

# Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club



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### CHYC JANUARY SCHEDULE

Fuel: Fuel dock will be open every day 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Ship's Store: Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday - Thursday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Friday 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM - Sunday 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Lunch: Tuesday - Friday 11:00AM to 2:00 PM Ship's Wheel: Tuesday and Thursday 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Ship's Wheel Wednesday: 5:00 PM to Close Friday Pub Nite: 5:00 PM to Close

Sunday Breakfast: 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

January 4 - Harbor Lites Meeting and Luncheon 10:30 AM

January 5 - Member's Special Buffet Dinner 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

January 7 - Pub Nite 5:00 PM - Close Open House 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

January 8 - Member's Special Dinner in Harbor Room 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

January 12 - New Member Meet & Greet 5:00 PM Pasta Buffet Dinner 6:00 PM

January 13 - Member's Special Dinner 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

January 14 - Pub Nite 5:00 PM - Close Open House 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

January 15 - CHYC Deck Party 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

January 16 - Land-Yachts Commodore Cup Car Show 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

January 16 - \*\*No Breakfast Service\*\* Lunch Buffet 11:30AM - 2:00 PM

January 21 - Commodore's Dinner (watch more details in an email blast)

January 21 - Pub Nite 5:00 PM - Close Open House 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

January 23 - 29 - CanAm 1 & 2 Races \*Check Calendar for more details

January 28 - Pub Nite 5:00 PM - Close Open House 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

January 30 - \*\*No Breakfast Service\*\* Private Event

January 31 - CHYC Annual Meeting 7:00 PM

ALL ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE, WATCH FOR UPDATES IN E-MAIL BLASTS Please make sure we have your currant e-mail address

### \*RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED\*

Due to seating capacity, we reserve the right to assign seating as needed to meet our seating capacity.

Reservations are a must for ALL Functions. Cancellations must be made 24 hours prior to function or your account will be charged. Meals may be picked up in lieu of attending.

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

### **House & Rules**

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Rear Commodore: Hank Killion s.killion@comcast.net

**Membership:** OPEN

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### Entertainment: Tina Weida

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### COMMODORE'S COLUMN

Hello Members,

It is a new year here at the Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club.

Let me begin by expressing my appreciation to you, the membership, for supporting the Club during these continued difficult times and allowing me to serve as your Commodore for the past three (3) years. I am both honored and humbled with being able to serve for this final year. I have always tried my best to serve the Club and our members, in the best interests possible. I look forward to serving you as your new Past Commodore.

I would like to say thank you to our Vice Commodore, Roger Strube, Rear Commodore, Hank Killion, Treasurer, Doug Foster, Secretary Jeri Fine-Schaller, Fleet Captain Ralph DeCesare along with Directors Dan Nery, Tony Pocklington, Jeff Scholz and Tom Geisler for their service to the Club.

I would like to take a moment to remember all of our members and their families that we have lost during the year. It goes without saying all of our lost members are important to us, but I especially would like to remember PC Connie Martell and PC Chuck Atwood.

The year in review has several bright moments.

We are ending 2021 with an increase of membership and we continue to grow. I ask that you to welcome our newest members; Leigha Murray, Robert Caldwell, Vah Erdekian, Ian and Julie Lang, Mike Rollyson and Jeff Lehrian.

The marina wet slips are at capacity and there are just a few spots in the dry boat/trailer storage area.

I would like to thank our staff. With Vicki, her entire team and the addition of Chef Gary, we have one of the best locations in the area to dine again. We will continue to strive for the best membership experience for you and your guests. We do have the best views and the friendliest members!

I am thrilled to report the Charlotte Harbor Hospice Cup Regatta has raised over \$14,000 for our local Tidewell Hospice this year. I want to say Thank You to all of the competitors from the Harbor 20 Fleet 6 that competed for the Karen Wedemeyer trophy. Many thanks to Bob Knowles for his role as Regatta Chairman and to all of his team for their support to run the event. But, we would not have raised the amount of funds without all of you. We were  $4^{th}$  in the Country in fund raising. Thank you.

There are lots of exciting things on the horizon to which we have to look forward.

We will continue to showcase our Club and our amazing group of members to potential new members. The addition to our membership throughout the year has infused great energy back into the Club and we look forward to continuing with this momentum. Please continue to make our new members feel welcome and connected to the Club. We will be activating our new accounting and Point of Sale systems that will streamline these functions. These new systems couldn't be coming online without the help from Tom Strobel and Director Dan Nery.

