

BYC MEMBER NEWS & EVENTS

DECEMBER 2025

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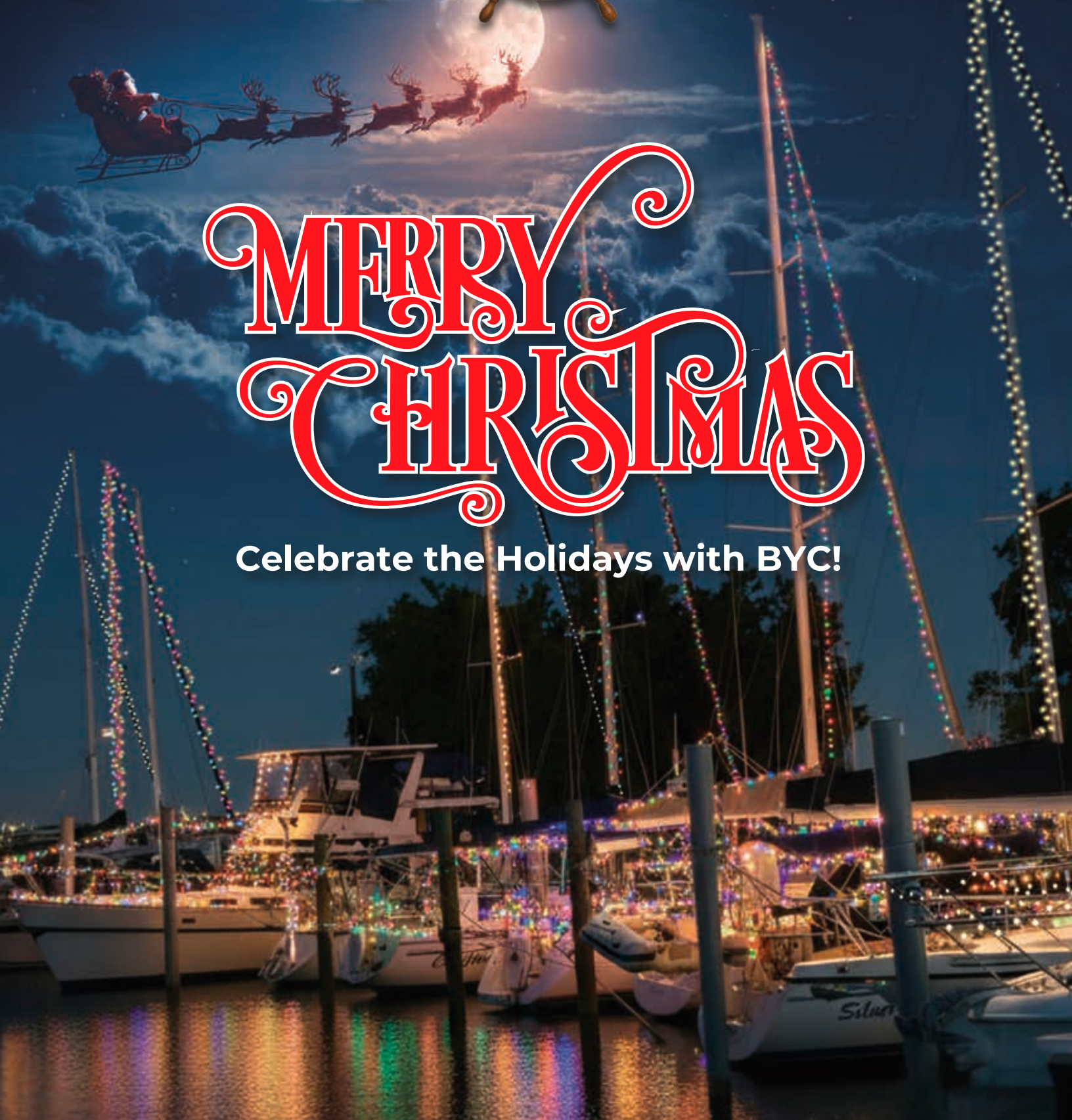
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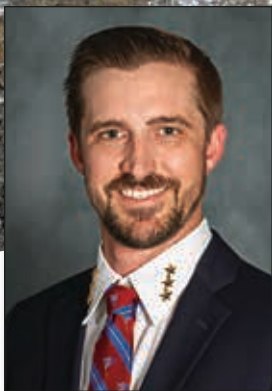


# MERRY CHRISTMAS

Celebrate the Holidays with BYC!







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**KYLE GRIMES**  
Commodore

## From The Helm

As the cool winter breeze finally rolls into town, the Bradenton Yacht Club is gearing up for one of the most festive and exciting seasons of the year! The holiday spirit is in full swing, and we have a wonderful lineup of events planned to celebrate together as a Club.

I am thrilled to highlight two of our most beloved December traditions, Harbor Lights on Friday, December 12th, when our basin will glow with boats decked out in dazzling holiday lights, and the Manatee River Boat Parade on Saturday, December 13, 2025, a spectacular display of creativity and holiday cheer on the water. These events are true BYC favorites, perfect for sharing with family, friends, and fellow members.

But the fun doesn't stop there, the season is packed with exciting gatherings and celebrations! Be sure to check the Poop Deck and the BYC website calendar for all upcoming events and activities you won't want to miss.

I am also delighted to share that our recent New Member Orientation Breakfast was a great success with a terrific turnout. It was wonderful to meet so many of our new members and welcome them to the BYC! For those I haven't had the chance to meet yet, I look forward to seeing you around the Club soon.

As always, if you spot a pineapple flag on a table around the Club, take a moment to stop by, say hello, and welcome our new members

Here's to a season filled with fellowship, fun, and festive lights. See you at the Club!— Kyle

### Festival of LIGHTS and UGLY SWEATER FRIDAY, DEC. 5TH | 6 PM Contest

Join us for our Annual Light Up The BYC Party. Come in to see all the trees and holiday decorations lit up at once. This is your chance to vote on your favorite BYC Committee decorated tree.

**Live Entertainment in the Lounge: Elevation**

**Plus... Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest.**  
Dress to impress in your holiday worst for a chance to win a festive prize!

Enjoy our Prime Rib Buffet  
*Includes Soup & Salad Bar*  
Chef Carved Prime Rib of Beef A Jus with Horseradish Sauce, Chicken Roulade, Lemon Caper Cod, Au Gratin Potatoes, Vegetable Medley, Butternut Squash Soup, Salad Bar & Holiday Desserts. \$54.95

*Just the Soup & Salad Bar*  
House Made Butternut Squash Soup, Fresh Greens, Garden Veggies, Toppings, 2 House Made Dressings & More. \$21.95

**RESERVATIONS PLEASE.**  
Clubhouse lunch service stops at 2 PM.  
Buffet will be the only Clubhouse Dinner Service.  
Tiki Bar & Tavern serve till 9:30 PM

### BREAKFAST WITH & Mrs. SANTA Claus

**BRING THE KIDS FOR A HOLIDAY GIFT & PICTURE WITH SANTA & MRS. CLAUS.**  
*Don't forget your camera!*

**Sun., Dec. 21st | Seating 10 AM or 12:30 PM**

**Santa & Mrs. Claus will visit from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM.**

**Adult Station:**  
Fresh Composed Salads, Full Salad Bar, House Made Soup, Fresh Bakery Basket, Fruit Display, Deviled Eggs, Shrimp Cocktail, Carved Maple Ham, Prime Rib au Jus, Creamy Garlic Chicken, Blackened Salmon, Omelet Station, Bacon, Sausage, Breakfast Potatoes, and Seasonal Vegetables.

**Kids Station:**  
French Toast, Scrambled Eggs, Chicken Tenders, Mac & Cheese, Tater Tots.

**\$48.95 Adults, \$25.95 Children 5 to 10, Children under 4 free with paying adult.**  
**24-Hour Cancellation - Reservations Required.**  
Dress Code: Club Casual, as defined in the BYC rules.

**Attention All Members**  
**Santa Brunch will be the only food service.**  
**Entire Club closing at 2:00 PM.**



## MANATEE RIVER HOLIDAY BOAT PARADE

**Saturday, December 13, 2025 • 5:30 to 10 PM**

Lighted Boats will pass the BYC approximately 6:30 PM  
A night for BYC Members and their guests enjoyment!  
All we have to do is PARTY and watch the Boats Go By!

**Music in the Lounge: Big Z Trio!**

- Overflow Parking will be in grass field across from BYC.
- Shell Parking Lot RESERVED for viewing.

**No Clubhouse Lunch Service**

**Tiki Tavern Serving 12 - 4 PM Only**

**No Dinner Menu (Buffet Only)**

**Boat Parade Buffet from 5:30 - 9:30 PM**

**2 Buffets: Main Dining Room & Commodore Room**

- Clubhouse, Lounge, Lounge Bar Top & Pool Deck is by RESERVATION ONLY and must partake in Buffet.
- Tiki Bar & Pool Bar Top are first come first serve - Buffet Optional.
- Shell Parking Lot - Bring your own chair.

