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## Commodore Message

It's hard to believe its halfway over, but I've just reached the pinnacle of my year as Commodore. It feels kinda like an old shoe; just when it starts to get comfortable it's time for a new one. I've never felt as much a part of the Club as I do today. My only regret is that the year seems to be ending too fast. Hopefully everything we hope to achieve this year will be accomplished easily so that we may realize all of our goals.

By the time this reaches you, we will have already had our May membership meeting and hopefully we will have shown that we have made great progress with our club management system. Lisa Schober and Mary Ann have put countless hours in trying to complete the set-up necessary to make the system as big an asset as we had hoped it would be. With help from Bob Deppe and guidance from Budget Chairman Jef Friton, I have confidence that we are closing in on having the financial side of the system complete. Once we complete this segment we will be able to focus on the other packages within the system to manage our Marina and our Banquet facilities.

Opening Day was a great success and I couldn't have been prouder to be Commodore. Thanks to the many members that came out on Beautification Day and made the club look its best. Thanks to those of you who attended the ceremony. I hope we made you proud. It's always heartwarming when the members involve themselves in the yacht club traditions.

We have all but finished our negotiations with the Kent Narrows Race Association. The new contract is very much the

same as the old, however it better explains the relationship between KIYC and KNRA. The largest changes are the escalating rental, the restriction of non-licensed vehicles (golf carts, mini-bikes, go-carts) on KIYC property and the ability of the Club to share in the concessions. We are waiting for the final contract but it appears that *Thunder on the Narrows* will be with us for another 5 years.

As you may know Sunday Dinners were temporarily discontinued due to slow winter turnout as a cost cutting tool. If it hasn't already happened it will be re-suming soon. We have made some changes in the kitchen staff, have just introduced a new menu, and are ramping up for a busy summer. As everyone is aware the kitchen has always been our weakest financial area. Please support the kitchen; it helps keep dues down and allows for improvements to the Club.

The Pool is to be inspected and should be open almost as I write. Get out and use the pool; it's one of our finest family assets.

Although I'm writing this before the Shakedown Cruise, I believe it's safe to assume that everyone is going to have a great time. Bob and Lisa work hard to make these events memorable.

Don't forget to attend the Patio party on June 11<sup>th</sup>, hosted by the Wave Makers, the revenues from which help to improve the Club and allow us to give back to the community through donations.

Rob Anderson  
Commodore

# Sunshine

Deepest Sympathy is expressed to Beverly and the family of George D. Young, Jr. who passed away April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Donations can be made to Hope Hospice, 2430 Diplomat Parkway, East, Cape Coral, FL 33909.

Condolences are sent to Lucille, "Ceil" and the family of Earnest Joseph "Ernie" Thomas, Jr. who passed away April 28<sup>th</sup>. Donations can be made to Hospice of Queen Anne's, 255 Comet Drive, Centreville, MD 21617.

Get well wishes are being sent to Ruth Yewell who was injured in a serious automobile accident on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ruth is out of ICU, now in stable condition, and cannot have any visitors. Cards can be sent to her address at 2795 Sanibell Boulevard, St. James, FL 33956.

Wishing a speedy recovery to Maggie Valente who is at home recuperating from hip surgery.

Get well wishes are being sent to Dottie Layton who is home recovering from surgery and doing well.

Get well wishes are also extended to Joyce Faro who is at home recovering from surgery and doing well.

Anne Rogers, wife of Buddy Rogers, was scheduled to have hip surgery May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Please keep our club members and friends in your hearts and prayers

# Wave Maker News

On Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, KIYC' first Patio Party of the season will feature **Wednesday Night at the Drive In Movies** in the big pavilion, complete with Drive In Movie style food and fun. You can wear roller skates (not recommended), a poodle skirt, ducktail hair or whatever it takes to get you into the mood. Or just get into the mood in whatever you have on at the moment. Listen to '50s and '60s pop music and enjoy. Give your kids or grand-kids a history lesson!