Starting January  $4^{th}$ , the Club will be open for lunch from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Tuesday – Friday every week. We will continue with our Wednesday and Friday night dinners and our Sunday breakfast. Let's not forget about our Saturday deck and lawn parties too. Stay tuned to the calendar, Facebook and e-mail blasts for all of the dates.

We will also continue to create special events to bring us together and as safely as possible. January will bring the Annual Membership Meeting, the Car Show and the start of the 2022 2.4mR CanAm Regatta Series. The Regatta Series will continue to be different this year dealing with COVID and the International competitors, but we will showcase our Club and our waters to this International Class of competitors.

If you are interested in supporting your Club by serving on a committee, now is your opportunity to do so. We have lots of new faces and with your help, we can continue to grow. Please contact me if you are interested in being on any of our committees.

The Board of Directors has rescheduled the Annual Meeting. It will not be held on Monday January 10<sup>th</sup>. This is due to issues with the Nominating Committee requiring additional time that to present a Slate of Officers for your vote. They have been working tirelessly for you.

The posting of the new slate will be made on January 7<sup>th</sup>. The Annual Meeting will be held on January 31st at 7:00 PM. It is planned to be an in person meeting only. With the current COVID Variant that plan may need to change. If we are not able to open the doors and allow limited seating, we will hold the meeting via Zoom. We will provide an update the week prior to the meeting.

In closing, I will see you around the Club and at the Annual Membership Meeting. I would like to say a special thank you to our entire staff for all of their efforts and hard work. They will continue to strive and to improve your Club experience be the best it can be.

Keep a watchful eye on the Depth Sounder, Facebook and our website for new event flyers and more information. Please remember, we need volunteers and member participation to make our Club successful.

See you at the Club,

Martin Holland

Commodore

Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club

### **HOUSE & RULES**

Happy New Year from your Vice Commodore,



Roger Strube, MD (retired) Vice Commodore CHYC



### GROUNDS & MARINA



The month of December saw a very unexpected windstorm. On a Tuesday, December 21st, a surprise windstorm with gusts of 80+ mph came through the harbor. Fortunately, the club had only minor

damage. The most notable was in the dry storage area where three Harbor 20s were remove from their trailers. We were able to have a crane come in the next day and reset the boats onto their trailers. Had the boats been properly tied down on their trailers, no wind movement would have existed.

Ongoing grounds and marina maintenance continue year around. A tree was removed near the gazebo; the tree roots had caused problems to a water line in the dock area. The Dockmasters have repaired several of the boards on the center docks. A special thank you to CHYC member,

Jay Repo for donating the beautiful orchids, plants in front of the Dockmaster's building and caring for them.

The marina slips are full; we currently have three people on the waiting list. There is space in the dry storage area available.

Have a happy New Year.

Hank Killion Rear Commodore



### FLEET ACTIVITIES

### **Greetings Mariners!**

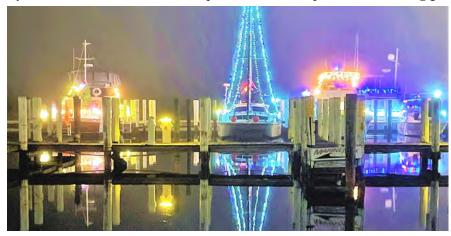
Happy New Year! The Christmas Cruise on December 7, 8, 9 and 10 was very successful! Palm Harbor Marina was a new location for this party and it really worked out well. The marina staff was happy to have us there and sorry to see us go. I've heard nothing but positive comments from all who attended. Prizes for best decorated boats went to Jeff Letteri and Michael Walters.

We continue to hold our Deck / Sailing parties every other Saturday afternoon. All members, of course, are welcome to attend and spend some time sailing one of our club owned boats as weather permits.

In January, we are planning a Dinner / Theatre cruise to Fort Myers to see "Singin' In The Rain" at the Broadway Palm Theatre. Cruise dates will be January 18, 19 and 20. We will stay at St. Charles Yacht Club or Legacy Harbor Marina as a back-up. If you are interested in this cruise, please contact Ralph at rdecesare21@gmail.com.

Happy Boating!

Ralph DeCesare, Fleet Captain



### CLUB MANAGER

### Happy New Year 2022!

On behalf of the staff and myself, I would like to thank all of those who contributed to the Employee Holiday Fund this year. You really don't know how much it means to all of the staff to be thought of at this time of year with all the struggles some face. With the new staff, it was quite the surprise for them when they received it. Thank you all again!