**Buffet: \$65.95, Children 5-10 \$25.95 under 4 free with paying adult.**

**Chef's Selection of Soup & Salad, Holiday Grazing Table, Carved Prime Rib, Salmon Dijon, Chicken Marsala, Chef's Choice Starch and Vegetable, plus Dessert Displays.**

### 24 Hour Cancellation Policy

**All Members & Member Guests with reservations will be charged for Buffet/Event.**

**Reserve ASAP for the best viewing!**

**The whole night is for BYC Members and their guests only!**

## WEEKLY FEATURES

### Lunch Buffet

**Tuesday and Friday, 11:30 AM - 2 PM**

Fresh greens, garden veggies, 2 delicious soups, alternating hot entrée on Tuesday, and BYC Southern Fried Chicken every Friday! Soup Bar \$10.95, Soup & Salad Bar \$14.95, Whole Buffet \$16.95

### TWO FOR TUESDAY

**5-7 PM** 2 for 1 well drinks and house wines, plus \$1 domestic drafts

**6-9 PM** 2 dinners from our special menu for \$34 or 1 for \$17.

### Thursday Pasta Action Station

**5:30-8:30 PM Every Thursday**

Choose from a variety of pasta, meats, veggies and house made sauces. Plus, mussels Luciano, mussels marinara, homemade pizza, a carving station, full salad bar and delicious desserts. All you can eat. \$22.95

### Prime Rib Friday

**Friday - 5:30-9 PM**

Slow roasted tender prime rib of beef crusted with fresh herbs and spices, sliced to order, and served with Au jus and horseradish sauce. Mates Cut: \$32.95 | Commodores Cut: \$42.95

### Soup & Salad Bar

**Friday - 5:30-9 PM**

Prefer a light bite or an add on? Delicious house made soup, Artisan lettuces, plenty of toppings, 2 fresh house made dressings, and more. \$16.95

### Sunday Breakfast

**10 AM to 2 PM** Enjoy an alternating assortment of breakfast favorites. \$21.95



A friendly reminder to all members regarding the clubs dress code policy for special events such as Thanksgiving, Easter, Tribute Concerts, Mothers Day, etc. is Club Casual, unless otherwise stated in the event advertisement.

As defined in our rules, Club Casual is:

For Men - Collared shirts and dress slacks. Sports coat optional, tie optional. No jeans, shorts, T-shirts, or flip flops.

For Women - Dress, skirt, or slacks, with a blouse or sweater. Jacket optional. No jeans, shorts, T-shirts, or flip flops.





GEORGE GORDON



## *Around Your Club*

Happy Holidays to all. The holiday season is in full swing at BYC, and I am excited to celebrate with our members throughout December. The club will sparkle with lights, festive decorations, and the warmth of friends and family coming together to enjoy the spirit of the season.

This year, traditional events promise even more joy and cheer. On Friday, December 5th we have our Festival of Lights, where we kick off the season and light up all the trees and decorations at once. Enjoy our special prime rib buffet and vote for your favorite committee decorated tree. More than 14 committees are competing for “bragging rights.” Our annual Harbor Lights “Boat/Dock Tailgate Party” is on the 12th. This is the first year the BYC Committees

have volunteered to participate in sharing food and drink along with our Basin Members and BYC boat owners. This cherished tradition is truly one of the Top 10 “must-attend” events you won’t want to miss! Please remember this event is BYC members only, as your fellow members share their favorite festive appetizers and drinks promising an evening of festive fun and camaraderie. Saturday December 13th, The Annual Manatee River Holiday Boat Parade continues to delight spectators, offering a magical display of decorated boats along the river. This is always a sellout event, so make your reservations asap. Twas the Night Before Christmas Eve will be held on the 19th and Brunch with Santa on the 21st. Bring the little ones to meet Santa and Mrs. Claus, take photos, receive a special gift, and enjoy a delicious holiday brunch.

As the year draws to a close, the New Year’s Eve celebration from 6-10 PM provides the perfect setting to help ring in 2026 with friends, fine dining, and holiday cheer. Enjoy regular menu, Prime Rib or Chef Specials. Be sure to make reservations.

I encourage all members to please show your appreciation to your dedicated BYC Staff. Help make their holiday extra special by contributing to the Employee Holiday Fund. You can email the office to have your contribution added to your member account or fill out a form available at the reception desk.

Have a safe, joyful and memorable holiday season. We look forward to seeing you around the club. – George

# Harbor LIGHTS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12TH | 6-9 PM

**Celebrate the Season with Fellow BYC Members!**  
Slip on your comfy shoes and enjoy a festive stroll around the BYC Marina! Meet Boat Owners, Committee Members, and Club-within-the-Club Friends as they share their favorite cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. This cherished tradition is truly one of the Top 10 “must-attend” events you won’t want to miss! A magical evening filled with sparkling lights throughout the Club, warm camaraderie, and the spirit of the season.

Please BYC Members only, as your fellow Members provide noshes & nibbles!

**Entertainment: Blues Pig in the Gazebo**

Win 1st Place \$200 | 2nd \$100 | 3rd \$75  
Best Drink | Best Decorations | Best Food

Plus, the Committee or Club within the Club that wins best overall will be gifted \$500 for their group’s BYC spending

All you need to do to enter is *participate*.  
No boat in the basin or no boat... and you would like to participate? You can dock on the transient wall, or we can set up a table for those who would like to participate. Boaters and Basin Members, please contact the dockmaster. Just a table, please contact the receptionist.

*Eat. Drink. Be Merry*





DIANE SULLO



## Entertainment

Happy Holidays to all BYC families! We have much to celebrate as the year 2025 comes to a close. No hurricanes here, for one!

On Saturday, November 15th, “Almost ABBA” performed at our club. It was a sold out event. The Disco Ball and full dance floor gave way for all attendees to feel like they were back in the 70’s. Many wore fabulous 70’s attire of the nostalgic “Mamma Mia” days while dancing and singing along with the melodies, such as the “Dancing Queen.” Thanks to the BYC staff, especially to George, Kathy Jo, and Chef Kino for such a successful and memorable entertainment event! And yes, we did have “the time of our life”.

December at the club is so much fun! There is something for everyone to get you into the Holiday spirit. To name a few events: BYC Festival of Lights on 12/5, where each club (within the club) show off their decorating talents and hope to receive the most votes for the “Best Decorated Tree”; Harbor Lights on 12/12 and we are excited as this year almost every club within the club will be offering their Holiday culinary cheer to the members walking along outside; Manatee River Holiday Boat Parade on 12/13; and of course, New Year’s Eve Celebration on 12/31. These events are a great way to gather and reacquaint with other BYC members!

This New Year’s Eve, Wednesday, December 31st, a new band, Blues 2 Blackstreet, will be performing in the Main Dining Room for everyone’s pleasure. Please join your fellow members for dinner and drinks from 6 to 10pm. Celebrate the New Year with friends and family in a no pressure, no stress environment -- just a good time atmosphere! You can beat the rush home.

The Entertainment Committee has been working diligently to bring fun-filled and exciting events to the club for the 2026-2027 season. It’s amazing how far in advance commitments are necessary to procure performers. We have listened to the many member’s suggestions and believe we will be offering an amazing schedule. Here is a peek into some (not all) 2026 events. Denim and Diamonds will be returning March 28, 2026 and Atlantic City Boys will be back April 25, 2026. We even have “Queen Lives” (Queen tribute band) confirmed for April 17, 2027. Mark your calendars, and remember to make your reservations early. You don’t want to miss any of the fun!

The Entertainment Committee wants to thank all the members, as well as the staff, for their continued support throughout the year! We could not do this without our members participation. I personally would like to take this opportunity to thank my wonderful committee for all their effort and time put forth this year. As the saying goes, “It takes a Village”!

Hope to see you around the club and keep the good times rolling! Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah! Stay safe and healthy. – Diane

## MONTHLY EVENTS

### BYC Event Cancellation Policy:

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### Sail Fleet Christmas Party

Wed., Dec. 3rd 6:30 PM

### Navigator’s Christmas Party

Tues., Dec. 9th 6 PM

### Bunco | Resumes Jan. 9th

### Power Fleet Christmas Party

Wed., Dec. 10th 6:30 PM

### Book Club | Every 2nd Tues. 6 PM

### Bridge Club | Every Tues., 4 PM

and every Wed., 11 AM

### BYC Jammers | First & Third

Thursday, 1 PM

### Mah Jongg | Every Thurs., 11:30 AM

### Pickleball | Mon., Wed. & Fri., 8 AM

### Water Aerobics

Every Tues. & Thurs., 9 AM • \$10 per class.

## FRIDAY NIGHT LOUNGE BANDS 6-9 PM



DEC. 5 | ELEVATION

DEC. 12 | BLUES PIG - GAZEBO

DEC. 19 | SUNDOWN DUO

DEC. 26 | ANDRE ROY





JOHN BROSHEARS

## Sail Fleet

The November Sail Fleet meeting, "Sailing into the Future with Manatee River Youth Sailing (MRYS)" by P.C. Tom Grubb, the MRYS Board President, was a success. Tom eloquently presented an update as well as a working group discussion regarding MRYS goals, organization and pathway forward to provide sailing opportunity, instruction and entertainment for Manatee County youth, hopefully also including members of BYC. The realization of this potential will initially take dedicated volunteerism in funding and time. Those interested or just curious can visit the MRYS website, [ManateeRiverYouthSailing.com](http://ManateeRiverYouthSailing.com) or email Emily Crotty at [hq@ManateeRiverYouthSailing.com](mailto:hq@ManateeRiverYouthSailing.com). You can also contact PC Tom Grubb or me at [jbroshe@gmail.com](mailto:jbroshe@gmail.com).

