

# POOPDECK

The Monthly Newsletter • March 2011



## FROM THE HELM

*Commodore Harry Blenker*

There are dozens of reasons I enjoy my BYC membership, but participating in and sharing centuries old, sea-going traditions as evolved here under the bright blue roof rank high on the list. Customs ranging from the pineapple flag of hospitality to the annual round of regattas to Blessing of the Fleet provide a sense of permanence in a fast moving, sometimes chaotic world outside of Snead Island. I love it all. Especially gratifying is to see our members' children happily joining in.

I was thinking of all this a few weeks ago at the annual kickoff meeting of the Crosthwait Tournament. Present were the usual 40 or so loyal team members who have been staging this classic event for going on three decades. But members of the next generation were there too, ready to carry on the Crosthwait tradition. These are kids who just a few years ago were clambering around under their parents' feet while their moms and dads were keeping score and weighing in fish. With us for the kickoff were Sarah Stephenson, now beautiful grown-up daughter of Jeff and Hope; Whitney and Jason Jefferies, Jeff and Missy Higgins' happily expecting daughter and son-in-law; and Barney and Heidi's daughter, Whitney, all of whom have been Crosthwait helpers for several years.

Mounting a tournament of this caliber is a huge job and Mike Reeves, this year's chairman, needs all the help he can get from the rest of us. Especially vital is enlisting sponsors for the May classic. Please give Mike a call if your company or that of someone you know likes the idea of being a high visibility sponsor. It's great advertising and a chance to do good for one's business while, at the same time, doing good for the community. All proceeds fund college scholarships for deserving local youngsters.

Cruising to other ports is another great tradition. Spur of the moment, Aimee and I motored to the St. Pete Yacht Club for a Valentine's Day celebration. To our great surprise, it turned out our mariner neighbor to the north was hosting a pram regatta that attracted skilled youngsters from all over the world. I've been told that there were over 360 boats competing for trophies and glory. Among them was Evan Schuneman, Patricia Keller's grandson. I'm sure most of you have seen the cute sight of our own pram sailors obediently beating before the wind on Terra Ceia Bay like little ducklings following Mama. Now, multiply that sight by the hundreds and you have an idea of the spectacle in St. Pete.

On our companion vessels for the cruise were Jim and Linda Terry, Rick and Sydney Shaurette, Don and Robin Sayer and Jim and Janice Fauske. Hope and Jeff Stephenson cruised to St Pete via

275. We stayed aboard the boat and enjoyed a chateaubriand dinner in the club's Marina Room.

More nautical traditions are coming up soon here at BYC. One of them, Blessing of the Fleet, begun in the early fourth century among Portugese fishing boats, was originally meant to ensure the safety of mariners, a bountiful harvest from the sea, clean waters and peace among all peoples of the world. Amazingly, we still hope for the same today, over 700 years later. BYC's ecumenical Blessing will be in April and I welcome all of you to bring your boats. Watch for information and registration forms in your April Poopdeck.

Another tradition ahead is the Annual Memorial Service for Past Commodores and departed

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# BRADENTON YACHT CLUB

## 2010-2011 Officers, Directors & Committee Chairpersons

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### Reservations

**Please call ahead to reserve your table**  
**722-5936**

Tuesday-Thursday: Lunch Menu 11:30 am to 9:00 pm,  
Dinner Menu 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Friday & Saturday: Lunch Menu 11:30 am to 9:30 pm,  
Dinner Menu 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Sunday Lunch: 11:30 am to 4:00 pm

Tiki Bar: 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm, Friday; Noon to 11:00, Saturday;  
Noon to dusk, Sunday. *Weather Permitting.* The Tiki  
Bar will close during an electrical storm, or when the  
temperature dips below 40!

## January Visitors by the Sea

Bird Key YC	2	Royal Palm YC	1
Bradenton YC	25	St. Pete YC	5
Marathon YC	1		

Total Number of Visitors 34

Total Power Boats 31

Total Sailboats 3

Diesel Fuel Sold 4,779 gallons

Gas Sold 2,037 gallons

### Attention All BYC Members...

Two (2) members' names will appear hidden within the Poopdeck. If you find your name (with a star next to it), you will receive two (2) complimentary bar drinks, one time during the month, on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evening. Please let your server know that you are one of the chosen ones for the month.

