



## FROM THE HELM

Manatee County Pace Center for Girls added a chunk of change to its piggy bank. Check out all the great things Pace Center does here: http://www.pacecenter.org/

tournaments. At least that was the main complaint I heard during my first month as your Commodore. First came the Crosthwait, then Firefighters and in mid-July the tent went up again for the annual DeSoto event. And don't forget the ducks we sent floating down the Cut.

It may seem

around

grounds

fishing

It might interest our members to learn that, collectively, these events raised almost \$50,000 this year to better the lives of children in our community. The Crosthwait, launched 28 years ago by BYC's then commodore, Sam Crosthwait, provides academic scholarships for the best and the brightest Manatee County voungsters.

Badly burned children find a bit of relief from their suffering at a special camp just for them; proceeds from the Firefighters Tournament pay their way. And the venerable DeSoto Tournament, 14 years strong, supports numerous organizations here where we live.

As for the ducks: Hundreds of bathtub toy quackers, each carefully numbered for its owner/ sponsor, were set afloat on the out-going tide, (unfortunately slack), in the cut while the DeSoto anglers were off fishing. Winners took home a bit of money, 250 spectators had a blast and the

The four events happened over three weekends, leaving the year's other 49 relatively quiet. True, the docks were full. But the clubhouse was open, the pool and tennis courts were available, and there were open slips in the yacht basin for those of you who needed a place to tie up.

Moral of the story: We hope those of you who are NOT anglers will be happy in the knowledge that a little temporary inconvenience does enormous good for the community.

I've also been asked about my agenda for the Club this Basically, there are three items: 1) Keep us going in the same direction with lots of events to keep us all enthusiastic; 2) Strive for consistency, quality and top notch service in the bar and the dining room; 3) Add at least 50 new members to the roster. You should start seeing real progress on #2 now that our new, award-winning chef is on the job. Membership Chairman Brian Smith is working up a plan of member incentives even as we speak and you'll be hearing all about them soon. (Of course, you don't need to wait if you have a hot member prospect now. Give Brian or Ken a call and they will sign him/her up.

## Commodore Harry Blenker

Some recognitions are in order this month. The Change of Watch was one of the year's nicest parties and the staff deserves special accolades for their smooth, professional care of a large crowd. The next day's party was great, too, and the rain clouds finally blew away just in time for the awesome fireworks display that night. Thanks to the members, (look for their names in this Poopdeck), for donating the funds to make it happen.

And finally, it's worth remembering how fortunate we are to enjoy a financially sound, full-service club that's open for our pleasure six days a week. Contrast that state of affairs to other clubs that are folding, or cutting back to two or three day operations in this tough economy. BYC is there for you, just like always.

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## Bradenton Yacht Club

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## Reservations Please call ahead to reserve your table 722-5936

Tuesday-Thursday: Lunch Menu 11:30 am to 9:00 pm, Dinner Menu 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Friday & Saturday: Lunch Menu 11:30 am to 9:30 pm,

Dinner Menu 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Sunday Lunch: 11:30 am to 4:00 pm

**Tiki Bar**: 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm, Friday; Noon to 11:00, Saturday; Noon to 7:30 pm, Sunday. *Weather Permitting* 

## June Visitors by the Sea

Bradenton YC 18	Isles YC	2
Charlotte Harbor YC 3	Marathon YC	1
Clearwater YC 1	Sarasota YC	6
Davís Island YC 2	St. Pete YC	10
Isla Del Sol YC 1		
Total Number of Visi	tors 44	
Total Power Boats	33	
Total Saílboats	11	
Diesel Fuel Sold	6,468 gallons	
Gas Sold	7,407 gallons	

## Attention All BYC Members...

Two (2) members' names will appear hidden within the Poopdeck. If you find your name (with a star next to it), you will receive two (2) complimentary bar drinks, one time during the month, on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evening. Please let your server know that you are one of the chosen ones for the month.

