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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 resolution photos to: <u>iyc@islesyc.com</u>. When sending with iPhone/iPad please send in "actual size."

ON THE COVER...

This month's cover photo was taken of Team France, on the first night of the 2024 Davis Cup.

FROM THE BRIDGE

MARK MACMAHON, COMMODORE



By the time you read this, you will have received the notice of the annual membership meeting scheduled for February 6, 2024.

There will be presentations at that meeting about, among other things, our finances, our operations, our membership, and our long-range plan. In addition, members will be asked to approve a) the slate proposed by the nominating committee to fill certain positions on the Board, b) several bylaw changes, c) our capital spending plan for the next Watch, and d) a proposed dues increase. I want to talk a bit more about a couple of these things.

Management, the Finance Committee, and the Board all spent a lot of time working on the budget and the proposed dues increase. This was particularly important given our struggles to stay within plan over the most recent Watch. The proposed overall dues increase (of \$15 per member per month) is similar to that approved by the members a year ago. And, because the proposed increase exceeds the 5% limit in the bylaws (that the Board could implement unilaterally), it will require approval by the membership. The Board unanimously recommends approval.

The principal bylaw change involves the re-purposing of the current Marine Committee to make it additionally responsible for the IYC Marina in the same manner as the House, Building & Grounds and other standing committees oversee their areas of responsibility. The recent use of a temporary Special Marine Committee to oversee the replacement of the main dock demonstrated the value of having an on-going committee to oversee our marina.

This is the last LOG article I will write as a member of the Board and as your Commodore. It is kind of bittersweet. On the one hand, I am looking forward to having more free time (and perhaps resuming my annual voyages to the Bahamas). But, on the other hand, the Club has been a significant part of my life for the last four years, so I expect there will be a period of adjustment (just as there was when I retired from corporate life). I have tried my best to do right by the Club. And, I have been particularly blessed in serving along-side a group of many talented Board members and an excellent management team.

2024 Annual Membership Meeting

Please join us on Tuesday, February 6 at 3:00 p.m. in the Dining Room for our Annual Membership Meeting.



GENERAL MANAGER'S CORNER

JAKE WILLIAMS, CCM

January has come and gone, let us hope the wind, cool temperatures and rain follow suit, so we can get back to enjoying the wonderful Florida weather and the outdoors.

As we move into February, you will find the Club has a very active business and social schedule. We start the month off with the IYC Charity Cup Pine Car Derby event on Saturday, February 3. This inaugural event promises to be a fun filled afternoon, we have a local Cub Scout Pack lending their track and taking control of the race timing for this event. Currently we have over sixty-five cars in the design phase. Obviously, a good number of Eagle scouts in the ranks.

The Club's Annual Meeting is set for Tuesday, February 6 at 3:00 p.m. You should have received the mailing mid-January. This meeting is open to all members in good standing. The membership will vote to approve the slate of Officers & Directors, the Operating Dues, Capital Budget and Dues and Bylaw Changes. If you can't make the meeting and would like to cast your vote, reach out to the front office for an absentee ballot. All absentee ballots must be returned to the Club by Monday, February 5 by the end of the business day, which is 4:00 p.m. on Mondays.

The social calendar is full of monthly events like our Captain & Crew, featuring guest speaker and author Niamh McAnally. There is also Bocce, Billiards, Yoga, the Book Club, Boaters at the Bar, Wine Tasting (featuring wines of South Africa). Music on the Patio Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. Plus, Fridays always has music in the Harbor Room; and the third Sunday of the month we always have a little music by Tony Boffa to enjoy at the Breakfast Buffet. Your Club has more to offer than a person could possibly take advantage of. Chef Chris is doing a very wonderful job, taking advantage of the local produce and fresh fish offerings, and adding the seasonal offerings on the menu.

Our Change of Watch occurs on February 24. This is a time where we recognize the efforts of the outgoing Commodore Mark MacMahon and introduce our new Commodore, Chuck Busch. This evening celebration will have the sounds of the Kollections to provide an evening of dancing.

As part of our Leap Year celebration on February 29, and back by popular demand, the "Not So Newly Wed Game" will be returning with our own ever popular gameshow host - "Bob" Reiger. Participating couples have already been selected, so you do not need to worry about being volunteered out of the crowd. This is will be a event sure to hit your funny bone.

February will be an active month, take advantage of all the offerings, reach out participate in a new activity, you may be surprised with the commonalities you have with others in the Club. It is your Club enjoy and use it.

CHUCK BUSCH, VICE COMMODORE



We have almost cycled through another year at IYC. I have had the special privilege of working with a knowledgeable, enthusiastic, competent, and enjoyable team of House Committee volunteer members for the past year. We have waded through a number of kitchen issues and hopefully supported our Chef, and you, appropriately. We have undoubtedly the best dining options in the area, thanks to the talents of our Chef Chris Camaret and his team. The serving staff has been exemplary and constantly improving, and we have a full complement of capable bartenders headed by Bar Manager Greg Strange. I would like to express my sincere thanks to the members of the House Committee and Jake Williams for their help and support over the past year.

You should have received information by now for the upcoming Annual Membership Meeting in early February. Members will vote on several important issues including the proposed slate of officers, the proposed Operating Dues, the proposed Capital Plan, Member Dues, and a few Bylaw changes. The Planning Committee will provide an update on how we are preparing for our future needs, and we will have status reports from the Finance Committee, the Membership Committee, and the General Manager. I encourage all voting members to either attend the meeting or obtain and submit an absentee ballot.

