



Towline

Hernando Beach Yacht Club

November 2020

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November is the month of thanks; a reminder to be thankful for the many positive things happening in our life. And even though 2020 has not been easy, we have lots of positive things to be thankful for.

October Board Meeting

At the October Board Meeting, the Board unanimously agreed to remain closed until further notice. We continue to take the threat of the corona virus seriously, and continue to take individual responsibility for reducing the spread of the deadly virus.



January Club Opening Tentative

We are really hoping to be able to open in January 2021.

Even though the Club has been closed, lots has been going on behind the scenes. Terry Dunne has been working extremely hard to update the HBYC website. You will find out more about our new website on [page 3](#).

Christmas Boat Parade

Our Fleet Captain Dennis O'Keefe has been busy planning the 2020 Christmas Boat Parade. It will be held on December 5th with a rain date of December 6th.

To involve the community in the planning of this event, we formed a

Commodore's Corner

November



Commodore Patti Ames

Boat Parade Plan Team consisting of HBYC members and Community Boat Captains.

The first Plan Team meeting was held on Tuesday 10/13. The Team consists of Fleet Captain Dennis O'Keefe, Commodore Patti Ames, Rear Commodore Ralph Kennedy, Board Member Donna Savage, and Community Boat Captains Randy Rossi, Frank Santo, and Bill Colleypriest.

The registration deadline for the Boat Parade is 11/23/2020. We will have a **40-boat-maximum** this year so if you want to be in the parade, get your registrations forms in early!

Captain's Meeting

All Boat Captains must attend a **Captains Meeting**. We will have two Captains Meetings: 11/19/2020 and 11/24/2020. These meetings will be held at the HBYC at 6:00 pm.

Toys For Tots

We will also be collecting **Toys for Tots** again this year. Members should contribute one unwrapped toy for a child of any age to be donated to **Toys for Tots**. **Toys for Tots** is a program run by the **United States Marine**

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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
352-549-0395

• 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



The Old and The New

HBYC Website Gets Facelift



Blue and white menu buttons to navigate the website



Gray drop-down menu w/yellow highlight

Phone Numbers

HBYC's website at hernandobeachyc.com is undergoing redesign. The old website (top left) used buttons to navigate the site. The new (upper right) uses drop-down menus. Drop-down menus tend to be easy to use.

Three phone numbers have been added to the bottom

of the Home page: the numbers for membership, for renting the club, and for renting a slip. These numbers point prospective customers to the right place.

HBYC's website redesign is expected to be completed by Dec. 1st. The tough stuff is fitting the website on mobile phone screens. Much trial and error ahead.

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Corps Reserve, which distributes toys to children whose parents cannot afford to buy them gifts for Christmas.

We are all so lucky. Let us help those who are not so lucky to have the best Christmas ever! You can bring your toys to the Captains Meeting or drop them off at the HBYC on December 1st, 2nd, and 3rd from 4:00 – 6:00 pm.

Outside Gathering

The Boat Parade will not be open to the public this year. However, the Board discussed the possibility of allowing Club members to watch the Christmas Boat Parade from the Club as an **Outside Gathering**.

We would allow members only (no guests), with social distancing and

masks required. We discussed the pros and cons but no decision was made. For this to happen, we would need a number of volunteers to assist with the **Outside Gathering**.

If you would like the Club to open to **Members Only** the night of the Boat Parade, and you are willing to help make it happen, please let me know (via patti.nelson19@gmail.com) as soon as possible. We will be making a decision on this at our **Zoom Board Meeting** November 9th.

Volunteers

The more volunteers I can bring to the table, the more likely we are to vote in favor of the **Christmas Boat Parade Outside Gathering**.

Commodore's Corner (cont.)



Commodore Patti Ames

I will be out of town for the remainder of November and most of December taking care of my Mother and having surgery myself. But I am in constant contact with Board Members and am available via email for any questions or concerns you may have related to the Club. However, I am not accepting phone calls.

