangerous on any table with tough pockets.

2. The universal instruction concerning object balls frozen to the rail is false. Do not attempt to hit the object ball and rail at the same time; you won't even be close. Aim to hit the rail about a credit-card's width in front of the ball.



WOMEN'S SPORTING CLAYS

SHERI ROBERTS

We have a new activity: Women's Sporting Clays! Word-of-mouth marketing worked, and a big thank you to the Islettes for helping get the message out. Fourteen ladies came to our informational meeting by the pool on Tuesday, November 10, and Nancy Grossman has stepped up to lead the group.

Our first outing is **Friday, December 11**. Here's the plan:

- **8:00 a.m.:** Meet in the Club parking lot and head to a shooting range in Sarasota.

- **First time?** Perfect. A female instructor will lead the session, and beginners are welcome.

- **No gear?** No problem. You can rent shotguns and equipment at the range.

- **Afternoon:** Back to the Club for a beverage and an informal lunch for anyone who wants to stay.

If you bring your own shotgun, Club rules say it must stay locked in your car while you're on Club grounds.

It's a great way to try something new, meet other members, and break things without getting in trouble.

To join us, contact Nancy Grossman at alan.grossman@gmail.com.

IYC BOCCE

JIM NUZZO



Isles YC was happy to host the 2026 FCYC tournament - part of the FCYC interclub events that are the brainchild of IYC and FCYC past commodore Bob Peterson. We had participation from Isles YC, Captiva Island YC, St. Charles YC, Marathon YC and Bird Key YC for a total of 11 teams in a double elimination tournament.

The morning games were spread across all three courts and sorted the teams into the winners and losers brackets. The afternoon games zeroed in on the teams that brought their "A game". Double elimination allows each team to shake off the dust and try again.

That is exactly what the IYC Kuharski team did. After losing in the first round, Debbie found her mojo and they proceeded to fend off all challengers until the final match against the undefeated IYC team of Mia and Ray DeLong. The DeLongs prevailed; down 8 to the Kuharski's 11 points, Ray expertly rolled to knock away a ball and create a bell ringer (4 points) to clinch their undefeated title, with the Kuharski's taking second place. You could hear a pin drop on the sidelines during that entire game!

Third place went to the IYC team of Chet Kitchen and Jack Jones, both of which are red dot members. We had a last-minute cancellation and Chet, who played very well in his Tuesday night debut, was asked to take that spot. He recruited Jack and made it an IYC trophy sweep of the tournament.

It should be noted that the 4th and 5th place teams arrived by boat, The Skoda's from Marathon YC and the team of Lee Childers and David Mintz motored up from Captiva in the wee dawn hours.



Bocce

Organized Tuesday Bocce is played weekly October - April.

Sign-up details are emailed to all members on the current Bocce group email list.

No Bocce December 22 and December 29
Bocce will resume after January 1st




CRUISING COMMITTEE
JOANNE ZIEMER & JOHN TODD

Our November 18 Cruisers Meeting was canceled because both of the Club Chairs will be on an IYC cruise to Useppa and many of the members who attend the meeting are heading to the British Virgin Islands for the second annual IYC BVI cruise. With so much Club activity this month there just wasn't a day that would work to have the meeting. Our December meeting will be on Wednesday, December 16 at 4 p.m. in the Compass Room and we hope to see you there!

Meanwhile, in the January LOG Article I am certain to have a happy write-up about the Useppa cruise which takes place Wednesday, November 18 to Friday, November 20. Marc & Joanna Boeckl have put together a 2-night cruise to this beautiful piece of Paradise. Useppa boasts a brand-new marina with dockage available for boats up to 120'. The Beach Club bar and food truck is open daily from noon to 6:00 p.m. The pool and hot tub restorations are complete and there are both tennis and bocce courts available for play. If you missed your chance to join this cruise, Marc & Joanna have hinted at doing another cruise to Useppa in the Spring!

The annual Christmas Cruise to Tween Waters filled up quickly with 15 boats on the roster as of this writing. The staff at Tween Waters goes all out to make this resort a most beautiful & festive wonderland of Christmas lights! The ever-popular Christmas gift exchange is once again on the "Menu" of fun as well as a docktail party and maybe even a themed game or two. If you missed the sign up for this cruise, I hope you added your name to the wait list as a 'just in case.' There seems to always be an opening .. or two .. closer to the cruise date. This year's dates are Tuesday, December 1 to Thursday, December 3.

For boaters who may be thinking of traveling the Caloosahatchee, please note that the Franklin Lock will be closed to all traffic from January 4, 2027 to March 1, 2027 for major maintenance by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Subsequently, the Ortona Lock will undergo maintenance and closure from March 1, 2027 through the end of April 2027. You can contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville District for official updates.

Legacy Harbour Marina has reopened as of September! There are 131 wet slips which will accommodate vessels from 40' to 140' for seasonal and short-term dockage. Reservations can be made on Dockwa or by visiting Legacy Harbour Marina Website.

Happy Holidays to all!

Food & Beverage
GENEVIEVE WILLIAMS



Behind the Pour: The Little Things That Make Every Experience Special

Have you ever wondered what goes into planning the little details that make an evening at the club feel special? From the first sip of a newly created cocktail to finding the perfect wine to complement a chef's dinner selection, there is a lot of thought, creativity, and teamwork happening behind the scenes!

