



Towline

Hernando Beach Yacht Club

September 2020

Commodore's Corner

Where We Stand On The Coronavirus



**Commodore
Patti Ames**

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The HBYC considers the health and safety of our members our top priority. To that end, in March we immediately followed recommendations outlined by the CDC, cancelling Wednesday Night Dinners and all "Club Rentals" until further notice. At that time, I never expected that the Club would still be closed at the beginning of September.

Cases Continue To Grow

However, Coronavirus cases continue to grow in Hernando County. According to Hernando County Public Records, there were a total of 218 total cases from March through June combined, while there were 1,055 in July and 1,328 in August. It is likely that these numbers are not precise, but they clearly represent the trend and, unfortunately, that trend is still increasing.

What We Know

COVID-19 is a new disease. Currently there are limited data and a lot of unknowns, but some things are known:

1. In general, the more people you interact with, the more closely you interact with them and, the

longer that interaction, the higher your risk of getting and spreading COVID-19.

2. In general, your risk of getting severely ill from COVID-19 increases as you get older. In fact, 8 out of 10 COVID-19-related deaths reported in the United States have been among adults aged 65 years and older. Severe illness means that the person with COVID-19 may require hospitalization, intensive care, or a ventilator to help them breathe, or they may even die.
3. There are also other factors that can increase your risk for severe illness, such as having underlying medical conditions. Based on what is known at this time, people with the following conditions might be at an increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19: asthma, high blood pressure, diabetes, serious heart conditions, chronic lung conditions, and more.
4. Due to a lack of treatment options, health officials say prevention is key.

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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

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Terrence Dunne

Webmaster

Terrence Dunne

Seeking Favorable Membership Vote

2021 Election Cancellation Proposed

On August 28 the HBYC Nominating Committee was constituted as follows: Chairperson Jim Secrest, members John Ames and Suzanne Lemmons.

After due consideration the Committee, in consultation with the HBYC Commodore and other officers, wishes to ask the General Membership to conclude that since the Club has been closed for most of the year and will probably remain closed for the rest of the year, that the current Bridge and Board be carried over to govern the Club for the year 2021.

Therefore, we propose that this year's election of new Officers be cancelled, allowing our current slate of officers to govern through 2021. Most indicate a willingness to continue in office.

However, as allowed in the By-laws, any Bridge or Board member who wishes not to remain in office for the year 2021, would then be replaced by recommendation of the Commodore with a 2/3 approval of the Board of Governors.

We ask that you vote favorably on this proposal. While we recognize this proposal is unusual, we are operating in unusual times. This proposal will require a 2/3 membership majority for approval. Please email your vote to Jim Secrest at secrestrj@outlook.com.

To assure your vote is recorded honestly, you can send a courtesy copy to John Ames at johnames9555@gmail.com. You may also telephone me at 352-683-1545 and back up your vote with a call to John Ames at 352-410-0001, if you feel that is necessary.

Should this proposal fail, we will have to do a standard election, all by email. This will require a considerable amount of time.

Therefore, I request that you submit a vote on this proposal

before September 15, 2020.

Thank you for your help. Remain safe!

Patti Ames

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Not Prudent To Open

So, based on what we know, and the fact that most of our members are over 65 with underlying medical conditions, the HBYC Board does not feel that

it would be prudent to open the Club at this time. Once the number of Coronavirus cases begin to decline, we may consider opening the Club with some restrictions. This will remain a topic at each Board Meeting going forward. But for now, we would rather be safe than sorry.

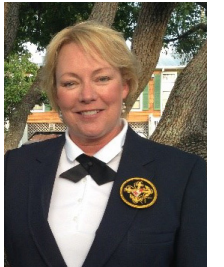
Stay Healthy

Continue to stay healthy and rest assured that we will open as soon as it is safe, and we will have one heck of a party to celebrate!!!!

We are HBYC STRONG!

