



Towline

Hernando Beach Yacht Club

June 2020

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Commodore's Corner

We Are HBYC Strong!

With the entire world weathering COVID-19, we are in uncharted territory. Not many people, if any at all, have experienced anything like this. As we move forward many challenges still lie ahead and some of these unprecedented challenges will require unprecedented action.

Top Priority: Member Health and Safety

As stated in the March email to all Club members from the Board of Governors (the Board), "The HBYC considers the health and safety of our members our top priority." To that end, we immediately followed recommendations outlined by the CDC, canceling Wednesday Night Dinners and all "Club Rentals" on the books until further notice. In doing so, we have severely limited our Club "income" for two-and-a-half months and this limited income will likely continue for at least another several months.

\$800 Monthly Shortfall

To date, we have been able to cover all Club expenses but, beginning June 1 moving forward, we will be operating with an \$800 monthly shortfall (minimum assuming no additional unexpected expenses). To cover this shortfall, the Board is proposing to

levy a \$100 Special Assessment to each Club member, payable to the HBYC by July 31, 2020. This one-time assessment would cover our regular monthly expenses from June through November, plus help to partially cover additional expenses such as insurance, taxes, etc., that will come due this fall. The Board decided to cover these months due to the uncertainty of the CDC and State of Florida recommendations over the next few months.

Closed for June

At this point we will be closed for the month of June and maybe July (still to be determined). Once the Club opens, it will take us a while to get our bank account back to where it needs to be. This unexpected shortfall in our finances is something that we must take care of, and the Board unanimously agrees that this responsibility should be shared equally among all Club Members. Remember we will pay our last Mortgage payment in April of 2021. We need to get over this hurdle, but we are almost there!

How Assessment Is Approved

According to Article V, Section 2 of the HBYC Bylaws, a Special Assess-



Commodore Patti Ames

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— Commodore Patti Ames

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2020 Bridge and Board Members

Bridge Members

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
352-540-0395
- 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

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
Terrence Dunne

Webmaster
Fred Ganz



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ment requires approval by the Membership during a General Meeting or Special Meeting after notification in the Towline and posting in the Club. Because the Board does not feel it is in the best interest (safety) of Club Members to hold an in-person special meeting at the Club at this time, the Board proposes that this special meeting occur via email and phone conversations. This proposal will be posted in the June Towline.

June Ballot
On June 1, each Member will receive an email (and text if possible) from the

Member will need to pay this assessment to the HBYC Treasurer by July 31. We are fortunate that Terry & Suzanne Lemmons have offered to cover our budget shortfall until this Assessment is collected and we can pay them back.



Commodore Patti Ames

Reasonable Assessment
The Board feels that \$100-per-member is a reasonable assessment fee be-

COVID 19 Special Assessment Proposal 2020

We, the HBYC Board, propose collecting a **\$100.00 Special Assessment Fee** from each Club member, payable to the HBYC by July 31, 2020.

This Assessment will cover our current \$800.00 monthly shortfall from June through November. This shortfall is the result of our mandatory closure of the Club resulting from

the coronavirus, following recommendations outlined by the CDC and the State of Florida.

This Assessment will also help to partially cover additional expenses such as insurance, taxes, etc. that will come due this fall.

Please be sure to vote on this Special Assessment Proposal via email or text by June 15!

Board with the actual Proposal and a ballot to vote on this Proposal. Between June 1-10, each member will receive a phone call from a Board member and each member will have an opportunity to discuss this proposal. Following that discussion, each member will return their ballot via email by July 15.

End-of-July Deadline
If this Proposal is approved, each Club

cause if members had attended five Club Dinners (if the Club had been open in mid-March through June), they would likely have spent at least \$100-\$20/Dinner, tip, bar.

Assessment Meets 4-Dinner Requirement

In addition, paying this assessment would result in all members meeting the 4-dinner requirement for 2020.

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June Anniversaries

- June 15, 1957
Jim & Peggy Secrest
- June 14, 1969
Chuck & Joyce Lary
- June 26, 1975
Charlie & Dale Jacobs
- June 25, 2005
Ben & Jennifer Menzer

June Birthdays

- June 5
William McCreery
- June 9
Donna Savage
- June 10
Dick Weichman
- June 16
Tom Owen
- June 23
Sally Cosenza
- June 25
Margot Calvert
- June 26
Betty Ferguson



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If this Special Assessment is approved, failure to pay the assessment by the July 31 deadline would result in the member falling into the status of “**not in good standing**” (as defined in **Article IV, Section 4** in the HBYC Bylaws). I have included **Articles IV, Section 4**, and **Articles V and VI** on the facing page with the sections related to this proposal highlighted for clarification/reference.