Happy Thanksgiving to all.

With thanks and gratitude,

Your 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

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>

November Anniversaries

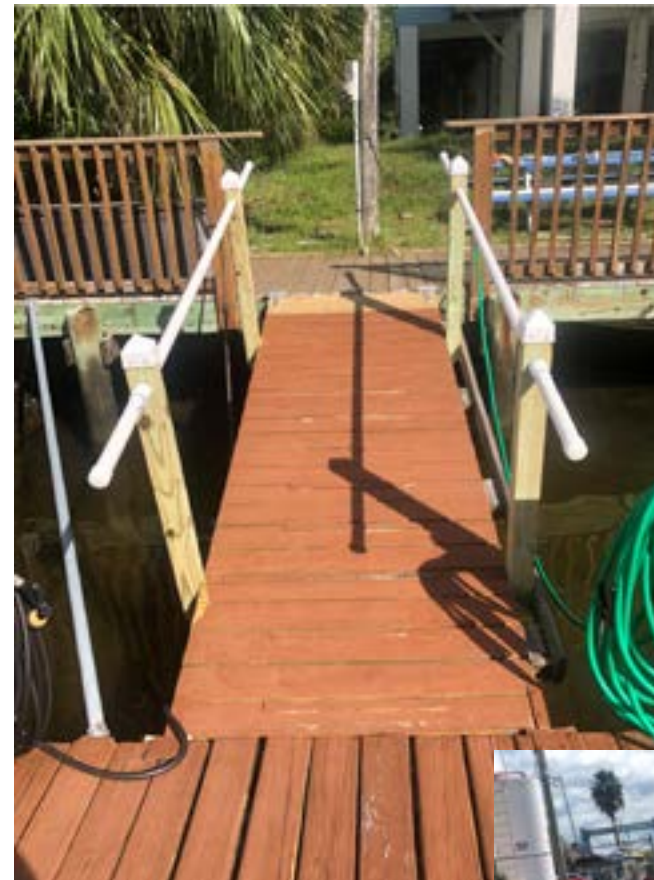
- November 27, 1954
Bill & Ann Vogel
- November 20, 1959
Tom & Jeanne Vernon
- November 22, 1969
Allen & Mary Rightmyer
- November 16, 1985
Jim & Stella Kelly
- November 5, 2005
Aaron & Vicki Nagle
- November 6, 2015
Hank & Carol Quattro

November Birthdays

- November 3rd
Bill Barton
- November 10
Ben Menzer
- November 16
Stella Kelly
- November 19th
George Calvert
- November 21st
Susan Myers
- November 25th
Terry Lemmons
- November 27th
Fred Willett
- November 30th
Len Gravitz

Latest Dock Work

Floating Docks Repaired

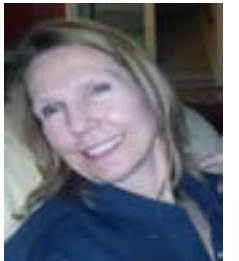


Joint Effort

Terry Lemmons, Suzanne Lemmons, and Ralph Kennedy (pictured right) replaced new hand rails on all four of HBYC's floating dock ramps.

The handrails were replaced with pressure-treated 4" x 4" up-rights using stainless steel bolts to increase the railing's life span.

Suzanne Lemmons assisted Terry in fabricating the 4" x 4"s. The galvanized pipe rails were encased in white PVC pipe to lock out moisture and improve aesthetics.



Volunteers Needed for Workday

Workdays are scheduled for Nov. 16th and 20th, from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. We will be working on landscaping and painting railing on the Handicap ramp.

To volunteer, contact **Ralph Kennedy** to coordinate efforts.

Text or call (813) 480-3015 or email ralphkennedy813@gmail.com.

Social distancing and/or masks will be required



Notice the white PVC pipe used on HBYC's new handrails (above and upper left). The PVC pipe was added to prevent deterioration and improve the look of the railings.