The February Cork and Fork Society event will feature Chocolate and Wine; what else can I say? Remember, if the reservation list is full when you sign up, at least get on the wait list since openings often occur. The Entertainment committee has planned great events all year and February is no different. A Mardi Gras Party is planned for Saturday, February 10, and a Valentines Day dinner with romantic cello and guitar music is on Wednesday, February 14. A big "Thank You" to Bev MacMahon and her Entertainment Committee members for all the forty-plus events they planned for us, decorated, and cleaned up afterwards.

This is my final article as Vice Commodore. I have followed in the smooth wake of Mark MacMahon for the past three years and now look forward to being your Commodore for the next year. Thank you to Mark for his guidance and patience. I only hope I can maintain the high level of service to you, the membership, that my predecessors in this position have provided.

EVENT DETAILS

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

www.islesyc.com

You can access the posters on the MEMBER CENTRAL tab which will redirect you to online event registration.



FROM THE REAR COMMODORE BRIAN BARCIC, REAR COMMODORE

As this will be my last article as Rear Commodore, I would like to thank the members of my Building and Grounds Committee for all their hard work over the past year. Marc Boeckl, Dennis Cesari, Marilyn Gault, Patti Mixon, Mike Mixson, Dave Underwood and our GM, Jake Williams, were a pleasure to work with. They and all other committee members throughout the Club are the unsung heroes, keeping our club functioning and in great shape.

The FCYC meeting was held at Halifax River Yacht Club on January 13. Halifax is in their 128th year of existence, having been incorporated in 1896. As some perspective, our Club is only approaching its 50th!

Although we covered the normal FCYC business, a couple items of interest for all boaters were discussed under "government affairs". The first item was the proposed 10kt speed limit in certain areas of the Gulf to protect the Rice's whale. That proposal was denied by NOAA. The second item is a new state Senate bill introduced requiring ALL boaters, regardless of age, to take a boaters safety course with the endorsement on their driver's license. The FCYC is determining what action to take, if any, concerning the new bill.

It's never good to have all work and no play so we took a tour of Daytona International Speedway. Being a Nascar fan, but never to a race, I was amazed at the sheer immensity of the track, stands and grounds. The 2½ mile track is the centerpiece of the 500-acre complex and the steepness (31-degree bank) in the corners can only be appreciated in person. We were also lucky enough to be there when cars were having practice runs and one can only imagine the noise generated by those 2-3 cars times 10 for a race. Bring your earplugs!

The next FCYC meeting will be at the Lauderdale YC on March 15-17. The meeting will include the annual Change of Watch and awards dinner. The Isles has four cruisers up for awards and due to the location and time of year, anyone interested in going is encouraged to sign up and reserve hotel space as soon as possible. The meeting package is on our website under "On the Water", "FCYC", then "Upcoming Meetings".

Hope to see everyone at the Annual Membership Meeting on Tuesday, February 6. Many items will be presented, discussed, and voted on including the election of officers and directors, proposed bylaw changes, operating & capital budgets and dues. You should have received the Meeting packet in the mail by now and if unable to attend, be sure to fill out the absentee ballot and return it to the office by Monday, February 5.

SAFETY KITS

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

FLEET CAPTAIN REPORT FRANK LEYSHON, FLEET CAPTAIN



Well, being the Fleet Captain is coming to an end. I only have one more Log article as Fleet Captain. It has been a rewarding year that I have totally enjoyed. The Bridge, Board of Directors, Committee's, Staff, and especially the Members have helped make this year one that I will cherish.

I am writing this article while attending the FCYC General Meeting at Halifax River Yacht Club in Daytona Beach. Julie and I love taking walks on the beach, so the location is great. We noticed there are damaged retaining walls and buildings to be repaired from recent storms.



Brian Barcic has been a great FCYC Director. I have attended two of the FCYC meetings, Brian has always been a good communicator at the meetings and socials. I know he will be a big help to me during the upcoming year. I did get a chance to turn in our four Captains qualifying for the Founders award. The Isles Yacht Club remains a Club that receives the lions share of the awards.

I will be selecting Mariner of the Year for this Watch in February. I don't want to overlook somebody's contribution to our Club's cruising. Please visit the Club's website for details on how to submit information to the Fleet Captain. If members are aware of members deserving of the Busted Prop award, please let Jim Fidler or me know.

The Cruise Committee and Sailing Club have been busy. The Cruise Committee is getting more participation in cruises, but still needs cruise leaders. There will be cruising awards for Captains leading cruises for 2023 during Breakfast on Sunday, February 18. The Sailing Club is in the race and social sailing season. I recommend any members interested in cruising or sailing attend both the Cruisers and Sailing Club meetings.

The Fuel and Courtesy dock is finally completed. Fuel is being pumped and the courtesy dock is receiving boaters. It's been a long process and I want to thank everyone involved with bringing it to its successful completion. I want to thank the Special Marine committee, Staff and all the past Bridge and Board of Directors that saw the project through to completion.

NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



MARK & JEAN MASTRANGELO

Mark has had a dual career as both a volunteer firefighter and in hospitality. As a trained Chef, he pursued his love of the arts and had his own ice sculpting and food arts business for many years before eventually teaching Culinary Arts. At the same time, he was a volunteer firefighter and just retired as a Captain. Mark's experience in

teaching and safety has led him to teaching Safety and Security such as CPR, AED, First Aid, Active Shooter, and Emergency Response Team training. During the year, the two do a lot of Race Committee work at Bay Head Yacht Club and Shore Acres Yacht Club where they are also members and more recently at Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club. Currently, Mark chairs the Safety and Security Committee at BHYC where he also enjoys playing dominoes. Jean grew up in and around yacht clubs in NJ prior to moving to Florida. Recently on the Board of Directors for Shore Acres Yacht Club, Jean successfully raised \$50K to help them rebuild after Super Storm Sandy in 2012. Jean has been a member of the Bay Head Yacht Clubs Sailing Committee as well as Race Committee for that last eight years and she has been Regatta Chair for a number of events, including the Sandpiper Nationals and the 420 NJ States. She is also on the Board of the Sailing Foundation of Barnegat Bay that supports Junior Sailing on our Bay. Jean has done a lot of Race Committee here in Florida with Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club events and participated as a sailor in a few events as well. Jean is an avid sailor. She has played tennis in the past and would like to get back to playing.

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SEAN "HUDSEY" & JENI HUDSON

Sean is an alumni of McMaster University, Canada. He is the proud father of two postgraduate sons and is a successful retail business entrepreneur of twenty-eight years. Sean is a community supporter and involved with local charities such as their local hospital and community center in Canada. He is a volunteer hockey coach



and sits on a couple of Boards. Sean and Jeni have been married Red Dot/Waitlist Socials for twenty-eight years and recently acquired a winter home in attended and serve as or Punta Gorda. Jeni is an active volunteer at home in Canada with the food bank, homeless shelter, and is recently on the Board of February 20 at 4:00 p.m. Directors for Heart for Africa.

Sponsors: Stephanie Stewart & Rose Askew-Hergenhan



TOM & AMY CASTILLO

Originally from Dallas, Texas, Tom served in the United States Air Force and currently owns an Improv Comedy Club and Restaurant in Texas. Amy is also from Dallas and graduated from Southern Methodist University earning a BA/MBA. She worked in the financial industry (hedge fund) for twenty-five years before retiring to help Tom run

their business. Tom and Amy split their time between Punta Gorda, Dallas and a second home in Colorado. They have three children, two sons in college and a daughter who is a senior in high school. Both enjoy spending time on the water, fishing, hiking, biking, and yoga.

Sponsors: Bob Weisenbeck & Marie Smith

Red Dot and Waitlist Social

Don't forget to save the date for our Red Dot & Waitlist Social on Tuesday, February 20 at 4:00 p.m. on the Patio!

We hope you can join us!

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE PAUL BENSON



As we approach the end of another watch, the Club remains at our maximum of 900 members with a healthy waitlist of 78. At the current attrition rate, prospective members will have a wait of approximately one year before becoming members. Our Red Dot/Waitlist Socials continue to be well received and well attended and serve as one way to try and keep our prospective members engaged in the Club. The next social will be Tuesday, February 20 at 4:00 p.m.

As would be expected, we experienced a lull in the number of people inquiring about membership over the holidays but that has picked up as of late. Just in the last week we added two new couples to our Waitlist. Just a reminder, member referral remains the largest source of referrals to our Club so keep up the good work and let friends and new acquaintances know what a great Club we have!

Forrest J. Bass

Director

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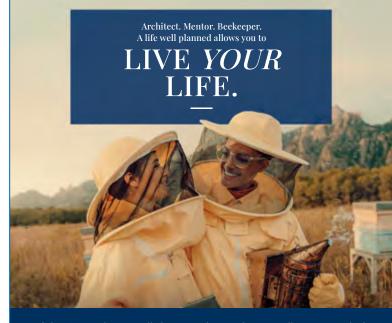
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ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE BEV MACMAHON

The holidays are over and now it's time to take a deep breath and relax – NOOOOO!!!, not if you're a member of IYC. It's "high season" here at our Club and February is full of entertainment planned especially for you!

No, the Daytona 500 is not coming to Punta Gorda, but on Saturday, February 3, we will host the first running of the IYC Charity Cup Pine Car Derby at 3:00 p.m. For all you former Cub Scouts, here's a chance to relive your past as those homemade cars zoom down the ramp. From what I've heard so far, you can expect to see a variety of creative entries. Even if you're not participating, you will definitely enjoy seeing what your fellow Club members have created. So come on out and cheer for your favorite car! A buffet of hot dogs and burgers will be available beginning at 5:30 p.m. Reservations are required for dinner.

The following Saturday, February 10, we will be having our own Mardi Gras celebration here at IYC. Save yourself the expense of traveling to New Orleans and join us for a fun and colorful evening. Chef Chris has planned a delicious New Orleans themed buffet and A-Train will be playing your favorite dance music.

Valentine's Day is unquestionably the most romantic day of the year. Why not celebrate with a special dinner at IYC. Chef Chris is offering a Prix Fixe menu and background music will be performed by Lori and Trish on cello and guitar. The Dining Room will be limited to tables of two - four, with seating for larger parties in the Grille. The event is currently sold out, but a waitlist is available for those interested in joining us that evening.

