



Towline

Hernando Beach Yacht Club

December 2020

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Commodore's Corner

We Are Unstoppable



Commodore Patti Ames

Wow!!! Can you even believe how beautiful all the boats looked in the Yacht Club's Christmas Boat Parade?

No matter how hard you work to try to plan a great boat parade, you cannot have a parade without the boats! Everyone at the HBYC

Auxiliary vessel, the Sheriff's Marine Safety Boat, and the Hernando Fire Station #6 Safety Boat.

Thank you for not only keeping us safe last night on the water but for keeping us safe 365 days-a-year!



Jason Golemba's #10 took "Best Lighted Boat" in the Hernando Beach Yacht Club's 2020 Christmas Boat Parade. See [Boat Parade Photos](#) on page 5.

I would like to thank every single participant. You all knocked it out of the park! With heart!

We would also like to thank our safety boats: the Coast Guard

would like to announce the winners of the Boat Parade, but I also want you to know that it was not easy for our judges to select the

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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



Plenty of Photos

Redesigned Website Now Online

HBYC's redesigned website is live and can be viewed at www.hernandobeachyc.com. You'll find plenty of club member photos.

Many improvements are in the pipe for the Yacht Club's website so critiques of the site from one and all are welcome, as is advice on how to enrich the site further.

Redesign of HBYC's "mobile" site, the site you see when you access the Club from your smartphone, is proceeding on schedule, with completion by January 1st.

If you tap into the Yacht Club's website from a cell phone, you will be redirected to the "mobile" site.



The Yacht Club's redesigned website contains plenty of photos as well as Hernando Beach canal maps and maps to reciprocal yacht clubs, such as the [Treasure Island](#) and [Davis Island](#) Yacht Clubs.

In Sympathy

HBYC Commodore Patti Ames' mother passed away November 28th while Patti was tending her in Pennsylvania. Patti picked up the coronavirus and was sick enough to be hospitalized. Now she is out of the hospital without symptoms.

Hats off to Commodore Patti Ames for heroism, for risking herself for family love and duty, for disregarding her own safety for others.

Her self-less actions stand in honor at the Hernando Beach Yacht Club..

— Terry Dunne

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Commodore's Corner (cont.)

top 3 boats, because everyone did such an outstanding job decorating their boats!

And the winners are:

- **Boat #10**
Best Lighted
Jason Golemba
- **Boat #31**
Most Holiday Spirit
Greg Fenton
- **Boat # 17**
Most Original
Frank & Gretta Santo

Another shout out goes to all who donated toys throughout the parade! We usually get 3 truck-loads of toys but this year we got

6! Toys for Tots is a wonderful program run by the **United States Marine Corps Reserve** which

distributes toys to children whose parents cannot afford to buy them gifts for Christmas.

We are all so lucky and everyone in our community has now helped those who are not so lucky to have the best Christmas ever!

Hernando Beach....we are unstoppable!

Patti Ames



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

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

December Birthdays

- **December 4**
Jill Prindle
- **December 6**
Terry Dunne
- **December 11**
Carol Quattro
- **December 12**
Terry Pietrucha
- **December 19**
Charlie Jacobs
- **December 26**
Bruce Reagin
- **December 28**
Fred Ganz
- **December 31**
Don Bendickson

38 Boats

2020 Christmas Boat Parade



Slicing the water ever so gently, Jason Golemba's formidable #31 took the parade's **Most Holiday Spirit** award.



Like a night spirit, Frank & Gretta Santo's #17 glides to a **Most Original** victory.



Unknown parade boats cruise the **Famous HB Canals** during the Yacht Club's grand Christmas Boat Parade.

Winners

- **Best Lighted Boat #10**
Jason Golemba
- **Most Holiday Spirit Boat #31**
Greg Fenton
- **Most Original Boat #17**
Frank & Gretta Santo



The Boat Parade collected six truckloads of toys for the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve's **Toys for Tots** program.



Bright, beautiful, and original, Jason Golemba's #17 takes **Best Lighted Boat**.

SAVE THE DATE

Hernando Beach Yacht Club Christmas Boat Parade

December 5, 2020
rain date December 6

Entry Fee for each boat:
One unwrapped toy to be donated
to "Toys for Tots"



The Parade will begin at 6:00 pm behind the Yacht Club.

More information to follow as we get closer to December

At this time we do not know if the Club will be open to the public to view the parade due to COVID-19.

But we will still hold the Boat Parade and because of the wonderful support we received last year, as promised, the parade route will include all 4 major canals:

Marlin, Cheek's Creek, Rock Bass and Tarpon!

Captains Meeting - Registration: date to be determined

Map of canals:

<http://www.hernandobeachyc.com/charts/hbinnerchannel.pdf>