One of my favorite parts of being involved in Food & Beverage is having the opportunity to create experiences that bring people together. It might be developing a new cocktail for the weekly specials, discovering a wine that pairs beautifully with an upcoming dinner, planning a themed event, or coordinating live entertainment to set the mood for an evening on the patio. I enjoy finding ways to keep things fresh, introduce members to something new, and add those little touches that make an ordinary evening feel a little more special.

Of course, there is much more to it than what meets the eye. There are tastings, planning meetings, inventory, scheduling, menu details, vendor coordination, and plenty of moving pieces that all come together before the doors open. Sometimes it's trying a new recipe until the flavors are just right, searching for that perfect wine selection, or making sure every detail of an event comes together as planned. And none of it happens without teamwork. Our kitchen, bartenders, servers, and staff all play an important role in making each dining experience and event come together.

What makes it all worthwhile is seeing members enjoying themselves, trying something new, gathering with friends, and making memories here at the club. Whether it's a casual evening at the bar, a special private wine dinner, or a lively night of entertainment, those moments are what make all the planning worth it. There is something especially rewarding about seeing an idea come to life and watching members enjoy the experience.

As we head into the holiday season, I look forward to bringing even more creativity, great flavors, and memorable experiences to Isles Yacht Club. We have plenty of wonderful moments ahead, and I can't wait to share them with you!

Thank you to our members for your continued support, enthusiasm, and for giving us the opportunity to do what we love. We appreciate you more than you know!

Cheers!

NOVEMBER 2026

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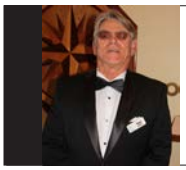
ISLES YACHT CLUB CALENDAR

December

JANUARY 2027

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Kitchen Hours: Sunday Breakfast: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Monday Closed Tuesday - Saturday: 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. Bar Hours: Tuesday - Saturday: 11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Bar Menu: Tuesday - Saturday: 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Office: (941) 639-7551 Reservations: (941) 639-1369 Dockmaster Cell: (941) 769-0842 Dockmaster Office: (941) 639-2652		1	2 9a IYC Sailing Club Meeting 11:30a Blue Gavel 4p Patio Music *Mike Archer*	3 5p Holiday Concert Entertainment *The Traditional Carolers*	4 11a Admirals Luncheon *Buffet - Pasta Station* Entertainment 6p *Risk and Romance*	5
6 9a - 1p Sunday Breakfast Buffet *CLUB CLOSES @ 1P* *Private Party (NO SUNDAY FUNDAY)*	7 RESTAURANT & BAR CLOSED	8 11a Isle-ettes Luncheon	9 11:30a Royal Order of the Busted Prop 1:30p Membership Committee Mtg. 4p Tennis Mtg. 4p Patio Music Captain Ron	10 3p Entertainment Committee Mtg 4p Book Club 5p Red Dot Social 6p Lighting of the Fleet *No Ala Carte Dinner or Carryout Available*	11 *Buffet - Carving Station* Entertainment 6p *Imaginistics*	12 10:45a Charlotte County Christmas Parade (offsite) 6p Christmas Ball Entertainment *Latitude* *No Ala Carte Dinner or Carryout Available*
13 9a - 1p Sunday Breakfast Buffet *CLUB CLOSED @ 1P* Employee Holiday Party (offsite)	14 RESTAURANT & BAR CLOSED	15 9:30a Planning Committee Mtg. 10:30a a B&G Meeting	16 9a House Mtg 4p Cruisers Mtg. 4p Patio Music *Steve Cipriano* 5p Boaters at the Bar	17 9:30a Finance Mtg 5:15p Lighted Kayak Paddle	18 9:30a Marine Committee Mtg 3p Holiday Eggnog Party *Buffet - Pasta Station* 6p Entertainment *Lisa Riding Duo*	19 11a Christmas Cookie Making Party & Lunch
20 9a - 1p Sunday Breakfast Buffet 2p - 7p Sunday Funday *kitchen closes at 6p*	21 RESTAURANT & BAR CLOSED	22 9a BOD Mtg	23 4p Patio Music *Joe Wood*	24 CLUBHOUSE CLOSED *Fuel Dock Open* Merry Christmas!	25 CLUBHOUSE CLOSED *Fuel Dock Closed*	26
27 9a - 1p Sunday Breakfast Buffet 2p - 7p Sunday Funday *kitchen closes at 6p*	28 RESTAURANT & BAR CLOSED	29	30 *F&B available for lunch.* *No Dinner Service* *WE ARE CLOSED @ 2P*	31 CLUBHOUSE CLOSED FOR F&B UNTIL NYE *PARTY* *No Ala Carte Dinner or Carryout Available* 7p A Night in Monte Carlo	Cancellation Policy: No-shows and reservations not cancelled by 10am, the day BEFORE the event, will be charged to the member. Cancellations for Cork & Fork / Wine & Dine dinners must be made by 10am SEVEN DAYS before Happy New Year!	



TENNIS COMMITTEE
TOM JACKSON

COURTSIDE CHATTER

It is wonderful seeing so much activity on the courts now that people are back in town. Under the Lights is back and running on Thursdays 4:30-6 PM. If you wish to be included in the weekly email, contact Ann Pfister-Brown directly. On Thursday, December 10, the courts will be hosting snacks and drinks courtside following play as we celebrate the Lighting of the Fleet. Even if you do not play, swing by and say hello and share in our charcuterie.

