



COMMODORE EVAN GUIDO

The Manatee County Pram Fleet is located right here on our property. Near the boat ramp is the old pram shed, a building that dates back to the 50s. Inside is bunch of bathtub shaped sail boats, sails, harnesses, gear and surely a lot of memories. There is a longstanding relationship between the BYC and the Pram Fleet. Names of grown members of our Club were etched into the woodwork when they were just wee lads themselves. I would encourage parents to take a harder look at the Pram Fleet and see if your child should be enrolled. I've enjoyed serving as "flag guy" on the committee boat last year on the river and have met many of these children and parents over the years. The only requirements I know of is children have to be past their seventh birthday and be a resident of Manatee County to join. Please take a look at the website below for more information: Manateeriverpramfleet.org

A lot of family photos were taken last month and sittings are available until February 4th if you haven't taken advantage of this opportunity. These photos will be used in the Club database to help staff and fellow members recognize you. The photos will also create a membership roster for everyone to reference and be available on your website profiles. The board is in the process of building a nominating committee, which I will head. We have a short list of

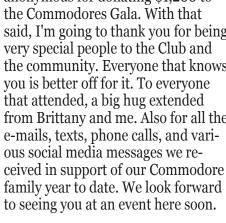
names for those that will be considered for next year's board of directors. Let me know if you have an interest in joining a committee or the board and I can highlight the pros and cons of doing so and guide you through the process of joining the leadership of the Club.

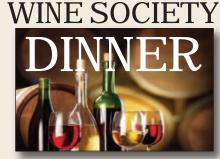
Communication is expanding all the time and people are demanding it in more interactive and dynamic ways. So I'm proud to announce that during the January board meeting, we approved a mobile application that will allow you to access some of the functions of the website very easily from your smartphone. We're going to start out with statements so vou can view individual bills and a membership roster which will allow to contact members as easily as you would contacts on your phone.

At the request of membership, along that same theme, the board wants to communicate in a more engaging way. We are working on a video for internal member communications. The purpose of the video is to highlight Club happenings, the projects of the committees, financial position of the Club at that time, and to showcase a food and drink special created by the staff. As you watch our debut member video, think about what other items you'd like to know about the Club, how often you'd like to see videos like this, and what types of questions you would ask the leadership to answer on these videos. Thank you for supporting all the member volunteers that make your Club a better place.

I'd like to acknowledge a BYC

couple who would like to remain anonymous for donating \$1,200 to the Commodores Gala. With that said, I'm going to thank you for being very special people to the Club and the community. Everyone that knows vou is better off for it. To everyone that attended, a big hug extended from Brittany and me. Also for all the e-mails, texts, phone calls, and various social media messages we received in support of our Commodore family year to date. We look forward





#### Saturday February 9, 2013 6:30pm

Amuse Bouche Roasted Vegetable Terrine w/ Goat Cheese

#### 7:00pm

Dinner Commences with 6 courses, each paired w/ the appropriate wine:

Italian Sausage & Spinach Soup Arugula Salad w/ Lemon-Parmesan Dressing

Pinot Noir Poached Salmon

Wild Mushroom Stuffed Filet Mignon w/ Fines Herbes Demi-Glace

Chocolate Cappuccino

Cheese Cake

Cheese Course

**\$60.00 + +** per person Wine Society Members

**\$85.00 + +** per person Non-Wine Society Members

> Reservations please 941-722-5936



Frank and Diana Wendt joined the BYC in 2011. Originally from Alabama, they live full time in NW Bradenton. Their family consists of Frank's daughter, Lexi, a junior attending University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, their golden retriever, Dixie and cats Zia and Petunia. Frank and Diana have been married five years and recently moved to Bradenton, purchased a home on the water, a sailboat and joined the Club totally embracing the West Florida lifestyle. They won first place in their class for at the Holiday Boat Parade.

Frank has competed in many offshore sailing races, including several to Mexico, but now enjoys cruising. They are active with BYC's sail cruiser group and are looking forward to visiting other Florida clubs and various anchorages along our beautiful West Coast this year.

Say hello if you see them at the long wall in their lovely 43' Bristol sloop *Esconditas* or 22' Grady White *Just in Time*.

