



# Towline

Hernando Beach Yacht Club

October 2020

## Commodore's Corner

## Welcome To Fall



**Commodore  
Patti Ames**

October is considered the “transition” month. It’s like a buffer as the seasons change and we move towards cooler temperatures, less daylight, upcoming holidays, and a new year.

I think I can speak for all of us when I say that we are look-

ing forward to positive changes and the coming new year.

*“We isolate now so when we gather again no one is missing” .*

### HBYC Remains Closed

The Yacht Club remains closed until further notice.

Covid-19 hospitalizations, positive test results, long-term care facilities, and fatalities continue to show significant movement in the right direction.

However, the Centers for Disease Control have reiterated that everyone must continue to take the threat of the coronavirus seriously, and continue to take individual responsibility for reducing the spread of the deadly virus.

### Remain Cautious

Keep following the standard guidelines that include regular and thorough hand-washing, the consistent wearing of face masks when in pub-

lic, and continued social distancing of at least six feet.

### Board Meeting Held

Following the CDC’s direction, the HBYC Board on September 21st held its first monthly meeting since March.

We successfully held a virtual Board Meeting on Zoom. Our next virtual monthly Board Meeting will be held on Monday, October 12th.

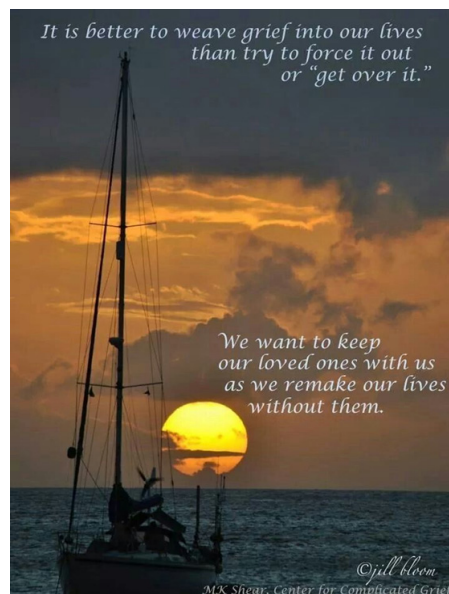
Once the September Meeting Minutes are approved (at the October Meeting) I will forward them to all Members.

In closing, our Yacht Club continues to grieve as heaven has gained two more angels from our world: HBYC Members Bobbye Raness and William McCreery. Our hearts go out to the Raness and McCreery families.

Your 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 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



### In Memoriam

## Barbara R. Ranes

February 1, 1939 – September 12, 2020

Barbara R. Ranes, 81, of Weeki Wachee, FL, passed away Saturday, September 12th, 2020. She was born in **Detroit, MI**, to Robert and Ruth Hotchkiss.

"Bobbye Jo" grew up in **South Bend, IN**, and graduated from **Central High School** in 1957. She attended **Purdue University** where she met her husband Dick. After college, they lived in **Middle River, MD**, **Middletown, OH**, and **Simi Valley, CA**, before moving to **Weeki Wachee, FL**. She was a stay-at-home mom while raising her four incredible children and then worked for **Rockwell** in California as an executive secretary.

Bobbye enjoyed softball and was very involved in coaching **Little Miss** softball. She enjoyed traveling by sea, air, and RV. She loved **NASCAR** and **Dale Earnhardt Jr.** She was an avid camper

and drove her own camper to many races all across the country. It was her **NA-SCAR** friends that gave her the nickname, **Bobbye Jo**.

She was a lifelong **Elvis** fan but later became interested in old country music and dancing. For the last several years she became passionate about tenor music, particularly that of **Andrea Bocelli**. But she cherished her kids and grandkids above all else. Their well-being was her constant focus. Those lucky enough to know her will remember Bobbye for her energy, wit, occasional sarcasm, serious independence, and fearlessness. She was an avid reader and would probably want it on the record that she was conservative and a huge fan of President Trump.

She was of the Christian faith and



will be dearly missed by her loving family and many friends.

She is survived by her husband **Richard L. Ranes**, sons **Stephen Ranes** and **Michael Ranes** (Elissa), daughters **Brenda Roberts** (Hugh) and **Penny Jones** (Timothy), brothers **Gard-**

**ner Hotchkiss** (Novia) and **Dwight Hotchkiss** (Angie), and seven grandchildren: **Brooke, Zackery, Alex** (Shaylin), **Brett, Bryce, Max** and **Isabella**.

She was anxiously awaiting the birth of her first great grandchild but will have to enjoy that from heaven. Visitation was 10:00-11:00 am Saturday, September 26th, followed by a service located at **Turner Funeral Home** at 14360 Spring Hill Drive; Spring Hill, FL. A luncheon in Bobbye's honor was held at **VFW Post 10209**, 14736 Edward R. Noll Drive, Spring Hill after the service.

### In Memoriam

## William "Bill" McCreery

June 5, 1937 – September 17, 2020

William J. McCreery passed away at the age of 83 on Thursday, September 17th, 2020, at the HPH Hospice Care Center.

William was born and raised in **San Francisco, CA**. After two years of active duty in the **U.S. Army**, he joined the **California National Guard** and worked for 15 years as a **Radar and Computer Repairman** at the **Surface to Air Missile** site which was part of the **San Francisco Air Defense**.

He moved to **Fresno, CA**, to work in **Avionics Repair** for the **National Guard** and from 1979-1994 he worked for the **Federal Aviation Administration**.

William finished his working career with **Raytheon** and then the **Harris**

**Corporation** in **Los Angeles, CA**, as an **Air Traffic Control Center**, retiring in 1998.

After retiring, he moved to the **Chino Valley** in **Northern Arizona** where he invested in land and rental properties. In 2016 he bought a home in **Spring Hill, FL**, and enjoyed the new lifestyle.

William was a member of the **Elks Club**, **Hernando Computer Club**, and the **Hernando Beach Yacht Club**. He loved traveling with his wife, especially going on cruises.

He is preceded in death by his daughter, **Jodi Ann Ausmus**. He is survived



by his wife **Norma** of **Spring Hill, FL**, son **James McCreery** of **Clovis, CA**, daughter **Jane McCreery** of **Chowchilla, CA**, sister **Nancy Tooman** of **Spring Hill, FL**, four grandchildren,

**Barbara Bunstein**, **Gary L. Sims**, **Cassey Ausmus**, and **Evan Stockbridge**, and 13 great grandchildren.

A gathering was held at 1:00 pm, Saturday, September 26th, 2020, at the **Merritt Funeral Home, Spring Hill Chapel**, where a **Memorial Service with Military Honors** was conducted at 2:00pm.

## 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](mailto:tdunne3@tampabay.rr.com)

## October Anniversaries

- **October 3, 1964**  
Dominick & Margie Frickeria
- **October 18, 2018**  
John & Patti Ames

## October Birthdays

- **October 3rd**  
Belle McGrory
- **October 6th**  
Jim Kelly
- **October 9th**  
Peggy Secrest
- **October 14th**  
Suzanne Lemmons
- **October 20th**  
Terry Martin
- **October 24th**  
Barbara Keener
- **October 25th**  
Dennis O'Keefe

### 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>