At the 48th Annual Change of Watch on Saturday, February 24, Commodore Mark MacMahon will hand over the helm of IYC to incoming Commodore Chuck Busch. This formal evening affords members an opportunity to thank the outgoing officers while welcoming those who will steer IYC through the coming Watch.

Although the COW is held on the last Saturday of February, the 2024-2025 watch does not officially begin until March 1, so we are squeezing one more event into February – isn't that what February 29 (Leap Day) is for? The ever popular "Married Too Long" game returns, but with a new name "The Not So Newlywed" game. Come and enjoy the fun, being thankful that you are sitting in the audience and not on the stage.



No-shows and reservations for special events not cancelled by 10:00 a.m., *the day before the event*, or by 10:00 a.m. *seven days before Cork & Forks and Wine & Dines*, will be charged to the member account. <text><text>



Join us and our Contestents, as Host Rick Rieger quizzes the couples! This is one event you won't want to miss!

Reservations Open Tuesday, January 30



IYC SAILING CLUB ROB SISK

Recently, the Golden Conch Regatta was held under grey skies and variable winds. Thirteen Harbor 20's contested four races and the racing was tight throughout the fleet. Walter Johnson & Michael Mixson came out on top but it took the final tie-breaker (higher placing boat in the final race) to determine the ultimate winner! Coming up in February is the inaugural IYC Midwinter Regatta February 16-17. In addition, there will be IYC Championship Series races on February 3 and 24 as well as Sunday spinnaker races on February 4 and 25.

Wednesday morning social sailing has been busy despite the weather. The Sailing Club encourages all members to come enjoy some quality time on the water every Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. Sign up in the front office and get your sea legs ready. Wednesday afternoon Fun Races have been well attended and serve as a great opportunity to learn or develop racing skills. ISC Vice President Rick Rieger and ISC Secretary Michael Mixson organize the event weekly. Contact either of them to get on the email list to know of any changes due to unfavorable weather.

Our monthly meetings are an excellent opportunity for any and all IYC members to get involved. We review Social Sailing, Fun Races, weekend racing schedules and results, championship standings, racing rules and tactics, Harbor 20 maintenance tips and updates on other sailing news and activities. The next monthly meeting is Wednesday, February 7 at 9:00 a.m. Additional information can be found on the IYC Sailing webpage.

Currently, all three Club boats are fully operational, the Club is active and membership is growing. In keeping with the Club's Bylaws which state that one of IYC's purposes is to "promote regattas and other types of marine competition", we are the Organizing Authority for two major regattas each winter and we are attracting some of the top Harbor 20 racers nationally to our events. A key element to our continued growth and success will be having the ability "in-house" to launch and recover boats for regattas, summer storage, and maintenance. The Small Boat Hoist Compass Fund project is the solution and I urge all of you to support it.

Having served as President of the Isles Sailing Club the past two years, it is time to turn the helm over to the next Watch. At the January ISC meeting the following Slate of Officers was presented:

- President Christi Van Heek
- Vice-President Michael Mixson
- Secretary Rick Rieger
- Treasurer Scott Schoettley

I have every confidence the slate will be approved at the February 7 meeting, so this will be my last opportunity to pen the monthly Sailing Club article for the LOG. I would like to thank the current board and membership for their unflagging support. We have been through hurricanes, a dock replacement, and other vagaries of wind and weather and the Sailing Club has weathered them all. I look forward to seeing you all out on beautiful Charlotte Harbor!

CRUISING COMMITTEE DERALD LARY & DUANE ISING



With the phrase "we're not quitters" Brian and Paula Barcic hosted the crews from the canceled Tween Waters cruise at their home for a terrific party in December where we held the fun gift exchange. Thankfully, the cruise was rescheduled for early February. The weather so far this season has not been kind to boaters.

Mark Kuharski and Jeff Ziemer ran a cruise to the Pink Shell marina in Ft. Myers Beach in late January and were able to accommodate over a dozen boats to this popular destination. Thanks to them all for stepping up to lead cruises.

We cruisers need to remember that the Club does not set up cruises for us; we cruisers must take the lead to make this happen. Please contact the cruise committee co-chairs with your ideas and possible dates.

Jack Dorn will be looking for good-weather days to put together more small boat lunch cruises. You can do this, too, by simply looking ahead a week for good weather and then speak to the committee co-chairs.

The Cruisers Awards Breakfast will be held on Sunday, February 18 at 11:00 a.m. to reward and recognize those who have run Club cruises during the previous watch. Look for the sign-up and join us.

We are moving closer to getting a cruisers communication platform in place so we can quickly and easily keep each other informed of developments, swap ideas, and share information about all things nautical. Once in place, we hope all IYC Cruisers will sign up.

We meet in the Club on the third Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. for about an hour and invite you to join us. Don't forget to join us at Boaters at the Bar on the third Wednesday of each month.