DAVIS CUP 2027 has changed from its previous format which was initiated in 2021. It will be a one-day event playing women's, men's and mixed doubles beginning at 3 PM on Friday, January 22. Similar to the US Open mixed doubles event, it will be a FAST4 format which means the first to reach 4 games with a tie break at 3 games all; the tie break is 5 points. It is a fast paced, shortened version, so we can complete the CUP on Friday and then retreat to the Compass Room for snacks and drinks AND quickly find out the results of the day. If you choose to stay for dinner, be sure to make a reservation following the announcement. We need 12 men and 12 women AND 4 captains who will select their countries and then participate in a draft. The success of this event is in your participation and cooperation. It should be a fun evening!

Be sure to read the bulletin board for updated events!

See you on the courts.

Under The Lights

Every Thursday from 4:30–6:00 PM
Sign-ups are through Ann Pfister-Brown, with invitations sent Mondays. The first 16 participants will be notified by Wednesday.
Afterward, enjoy snacks, drinks, and fun on the patio!
Special events will be held some weeks!

BIKING
CHRIS TAYLOR



Hello to all monthly bikers. Weather for our fall bike rides has been great and I can't wait to see what El Nino brings for our winter rides. Remember, traditionally we have no ride in December because the month is so filled with friends, families, and club activities. You can work off the Holiday stuffing with our January ride on the Legacy Trail Venice organized by Mike Darcy. Location of lunch is still TBD as there are so many Venice area great lunch spots. Mike and Cheryl plan to review the possibilities. Also remember that you can bring friends, just remember to register them in addition to yourself. Helmet required and water advised.

December ***No ride as too much Holiday going on***

January 25 ***Legacy Trail/Lunch TBD Mike Darcy***

February 15 ***Cape Haze Pioneer Trail/ Twisted Fork Kathy Leitsch***

March TBD ***Venice Island /TBD Chris Taylor***

Thanks again to my leaders. Can't do it without you.

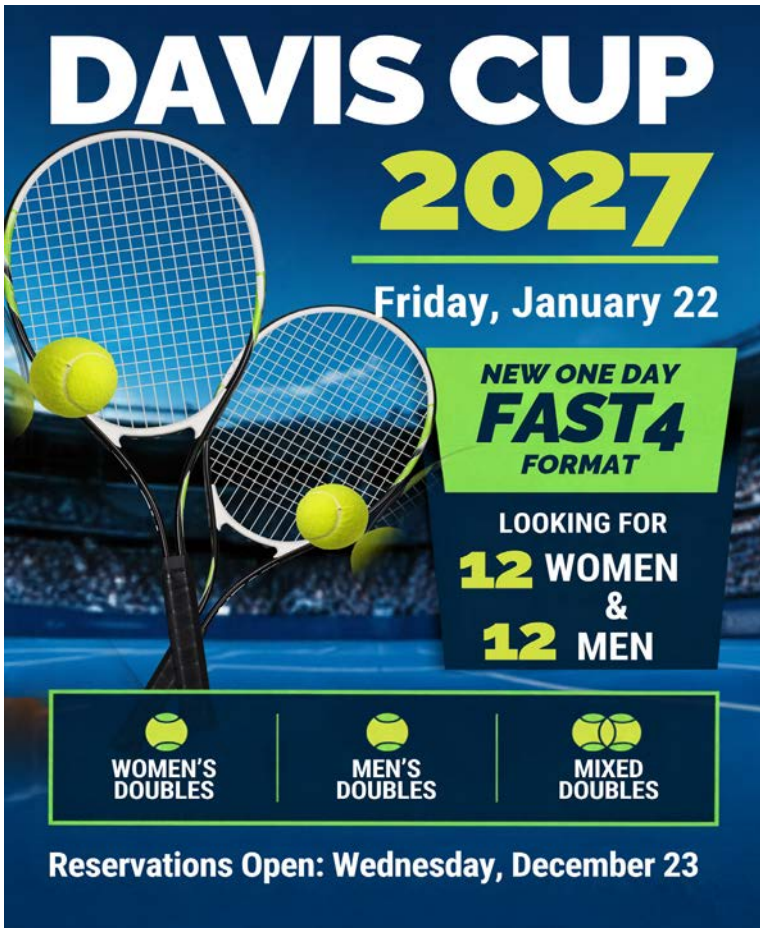
For more information contact ***Chris Taylor 941-661-7092***



Ladies Social Tennis

Grab your racquet and join the fun! Meet great women, get active, and enjoy good tennis and great laughs. **All skill levels welcome—no pressure, no drama, just good vibes and even better company!**

Contact: Margaret Seter (631) 871-4279





SETTING THE SCENE

ANGELA CERCE



December is a season filled with joy, traditions, and time spent with family and friends. As we rush through holiday shopping, prepare for celebrations, and check off our ever-growing to-do lists, it is important to pause and remember the true spirit of the season: kindness, compassion, and connection.

During this busy time of year, please be mindful of those around you. Our staff is working hard to make every visit to the club a special experience, and a simple smile, kind word, or gesture of appreciation can make a meaningful difference. The same is true for our fellow members. While many of us are celebrating with loved ones, some are facing the holidays after the loss of a spouse, family member, or dear friend. For them, this season can be especially difficult.