**Jackie Zarachowicz and her committee** will be serving your favorite Drive In Movie food – hot dogs, hamburgers, fries, pizza-by-the-slice, sodas, beer, chips, sno-cones – and a lot more! There will even be a popcorn wagon to help spark that movie mood!

Elsewhere in this newsletter, our own Vegas-style impresario, Irene Fares, reports on the fabulous *Vegas on the Narrows* fundraiser. Not only did lots of members and friends have a wonderful time, they helped raise more than enough money to buy the defibrillator. Funds beyond the cost of the defibrillator will go toward several other projects. Among the items we will have discussed (remember this is being written a week before our General Meeting) will be replacement of the outdoor tables on the patio, some landscaping improvements, ceiling fans for the pavilion, a dish warmer to allow the kitchen staff to serve food onto pre-warmed plates, and who know what else members will want to add to the list of club improvements for us to sponsor.

**Any money raised by the Drive In Movie Night will go toward these Club improvements!**

I'd like to report that the turnout for our May 20<sup>th</sup> General Meeting was huge, and that our future as a fundraising organization for Club improvement is assured but we haven't held the meeting as I write.

**Whatever the outcome, make another note on your fun filled summer calendar. Marie Wallace is leading a committee to take us all to the islands on August 9<sup>th</sup> for a South Seas Adventure, a tropical Luau featuring roast pig and some South Seas surprises – maybe even small shocks – for entertainment.**

**Club landscaping is still high on the list of volunteer activities. One Beautification Day isn't enough to keep the property looking great. Remember that our contracted grounds people don't landscape – they mow! As you divide perennials in your own gardens, please think about donating some to the Club to help with our informal beautification efforts. We are improving the plantings across the back of the building and around the swimming pool, and will be looking for some ideas to improve the front area where the little cement boat planter sits. Email me with your ideas and/or plant donations at [jatisland@juno.com](mailto:jatisland@juno.com). This isn't a formal project but an effort by a growing number of members who want to improve the appearance of our grounds. Stay tuned on this one!**

Check out Marie's sign up sheet for **South Sea Island Adventure** helpers. Anybody with some experience in roasting pigs would be VERY welcome! So is everyone else who'd like to get in on the production of our big luau in August.

I hope you are also planning to work with Fred Beane on **Oktoberfest** this year. His signup sheet is also posted. Whether or not you plan to help out with the Luau, remember that the Oktoberfest happens 2 months later. You can do both!

Cheers!  
Aileen Talley,  
President & Chief Wave Maker



## Vice Commodore Message

Summer is here and boating season is in full swing. I've noticed more members coming to enjoy all that the Club has to offer. It's beautiful out on the patio in the evening, watching the sunset over the Island.

A big Thank You is due to the Kitchen Committee for the items on the new menu. It was introduced in early May and so far the reviews are good. Let Fred Beane, Billy & Cathy Comegys or Bob Beall know any of your feedback. I have tasted many of the items and find them appealing.

Beautification Day went very well. The weather was perfect for all of the outdoor projects. We have a nice new fence around the dumpster, the patio awnings were installed and the patio fully cleaned, B dock was painted, all the electric outlets outdoors have been checked and replacement parts ordered, the tilting light pole was straightened outside A dock, the flower beds were rearranged and perennials added, and the pool furniture and deck were cleaned and readied for our Memorial Day opening. Inside we painted all the doorways, cleaned behind the bar, cleaned the kids' room, cleaned the edges of the bar carpet and heating ducts, and also buffed all the tile floors in the

public areas. We had a super crew and completed virtually all of the many tasks we had on the list. Thanks to all who participated to ensure our Club was "Beautiful" for our Opening Day Ceremony. I have to mention a father and son who came to the Club that day for lunch, not knowing it was Beautification Day. When they saw what was happening the son volunteered to clean the playground and ship. I neglected to get their names, but they should be aware that we appreciated this very much and that they were one of my "team" that day.

