



TOWLINE

Hernando Beach Yacht Club

January 2020

Commodore's Corner

Welcome to 2020!

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I don't know about you, but I am CRAZY excited about 2020 at the Club! As Winston Churchill advised, the pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity, the optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty. We have the opportunity to make the Yacht Club better than ever in 2020, and I for one am ready to go for it!



Commodore Patti Ames

everyone has an opportunity to be involved in what we do, and that we all have fun! Last year we increased our Membership with 15 new members, and I hope to beat that record in 2020. We also increased member participation — Wednesday Night dinner attendance increased and many members volunteered their time and efforts for the good of the Club.

Once again, the words for the year are "transparency", "inclusion" and "FUN". I am committed to making sure that all Club members are fully aware of what is happening at the Club throughout the year, that

Speaking of volunteers, I am thrilled to announce that Terry Dunne has accepted the position of Towline Editor. Keeping

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Wednesday Night Dinner
Change of Watch
Wednesday January 8, 2020
Attire: Club Uniform

Menu
Catered by
Zig Zag Scallop Restaurant
Lemon Caper Chicken,
Risotto and Vegetable,
Salad, Bread,
Dessert and Coffee

5:00 Cocktails, 6:00 Ceremony, 7:00 Dinner
cost \$15.00 (gratuity included)
Please RSVP to Patti : by 5:00 pm Friday January 3



2020 Bridge and Board Members

Bridge Members

Commodore

Patti Ames
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Vice Commodore

Susan Myers
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Rear Commodore

Ralph Kennedy
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Fleet Captain

Dennis O'Keefe
352-442-4942

Treasurer

Terry Lemmons
352-600-2580

Secretary

Judie Kennedy
813-469-6191

Asst. Secretary/Treasurer

Vacant

Board Members

- **P/C Mike Belshaw**
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- **Donna Savage**
352-382-0205
- **Lidia Verdon**
352-556-5691
- **P/C Dick Weichman**
352-597-2535
- **P/C Aaron Nangle, Immediate Past Commodore**
727-916-0001
- **Terry Martin**
(elected to position but has decided not to serve on the Board). The position is now vacant. The Commodore will appoint a new Board Member to this vacancy following the Change of Watch.

Committee Chairs

Budget and Finance:

Terry Lemmons

Membership:

Vacant

Planning:

P/C Aaron Nangle

Building and Grounds:

Ralph Kennedy

Ways & Means/Social:

Susan Myers

Memorial/ Repast:

Susan Myers

Appointed

Bar Manager

Susan Myers

Bartenders

**Susan Myers,
Rose Procopio,
Patti Ames (back-up)**

Kitchen Manager

Susan Myers

Rental Manager

Rose Procopio

Chaplain

Stella De Jesus-Kelly

Dock Master

Dennis O'Keefe

Roster

Terry Lemmons

Historian

VACANT

Towline

Terrence Dunne

Web Master and Facebook Manager

P/C Aaron Nangle

Holidays at the Club

The Hernando Beach Yacht Club officially rocked the Holidays!!!!

Christmas Lights

Ralph Kennedy and his team, Bruce Reagin and Dick Weichman, put up the outside lights and they were AWESOME!

The lights looked great for our Christmas Party on December 7, which was lots of fun for all involved. Carol Quattro, Jeane Vernon, Stella Kelly, Rose Procopio, Donna Savage,



Boat Parade participants voted Val and Lee Zurich's house "Best Onshore Holiday Lights."

and Patti Ames decorated the inside of the Club and put together over 15 Holiday Baskets that we raffled at the Christmas Party. Thanks to everyone who contributed all the wonderful gifts/goodies!!!!

Quilt Winner

Belle McGrory was the lucky winner of the Florida Santa Quilt made by Stella Kelly!

Christmas Dinner

Susan Myers coordinated our Christmas Party dinner, partially catered by the Zig Zag Scallop Restaurant.

She served apple pies and ice cream

for dessert and the HBYC bar was busy all night with Rose, and often Susan, tending bar! Big Daddy DJ did a great job and there was lots of dancing! We also collected many great toys from Club Members for our Toys for Tots campaign. According to Treasurer Suzanne Lemmons, we will likely break even on the event once it is all said and done.