I am happy to announce that we have welcomed seven (7) new members in December to the club! Leigha Murray, Robert Caldwell, Vah Erdekian, Ian and Julie Lang, Mike Rollyson and Jeff Lehrian. Let's all welcome our newest members to the club! January 12<sup>th</sup> will be the "New Member Meet & Greet", all Members are invited to attend.

We will be spotlighting our new members in our Depth Sounder and for future ones, as well. If you have not sent in your picture for us to include in the "New Member Spotlight", please send a photograph to teaweid@yahoo.com or Tina can take a beautiful picture of you at the club.

Please check out the January calendar and flyers for all events.

Our Annual Toy Drive this year went to C.A.R.E and it was a great success! A big THANK YOU to all who donated to the less fortunate children in our county.

If there is an event you would like to have at the club, please contact me! I can make it happen with your help.

\*Fridays this winter will continue to be "Open House" for all Prospective members to come in and experience what our wonderful club has to offer. Our goal, with your help, is to reach 300 members by the end of this season.

Thanks to all of our members for supporting the Club and introducing friends and neighbors. Let's keep the momentum going! As a reminder to <u>all</u> members, you are the Ambassadors of your club, so please invite your close friends, neighbors and family to the club to join our wonderful family!

With the increased number of members and staff having received a vaccine and boosters, our continued social distancing and the level of cleanliness that we demonstrate, our members have felt very safe at the Club. With that in mind, the staff are wearing masks again for continued safety for all. We will always continue to provide a safe environment for all members and staff.

My goal this year is to make the most memorable experiences for our members. That said, I would ask all of our members to please take a moment to fill out a Comment Card. There is nothing better than hearing from a member how wonderful the food, staff or event was, but also hearing what we can do to make their experience better.

May this coming 2022 year bring us much success for your club!

Victoria Tannuzzi, Club Manager



# Bridge Winners... December 7th 1st Carol Jeffereys 2nd Louise Rea 3rd Diane Floramo December 14th 1st Phoebe Mc Millan 2nd Kaye MacDonald 3rd Diane Floramo December 21st Cancelled—Weather December 28th 1st Janie Ressell 2nd Jayne Dietsch 3rd Diane Floramo

### HARBOR LITES



January is bright and sunny as we begin the year 2022. It is my wish to welcome everyone into a fresh new year; void of all viruses and variants we have had to deal with for the past several years. Hopefully, we can all get together again without worry and stress in the coming months.

Twenty (20) members were in attendance at our December 2021 meeting. Although the Harbor Lites meeting attendance is down, at this time, we hope we can bounce back up again, soon. Our CHYC membership is constantly rising. We certainly have the best view of the Harbor in all of Charlotte County.

CHYC really appreciates our members coming to enjoy our Tuesday luncheons (11:00 AM – 2:00 PM) and socializing in the Ship's Wheel. We are happy to inform you that the Ship's Wheel is now open every Tuesday and Thursday to all of our members from 4:00 PM until closing for your enjoyment. Friday night in the Ship's Wheel is always a great way to start the

weekend. We will be having an Open House every Friday night during the month of January, so please be sure to invite your friends, neighbors and family members to your Club.

If you are a new member and are receiving the Depth Sounder for the first time, Harbor Lites ladies hold their meetings on the first Tuesday of the month. The doors open at 9:30 AM for coffee and muffins; the meeting begins at 10:30 AM. We hold a short business meeting then our 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President presents a monthly program for our members followed by a wonderful meal prepared by our fabulous Chef. We have added quite a few new CHYC members recently and we extend an open invitation to <u>all</u> of our members to join us for Harbor Lites on the first Tuesday of the month.

We hold a 50/50 Raffle and a Basket Raffle at each Harbor Lites meeting during our "busy season"; our lucky winners were Connie Fernandes and Louise Rea.

At our December meeting, Tom O'Brien lead the ladies with singing an assortment of Christmas carols. We all enjoyed singing in harmony, the lovely voices that echoed throughout CHYC.

Beginning January 4, 2022, CHYC will be open for lunch every Tuesday through Friday from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM; reservations are required. The club is open every Tuesday through Friday for socializing from 11:00 AM until closing. It is quite relaxing and serene to share lunch or libations on the deck or at one of the many outside tables overlooking the harbor. You may even meet a new member while you are there. We need to keep our club growing; please feel free to share your club with your friends, neighbors and yes, your relatives.

This Tuesday, January 4, 2022, our speaker will be from Tidewell Hospice. Tidewell Hospice will touch most of us, in one way or another, and this will be a great opportunity to see what they have to offer to our community.

Please remember, if you have any suggestions, questions or concerns related to Harbor Lites please feel free to contact Lynn Spillane or Audrey Walther.