If you feel that this assessment will cause you economic hardship, please contact me privately. Exceptions may be made when authorized by the Commodore.

Heads Up

I am writing this because I want to give everyone a “heads-up” prior to receiving the actual Assessment Proposal and Ballot email. Remember, you will have the opportunity to speak with a Board Member to discuss this prior to casting your vote. Feel free to call me

if you have questions or concerns that are not addressed by the Board Member during your discussion.

Challenges Ahead

As I mentioned earlier, as we move forward through this Pandemic, many challenges still lie ahead and some of these unprecedented challenges will require unprecedented action.

This Special Assessment is one such proposed action. I appreciate your commitment to the Club and hope that you will generously agree to approve this proposed Special Assessment, supporting our financial challenges during this unprecedented time.

We are HBYC STRONG!

Your Commodore,
Patti Ames

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 HBYC’s Towline newsletter more interesting to its readers.

Send submissions to tdunne3@tampabay.rr.com

HBYC Bylaws: Assessments

Selected sections of BY-LAWS OF THE HERNANDO BEACH YACHT CLUB, INC.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS

Section 4. **Member in Good Standing shall mean any member, including Life, whose current dues status is not delinquent.**

ARTICLE V DUES, FEES, ASSESSMENTS AND REINSTATEMENTS

Section 1. **Annual dues** shall be established by the Board of Governors for all types of membership.

- a. Dues shall be paid on January one (1) and will be considered delinquent on January thirty-one (31). Delinquent members will be notified by mail on February fifteen (15) and dropped from membership on February twenty-eight (28) without further notice at the discretion of the Board of Governors.
- b. Exceptions may be made for quarterly payments when authorized by the Commodore.

Section 2. **Special Assessments** levied by the Board of Governors must be approved by the Membership during a General Meeting or Special Meeting after notification in the TOW LINE and posting in the Club.

Section 3. **Initiation Fees** shall be determined by the Board of Governors.

Section 4. **Reinstatement** may be granted at the discretion of the Board of Governors and requires payment of all indebtedness and current dues.

Section 5. Resignation of a member, removal from membership (pursuant to Article VIII, Section 13), or a status of not in good standing (as defined in Article IV, Section 4) shall result in loss of all rights to seniority with regard to Life Membership points accrual and Dissolution calculations. Reinstatement or approved re-application shall not restore those forfeited rights. Appeals to reinstate forfeited rights due to extenuating circumstances shall be addressed to the Board of Governors.

ARTICLE VI MEETINGS AND QUORUMS

Section 1. An **Annual Meeting** of the Club shall be held on the second (2nd) Wednesday of each November at 7:30 p.m., at which time all Committees will make a written year-end progress report of their yearly activity.

Section 2. **General Membership Meetings** will be held on the fourth (4th) Wednesday of each January, April and September at 7:30 p.m. and the second (2nd) Wednesday of each November, which is the scheduled Annual Meeting.

Section 3. **Board of Governors** shall hold monthly meetings.

Section 4. **Special Meetings** may be called by the Commodore, by written request of five (5) Board Members, or by written request of fifteen percent (15%) of the active membership for a specific purpose stated in the notice of meeting. No other matters may be acted upon at such meetings.

- a. The Recording Secretary shall notify all members in writing at least five (5) days prior to the meeting, and such notice shall include the time and place of such meeting.

Section 5. **All meetings** shall be open to all members in good standing and they shall be granted the right to speak at Board Meetings upon recognition and/or by prior written request to the Chairperson.

Section 6. **Quorums** shall include all Officers, Governors and members and be as follows:

- a. Annual and General Meetings: twenty-five percent (25%) of active membership.
- b. Board of Governors Meetings: seven (7) individuals.
- c. **Special Meetings: thirty-three percent (33%) of active membership.**

FULL PHASE 1

Effective Monday, May 18, 2020



State of Florida

<p>RESTAURANTS & FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ May increase indoor capacity to 50% with proper social distancing ✓ Outdoor seating encouraged <p>RETAIL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ May operate up to 50% capacity indoors <p>MUSEUMS & LIBRARIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ May operate up to 50% capacity if permitted by local governments 	<p>ELECTIVE SURGERIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Elective surgeries may continue if a facility has adequate PPE, hospital bed surge capacity and works with the local community to prevent and/or contain outbreaks in long-term care facilities <p>GYMS & FITNESS CENTERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ May operate up to 50% capacity ✓ Self-sanitize machines and surfaces after use
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