Holiday Ham Dinner

We had a lovely Holiday Ham Dinner on Wednesday, December 11, prepared and donated by Dick Weichman, Donna Savage, and Ann and Bill Vogel. The Kellys and Vernons donated a delicious cake for dessert to top off the meal.

Grand Finale

The grand finale this year was the Christmas Boat Parade held on Saturday December 14. This year we had over 35 Boats participating in the Parade (35 registered and around 5 showed up without registering).

Toys For Tots

We collected over two truckloads of toys for our "Toys for Tots" Campaign. I have never seen so many toys since I have been a member of the Club. I know we made a big difference for many families this Christmas.



Commodore Patti Ames

"I have never seen so many toys since I have been a member of the Club" — Patti Ames.

The Club was packed during and after the parade. Rose tended a very busy bar (with Susan's help) and Susan and Tom ran the chili contest with the help of Jim Kelly and Sally Cosenza. Dick, Donna, Lidia, and Elsie worked the kitchen and sold lots of hot dogs and chili. We had live entertainment featuring Art Lent and our

own Joe Procopio was Santa. Our Boat Parade judges: Carol Quattro, Bruce Reagin, Dennis O'Keefe and Jill Prindle did a fabulous job, which was a difficult task with 35 boats!!!

This event was very successful. We made approximately \$1,000. But, just as importantly we held a fun event for the community and collected lots of toys for children in need. We had many compliments on Nextdoor.com, many saying it

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Mike and Louise Acker won a special award for "1st Solar-Powered Boat."



Change of Watch

The Change of Watch ceremony is an annual time-honored tradition.

It is held 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.

This year's Change of Watch will be held Wednesday, January 8, 2020.

Doors will open at 5:00 pm and the ceremony will begin at 6:00 pm. Dinner will follow the ceremony at 7:00 pm. The cost will be \$15.00, gratuity included.

Club members should wear their club uniform for this occasion and guests are welcome. Reservations must be made by 5:00 pm Friday January 3rd. Dinner will be catered by the Zig Zag Scal-



Commodore Patti Ames

lops restaurant and we will be provide them with the final number of dinners purchased Saturday morning.

I look forward to seeing you all at this special Event.

January Anniversaries

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

Commodore's Corner

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Club members informed of current and future events is critical to promote fellowship, motivation, and participation. I encourage all of you to let Terry know if you have something you would like to see in the Towline. Also, if you take any pictures while attending Wednesday Night Dinners or other events, please be sure to share your pictures with him. His e-mail is: tdunne3@tampabay.rr.com

I am also recruiting members to participate in our standing committees to represent, involve, and serve members, as well as provide an important training ground for future leaders of our club. Each committee will be chaired by a board member or officer and committee progress and proposals will be presented to

the board during monthly meetings and to all members at membership meetings. Please consider participating in one or more of these committees. This is your opportunity to provide your knowledge, experience, and skills to improve our Club by focusing on the best interests of the Club and committee goals. Here is a list of the committees. Please let me know if you are interested in signing up for any of these committees.

- **Budget and Finance**
Chair: Terry Lemmons
- **Membership**
Chair: Vacant
- **Planning**
Chair: P/C Aaron Nangle

- **Building and Grounds**
Chair: Ralph Kennedy
- **Ways & Means/Social**
Chair: Susan Myers
- **Memorial/Repast**
Chair: Susan Myers

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for all the hard work and dedication that has brought our Club to where it is today, and I look forward to our continued efforts as we move forward into the new year. I wish you all a happy and healthy 2020!

Your Commodore,

Patti Ames

Member Profile

J. Richard (Dick) Weichman

J. Richard (Dick) Weichman was born in June, 1932, in Camden, NJ. He grew up and attended Grammar School in Brooklawn, NJ, High School in Gloucester City, NJ, and Temple University in Philadelphia, PA, where he majored in Business Administration.



