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Commodore's Corner

Hello Fellow YCSH Members!

FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO DISPELL THE RUMOR FLOATING AROUND THE CLUB. Yes, we are in August but the Summer is not over yet, especially here at the Yacht Club of Stone Harbor!!!!

We are coming off a great Festival of Lights Boat Parade. A great time was had by all - thanks to the 30+ boats and 15+ docks that participated and did such an outstanding job with their decorating and creativity. The FOL has re-emerged as a great tradition in Stone Harbor. The club was hopping with a large crowd dancing to Drop Dead Sexy past midnight. Thanks to Bill and Patti Stump for all their work chairing the event and Terry & Gloria Ives for leading the way again this year!

By the time you read this the Commodore's Dinner Dance will have occurred and we have named a new Rear Commodore. Best wishes to the newest Flag Officer, Claude Limoges and his wife Joanne!

Notable Events:

Don't forget to make your reservations for dinner and dancing for the Sinatra Centennial Orchestra on **Saturday August 19**. Dress up (jackets preferred) and waltz, jitterbug and freestyle to the sounds of "Sean Sinatra" accompanied by a truly talented group of musicians.

The Antique Boat Show is back again this year on 8/26 starting at 10 am. There are some really cool old racers, including Chris Crafts and other unique boats. We will have the grill going as well as other refreshments out back the club.

Join our own Tim McGrath and the Book Club as Tim discusses his new book "Give Me A Fast Ship" during "Author Talk" on Sat 8/19 at 10 AM.

Lastly, on Saturday September 2nd we have the always popular and usually sold out Jimmy Buffett Night with the Parrot

Head Band. The summer is not complete without a full dose of Buffett!

Enjoy and see you around the club,

Bill Wendel, Commodore



Thursday, August 17 - WriteOn writers group, 11 am

Saturday, August 19 - Book Discussion Group - 10 am; Sinatra Centennial Orchestra/Swing Night - 7 pm

Saturday, August 26 - Antique Boat Show, 10 am.

Saturday, September 2 - Last Saturday morning bridge, 10 am: Jimmy Buffett



Night

Blinker Deadlines

Wednesday for Articles Issue Dates

September 27

October 5

November 1

November 9

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Ron Workman, Blinker Editor



**Miner's
Gems**



Hello YCSH members,

We still have so much to do as the end of summer approaches - we are not slowing down. To recap this summer, it has been so great for all areas of the club, from our youth sailing program(YAP), to our wing nights, which have been sold out, our Wednesday cheese steak nights that have taken off, our event night on Saturday nights have all been very well attended and last weekend our Festival of Lights boat parade was one of busiest nights since I started working here. This club is full of very active and very happy members and their families and the staff and I are happiest when you are all happy. We enjoy running events that run smoothly and are memorable.

Looking forward please mark your calendars for Sinatra Swing Night this Saturday the 19th for Sean Sinatra Reilly and his orchestra. They will be playing all the great dance songs from OLD BLUE EYES, and many others from yesteryear. The young and not so young will enjoy this evening of great food, great friends and great fun. Call the club now to reserve your table.

We also will be having the antique boat show back this year, a mint condition Chris Craft among others. Last year our member turnout was awesome to view these vintage crafts. It is a free event to enter, with burgers and dogs off the grille at a nominal cost.

To end up the summer as tradition holds, we have the always popular Jimmy Buffett Night on Saturday September 2nd. Lots of fun food, great music and a tremendous way to end the summer of 2017. This event has sold out in the past 5 years, so call now for your table. This event has a 48-hour cancellation policy, which means that if your party cancels within 48 hours of the start of the event, your account will be charged half the value of the price.

Please keep in mind that we are open year-

round on Fridays and Saturdays, with a few unique events thrown in as well.

Still looking forward to work every day!!

See you at the club.

Peter Miner, General Manager



**WEDNESDAY NIGHT
DUPLICATE BRIDGE**

7/19/17: North-South: First place Margie Bennett-Jane Green. Second place Peggy Stabert-Alan Kaplan. Third place Betty Coyle-Grace Benson

East-West: First place Gail McConnell-Marge Moretzsohn. Second place Sally Samii-Akbar Samii. Third place Carol Wagner-Walter Wagner.

7/26/17: North-South: First place Mike Barbet-Gail McConnell. Second place Maryann Woods-Janice O'Haghan. Third place Kathleen Vistenzo-Fran Burns.

East-West: First place Carol Wagner-Walter Wagner. Second place Anita Winer-Steve Winer. Third place Betty Coyle-Grace Benson.

8/2/17: North-South: First place Kathleen Vistenzo-Fran Burns. Second place Diana Comerford-Barbara Chatham. Third place Polly Bowen-Helen McCormick.

East-West: first place Karin Wren-Joanne Keith. Second place Delores Levine-Steve Levine. Third place Diana Dugan-Dick Corkhill.

SATURDAY MORNING BRIDGE

Following are the results of our most recent sessions:

July 22 - 1st Karin Wren, 2nd Janet, 3rd Akbar Samii, 4th Betty Coyle, 5th Walt Wagner.