Sailing season has begun when the BYC Kick Off Regatta has passed and the gales of November come early. The BYC Turkey Pursuit Regatta is on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, November 23rd. However, it will have occurred before Poop

Deck publishing date so contact me to see what you missed. The aptly named Bloody Mary Regatta will be on January 1. This race is for those sailors who get up early on New Year's Day or stay up the entire night. The skippers meeting will be at 9:30 a.m., and race on the Manatee begins at 10:30. The Bloody Mary's are worth it!

The Sail Fleet Holiday Party, Wednesday, December 3rd will have a twist, and I'm not talking about a Chubby Checker 50's song and dance. The Very Merry Pirates Holiday with guest speaker Robert Jacob's presentation "Pirates of the Florida Coasts: Truths, Legends and Myths" is an event that BYC members should not miss. Robert, originally from Pittsburgh, entered the Marines after receiving a Master's Degree at Virginia Commonwealth University. He ultimately became Commanding Officer of the Marine Detachment where he had previously been a military occupational specialty instructor. He retired to Florida in 2013 and continues to be a renown historian and public speaker with expertise on the rich pirate history of the Florida Coast. Robert spoke at the Happy Hour with the Historian Series at St. Petersburg Museum of History. His dynamic presentation, including full pirate attire, is chock full of historical factoids that would long be forgotten if it weren't so entertaining and inspiring. Remember, festive Holiday attire, perhaps with a pirate flair, is encouraged as well as bringing a favorite holiday desert to share. I hope everyone has the opportunity to attend.— John

### Sail Fleet's Very Merry Pirates Holiday Wed., Dec. 3rd 6:30 PM

(An atypical Holiday event  
for an atypical Sail Fleet)



#### Pirates of the Florida Coast: Truths, Legends and Myths by: Robert Jacob

Robert Jacob is an award-winning author and lecturer with a passion for history and a commitment to historical accuracy. While researching pirates, Robert realized that much of the historical record was contradictory and incorrect. This motivated him to write his first book, *A Pirate's Life in the Golden Age of Piracy*. Fans attending book signings and festivals in Florida inspired him to write his second book, *Pirates of the Florida Coast: Truths, Legends, and Myths* and his third book, *Blackbeard: The Truth Revealed*. After retiring from the Marines, Robert moved to Florida in 2013. He is still a living historian and a renowned public speaker who lectures on a variety of historical topics. His engaging presentations are sought after by community organizations, festivals, libraries, and museums, throughout the United States. Robert has appeared on the History Channel's series *Beyond Oak Island* as a pirate expert, and he was honored to be inducted into the International Pirate Hall of Fame. His presentations in full pirate attire are not only enlightening and engaging but very entertaining.

The rare opportunity to have such an outstanding, dynamic pirate historian speak at our club could not be passed. Perhaps unusual, but I cannot think of a more dynamic way for the BYC to ring in the season than with a Very Merry Pirate Holiday.



**Enjoy a Social Evening and Celebrate  
the Holidays with Sailing Friends.**

#### Complimentary Hors D'oeuvres

House Salad w/ Balsamic or Ranch

#### Entrée Choice of:

Blackened Salmon Pasta with roasted tomato cream sauce, broccoli. \$21.95

Cranberry Chicken on butternut sage mash, asparagus. \$24.95

Holiday Beef Roast with rosemary roasted potatoes, glazed carrots. \$21.95

As per tradition, everyone is encouraged to dress festively and welcome to bring a favorite holiday dessert to share.

**Reservation & Entree Selection Required.**



# 2026

## NEW YEAR

WEDNESDAY,  
*Celebration* DEC. 31

Join Us for Dinner and Drinks from 6 to 10 PM.  
Relax at Your Club, bring in the New Year with  
Friends & Family and... beat the rush home!  
Regular Menu, Prime Rib & Dinner Specials.  
No pressure, no stress, just a great time!

### Soup du Jour

Clam Chowder

### Starch du Jour

Potato Pavé  
Roasted Garlic Mash

### Soup & Salad Bar

Italian Wedding Soup,  
Artisan Lettuces,  
Fresh Toppings,  
House Made Dressings,  
plus Grilled Chicken,  
Blackened Shrimp,  
3 Compound Salads;  
Pasta Salad, Potato Salad,  
and Chicken Salad. \$21.95

### LIVE MUSIC

6 - 10 PM

BLUES TO BACKSTREET

RESERVATIONS PLEASE

### Vegetable du Jour

Glazed Carrots & Asparagus

### Prime Rib

Slow Roasted Tender Prime  
Rib of Beef Crusted with  
Fresh Herbs & Spices, sliced  
to order, served with Au jus  
and Horseradish sauce.  
\$32.95 - 8oz. | 12 oz. \$42.95

### Chef's Specials

Includes House Salad or Cup of Soup du Jour.

*Lamb Lollipop*  
with Mushroom jus,  
choice of Starch &  
Vegetable du Jour. \$65.95

### Halibut

Pan seared with Citrus  
Butter Sauce, served with  
Herb Risotto Cake and  
Vegetable du Jour. \$45.95

## SPECIAL EVENTS

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**Festival of Lights** | Fri., Dec. 5th 6-9 PM

**Harbor Lights** | Fri., Dec. 12th 6 PM

**Holiday Boat Parade**

Sat., Dec. 13th 5:30 PM

**Jr. Member Christmas Party**

Tue., Dec. 16th 6:30 PM

**Pickleball Clinic**

Wed. Dec. 17th 5:30 PM

**Kids Holiday Crafting**

Thurs., Dec. 18th 6:30 PM

**Twas the Night Before  
Christmas Dinner**

Fri., Dec. 19th 6 - 9 PM

**Brunch with Santa**

Sun., Dec. 21st: Seating 10 AM or 12:30 PM

Club Closes at 2 PM Sunday, Dec. 21st

Cub Closed Dec. 24th & 25th

**New Years Eve Celebration**

Wed., Dec. 31st, 6-10 PM

**Bloody Mary Regatta**

Thurs., Jan 1st 8:30 AM

**Freaki Tiki** | Thurs., Jan 1st 12 - 5 PM

## IN MEMORIAM

A Life honored and remembered

JOHN "JACK" RYNERSON







BOB CATONE &  
JOANNE IANNONE

## *Navigators Club*

Diane Sullo organized an all-day educational trip for 16 Navigators to Tarpon Springs, Florida's Greek enclave. Our tour guide Michael John explained that in 1905 Greek divers propelled Tarpon Springs into the world's sponge capitol. There were over 100 vessels at its peak. We explored the unique shops in old town and dock area, went shopping, took a cruise on the Anclote River and estuary, had an authentic Greek lunch and visited the yacht club. The city is a National Heritage Site and recognized as the 3rd best small town in America. It has festivals throughout the year. We learned a lot and had a great adventure. Thank you Diane. – Bob and Joanne







# *Navigators Christmas Party*

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH | 6 PM**



**Cruise into Christmas Cheer at the Tiki!**  
Join us for a fun and festive social evening filled with holiday spirit at the Tiki Bar.  
Bring a \$5 wrapped gag gift to be used as prizes for our holiday party games - laughter guaranteed!



**Loaded Baked Idaho & Sweet Potato Bar**  
Toppings: Chili, Pulled Pork, Flank Steak, Bacon Bits, Butter Balls, Shredded Cheese, Broccoli, Sour Cream, Diced Onion, Cinnamon Honey Butter & So Much More!  
*Plus, Starburst Salad, Dessert & One Complimentary Drink.*

**\$24.95++ per person**  
Reservations Please



# *Bunco*



**No Bunco scheduled in December, we will resume our regular schedule in January. Happy Holidays to all!**



**FRIDAY, JANUARY 9TH**





MARC OUELLETTE

## Power Fleet

My boat mechanic (who is also from the Northeast) recently asked me a very interesting question: Which do I prefer, boating in the Northeast or Florida? Hmmm. We absolutely loved port hopping in the Northeast on the wide-open ocean where our biggest challenge was “threading the needle” at cruising speed between the thousands of lobster pots scattered everywhere. But his question immediately sparked images of navigating Obsession in the shallows of the Florida ICW on a busy Sunday afternoon and trying to remain “between the sticks” as multiple center console boats with 3, 4 even 5 outboards race toward us at 50+ mph! Pretty stressful and far removed from the wide open ocean I was used to! But as I searched for an answer, I remembered a woman I recently met at a Vero Beach FCYC meeting who observed that we were so lucky as “West Coast” boaters because all they had on the East Coast was going up and down the ICW because their Club was some 25 miles from the nearest inlet. Interesting! I had not thought of it that way, but she had a really excellent point! Besides the beautiful Manatee River, we have Tampa Bay with numerous destinations, and just beyond Egmont Key is the wide-open Gulf with endless cruising possibilities. As I reflected on all these wonderful boating venues, my



The BYC crew enjoying dinner at the CYC!