### BYC PHONE EXTENSIONS

Phone # 941-722-5936 • Fax # 941-723-6639  
Dockmaster Cell # 941-374-2310

Dept.	Contact	Ext.
Accounts Payable	Whitney	201
Accounts Receivable	Jenifer	202
Banquets/Reservations		206
Bar	To Go	208
Chef/Kitchen	Keith	209
Controller/Office Manager	Alice	204
Dining Rooms Manager	Helen	205
Dockmaster	Brent	212
For Assistance	Operator	0
General Manager	Ken	203
Podium (making reservations after 5 p.m.)		207
Tiki Bar	Outside	211



## Regular Membership

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| <p>#2437 Kenneth &amp; Carlene Johnson<br/>3004 Zermatt Way<br/>Snellville, GA 30078<br/>770-401-3899<br/>"Ebbtide" - 21' Deck Boat</p> <p>#2438 Tom &amp; Gail Sibbald<br/>PO Box 2128<br/>Palmetto, FL 34220<br/>970-420-2032<br/>"Perseverance" - 50' Bayliner</p> <p>#2441 Robert &amp; Patty Whorf<br/>10627 Cheval Place<br/>Bradenton, FL 34202<br/>360-0241<br/>"Meloira" -<br/>45' Hunter DS</p> | <p>#2442 Roger &amp;<br/>Jennifer Boldizar<br/>3618 Swans Landing Dr.<br/>Land O'Lakes, FL 34639<br/>813-929-0002<br/>"Bold Move" -<br/>45' Formula</p> <p>#2443 Terry Parker &amp; Claude<br/>Salomon<br/>507 68th St.<br/>Holmes Beach, FL 34217<br/>807-7723<br/>"Mistral" - 37'<br/>Elite 37TM Mark II</p> <p>#2444 Roger &amp; Maggie Kilgore<br/>560 Chipping Lane<br/>Longboat Key, FL 34228<br/>312-5223<br/>"Cheers" - 36' Hinckley</p> |
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## FROM THE HELM *(cont'd)*

members. It will be held outdoors on Club grounds at the site of the new gazebo-to-be being built by our own hard working, determined Great Mates.

Speaking of the gazebo, the final fund-raiser for this tradition-in-the-making is slated for March 4th and I urge all of you to join in. With your help, the dreamed-of gazebo will become reality on the point in April, just in time for the memorial service.

Accolades are due here for Brian Smith, our energetic Membership Chairman. He's done an outstanding job of expanding the Club roster with new and interesting people. I was fortunate enough to meet some of them at New Member Orientation and hope to meet/greet the rest in the coming weeks. Thanks, Brian! And a hearty welcome to all of you who just joined us.

A reminder: Our dining room is growing ever more popular, so it's a good idea to reserve a table prior to dropping in for dinner. Our wait and kitchen staffs will appreciate the courtesy.

See you at the Club.

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| <p>#2445 Wray Williams<br/>PO Box 1994<br/>Palmetto, FL 34220<br/>490-0550<br/>"Wray's C's - 42' Cruisers</p> <p>#2446 David Laber &amp; Leslie Ripp<br/>907 Fish Hook Cove<br/>Bradenton, FL 34212<br/>527-1399<br/>"Hegira" - 42' Tayana</p> <p>#2447 Steven Hanson &amp; Sara<br/>Benjamin<br/>306 107th Ct. W.<br/>Bradenton, FL 34209<br/>704-7289</p> <p>#2448 Kenneth &amp; Robin<br/>Ann Greger<br/>2808 Fiddlers Bend<br/>Palmetto, FL 34221<br/>721-6248<br/>"It'l Be Fine" - 39' Maxum</p> <p>#2449 James &amp; Carole Beck<br/>6409 Heritage Lane<br/>Bradenton, FL 34209<br/>932-0394</p> <p>#2450 Lesli Larmon<br/>6205 16th Ave. E.<br/>Palmetto, FL 34221<br/>727-415-0302</p> <p>#2451 Stephen &amp; Glenda Johnson<br/>27105 Gopher Hill Road<br/>Myakka City, FL 34251<br/>322-9047<br/>29' Pro-Kat</p> <p>#2452 Lisa Schruett &amp; Trish<br/>McGuire<br/>PO BOX 781<br/>Anna Maria Island, FL<br/>34216<br/>727-422-8226<br/>"Lea Sea 4"</p> <p>#2453 Charles &amp; Phyllis Pecorella<br/>597 Yawl Lane<br/>Longboat Key, FL 34228<br/>585-732-1234</p> <p>#2454 Lewis &amp; Beth Eisenberg<br/>4907 Fawn Lake Pl.<br/>Parrish, FL 34219<br/>776-0815<br/>"French Kiss" -<br/>36' Jeanneau</p> <p>#2455 Franklin Yamamoto<br/>1000 1st Ave. W.<br/>Bradenton, FL 34205<br/>646-201-6252<br/>"Fog Ducker" - 46' Hunter</p> <p>#2456 Robert &amp; Debra Woithe<br/>5115 Palmetto Point Dr.<br/>Palmetto, FL 34221<br/>722-7130<br/>"The Other Won" -<br/>25' Fountain</p> | <p>#2457 Virginia Harris<br/>1818 Garden Bower Cir.<br/>#301, Tampa, FL 33619<br/>586-0897</p> <p>#2458 Patricia Glass<br/>2560 Tarpon Rd.<br/>Palmetto, FL 34221<br/>723-2523</p> <p>#2459 John &amp; Rebecca Neal<br/>6500 Riverview Blvd.<br/>Bradenton, FL 34209<br/>794-8322<br/>20' Boston Whaler</p> <p>#2460 John &amp; Jennifer Murnane<br/>3823 5th Avenue NE<br/>Bradenton, FL 34208<br/>745-1706<br/>"ReelTight" - 26' Scout</p> <p>#2461 Francis &amp; Pat Murphy<br/>4774 Del Sol Blvd.<br/>Sarasota, FL 34243<br/>554-4834<br/>"Maiden USA II" - 37.6'<br/>Pearson Sloop</p> <p>#2462 James Sewell &amp; Krissi Page<br/>7014 108th Ave. East<br/>Parrish, FL 34219<br/>737-3591<br/>31' Yellow Fin</p> <p>#2463 Ray &amp; Beverly Dielman<br/>PO BOX 2082<br/>Palmetto, FL 34220<br/>722-4374</p> <p>#2464 Daniel &amp; Cindy Rystrom<br/>2911 Fiddlers Bend<br/>Palmetto, FL 34221<br/>776-7736</p> <p>#2465 Gene Tharpe &amp; Paula Case<br/>2218 46th St. Ct. W.<br/>Bradenton, FL 34209<br/>792-3015<br/>"Miss Fit" - 23' Mako</p> |
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## Winter Membership