One of the greatest gifts we can give is the gift of inclusion. Consider inviting someone to join you at your holiday table, Christmas party, or dinner at the club. Take a moment to welcome a new member and ask them to sit with you for a meal. Those small acts of friendship often create lasting memories and remind others that they are part of our club family.

If you are planning a holiday gathering, I would be delighted to help make it special. Stop by my office, and together we can plan a celebration that brings the people closest to you together during this wonderful season.

The holidays are not measured by the gifts we exchange, but by the memories we create and the kindness we share. Let us all try to brighten someone's season and ensure that every member feels welcomed, valued, and included.

From all of us here at the Isles Yacht Club, we wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year. Thank you for allowing us to be part of your celebrations and traditions throughout the year. It is our privilege to serve you, and we look forward to creating many more special memories together in the year ahead.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from the entire Isles Yacht Club staff!

Diningroommanager@islesyc.com (941) 639-7551 Ext.4



NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



John & Dee Vanderslice

John and his wife, Dee, have shared a love of life on the water since meeting in their early twenties. A lifelong sailor, John began racing sailboats at age five and has spent decades sailing, cruising, and exploring the East Coast and beyond, including the British Virgin Islands. His passion for the outdoors extends to rowing lifeguard surf-racing boats, paddleboarding, surfing, ocean rescue activities, mountain biking, skiing, and even Jeep overlanding. Dee would say John's interests are boundless and life with him is one big never-ending adventure. Together, they raised their two sons along the New Jersey coast, where they enjoyed a beachside lifestyle for 34 years before recently selling their home and making Florida their full-time residence. Following their respective careers in the corporate world, John and Dee went on to build an environmental consulting business together in 2014, which they recently sold. Now, semi-retired, they look forward to exploring Florida's waterways and coastal communities, meeting new friends, and becoming active members of the yacht club. They are also happily accompanied in this chapter by their two four-legged companions, Humphrey and Bogart, their beloved yellow and black Labs.

Sponsors: Stephanie Stewart & Bob Weisenbeck

Robert Brasher



Bob served in the US Navy and received his BBA from the University of Miami. He spent nineteen years helping teach sailing and eight years as an Interpreter teaching Nautical History and Instruments (for a total of 26 years) volunteering at the Mystic Seaport Museum in Mystic, Ct. Currently, Bob is a Docent at the Military Heritage Museum and has been for the last two years. He has his 100ton Captains License and enjoyed five years of sailing the Caribbean aboard his 42' Hunter Passage spending time in the Bahamas, Guatemala, Belize, Honduras, and Mexico.

Sponsors: Jim Morrow & Sheldon Busse



Lorraine Potter

Lorraine is originally from Jupiter, Florida and is a proud mother of two and grandmother of three beautiful grandchildren. She spent over thirty years serving in the US Coast Guard. A former member of CHYC for over twenty years, Lorraine served as Commodore as well as serving on numerous committees. She enjoys arts & crafts and cooking.

Sponsors: Tom Ford & Larry Stewart

John Hoich



John is from Omaha, Nebraska and is the proud father of 28-year-old identical twin sons. He spent 40 years building a nationwide grounds and landscaping company serving military bases, employing 5000 people throughout his career. Professionally, he is a real estate and stock investor with interests in multi-family properties, nursing homes, business centers, and farms. John has maintained perfect attendance in rotary since 1978 and has spent 30 years serving charitable and community boards, currently serving as VP of Charles Elkin Foundation. John enjoys boating, fishing, golfing, traveling, and hiking.

Sponsors: Robbie Sifrit & Shaune Freeland

Randolf (Randy) DiDomenico & Laine Tiro



Randy is a retired Neurobiology professor from Bolder Colorado. He moved to Punta Gorda with Laine four years ago to pursue his passion for fishing and boating. Laine is originally from Toronto, Canada. She is a web designer and developer with a passion for boating, fitness, and fashion. They are parents to a daughter and son and have two beautiful grandchildren.

Sponsors: Frank Leyshon & Rose Askew Hergenhan

Perry Friz & Jeanie Strauss



Perry is a retired business owner from Allentown, Pennsylvania. He has two stepdaughters and two grandchildren. He is a new homeowner in Punta Gorda where he resides seven months a year. He enjoys golfing, fishing, beaches, dining out, traveling, and boating. Jeanie is a retired schoolteacher. She has two sons and a daughter. She enjoys painting, traveling, boating, dining out, beaches, and entertaining. Perry & Jeanie have been engaged for a year.

Sponsors: Wendy Gorman & Stephanie Stewart

NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Peter & Julie Rich

Peter grew up sailing and fishing on the Chesapeake. He has been a competitive J24 Sailor since the 1990's winning multiple CBYRA championships and competing in World, NA, and US events. Peter served on the Board and served as Commodore of the Swan Sailing Association. He is interested in H20 racing and other club activities. Julie is active and outgoing. She enjoys sailing and other watersports as well as traveling and meeting new people. She is interested in cards, games, and social events, as well as fitness activities.

Sponsors: Frank Russo & Bob Weisenbeck

Jack & Brenda Jones



Jack is retired from the Airforce, with twenty-one years of service. He enjoys boating, traveling, and working on home projects. He also likes learning about technology. Brenda has a background in business and real estate. She enjoys volunteering, boating, traveling, and spending time with family.

