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CHYC SCHEDULE:

Fuel: Fuel dock is temporarily closed due to renovations being done to the Marina

Ship's Store: Online and In-house Ship Store is now open

Office Hours: Monday Closed, Tuesday-Friday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Lunch Tuesday - Friday: 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Shipwrecked Tuesday: 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM - Take Out or Dine In

Wednesday - Thursday Pub Nites: 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM - Take Out or Dine In

Friday Fine Dining: 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM (RSVP) Close 9:00 PM Sunday À La Carte Brunch/Lunch : 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

Please make sure we have your current e-mail address

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In order to make your dining experience extraordinary, Reservations are necessary.

Reservations may be made any working day of the month up to the event. Please understand that any reservations made via voicemail are not guaranteed.

To guarantee your reservation, please follow up with a phone call.

Cancellations must be made 24 hours prior to the function, or your account will be charged a cancellation fee.

(Fees may be subject to the event, total, etc.)

As you can see we have openings for our Committees. Please, contact Martin Holland or Debbie DiLaura if you are interested in serving on any of our Committees.

If you are interested in serving on any of the CHYC Committees Contact:

Martin Holland Commodore@Charlotteharboryc.com

Or

Debbie DiLaura Manager@charlotteharboryc.com

COMMODORE'S COLUMN



Dear Members,

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday. I know that everyone that joined us for our Thanksgiving dinner enjoyed themselves very much. We are looking forward to a busy Christmas Holiday season with the Club hosting several Holiday Parties.

I would like to welcome our latest Member to the Club John Bothwell.

The Board of Directors and I are continuing the custom that we have traditionally performed here at CHYC for many years. We would like to give every Member an opportunity to remember those who have served us so well throughout the year with a donation, however large or small it is appreciated, to

the CHYC Employee Holiday Fund. Your contribution is strictly voluntary and gives all our Members an opportunity to recognize the dedication and service of our staff, those that we see and of those that work behind the scenes. To take part in the CHYC Employee Holiday Fund, simply send in the amount you would like to contribute separately from your billing payment in the Employee Holiday Fund envelope. We ask that we receive your donations by December 19, 2019.

We will continue to have your Club open for breakfast/brunch on Sundays and for lunch/early dinner, or just a visit, in the bar Tuesday – Friday, Lunch and full dinner Friday nights. We will have several private parties throughout the month so, please check the calendar or call the Club for more information.

This is a call for volunteers to help with on-the-water and onshore activities. If you would like to help with any part of the regattas, please contact Bob Knowles at bobknow@comcast.net. In particular, we could use your help to launch in the mornings and retrieve the boats after the day of racing.

The Club is a Member of the Florida Council of Yacht Clubs (FCYC), which allows you as a member of CHYC to visit the thirty-six yacht and sailing club members throughout Florida, located from the Panhandle to the Florida Keys, which make up the membership of FCYC. FCYC is dedicated to encouraging the sport of yachting and general club activities while promoting beneficial legislation and safety afloat. If you are interested in getting involved in representing CHYC as a Delegate Director, please contact me at commodore@charlotteharboryc.com. This is the website link for FCYC https://floridacouncilofyachtclubs.com. If you plan to visit any of the Council Clubs, please contact them directly for further information on reservations or any other information they may have. The next FCYC General Meeting will be held at Coral Reef Yacht Club, January 16th - 18th, 2026. The deadline for reservations for attending the General Meeting is on December 22nd. Let me know if you are interested in attending.

I would like to thank everyone that helped to decorate the Club for the Holidays. It looks great!

The BOD is acting as the Nominating Committee. Please, contact me at directly at commodore@charlotteharboryc.com if you are interested in serving as a Flag Officer's positions for next year.

Thank you for your continued support and participation in the Club. We have a fun month ahead and please join us for the sunset cannon Friday nights. We have an amazing view of the harbor and spectacular sunsets.

See you at the Club,

Commodore

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Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club

VICE COMMODORE



Holidays and family...

Hopefully you had a wonderful Thanksgiving as we are now officially in the holiday season. With Thanksgiving behind us and many celebrations ahead it brings focus to spending time with friends and loved ones. This holiday season may be time for reflection encouraging you to take stock of what you're thankful for and hopefully this has strong bonds with family and friends.

Many of our Members are "snowbirds" as they travel back and forth from away, settling in during the holiday season to their "home away from home." Unfortunately, many of their friends and family are back away, wherever that may be, so they may not be with their loved ones during the holidays. As club members our job is to make everyone feel welcome and like family!