- #7018 John & Patricia Gauntt  
2625 Terra Ceia Bay Blvd.  
Palmetto, FL 34221  
722-5754

## Reinstatement

- #2077 Helen Chouinard  
P.O. Box 823  
Bradenton, FL 34206  
448-6544



# CLUB MANAGER

*Ken Nyhus*

What a difference a year makes. While we have had some cold spurts this year, it has been a breeze compared to last year's El Nino winter! This has certainly been a normal Florida winter, as I remember them! As March arrives, we look forward to Daylight Savings Time, which hopefully means more time to enjoy boating, cool evenings, and great friendships here at the BYC. As spring sparks rebirth and growth in nature, so should it at your Club.

That said, I want everyone to welcome our wonderful new members. As you all know, we just finished our "BYC Friends & Family" membership drive, and I am happy to say the endeavor brought us 53 new BYC Families. Please watch for the Pineapple Burgees on tables in the Clubhouse. These flags let everyone know that the people sitting there are new to our Club. Remember back to when you were new and you watched all of the unfamiliar faces stream by in the Clubhouse, and you felt you really didn't know anyone. Stop when you see a Pineapple Flag, reach out your hand and say hello. It will go a long way to make newer members feel welcome, and you may make a new lifelong friend!

The pineapple is a symbol of welcome, good cheer and warmth, stemming from a long-standing Caribbean Indian tradition to welcome visitors. American ship captains, upon returning home from sea, would place pineapples or tops of a pineapples outside their homes to announce their arrival home and let friends and neighbors know to come and share a tale. So when you see a Pineapple Burgee on a table, stop by and share a tale, extend your hand, and bid a friend welcome! Everyone will benefit from this wonderful tradition!

Even though we have had wonderful success this year bringing new members to the Club, 80 in total, don't forget about our 60 day test drive! This is a great way to introduce friends and people you meet in passing who may benefit from and enjoy the amenities and lifestyle we have to offer. Our mission is to get the Club back to our 650 member cap, and a waiting list. If everyone helps spread the word about our Club, many hands will make the goal a reality. Thank you to all who have recently sponsored new members; you have helped keep the Club's life blood fresh and vibrant!

Fresh and vibrant has also been a description used for our new menu and the food our culinary team has been providing you all! We have spoken to over 600

diners over the last couple of weeks and have focused our verbal survey on food quality and value. On a scale of 1 to 5, both are averaging better than a 4.38 rating. Our culinary team takes the verbal comments to heart too, and two of our menu items have been revamped as result of consistent comments. I am thankful that we have dedicated culinary leadership again, and hope you will join us in a Meet the Chef event we are doing on Friday night, March 11. Come say welcome, thank you, or just to put a face with the name and talent that is driving our kitchen crew!

March 5th is the Pram Fleet sign up! Basic Sailing is a 2-week, 1/2 day course that is designed to teach children basic sailing and seamanship skills. It is specifically designed for the beginner sailor. The primary goal is to get the participants comfortable in the boat and on the water. The fee for this is \$125.00. Intermediate Sailing is a 2-week, 1/2 day course that is for those that have completed the Basic Sailing program. It is designed to enhance basic sailing and seamanship skills. The primary goal is to get the participants competent in sailing a boat on a short course. This too is \$125.00. The summer camp schedule is as follows: June 13 - June 24, June 27 - July 8, July 11 - July 22, July 25 - August 5, and August 8 - August 19. BYC members have a preferential sign up for session 2. Registration for all classes opens Saturday, March 5th, at [www.manateeriverpramfleet.org](http://www.manateeriverpramfleet.org). The forms will be available for download at 9 a.m. under the Program Information tab. All registrations will be accepted in order of datestamp. 🇺🇸

## Easter Egg Hunt

Bring the Kids for a fun-filled Easter Egg Hunt @ **10:00 a.m.**, and then join us for Brunch! Fun, Food, Cash & Prizes! Please let us know you are coming! Bring your camera for pictures with the Easter Bunny!