# Tebruary Mappenings

# SUPER BOWL X LV NEW ORLEANS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3 • Starts at 5:30pm • Kick-Off 6:25pm

Pulled Pork, Wings, Hot Dogs, Bratwurst & Onions, Nacho Bar with all the fixins, Chips & Dip, Strawberry Shortcake & more!

Fun Door Prizes, Drink Specials, Free Draft Beer! \$16.99 + +

Reservations please!
SUPER SIZED TV PROJECTION, LOUD SPEAKER SYSTEM!



### Thursday, February 14, 2003

Bring your Sweetheart to a special Valentine's Day
Candle Light Dinner!
One lucky BYC Couple will win a Diamond Key Necklace,
just for coming!

Seating Every Half Hour starting @ 6:00 p.m.

#### MENU

#### Appetizer Choices

Manhattan Clam Chowder, \$3.99 Artichoke Heart Francaise, with Lemon Aioli, \$4.99, Oysters Rockefeller, \$7.99

#### **Salad Choices**

BYC Tossed Salad, \$1.99 Caesar Salad, \$1.99, 1947 Salad, \$2.99

#### **Entrée Choices**

Chicken Princess, \$15.99 Grouper Oscar, \$24.99 Tournedos of Beef Cupid, \$26.99

#### **Dessert Choices**

New York Cheese Cake with Strawberries, \$3.99 Chocolate Pots au Crème, \$5.99

Complimentary Pink Champagne...
Coffee, Tea and Decaf included

You may order your dinner from your table! (no need to pre-order)

RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST, 48 HOUR CANCELLATION



KEN NYHUS, GMC, COO

Holy Cow...that is what I think every time we get a new invoice for proteins, such as meat, pork, lamb, and even chicken! All of the prices keep going up, up, up! Where will it end? Now we are seeing vegetables like asparagus, quadruple in price, leafy vegetables have almost doubled, citrus is creeping up, and grapes are off the chart! Chef Keith Diamond is bargaining, bartering, and shopping all venders to get the best prices on vegetable sides and center of the plate proteins. Hopefully this food fiasco will pass quickly, but the futures are sketchy with crazy weather and speculative poor growing seasons.

That said, we are launching a new dinner menu, and unfortunately prices are rising with increasing costs. This pass-through increase will relax as soon as the costs stabilize. The good news though, there are quite a few new menu items that take advantage of some seasonal foods and reflect input from our Comment Cards. The Comment Cards, by the way, are 97% "Very Good"! Please take the time to fill one out, good or critical, we want to know how we can best serve you. The Comment Cards are a great tool for that!

Many thanks to our members for introducing the BYC to friends and families during the holidays, and our winter membership drive. You brought us 14 new member families to experience and enjoy the BYC between December and January. Please

ber additions elsewhere in the magazine, and make sure you reach out your hand and introduce yourself when you see folks with a Pineapple Burgee on their table. The person you are introducing yourself to could become a friend for life!

Along with this recent Membership Drive, we offered members an opportunity to bring the children into the Club via a Legacy incentive. Several of you took advantage, and several more of you should have. As we continue to try and grow our membership and protect the privacy of the Club, we will be enforcing several Club rules that we had become a little loose with. Please do not be offended if your adult offspring who have been coming to the Club in your stead are no longer served. We will be enforcing the Member Only and Guest of a Member with the Member policy from henceforth. This will go for all Club use including boat fueling, launching, pool and Tiki Bar.

Congratulations to Ken Sosville, our BYC Power Fleet Captain, he is the BYC's Biggest Loser. Last July about a dozen members and employees put up one hundred dollars, and whoever lost the biggest percentage of their body weight would get the cash. Well, in six months, Ken lost 14% of his total start weight! I too participated and while I didn't win the money, I lost weight and am continuing to eat like a Cave Man on a Paleo Diet to get closer to my goals! Thanks to all of the folks who gave this a go. If there is interest, we might do it again. Ask Ken Sosville, he said he feels

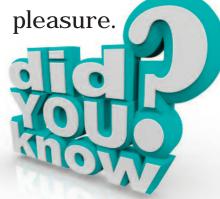
his pocket to show for it!

There have been several questions, recently, about our reciprocity with Bradenton Country Club. During the "Season" -November through April-BYC Members will have full usage of the BCC's food and beverage facilities both for a la carte dining and banquet events including special member events, on a space available basis. Likewise there is a limited reciprocity for BYC Members to play golf during that same time frame, on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday after 12:00, noon only. Golf in Season is \$50.00 per BYC Member and guests, plus a cart fee. BYC Members must make tee times by contacting the BCC pro shop. Use of the BCC pool and tennis courts at no charge will be on a space available basis. Please contact the Country Club Pro Shop for total fees including cart.