Dick was married to his wife Joan for 59 ½ wonderful years until she passed in 2012. He has been partnered with Donna Savage of Homosassa, FL, for 6 ½ wonderful years. His daughter, Christine Reining, lives in Brooksville, FL. Dick has five grandchildren located in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and St. Thomas, along with four great grandkids.

Dick served in the U.S. Army from 1952 – 1954 and was with the Army's 5th Regimental Combat Team in Korea. He was employed by the Campbell Soup Company in Camden, NJ, for 43 years. Dick started at Campbell Soup as a messenger, worked into the Accounting and

I.B.M. Departments, and was transferred to Campbell's Napoleon, Ohio, plant, working there from 1957 to 1968.

He returned to Campbell's World Headquarters in the Logistics Department in Camden, NJ, where he retired as Director, Computer Systems Development, North American Division in 1994.

After retirement,

Dick and his wife Joan moved to the Heather, in Weeki Wachee, FL. They joined HBYC in 1994 when they brought their boat to Florida from Chesapeake Bay, MD. Dick lived in the Heather until 2013, then moved to Sugar Mill Woods in Homosassa, FL.

Dick served as Commodore, Hernando Beach Yacht Club and President of the Heather Golf and Country Club. He is a life Member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, and the Korean War Veterans Association. He has served on the HBYC Board for 14 years and has held many positions

at HBYC.

Dick and Donna love to travel and intend to continue doing so while still physically able. Recent trips have been to South Korea, China, Mexico, Austria, Germany, Netherlands, and Sweden, as well as many trips within the U.S.A

Korean War

The Korean War, 1950 – 1953, began when North Korea attacked South Korea.

Dick Weichman served during the Korean war with the U.S. Army's 5th Regimental Combat Team, which was a self-supported army regiment with its own tanks, artillery, and infantry. Dick was in Korea the day the cease fire took effect at Panmunjom. His position was north of the DMZ's current location in the center of Korea.

Dick said that the last man killed in the Korean War, a Sgt. Cross, was in his Company. Sgt. Cross was in a bunker that took a direct hit from an artillery shell at 8 pm the day of the cease fire. The Korean War ended two hours later at 10 pm.

January Birthdays

- January 10
Marleen Gravitz
- January 18
Dale Jacobs
- January 22
Mike Belshaw
- January 22
Bill Lavin
- January 24
Mary Rightmyer
- January 29
Christie Bendickson

January Events

Tuesday January 7

BUNCO

- 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm at the HBYC
- If you are interested in playing, there is still room for people to fill in when someone cannot make it.

Contact Lidia Verdon:
lidverdon@gmail.com

Wednesday January 8

DINNER AND CHANGE OF WATCH

- Doors Open 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30 pm.
- Catered by Zig Zag.
- Members should wear Club uniform
- Change of Watch Ceremony following Dinner

Monday January 13

BOARD MEETING

6:00 pm. Members welcome

Friday January 17

PRIVATE RENTAL

- Teachers Party
- Floyd Elementary School
- 75 people

Wednesday Jan 22

DINNER AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

- Coordinated by Judie and Ralph Kennedy
- Doors Open 5:30 pm, Dinner 6:30
- General Membership Meeting following Dinner

Saturday January 25

COMMODORE'S BALL

- Attire – Formal: Black Tie Optional
- 5:00 pm Hors D'oeuvres and Cocktails
- 6:00 pm Receiving Line
- 6:30 pm Ceremony
- 7:00 pm Dinner and Dancing,
- Live music featuring Tony Machicote

Tickets are \$30.00. RSVP to Suzanne Lemmons by 1/17/2020

Please remember that all events can be found on our website calendar: <http://www.hernandobeachyc.com/calendar.htm>

Poetry, Short Stories, 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 will be 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, e.g., a rip-roaring good tale from the area's past, might take up a whole page but no more. The goal is to make HYBC's Towline newsletter more interesting to its readers.

Send submissions to tdunne3@tampabay.rr.com

Holidays at the Club

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was the best Boat Parade ever!