NELCOME! Cruising Committee WELCOME! Meeting February 20 at 9:30am



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ADMIRALS CLUB SALLY DORN, DEBBIE LARY, CHERYL O'BRIEN, ANITA WOOD

February is traditionally a time for change around the Isles Yacht Club, new officers will be sworn in, and new board members will be taking their seats for the upcoming watch. Your Admiral team will be seeing new faces as well. We thank Debbie Lary and Anita Wood for their time and energy as they graciously stepped up to the Admirals helm this season and we will now be seeking two new mates to help steer our little ship this coming year. One more big change, as of April 4, our meetings will begin at 11:00 a.m., a more convenient time for many of us. We will continue to present a wide variety of programs that will capture the interest of our active boating Admirals as well as all water loving ladies. What is a gathering of friends without food? The Chef never fails to delight us with a delectable lunch and I suspect he treats his Admiral Ladies with favoritism, but don't tell anyone I said this.

Please join the Admirals, as we convene the first Thursday during the months of October, December, February and April. Take note of our new time, 11:00 a.m. in the Banquet Room. See you on board!



ISLE-ETTES PHYLLIS GAMBONE



Happy New Year!!! In January, at the Isle-ettes Luncheon, we chose our signature cocktails for our upcoming Amore Italy Fashion Show! We are busy preparing for another exceptional show. We hope you can join us on Tuesday, February 13 for the event! It is currently sold out, but a waitlist is available.

Please let us know if you want to be involved whether it is to be a helper or to donate a raffle basket or silent auction item. We are working hard to make this an amazing and memorable event and to use a good portion of the proceeds to support our IYC charities.

With that being said, March 12 brings the annual Isle-ettes Change of Watch. Please join us at the luncheon as we usher in our new officers and directors. Beyond that we are working on our new programs for the 2024 season. Please let me know if you have any questions or want to be a helper behind the scenes. We want to bring in great programs and the best "Member Experience" to all of our IYC in 2024.

Sincerely, Phyllis Gambone







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<u>Monday 18 Hole Golf (In Season)</u> Terry Johnson | <u>terryjohnsonemail@gmail.com</u>

<u>Wednesday Golf (In Season)</u> Tom Hamilton | <u>trhamilton1@comcast.net</u>

MEN'S SPORTING CLAYS SHOOTING LLOYD THOMAS

Every few weeks a group of Club members travel to the Sarasota Gun Club to shoot sporting clays. The facilities are excellent! We meet in the IYC parking lot at 9:00 a.m. and travel together. As we don't keep score or gamble, everyone remains friends. New participants are welcome. For inclusion on the e-mail list advising of events, please contact Lloyd Thomas. <u>lloyd357@comcast.net</u>



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Change of Match

COMMODORE ELECT CHUCK BUSCH & HIS WIFE GAIL BUSCH

Invite you to join them

as we honor the outgoing Watch, Commodore Mark MacMahon & his wife Beverly MacMahon, and welcome the 2024-2025 Watch.

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Cancellation Policy: No-shows AND reservations not cancelled by 10:00am, the day BEFORE the event, will be charged to the member. Cancellations for Cork & Fork dinners must be made by 10:00am SEVEN DAYS before the event. Office: (941) 639-7551 Dockmaster: (941) 769-0842			1 10:30a Admirals	2 11:30a Entertainment Mtg. Buffet - Pasta Station Entertainment Latitude	3 3p IYC Charity Cup Pine Care Derby	
4 9a - 1p Breakfast Buffet	5 CLUBHOUSE CLOSED	6 3p Annual IYC Membership Meeting	7 9a ISC Meeting 11:30a Blue Gavel 4-7p Patio Music <i>Ron Roy</i> 6p Cork & Fork Chocolate #1	8 4p Book Club 5:30p Captain & Crew	9 Buffet - Carving Station Entertainment John Rinell	10 10a IYC Charity Cup Mah Jongg Game Day 3-5p Patio Music <i>Ron Lorenzo</i> 5:30p Mardi Gras Party Entertainment <i>A-Train</i>
11 9a - 1p Breakfast Buffet	12 CLUBHOUSE CLOSED	13 11a Isle-ettes Fashion Show Tuesday Buffet	 14 1p Membership Committee Mtg. 4p Tennis Mtg. 4-7p Patio Music <i>Richard Stone</i> 5p Valentine's Prix Fixe Dinner Entertainment <i>Cello & Guitar Duo</i> NO PM ALA CARTE DINING AVAILABLE 	15	16 Buffet - Pasta Station Entertainment Tony & Lori	17 3-5p Patio Music Bobby & Doreen
18 9a - 1p Breakfast Buffet Entertainment <i>Tony Boffa</i> 11a Cruisers Awards Breakfast	19 CLUBHOUSE CLOSED	20 9:30a Cruiser's Meeting 11a B&G Meeting 4p Red Dot Social Tuesday Buffet	21 9a House Mtg. 4-7p Patio Music <i>Ron Roy</i> 5p Boaters at the Bar	22 9:30a Finance Mtg. 11a Planning Mtg. 6p Cork & Fork Chocolate #2	23 Buffet - Carving Station Entertainment A-Train	24 3-5p Patio Music <i>Ron Lorenzo</i> 5p Change of Watch Entertainment <i>Kollections</i> NO PM ALA CARTE DINING AVAILABLE
25 9a - 1p Breakfast Buffet	26 CLUBHOUSE CLOSED	27 9a BOD Meeting <i>Tuesday Buffet</i> 5:30p Wine Tasting	28 4-7p Patio Music <i>Danny Beach</i> 7p Cigar Night	29 5:30p Not So Newlywed Game Happy Leap Day!	Kitchen Hours: Sunday Breakfast: 9am - 1pm Monday Closed Tuesday - Saturday: 11am - 9pm Bar: Tues - Sat: 11am - 10pm Happy Hour Daily: 4pm - 6pm	



BOOK CLUB

NANCY MEADOWS

January has come and gone and we are off to a fast pace in Book Club! We had a great group attend our January meeting. Thanks to all that attended. It was a fun, lively discussion of our book: *The World Played Chess* by Robert Dugoni.