The Dock Team has built a Paddle Board & Kayak Rack. It will be placed over by the secret beach (other side of the basin). If you want to come use your personal powered watercraft, vou can store it on the rack. Also, FYI for all of our members who trailer a boat, we have several dry slips available for rent. These dry slips rent for \$56.50 per month. All have easy in and out access, and with the gate key you could have access to our ramp 24/7. For more information on which dry slips are available, please contact Brent, our Dockmaster. See vou all around the Clubhouse!

See you all around the Clubhouse! •

The lovely recent weather makes spending time outside a



- you can have drinks in the gazebo or dine on the adjacent patio?
- if you need service there is a call button on the gazebo?
- well behaved, leashed dogs are welcome in the Tiki Bar & Gazebo?
- the pool is heated to 86 degrees?
- a few slips are available in the basin?
- there are dry storage slips and paddle board, canoe and kayak racks available?
- there's a barbecue grill near the tennis courts for members use

Is there something you want to know more about your club? Email your questions to BYC Magazine editor Cricket Clifton at: yclifton@tampabay.rr.com



This Christmas, the Great Mates and the Club as a whole gave very generously to the North River Crisis Pregnancy Center with our "Bundles for Babies" campaign. Thank you, thank you, for supporting this wonderful organization with your donations of baby items.

In January, we met with Blair Bloomston, of GameOn Nation and had a FABULOUS time as she inspired us to get more personal and connect with people around us. If you were not there you missed out, Ladies and Gents! We had a great night! Plus Ken threw in a wine tasting for \$10!

The 501c3 incorporation paperwork is back from the State, and the Great Mates is an official corporation!! YAY! From here we will get our Tax ID # and then consult with the Accountant we hired to get the tax exempt status we seek.

In February at our Luncheon we will chat about Women's Health and National Heart month; it's Valentine's month, too! I am personally touched by this month as I almost lost my cousin 10 years ago to a fluke heart arrhythmia problem she has. Kayla Burt was a standout, talented

star, playing basketball for the University of Washington, when on New Year's Eve night in 2002, she had a sudden cardiac event that left her in a coma for hours as doctors tried to save her life. She recovered, but has a defibrillator forever implanted in her chest. She now speaks on behalf of the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Foundation and has given hundreds of speeches around the nation about her event and the value of receiving quality heart screenings. She was honored for her strength and "come back" attitude by being nominated for an award at the EPSY in 2005. You can read about her and her personal heart health mission at: http://www.gohuskies.com/sports/w -baskbl/spec-rel/020812aab.html Heart disease is the leading cause of death among the Human Race, so let's get more educated about this epidemic and how we can prevent it.

My best to you all! I "heart" you!
-Brittany •

Editor's Note: An ESPY Award (short for Excellence in Sports Performance Yearly Award) is an accolade presented by the American cable television network ESPN to recognize individual and team athletic achievement and other sports-related performance during the calendar year preceding a given annual ceremony.

## **INTERNATIONAL NIGHT ·** Wednesday, February 27

## ROCKIN MOROCCAN!!

6:00 to 9:00 p.m. • \$21.99 + + per person

Harira & Naan, Zaalouk Salad,

Chicken Tagine with Lemon & Olives,

Beef Kabobs, Mechoui, Vegetable Tagine, and

Couscous. Beignets - Sweet Moroccan

Doughnut for dessert, with Mint Tea

& Spiced Coffee.

Reservations please!



JANET AMAR

Valentine's Day is just around the corner. This year we are having a very romantic evening at the BYC on February 14th. For those who love to take their special someone out there will be no better place to go for this evening. Join us as we wine and dine over the fresh smell of roses and listen to some romantic music of a harp. Also, some lucky lady will go home that evening with a diamond key necklace donated by Our Little Secret. All in all it's a perfect evening. Reservations for this evening are a MUST. Reservations will be staggered throughout the night so call early to get the time you want.

Friday, February 22 is an evening of tribute to Elton John as Rocket Man hits our stage with an unforget-table performance. Start off the evening at 6:00 over cocktails and enjoying our lounge music with John Rinell. The night continues with a great dinner menu and an outstanding Vegas type show. Dinner starts at 7:00 and the show will commence at 8:30.