## CAPTAINS CORNER

**Did you know?** Newer floating electronic distress “flares” (available from ACR or Sirius Signal) are USCG-approved replacements for older style pyrotechnic flares (w/expiration dates). Just keep those batteries fresh!



**NAUTI  
KNOWLEDGE**

**Question:** Two vessels are approaching each other head on. What action should be taken to avoid collision? **a)** The first vessel to sight the other should give way **b)** The vessel making the slower speed should give way **c)** Both vessels should alter course to starboard **d)** Both vessels should alter their course to port.

*Find the answer on the January calendar page.*

brain was racing in circles desperately trying to decide which boating location I preferred so I could answer my mechanic’s question. And suddenly, like a flash, it hit me and I had my answer. “No question, definitely Florida,” I replied. He looked at me somewhat astonished and said “Really?? Why Florida?” My answer was brief and to the point. “No more shrink wrap, EVER AGAIN !!” He smiled, but I was smiling much bigger!

Which brings me to boats and the Holidays...what a wonderful combination! It is still a novelty to Obsession’s crew that we can actually use her at the same time we enjoy the Holidays. Nice! The Holidays are such a special time of year at our Club, so be sure to take advantage of all that you can. Many boats in the basin will be decorated for Harbor Lights. Inside the club, trees will be decorated by various “clubs within the club.” Even if you can’t attend an activity, come check out the Club’s decorations. They are not to be missed!

## Meetings:

**November 12th** (Power Fleet) – Our sincere thanks to our former Power Fleet Captain team -Steve and Nancy Hatley - who provided a fantastic presentation of their great boating journey to Hope Town in the Eastern Islands of Abacos! Steve and Nancy gave an excellent talk on their planning, preparation, great open-water crossings and many adventures on their wonderful excursion to Abacos. We wonder where they will go next!

**December 10th** (Power Fleet) – Our December meeting will be hosted at the Tiki Bar with an awesome buffet. In celebration of the Holiday season, we will also have a nautical / power boating themed Holiday tree ornament exchange/swap. Bring an ornament and join the fun!

## Cruises:

**Clearwater Yacht Club** – (October 17-19). Two boats, one car and 12 members made it to Clearwater. The weather was a bit breezy but otherwise superb. Friday evening was prime rib night at CYC which many of us had, and it was absolutely delicious! After dinner drinks on the upper deck of the Sea Drive completed the evening. A great time was had by all!!

Poker Run (Sunday, November 16). Our Poker Run was something very different for the Power Fleet and turned out to be a ton of fun! We will have more details to share in next month's Poop Deck.

**St. Petersburg Yacht Club** – (December 6-8) Come join the holiday fun and cruise to St. Petersburg Yacht Club! Please note that this is a Saturday/Sunday/Monday event with dinner on Saturday night, which is a slight change from our usual venue of Fri/Sat/Sun cruises. Stay one night or two, it's up to you!

Until next month, Happy Holidays and Happy Boating! – *Marc and Cathy*

# Happy BIRTHDAY to you

Nicole Allen  
Chris Arendt  
Barbara Bartlett  
Tara Blastic  
Robert Bloink  
Howard Blumin  
JoAnne Boast  
W. Bruce Body  
Marie Ann Body  
Edward Boles  
Sandy Boyce  
Ali Breslav Goldberg  
John Broshears  
Marshal Couch  
Randall Crawford  
Carmen DaCosta  
Jeff Derf  
Linda Diem  
Lydia DiMare  
Richard Donnell  
Connie Dreyer  
Casey Dunbar  
Joseph Ferrantegennaro  
Steve Gambill  
Jesse Goldstein  
Kyle Grimes  
Thomas Grubb  
Brittany Guido  
G. Joseph Harrison  
Owen Harvey  
Steve Hastings  
Jeanne Hermann  
Tonia Herndon  
Kimberly Holbrook

Jennifer Immerman  
Susan J. Insley-Schneider  
Harriet Jordan  
Jennifer Kaleta  
Scott Keipper  
Ruth Kelly  
Susan Klement  
Christopher Klepek  
Diane Lang  
Troy Layton  
Anne Linxwiler  
Diane Lisch  
Nicole Longino  
Ed Mackenzie  
Sarah Mackie  
Paul Mannino  
John Manny  
Jerry Marlar  
Donald Marsh  
JoAnn Meilner  
David Mielke  
Leo Mills Jr.  
Rebecca Neal  
Burdette Parent Jr.  
Brian Patterson  
Thomas Peacock  
Benjamin Peacock  
Brenna Peacock  
Guy Pessina  
Susan Revell  
Bob Richardson  
Darrin Rine  
Debra Riva  
Jihad Rizkallah

Garry Roberts  
Stacey Romano  
Justin Salemy  
Linda Scott  
Grant Setsma  
Ilene Skeen  
April Stark - Bender  
Gillian Stowe  
Chris Terry  
Thomas Troxler  
Alan Valadie  
Don Wallace  
Theresa Wallace  
Jillian Weinstein  
Frank Wendt

## DECEMBER MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

If your name is missing or listed incorrectly, please contact the office so we can make it right!





MANATEE RIVER  
YOUTH SAILING

## Youth Sailing

### Exciting New Initiative: Sailing for All!

Introducing an exhilarating new initiative that captures the essence of **MRYS's mission**—bringing sailing, teamwork, and confidence to youth across **Manatee County** and surrounding areas, especially those who otherwise may not have access to the sport.

This initiative empowers us to truly embody our mission, **opening the world of sailing** to youth who have never experienced its thrill. With your support, we can pave the way for **learning, confidence, and community engagement**, creating lasting impacts that will benefit both MRYS and Manatee County for years to come.

### Join Us for Weekday Youth Sailing!

Experience an unforgettable afternoon on the **Manatee River** with our **Weekday Open Sailing** program, designed for youth ages **6 to 16**.

Program begins Tuesday, January 20, 2026!  
Here are the dates and a link.

January 20	January 27
February 3	February 24
March 3	March 24
April 7	April 21



### Ways to Support Manatee River Youth Sailing

**Manatee River Youth Sailing**, a qualified 501(c)(3) charity, can be supported through various methods:

- **Monetary Donations:** Direct contributions help in funding sailing programs and operational costs.
- **Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs):** Donors aged 70½+ can transfer IRA funds directly to the charity, avoiding taxes and meeting RMDs.

- **Boat Donations:** Donating a boat can provide substantial support while offering tax benefits.
- **Volunteer Opportunities:** Supporting through volunteering hands-on helps enhance the program and engage with the community.

### Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs)

QCDs allow individuals aged 70½+ to transfer up to **\$100,000** annually from an IRA to a **501(c)(3)** charity.

Benefits:

- Avoids income tax: QCD amounts are excluded from taxable income.
- Counts toward RMDs: Useful for fulfilling Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) for those aged 73+.
- Reduces Adjusted Gross Income: Helps avoid higher Medicare premiums and maintain deductions.
- No itemizing required: Benefits apply even with the standard deduction.

### Boat Donations

Boat donations to qualified charities can be tax-advantaged.

Benefits:

- Charitable deduction: Deduct the fair market value (FMV) if the charity uses it for its purpose.
- Sale limitations: If the charity sells the boat, deductions are typically limited to the sale proceeds unless significantly improved or used for charity.

Valuation Rules:

- Establish FMV, ideally with a marine appraisal.
- \Gifts over \$5,000 need a qualified appraisal and IRS Form 8283.
- Charities must issue Form 1098-C after the sale or use.

– Emily





BRADENTON YACHT CLUB

**BLOODY**



**MARY  
REGATTA**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY, 1<sup>ST</sup> 8:30 AM**

After you have rung in the New Year, come out for a Potluck style breakfast and a beautiful regatta sail on the Manatee River on New Year's Day. We will meet at the Pool Bar at 8:30 AM. Please bring a New Year's good luck breakfast item and/or your favorite Bloody Mary concoction for a pre-race "hang out" and captain's meeting at 9:30 AM. Race start will be at 10:30 AM.

Please send me your RSVP for your boat, and your PHRF rating. "Cruisers" can fly a cruising spinnaker if desired but must let me know before the race. If you would like crew or willing to take an extra person or two, please let me know! John Broshears- jbroshe@gmail.com

## FAMILY NIGHT HOLIDAY CRAFTING

ENJOY AN EVENING WITH THE KIDS  
CRAFTING HOLIDAY KEEPSAKES AND  
CREATING MEMORIES MAKING CRAFTS  
LIKE: GINGERBREAD HOUSES AND  
LETTERS TO SANTA.

**DECEMBER 18 • 6:30 PM**

RESERVATIONS PLEASE.

To  
Santa

## JUNIOR MEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Mix & Mingle at the Tiki Bar**

**TUESDAY, DEC. 16TH  
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM**

**Reservations Please**

Meet us at the Tiki Bar for a festive night of holiday fun! Celebrate the Season with the younger side of BYC. Enjoy Buy One Get One House Drinks, Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres, and a White Elephant Gift Exchange. All are welcome!

Gift exchange: (optional)  
\$20 Value wrapped gift.  
New or funny re-gift.  
Gag gifts encouraged!