Boat Parade Winners

The winners of the Boat Parade were:

Best Lighted Boat: Frank Santo - Boat #18

Most Original Theme: Buck and Pam Buchanan – Boat #22

Most Holiday Spirit: Michael Hlista – Boat #30

We also added a special award for the 1st Solar Powered Participant: Mike and Loise Acker – Boat #34

The winner of our chili contest was Karen Stroy (non-member). Karen and her husband Dave also participated in the Boat Parade!

Each boat participating in the pa-

rade had the opportunity to select the house they believe displayed the best "Onshore Holiday Lights" along the parade route. The winner was Val and Lee Zurich. (picture)

Important Dates

Please mark your calendars once we move on to 2020! We have 3 important dates for January and February: Change of Watch on January 8, the Commodore's Ball on January 25 and the 2020 Super Bowl Party on Sunday February 2.

Thanks again to everyone who helped to make our Holidays at the Club so special.

Charles Frederick Willett 11/27_ to 12/24/2019

HBYC Life Member and two-time Past Commodore Fred Willett passed away in Maryland December 24th.

Fred served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, in the Pacific theater, commanding an LST (Landing Ship Tank). An LST is a large ocean-going warship, 328 feet long with a 50 foot beam. It could carry 3,880 tons of cargo, such as tanks, vehicles, or troops (as many as 150 troops).

Its armament included a 40 mm cannon mounted on the ship's prow, six 20 mm guns, two 50 caliber machine guns, and two mortars.

The LST could land its cargo

directly on to beaches, no dock or pier necessary. Once onshore, it could back up and return to sea.



After Fred retired from the Navy, he did nautical surveying and worked for Westinghouse in South America and elsewhere. He also worked on submersibles with Jacques Cousteau and

his team, which they used in their underwater adventures. Fred retired to Hernando Beach in 1986 and, along with his wife Margie, became members of HBYC in 1989. Fred was Commodore in

1992 and 2000. Fred was also long time Editor of the Towline. His favorite pastime was Bridge.

Fred is survived by his children - Mary Ellen, Steve, and Tom, four grandchildren, four great grandchildren and dear friend and HBYC Life Member Betty Ferguson

As he wished, his ashes will be sent to Norfolk where they will be taken out and deposited in the Ocean.

Godspeed Fred. Godspeed.