July 29 – 1st Mary Donnelly, 2nd Walt Wagner, 3rd Betty Coyle, 4th Grace Benson, 5th Joanne Keith.

August 5 – 1st Walt Wagner, 2nd Akbar Samii, 3rd Betty Coyle, 4th Grace Benson, 5th Carol Wagner.

We will continue to play every Saturday morning through September 2. Call Walt Wagner at 368-1655 for reservations – a must. Walk ins will be accommodated only if there are chair openings.

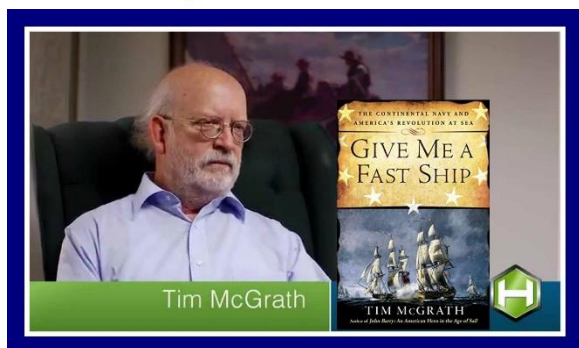
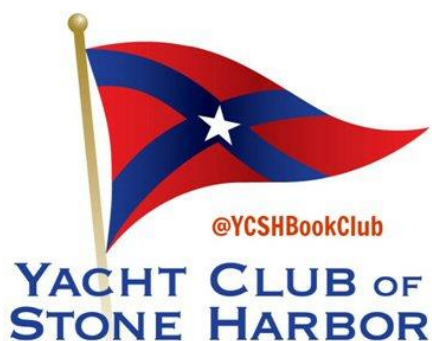
TUESDAY MORNING BRIDGE

Results from Tues am bridge:

July 25: Winner Polly Bowen, 2 prize Joanne Keith.

August 1: Winner Joan Feeney, 2 Prize Barbara Chatham

Aug 8: Winner Barbara Chatham, 2 prize Joan Feeney



TIM MCGRATH AUTHOR TALK

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2017 10 am

Give Me A Fast Ship is now available for sale in The Ship's Store at a discounted rate of \$20. Proceeds will benefit the Diller Home for the blind.

"In Tim McGrath's *Give Me a Fast Ship*, early American naval literature has found a proud new flagship. It is rare for a one-volume work to fill the sails of personalities

and battles separated from the modern reader by nearly two centuries, but *Give Me a Fast Ship* pulls it off beautifully. His descriptions are vivid, his commanders three-dimensional, and he evinces a genuine love of the world of white sails and black powder. When *Give Me a Fast Ship* drops anchor, the reader returns from an adventure cruise with respect for the men who fought the Revolution at sea."—*The Wall Street Journal*.



SWING NIGHT

Saturday night, August 19 will be a fun night for all! Not too late to reserve a table for an evening of good music for your listening and dancing pleasure. Sean Reilly and the Sinatra Centennial Orchestra will provide the music starting at 7 pm. Dinner and an evening of great music makes for a magnificent event at the club!



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Carson and Leanne Coyle
Hunter Wilson
Kelly Mischler



FLYING SCOT NEWS

Kristian and Kris Weeder traveled to Bay Port Yacht Club in Rockport, MA to compete in the annual Husband/Wife Championship Regatta. In a highly competitive fleet they finished in first place. This is a great honor for our club. The next time you see them at the club they are to be congratulated.

The fleet is also happy to welcome young Garrett Roach and his twin brother Justin to our fleet. They have been sailing the club #4901 boat and have already won two races. These two sailors will bring many championship trophies back to our club soon.

July 30th saw Inter Club racing with Avalon in the great Sound. In very heavy air and choppy seas, Garrett Roach, Bill Clarke and Larry Helmick were among the winners.

Results for Club sailing on August 5 in the "Flats" were Steve McConnell/Gene Mopsik winners, with Larry and Rentz Helmick tied for second with the Roach's.



"The Fun Keeps on Coming"

Just because it's the middle of August and the dreaded "Back to School" commercials are running, doesn't mean there aren't

plenty of summer **fun** events and activities still scheduled!

Friday, August 18th features one of our acoustic performers in the bar. Saturday, August 19th boasts YCSH member and author Tim McGrath's "Author Talk" and the "Sean Reilly and the Sinatra Centennial Orchestra" (changing up from "Swing Night" this year).

On the water, **fun** continues with the Sailing Summer Series, the Commodore's Regatta, and Sailing Interclub Series. Burgers and Brews are on Tuesdays, Cheese Steak Nights on Wednesdays, and Wing Nights on Thursdays.

There is still knitting, and plenty of mahjong and bridge left to play!

The first Saturday in September features our always popular Jimmy Buffett Night, with the exciting "Parrot Head Band"!

But that's not all the **fun**, folks. As always, you will continue to receive The Yacht Club of Stone Harbor weekly e-mails, highlighting events, activities, menu updates and future events!

Historically, Thanksgiving Weekend is a busy, action-packed time at the club! Chef Blaze creates an amazing "Thanksgiving to Go" menu, which makes it a snap to present a gourmet holiday dinner to family and friends!