(Please note that this event was changed from February 23 to Friday, February 22. There was no misprint but a conflict with the show's calendar.)

In this month's magazine you will find the insert for our Fourth Annual Golf Classic. Please do not hesitate to fill it out and join us for a fun-filled day on Sunday, March 3rd. Registration begins at noon and tee time is 1:00pm. Once again we will be golfing at River Wilderness Golf and Country Club. Please fill out the form to golf and/or be a sponsor. Golfers pay only \$85 that includes golf, lunch and a prime rib buffet dinner. For those of you that only want to attend the dinner the cost is \$30. If you would like to be a hole sponsor for \$100 please complete the lower portion of the form. Don't forget we have a car give away for a hole in one that is sponsored by AutoWay Ford. There will be many other surprise prizes given away that evening. So, gather up your clubs, dust them off and bring your friends.

March madness is upon us so be sure to read your BYC magazine and calendar to keep up with the Club events. •

See you at the club.

# AN EVENING OF TRIBUTE TO ELTON JOHN

Friday, February 22 \$29.99 + +

6pm Cocktails • 7pm Dinner 8:30pm Las Vegas Style Floorshow

Enjoy cocktails & passed appetizers, a delicious gourmet dinner, and a tribute show to Elton John! Close your eyes and you will swear Elton is playing and singing in the room, open your eyes, and see the multiple costume changes, and you will really believe you are in the presence of Sir Elton John! Enjoy hits like Rocket Man, Candle in the Wind, Levon, Tiny Dancer, Saturday Night's Alright, and Don't Let the Sun Go Down on Me!

#### **MENU**

Romaine Wedge Salad
Choice of:
Apricot Almond Chicken,
or
Teriyaki & Thai Chili Glazed Grouper,
or
Prosciutto Wrapped,
Herb Rubbed Filet Mignon
All with Chef's sides
Maple & Bourbon Bread Pudding
with Cream Anglaise

RESERVATIONS A MUST, 48 HOUR CANCELLATION







FRED SMITH

We are now halfway thru the 2012-2013 fiscal year. Despite the challenges of the economy and the government brinkmanship on the fiscal cliff, our Club is in sound financial shape! The annual audit of 2011-2012 has been completed and the auditors expressed an unqualified opinion on our financial statements. We have also completed and filed required tax returns for the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

The Financial Committee, chaired by the Treasurer, is the watchdog of your Club's finances. Among its many duties are reviewing financials, determining availability of funds to support capital purchases, tracking accounts receivable and recommending action if necessary, recommending fiscal policy, and in conjunction with Club management recommending a budget for the Board of Directors to approve for the next year. We will soon begin the budget process for the 2013-2014 year.

#### **FACTS FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

(based on July – November data)

- Average fuel sales were: 10,573 gallons per month
- \$ At the end of November we had 514 members
- On a monthly basis about 72% of our members make a food and/or beverage purchase

As I look back at January, it was a good start for a good and hopefully prospers "New Year" with way above seasonable warm weather. February is cupid's month which means "love is in the air". It really feels more like "cold is in the air and I wish it would warm up so I can do some boating." February traditionally starts our New Year off for our Power Fleet cruise-away's. Although we tend not to venture too far on the open seas as the next 3½ months normally are our windiest months of the year. Thus are closer destinations are reflected in the Up Coming Power Fleet Events listed at the end of this article.

As there was no cruise in December, here is a little bit of information on what it takes to participate in the Manatee River Holiday Boat Parade from some of the winners of these events.

Do not forget the power fleet meetings are the second Tuesday of every month. Make your reservations early. A \$35 BYC gift certificate will be given away during the Power Fleet meeting. January's \$35 gift certificate was won by Barry & Mo (Maureen) Sikes.

## **UPCOMING POWER FLEET EVENTS:** February 8th

Commodores Award Banquet
February 12th
Power Fleet meeting\dinner
February 15th – 17th
Sarasota Yacht Club Cruise Away
March 12th

Power Fleet meeting\dinner

March 29th - 31st

Marina Jack's Cruise Away

April 9th

Power Fleet meeting\dinner

April ?