## BYC PHONE EXTENSIONS

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Dept.	Contact	Ext.
Accounts Payable	Whitney	201
Accounts Receivable	Jenifer	202
Banquets/Reservations		206
Bar	To Go	208
Chef/Kitchen	Tomas	209
Controller/Office Manager	Alice	204
Dining Rooms Manager	Helen	205
Dockmaster	Doc	212
For Assistance	Operator	0
General Manager	Ken	203
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Tiki Bar	Outside	211



## BASIN

Jim Terry

As many members know, recently there was a small electrical fire on a boat in our south basin. Tragedy was averted, and no one

was hurt, but hopefully all can learn a valuable lesson from the unfortunate situation. As many boats have refrigerators, water heaters, lights, battery chargers, air conditioners and heaters that require constant current, it is very important to check and double check your power cords, and the connection they make with both your boat and a power pedestal.

Palmetto Fire Department responded very quickly and, after the electrical fire was extinguished, inspected the area for a cause. They ruled out our power supply, but noticed the end of the power line that was attached to the boat was charred and black. Always check to make sure your power cords are attached properly and tightly to both shore power and at your boat. If your power cord falls in the water, dry it, spray it down with a penetrating oil and let dry before plugging it into the power station. If the end is burnt, replace it; if the cord is damaged, replace it. Do not let your power cord hang in the water; it will leak power and use up your zincs.

If you forget to unhook your cord and pull away from the dock, you might not see damage but internal damage could happen to the strands of wire inside the covering. Boaters should look for DAMAGE, CORROSION, PITTING, HOT CORDS; never force connections, never cut or splice your cord. Boaters should not leave the power cord plugged into the power box when gone in the boat. Always turn off the breaker when connecting the cord to the boat or power station. Keep your power cord healthy; my boat could be next to yours. Eleven percent of all boat fires are due to power cord problems. The breaker will not trip until the 30 or 50 amps are reached and the fire will be well under way before that happens.

All basin renters should be aware that the City of Palmetto Fire Department only has a 200 ft. hose and it will require a 20 minute delay to hook up extra hoses to reach your boat if you are in a slip that the fire truck cannot pull up to. I would advise you check your fire extinguishers, and make sure you have enough to handle a small blaze, as you never know when you may need them.

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With your help and the concerted efforts from a dedicated board, helpful staff and diligent manager, the Bradenton Yacht Club will continue as it has for almost 65 years.

See you at the Club.



## Regular Membership

#2395 Marcia McNeely & Mitch Clark 12614 Bayfront Terrace Cortez, FL 34215 526-5920 Never Settle -- 32' SeaRay

#2402 Michelle Hix-Woodham & Michael Woodham 2110 Manatee Ave. W. Bradenton, FL 34205 813-6280 24' Custom

### **Junior Membership**

#2401 Dennis & Stacey Romano 15323 Blue Fish Circle Bradenton, FL 34202 755-1367

#### **Reinstatements**

#1656 Lisa Blanton #1973 Dennis Bundy #1983 Charles Ashley

#### In Memoriam

PC Col. Lawrence Stover

Typically, there are many membership resignations at the end of the fiscal year. For a complete list and for future resignations, please go to www. bradentonyachtclub.com, sign in and look for them under Member Central / Announcements.

## **CLUB MANAGER**



From the BYC Charter: THE BRADENTON YACHT CLUB is a non-profit corporation organized under Florida Law to promote yachting and facilitate social amenities. THE

CLUB conducts many varied activities for the benefit of its members. I believe these statements are known by all involved to be true. We are non-profit, we promote yachting, and we facilitate social events and amenities. We do conduct many varied activities, and they are all for our members' benefit.

Have you ever stopped to think about how many different activities we actually do? We are a club of boaters and non-boaters -- sail boaters, power boaters, personal watercraft boaters, personal powered boaters. People who like to race, people who like to fish, people who like to cruise, people who like to dive and people who like prams. We are a club of twenty something's to ninety something's, and every number in between; we have families, empty nesters, and people who never had children. We are a club of many different ethnicities, religious beliefs, political associations and education. There are men and women, crackers and vankees, Gators and Noles, and even some other school affiliations. We are a diverse group, some of which who want white glove service, and others who want a cheap bite off of our best paper plates. There are members here who are always happy, and those who sometimes seem to not want to be happy. The one thing all of the above have in common is the Membership here

The Management and Crew of the Bradenton Yacht Club are committed to providing for all of you! We go from tiki to wine society in 10 seconds flat, we sell an average of 300 burgers a month, and while far from the billions served at Micky Dees, we have been told we have a mighty fine burger. Our Wine Dinners, while only serving an average of 40 members a month, have been heralded as some of the finest food in the county. We can put on a down and dirty BBQ, and sell out a dinner dance in the same day. We juggle fisherman, sailors and cruisers like a clown at the circus. We stay busy aiming to please, yet it seems like there are always times we struggle to make the perfect grilled cheese, or get that strip steak or burger temperature exactly right. Believe me, it is not for a lack of trying, and like a sports figure, we love to pitch the perfect game or hit for the cycle. We will continue our quest to get it right, and appreciate the fact that so many of you tell us when we do!

