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Hernando Beach Yacht Club

December 2021

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Commodore's Corner

Happy Holidays HBYC Members



Commodore Patti Ames

When I became Commodore in 2019, I said that the words for the year were “transparency”, “inclusion”, and “fun”. As Commodore, my goals were to ensure that all Club members would be fully aware of what was happening throughout the year. Also, Club members would have an opportunity to be involved in club activities and to just plain have fun!

Three Years As Commodore

Of course I never planned to continue my role as Commodore for an additional two years and none of us ever expected a worldwide pandemic to blindsides us in 2020.

The pandemic forced us to make some major modifications to our plans. The entire Board was involved in every decision we made throughout the pandemic and has continued to remain vigilant to ensure the safety of Club members.

Income Limited

Because of the Club's closure, from March 2020 through April 2021, the Club's income was severely limited and, beginning June 1, 2020, we were operating with a minimum of an \$800 monthly shortfall (minimum assuming no additional unexpected expenses).

It became apparent that something had to be done to keep us afloat.

Special Assessment

To cover this shortfall, the Board proposed to levy a \$100 **Special Assessment** to all Club members, payable to the HBYC by July 15th. This one-time assessment allowed

us to cover our expenses in 2020 and was split equally among all members. I would like to thank all members for generously paying this assessment that basically “saved the Club” during the



Prepping for the General Membership Meeting... (L-R) Jeane Vernon, Dick Weichman, Ann Vogel, Mary Lou Belshaw, Donna Savage, and Betty Ferguson. See photos pages 6-7.

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2021 Bridge and Board Members

Bridge Officers

Commodore
P/C Patti Ames
206-919-8921

Vice Commodore
Susan Myers
845-551-9346

Rear Commodore
Ralph Kennedy
813-480-3015

Fleet Captain
Donna Savage
352-442-4942

Treasurer
Terry Lemmons
352-600-2580

Planning Committee
VACANT

Secretary
Judie Kennedy
813-469-6191

**Asst. Secretary/
Treasurer**
Suzanne Lemmons
352-639-1040

Committee Chairs

Budget and Finance
Terry Lemmons

Membership
Patti Ames

Building and Grounds
Ralph Kennedy

Ways & Means/Social
Susan Myers

Memorial/Repast
Susan Myers

Board Members

- P/C Mike Belshaw
352-683-0537
- P/C Dick Weichman
352-597-2535
- P/C 3 Aaron Nangle
**Immediate Past
Commodore**
727-916-0001
- Rose Procopio
352-549-0395
- Terrence Dunne
352-999-1576
- Jeff Prindle
440-251-5024

Life Members

- P/C & Mrs. Don Bendickson
- P/C Sally Cosenza
- Mrs. Betty Ferguson
- Mrs. Jan Johnson
- Mrs. Stella Kelly
- P/C Bill & P/C
Carmen Lavin
- P/C Dan McCann
- P/C3 Aaron Nangle
- P/C Hank Quattro
- P/C Jim Secrest
- Mrs. Nancy Tooman
- P/C Dick Weichman

Appointed

Bar Manager
Susan Myers

Bartenders

- Susan Myers
- Rose Procopio
- Patti Ames (back-up)
- Jill Prindle

Kitchen Manager
Susan Myers

Rental Manager
Rose Procopio

Chaplain
Stella De Jesus-Kelly

Dock Master
Dennis O'Keefe

Roster
Suzanne Lemmons

Historian
VACANT

Towline Newsletter
Terrence Dunne

Webmaster
Terrence Dunne



height of the pandemic.

My original goals as Commodore remained the same throughout my tenure and I believe that we were able to achieve them: all Club members were fully aware of what was happening at the Club throughout the year, everyone had an opportunity to be involved, and hopefully everybody had fun! And we are not done yet!

Two Events

We are finishing up the year with two-fantastic events: the annual **HBYC Christmas Party** on December 4th, and the grand finale **Christmas Boat Parade** on December 11th.

The Club is looking very festive thanks to our volunteers:

- Ralph Kennedy
- Stella Kelly
- Jeane Vernon
- Ann Vogel
- Donna Savage
- Carol Quattro
- Marleen Gravitz
- John Ames
- Suzanne Lemmons
- Terry Lemmons
- Susan Myers
- Tom Owens.

Volunteers Always Needed

Decorating the Club and cleaning up afterwards is a big job. My wish for 2022 is that many more of you will step forward and volunteer your time to help the Club as we move forward.

I hear many Club Members say that we should be doing more events, but they do not seem to understand that those events require many man hours from our member volunteers and un-

fortunately our volunteers have the same names every time. Just think about it: if everyone helps a little, it will go a long way.