Marina at Little Harbor Cruise A

Village Marina at Little Harbor Cruise Away (Condo's available)

May 14th
Power Fleet meeting\dinner
May-June

Extended Cruises for the Bahamas & Key West June 11th

Power Fleet meeting\dinner (pool party)

#### **2ND PLACE WINNER 30' & UNDER**

"Dragon" - 26' Mako 264 Express

Owners: Tom & Judy Larson

Design and thought idea's: Lights, lights, and more lights

Decorating time: took three of us 7 hours to decorate Costumes expenses: Costumes were T-shirts from Walmart...5x\$5.54 each!..\$350 for the generator, then another \$800 for lights, inflatables, and trees Closing statement: We decided to enter the parade the weekend before, and winning second place exceeds any expectations we had...Great Experience!

## 3RD PLACE WINNER 30' – 40' & MOST CREATIVE

"Sick Daze" - Wellcraft 330 Coastal

Owners: Mike & Debbie Horn

Design and thought idea's: off and on all year long Decorating time: 2 people working non-stop for two days

Investment in lights: We had a startup fee of about \$300 and each year we added to it

Costumes expenses: Three Santa helpers - \$300 and various other accessories

This was our third year in this event.

Closing Statement: It's not about the cost to decorate or if you place, it's all about having fun and making others smile.

#### **2ND PLACE WINNER 40' AND OVER**

"Liquid Asset" - 50' Hatteras (1982)

Owners: Pat & Julie Bustle

Design and thought idea's: During our decoration process

Decorating time: 2 to 4 people 12-15 hrs.

Investment in lights: Most lights were already existing, \$100 in new lights

Costumes expenses: Already owned.

Closing Statement: Winning 2nd place is great for us, the parade is all about the comradely and good times with family and friends!

# 1ST PLACE WINNER 30' & UNDER & BEST THEME

"Snowman" - 27' Sea Ray Sundancer (1987)
Design and thought idea's: off and on all year long
Decorating time: 2 to 3 people 7 – 9 hrs.

Investment in lights: most were existing, additional lighted decorations \$70

Costumes expenses: four snowman costume's - \$650 Closing Statement: Winning 1st place in your first boat parade - PRICELESS

This past Christmas boat parade was the largest held so far on the Manatee River; special thanks go out to Amiee Blenker and her committee for ordering up the great weather.

# Tebruary, 2013

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With the turn of the year brings all sorts of new opportunities and adventures. On the fishing front, 2013 provides a very exciting year for us here at the BYC.

The Club will host the 30th Annual Crosthwait Memorial Fishing Tournament May 17 -19th. This is the oldest amateur tournament in the state providing a family oriented event that also benefits local charities. The BYC has provided many college scholarships to local fisherman in the community for years. In 2012, our Club was able to provide MTI, marine mechanics program, a critical diagnostic computer to

forward to another successful venue to celebrate 30 years of success! I'm very excited and honored to be part of such an organized, well run tournament. The first meeting was kicked off this month and the committee is very enthusiastic and motivated to provide another first class event, so put it on your calendar to get out and either fish the event, volunteer, or simply come out to cheer on your favorite team.

We have experienced unusually warm temperatures for this time of year so far. Water temperatures are holding in the mid to upper 60's. Big speckled trout are feeding on glass

big wahoos caught that day.

minnows on the flats and the redfish are schooled up throughout the region.

Offshore is the norm for this time of year with Gag grouper in close as shallow as 15 feet of water. Of course, the species is closed. Red grouper and Mangrove Snapper remain plentiful from 65-120 feet. With the cooler water temperatures, cut baits tend to get the bite moving a bit better than the livies. •

Good Luck and tight lines.

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# Patsy Cline TRIBUTE



## March 9th, 2013

COUNTRY TO POP"

An interactive tribute dinner show to country music legend Patsy Cline, will be staged at BYC.

Starring the awardwinning Barbara Van Eycken, this spectacular musical tribute is an od to the pioneering queen of country music who stands among the greatest innovators of the cross-over from country to pop music.

6:00 Cocktails 7:00 Dinner 2 act show follows



JACK GORMAN

YACHT CLUBS

Nancy and I attended the FCYC Meeting Jan 11-13 at the Smyrna Yacht Club. We are looking for a Alternate FCYC director, preferably someone with Board or Committee experience. Meetings are held every other month. The following are news items discussed at the meeting.