An important change to note: Our guest speaker in March; Niamh McAnally, who wrote *Flares Up*, was moved to our February 8 meeting. We will meet in the Banquet Room instead of the Compass Room to accommodate her presentation and attendees. Please come, ask a friend/family member and enjoy a discussion of her book, and meet the author from 4:00-5:00 p.m. She will have her book available, along with signing and a photo opportunity.

Did you know that one of our IYC Charity Cup recipients is Charlotte County Imagination Library? Since 2012 this organization served 6650 children with over 187,500 FREE books. The child receives in the mail each month a book (appropriate to the age of the child) up to his/her fifth birthday. Isn't that wonderful!

Our March book read is: *Lessons In Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. A great book and I know will be a great group discussion. April's book is: *The Woman They Could Not Silence* by Kate Moore. This will be an interesting discussion!

Other than the February 8 meeting, Book Club meets in the Compass Room on the second Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m. Come join us, meet other members and enjoy an in-depth book discussion... and have a cookie!

Happy Reading!



BILLIARDS COMMITTEE CHUCK HENRY

We will be holding our 8-Ball Tournament for the IYC Charity Cup on Saturday, March 2 starting at 10:00 a.m. in the Bridge building. The format will be double elimination. Any member of the Club can participate in this event. Please come have fun and support a great cause. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Billiards room.

In addition to singles and team 8-ball team leagues, IYC fields two teams of five and compete against teams from Windmill Village and Maple Leaf each year. We play each opponent once in 8-ball and again in 9-ball and it gives our members a chance to play against new players and on larger tables.

Lastly, the Billiards program needs new leadership for the 2024-2025 season. We are looking for a member to chair the Billiards committee and another to run the singles pool league. Please contact me or Duane Ising if you are interested in learning more.

TENNIS COMMITTEE KATE CARNEY

Tennis season is in full swing despite the cool, windy and rainy weather we've had recently. It's been a nice change from those 95-degree summer days, but enough already.

As I write this, our annual Davis Cup competition has begun, with teams representing Great Britain, France, Mexico and Ukraine. It's always fun competition, complete with plenty of team pride and creative tennis apparel to show our team colors.

We've also got Thursday nights "Under the Lights" going every Thursday from 4:30- 6:00 p.m. All players are welcome, but since there's only room for 16 each week, if you're interested in playing please contact Ann Pfister-Brown to get on the email list. Ann sends out an email each week, and the first sixteen to respond get to play that week.

We're also trying a new event for women this month. On Saturday, February 17, instead of the regular women's round robin, we're having a Women's Doubles Derby. The less experienced players will be paired with a more experienced player, which should make for some really fun tennis. Lunch will also be provided. It will be a great way to meet some other IYC tennis players, so we'd love to see all the women players come out.

It's that time of year when we start getting ready for our Charity Cup events so mark your calendars. The annual tennis exhibition organized by Club Pro Rainer Ruhland will be held on Friday, March 1 at 4:00 p.m. Please note the start time is a bit earlier this year! All tennis players will be asked to donate a bottle of wine (\$10 value minimum) for the wine pull that will be held at the exhibition. The ever-popular Tennis Poker will be held on Saturday, March 2. The best part of Tennis Poker... it really doesn't matter how well you play... whoever has the best cards at the end is the winner! All proceeds go to the Charity Cup and we appreciate your support of these events!



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







Pickleball players use a rating scale to rate their level of play. Here is a handy chart you can use to identify your level of play.

1.0 - 2.0	A player who is just storting to play pickteball and has no other sports background.
2.5	A player who has limited experience and can siciliar p-short rally.
3.0	A proyer who understands fundprimentals and court positioning.
3.5	A player who can acknowledge the difference between a hord game and self game. They move quickly to the non-voliny zone. They understand when stacking may be effective.
4.0	A player who is oble to identify and strack their opposent' weeksman. They are serve of their portners' politice on the court and nee oble to nove as a heart.
4.5	A player who understands strategy and hos good footwork. They are able to able to communicate and move well with their partner.
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5.5+	A pilinyee who has mastered passieted. They are a top-caliber player.

Before diving into the steps for ranking yourself, it's important to understand how Pickleball rankings work. Pickleball uses a skill rating system called the USAPA Rating System, which ranges from 1.0 (beginner) to 5.0 (professional).

The ratings are based on a combination of your technique, consistency, and strategy in both singles and doubles games. As you improve in these areas, your rating will increase.

Consistency is key in pickleball. This means being able to hit shots with control and accuracy, as well as maintaining a steady pace throughout the game. Drilling with a friend is a fantastic way to improve your skills. Since so much of the game is played at the net, practice your dinks and body shots before you play a match.

To improve your consistency, practice regularly and focus on developing a solid foundation of technique. This will help you become more comfortable and confident on the court, allowing you to make consistent shots. You will notice that most points are made my player error rather than a fantastic shot. Keep track of the mistakes you are making and work on reducing them.