I hope you enjoyed the Memorial Day picnic. We are busy planning the July 4<sup>th</sup> picnic with a little different menu. The fire-works in the Narrows are July 5<sup>th</sup>. We will be having some kind of food service up until 9 pm. Mark your calendar now for Saturday August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 pm for the Jimmy Buffet Party. We will have hot dogs and hamburgers for sale, omitting the full buffet this year in order to keep the ticket price down. The ticket price will include food, music, entertainment & beer.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the Club soon!

Fred D. Chew Jr.  
Vice Commodore

# Fleet Captain Report

I would like to thank all who came out to help on Beautification Day, especially those who helped me paint on B dock. Unfortunately it got hot and we ran out of time to do C dock so we will need volunteers to finish the job.

As of this writing we still have a few openings for the annual cruise July 12-19<sup>th</sup>. As I wrote before and in case you didn't see it, we are going to Chesapeake Yacht Club on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup>, Spring Cove Marina in Solomons Island on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, Herrington Harbor South on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> and Chesapeake Harbor Marina in Annapolis on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. We will return to KIYC on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> for the Fleet Review. ALL members are invited to welcome the Fleet home at 1:30, and a buffet lunch will follow from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Sign-up sheet and cost will be posted on the Club bulletin board

shortly. Our Frostbite Cruise will be Friday September 19, through Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup>. I will have more details in a future newsletter.

We still have open slips on A Dock. If you know anyone who would be interested, please have them call the office or let me know.

I hope all of you have a great boating summer!!

If you have any suggestions or concerns, please feel free to contact me to discuss them. The best way to reach me is my email which is [bgschober@comcast.net](mailto:bgschober@comcast.net). Thanks and see you at the Club.

Bob Schober  
Fleet Captain

## *Vegas on the Narrows* Raises the Money to Purchase Defibrillator

Eighty people attended the *Vegas on the Narrows* fundraiser. Thanks to the generosity of these members and guests, the *Wave Makers* raised \$2800 and will purchase the defibrillator and other Club enhancements.

Everyone enjoyed the entertainment, games and food. Our volunteers deserve a **big thank you** for a job well done; Candice Mossdrop and her entertainment crew, Lisa Schober and her "Chip Ladies" and, of course the very well trained dealers made the evening memorable and fun. Look for a repeat of this Casino fundraiser event next April. We need to keep our dealers sharp!

Irene Fares, Chairperson



## Rear Commodore Message

The Pool Committee Chairman, Bob Wallace, and his assistants, John Sadler, Mike McMahon, Marie Wallace and Juanita German, did a wonderful job getting the pool and bathhouses ready for the summer season. The bathhouses are sparkling clean and refurbished with new shower curtains and accessories. We anticipate opening the pool May 24<sup>th</sup> (weather and final county inspection permitting).

I still need a few more volunteers for the Emergency Preparedness and Response Committee. The sign-up sheet is on the board.

The Membership Committee's new Chairperson is Juanita German. I want to thank Corky Shawn for his dedication to the Membership Committee these past years. If you sponsor a new member, you are entitled to a **\$50 KIYC Gift Certificate** for use in the lounge or dining room.

Those who worked the Bay Bridge Boat Show did a wonderful job and we did get excellent exposure. I appreciate all the work they put into it. We have inducted seven new members in May for a total of **596 members**.

Bar receipts are down compared with the same period last year. The decrease in membership and the state of the economy is hurting us. We are planning to open the Pavilion for music and dancing on Saturday nights in June. Also, Tuesdays in the lounge we are offering a pound of mussels for \$6.95. We are working on establishing an email system to enable us to notify members of the weekly activities. If we get more members out, the bar and kitchen receipts will increase. If you come out just one night a month and bring your friends and neighbors, our revenues will increase and **just maybe** you can recruit a new member.

Remember, when you see a new face or a face that hasn't been around for a while, make them feel welcome.

See you at the bar.

Vince Fares,  
Rear Commodore