## Easter Sunday, Brunch

**April 24th, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.**  
Adults, **\$24.99** + + Kids, 4 to 10 **\$12.99** + +  
Little ones under 4 **Free**  
Reservations a must, Jackets requested for Gentlemen in the Main Dining Room  
48 hour Cancellation



# ENTERTAINMENT

Janet Amar

Thank you for your help. With the money raised this past year by the Entertainment Committee, the BYC is now able to purchase a stage. Gone are the days of renting and we will now have the pleasure of rolling out our beautiful new stage for every event. We are in the midst of ordering and we hope to have the stage by the time we have our 70's Party in April.

It's only March and we've already had a New Year's Eve party, Cracker party, Valentine's Day party and Mardi Gras party. Wow! March brings CRABS as in Crab Races and then Lady Luck is coming as Casino Night hits the BYC.

Greg, our Crab Master, returns on Saturday, March 12th, with his family of hermit crabs. The Crab Races are great FAMILY gatherings full of fun and excitement. I was amazed last year to see how competitive these crabs can be. You MUST make reservations for this very popular event.

Casino Night is Saturday, March 26th. You will think you landed in Las Vegas as you enter the BYC. We will have black jack, poker, crap and roulette tables. To all the Texas Hold'em players, now is the

time to shine. If you don't know how to play, here's your chance to learn any of these games. Players will be awarded coupons and some lucky players will walk away with very nice prizes.

On Friday, March 4th, there will not be any music in the lounge. Please watch the calendar for the other Friday night lounge acts. Bingo, Trivia and Texas Hold'em are still going strong.

A BYC cookbook is being planned for the fall. The book will consist of members' favorites, gourmet meals for your boat, cooking with Ken, holiday ideas, special cocktails and whatever other suggestions you have. Nancy Christian will be organizing and gathering the recipes. Please submit all recipes to: nanstocks@aol.com. For those of you who don't e-mail or have copies of special recipes which you would like to submit, please drop them off at the BYC in our recipe box which will be in the lobby. In order to be included in the initial printing, the deadline for submitting recipes will be June 1st.

Thank you to the members who have given us suggestions for future events. Have fun and I will see you at the Club. 🇺🇸

## Great Mates

March 17, 2011 Luncheon

11:30 Social, Noon Lunch  
**\$11.85 + +**  
Reservations please  
941-722-5936

### THE SECRETS OF CA' D'ZAN WITH RON MCCARTY

In 1925 Sarasota was just a small fishing town, yet was home to one of the most opulent mansions in the nation. Ranked the 13th richest man in America the same year, John Ringling's wealth was estimated at \$200 million and Time Magazine featured him on the cover. A self made man, he passed on in 1936.

## CENTRAL FLORIDA Rat Pack

Spend an electrifying evening, Friday March 4th, with The Great Mates and the Central Florida Rat Pack; Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis, Jr. & Dean Martin. Their legendary vocals will recreate the fantasy of the Big Band and the romance of a swinging nightclub.

Download your Rat Pack invitation & Memorial Brick Form: [bradentonyachtclub.com](http://bradentonyachtclub.com) (Great Mates)

Michael & Christy Messer

# Valentine's Sweetheart Dance



# EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Our first Employee of the Quarter is Zach Oke! Zach was chosen for his positive attitude, willingness to take on any task given to him, and his team player mentality. He is a valued part of our kitchen staff. Zach lives here in Palmetto with his wife Dawn. They have three children: Tess, Josh and Alainie, and one grandchild, Peyton. Zach enjoys cooking and playing with his three dogs. He has a wolf, a Doberman and a Pekingese. He also practices Tai Kwon Do, in which he has a black belt. One day Zach hopes to open his own martial arts studio. He thanks God for all the blessings in his life, and his wife for her support. Congratulations Zach!!!



## •MARCH GREAT MATES BOOK SELECTION•

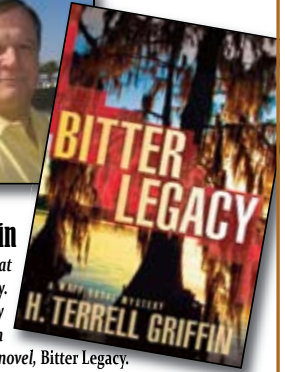
Meeting: Tues  
March, 8th  
Member's Room  
@ BYC 6-7 pm

NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

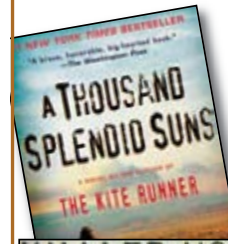


**Terry Griffin**

Don't miss this second chance to meet and chat with the mystery writer from Longboat Key. Terry charmed the Great Mates at the January luncheon and has agreed to join the March book club group to discuss his latest novel, *Bitter Legacy*.