FCYC will recognize "Corporate" or "Business" memberships for reciprocity purposes as long as each person pays an initiation fee and dues and is admitted individually. Dining or Social memberships are not entitled to reciprocity unless determined by host club.

Clubs are cracking down on "reciprocity abuse' where a member of one club (usually less expensive) over-uses the privilege. Host clubs can restrict access.

St. Pete Yacht Club has decided to charge a \$6 parking fee in its garage. Free and metered parking is available on the street.

Sarasota Yacht Club is restricting free FCYC dockage to 3 slips per night. Pelican Isle Yacht Club, the newest FCYC club located north of Naples is

open to reciprocity, but requires reservations for dining and dockage as it is in a gated community and the channel is winding and shallow. Up to date information is on its web site about depth; it's best to go at higher tides. A new FCYC Cruising Guide will be available in the Ships Store soon. Almost all clubs have made changes to their information.

Annual FCYC Yachtsman of the Year awards close 1/31/13. Awards are given for most clubs visited and longest distance travelled. Log Forms and information are available at http://www.floridacouncilofvachtclubs. com/cruising%20log.htm.

FCYC Cruise – An FCYC trip to Key West on April 26-28, 2013 has been organized to attend the Conch Republic's Independence Celebration. Arrangements include hotel in Ft. Meyers, party at St. Charles YC, fare on Key West Express catamaran, 2 nights in Key West, Conch Train tour and parking in Ft. Meyers. Cost is approximately \$900 per couple. Room is quite limited. For information contact Nancy Vildibill at sailvil@aol.com. •







CAPTAIN JOHN IZMIRLIAN

As the colder northern weather sets in and the holidays season wanes from our memories we welcome back the "winter guard" who once again pass the season in our company. All have arrived just in time to participate in some of our cruising events and the annual "Around Egmont Key Classic" regatta. This one day event offers a great day on the water for both the "hard core" racing sailor and our cruising contingent that is just looking for a relaxing day on the water. This twenty two mile race is set for Saturday March 9 and only costs \$22.00 to enter. Where else can you take the entire family (including your cats and dogs) for an afternoon of great fun and a chance to win one of the coveted BYC Regatta Trophies under \$5.50 per hour?

Speaking of winning, on New Year's Day we held our annual Bloody Mary Regatta. Five boats competed, Spinnaker results were: LIL Gringo in first followed by Crescendo and Mischief. Non-Spinnaker found

Special K in first and Midnight Sun in second place.

For those of you whom have stood by this past month with baited breath (yes, I fish also) anticipating the results of our hotly contested fall series, LIL Gringo came from behind going into the last race prevailing over Black Star to finish the series in first place overall. Black Star took second followed by Crescendo, Mischief and Harumph. In the non-spinnaker class both Special K and Midnight Sun tied for the series.

The *LIL Gringo* sailing team has posted a ten second video on the BYC face book page demonstrating for the general public one of their secret sailing techniques that allowed them to prevail over *Black Star* in the final race of the series. This can be seen by going to or if you are reading the online version clicking the following

http://www.bradentonyachtclub.com/ Social-Activities/Sailing-Fleet/Sailing-News.aspx •

#### Bridge Club B Y C

**December 13** 

First (tie): Bob and Linda Kelly **Bob and Anna Beltz** Third: Dave Tyler and Chris Grobaker

**December 20** 

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

**December 27** 

First: Bob and Linda Kelly Second: Dave Tyler and Chris Grobaker Third: Gary and Carla Morgan

January 3

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

If you are interested in playing bridge, please join our group for dinner on Thursdays at 5:30 pm and bridge at 6:45 pm.

For more information, please call Carla Morgan at 941-981-9017.



## ST. PADDY

Friday, March 15. 2013 Buffet dinner starts @ 6p.m.

Enjoy a wee bit of Irish Tom Foolery at our "St. Patrick's, BYC Style"! Wear some green for a free Draft Beer. Music by John Rinell, and wait until you see our Irish Dancers, back by popular demand!



#### Saturday, March 23 • 4pm to Sunday, April 19 • 11am

Come sleep under the stars, as we camp out together on the BYC grounds at the BYC Family Camp-out! Bring your tent or rent one of ours, and enjoy some clean family fun! On Saturday evening we will have a cook-out. there will be games and prizes, then we enjoy a family movie outside, and make some Smores, tell some campfire stories, and then hit the hay! On Sunday we will have an outside breakfast & swim in the pool until everyone has had enough. Don't miss out, the first four were fun and interesting! In case of inclement weather, we will Camp-In, in the Clubhouse!