Speaking of getting it right -- Kudos to Scott Randall, our Interim Chef for the last six months! Scott worked without a Sous Chef to help us rein in some fixed costs, and did a large part of the hands on cooking, while ordering food and managing the kitchen. Scott has soared as we have served the masses, has been instrumental in creating our latest menu, and has given of himself to the point of exhaustion. His quiet professional demeanor has been accepted and appreciated. Our common goals forward are to improve the consistency, standardize our recipes, improve quality where we can, and improve meal presentation. Scott will be resuming Sous Chef duties now, where we will look to him to keep producing hands-on quality.

Our new Chef, accepting the toque in the Kitchen is Chef Tomas Thompson, CEC. Chef Thompson's culinary pedigree is a subtle blend of classic French training and extensive travel and styles. He apprenticed under renowned chef Herman Heimeyer with Hyatt Resorts, opening new properties in Grand Cayman, Key West and Columbus, Ohio. His love of the ocean has found its way into a large portion of his menu ideas and methods with the marriage of flavors between fresh seafood, seasonal local vegetables, and exotic yet light sauces his forte. Accolades include being voted among the Top Fifty Chefs in the New York City, Philadelphia region. Frescos, his restaurant in Cape May, N.J., was highly acclaimed and named into the "Best of the Best" by voters of the region during his tenure. His private club experience is vast and complex ranging from The Winter Park Racquet Club to W.C.I.s Waterlefe Golf and River Club to The Bird Key Yacht Club. Chef Thompson also headed the culinary staff of Narcoosees and Flagler's/Chitrico's at Disneyworld's Grand Floridian Resort and Spa for several years. In the off season or as time allows, Chef Thompson enjoys conducting cooking classes, catering, consulting, and career day events at local schools.

He is currently active as a national officer in both the Naples and the Sarasota chapters of Le Chaine des Rotisseurs and Mondial Society, as well as the organizer for the annual National Young Chefs competition, (Jeunne Commis). Chef Tom and his strongest critic, Yvonne, his wife of 20 years, are both avid sailors and get out on their boat, the SEA & STARS, as often as time allows. Along with Dottie, their Dalmatian, they call Sarasota home. Stop by and say hi to Chef Tom, and pat Scott on the back for a job well done!

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## EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Mike Freeman has been with us at the BYC kitchen

for a little over a year. He has been in the culinary industry for about 30 years. Mike's passions in the kitchen are soups, sauces and trading cooking ideas that have been shared with him in the past. Mike is also a musician and in his spare time likes



to record music and play guitar. He can be heard cheerfully singing or whistling as he prepares wonderful meals in the BYC kitchen. Mike was chosen as this month's Employee of the Month because of his positive attitude and willingness to go above and beyond in being a team player. Congratulations, Mike, on a job well done!!

Some new things to look forward to: BYC's Don't Worry be Happy Hour, every Tuesday through Thursday, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Join us in the Lounge only, for our no frown zone; bring a friend or come alone, buy a drink and get a clone! We will be featuring \$2.00 appeteazers, and 2 for 1 well drinks, draft beer and \$5.00 Martinis and House Wine! What a way to end the day or start the evening, depending on whether you are a glass is half full kind of person, or not! By the way, if your glass is half full, order another round!

Captain Tony's Tiki Menu is being so well received on Sundays, we are starting a new venture at the Tiki Bar called Captain Tony's Tiki Time! Every Friday from 5:30 to 6:00 p.m., we will be pouring free Island Rum Punch! You read that right, Free! Belly up to the Bar and flog some grog, one fisted drinkers only! The rum flows for a solid half hour -- do not be late, Mate!