**Matt Royal has gotten himself into a royal mess.** After a week away, Matt Royal's ready to get back to the Longboat Key good life -- good fishing, good food, good beer, and more good fishing. But Matt comes back to bad news: while he was away, a sniper decided to kill one of his best friends. Even worse, now that Matt's back, someone's trying to kill him. And whoever is trying to kill him is trying to kill him really hard. With no clue who's after him or why, Matt soon finds he's at the center of a mystery involving a lawyer's murder, a tourist left for dead, a ruthless biker gang, a reclusive billionaire with nothing to lose, and an ancient document that could bring ruin to one of the most entrenched financial interests in Florida.



**April Featured Selection**

**KHALED HOSSEINI**

Deborah Iaboni, Chair  
847.207.7622 • [deborah@iabonirealestate.com](mailto:deborah@iabonirealestate.com)

### February Selection

★★★★★ 4.5



# BRIDGE CLUB

Carla Morgan

If you are interested in playing bridge, please join us on Thursday nights at 5:30 for dinner and 6:45 for bridge.

Or you can call Carla Morgan at 941-981-9017 for more information. Our annual bridge tournament started on February 3 and will last 10 weeks. The best eight scores out of ten weeks will determine our winner.

### December 16

First: Dave Tyler and Chris Grobaker  
Second: Bob and Anna Beltz  
Third: Dixie Keeney and Eilene Pierson

### December 30

First: Dave Tyler and Chris Grobaker  
Second: Bob and Anna Beltz

### January 7

First: Newell and Mary Yaple  
Second: Dave Tyler and Chris Grobaker  
Third: Bob and Anna Beltz

### January 13

First: Dave Tyler and Chris Grobaker  
Second: Newell and Mary Yaple

### January 20

First: Bob and Anna Beltz  
Second: Newell and Mary Yaple  
Third: Dave Tyler and Chris Grobaker

### January 27

First: Dixie Keeney and Eilene Pierson  
Second: Tom and Sylvia Gibson  
Third: Newell and Mary Yaple

### February 3

First: Jay Grafton and Ruby Laudig  
Second: Gary and Carla Morgan  
Third: Dave Tyler and Chris Grobaker

### February 10

First: Newell and Mary Yaple  
Second: Bob and Anna Beltz  
Third: Gary and Carla Morgan

March

# BYC MAIN



**3 CRAB RACES!**  
*Ladies and Gentlemen, start your Crabs!*  
 March 12th  
**MAKING A THREEPETE, BY POPULAR DEMAND**  
 BYC's Crab & Slab, all you care to eat Crab Legs & BBQ Ribs \$21.99 + +  
*You can't eat us out of Crab this year...I guarantee!*  
 Free Keg of Beer, while it lasts!  
 Reservations please 941-722-5936!



## St. Patrick's Buffet

Thursday Night, March 17th  
**Pot of Gold Night too!**  
 Wear some green for a free Draft Beer, 6:00 p.m. Start Time  
 Irish Coffees only \$3.50  
 Salad Bar, Irish Soda Bread, Scotch Broth  
 Carved Corned Steamship Round of Beef with Mustard Sauce, Shepherd's Pie,  
 Herbed Chicken with Irish Whiskey Sauce, Parsley Potatoes, Braised Cabbage, Baby Carrots  
 Bread Pudding with Bailey's Irish Cream Sauce  
 Reservations please!  
**\$22.99 + +**




## Casino Night

Saturday, March 26th  
 6:00 Cocktails, in the lounge  
 7:00 Buffet Dinner & the Casino opens  
 Everyone who comes for dinner will get Chips to play with.  
 Games will include Blackjack, Roulette, Craps & Texas Hold-Em.  
 Prizes will be available after play!  
 Dinner Menu: Salad Bar, Carved Baron of Beef with Béarnaise Sauce,  
 Chicken Piccata, Seafood au Gratin, Chef's Accompaniments, Small Dessert Buffet  
**\$24.95 + +**  
 Reservations a must, 941-722-5936






# EVENTS

April

## 70's "Oh What a Night" Party

Saturday, April 9th

6:00 p.m. cocktails & passed munchies, 7:00 Dinner

Dancing all night long!

Put on your bell bottoms, lace up your platform shoes, button down that print rayon shirt. We are gonna boogie all night long! Or, put on your best "Saturday Night Fever" Leisure suit, dig out that tie dye shirt, little round glasses and head band! We will be dancing and rocking to the Sun Coast Band!

*Watergate Salad, Earth Day Tabouli, Greenpeace Salad Bar, Apple Computer Cheese Fondue  
Let it Be Baron of Beef Roast, Southwest Airlines Chicken, Magic Kingdom Macaroni &  
Cheese, Evel Knievil Grouper*

Costume Contest, Disco Dance Contest, 1970's Trivia Contest \$24.99 + +  
941-722-5936 for reservations!

## Day of BYC Tradition

Saturday, April 30th

### BYC Member Memorial Celebration

2:00 p.m.