\$30.00 + + per person with your tent, or \$100.00 + + per family of 4 \$40.00 + + per person with our tent, \$150.00 + + per family of 4 Additional Kids 4 to 14 \$20.00 + + Reserve at 941-722-5936

# BYC's 4th Annual Golf Classic

March 3, 2012
River Wilderness Golf
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- Noon Check-In 1pm shotgun start
- Box Lunch for all participants
- 18 hole scramble, bring a foursome, or be paired.
- On the course contests, charge back beverage cart, after golf dinner and awards ceremony

\$85.00 per golfer, spouses and guests may attend the after party for \$30.00 Mulligan package available \$10.00 Sign up date deadline February 22, 2013 For more information contact Ken at the Club.





There continues to be much interest in getting out monthly to visit other clubs and enjoy the opportunity that the FCYC affords us as BYC members. During the holidays Denise and I steered Swamp Rabbit south as far as Ft Myers Beach. We traveled legs in the Gulf as well as the ICW. Our stops were overnight at SYC, VYC, Boca Grande Marina, Cabbage Key, Moss Marine on Estero Island and we took in 3 nights at Captiva Island YC. Along our trip, we found the dock masters accommodating. Relative to navigation, we observed no significant changes in Big Pass since we passed last October. In Big Pass, the three can buoys (1, 2 & 5) are all intact. Further South at Matanzas Pass we found dredging underway to alleviate the south side shoaling. Also if you're planning on visiting Estero Island, we spoke with the Pink Shell Resort there. They continue to build their new docks and should have some opened at this time. This could be a new cruising destination for some as it is a short distance south of Matanzas Pass on the island. If you are planning a trip south, let me know if you have any questions about routes, restaurants or revelry, well maybe not so much on the revelry.

On January 19th, Sail Cruise fleet went south to Sarasota and Marina Jack (for a change). We departed early Saturday with a healthy NE wind and had some great sailing through Sarasota Bay. We arrived about 12:15 to "H- dock". Great slips close together. Soon one of the dock hands began grilling burgers on the dock for us as a welcome gesture. We ate lunch and walked to the "A-dock" for the in water boat show that was well underway. Dock master Joe had been very helpful and accommodating as I organized this cruise. Annie assisted us on approach (formerly SYC dockmaster). The trip was shared by Odyssey, SeaYa, Esconditas, Orion and Swamp Rabbit. Saturday night we were anxious to try the Selva Grill on Main Street, recommended to me by our own Debbie Stern. Wow, what a find! Great creative Peruvian inspired dishes. The ambiance was excellent and our party of 12 was attended to guite smoothly. We recommend Selva. Sunday morning we enjoyed a pot-luck breakfast in *Orion's* cockpit. Late morning Esconditas and *Orion* plied the waters north to BYC and Swamp Rabbit with Sea Ya stayed another day to enjoy Sarasota's downtown and the Gulfstream Avenue Art show. Our next dinner is Wednesday February 6th at 6:30 p.m.

Join our next dinner on Feb 6th at 6:30 for cruising discussions of the April Long Cruise and itinerary for the St Pete YC cruise this month. *Bon Voyage!* •

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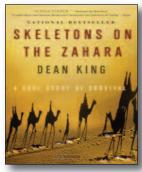
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Best Dressed Chili Stand and the Most Unique Chili awards went to Dennis Romano.

# Chili Cookoff Winners

The 5th Annual BYC Chili Cook-Off was held on January 20th, 2013, and 9 Chef Wannabes brought their best pot of Chili to the Club to be judged! The 3 judges, our Dockmaster Brent, our Sous Chef Frank, and BYC member Chris Harrington spooned down samples of Chili and then deliberated to find the over-all winner, and the most unique Chili. Then they ventured into the Commodore's Room to judge the Chefs Chili Stands. Meanwhile, some 40 members wandered around the stations supping on various Chilies, and quaffing free beer!

**SUNDAY LUNCH** 

& LOUNGE MENU

Noon to 6:00 pm



Connie Walden received a complimentary invite to our BYC Super Bowl Party, where we will prepare their Chili Mole for all the participants to enjoy!

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