Our next Harbor Lites meeting will be Tuesday, February 1, 2022.

Safe travels .....

See you around the Club!

**Audrey Walther**, President







# **JANUARY 2022**



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NO BREAKFAST SERVICE DELTA KAPPA GAMMA FASHION SHOW	Club Closed CHYC ANNUAL MEETIMG 7:00 PM					





# \*\*Come for the sunset and stay for dinner\* Fridays January 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2022 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

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Music, Cocktails and Dinner

A million dollar view of the harbor awaits you, your family and friends.

You don't have to know how to sail or

have a boat to have fun at

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# MEMBER'S SPECIAL DINNER

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 5, 2022

### BUFFET DINNER

5:00 PM -7:00 PM

Salad Bar

Prime Rib Carving Station

Coconut Mahi Mahi

Chicken Primavera

Mashed Potato

Rice Pilaf

Vegetable Medley

Dessert Table

Coffee, Tea or Iced Tea

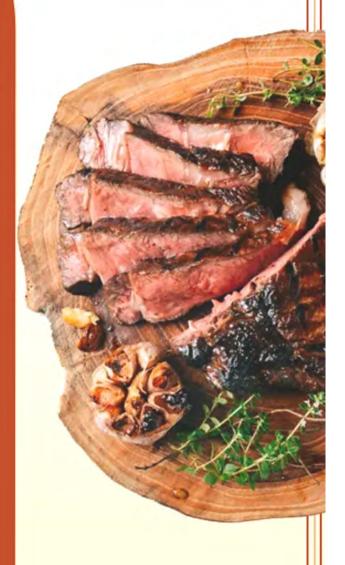
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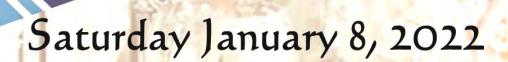
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5:00 PM-7:00 PM

House salad (choice of dressing)

Grilled Florida Grouper Oscar

Fresh Grouper, Lobster Meat, Yuzu Citrus Hollandaise, Baby Bakers, Sugar Snap Peas and Carrots

\$30.00 PP++

Prime Rib

10 oz. Slow Roasted Certified Black Angus Choice Beef, Au Jus, Horseradish Cream,

Baby Bakers, Sugar Snap Peas and Carrots

\$32.00 PP++

Chicken Bruschetta Ravioli

Four Cheese Ravioli, Italian Chicken Cutlet, Marinara, Fresh Mozzarella, Grape Tomato Bruschetta, Balsamic Glaze,

Baby Bakers, Sugar Snap Peas and Carrots

\$26.00 PP++

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Wednesday January 12, 2022
All Members are Invited to a
Meet, Greet and Eat

5:00 PM to 6:00 PM Complimentary

Wine & Antipasta

6:00 PM Live Action Pasta Buffet

\$18 PP++

Reservations are Required

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# Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club Land-Yachts Commodore Cup



### CLASSIC-EXOTIC-SPORTS CAR SHOW

Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

4400 Lister Street, Port Charlotte FL 33952 (941) 629-5131

The CHYC is hosting a very special car show with vehicles from 35 manufacturers from 6 countries. Each car represents a different model spanning from 1923 to 2020. We are proud to show several extremely rare cars, from one off prototype to the only example imported to the US. There will be something for everybody's taste, from micro car to luxury sedan and from sports super car to pickup truck.

All cars were carefully selected to show the wide range of individual transportation through the ages.

Entry to the show is closed - no cars can enter the show on the day of the event. We provide parking for the show audience within the Yacht Club and around the perimeter.

The Club House with the best view on Charlotte Harbor will be open for a lunch buffet from 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM.



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# Join the Race Committee Team!



In just a few weeks the 2022 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 contact

