



Towline

Hernando Beach Yacht Club

April 2021

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Commodore's Corner

Farewell Belle McGrory



Commodore Patti Ames

I write this submission with a heavy heart. Our beloved longtime friend and Club Member, Belle McGrory, peacefully passed away on March 24th at Oak Hill Hospital. Her son Sean was by her side. Her obituary, along with memories shared by other Members, are included later in the towline ([page 4](#)).



Isabella McGrory 1932 - 2021

A number of HBYC Members attend-

ed the Visitation held at Downing Funeral Home on March 23rd and 24th and the Funeral Mass held at St. Theresa Catholic Church on March 24th. Bagpipes were played as we entered and exited the Church.

Following the Funeral Mass, Belle's family and friends, including Club Members, gathered at the McGrory home for a lovely luncheon. Belle loved her home, so it was the perfect place for us to celebrate her life.

Belle will be dearly missed but I am joyful that she is with her beloved Patrick once again.

— *Patti Ames*

Club to Re-Open

Yes, it's true! We are officially re-opening the Club and we need your help. (See [Grand Opening ad, page 3](#)).

That means every member, both men and women. The Kitchen area and all equipment and appliances have been professionally cleaned. Now we need to get the rest of the building up to standards.



The more people we have to help, the

easier it will be for everyone. There will be jobs for all...you can sit down while doing some. We will be providing snacks and water. So please sign up to help.

Cleaning Day will be Saturday, May 1st, 10:00 am.

If you are interested in participating, email or text Commodore Patti Ames, patti.nelson19@gmail.com, (206) 919-8921.



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
Donna Savage
352-442-4942-+

Treasurer
Terry Lemmons
352-600-2580

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



We Need Bartenders

Vice Commodores and Bar Manager, Susan Myers, would like to invite all members interested in bartending or just helping out to attend a Bartending Seminar. The seminar will be held at the Club on April 28th from 2pm-4pm. *The original date has been changed so please mark it in your calendar.*

It does not matter if you have bartending experience, have never been behind a bar, or are simply curious. Mark your calendar and join the fun! Face mask or Face Shield required.

Please email Susan at owenmyers@tampabay.rr.com if you are interested in attending the seminar.

April Anniversaries

- **April 16, 2011**
Paul & Joanna Menzer
- **April 16, 1989**
Tom Owen & Susan Myers

April Birthdays

- **April 16**
Mary Lou Belshaw
- **April 18**
Susan O'Keefe
- **April 21**
Jeff Prindle
- **April 26**
Lidia Verdon

**HBYC GRAND OPENING
MAY 5, 2021
CINCO DE MAYO**

We will be social distancing and wearing masks.

Please bring your favorite Mexican Dish to share and be sure to write down the recipe for our upcoming HBYC Cookbook!

*Doors Open: 5:30 pm, Dinner: 6:30 pm
Cost: dish to share
Please RSVP to Patti by 5:00 pm Sunday May 2*

Let's Fiesta

In Loving Memory

Isabella McGrory, 1932 – 2021

Mrs. Isabella “Belle” McGrory of Spring Hill, Florida was born on October 3, 1932 in Glasgow, Scotland and passed away on March 24, 2021 at Oak Hill Hospital. Her son Sean was by her side. Belle is survived by her son Sean (Donna), and grandchildren Andrew, Robert, Sean Michael and Cassidy. She is also survived by over 20 nieces and nephews.

She will be dearly missed by her loving friends and family.

Isabella met her future husband, Patrick McGrory, in Scotland when they were both 16 years old. Patrick always called her Belle. Patrick came to the

United States in 1959, to Brooklyn, NY, and Belle followed two months later. They were married on Boxing Day, December 26, 1959. Patrick and Belle remained in New York until 1995 when they moved to Florida. They joined the HBYC in 2001 and remained active, loving and generous members for 20 years.



The pain of parting is nothing to the joy of meeting again

— Charles Dickens

Benefits of Yacht Club Membership Reciprocity

Some of you may not know that the Hernando Beach Yacht Club (HBYC) is a proud member of the **Yachting Club of America (YCA)**, **National Association of Yacht Clubs**. The YCA was founded in 1963 as the first National Association of Yacht Clubs.

YCA membership includes Yacht and Sailing Clubs throughout America with a membership of over 700 YCA-registered Yacht and Sailing Clubs. As a member of YCA, we enjoy “**reciprocity**” with all other YCA Yacht Clubs. We have a book at the Club, updated annually, listing all YCA Clubs. This book is available for all members to view.

Reciprocity is defined as “*the state of being reciprocal; mutual dependence, co-operation, exchange of courtesies, or return in kind, etc. The policy under which special advantages are granted by one side in consideration*

of same by the other.”

This means that as HBYC members, we can go to other yacht clubs all around the country! Many of you have taken advantage of this member benefit but others may not have even known this opportunity existed.

Each Yacht Club has different requirements related to reciprocity and it is best to call ahead and find out what they are before going to another yacht club. Some clubs require a “**Letter of Introduction**” signed by the Commodore, while others only require that you have your HBYC/YCA membership card.

We have a letter of introduction on file in case you ever need one. If you are planning a trip and would like to visit another Yacht Club, I would be happy to help you to determine if the Yacht Club is a member of YCA and, if they

Miss Belle & Miss Stella

The following special tribute to Belle McGrory was shared by her longtime friend Stella Kelly.

Belle McGrory joined the club a year after me and we soon became great friends. We shared the same dinner table for 20 years. We made center pieces and decorated for special events, especially Christmas, which we both loved.

We had a wonderful time cruising and shopping for jewelry in the islands. There were many celebrations we enjoyed, like all our birthdays, New Years Eve parties, and even a special Scottish New Years dinner made by Belle.

St. Patty’s Day we cooked at the club and what a great time we had! I always had plenty of yarn so I shared it with her and she made lap robes for the needy.

I affectionately called her Miss Belle, she called me Miss Stella. I will always treasure the time we had together.

Miss Belle will be sorely missed.

— Stella Kelly

are, their reciprocity requirements. Everyone should have received their 2021 Membership Card and Reciprocity Card so you are set to go!

Contact me, **Commodore Patti Ames**, at patti.nelson.19@gmail.com.