Having a strong strategy is also crucial in Pickleball. This means understanding when to hit certain shots, how to position yourself on the court, and reading your opponent's moves. As the saying goes" if you hit it high you will die." To develop your strategy, study the game and watch experienced players to see what techniques they use. Additionally, try to play against different opponents to learn how to adapt your strategy in different situations. Also, there are literally hundreds of You tube videos available to watch for free. If you are having a challenge with one part of your game... watch a video and learn what you can do. Another great option is to take a lesson. There are plenty of coaches available here in Punta Gorda and one lesson can transform your game. Also, we have lots of tournaments coming to the PicklePlex. Drop in and watch the pros play it is a fun afternoon.

The IYC Pickleball Club plays together once a month at the Pickleplex. All level of play is invited. Our next gathering will be February 18 at the Pickleplex at 4:00 p.m. Hope to see you on the courts.





On February 19, Ride Leader Anita Frumson has arranged a fifteen-minute talk and a ten-minute movie at the Babcock Ranch Discovery Center at 9:30 a.m. Our ride will be around the growing town with lunch to follow at the Lake House Kitchen and Bar.

In March Ride Leader Bill Clausen will lead us on the five-mile out and back (ten miles total) ride at Webb Lake, off Tuckers Grade. Date to be determined.

On April 15, Jim Morrow is planning a ride at Myakka State Park.



Club Name Badges

Badge looking a little worn? Need a spare for your boat or car? IYC name badges can simply have your first and last name or can include a boat name or title, i.e. Director or Past Commodore.

Cost: \$12.00 each

Contact Lori in the front office to order yours today! (941) 639-1369 / membership@islesyc.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE MARCH EVENTS:

IYC Charity Cup Tennis Events - Fri. March 1 & Sat. March 2 IYC Charity Cup 8-Ball Tournament - Saturday, March 2 Captain & Crew - Thursday, March 14 Isle-ettes Change of Watch - Tuesday, March 12 IYC Charity Cup Bocce - Tues. March 12 & Thurs. March 14 IYC Charity Cup Nautical Poker Run - Wed. March 20 Boaters at the Bar - Wednesday, March 20 IYC Charity Cup Regatta - Saturday, March 23 IYC Charity Cup Finale & Awards Ceremony - Sat. March 23 Cigar Night - Wednesday, March 27 Easter Brunch Buffet - Sunday, March 31

Member Photos









11:00A - 4:00P | LAST SEATING AT 3:30P Cost: Coming Soon Attire: Casual RESERVATIONS OPEN FRIDAY, MARCH 1

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Organized Tuesday Bocce is held 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 jcnuzzo@comcast.net

Visit the IYC Bocce webpage for additional information.

COMBINED CPR & AED CLASSES

IYC member Dr. James McCarty will be offering private and group training (2-4 people). There will be **no charge** for the training classes. If a certification card is needed, a \$25 fee will be passed through the American Heart Association. Please make arrangements for training with the office.

If you would like to purchase a Waterproof First Aid Kit, contact the front office. As the kit contains some items that may be unfamiliar in their use, Dr. McCarty would be happy to review the contents with anyone who buys one.



YOGA *with Budy* Wednesdays in August Wednesdays & Saturdays: 8:30 a.m. Fee: 1 class/\$9, 10 classes/\$80

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

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



PLANNING COMMITTEE BOB WEISENBECK



Bridge Building Replacement

Over the past few months, the Planning Committee has been sharing with you the Proposed Campus Concept Plan and soliciting your input. Posters have been displayed in the Fitness Center and the Yardarm to assist you in gaining a better understanding of the overall concept. Many of you have been forthcoming with suggestions on how to improve the plan, which is greatly appreciated.

Over the next few months, the Planning Committee will continue our socialization effort by making members of the Planning Committee available for question-and-answer sessions and responding to the questions and comments submitted through the IYC website. A presentation of the Plan was made at the Midyear Membership Meeting in October, and will again be presented at the Annual Membership Meeting on February 6. The posters will be on display before and after the meeting with members of the Planning Committee available to discuss your suggestions and concerns. We also plan to distribute a short Planning Committee Survey to assist us in capturing your thoughts about the plan. Want more information or just want to discuss it, talk to anyone on the Planning Committee. We look forward to your continued input.



COMPASS FUND PC JIM NUZZO, COORDINATOR



As Compass Fund Coordinator you witness firsthand member generosity, the impact it has, and get to report on it. In the future I hope to be reporting on the impact the "Small Boat Hoist" project is having. As for now, I can report the project has received a total of \$72,100 of support. Broken down, the project received an initial \$50,000 to establish the project. Since establishing, an additional \$22,100 has been pledged or donated. At this time engineering is ongoing. Once engineering is completed and plans submitted to the City, a final total construction cost will be determined. At this time, it is estimated another \$30k to \$40k of support are required to fully fund this project. Members looking to support are being asked to only make pledges at this time. Pledge forms can be found in the binder in the main hallway, the business office, or by clicking here. Completed forms can be dropped off or emailed to the IYC Accounting office. Members with questions or in need of assistance are encouraged to contact me. The Compass Fund has a variety of projects members can choose to support. Visit the IYC website and go to the Compass Fund page for more information.