Memorial Service & Honorarium for all of our departed Commodores and BYC members who passed away in 2010-2011. Memorial and Celebration of Life is held Dock-Side, facilitated by our BYC Commodores Association.

### BYC Annual Blessing of the Fleet

Boats will start assembling around 2:45 p.m..

Join a Yacht Club tradition & have your Boat blessed for another safe year on the water, watch for the information and registration sheet arriving with your April Poopdeck.

## GET WASTED AWAY IN BYCVILLE!!

4:00 p.m. - Cook-out, Blow Out!

You don't have to change your latitude to change your attitude, just party with us poolside! Live music. Lavish Tropical Buffet!

*Crab & Corn Chowder, Conch Fritters, Smoked Fish Spread, Fried Calamari, Peel & Eat Shrimp, Flambé Stations for Shrimp Scampi, Margarita Chicken & Steak Diane, Grilled Teriyaki Ribs with Chef's Island fixings. Chocolate Dipped Key Lime Pie for Dessert!*

All for just \$24.99 + +, Kids are \$14.50 + +

**Look for More Events Elsewhere in the PoopDeck!**



# FLEET CAPTAIN POWER

*Captain  
Larry Stanczak*

The Power Fleet was pleased to share the stage with the Fishing Fleet, Pram Fleet, Sail Fleet and our fabulous employees at the Annual Commodores Club

Awards Night.

Headlining the event were the recipients of a new, perpetual award for Power Fleet Cruiser of the Year, Ray and Elayne Barr. They piloted Hazle to a few dozen ports and over two thousand nautical miles in 2010. Their longest journey took them around the Keys and up the east coast to the Chesapeake Bay. When they weren't on that trip, they were cruising with the Power Fleet or off on their own to other destinations. They have sea water in their veins, wonderful memories, and some great stories to tell.

The Rookie of the Year award went to Fred and Mary Smith who brought Mary's Choice to her new home on the Manatee River from the Chesapeake Bay. We are glad they did as they have been very active supporters of BYC and the Power Fleet since their arrival. Fred has become the "official" photographer for the fleet and Mary has been the ever gracious hostess for many of our docktail parties and potluck meals.

The Cocktail of the Year award went to Joyce Rowe of Rowe Boat, supported by her affable husband Ron. If we had an award called the "Energizer Bunny", it would have even been more fitting. Wherever there is activity, you are likely to find Joyce at the center of it. You simply cannot have a bad day when these two are around. By the way, she makes the best Bloody Mary you will ever taste.

The Tough Luck award went to John and Bonnie Manny of Dolphin Watch. John spent a lot of time and treasure making certain Dolphin Watch was ship shape and ready for the fleet's extended cruise to Key West. About 20 NM from port, POW, all the electronics went out. Being good seamen, they made

it to port and stopped to refuel. When they tried to leave the fuel dock, a motor wouldn't start! Oh well, they got it all sorted out and had a great time in Key West and made it home safely.

The Golden Hose, an award given for either a MacGyver or MacGruber event, went to Paul Cutcliffe of Prelude. Paul ran aground in the channel in front of Sarasota YC, a port he has been to numerous times. What made it so comical was he was the last to arrive and the rest of us were on the dock having cocktails and watched it all unfold! We were certain he would try to blame it on Sandra somehow, yet when he finally made the dock he took full responsibility. True Love, (and Sandra was standing nearby).

I am pleased to announce the extended cruise for 2011. We will depart Wednesday, May 11 and make the following ports before returning Sunday, May 22:

- May 11 - 12 Useppa
- May 13 - 14 Naples Sailing & YC
- May 15 - 17 Hawk's Cay (on Duck Key)
- May 18 Naples YC
- May 19 - 21 Isles YC

You may sign up for the entire cruise or just the ports that interest you. We are currently holding twelve slips at each destination. 🇺🇸

## Upcoming Events:

- Fleet Dinners are the 2nd Tuesday of the month; cocktails at 6:00; dinner at 7:00 PM
- March 18 - 20, St. Petersburg YC
- April 15 - 17, Sarasota YC
- May 11 - 22, Extended Cruise, see above.

To sign up for cruises or for more information on the Power Fleet, contact us at momostan@aol.com.

## Meet the Chef

Friday night, March 11th  
6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Join us for a Meet and Greet of Chef Keith Diamond and our Sr. Culinary Team. Enjoy a sampling of complimentary Hors D'oeuvres, and meet Chef Keith face to face!

## Calling all Sailors! Around Egmont Sail Race

Friday, March 11th

Registration 1700 to 1930 hrs (\$15.00)

Competitors Meeting 1930

Saturday, March 12th

Warning Signal 0955

Start from ICW marker #2

Awards after the race around 1700



# PRAM FLEET

*Danny Wiedenhoft*

It is that time of year again to start getting ready for our annual Summer Sailing Camps. Summer Camp Registration will be done on-line this year.

Registration with all forms and information will be at [manateeriverpramfleet.org](http://manateeriverpramfleet.org) and will be available Saturday, March 5th at 9:00 am. Be sure to sign up quickly as classes will fill up fast. Session 2 is priority for BYC members but can be filled with non-members as well.