At the club, it's the perfect place to be welcomed by your "family away from family" whether it's for a specific event, the many social activities, or just sitting by the fire pit watching an amazing sunset.

PS: Come join us for our CHYC tradition of firing the cannon at sunset celebrating "end of the work week" so raise your glass for a toast...

...here's to family and friends!

Sincerely, Capt. Russ CHYC Vice Commodore



FLEET REPORT

Happy December, CHYC Members!

It's hard to believe another year is almost over!

This month brings some of the best boating weather of the year, along with several festive activities on and around Charlotte Harbor. We just wrapped up our annual Boats-Giving Raft up at Cayo Costa and while it was a cold one, we still had a great time!

CHYC December Events

• The Saturday Night before Christmas Boat Parade – Sat., Dec. 20

Join the fun by decorating your boat or watching from the Isles canals. This annual event is a crowd favorite. If you would like to join in, contact Fleet Capt. Zach for more details.

• CHYC Christmas Canal Tour – Wed., Dec. 15th 7:45pm
A relaxed and festive cruise to through the Isles of Punta Gorda. Please RSVP for more information.

Local Harbor Highlights

- Punta Gorda Christmas Canal Cruises nightly through December
- Fishermen's Village Holiday Lights waterfront displays all month
- Boca Grande Lighthouse Holiday Events select dates

Quick Safety Note

Holiday traffic on the water increases, especially in the canals for Christmas lights—check your nav lights, maintain a safe wake in decorated canals and monitor VHF 16.

I look forward to seeing everyone on the docks and out enjoying the season. Wishing you all a safe, festive and fun month on the water.

Warm regards, Zach Gloer Fleet Captain, CHYC



A NOTE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER



Dear Esteemed Members,

The festive season is upon us, and we are excited to invite you and your families to a series of special events designed to bring our community together. Please take a moment to review the highlights below and mark your calendars!

Thursday, December 11th - Pub Night – Headliner: Michael Imbasciani

Join us this Thursday for a lively Pub Night featuring the talented Michael Imbasciani as our headliner. Enjoy an evening of great music, good company, and our warm pub atmosphere. Don't miss this chance to unwind and celebrate the season with friends, old and new.

Tuesday, December 16th - Cigar and Bourbon Night

For those who appreciate the finer things, we are hosting a special Cigar and Bourbon Night. Come relax, sample a curated selection of bourbons and enjoy premium cigars in a sophisticated setting. This is a perfect opportunity to indulge and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow Members.

Friday, December 19th - Membership Christmas Dinner

We are delighted to announce our annual Christmas Dinner—a festive gathering filled with delicious food, joyous conversation and holiday spirit. Bring your appetite and holiday cheer as we celebrate together. More information on the menu and reservations will follow soon.

Toys for Tots & Saint Vincent DePaul Food Bank Donations Deadline December 15th

In the spirit of giving, we are proud to support Toys for Tots and the Saint Vincent DePaul Food Bank this season. We encourage members to bring new, unwrapped toys and non-perishable food items to any of our holiday events. Collection bins will be available in the lobby and your generous contributions will help brighten the holidays for children and families in need within our community.

Employee Holiday Appreciation Fund - Deadline December 19th

As we celebrate together, we'd also like to remind everyone that it's not too late to contribute to our Employee Holiday Appreciation Fund. Your thoughtful donations directly support our dedicated staff and help us express our gratitude for their hard work throughout the year. If you wish to participate, please contact the office for details on how to contribute.

We look forward to celebrating the season with all of you. If you have any questions or need additional details, please contact our front office.

Have a Blessed and Merry Christmas,

Debbie DiLaura

BOD/General Manager Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club



DECEMBER 2025



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Pictures with Santa

Sunday, 12/14th 11 - 2 pm

and

Friday, 12/19th 11 - 2 pm

Call (941) 629-5131 to make your reservations

4400 Lister St Port Charlotte, FL 33952



~December 16th 2025~

from 6 - 8:00 pm

\$55.00 ++ p/p

Spaces are limited, so be sure to reserve your spot.
To RSVP, please contact us at: Phone: (941) 629-5131
Don't miss out on this evening of luxury and enjoyment.

We look forward to seeing you there!