Christmas Party

Our Christmas Party will feature live entertainment by **Take Two** so bring your dancing shoes! We will be having a great dinner catered by **Zig Zag Scallop** with plenty of help from **Susan Myers** and **Tom Owen**. We will also have several gift baskets to raffle so bring some cash and buy some tickets!

Christmas Boat Parade

Fleet Captain Donna Savage has done a stellar job this year working with her **Christmas Boat Parade Planning Team**. The team is made up of Club Members and Community representatives and they are planning a fabulous boat parade.

At this point we have over 20 boats entered in the parade and will likely have close to 30. Members have volunteered to help make this event a success.

Thanks to **Donna Savage, Dick Weichman, Susan Myers, Tom Owen, Jeff and Jill Prindle, Rose Procopio, Ralph Kennedy, Dennis O'Keefe, and John Ames**.

Thanks to all of you for donating an unwrapped toy for the **Toys for Tots** program. Toys for Tots, a program run by the **United States Marine Corps Reserve**, distributes toys to children whose parents cannot afford to buy them gifts for Christmas. We are all so lucky. Let's help those who are not so lucky to have the best Christmas ever! The Toys for Tots program warms my heart as this is what the Holidays are

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Commodore Patti Ames

all about.

Before I sign off, we have some fun upcoming events in January and February so mark your calendars:

January 12th - Change of Watch

The **HBYC Change of Watch** is an annual time-honored tradition. This event has been our opportunity to honor and thank the outgoing **Bridge and Board Members** for their service to the Club and to swear in newly-elected Bridge and Board Members to their positions for the coming year. Club Uniform is appreciated for this event.

January 28th - Commodore's Ball

This is a formal event giving us the opportunity to welcome and celebrate our upcoming **2022 Commodore, Ralph Kennedy!**

February 13th, 2022 – HBYC Annual Super Bowl Party!

Finally, I would like to wish all of you a joyous Holiday and thank everyone for all the hard work and dedication that has brought our Club to where it is today.

It has been an honor to serve as your Commodore and I will continue to join forces in our continued efforts as we move forward together into 2022!






We are HBYC Strong!

Your Commodore,

Patti Ames



December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u> 
<u>5</u>	<u>6</u> 6:00 pm ● Boat Captain's Meeting 	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u> 
<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> 	<u>14</u> Light Show Island Rose 	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u> Rental Christmas Party 
<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u> 
<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>	



General Membership Meeting



December Birthdays

- **December 4**
Daisy Mayola-Roman
- **December 4**
Jill Prindle
- **December 4**
MJ Pritchett
- **December 6**
Terry Dunne
- **December 6**
Shaunte Hoover
- **December 11**
Carol Quattro
- **December 12**
Terry Pietrucha
- **December 19**
Charlie Jacobs
- **December 26**
Bruce Reagin
- **December 27**
Rick Koons
- **December 28**
Fred Ganz
- **December 31**
Don Bendickson

December Anniversaries

- **December 3, 2011**
Ralph & Judie Kennedy
- **December 18, 1960**
Don & Christie Bendickson

BASKETS OF CHEER

Ho, Ho, Ho....
We are putting together our "Baskets of Cheer" that we will raffle off at our Christmas Party. Please bring something nice, to add to our baskets of cheer, to the Wednesday Night Dinner – Annual Membership Meeting on November 10. Baskets included wine, liquor, glasses (wine, martini, shot, etc.), ornaments, snacks (candy, nuts, crackers, etc.), tablecloth, decorative towels, oven mitts, kitchen utensils, and more. There are so many things that would be a fun addition to the basket.... just get creative!

Here are some pictures to give you some ideas....



If you have a large basket that you are willing to donate, please contact me at 206 919 8921

**Hernando Beach Yacht Club
Christmas Boat Parade
December 11, 2021**



Decorate your boat and join the parade!

Parade will begin at 6:00 pm behind the Yacht Club
Registration deadline: 12/6 at 6:00 pm
All past participants will get a registration form via email
You can also call the number below to get the form
All boat Captains must attend 1 Captains Meeting
11/30 or 12/6 at 6:00 pm

**Parade Entry Fee:
One unwrapped
toy to be donated
to "Toys for Tots"**



**Parade route will include:
Marlin, Cheek's Creek, Rock
Bass, and Tarpon Canals**

The HBYC will be open to Members and the Public this year
to view the parade. Doors open at 5:00 pm.
Cash bar, hot dogs, chips, and chili, for sale.

For more information call: 954-647-0742