PC Jim Nuzzo, Compass Fund Coordinator

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

5:30p Social, 6:00p Dinner, Presentation to Follow





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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 5:00P - 7:00P



Boaters of all interests are invited to join us on the patio for this fun, casual evening.

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

IYC CHARITY CUP TENNIS EVENTS

FRIDAY MARCH 1

TENNIS PRO EXHIBITION 4:00P

ORGANIZED BY IYC TENNIS PRO RAINER RUHLAND

ALL WELCOME!

SATURDAY MARCH 5

TENNIS POKER 9:00A \$40 CHECK MADE TO CHARLOTTE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION \$10 CASH - BRING TO THE IYC OFFICE \$5 - CASH BRING TO THE FRONT OFFICE

RAFFLE TICKETS AND WINE DRAWING WILL BE AVAILABLE AT BOTH EVENTS.

IYC CHARITY CUP **8-BALL** TOURNAMENT

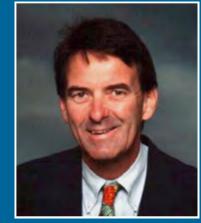
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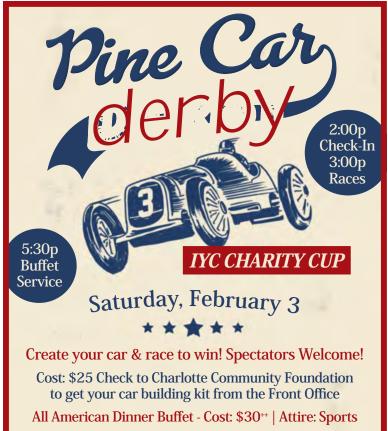
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IYC CHARITY CUP FULL LIST OF EVENTS

Pine Car Derby - Saturday, February 3 Mah Jongg Gameday - Saturday, February 10 Tennis Exhibition - Friday, March 1 Tennis Poker - Saturday, March 2 8-Ball Tournament - Saturday, March 2 Bocce Tournament - Tues. March 12 & Thurs. March 14 Nautical Poker - Wednesday, March 20 Regatta - Saturday, March 23 Celebration & Awards Dinner - Saturday, March 23





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.

JOANNE HYLTIN 941-769-6701

Every Thursday at 11:00 a.m. ladies meet for lunch, followed by Pinochle play in the Compass Room.

If you would like to play or learn, call Joanne. We welcome you to join us.

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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.

MILLION TRAIN

MEXICAN TRAIN CATHERINE REICHE (941) 380-3606

Mexican Train is played every Wednesday at 11:45 a.m. in the Compass Room. Lunch in the Commodores Grille (optional) at 11:00 a.m.

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.

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

Commodore's Grille for lunch with Bridge play following in the Compass Room.

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

We will meet every Tuesday at 12:30 pm in the Compass Room. Come early and enjoy lunch! It's a great way to meet fellow members. Questions? Contact Gail Olsen 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



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.

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



Employee Birthdays!

February 16 JW Wilton, Dockmaster



Member Birthdays & Anniversaries

February Birthdays

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February Anniversaries

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	Rich Tilden
3	Don Callaham
	Muriel DeStefano
4	Kathy Lasala
5	Jet Cary
	Robert Hardy
6	Jeff Barnhart
	Colleen Herman
	John Knight
	Teresa Steinway
7	Nancy Grossman
	Lyn Liphart
8	Dave Mohr
9	Jake Dye
12	Anne Peltier
	Murray Walker
	Cindy Welsh
	Joanne Ziemer
13	Joette Maynard
	Carol Nuzzo
14	Amy Fucini
	Sheryl Little
	Carol Sperry
15	Richard Buy
	Steve Schultz
16	Chuck Busch
	Iwona Kapuscinski
	Nada Kumar
17	Lynda Benson
	Janice Buy
	William Renz

18	Richard Lindstrom	2
19	Jack Bulkley	-
20	James Giacchetti	4
21	Carole Dennings	7
22	Mike Fortier	8
	Bob Kendall	9
23	Jim Clardy	
	Mike Patterson	11
	Joe Wienecke	
24	Greg Cheetham	12
	Marilyn Herider	13
25	Mary Kay Alexander	14
	Ron Leithiser	
	Patti Mixson	
26	Ginger Crumbaugh	
	Gail Fortier	16
	David Phelps	
27	Eileen Hermans	17
	Bill O'Bryan	19
	Jan Thomas-Savino	21
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7	John & Donna Peterman
8	Doug & Cookie Smith
9	Ron & Mary Ellen Leithiser
	Jose & Glasiamar Quesada
11	Steve & Ruth Dumont
	Mark & Linda Formica
12	Anthony & Nancy Zimbicki
13	Ray & Mia DeLong
14	Terry Cannon & Terry Asher-Cannon
	Bob & Pam Fortin
	Dick & Jan Nelson
	John & Becky Pastorik
16	Jan & Donna Randles
	Paul & Judi Sellers
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19	John & Chris Nichols
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<u>Main Dining Room</u>: Casual Attire (Collared shirts and slacks.) Sports attire may be worn for Friday night dining and Sunday Breakfast.

Men may not wear hats inside the Club.

Swimwear with a cover-up may be worn on the patio, but is not permitted in any of the public rooms of the Club.