Lastly, Special Kudos to Doc Craig, our Dockmaster, and his Team! We have been awarded a Clean Marina Designation, and we will be receiving a plaque from the Department of Environmental Protection commemorating our achievement. This will happen at 6:00 p.m., on Friday, August 20th. We encourage all of the members to come out and cheer us on. Join us for the Captain Tony's Tiki Time, prior, watch the ceremony, and then enjoy a first -- The Dockmaster's Cocktail Party. We will pass some hors D'oeuvres, as you mingle with our Dock Team and relish the fact, that we are doing our part for the environment.



## **GREAT MATES**

Jacque Vieira

If you have not visited the BYC website recently, please take the time to browse. It provides members and potential new members information

on upcoming events, contact information and much more. However, I realized that the Great Mates' section needs a lot more input. Together, we can remedy that situation by providing information about who we are, what we do, where we began and what we are all about today. Let's jazz it up and toot our own horn!

Please go back to your photo albums, dig up past articles and write down anything you might know about the Great Mates. Send by e-mail to: jacquer102@aol.com or mail photos, (they will be returned after scanning), to:

Jacque Vieira, 15908 Wyndover Rd., Tampa, FL 33647.

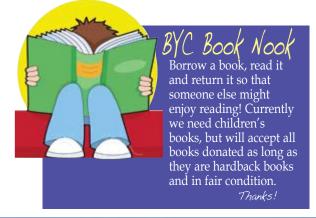
- History of The Great Mates
- 2010-2011 Great Mates Board with photos
- Photos and Names of all Past Presidents
- Photos and Names of all Past Community Outreach Chairs, (to include recipient and monies raised)
- Special Projects by the Great Mates, (i.e. bathroom re-do, etc...)
- Funny photos with captions

Last, but not least, send me your thoughts on what you would like to see and read about the Great Mates. We need to get our success stories out to all members and hopefully more member spouses will join our special society.

#### Keep browsing!

2010-2011 GREAT MATES BOARD Jacque Vieira, president Richard Ross, honorary president Lisa Hoban, vice-president

Pat Wolcott, treasurer JoAnn Oakley-Stewart, secretary Janet Amar, hospitality/ways & means Susan Vorpahl, past president



## **ENTERTAINMENT**



The month of August will live up to its reputation for being one of the hottest months not just in Florida but at the BYC. We are heating things up with our

Salsa dance lesson on Thursday, August 19 at 6:00 pm. The dance lesson is \$5 per person, but join us for the Havana Nights dinner on Saturday, August 21, and your dance lesson is FREE. You will love this evening from the time you enter the bar area until it is time to say Buenas Noches. The evening will start with cocktails and tapas at 6:00 pm. Eli Magic Sound Band will be entertaining us with their Latin music from 7:00 'til 11:00 pm. The romantic and spirited music will help create the mood for the evening.

A Spanish menu consisting of Paella Valencia, Gaucho Served Steak Saltedo, Shrimp Ajillo, Garlic Roasted Chicken, Fried Plantains, Black Beans & Yellow Rice, and White Chocolate Bread Pudding for Dessert will be served. And just to add to the fun there will be a few door prizes to top it off. All in all, this will be a fantastic night and one not to be missed. Please be sure to call for reservations for the dinner and for the dance lesson.

Tuesdays remain busy as the trivia competition stays heated. If you haven't played, please come and either start your own team or join a team. Trivia is played every Tuesday evening in the lounge area starting at 7:00. Come in at 6:00 and have dinner

with your team and enjoy the Chef's Special Two-Fer Menu. Coach has done a great job this year and we are thrilled that he will be returning. Special thanks to Lauren Blenker for stepping in to help us when Coach was on vacation.

Friday nights we continue to entertain you with music in the lounge. Please check the calendar for the band lineup. On Monday, August 2nd, BYC is going to the Tampa Bay Rays game and will be watching the game in style. The Club has managed to get seats in the Whitney Bank Club area. Although by this reading this game may be too late to attend, (check with Ken for last minute seat availability), please watch those e-mails as Ken will let you know when he is able to get another block of seats.

August also brings back BINGO. The game that everyone can play will start on Thursday, August 5th, at 7:30 pm. There have been many requests for us to bring this game back to the Club so we expect to have a great turnout. For our opening night, we will provide a FREE dessert buffet to all players. Come and join us in the Commodore's Room for some family fun.

Almost every month we will be introducing either a new game or event. Please keep track of the events on your calendar to remind you of each function as it approaches. You don't want to miss what we have coming up. It's your Club; come and enjoy!