Sponsors: Stephanie Stewart & Rose Askew Hergenhan

Chet & Leslie Kitchen



Chet and Leslie moved to BSI from Bucks County, PA six years ago and have been enjoying coastal living ever since! Chet recently retired from Merck, where he spent his career in a variety of scientific and policy roles. Leslie continues to work at Merck, leading AI-related initiatives for global regulatory operations. They share a passion for traveling the world, especially cruising, and love experiencing new cultures, cuisines, wines, and cocktails along the way. When not traveling, they enjoy boating, Formula 1, car events, sports, and spending time with their dog, Jasmine. As a two-time Stage IV cancer survivor, Chet has a special appreciation for life's precious moments. Together, he and Leslie embrace the philosophy that every day is a blessing and an opportunity to make wonderful new memories. They are excited to be part of the yacht club community and look forward to making new friends, sharing adventures, and enjoying all the club has to offer!

Sponsors: Paul Benson & Paul Jensen

Ronald (Ron) Oskey



Ron has spent most of his life in Florida and the Bahamas. He enjoys an active lifestyle filled with boating, traveling, and flying as a pilot. His son, Tyler, and his dog, Max, are a big part of his life. Ron values spending quality time with family and friends, meeting new people, and making the most of every opportunity life brings. He is always up for a new adventure and good company.

Sponsors: Chad McCrory & Chris Freeland

Rich & Pat Dorsch



Rich & Pat recently retired and moved to Punta Gorda from Long Island, New York. Rich worked for thirty-five years at Met Life as an IT professional. He enjoys boating and hopes to purchase a new boat soon for SWFL cruising. He also loves to play guitar and enjoys Bocce and Pickleball. Pat worked at National Grid for thirty-nine years, starting out as a Mechanical Engineer and retiring as Director of Environmental Sustainability. They spent summers with their family boating and clamming in the Great Bay on Long Island. Pat enjoys Mah-jongg, cooking, and gardening.

Sponsors: Margaret Seter & Bette Carlson

Michael & Chris Slate



Michael has a degree in computer science and has been in the technology business for forty years. He is co-owner of a real estate company in Georgia. He enjoys golf, tennis, boating, and working in his yard. Chris attended Ole Miss and follows Ole Miss football. She is co-owner and managing broker of a real estate company. In her spare time, she is active in Rotary and enjoys tennis and boating. Michael & Chris recently celebrated their thirty-fourth wedding anniversary.

Sponsors: Carl Moeller & Bob Weisenbeck

NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Gerry & Sondra Castignetti

Gerry grew up in the Boston area and lives on Cape Cod. He worked in the food industry for forty-five years and enjoys golfing, boating, and fishing. Sondra was born and raised in Canton, Massachusetts, moving to Florida eight weeks ago from Cape Cod. She works for Harvard University in Astrophysics Department remotely.

Sponsors: Bob Weisenbeck & Paul Benson

Robb & Kim Powell

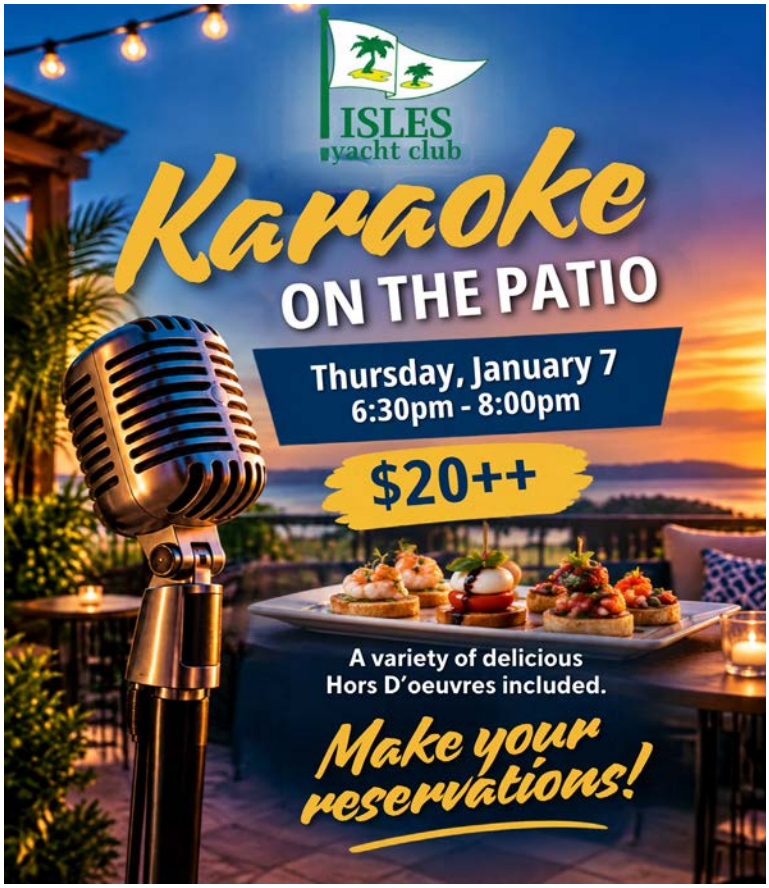


Robb was raised primarily in Merritt Island, Florida and is a graduate of the University of the South. Kim grew up in Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan and is a Michigan State grad. They met working at the same hospital in Detroit, Robb in IT, Kim in HR and have been married over thirty years. Robb & Kim had their own e-marketing/sales business and sold it in 2016. Robb is mostly retired but consults as a board member for various PE backed companies. Kim is happily retired. They both enjoy travel and socializing. Robb has been sailing for over forty years and is a certified USCG Master Captain. While he enjoys surfing and foiling on Lake Wylie, Robb is anxious to get back on the open ocean with their Robalo boat while Kim is content to be a passenger princess and enjoy the water views. They look forward to meeting club members and being active participants in the fun activities offered in the winter months.

