



Towline

Hernando Beach Yacht Club

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Commodore's Corner

The Future is Bright For The HBYC



Commodore Patti Ames

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Welcome 2021! I am confident that I'm not alone when I say I am glad to wave goodbye to 2020.

For most people, it has been a very hard year and I hope that 2021 will be a new beginning with less worries and more joyful moments for everyone.

family and can't wait to be together again. I admit that I miss shaking hands and even hugging.

According to several psychological studies, social connection, as practiced at the HBYC, can lower anxiety and



A difficult year, a new beginning for our Hernando Beach Yacht Club

I want to sincerely thank each Yacht Club member for standing by through this difficult time and contributing to the success and safety of the Club over the past year.

I know that I sure missed my HBYC

depression, help us regulate our emotions, lead to higher self-esteem and empathy, and improve our immune systems.

By neglecting our need to connect, we

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2020 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
Dennis O'Keefe
352-442-4942

Treasurer
Terry Lemmons
352-600-2580

Secretary
Judie Kennedy
813-469-6191

**Asst. Secretary/
Treasurer**
VACANT

Committee Chairs

Budget and Finance
Terry Lemmons

Membership
Patti Ames

Planning
Jim Secrest

Building and Grounds
Ralph Kennedy

Ways & Means/Social
Susan Myers

Memorial/Repast
Susan Myers

Board Members

• P/C Mike Belshaw
352-683-0537

• Rose Procopio
352-549-0395

• Donna Savage
352-382-0205

• Lidia Verdon
352-556-5691

• P/C Dick Weichman
352-597-2535

• P/C 3 Aaron Nangle
**Immediate Past
Commodore**
727-916-0001

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/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



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**Commodore
Patti Ames**

put our health at risk. Being forced to be apart during the pandemic may well bring us closer together at the Club this coming year.

A Fresh Start

We are looking forward to a fresh start and a fantastic year and we hope to get back to "normal" as soon as possible.

In the coming months, Committees will be getting together (likely remotely at first) to plan our 2021 budget, recruit new members, develop an activity/events calendar, and schedule necessary repairs and renovations. Each Committee will be chaired by a Board member and Committee progress and proposals will be presented to the Board during monthly meetings and to all members at Membership Meetings.

Volunteers

The HBYC is a volunteer organization. This year, more than ever, the success of our club will be dependent on the effort of our volunteers. Volunteers are the unsung heroes, the heart and soul of our club, and the glue that holds it all together. Volunteering is a

great way to socialize, meet new people, help the Club, and have fun.

Here is a list of four Committees that we will start with. Please let me know if you are interested in signing up for any of these Committees:

- **Membership**
- **Budget and Finance**
- **Social/Ways and Means**
- **Building and Grounds.**

As we embark on 2021, we must continue to be vigilant concerning the COVID-19 pandemic issues, and I ask for your cooperation as we navigate the many bumps we will encounter.

Let's come together with positive thoughts and try to bring smiles back to our faces. If we can do that, the future ahead is bright for the HBYC.

Your Commodore,

Patti Ames

Short Stories, Poetry History

Much can be written about our beautiful Hernando Beach by the sea. Submissions of poetry, short stories, and local history anecdotes will be accepted for future issues of the Towline.

Brevity is valued. For example, a typical poem could fill one, maybe two columns in the Towline's triple-column format. A short story or historical anecdote might take up a whole page but no more. The goal is to make HBYC's Towline newsletter more interesting to its readers. Send submissions to tdunne3@tampabay.rr.com

December Anniversaries

- **January 1st, 2003**
Dennis & Susan O'Keefe
- **January 29, 1964**
Bill & Carmen Lavin

December Birthdays

- **January 10**
Marleen Gravitz
- **January 18**
Dale Jacobs
- **January 22**
Mike Belshaw
- **January 22**
Bill Lavin
- **January 25**
Maria Hlista
- **January 29**
Christie Bendickson