Friday, November 24th the BLT Band will be rocking the club with favorites from today and yesterday.

Saturday, November 25th is "Lunch with Santa"! The kids (parents and grandparents as well) just love it! The **fun** will continue with the Stone Harbor Island Holiday weekend and parade welcoming Santa! Members and families are welcome to join the club float in this **fun** parade! The **fun** continues back at the club with a buffet and a DJ to dance the night away!

Another incredible year culminates with our gala New Year's Eve party, featuring the BLT Orchestra!

You'll want to reserve early, as this is an ever-popular club event!

Make the most of your membership and join us often! The **fun** never ends!

Tim Clay, Vice Commodore



WriteOn had several meetings this summer with writers sharing readings from Blog postings, a novel in process, poems and lyrics for songs. We always welcome critics in addition to authors so please join us if you enjoy helping aspiring authors improve their work. You may contact me directly at alice@scandura.com for future meeting plans.

If you have always wanted to publish your memoirs or other writings for your family and friends, you might want to attend The BookBaby Independent Authors Conference from Friday November 3 to Sunday November 5th at the Sonesta Hotel, 1800 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

<http://blog.bookbaby.com/2017/04/bookbaby-speakers-independent-authors-conference/>.

Alice B. Scandura



COMMODORE'S/PAST COMMODORE'S DINNER DANCE

This year's salute to the Commodores and Past Commodores has just occurred. A little history of the event might be interesting. As early as 1934 the schedule included a "Commodore's Ball". It continues today, but for many years has added a toast to the Past Commodores as well.

Early on and up until a few years ago the dress was formal. The Commodores wore

their dress uniform jackets, male guests in tuxes or white dinner jackets and the ladies in gowns. The event was so popular that it was "Members Only" until sometime in the 90's. It must be noted that until 1976 the club was not air conditioned and hopefully the "sea breezes" came through the open windows.

Starting in the 60's and through the 1990's there was an additional formal dance known as "Christmas in August". The club was decorated in holiday décor and there was a live decorated tree along with Santa. For many of those years, guests brought gifts that were donated to "Toys for Tots".

Until 1999, when the club hosted the first New Year's Eve celebration, there was a mid-winter reunion in Philadelphia at a club or hotel which also was formal attire.



The menu for the ball in 1984 was: Open bar for an hour with hors d'oeuvres, shrimp cocktail, Caesar salad, beef wellington, scalloped potatoes, green beans and strawberry shortcake for dessert. The cost was \$60.00 a couple. How times have changed!





FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS RESULTS

A big thank you to every boat, dock, participant and attendee who joined us on Saturday, August 5th for Festival of Lights! It was a great evening, full of fun by all.

Best Boat: 1st - Mary Poppins, Scott Family, 2nd - Tarzan, Russill Family, 3rd - Jungle Book, Renneisen Family

Best Dock: 1st - Toy Story, Lauth Family, 2nd - Frozen, Naselli Family, 3rd - Pirates of Shelter Haven, Griesser Family

Best Costumes: 1st - Pirates of the Caribbean, Smith Family, 2nd - High School Musical, Gorelick and Wendel Families, 3rd - 101 Dalmatians, Mead and Kurtzman Families

Thank you to all our generous donating businesses as well: Island Water Sports, Seashore Ace, Fred's, Stone Harbor Bar and Grill, The Reeds, Harbor Square Movie Theatre and Harbor Burger Bar!

Congratulations to all the dock and boat participants!

See you at next year's Festival of Lights on Saturday, August 11, 2018!

THE CLUB CRAWL

Sunday, August 19th, pick-up is at 3pm At the Yacht Club of Stone Harbor. Bus will return to the club for drop-off at the end of the event.

Call 609-368-1201 for availability, first come first serve.



YAP RACING

Lead by Billy Martin, Lauren Rutt, and Rence Helmick, our small race team was very mighty on race day. Our 4-person race team had 12 first place finishes in MAYRA events. Garret and Justin Roach competed in the BEMIS Regatta in Baltimore this summer with racers from all over the globe and finished a respectable 18th. The Roach boys also finished 2nd at Junior Olympics to add to Amanda's 2nd place finish. These racers are the example we hope to set as we grow this team to continually represent YCSH in MAYRA events and beyond

Steve & Dob Mehl Award - Recipient: Amanda Foster. This award is presented to the junior sailor who raced in the most MAYRA regattas this year. Amanda represented the club in the Sunfish boat class. In addition to finishing 1st in 7 MAYRA regattas this year, Amanda finished 3rd in Junior Olympics competition.

Betty Church Spirit Award - Recipient: Anna Croasdale. The Betty Church Award represents a sailor that is passionate, hardworking, and fosters good sportsmanship. Anna juggled other commitments, but still found time in her busy schedule to compete in 4 of 7 regattas.

Karl G. Eldemayer Optimist Award - Recipient: Hudson Hague. This award is presented for the winner of our YAP in house races held on Fridays during camp. Hudson took an active role to get better at all aspects of racing during camp, and even competed in his first Green Fleet race during the YCSH regatta. We look forward to Hudson joining the race team in the future.