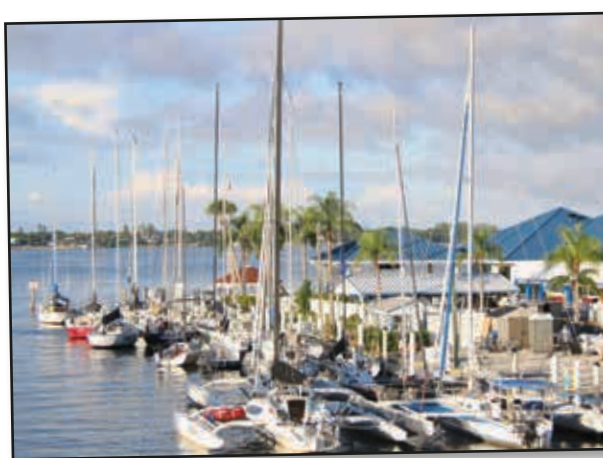




# December

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> Club & Fuel Docks Closed on Mondays  <b>Pickleball</b> 8 AM	<b>2</b> Water Aerobics 9 AM <b>Bridge Club</b> 4 PM MEMBERSHIP 5 PM ENTERTAINMENT 6 PM <b>TWO FOR TUESDAY</b> 6-9 PM	<b>3</b> <b>Pickleball</b> 8 AM <b>Bridge</b> 11 AM HOUSE COMMITTEE 5:30 PM SAIL FLEET 6:30 PM	<b>4</b> Water Aerobics 9 AM <b>MAH JONGG</b> 11:30 AM BYC JAMMERS 1 PM BASIN COMM. 5:30 PM <b>PASTA NIGHT</b> 5:30 PM-8:30 PM	<b>5</b> <b>Pickleball</b> 8 AM <b>Festival Of Lights</b> 6-9pm <b>FIRST FRIDAY</b> Drink Specials 6-7 PM <b>Elevation</b> IN THE LOUNGE <small>Clubhouse service stops at 2 PM Tiki Bar &amp; Tavern serving till 9:30 PM</small>	<b>6</b> 
<b>7</b> <b>Sunday Breakfast</b> 10 AM - 2 PM  <small>Clubhouse Closes at 6pm Outside Bars and Tiki Tavern Closes at 7 PM</small>	<b>8</b> Club & Fuel Docks Closed on Mondays  <b>Pickleball</b> 8 AM	<b>9</b> Water Aerobics 9 AM <b>Bridge Club</b> 4 PM NAVIGATORS 6 PM  <b>BOOK CLUB</b> 6 PM <b>TWO FOR TUESDAY</b> 6-9 PM	<b>10</b> <b>Pickleball</b> 8 AM <b>Bridge Club</b> 11 AM COMMUNICATIONS 5 PM LONG RANGE 6 PM POWER FLEET 6:30 PM	<b>11</b> Water Aerobics 9 AM <b>MAH JONGG</b> 11:30 AM FINANCE 5:30 PM <b>PASTA NIGHT</b> 5:30 PM-8:30 PM	<b>12</b> <b>Pickleball</b> 8 AM <b>Harbor Lights</b> 6-9PM  <b>Blues Pig</b> IN THE GAZEBO	<b>13</b> <b>LIGHTED BOAT PARADE</b> 5:30-10 PM   <b>Big Z Trio</b> IN THE LOUNGE <small>No Clubhouse Lunch Service. Tiki Tavern Serving 12 - 4 PM Parade Buffet only Dinner Service</small>
<b>14</b> <b>Sunday Breakfast</b> 10 AM - 2 PM  <small>Clubhouse Closes at 6pm Outside Bars and Tiki Tavern Closes at 7 PM</small>	<b>15</b> Club & Fuel Docks Closed on Mondays  <b>Pickleball</b> 8 AM	<b>16</b> Water Aerobics 9 AM <b>Bridge Club</b> 4 PM JR. MEMBER MIXER 6:30 PM <b>TWO FOR TUESDAY</b> 6-9 PM	<b>17</b> <b>Pickleball</b> 8 AM <b>Bridge Club</b> 11 AM <b>PICKLEBALL CLINIC</b> 5:30-7 PM EXEC. COMM 6 PM BOARD OF DIRECTORS 6:30 PM	<b>18</b> Water Aerobics 9 AM <b>MAH JONGG</b> 11:30 AM BYC JAMMERS 1 PM <b>PASTA NIGHT</b> 5:30 PM-8:30 PM <b>Family Night</b> <b>Kids Crafting</b> 6:30 PM	<b>19</b> <b>Pickleball</b> 8 AM <b>Twos The Night Before Christmas DINNER</b> 6-9pm <b>Sundown Duo</b> IN THE LOUNGE <small>Clubhouse service stops at 2 PM No regular Menu - Event Buffet only. Tiki Bar &amp; Tavern serving till 9:30 PM</small>	<b>20</b> 
<b>21</b> <b>Brunch With Santa</b> 2 Seatings: 10 AM & 12:30 PM   <small>Brunch will be the only service. Entire Club Closes at 2 PM</small>	<b>22</b> Club & Fuel Docks Closed on Mondays  <b>Pickleball</b> 8 AM	<b>23</b> Water Aerobics 9 AM <b>Bridge Club</b> 4 PM <b>TWO FOR TUESDAY</b> 6-9 PM	<b>24</b> <b>Club Closed</b>	<b>25</b>   CLUB & FUEL DOCK CLOSED	<b>26</b> <b>Pickleball</b> 8 AM  <b>André Roy</b> IN THE LOUNGE	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> <b>Sunday Breakfast</b> 10 AM - 2 PM  <small>Clubhouse Closes at 6pm Outside Bars and Tiki Tavern Closes at 7 PM</small>	<b>29</b> Club & Fuel Docks Closed on Mondays  <b>Pickleball</b> 8 AM	<b>30</b> Water Aerobics 9 AM <b>Bridge Club</b> 4 PM <b>TWO FOR TUESDAY</b> 6-9 PM	<b>31</b> <b>New Year's Celebration</b> 6 PM - 10 PM Entertainment: <b>Blues to Blackstreet Band</b>			





January

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

 <p><b>NAUTI KNOWLEDGE</b></p>	<p>Two vessels are approaching each other near head on. What action should be taken to avoid collision?</p> <p><b>Answer:</b> c) Both vessels should alter course to starboard</p>			<p><b>1 BLOODY MARY REGATTA</b> 8:30 AM</p>  <p>12pm-5pm Club is Closed</p>	<p><b>2 Pickleball</b> 8 AM <b>FIRST FRIDAY</b> Drink Specials 6-7 PM &amp; <b>Seafood Extravaganza</b> 6-9 PM <b>Island Hoppers</b> IN THE LOUNGE <b>Tumbleweed</b> AT THE TIKI BAR</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> 
<p><b>4 Sunday Breakfast</b> 10 AM - 2 PM</p> <p><b>Club Undecorating Party</b></p> <p>Clubhouse Closes at 6 PM Outside Bars and Kitchen Close at 7 PM</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Club &amp; Fuel Docks Closed on Mondays</p> <p><b>Pickleball</b> 8 AM</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Water Aerobics 9 AM <b>Bridge Club</b> 4 PM MEMBERSHIP 5 PM ENTERTAINMENT 6 PM <b>TWO FOR TUESDAY</b> 6-9 PM</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>Pickleball</b> 8 AM <b>Bridge</b> 11 AM HOUSE COMMITTEE 5:30 PM SAIL FLEET 6:30 PM</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Water Aerobics 9 AM <b>MAH JONGG</b> 11:30 AM BASIN 5:30 PM <b>PASTA NIGHT</b> 5:30 PM-8:30 PM</p>	<p><b>9 Pickleball</b> 8 AM</p> <p><b>FUN! BUNCO</b> 12 PM</p> <p><b>Taylor Taylor</b> IN THE LOUNGE</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>  <p><b>CHILI COOK-OFF</b> 2 PM</p>
<p><b>11 Sunday Breakfast</b> 10 AM - 2 PM</p> <p>☆☆☆ <b>COMMODORE</b> AT THE HELM REGATTA 1 PM</p> <p>Clubhouse Closes at 6 PM Outside Bars and Kitchen Close at 7 PM</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Club &amp; Fuel Docks Closed on Mondays</p> <p><b>Pickleball</b> 8 AM</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Water Aerobics 9 AM <b>Bridge Club</b> 4 PM</p>  <p><b>BOOK CLUB</b> 6 PM <b>TWO FOR TUESDAY</b> 6-9 PM</p>	<p><b>14 Pickleball</b> 8 AM <b>Bridge Club</b> 11 AM COMMUNICATIONS 5 PM LONG RANGE 6 PM POWER FLEET 6:30 PM</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Water Aerobics 9 AM <b>MAH JONGG</b> 11:30 AM BYC JAMMERS 1 PM FINANCE COMM. 5:30 PM <b>PASTA NIGHT</b> 5:30 PM-8:30 PM</p>	<p><b>16 Pickleball</b> 8 AM</p> <p><b>Justin Rector</b> IN THE LOUNGE</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>☆☆☆☆ <b>COMMODORE'S GALA</b> 6 PM Clubhouse Service stops at 2 PM Tiki Bar &amp; Tavern serving till 9:30 PM.</p>
<p><b>18 Sunday Breakfast</b> 10 AM - 2 PM</p> <p>Clubhouse Closes at 6pm Outside Bars and Tiki Tavern Closes at 7 PM</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Club &amp; Fuel Docks Closed on Mondays</p> <p><b>Pickleball</b> 8 AM</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Water Aerobics 9 AM <b>Bridge Club</b> 4 PM</p> <p><b>TWO FOR TUESDAY</b> 6-9 PM</p>	<p><b>21 Pickleball</b> 8 AM <b>Bridge Club</b> 11 AM <b>PICKLEBALL CLINIC</b> 5:30-7 PM EXEC. COMM 6 PM BOARD OF DIRECTORS 6:30 PM</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Water Aerobics 9 AM <b>MAH JONGG</b> 11:30 AM <b>PASTA NIGHT</b> 5:30 PM-8:30 PM</p>	<p><b>23 Pickleball</b> 8 AM</p> <p><b>Tony Saint Tone</b> IN THE LOUNGE</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> 
<p><b>25 Sunday Breakfast</b> 10 AM - 2 PM</p> <p>Clubhouse Closes at 6pm Outside Bars and Tiki Tavern Closes at 7 PM</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Club &amp; Fuel Docks Closed on Mondays</p> <p><b>Pickleball</b> 8 AM</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Water Aerobics 9 AM <b>Bridge Club</b> 4 PM</p> <p><b>TWO FOR TUESDAY</b> 6-9 PM</p>	<p><b>28 Pickleball</b> 8 AM <b>Bridge Club</b> 11 AM NAVIGATORS 6 PM <b>TRIVIA WITH BLACK TIE DJS</b> 6:30 PM</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Water Aerobics 9 AM <b>MAH JONGG</b> 11:30 AM <b>PASTA NIGHT</b> 5:30 PM-8:30 PM</p>	<p><b>30 Pickleball</b> 8 AM</p> <p><b>André Roy</b> IN THE LOUNGE</p>	<p><b>31</b></p>