## **BRIDGE CLUB**

Carla Morgan

Why call these the dog days of summer when it's the mosquitos that take over?

Come over to BYC on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. for mind improvement, cash prizes and heat relief. Let's have some fun!

#### June 10th

1st	Gary & Carla Morgan
2nd	Tom & Sylvia Gibson
3rd	Newell & Mary Yaple

#### June 17th

1st	Gary & Carla Morgan
2nd	Newell & Mary Yaple
3rd	Tom & Sylvia Gibson

#### **June 24th**

1st	Gary & Carla Morgan
2nd	Newell & Mary Yaple
3rd	Bessie Sands & Freda Logan

#### July 1st

1st	Jay Grafton & Ruby Laudign
2nd	Tom & Sylvia Gibson
3rd	Gary & Carla Morgan

Interested in playing bridge? Join us on Thursday nights for dinner at 5:30 PM and then for bridge at 7:00 PM in the Member's Room.

## PRAM FLEET



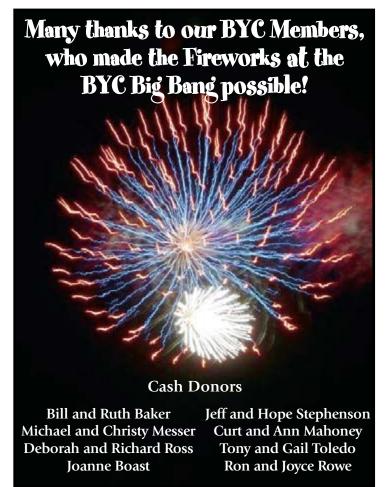
In place of the Sail Fleet article, here is news from the Pram Fleet.

Has anybody mentioned how hot it is outside?! Spring came and went in a hurry and summer

seems like it is here to stay. We completed our last regatta of the racing season and summer camp is in full swing. If you ever see the doors of the pram shed open during Summer Camp, stick your head in and check it out. You might be amazed at what you see.

Our last regatta of the season was held Memorial Day weekend at the Davis Island Yacht Club in Tampa. 117 sailors from all over the state competed in five different classes. Conditions for the regatta were very difficult both Saturday and Sunday. There was very little wind and a lot of current. Race Committee tried their best to get in as many good, fair races as possible. Some classes completed 10 races over two days while others only got in four or five races.

MRPF sailors had to battle tricky weather and strong emotions. On the way to this event, our Opti trailer that is used for transporting boats to regattas flipped over and several boats were damaged. One boat received a hole and the rest all had minor damage.





Prams being towed as a nasty storm approaches

All our sailors were able to compete in the event as planned. They sailed fast and had good results all weekend. A couple of them won several races and continued to sail in the top 10 all weekend.

In Green Fleet, Alex Woodbridge finished 4th overall, Austin Hoaglin 7th overall, Paul Nolan 11th overall, Hayley Cantolino 20th overall and Molly Cantolino 3rd overall. In the Red, White, Blue Fleets, Darby Capellin finished 20th overall. Alicia Muscatto was competing in her first Laser 4.7 event. She finished 3rd overall; not bad for her first time competing in this class. Congratulations to everybody who sailed in this event. I am very proud of all of you sailing very hard all year long. Keep up the great work and we'll see you next season!

Summer Camp is in the middle of our 3rd session. To date we have put 96 kids through camp. The weather has cooperated pretty well so far. We've only had four rainout days and three days we couldn't sail due to lack of wind. In 25 days of camp and Florida's unpredictable weather, that isn't bad. The kids are having a blast and learning tons about safe boating, knot tying and basic sailing skills.

The Manatee River Pram Fleet has a wish list! We are currently looking for tools that are in good working order. Things needed are cordless drills, socket sets, screw driver sets or anything you think may be of good use to help keep all our boats in good working order for the kids. Don't forget we are a 501 (c) 3 organization. All donations are greatly appreciated and will be put to great use.

On a personal note, my father recently lost his battle with Pancreatic Cancer. I would like to thank everybody who sent their kindest regards and best wishes to my family and me. It's great people like you all who have helped us get through these difficult times. THANK YOU ALL for your support!

# VBYC-MAIN

## **Basin Boaters Breakfast**

Join your neighbors in the Basin, Saturday, August 7th., 9:00 a.m.