bobknow@comcast.net

Thank you in advance, Bob Knowles

### **Events:**

1. CHYC's Hospice Cup - December 4th and 5th

2. Charlotte Harbor Regatta - February 4th, 5th and 6th

3. CHYC's Can Am Series

January 24th and 25th

January 27th, 28th and 29th

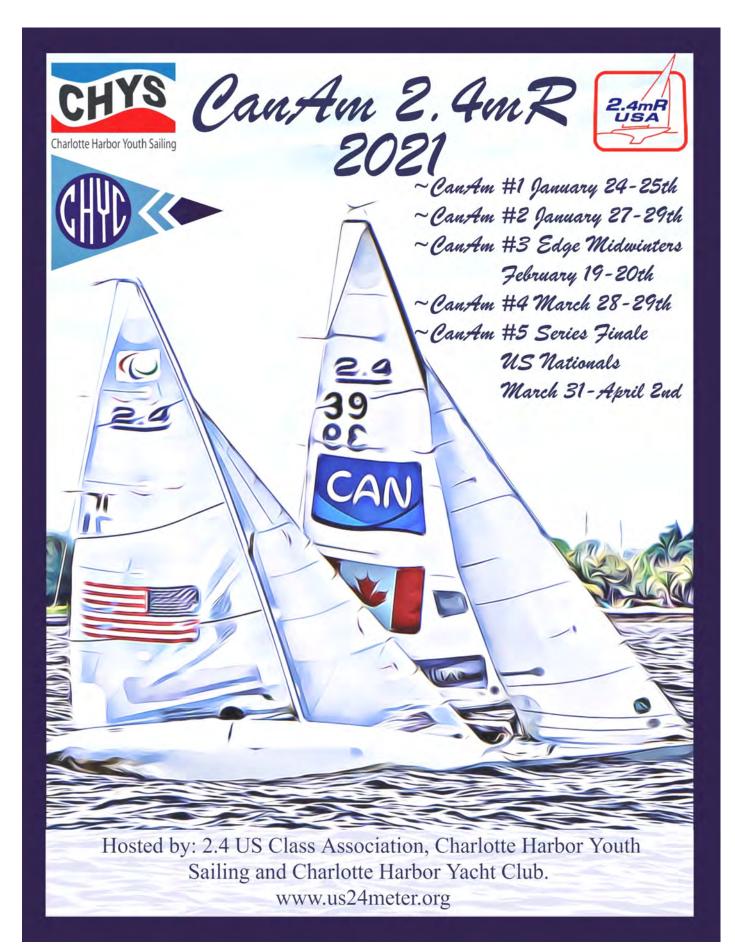
February 19th and 20th

March 28th and 29th

March 31st, April 1st and 2nd

bobknow@comcast.net

GET INVOLVED!







RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED 941-629-5131 SINGER, SONG WRITER JOHNNY BAUER has been performing music in Western New York for his entire life. Johnny has also written over 200 original songs. Diverse yet melodic, his songs have something to appeal to music lovers of all ages. His covers are remade as his own and include artists from the 70s to present day. Some of his vast repertoire include a huge mix of genres: classic rock, country, pop and blues. Including songs by Eric Clapton, Tom Petty, Keith Urban, Zac Brown Band, Foo Fighters and Bruno Mars. A performance by Johnny will never leave you bored and will have the whole audience singing along.

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## Fleet Christmas Cruise



# 7th Annual Hospice Cup Regatta



Keith Hammer Michael Slowinski Jason Boehm Carol Souza Nick Swartz John Seepe Jim Wolfe Betsv Wolfe Thomas O'Brien Susan Knight Tom McGinnis Mary McGinnis Tim Rosenthal Glenda Rosenthal Jay Repo Michelle Kalanja Jerry Stoll Jerry Cash David Gibbens Joanne Kundl Jack Clarkson Linda Clarkson Robert Trapp Debbie Schlinghoff Dr. Robert Klein **Bob Stout** Dee Stout Pat Camp Don Clement Philip Voyer Mike Hinz Thomas Fitzgerald Curtis Wezeman Steven Lahr Debra Lahr Doug Foster Michael Colgan Warren Anderson Dick Behrend Trask Telesmanich Gailmarie Hanna **Bobby Nichols** Lisa Nichols Kem Edwards Pat Theilmann Donna Theilmann Elaine Picard Raymond Springer Larisa Kislov Igor Ustinovich Terri Colaninno Tyler Grover Lori Grover Brian Joseph Judy Joseph Daniel Platt Krista Platt Timothy Rathbun Ron Cyr James Altizetz Egon Kleist Valentina Kleist

# CHYC 2021 New Members Welcome to the Club!

New members email your photos to teaweid@yahoo.com







Jerry Stoll



Carol Souza



Curtis Wezeman

Omar Berry Craig Larmon Julie Larmon Doug Breon Susan Breon James Gienko Sheila Smaltz Stephen Stankiewicz Marge Harvey Burt Wahlburg Eileen Wahlburg Brittany Ingman Jordan Ingman Tom Gorgas Jacque Gorgas Lvnn Pitz Leigha Murray Robert Caldwell Vah Erdekian Ian Lang Julie Lang Mike Rollyson



Keith Hammer



Jay Repo



Dick Behrend



**Doug Foster** 



Kem Edwards



Teresa Colaninno



Dan Platt



Pat Camp



Joanne Kundl



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Tyler & Lori Grover



Steve & Debra Lahr



Mike Hinz



Burt & Eileen Wahlburg



Egon & Valentina Kleist



CHYC MEMBER SPONSORED

TELL US WHO YOU WANT TO PLAY ON WHICH FRIDAY NIGHT

## FRIDAY PUB NITE

DOORS OPEN AT 5PM

MUSIC

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

We are planning to initiate a High School Sailing Club with students from Florida SouthWestern

Collegiate High School (the "Buccaneers") this coming spring. CHYS has established a scholarship fund for disadvantaged area youth enabling them to take part in this program. We will need your help.