PAUL STAMM

# FCYC

## FLORIDA COUNCIL OF YACHT CLUBS



The Florida Council of Yacht Clubs held its final meeting of the year on Saturday, November 15, at the Clearwater Yacht Club. Present were 32 of 36 club directors. The weekend began with a welcome reception

on Friday evening, followed by meetings on Saturday, and concluded with a nice dinner featuring a live band (Dennis & the Bad Decisions) playing until 10:30 PM. A delicious Sunday morning brunch served as the farewell. Saturday's guest speaker was Dr. Kelly McAdams, VP of Conservation Education for the Clearwater Marine Aquarium. Her presentation was "Beneath the Bow: Wild Encounters in Florida's Waters." Highlights included how boaters' actions influence our wild spaces. She discussed our waterways, common threats to aquatic habitats and species, and ways we can make a difference. The Clearwater Aquarium was home to "Winter," the bottlenose dolphin that had a missing tail fin. The movies "Dolphin Tale" and "Dolphin Tale 2" were based on the true story of the dolphin who lost her tail in a crab trap and was fitted with a prosthetic tail at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium. Clearwater YC set up an opportunity for us to visit the Clearwater Marine Aquarium for a walking tour with a local volunteer. Several members enjoyed touring and seeing how the Aquarium staff is working to rehabilitate injured marine animals with hopes of releasing many back to their natural homes in the sea.

Notable topics during Saturday's meetings were:

- We introduced our BYC Alternate Director, Tom Frey, to the council. Tom will fill in for meetings I will not be present for.
- Bradenton Yacht Club will be hosting an FCYC meeting weekend on Sept 17-19, 2027. Mark your calendars and plan to help us welcome our friends from the other 35 FCYC reciprocal clubs. It is always a fun weekend, and we plan to have a great dinner and dancing to live music that Saturday night.
- Risk Management & Club Fortification Workshop

presented by Saul Landesburg (Bird Key YC), Jeffery Paskert, and Capt. John Timmel (Tampa Yacht and Country Club). The PowerPoint and video of the presentation will be available to interested parties once the link is posted on the FCYC website. Let me know if you are interested and I will be sure to get that info to you.

- Pelican Isle YC was hosting the FCYC West Coast Pickleball Tournament this weekend as well. Sounds like we were well represented for this event. Look for Bob Armstrong's update on how our teams performed.
- The Association of Bahama Marinas and the FCYC will be co-drafting a letter of opposition to the increased fees

that started in July 2025 for boaters and fishermen visiting their waters. Fees have increased dramatically, and reports from Marina operators in the Bahamas are seeing a decrease in dockage income from transient boaters.

- West Coast Yacht Clubs: St. Petersburg YC reported that their new construction will likely begin in 2029. The marina will be open during its

construction. Carlouel YC is still under major renovations. They are operating with tents and food trucks for the time being. Call ahead if you plan to visit them. There may be some restrictions. Bird Key has been leveled and is in the process of building its new home. They are still finding ways to keep their members involved by renting space in different venues. Naples Sailing and YC is fully open. They recommend visiting on their Wednesdays for "Surf and Turf" dinners if you're in the area.

- Bird Key YC invites FCYC members to their new 2025/2026 "Seafarers - A Speaker Series," which will be held in some of Sarasota's iconic local venues. Visit [www.BirdKeyYC.com](http://www.BirdKeyYC.com) for more info. The lineup includes Aaron Sanandres (CEO of UNTUCKit), Peter Rothstein (Artistic Director of Asolo Rep), Don Katz (Founder of Audible), Val Azzoli (Former CEO of Atlantic Records), and Bobbi Brown (Founder of Bobbi Brown Cosmetics/Jones Road Beauty).
- Government Affairs: There are 3 bills in the Florida legislature regarding "Firearms on Vessels".



From the docks of Clearwater with the best company at CYC Nov 2025





"Good times and good company, all courtesy of the Clearwater Yacht Club."

- The Council has voted to increase the meal price per dinner, Saturday night of the meeting weekend, to \$65 from \$55. This was a request from GMs and chefs who were asking for a little more help in offsetting some costs.
- Interclub sports had some cancellations due to the weather this season. The East Coast Pickleball Tournament will be on Sat. Jan 10, at Smyrna YC.
- East/West Coast Fleet Captains are requesting that anyone who is keeping track of their cruising miles or # of clubs visited for 2025, please submit your paperwork to them by December 15, 2025. Awards to be given during the annual FCYC Change of Watch in March 2026.

The upcoming FCYC meeting will be held at Coral Reef Yacht Club in Miami from January 16 -18, 2026. Please make your weekend reservations by December 22, 2025. Cancellations must be submitted by January 10, 2026. Discounted room rates are available but must be reserved by December 2, 2025. The complete registration packet is available at [www.FloridaCouncilofYachtClubs.com](http://www.FloridaCouncilofYachtClubs.com).

If anyone has questions about the Florida Council of Yacht Clubs and reciprocity, please email or call me, and I will attempt to provide answers or direct you to someone who can. My contact information is in the Clubhouse Online App.

Tight lines. – Paul

# BRIDGE CLUB



## Happy 100th Birthday Bridge

This November, the game of bridge turned 100 years old. Here is a brief history of this great game.....

- 1600-1900 The trick taking game, Whist, originated in England and was hugely popular.
- 1875-1905 Bridge Whist developed, adding the twist of a dummy hand that all players can see.
- 1903-1930 Auction Bridge came along, adding competitive bidding to the game and bonuses for overtricks and slams.
- 1918-1940 The French game *plafond* was incorporated, requiring players to bid game or slam to get bonuses.
- 1925 Harold S. Vanderbilt modified the scoring of *plafond*, adding the concept of vulnerability and created contract bridge.
- 1928 The first national championship was played for the Vanderbilt Cup. The contest is still played today.
- 1930 Ely Culbertson published the *Contract Bridge Blue Book*. This bestseller uses honor tricks for hand valuation.
- 1935 Easley Blackwood invented the famous ace-asking convention.

## One day in the BYC Bridge history (Dec. 2021)

The game of bridge has changed, developed and it is still a most challenging, fun game. If you would like to participate in perpetuating BYC Bridge history contact [Artartdacosta@hotmail.com](mailto:Artartdacosta@hotmail.com)) - Art

## OCTOBER BRIDGE RESULTS

### TUESDAY WINNERS

- OCT. 7** 1st: Jeff & Christine Winsler  
2nd: Lucia Shoemaker & Ann Wolpers  
3rd: Carmen & Art DaCosta
- OCT. 14** 1st: Carmen & Art DaCosta  
2nd: Lucia Shoemaker & Ann Wolpers  
3rd: Sarah Arneson & George Kern
- OCT. 21** 1st: Carmen & Art DaCosta  
2nd: Christine & Jeff Winsler  
3rd: Carla & Gary Morgan
- OCT. 28** 1st: Lucia Shoemaker & Tammy Usleton  
2nd: Carla & Gary Morgan  
3rd: Carmen & Art DaCosta

### WEDNESDAY WINNERS

- OCT. 1** 1st: Ann Wolpers  
2nd: Nancy Donaruma  
3rd: Robin Knowles
- OCT. 8** 1st: Carla Morgan  
2nd: Gary Morgan  
3rd: Carmen DaCosta
- OCT. 15** 1st: Ann Wolpers  
2nd: George Kern  
3rd: Gary Morgan
- OCT. 22** 1st: Art DaCosta  
2nd: Carla Morgan  
3rd: Gary Morgan
- OCT. 29** 1st: Tammy Usleton  
2nd: Art DaCosta  
3rd: Gary Morgan



# CAT-A TONIC

## BOAT REVIEW

*By Glen Kondos*

Coming up with a unique boat name can be challenging. Those who prefer multi-hull catamaran designed boats love to play off the “cat” word. This was true for Jeff and Mary Bradford’s first named boat as well. Finding the right unique “cat” word involves lots of word research. The word, catatonic, refers to being in an unresponsive physical and mental state. Although a fun word, it hardly describes the Bradfords or their boating use. Problem solved by adding a few hyphens. Now we have a cool, unique name for a catamaran boat - Cat-A-Tonic.