- Session 1- June 13 to June 24
- Session 2- June 27 to July 8 (BYC Member Session)
- Session 3- July 11 to July 22
- Session 4- July 25 to Aug 5
- Session 5- Aug 8 to Aug 19

All Beginner classes are 9 am to 12 pm and all Intermediate classes are 1 pm to 4 pm. If you have any questions about Summer Camps contact Danny Wiedenhoft [mrpf.sailingdirector@gmail.com](mailto:mrpf.sailingdirector@gmail.com) or Joyce Grubb [mrpf.executivedirector@gmail.com](mailto:mrpf.executivedirector@gmail.com).

Over the holiday break, MRPF sailors spent several days of hard practice getting ready for the new year of sailing. Their hard work paid off when they went to the first regatta of the new year in Ft. Lauderdale. Conditions ranged from overcast, grey skies and 40 degrees to sunny, blue skies and 80 degrees. Wind

conditions ranged from no wind to 15 knots. This was a very difficult regatta because of the weather conditions and also the huge amount of current that flows across the racing area in Ft. Lauderdale. MRPF sent down seven sailors to compete in this event and several of our kids brought home trophies. In Green Fleet, Evan Schuneman was 8th. In Red Fleet Alex Woodbridge was 13th, Hannah Cantolino was 10th and Darby Capellin was 6th. The unique thing about this regatta is the non-traditional racing course the kids sailed. Normally the fleets will sail a triangle shaped course or a windward/leeward course, (upwind/down course 2 times around). For this event, they had to sail a race course that was shaped like a Boomerang. This is a tradition that has been going on for this event since it started some 30 odd years ago. The Pram Fleet also participated in the Valentine's Day Regatta at the St. Pete Yacht Club.

The Manatee River Pram Fleet is in the process of building its own website which will be launched soon. To keep up with what the MRPF is doing, make sure you check out [manateeriverpramfleet.org](http://manateeriverpramfleet.org). There will be a lot of interesting information about our programs on this website. MRPF is still looking for used tools, drills and any other unwanted items of such that you may not need anymore. Donating these items will allow us to keep all our boats and facilities in good working order for our sailors. Anything you can donate will be greatly appreciated.

Smooth Sailing! 



*Evan Schuneman with the Commodore and Vice Commodore of St. Pete Yacht Club at the Valentine's Day Regatta.*

## SAIL FLEET DINNER

Wednesday, March 2nd

6:30 p.m. Cocktails, 7:00 p.m.

Dinner

*Yankee Pot Roast*

*Chicken Cacciatore,*

*Fried Catfish*

Chef's accompaniments, plus a small set salad

**\$14.99 + +, please make reservations**

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# FLEET CAPTAIN FISHING

*Captain  
Mike Reeves*

At last month's new member breakfast, someone asked me why I fished. I've been asked this before. Maybe you have as well. Sometimes this question warns of an agenda. The asker inquires, "Why do you fish?" while they are thinking, "I just don't get it." The asker occasionally wants to inject their own observation by setting a stage that they might direct for their own gratification. In this case, the response is easy. I simply toy with them as they play with me and we both go away having gained nothing. This time the question was sincere and the person genuinely was interested in my response. Regretfully, I gave my "grew up as a boy in Minnesota hunting and fishing, moved to Florida in the 60s and fell in love with salt water; I'm happiest in the great out of doors, bla bla bla" - well you know the speech, every outdoorsman has one. You likely have one. From now on when that question pops again, I will try harder.

That "speech" is all true but it is just a tiny slice of a complex puzzle. A few of the pieces in that jigsaw include the primal challenge turned into modern sport; the natural sciences of weather, tides, moon phase and light; the technology of finely crafted equipment; the history that provides connection to times gone by; and hopefully the opportunity for the human spirit to inject artful creativity into an endeavor. You know what? That is all very true but it's still just a wink of an answer. The response is still incomplete.

Philosophers might articulate that it is all escapism in a human attempt to leave reality for a moment. (In my mind it is a move toward reality.) Psychologists say it is latent survival instinct and desire to dominate nature. The practical man simply says that we are animals who eat other animals to survive. The humanist will direct reasoning toward the beauty and harmony desired by us all that is difficult to find outside wild places. Again all valid, however we still have just a few more pieces with no idea of what the whole picture is in this puzzle. Here is the best I can do. For me, not to fish or hunt, not to sit and observe wildlife, not to toss a bug out of the house rather than squash it, not to be out in the sunshine or under the stars is just not a consideration. Wish I'd said that.

Drop me a note at [mike@mikesdock.com](mailto:mike@mikesdock.com) if any of the below floats your boat:

- The Col. Crosthwait Memorial Tournament. This is all about making a deposit of giving and doubling your return with a gift that comes right back at ya.
- The Fishing Class 101 remains in the works, (need a couple more folks).
- Fly casting college this summer, (need 8 people).