Your Commodore,

Patti Ames



Commodore
Patti Ames

Terry Dunne Succeeds Fred Ganz

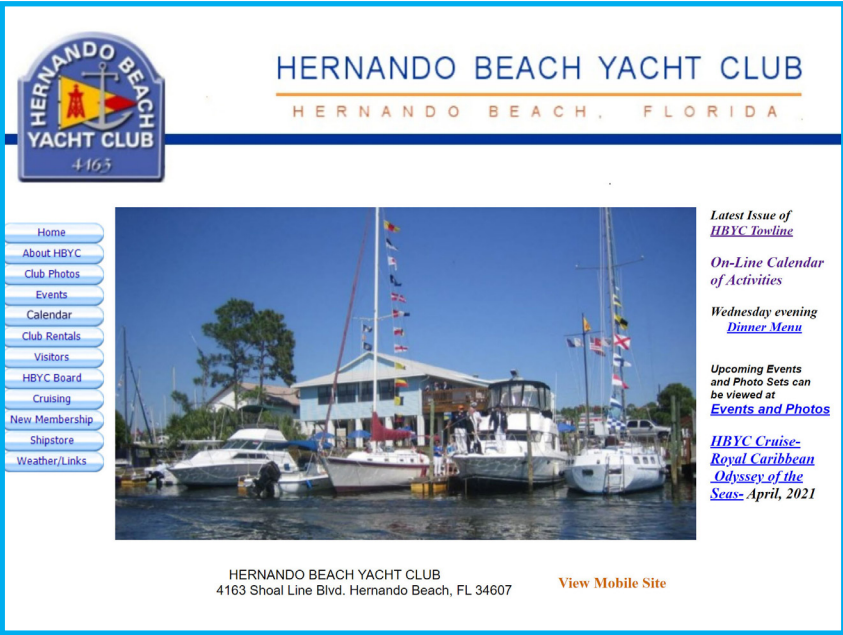
HBYC Webmaster Duties Change Hands

Terry Dunne has succeeded Fred Ganz as Webmaster for the HBYC website. Fred created the HBYC website and has been Webmaster for the last 14 years.

“I am pleased to turn the task of HBYC Webmaster over to Terry Dunne,

of photos. Additionally, the website has served the purpose of attracting rentals to the club as well as providing information about the club to potential new members.”

Terry Dunne remarked, “It’s a great pleasure to assume the duties of



This is the home page of the Hernando Beach Yacht Club website, located at www.hernandobeachyc.com. The website is created using Hypertext Markup Language (HTML) and Javascript, two text-based coding languages that can be “read” by Internet browsers such as Google Chrome and Microsoft Edge. The browsers read the code to create what you see.



Terry Dunne

members with an online source for events, dinner menus, and posting

HBYC Webmaster. I look forward to expanding on Fred Ganz’s excellent work”,

“Expect to see a lot of photos ahead, the same event photos that appear in the Towline newsletter will now appear on the HBYC Website. Previously, you would have to access old Towline newsletters to view old photos.

No more. They will be accessible on the HBYC website.

About Fred Ganz

The original World Wide Web, as it was called, was developed by the **European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN)** in Switzerland in 1990. My interest in the Internet began in 1995 and I was fortunate to work with one of the original members of the CERN design team. This led to a rudimentary understanding of the Internet, including **Transmission Control Protocol** and **Internet Protocol (TCP/IP)**, the two protocols that enable Internet transmission, and also the **Universal Resource Locator (URL)** the name for the address of every Internet website.



Fred Ganz

My company initially provided high speed Internet access to companies in industrial parks on New York’s Long Island, with distances up to two miles from our transmission site. Later, this became known as **Wi-Fi** and at that time we used powerful directional antennas to gain the distance.

In the year 2000, we expanded into video and sound (**Multimedia**) and installed our Internet services in several major hotels in New York City, including **The Plaza**, the **Park Lane**, and the New York City **Helmsley** hotels. We provided flat-panel display kiosks in every guest room. At the World Trade Center, we developed a new telecommunications design to upgrade their network infrastructure, which was destroyed by the 9/11 attack on the World Trade Center in 2001.

So along the way I had a lot of fun and picked up the basics of website design, which I applied 14 years ago to the new Hernando Beach Yacht Club website.