Jeff Bradford lived on the Eastern Shore of Maryland with water access all around him. He began fishing at the age of five and it wasn’t long after that he was fishing on a 14’ aluminum boat in fresh water. As he got older, saltwater-fishing was next with a 22’ Boston Whaler Dauntless. Once Jeff and Mary got together and got married, it was time to move up to

a bigger boat, and a 28’ Grady White Sailfish was their choice for fishing rockfish in the Ocean City, MD waters. An Everglades 27’ center console sport fishing boat was next when the thoughts turned to a move to Florida. Always intrigued with multi-hull boats for their stability as a fishing platform and their smooth ride in choppy waters, the Bradfords acquired a 32’ World Cat 320 EC power catamaran. Jeff loved the boat. However, he sought a more fuel efficient model since he is an avid fisherman, taking his boat out daily. So, Jeff downgraded to a 280dc World Cat boat. Florida was now calling to them. Mary preferred to have her full-featured cabin again so they sold their World Cat 280 DC and bought their second World Cat 320 EC boat and had it shipped to Florida. They both had their name for the boat, and Mary designed a graphic to go with the name.

Cat-A-Tonic is a World Cat 320 Express Cabin power catamaran designed for offshore fishing and







overnight cruising. This rare, hard-to-find boat is powered with twin Yamaha 300 HP outboards, has a diesel generator, fridge, stove, A/C, and a queen size bed with attached full head. Outriggers, a trolling motor, and twin transducers with side scanning to see structures provide the full-up fishing platform. Garmin electronics and radar, a large custom swim ladder, and a fishing-first designed layout rounds out the features of this vessel.

Jeff and Mary are looking forward to more overnight cruise outings to FCYC yacht clubs. However, you'll likely see Cat-A-Tonic out on the local waters for diving, spear fishing, and sport fishing activities. It's clear that Cat-A-Tonic is just the right kind of tonic to provide Jeff and Mary with endless enjoyment.



*Power Fleet*  
 Holiday Party at the Tiki  
 Wed., Dec. 10th  
 6:30 PM





**Christmas Party & Gift Exchange!**  
 Celebrate the holiday season with us at the Tiki!  
 Enjoy a delicious buffet and take part in a fun boating-themed tree ornament gift exchange.

Reservations Please

- Hors d'oeuvres
- Buffet:
  - Pork Pot Stickers
  - Boursin Cheese Stuffed Mushrooms
  - Bruschetta
  - Coconut Shrimp

\$24.95++ per person



*Ornament Exchange*  
 To participate: Bring a wrapped nautical/power boating themed ornament.

Let's Make This Holiday Gathering  
 One To Remember!

# T. DeStefano

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FRANK ALBANO

## Basin Committee

With the promise of more great boating weather, we want to share an important reminder regarding our **Basin Operating Rules**. Keeping a boat in the basin is a privilege for BYC members. However, it also comes with responsibilities. For example, vessels are expected to leave the basin every 60 days for a minimum of two hours. The BYC is focused on enforcing the basin rules to enhance the experience for all basin residents.

We understand that notices regarding violations are never enjoyable. To ensure fairness and maintain a clean, safe environment for everyone, we must clarify that **it is the responsibility of every member to review and know the current rules**. Claims of being unaware of a rule do not exempt a member from fines or compliance requirements.

Please pay close attention to the following key regulations, which are frequently overlooked:

### Vessel & Registration Requirements

- **Expired Registration/Insurance:** Members have a grace period of 7 days to renew expired boat registration or insurance before incurring a \$150.00 fine.

- **Vessel Condition:** All vessels must be maintained in a **safe condition**, kept **clean**, and remain in **good repair**.
- **Trailer Management**
- **Attachment Requirement:** All boat trailers must remain **attached to a vehicle** at all times while on BYC property.
- **Unattended Trailers:** Trailers left unattended on BYC property without prior notification and permission from the **Dockmaster** will incur a **\$50.00 per day fine**.
- **BYC Stickers:** All trailers must prominently display a current **BYC sticker**, issued by the **Dockmaster**.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we work together to maintain a clean, safe, and enjoyable environment for all members. We ask that all Basin members take a moment to **review the complete Basin Rules document** for full details on all policies. Current rules can be found on the BYC Website under Guidelines/Bylaws Rules Regulations/Section VII – Basin Rules.

See you on the water. – Frank

## What's App, Doc?

Download our **ClubHouse Online App** and enjoy an easier way to keep up with the BYC!

To download the ClubHouse Online App, Navigate to the Apple or Google play store and search for ClubHouse online. After downloading the app, type in Bradenton Yacht Club in Club Name. Select Bradenton Yacht Club from the dropdown list. The app will ask if you wish to allow push notifications, we encourage you to select allow if you wish to keep up with the BYC announcements and important notices. Next, enter your Username and Password, which is the same username and password you use to login to the BYC Website. If you do not have a username or password, you will need to register via the BYC website prior to logging into the app. After entering your username and password into app, click sign in.



Enjoy an easier way to keep up with the BYC through Member Central, view and pay your statement as well as view the member roster.

TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE  
EVE DINNER

*Christmas*

FRI. DEC., 19TH 6-9 PM

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**BUFFET**

Chef Carved Beef Tenderloin with demi-glace  
Shrimp Cocktail • Butter Chicken • Grouper Piccata  
Seasonal Vegetables • Garlic Mashed Potato  
Chef's Selection of Soups • Salads • Desserts & More.

\$58.95 Adults • \$25.95 Children 5 to 10  
Children 4 & under free with paying adult.

Reservations Please | 24-Hr Cancellation

Clubhouse Lunch Service Stops at 2:00 PM.  
No Regular Dinner Menu – Event Buffet Only.  
Tiki Tavern Serving 12 – 9:30 PM.

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## **Bradenton Yacht Club** **Employee Holiday Fund**

I would like to give a heartfelt thank you to all members who have contributed so generously to the BYC Employee Holiday Fund. Your kindness means a great deal to our hardworking team. For those who have not yet had the chance, there is still time to participate, as the Employee Holiday Gift Fund will be distributed on Friday, December 12th. Thank you once again for your generosity and continued support of our BYC Crew during this season of giving.

**Happy Holidays & Merry Christmas to you and your family! Kyle Grimes, Commodore**

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APRIL BENDER

## Great Mates

Thank you to all who joined us including Executive Chef Kino, Sous Chef Dalton and our surprise guest, Chef KJ, for our 1st Hosting for the Holidays event. The event was a wonderful success as we learned how to make and sample some scrumptious appetizers. If you missed this event, you missed a great time! All proceeds from this event will go towards BYC employee scholarships, just one of the ways The Great Mates give back to the Club. A big thanks to Chef Kino. We are all very fortunate to have him in our wheelhouse.

The Great Mates are working behind the scenes in December to ramp up for our annual Gala which will take place on March 7, 2026.

Ongoing Gala planning meetings will be held over the next few months. Please keep an eye out for these announcements. We are looking for some extra hands to assist us in making this event a success.



**THE OSCARS Night Out**

**Great Mates**  
2026 Charity Gala  
Planning Meeting

You're invited to be part of the planning  
for our 2026 Great Mates Gala!

**Join Us: Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> | 6:30 PM at the BYC**

The 2026 Gala, themed "Oscars Night Out," will be held in March and will benefit Rebekah's Angels, a truly deserving charity. We're looking for members who can bring their talents and enthusiasm to the planning committee whether you have experience in event planning, fundraising, organization, or simply a passion for helping others.

We'll also need volunteers for:  
✦ Set-Up & Decorations ✦ Silent & Live Auctions ✦ Check-Out

Help make our 2026 Gala a red-carpet success for a wonderful cause!

Questions or to RSVP contact: [aprilbender@gmail.com](mailto:aprilbender@gmail.com)



Top: Chef Kino and Guests. Above left: Frank Albano showing us his potatoes. Above right: Connie Moore learning how to prepare Chef Dalton's creation: Whipped goat cheese and butternut squash crostinis

Volunteers for the following Committees would be greatly appreciated:

- Silent auction • Live auction • Decorations
- Set up • Check out

This year's Gala beneficiary charity is Rebekah's Angels. Their mission is as follows:

"Our mission is to secure funding through events, donations, and corporate sponsorships to ensure that children and families affected by PTSD and trauma have access to vital treatment."