Scholarships are provided to kids referred by Children's Network of SW FL, the Guardian ad

Litem volunteers/agency and counselors from Florida SW Collegiate High School. CHYS is not involved in the candidate selection process.

Please click **HERE** or enter the following website address into your Internet Browser:

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Amazon Smile will make a small donation to CHYS for every item you purchase.

Thank you for your support.



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"Will be invoiced annually" 1/8 of a page \$250.00 per 12 month period 1/4 of a page \$500.00 per 12 month period (this size ad included in business membership) 1/3 of a page \$700.00 per 12 month period ½ of a page \$900.00 per 12 month period Full page ad \$1500.00 per 12 month period 1/4 Page \$500.00 Included in business membership (3.75x5 or 3.75 x10) ½ page \$900.00

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# CHYC Members Get \$1000 Off The Freedom Boat Club Entry Fee!



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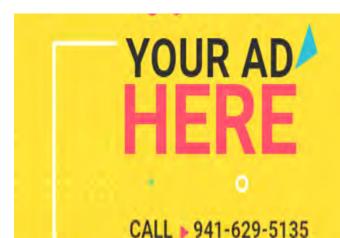
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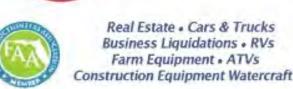


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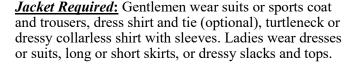
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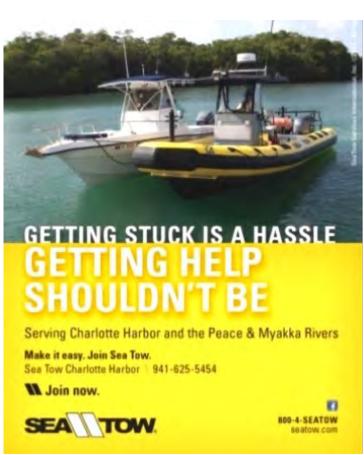
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Casual-Casual: Designated areas are the Ships Wheel and the Outside Deck -the designated areas for men and women to wear athletic clothing to include, but not limited to, sport clothing, tee shirts and shorts. The Ships Wheel will permit this type 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.



### History of The Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club 1994 Roster

Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club, Inc., was founded by a group of foresighted individuals who recognized the need in the area for boating facilities, complete with a clubhouse, lounge, restaurant and marina. A committee of members of Port Charlotte Yacht Club, headed by Homer McOmber, decided to investigate possible sites and costs. Their findings were presented and on March 29, 1973, 33 people signed pledges to pick up the option to buy a five-acre piece of property owned by Dr. H. Ivan Brown, overlooking Charlotte Harbor. At the March 29<sup>th</sup> meeting, \$1,392 was raised by the Founders to secure the option on the property.

### Our honorable Founders were:

Burr Bishop\*, Vernon W. Conoway\*, John\* and Margaret\* Dowling, Aloyse Emerick\*, Fern Fullmer, Frederick\* and Marion Gould, Theodore\* and Kay Gunderson, Dr. Cal\* and Laura Hagerman, William\* and Eve\* Hemminger, Captain John\* and Marie\* Kasper, John and Margaret\* Lang, Homer\* and Joyce\* McOmber, Kenneth\* and Velda\* Preston, Dorothy V. Robinson, Harry\* and Hattie\* Hill, V/ Admiral Arnold and Becky Schade, Harry and Edith Simpson, Albert\* and Vera\* Thompson, Norman\* and Leona\* Walker (\*denotes deceased)

By April.2, 1973, a general plan had been formulated and services of an attorney were engaged to be certain all was done legally. Corporation officers were elected: Commodore - Homer McOmber; Vice Commodore - Norman Walker; Rear Commodore - Al Thompson; Secretary - Kenny Preston; Treasurer - John Lang. On April 24th the first Standing Committee Chairmen were chosen: Publicity - Arnold Schade; Finance - Bill Hemminger; Membership - Harry Hill; Building - Harry Simpson; Bylaws - Cal Hagerman.