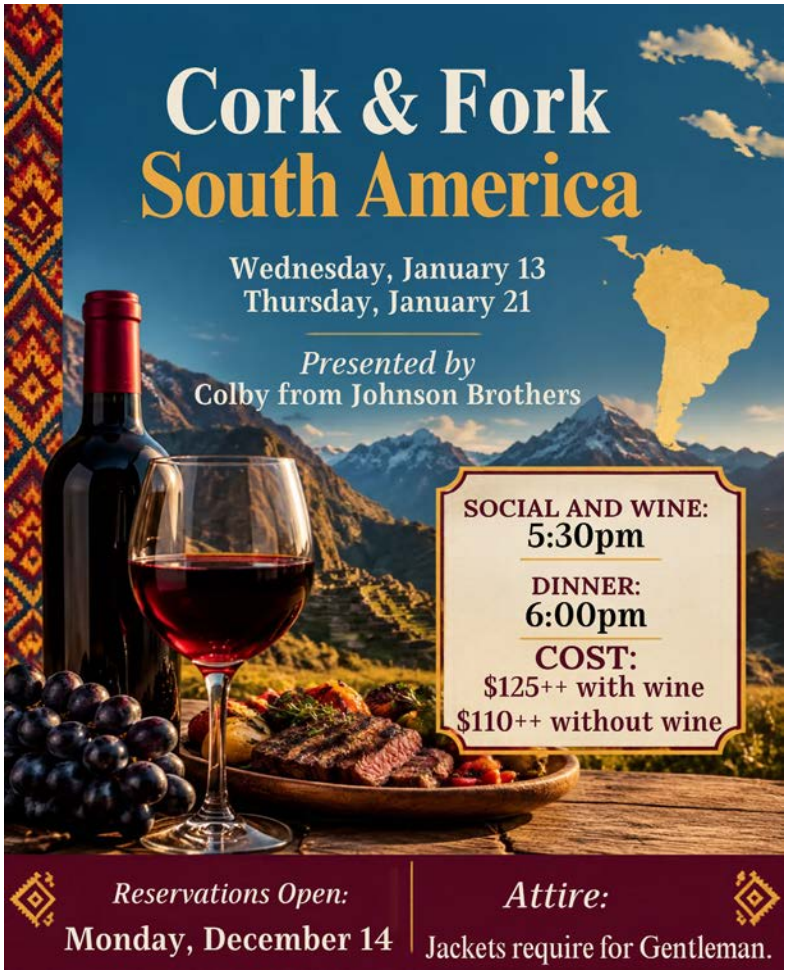
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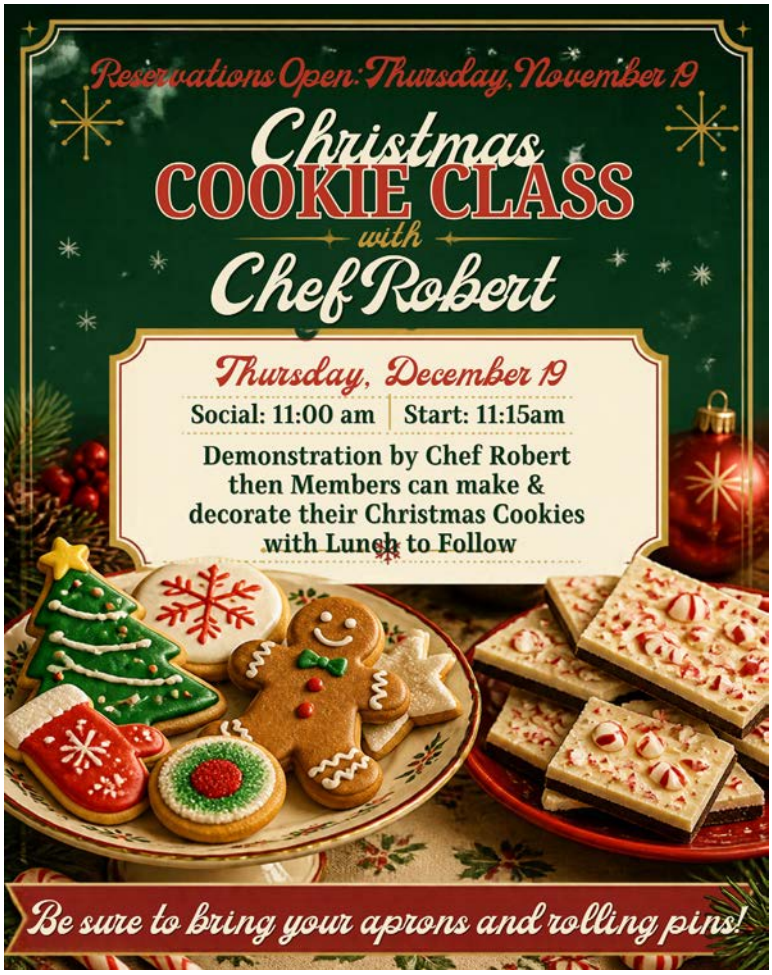





CAPTAIN
& CREW
Thursday, January 14
"Do it yourself Transit through the Panama canal"
Presented by: Jim Merritt
Reservations Open: Tuesday, December 15


Cork & Fork
South America
Wednesday, January 13
Thursday, January 21
Presented by
Colby from Johnson Brothers
SOCIAL AND WINE:
5:30pm
DINNER:
6:00pm
COST:
$125++ with wine
$110++ without wine
Reservations Open:
Monday, December 14
Attire:
Jackets require for Gentleman.