Food, Fellowship and talking Basin Safety

Breakfast Casserole, Bacon, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Fruit, Danish, Coffee, & Juice

\$9.99 + +

## Salsa Dancing Lessons

Thursday, August 19th 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Learn the Latin Dance of Hot, Steamy Passion, and be ready for Havana Nights!

\$5 per person for the dance lesson \$5 coupon given at the dance lesson to be used at the Havana Nights event towards your bar/food bill.

You read this right, it is hot & free!



## Havana Nights!

Saturday, August 21st
Cocktails & Tapas 6:00, Dinner 7:00 p.m.
Hot Sultry Dancing the Salsa All Night Long!
Buffet Dinner of:

Paella Valencia, Gaucho Served Steak Saltedo, Shrimp Ajillo, Garlic Roasted Chicken, Fried Plantains, Black Beans & Yellow Rice, & White Chocolate Bread Pudding for Dessert

\$24.99 + +

August

## **BINGO IS BACK AT THE BYC**

Thursday, September 2nd

*The balls bounce at 7:30 p.m.* 

Come enjoy dinner at the Club on your own and then test your luck as we call Bingo!

Bingo cards are \$3.00 each, or 2 for \$5.00

Complimentary Dessert Buffet for all in attendance. Prizes will be awarded every game, based on participation!

Please call and let us know you are coming!

## **SUNDAY, FUNDAY POOL PARTY**

Sunday, September 5th, Noon to 5:00 p.m.

Come enjoy our "County Fair" Event with a dunk tank, corn hole contest, pie eating contest, watermelon seed spitting contest, Water Balloon Toss, & more! County Fair fare...Sausage & Onion Sandwiches, foot long Corn Dogs, Sloppy Joes, buttered Corn on a Stick, Dirt Dessert & more,

\$12.95 + +





Monday, September 6th, 12:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Fresh Fried Grouper, BBQ Chicken, Burgers, Dogs & Smokey Sausages, Chow-Chow and Chef's Composed Salads!

We will have a waterslide, Coin Dive, Tether Ball, a Slip & Slide & Bounce House!

Only \$15.95 + + + Kids only \$7.95 + +!

Call for reservations, 941-722-5936



## **BYC'S KICK-OFF REGATTA**

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, September 24 -26th

The BYC Long Wall will fill with sail boats and tall masts as BYC hosts the 27th Annual Fall Kick-Off Regatta. Boats will arrive all day Friday, and the races will be on Saturday & Sunday, with an awards cook-out & celebration Sunday afternoon!



















## FLEET CAPTAIN POWER

Maureen and I were unable to attend the June cruise to Palm Island as we had a family reunion; our children and grandchildren came to Florida from Singapore,

Los Angeles, and Lexington, KY to visit us. PC Dave Wilson and Judith Barkovich were kind enough to lead the cruise for us and Judith penned the report below; many thanks to both of you.

Fifteen vessels made the trip: Arnie & Wanda Abitabilio, Ken & Freda Agerskov, Roger & Dianne Ahntholz, George Burtless & Peggy Simone, Bob & Ann Hawkins, Rick & Charlene Hoffmeister, Randy & Pauldie Howrigan, Don & Maria Lowe, Craig & Christa Pop, Paul and Neva Sayers, PC Warren & Pat Shafer, Fred & Mary Smith, Bill & MaryBeth Westbrook, Bob and Pat Wilson, and cruise leaders PC Dave Wilson and Judith Barkovich. Cruising by land or hitching rides and staying in the condos were Ron & Joyce Rowe, Ken & Jackie Sosville, and Sandra & Sharon Cutcliffe.

The first boat in was Madam No (George Burtless & Peggy Simone) and the last boat, which arrived at 8:00 pm, was Bella Sea (Dan & Maria Lowe). We had the entire marina to ourselves. Arriving by land on Saturday morning were Pauldie Howigan and her friend; they were coming in from a business trip. Making this trip special, first time cruisers with the Power Fleet were Craig & Crista Pop (Sea Squared),

Dan & Maria Lowe (Bella Sea) and Ken & Freda Agerskov in their new boat (Shell Royale).

Friday night there were 40 people for cocktails and dinner at Leverock's. Traveling with the Smith's were Roger Myers and Jon Frick. Judy Myers drove down and the three joined us for dinner before returning to Bradenton. It was great seeing old friends.