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RSVPS

7:00 PM -9:00

\$70++

Cocktail Dress Attire

PM

Filet & Lobster or Pork Bruno
Mashed Potatoes & Broccoli with Baby Carrots
Dessert: Tiramisu & Cannoli
Includes a Champagne Toast at Midnight

Call for Reservations @ (941) 629-5131

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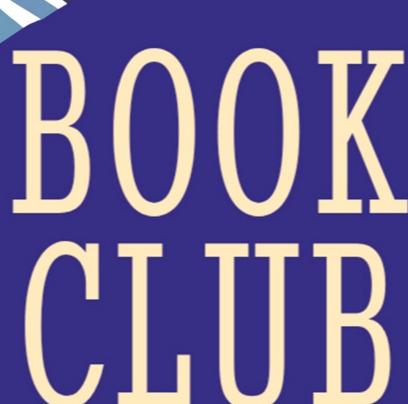
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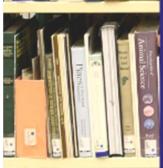


















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JOIN THE RACE COMMITTEE TEAM!



In just a few weeks the 2026 Regatta sailboat racing season will be starting up. This is a great opportunity to get involved by volunteering to help out onshore and on the water at the events. You do not need to have any experience with sailboat racing or race management but if you would like to give it a try please respond back right away.

Please Contact: Bob Knowles
941-214-0283 or at
bobknow@comcast.net
Thank you in advance,
Bob Knowles

Events:

1. Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club Regatta - February 7th and 8th



2. CHYC's Can Am Series

January 19th and 20th

January 22nd, 23rd and 24th

February 14th and 15th

March 23rd and 24th



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!







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or

Drop it at the office. Make Sure to put in the memo of The check specifies:

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Thank you for your financial support over the years for Charlotte Harbor Youth Sailing.

August brings a close to the Charlotte Harbor Youth Sailing (CHYS) 2024 Summer Camp. We hosted a blend of 75 beginners to advanced sailors participated 9 weeks of camps.

The B.O.D. of CHYS Jean Mastrangelo Vice President, Christi Van Heek Treasurer, Tina Barnes Secretary, Martin Holland President, Patty McFeeley Director, Hank Killion Director, Bob Knowles Director and our faithful Advisors: Roger Strube, Doug Shore, John Zeigler, Capt. Russ Tryer, would like to say a **Special Thank You** to our 2024 Head Instructor Dita Carlsen (CHYS) graduate, Assistant Instructor Emma Stoltman (CHYS) graduate and their volunteer staff Ben and Gerrick.

You made it an amazing summer for our young sailors!

CHYS has an established scholarship fund for disadvantaged area youth enabling them to take part in this program. Scholarships are provided to kids referred by Children's Network of SWFL, Guardian ad Litem volunteers/agency and counselors from SW Collegiate High School. CHYS is not involved in the candidate selection process.

A big thank you to ALL of the volunteers who have dedicated their time to help out, both on the water and on land.

We couldn't do this wonderful program without you!

We need your help to keep this program going! Please reach out to Commodore Martin Holland to get involved at martinh@ldreeves.com

You can follow us on both Instagram and Facebook, where you will find lots of great photographs of our young sailors on the water.



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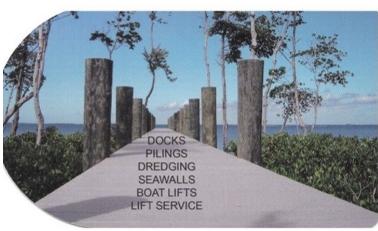
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<u>Casual:</u> Gentlemen wear dressy slacks, collared shirt, turtleneck or dressy collarless shirt with sleeves. Ladies wear skirts, dressy slacks and tops. For Gentlemen and Ladies, no shorts, no torn or cutoff clothing. Dress denim is allowed.

Shorts Permitted: Gentlemen wear dressy slacks or appropriate length shorts, collared shirt, turtleneck or dressy collarless shirt with sleeves. Ladies wear skirts, dressy slacks or dressy shorts and tops. For Gentlemen and Ladies, no T-shirts, torn or cutoff clothing. Upscale denim is allowed.

<u>Casual-Casual:</u> Designated areas are the Ships Wheel and the Outside Deck the designated areas for men and women to wear athletic clothing to include, but not limited to, sport clothing, T-shirts and shorts. The Ships Wheel will permit this type of dress between the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday. The Outside Deck will permit this type of dress from the Club opening until Club closing, unless there is a private function being held using the outside deck.

Please note: T-shirts are never permitted in the dining room.



Keep checking your e-mail and Instagram for Updates (Please make sure we have your current e-mail address)