Christmas at the Club



Christmas Boat Parade

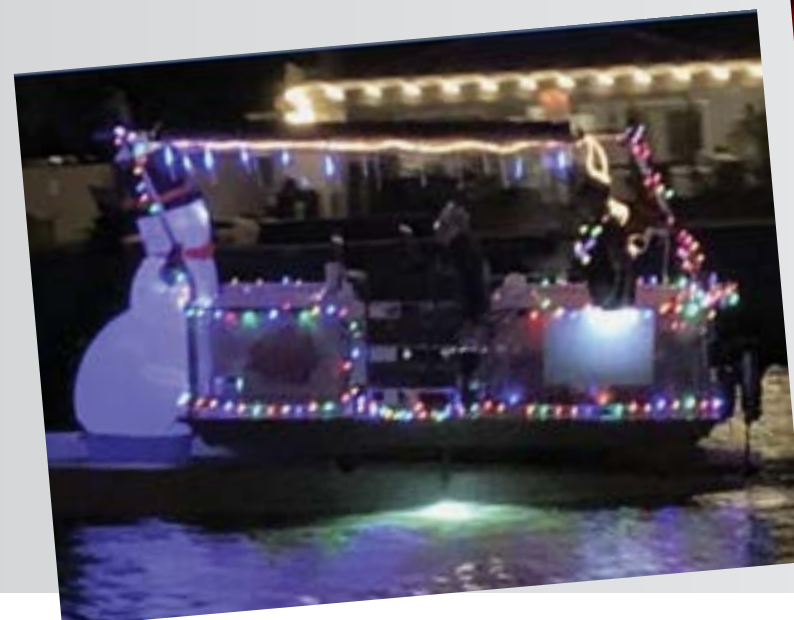
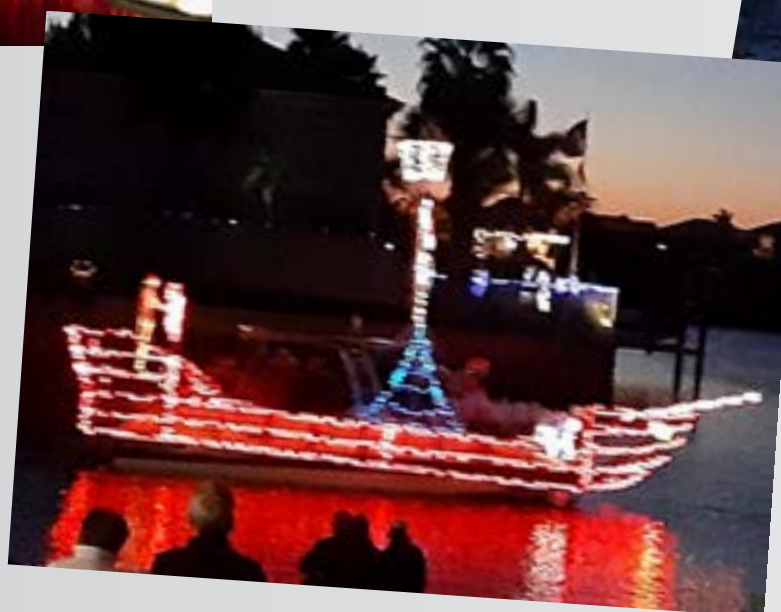
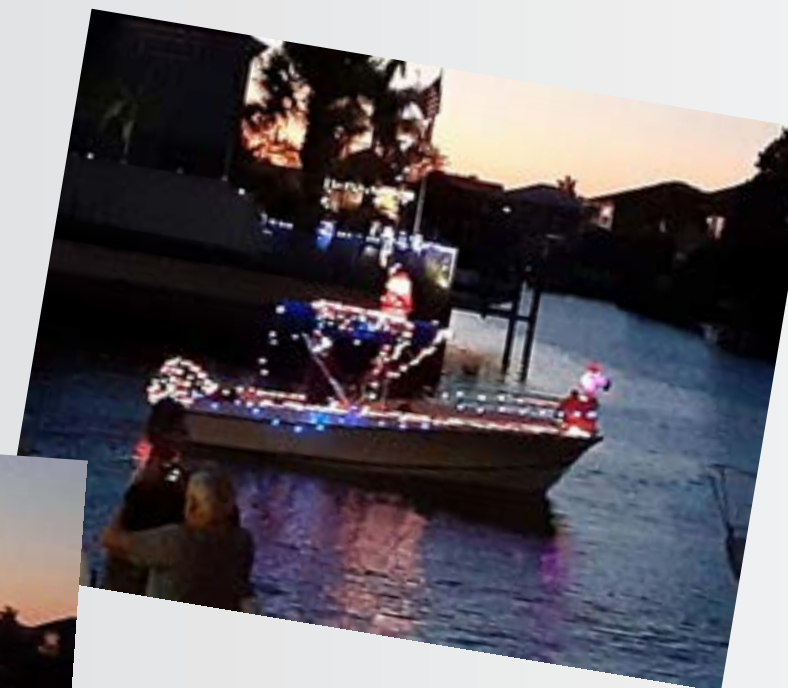
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What People Thought



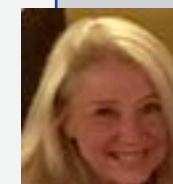
"It was a lot of fun for everyone."

**Gladys Moore,
Hernando Beach**

"A big thank you to everyone involved. The kids loved it and so did we!"



**Tiffany Verkade,
Hernando Beach**



"It was my first!! And it was spectacular!!!"

**Barbara Pfeifer-Woog,
Hernando Beach**

"It's the first one this year for my family our first Christmas in the new house the kids my wife and myself had a great Time can't wait for next year GOTTA LOVE THE BEACH"



**Peter Gargano,
Hernando Beach**



"Thank you all that took the time to put together some amazing displays on your boats."

**Cliff Wyllie,
Hernando Beach**

"Thanks to all who had any part in organizing, decorating, participating for helping make it a great evening for all the guest who came to Hernando Beach to watch. The boats were fantastic!"



**Diane Greenwell,
Hernando Beach**

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