It was decided that each Founder would purchase a \$500 Series A bond and this Bond would be a prerequisite for future membership. Bylaws were selected almost verbatim from those of the Royal Palm Yacht Club (RPYC) of Ft. Myers. From here on this ambitious group was committed to expenditures over \$400,000 and extensive planning in order to achieve their goals!

The first newspaper publicity appeared in the Ft. Myers NEWS PRESS in April 1973, the Articles of incorporation as a non-profit organization were received. In May an office was established in the Cable TV building, staffed by the Founders and, later, Charter Members. A monthly newsletter was developed by Dr. Hagerman, and from his five-year efforts evolved what we now receive each month called "Depth Sounder."

On June 21, 1973, the first ad soliciting memberships appeared in the NEWS PRESS: "Membership in the Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club is open to all who are interested in good companionship, excellent cuisine, a relaxing 'yachting' atmosphere and Florida sunshine!" Rezoning of property was approved, in July 1,000 brochures were mailed in a concerted effort to obtain Charter Members that month. The first social (an afternoon tea for members and guests) was held at the Port Charlotte Beach Complex.

The property purchased for \$200,000 was completed on September 4, 1973, the Title was passed to CHYC, Inc. In the following months there were many activities: the initial Club cruise went to the Pink Elephant Restaurant at Boca Grande, in November 400 members and guests attended the first Dinner/Dance sponsored by the Club at Memorial Auditorium; A Country-Western Jamboree was held at the Beach Complex; there were cruises to Cayo Costa, Cabbage Key, and South Seas Plantation for picnics and lunches. The first Annual Meeting of the Corporation was held at St. James Episcopal Church, when the first Board of Directors was elected, Harry Simpson accepted Chairmanship.

Architectural plans of the EPYC were given to our Board. In January 1974, the architect presented an estimate of building costs, a four-year budget was prepared, the Finance Committee applied for a loan at the Port Charlotte Bank and Trust. It was approved! Founder's Day was celebrated on March 29, this became an annual affair! Building, dredging, and excavation permits were applied for from the County, U.S. Corps of Engineers, Florida Pollution Control Board, and the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvements Trust Fund. All were finally received by June, next came approval of sewage disposal hookup from General Development Corp. Progress!

In the meantime, our talented and industrious women gathered on May 22, 1974, for a "coffee" at the home of Virginia McDaniel and Vivian Sheridan. From that meeting evolved HARBOR LITES, members met monthly in homes until the clubhouse was completed. From the very beginning HARBOR LITES provided special social contacts, its programs, speakers and other entertainment have been informative and in keeping with the times. Well over \$100,000 has been raised during 18 years through card parties, fashion shows, luncheons, a Bazaar; this money has provided important amenities which are evident all over our Club - the "frills" not the regular budget!

The first project (October 29, 1974) was a Fashion Show and Boutique held at the Beach Complex that netted \$1,064. That "Boutique" eventually became our "Bazaar." The first officers of HARBOR LITES were elected in January 1975: President - Kay Rice; Vice President - Joyce McOmber; Secretary - Sally Pritchett; Treasurer - Lillian Sestak; Publicity Chairman - Eloise Richardson; and ex officio members Becky Schade and Hattie Hill.

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A revised architectural plan calling for an 80 x 80 ft. clubhouse and a 100 x 185 ft. docking area at an estimated cost of \$200,000 was submitted and approved in July 1974. Groundbreaking ceremonies took place on September 19, 1974, the next month a contract was awarded for construction of the clubhouse for \$105,000. A concerted effort was then made for more capital through the purchase of Series B Bonds to furnish the interior. Dues were established at the Second Annual Meeting: \$192 for a family membership and \$96 for a single. On January 15, 1975, contract for the Basin seawall, dredging, and the paving of a parking area was awarded for \$69,495.

On March 6, 1975, one of the prime goals of the Founders was reached: CHYC was unanimously approved as a member of the Florida Council of Yacht Clubs, according to its members reciprocal privileges at the 16 other Clubs in the Council (today they number 33). A Certification of Occupancy was received, special plans began to take shape for official opening ceremonies on Sunday, May 18, 1975, at 4:00 PM Three hundred happy people attended! The first Dinner/Dance was held in the new clubhouse on Friday, June 6, 1975, there were three seatings to accommodate everyone. Opening ceremonies were in June 1975 for the new yacht basin, but not until September were the Coast Guard-approved channel markers into the basin established. Charter memberships were cut off when 400 were reached in July 1975, no more Series A Bonds were issued; the first waiting list was established; our ABC license was granted; initiation fee became \$650. All cash flow was replaced by "chits", and no tipping was permitted.

