



Towline

Hernando Beach Yacht Club

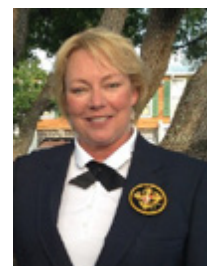
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Commodore's Corner

We Rocked The Holidays!



Commodore Patti Ames

It all started with the decorations! Everything was ready to go just in time for our holiday festivities beginning with our Christmas Party held on December 4th.

Ralph Kennedy put up the outside lights and they really made the Club “pop”. Especially the new green lighted wreath! Carol Quattro, Jeane Vernon, Stella Kelly, Ann Vogel, Suzanne Lemmons, Marleen Gravitz, Donna Savage and I decorated the inside of the Club and put together five Holiday Baskets that

we raffled off at the Christmas Party. Thanks to everyone who contributed all the wonderful gifts/goodies!

Our Christmas Party featured a beautiful atmosphere, an elegant dinner, live entertainment from **Take Two**, five gift basket raffles, and many, many good friends. **Susan Myers** and **Tom Owen** coordinated our dinner which

included **Shrimp Cocktail** and **Pot Roast** catered by the **Zig Zag Scallop Restaurant**.

The Bar was busy all night with **Susan** and **Mackenzie** tending bar. Our live entertainment was fabulous and there was lots of dancing! We also collected many great toys from Club Members for our **Toys for Tots** campaign.

The grand finale this year was the **Christmas Boat Parade** held on Saturday December 11th. This event was spear-headed by **Fleet Captain Donna Savage** and her **Boat Parade Planning Team**, that included members of the Club and members from

the community.

This year we had 25 Boats participating, plus two **Toy Boats** collecting **Toys for Tots**, and even the U.S. Marine Corps attended with Marines in full dress blues assisting with the collection!

We collected over five truckloads of

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Suzanne Lemmons toasts the Christmas spirit at the Yacht Club's Christmas Party



2022 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

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toys for our **Toys for Tots** Campaign. **Keith Kolosa** and **Bill Roberts**, the **Toy Boat Captains**, did a phenomenal job! 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.

The Club was packed during and after the parade. **Susan** tended a very busy bar (with the help of **Mackenzie**) and **Tom** ran kitchen with the help of **Jill** and **Jeff Prindle** selling hot dogs, chili, and chips. We sold out of hot dogs before the night was over!

This event was very successful. We definitely made money 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 was *"the best Boat Parade ever!"*.

I 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 (three Judges from the Club and three from the community) to select the top three boats, because everyone did such an outstanding job decorating their boats!

The winners ([see page 8](#)) were:

- **Boat #12 - Best Lighted**
Greg Fenton
- **Boat #10- Most Holiday Spirit**
Ehrich Rose
- **Boat # 17- Most Original Theme**
Frank & Gretta Santo

Following the Boat Parade, we had two back-to-back rentals. We could not have had these rentals without Tom and Susan, who worked the Bar and Kitchen and ran both events from start to finish!

We have a busy January coming up so please mark your calendars once we move on to 2022! We have three important dates coming up in January and February: **Change of Watch** on Wednesday January 12, the **Commodore's Ball** on Saturday January 29 and the **2022 Super Bowl Party** on Sunday February 5. Invitations will be emailed out soon. We also have a rental scheduled for Saturday January 15. If you would be willing to help with any of these events, please let me know. We cannot have events without volunteers.

This will be my last submission to the **Towline** as **Commodore**, and I want to thank everyone who helped make Holidays at the Club so special and who supported me and the Club over the past three years. 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!

May the gifts of love and happiness be yours this season and I wish you all a happy and healthy New Year with all my heart!