— **Fred Ganz**

My Yacht

Reel Trouble II

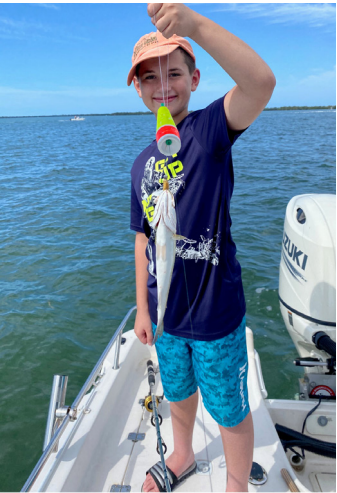
HBYC Rear Commodore Ralph Kennedy’s 23.5’ Proline Sport Utility

I purchased my 23.5’ Proline approximately two years ago after moving to Homosassa. At the time I owned a 25.6’ Doral Cruiser. We soon realized



HBYC Rear Commodore Ralph Kennedy teaches grandson Vander McMillan how to drive the Reel Trouble II.

that boating in the Homosassa, Crystal, and Chassahowitzka rivers would be better suited to a different style boat. I found my used Proline in Crystal River. It was the Proline demo boat for



Grandson Ashton Hustedde, brother of Parker Hustedde, with a nice Sea Trout.

the sport utilities model. The owner’s son had worked for proline and purchased the boat directly from Proline, which was located in Crystal River.

I had been looking for a few months for a multi-purpose boat with a shallow draft, 8-10 person capacity, and trailerable. When I first saw her I was pretty excited. It had a 15” draft, a live



230 Proline Sport Utility

well and bait well, a 10-person capacity, and even a head for the ladies. Judie and I have 13 grandchildren



Judie Kennedy catches some rays aboard the Reel Trouble II.

1998 230 Proline Sport Utility

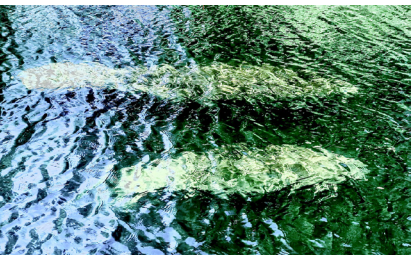
Built by Proline Holdings LLC, Chocowinity, NC, USA

- **Length:** 23.5’
- **Beam:** 8.5’
- **Displacement:** 3,200 lbs
- **Draft:** 15”
- **Engine:** 200 Suzuki 4-Stroke V6



Ralph pilots the Reel Trouble II with grandson Parker Hustedde

between us and we have made many cruises up the rivers and enjoyed sharing the Nature Coast boating experience with family and friends. Our greatest pleasures come from seeing the smiles on the grand kids faces



Nothing quite as exciting as spotting a couple of big Manatees, especially for the grandkids.

when they snorkel with the sea turtles and manatees, catch scallops and fish, and watch dolphins surf the stern wake.

We look forward to many more adventures in the coming years.

— **Ralph Kennedy**

Happy Labor Day!

As I write this, we are just a few days from Labor Day.

For most people, Labor Day means two things: a day off and a chance to say goodbye to the summer. But why is it called Labor Day?

Labor Day is a day set aside to pay tribute to working men and women. It has been celebrated as a national holiday in the United States and Canada since 1894. Labor Day is a special occasion to honor all workers who contribute to the success of their company, organization, and home.

As Sophocles states: "Without labor, nothing prospers". And there is a lot of "labor" that has gone into

keeping our Club going day after day, week after week, and year after year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Club Members that have worked hard to make our Club what it is today. I am not going to list names or single out anyone. You know who you are, and you should feel very satisfied with, and proud of, what you have achieved.

Please know that your efforts have made a huge difference in the success of our Club.



THANK YOU!!!!

Your Commodore,

Patti Ames

HBYC Dock Ramp Repaired

A few months ago, one of the ramps to the floating docks had the hinges break and the ramp fell in the water. Dennis O'Keefe raised the ramp and secured it to prevent further damage.

Upon examination of all the ramps, we found the ramp on the south end, near the marina, needed complete replacement. All the other ramps needed the hinges replaced on the east end of the ramps.

The hinges on the east end of the ramps go underwater during many

of the high tides and caused the failures with the galvanized hinges. Due to the weight of the ramps it was beyond our member's ability

could commence repair quickly. The south ramp was unsafe and we agreed to accept their estimate.

The hinges that were used for replacement were aluminum and have a much longer life span than galvanize.

We still have plans to replace the handrails in the near future and the job is planned to be completed by HBYC members.

— *Ralph Kennedy,*
HBYC Rear
Commodore



All HBYC dock ramp corroded hinges (left) were replaced and a new dock ramp replaced the old south end dock ramp (right).



to safely remove and replace the hinges and ramp. We contacted a few companies and Quality Docks gave us a reasonable estimate and