Please take the time to read Rebekah's compelling story @ <https://www.rebekahsangels.org>

Upcoming events for 2026 include The Not So Newlywed Game, The Fashion Show and the Tea Party.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a Prosperous New Year! – April



Baked Brie with fruit compote and whipped honey





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Join us on Tuesdays 12 - 2 PM.

### Upcoming Events and Speakers

Dec. 09 - Holiday Party  
Dec. 16 - Last Meeting for 2025 - Open Discussion  
Dec. 23 - No Meeting - Happy Holidays  
Dec. 30 - No Meeting - Happy New Year - See you in 2026  
Jan. 06 - No Meeting  
Jan. 13 - Nic Zurita - Brightest Insurance Company  
Jan. 20 - Open Discussion  
Jan. 27 - Lets Make a Deal with Marc and Brooke

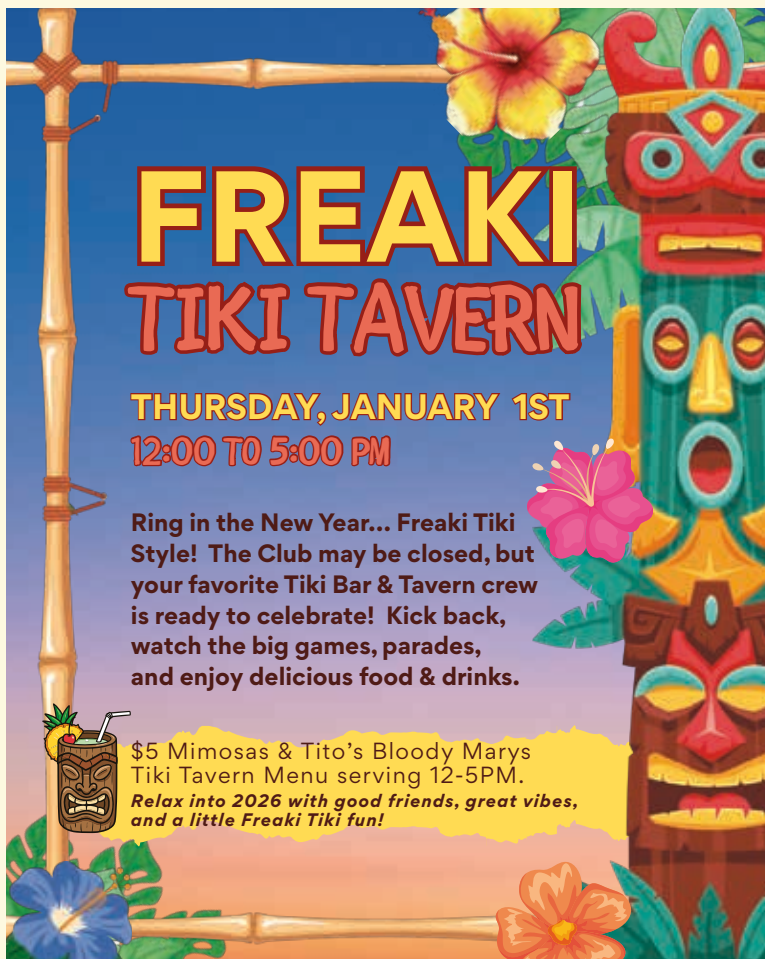
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David Leventhal 941-518-7694

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# FREAKI TIKI TAVERN

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 1ST**  
**12:00 TO 5:00 PM**

Ring in the New Year... Freaki Tiki Style! The Club may be closed, but your favorite Tiki Bar & Tavern crew is ready to celebrate! Kick back, watch the big games, parades, and enjoy delicious food & drinks.

 \$5 Mimosas & Tito's Bloody Marys  
Tiki Tavern Menu serving 12-5PM.  
*Relax into 2026 with good friends, great vibes, and a little Freaki Tiki fun!*



Friendly Reminder, entire Club will be closed for Christmas on December 24th & 25th.

**Merry Christmas!!!**



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## ANNUAL MANATEE RIVER HOLIDAY BOAT PARADE



**Let's light up the river together this Holiday Season!**

We need your help in making the holidays shine brighter! As the county's largest holiday event of the year, the Annual Manatee River Holiday Boat Parade will light up the river on Saturday, December 13, 2025. A fleet of decked out vessels will tour up the Manatee River competing for cash prizes and the winning title while thousands of area residents and traveling spectators flock to the river to experience the magic.

The Manatee River Holiday Boat Parade, a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit charity, is dedicated to providing a memorable and safe event that brings the heart of the holidays to our community. We believe it is a time to celebrate our loved ones, cultivate traditions, support our local businesses, and cheerfully give back to our community.

We are reaching out to local business and community leaders to sponsor the 2025 parade and help support in this initiative.

### WHY SPONSOR?

- Your logo featured on Parade website for one year with link to your business website.
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- **Help keep this magical tradition alive and growing!**

**CONTACT: JENIFER GORDON**

- [membership@bradentonyachtclub.com](mailto:membership@bradentonyachtclub.com)

**Your consideration is greatly appreciated.**



Please find sponsorship levels and benefits on our parade website at [holidayboatparade.org](http://holidayboatparade.org)





# Looking Toward Jan.

For more information visit our website, watch for eblasts or find us on Facebook



## SAVE THE DATE!

Bloody Mary Regatta	Thurs.	1/1/2026	8:30 AM
Freaki Tiki	Thurs.	1/1/2026	Noon-5 PM
Undecorating Party	Sun.	1/4/2026	10:00 AM
Chili & Wing Cook-Off	Sat.	1/10/2026	2:00 PM
Commodore at the Helm Regatta	Sun.	1/11/2026	1:00 PM
Commodore's Gala	Sat.	1/17/2026	6:00 PM
FCYC Weekend - Coral Reef Yacht Club	Fri.-Sun.	1/17-19/2026	

Music Bingo	Sun.	2/1/2026	3:00 PM
Cooking with Chef Kino	Sat.	2/7/2026	6:00 PM
Super Bowl Party	Sun.	2/8/2026	5:30 PM
Valentine's Candelight Dinner	Sat.	2/14/2026	6, 7 or 8 PM
Around Egmont Regatta	Sat.	2/28/2026	9:55 AM
Wine Pairing	Sat.	2/22/2025	6:00 PM

Great Mates Gala	Sat.	3/7/2026	5:30 PM
Daylight Savings	Sun.	3/8/2026	2:00 AM
FCYC Weekend - Venice Yacht Club	Fri.-Sun.	3/14-16/2026	
Music Bingo	Sun.	3/22/2026	3:00 PM
Denim & Diamonds	Sat.	3/28/2026	6:00 PM

Kid's Easter Party	Sat.	4/4/2026	11:00 AM
Easter Sunday Brunch	Sun.	4/5/2026	10 AM, 12:30 or 3 PM
Ladies at the Helm	Sun.	4/11/2026	2:00 PM
FCYC Mahjong Competition			
Tampa Y&C	Sat.	4/18/2026	
BYC Yard Sale	Sat.	4/18/2026	9 AM-2 PM
Wine Pairing	Sat.	4/18/2026	6:00 PM
Atlantic City Boys	Sat.	4/25/2026	6:00 PM

Annual BYC Memorial Service	Sat.	5/2/2026	10:30 AM
Annual BYC Blessing of the Fleet	Sat.	5/2/2026	approx. 11:30 AM
Mother's Day Brunch	Sun.	5/10/2026	10 AM, 12:30 or 3 PM
Crosthwait Fishing Tournament	Fri. - Sun.	5/15-17/2026	
FCYC Weekend - Pelican Isles Yacht Club	Fri.-Sun.	5/15-17/2026	
Memorial Day Celebration	Mon.	5/25/2026	12 - 5 PM
Annual General Membership Meeting	Thurs.	5/28/2026	5:00 PM

Father's Day Brunch	Sun.	6/21/2026	10 AM - 12:30 PM
Change of Watch & Big Bang	Sat.	6/27/2026	6:00 PM

Save The Date / (Dates are subject to change) \*New date / changes

**PARTY UN-Decorating**

**Sunday, January 4th 10:00 AM**  
Christmas Decorations brought us Cheer but now it's time for them to disappear for a year!  
Please help un-decorate the BYC.  
Complimentary Continental Breakfast.

**Chili & Wings COOK OFF**

**Sat., Jan. 10th 2 - 4 PM**

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**2026 COMMODORE AT THE HELM REGATTA**

**Past and Present Commodores compete for Club Champ!**

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*See you on the courts.....*

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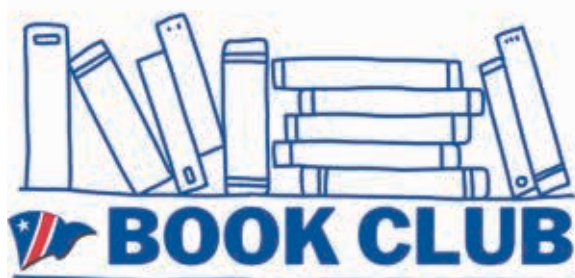
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