Your Commodore,

Patti Ames



January Birthdays

- **January 2**
Henry Roman
- **January 10**
Marleen Gravitz
- **January 10**
Dave Pritchett
- **January 18**
Dale Jacobs
- **January 21**
Karen Rumpitz
- **January 22**
Mike Belshaw
- **January 22**
Bill Lavin
- **January 29**
Christie Bendickson

January Anniversaries

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



January 2022

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
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<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u> 	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>9</u>	<u>10</u> 6:00 pm  Board Meeting	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u> 6:00 pm Change of Watch Dinner & Ceremony 	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u> Rental
<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u> 12:00 Noon 	<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> 6:00 pm 
<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>					



Christmas At The Club



Christmas Boat Parade Winners



Best Lighted Boat
Boat #12— Greg Fenton



Most Original Theme
Boat #17— Frank & Greta Santo



Most Holiday Spirit
Boat #10— Ehrich Rose

Christmas Boat Parade

Toys Donated From Shore



(Top) Seagoing U.S. Marine PFCs Ethan Kupczyk and Brandon Cook stand guard over toys donated at Hernando Beach's 2021 Christmas Boat Parade. (Below left & Right) At the end of the Christmas Boat Parade's long line of boats, Sgt Joshua Beasley and S/Sgt Samantha Marcyjanik pull ashore to net toys donated by Hernando Beach residents. The boat parade was sponsored by the Hernando Beach Yacht Club in coordination with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve's annual Toys for Tots program. Marines for the parade were coordinated by Spring Hill's Marine Corps League Detachment 708 (photos by Ken Duncan, MCL Det. 708)

Richard Painter

1935 – 2021

A life well lived, a life well loved

Laurie and Richard Painter joined the HBYC in July 2021 and I felt an instant connection to both of them. They were so positive and filled with energy to become active in the Club. They were so excited about being members. Richard Painter passed away at home on December 5, 2021.

I would like to share just a few excerpts directly from Richard Painter's Celebration of Life

— Patti Ames

Richard C. Painter (Dick) was born feet-first in Wilmington, DE, on March 12, 1935. He died peacefully at home December 5, 2021, in Homosassa, FL.

He died from a rare form of dementia that struck like a lightning bolt only two-and-a-half months before his death and he progressed downhill rapidly.

He is survived by his loving wife Laurie Painter, with whom he lived, and his son David Painter from Dunedin, sisters Charlotte Smith in Delaware and Carolyn Saks in Pennsylvania. His brother David and his sister Holly were al-

ready deceased.

Dick grew up in Newport, DE remembering WWII with the Victory Gardens, the food and gasoline rationing, the blackouts, and the air raid drills.

In September 1970, he met the love of his life Laurette George and they were married in 1976. They held their wedding ceremony at their lakefront property and held the reception at Maryland's North East River Yacht Club where they were members. They set sail into the sunset on their sailboat for a Chesapeake Bay honeymoon.

In 1979, Laurie and Richard bought a historic home on the Chesapeake Bay where they enjoyed 30 years of sailing. In the winter they would fly to the Caribbean to sail the tropics.

In 1996, Dick received his professional boat captain's license. He retired from Snap-On corporation in 1996 and moved to Florida "living the dream" riding motorcycles. He was still riding one of his five motorcycles, a Ducati, one month before dementia hit him at the age of 86.

Because Richard enjoyed the North East River Yacht Club so much, he and Laurie joined the Hernando

Beach Yacht Club and were looking forward to more fun living. They were excited about joining the HBYC and thoroughly enjoyed the events they were able to attend.

Richard loved moving things: he owned 4 powerboats, 5 sailboats, 9 trucks, and 30 cars, including a Packard, Studebaker, and LaSalle. He owned 30 motorcycles and still had 5 in his garage while riding at the age of 86.

Richard loved to read and read over 150 books-a-year plus two newspapers-a-day.

Laurie is happy and thankful that she had 51 glorious years with Richard. He was a wonderful and thoughtful man, buying his wife fresh-cut flowers every week and making her a cup of tea each evening and a pot of coffee each and every morning.

Laurie feels blessed knowing that at God's perfect timing and grace, Richard accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior. Richard and Laurie were so in love and so blessed that they were able to hold hands when Richard took his last breath.

The world has truly lost a wonderful man.