Sometime this summer the BYC will host the first ever FCYC inter-club fishing event. We need a BYC team. Col. Crosthwait would have said, "Uncle 'Sam' needs you."

A special thanks to Quality Marine Construction for donating the funds for a \$750 Crosthwait scholarship. Additional contributions are needed - education pays us all back. 🇺🇸



**Sail Cruising Fleet members, (left to right), Jack Gorman, Helen Chouinard, Nancy Gorman, Pat and Jim Keller with Cricket Clifton, (far right), at the St. Pete Yacht Club.**

## SAIL CRUISING SCHEDULE

**March 18-20 Tampa Yacht and Country Club** - 5 boats. Contact: Charles and Cricket Clifton [yclifton@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:yclifton@tampabay.rr.com).

**April 8-10 Venice Yacht Club.** Cruise Captain needed. Sign up at the March and April Sail Cruisers' meetings.

**April 8-17 Long Cruise** - Venice YC, Burnt Store Marina, Isles YC, Useppa Island Club, Bird Key YC. Cruise Captain needed.

Dinner Meeting March 2, 6:30  
Buffet \$14.99



# MEMBERSHIP

*Brian Smith*

## **Welcome New Members!**

If you've noticed a few new faces in the clubhouse lately, it's because we just completed one of the most successful member recruitment drives in our Club's history with the end of our Family and Friends Special on January 31, 2011. Please join us in welcoming more than 50 new and reinstated members and their families to our Club. This goes a long way toward meeting the Membership Committee's recruitment goal for the year. Much thanks to the great team on the Membership Committee, and especially Ken, Alice, Jennifer, Whitney and all the BYC staff who worked so hard to get the word out about our Club.

Our new members will soon find out that we have something for everyone at the BYC, from our new book club, weight watchers, fine dining, wine tastings, concealed weapons courses, scuba classes, bingo, poker, trivia and bridge to sail races, kayaking, fishing and boating expeditions. And don't forget our

fabulous entertainment events ranging from cracker parties and crab races to formal dinner dances and classical music entertainment.

I hope all members make a special effort to say hello to someone with a pineapple on their table. You'll find we have new members young and not-so-young, from a variety of interesting backgrounds and professions. We're planning a few "New Member Mingle" events in the coming months as well, which will be open to all of our members, so please keep an eye out for them.

While we are still welcoming new members, our Committee is now shifting its focus to retaining the members we have. Each member of the Club will be getting a call during the next several weeks from a fellow Club member asking them about their Club experience and how it can be improved, and the feedback from these calls will be analyzed and shared with the Board of Directors. Thanks to each of you for taking the time to talk with us. And don't forget your pineapples! 🍍



# FLEET CAPTAIN SAILING

*Captain  
John Izmirlian*

The long sailing draught for the J 24 fleet has finally ended with the installation of the newly refurbished hoist and its bomb proof foundation. I know that all

the sailors in our fleet are glad to have the "extra" competition on the river again during our Sunday races. We want to thank all involved in the hoist project; we appreciate your efforts, THANKS.

As the weather warms, (I hope), during March, we have planned for a busy month of sailing activities. On Wednesday March 2, at 1850 hours, we have our monthly fleet dinner. Mingle with other sailors in our fleet over cocktails followed by a buffet dinner. Participate in a discussion of future cruising and racing activities after dinner.

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 18th

through the 20th, we are planning a cruise to the Tampa Yacht Club. For more information on this event, contact Charles and Cricket Clifton at: [yclifton@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:yclifton@tampabay.rr.com).

Now that football season is over why not come out and participate in our river races which are held each Sunday at 1400 hours? These races offer plenty of fun with no cost to join in and participate. (Dinner and drinks at the Tiki bar afterwards are on you).

On Saturday, March 12, BYC is hosting the "Around Egmont Classic" race. This is an interesting race. We start in Tampa Bay and each boat competing decides in which direction they choose to loop around Egmont Key. For more information on this event, contact me or visit the BYC website where the "Notice Of Race" is posted. We are looking for a committee boat to start this race; volunteers kindly contact me. 🍍

## GREAT MATES LUNCHEON

Thursday, March 17th

11:30 Social, Noon Lunch

*Wild Rice Salad*

*Chicken Breast Florentine, with white wine  
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## POWER FLEET DINNER

March 8, 2011

6:00 p.m. Cocktails, 7:00 p.m. Buffet  
Dinner

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## BYC WINE SOCIETY WINE DINNER

Saturday, March 19th

6:30 Champagne and Amuse Bouche

Poke Tuna Tartar

7:00 Dinner Commences

*Caldo Verde with Spicy Sausage  
Balsamic Pork & Berry Salad*

**Intermezzo**

*Grilled Monchong with Caramelized Pineapple  
Beurre Blanc, Island Rice and Haricot Vert  
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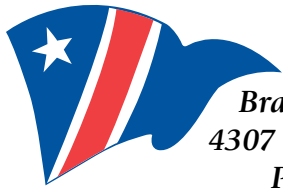
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