Saturday we had an awesome breakfast at 10:00 am; then some folks went to the beach and some to the pool. This is the place to do absolutely nothing but relax. Leverock's had a pool side bar for us from 1:00 - 4:00, with free tap beer!

Dave Wilson and Rick Hoffmeister started cooking 12 racks of ribs and 40 pieces of chicken about 2:00 pm. They did a great job using a small grill! The rest of us told them how to cook from the safety of the swimming pool. All of the gang brought sides for snacks and dinner. After dinner some wandered off and some stayed in the pool where we solved all of the world's problems over drinks. Ron and Joyce Rowe brought music and we enjoyed listening to Sandra Cutcliffe's sister Sharon sing. MaryBeth Westbrook coordinated synchronized swimming and, to finish it off, Ken and Jackie Sosville sliced up ice cold watermelon. I almost forgot: Maria Lowe is a very good pool dancer.

Great weather was with us as we left Palm Island Marina with some vessels heading to Captiva, others to St. Pete Yacht Club and the rest home.

## Power Fleet gruisers at Palm Island





## FRIED SHRIMP FRIDAY

Friday night, August 20th, All Night!

All you can eat fried Shrimp & Cole Slaw

only \$15.99 + +

## TAPAS NIGHT

Friday night, August 6th, All Night!
Enjoy a plate of small bites produced by our Culinary
Team, offering different tastes for a full dinner!
Our Tapas Special is only \$16.99 + +



## FLEET CAPTAIN FISHING

The 2010 Crosthwait Memorial Tournament boasts another fantastic turn out, the club made money, scholarships are being awarded and local charities

benefited. Fifty volunteers, dozens of sponsors, the BYC staff, and over five hundred anglers had a great time participating in the oldest and arguably most successful all amateur fishing tournament on the west coast. Even Mother Nature held back the downpour until we were all safe under the big top. The weighin spectacle was truly appreciated by the whole community. Members and staff of the BYC continue to give back. The tournament winners in each division may be viewed at www.crosthwaitfishing. com. Pictures are on our web site.

Both The Fireman's Charity and DeSoto Fishing Tournaments were also great successes. Pictures and results may be viewed at their web sites. www.firecharityfishing.com & www.desotohq.com

Warsaw Grouper. I understand and agree with the observation made by several members. The Crosthwait Tournament does not allow this species for a number of reasons. I will request that they be eliminated from the other tournaments held at our Club. This is the right thing to do. Like most fish, the big ones are prolific female breeders. The warsaw grouper is a U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service Species of Concern. Species of Concern are those species about which NOAA and the National Marine Fisheries Service have concerns regarding status and threats, but for which insufficient information is available to indicate a need to list the species under the U.S. Endangered Species Act (ESA).

The 30 plus kids that visited us from the Boys & Girls Club did have the experience that we hoped they would. Here is a direct quite: "This was the coolest thing I have ever done; someday I am going to have a big boat."

This just in, hot off the BYC grapevine: another innocuous undercover exclusive from Spike – your Pooper Reporter. There are a bunch of phony baloneys here at the Bradenton Yacht Club and I am exposing them for what they in actuality are. Under the blatant guise of do-good civic-minded culturally-sensitive BYC citizens hopeful of making a tiny difference in a kid's life, they were, simply stated, just having a blast. Webster: "blast", bill-ass-Ta, definition -- knock down, giddy-up, better'n Christmas, good ol' rollicking time. How they eluded the fun police is being investigated and rest assured

I will look into this matter and report my findings to our Shouldn't Do It Committee. They were seen grinning all day like dogs in a butcher shop and playing like the Boys & Girls they were supposed to be hosting. I suggest when you next see them that you call them out like John Wayne at high noon for the bodacious hypocrites that they are. As punishment you could even force a drink upon them and get a confession regarding their behavior. You just might provide the penance they truly need to clear their understandably over burdened conscience. Listed here are the worst of them - I may have missed a few shameful characters: Neva & Paul Sayers, Paula & Carl Trembicki, Brittany & Evan Guido, Jim Freeman, Jo Ann & Joel Stewart, Sandra Cutcliffe, Ken Sosville, Eric Engberg, Summer Smith-Pope, Don & Donna Thompson (Big D Kayaks), Jeanne Reeves, Barbara Godfrey, Jay Mathieu, Ken Nyhus.



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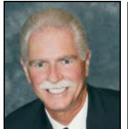


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