CYHC now had its physical facilities and dreams of a great future! The Change of Watch in January 1975 became a traditional formal affair the men started their monthly luncheon meetings, which today are known as HARBORMASTERS; and the women started their Games Day.

In 1976 HARBOR LITES began Flite Bridge and Mahjongg lessons were offered. Gasoline and diesel fuel became available at the basin, our first annual yearbook was distributed. Construction of the Tennis courts began in September and was completed in 1977, in time for opening ceremonies in March and a Fourth of July weekend tournament. The Commodore's Ball (a black-tie affair) was held on October 9, 1976, the first Couples Dinner/Bridge night began that same month.

A large expansion was approved by the membership in 1978, from which the Club gained more office and storage space, better kitchen facilities, more restrooms and an informal dining area now known as the Ship's Wheel. Lights were installed in the parking area, all was completed by December 1978.

In 1979 members contributed to a fund to erect a flagpole at the basin entrance, the channel was dredged again and the first Dinner/Duplicate Bridge night came about. Bingo was started in 1980, members were actively involved with grading and landscaping, making improvements outside and inside.

January 30, 1981, was the charter date for CHYC's Blue Gavel Chapter, an International Association of Past Commodores of eligible Yacht Clubs. That year brought new carpet and draperies, new tile in the kitchen and a walkway behind the clubhouse. The first Blessing of the Fleet took place in Edgewater Lake - in 1991 it was celebrated in our own yacht basin!

A "no name storm" suddenly hit our area in 1982, damaging the basin and many boats. It took over \$3,000 to repair damages to the basin itself. This was also the year when the aluminum yardarm was installed at the front of our building.

In 1983 a new dance floor was installed and ceiling fans added to the ballroom. Next year a minimum dining room charge of \$35 per month was set and Drink Ticket Books were introduced. The Ship's Wheel and the bar were modified in 1985 to accommodate more people, 45 members contributed to installing floodlights in front of the building. A major renovation of kitchen and storage facilities was completed in 1987, the first talks about expansion of the yacht basin surfaced.

A Planning Committee for this big project began its work, at the Annual meeting in December 1988, membership approved the plans and financing of the \$300,000 expansion. Groundbreaking ceremonies took place on March 13, 1990 – 15 months after the approval! Just before the dedication of the refurbished basin in September, some of our members built a wooden deck across the side of the clubhouse. Tables, chairs and colorful umbrellas were added and provided a relaxing addition from which the view of the Charlotte Harbor is superb.

The year 1994 finds the CHYC a charming blend of tradition and new ideas. Now fully matured at 21 years of age; membership is 690 (1219 people); the initiation fee is \$2,000/\$1,000; family/individual membership annual dues are \$726/\$363 and the annual dining room minimum is \$35/\$17.50 per month. Members from far flung parts in America and Canada have joined talent and tribute to build a true sense of camaraderie worthy of the legacy of our founders.

We are looking for some of our members to help fill in the gap from 1995 to date. Anyone interested? Please contact Commodore Holland.

Wednesday March 29, 2023 will be 50 years

Sunday Breakfast 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Tuesday - Friday Lunch 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Tuesday - Thursday the Ship's Wheel is Open at 4:00 PM Ship's Wheel Wednesday 5:00 PM - Close Friday Pub Nite 5:00 PM - Close

January 4 - Harbor Lites Meeting and Luncheon 10:30 AM January 5 - Member's Special Buffet Dinner 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

January 7 - Pub Nite 5:00 PM - Close Open House 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

January 8 - Member's Special Dinner in Harbor Room 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

January 12 - New Member Meet & Greet 5:00 PM Pasta Buffet Dinner 6:00 PM

January 13 - Member's Special Dinner 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM January 14 - Pub Nite 5:00 PM - Close Open House 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

January 15 - CHYC Deck Party 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

January 16 - Land-Yachts Commodore Cup Car Show 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

January 16 - \*\*No Breakfast Service\*\* Lunch Buffet 11:30AM - 2:00 PM January 21 - Commodore's Dinner

January 21 - Pub Nite 5:00 PM - Close Open House 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

January 23 - 29 - CanAm 1 & 2 Races \*Check Calendar for more details

January 28 - Pub Nite 5:00 PM - Close Open House 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

January 30 - \*\*No Breakfast Service\*\* Private Event January 31 - CHYC Annual Meeting 7:00 PM

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