Isle-ettes Luncheon

Tuesday January 12th 11A

Punta Gorda Historical Society
Preservation • Restoration • Education

Please join us and the ladies from the Historical and Mural Society for an enlighting discussion about our towns rich history and current projects

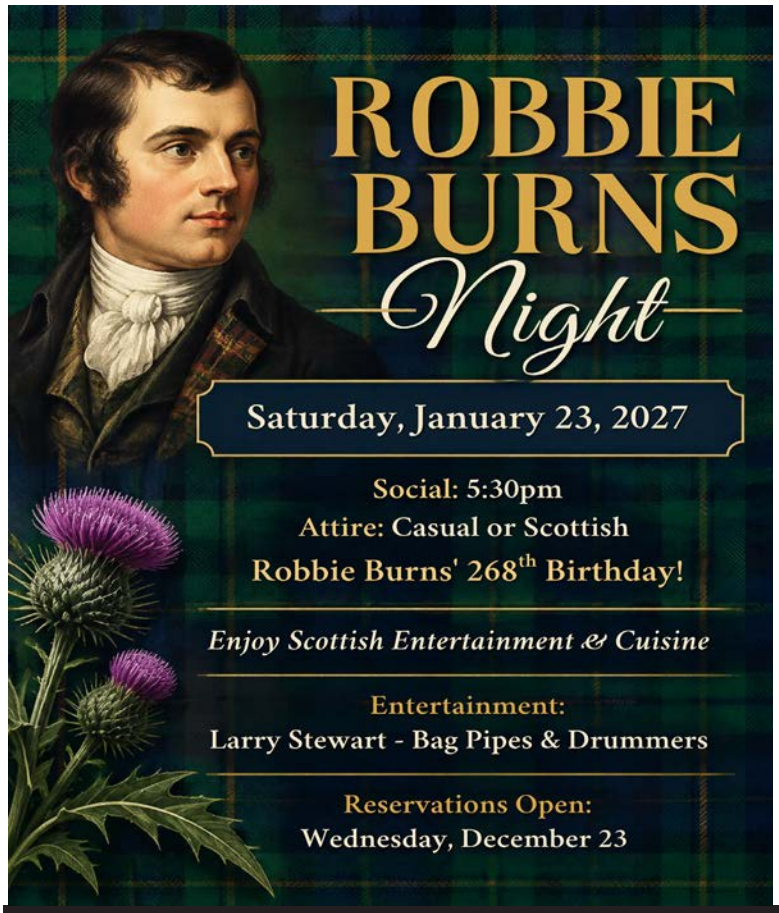
Kelly Gaylord
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Punta Gorda Historic Mural Society

Patrice Merrit
Board Director
Punta Gorda Historical Society

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Cost $30++ Reservations required
Attire: Casual





SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2027

MOTOWN Magic

WITH

MOTOWN ROSS BROWN DUO

Playing the classic Motown hits

Cost: $55++ | Attire: Sports

Social: 5:00pm | Dinner: 6:00pm | Band: 7:00pm-9:00pm

Reservations Open: Thursday, December 17

Caring for the Caregiver



Did you plan on becoming a family caregiver? Caring for a family member with a chronic or advanced illness is usually a sudden life change we never saw coming. It can be a rewarding experience, but also confusing and overwhelming. During this presentation, you will have the opportunity to explore self-care strategies, connect with others and learn about resources that could make the caregiving journey a bit lighter.

Isles Yacht Club

Tuesday, January 19 / 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Presenter: Christopher Parent

Empath Health Community Liaison

"There are only four kinds of people in the world:
Those who have been caregivers.
Those who are currently caregivers.
Those who will be caregivers.
And those who will need caregivers."

– Rosalynn Carter, former First Lady

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Do-Si-Do Square Dance

Social: 5:30pm Dinner: 6:00pm

Square Dancing: 7:00pm

Thursday, January 28

Instructors: Dwayne and Judy Barnhill

Attire: Casual/Western/Square Dance

Cost: $45++

Square Dance is optional

RESERVATIONS OPEN: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

IYC Car Show



SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, January 31, 2027

Timeless Classes & Modern Machines

More Information and details coming soon!

Reservations Open: Monday, January 4, 2027.

EUCHRE
CATHY STUART-GILBERT

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

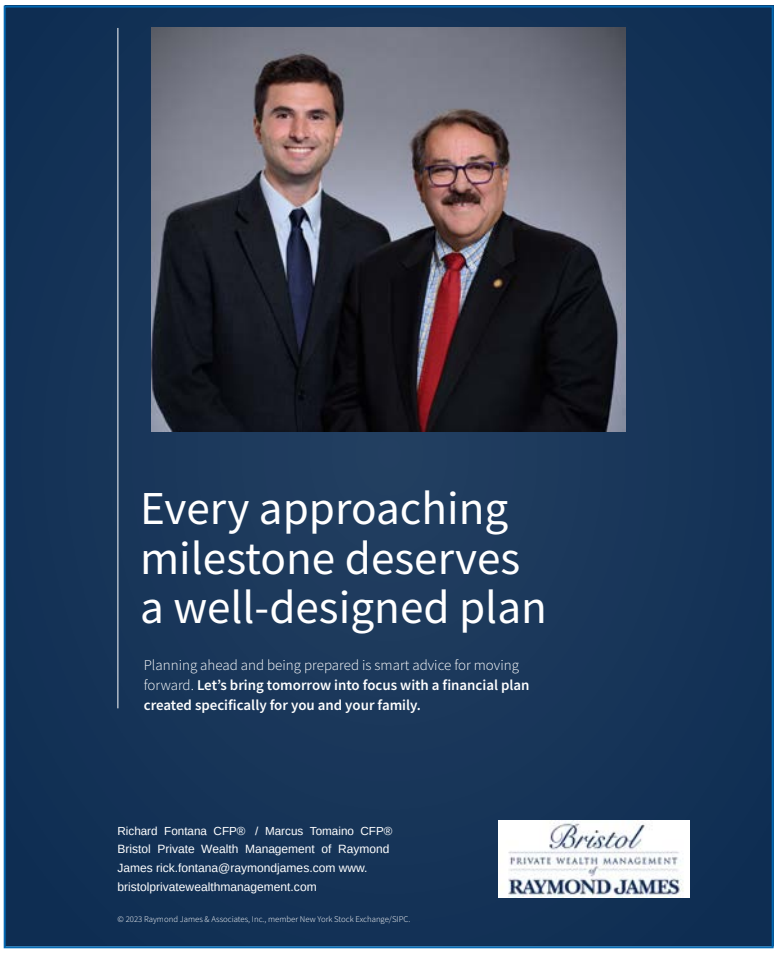
MAH JONGG
KATHY KELLE 941-575-2142

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

MENS BRIDGE
PETER SINDEN 716-672-9003

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

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



MEXICAN TRAIN
KAY WEIR (816) 550-3146

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

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

CANASTA HAND & FOOT
GAIL OLSEN

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

RUMMIKUB
BARB HIEBNER

We meet every second and fourth Friday of the month, at 12:00 p.m. in the Bridge Building. Questions? Contact Barbara Hiebner bamhiebner6@gmail.com / (941) 661-8797

BUNCO
PAT CANTWELL

We meet the 1st Thursday each month at 4:00 in the Compass room. Bring $5.00 for prizes.We would love to have you join our group. BUNCO is a very easy and fun game to learn. Please email me at pat.cantwel12@gmail.com to sign up each month to play.

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.

Member Birthdays & Anniversaries

December Birthdays

1 Chris Freeland
Jerry Hayes
Mindy Palmer
Bill Pizoli
2 Kim Amontree
Susan Brooks
3 Marlene Barnhart-Mohr
Susan Graff
Kim Kramer
Beverly MacMahon
Jim Sanders
Connie Wuckert
5 Martha Esslinger
Brenda Jones
Anita Nordberg
Paige O'Mahoney
6 Sandy Fisher
8 Paul Flesher
Diann Ufer
9 Mary Harbour
10 Tom Aquilla
12 Miles Seter
13 Al Alexander
Barbara Fraser
John Hoder
14 Louis Hermans
Janet Shetter
15 Tricia Gunn
Deborah Iappini
Herb Remer
16 Rose Askew-Hergenhan
JoAnn Helphenstine
18 Heidi Capodanno
Colleen Hatala
Anna Saplis
Anita Wood
19 Walt Crickmer
Tom McElvain
Jan Randles
Monica Robinson
20 Jodie Spacagna
Holly Tanner
21 Lorri Walberg
22 Jeanne Myers
23 Jennifer MacLeod-Kulm
24 Dennis Clark
25 Marcin Boeckl
John Lang
Mary McHugh
Julie Rich
Catherine Sanders
26 Peg Redman
Jack Dorn
27 Paul Levengood
Cris Nichols
Lauren Wolley
28 Mary Anne Faust
Patty McFeeley
Lisa Stoll
29 Patrick Grady
Cathy Mayer
Robin Skipper
30 Bette Carlson
Ron Graff
Mark Pulver
Gerry Tait
John Taylor

December Anniversaries

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

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Enjoy a complimentary house cocktail or dessert for your birthday!

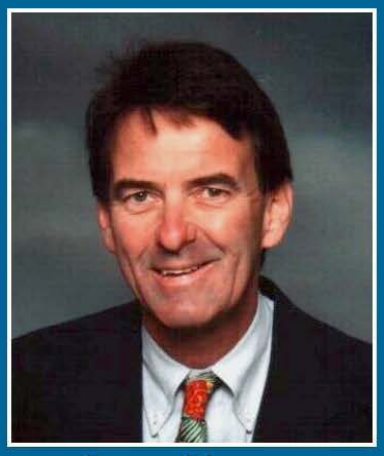


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Christmas Day - Thursday, December 25 *(Fuel Dock Closed)*

Wednesday, December 30 (Regular lunch service available. No dinner service; snacks and beverages only)

NYE - Thursday, December 31 (No Food & Beverage Service available until the NYE Party)

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