

ISLAND ESTATES YACHT CLUB



January 7th, 2020

Commodore's Comments

The Island Estates Yacht Club rang in the New Year with the traditional and highly popular New Year's Day Brunch at the beautiful Belleair Country Club. It had a great turnout—forty-one members and ten guests.

In the welcome speech, thank-you were given to the 2019 officers, board members, committee members, event hosts, and volunteers and those who attended the events. It was a great year for our events. I'm sure everyone really enjoyed themselves.

Turning to 2020, an emphasis was put on the importance this year for growing our membership. There was a brief description of a couple of proposals that will be discussed at our board meeting on Monday the 6th. Everyone was encouraged to check out our new website, islandestatesyc.org and to send me feedback.

Mary Reinhardt, this year's lead Social Butterfly, gave a brief description of each of the 2020 events and the month in which they would be held.

We're going to have a lot going on this year – turning the Boat Parade over to the Clearwater Yacht Club, ramping up efforts to attract members, including social media and local newspapers – and, as usual, we have a terrific slate of events lined up. I'm excited about 2020 and I hope you are too!

Commodore, Gene Traupman

IEYC Memorial Boat Parade – December 14, 2019

The 45th Annual IEYC Memorial Boat Parade was held on Saturday, December 14, 2019 under the beautiful full moon and in the crisp, cool air. The

weather cooperated for this wonderful Holiday Event this year, and even the winds stopped blowing in honor of the Parade and to keep safe, the many beautifully decorated boats and their guests on board.

It was a wonderful event and one that our IEYC membership and the Club should feel proud happened again. There were more than 40 beautifully decorated boats, thousands of happy people viewing the parade route, and there was much Holiday Fun and Cheers coming from the boats and from the viewers on all the Docks.

There were City of Clearwater dignitaries and their wives in attendance and the judges did a great job grading each boat on best Theme, Lighting, Colors and Special Effects. All attending seemed to thoroughly enjoy this Memorial Event and the wonderful weather this year. Also attending were very special guests and IEYC members Elaine Horn and Betsy Powers who were also judges, and who were there in memory of their late spouses, Lee Horn and George Powers. The Memorial Parade also honored the late IEYC member, Shirley Heckert. We were also happy to host IEYC past Commodore Scott Moncrieff (we were all sorry Sue was not feeling well) and the new CYC Commodore, Greg Garner and his wife Evelyn. Both Commodores were instrumental in the discussions this year and in the future changes for the Boat Parade to continue on in 2020 and thereafter.

We also wanted to mention and give our thanks again to all of the generous businesses and individuals who donated funds, services or gift certificates to the Committee for the Boat Parade

participants. Special recognition is given to the City of Clearwater, the Clearwater Gas Company, The Palm Pavilion, the Sheraton Sand Key Hotel, Alfano's Restaurant, and especially the Clearwater Yacht Club and Manager, Tom Brusini. It is only with their help, generosity and the publicity of the event that we have been able to give away raffle prizes at the Captain's meeting each year and the winning checks to the best boats in several different categories. We name some of these businesses and thank them again, and we ask our IEYC members to visit these sponsors whenever possible to try to give them something back for their generosity to our event. The Boat Parade Committee members (Scott and Jean Sanders and Bob and Eileen Gunther) also wanted to thank all of the IEYC members who may have helped this year, and we wish each and every one a very Happy Holiday and a Healthy and Safe New Year. May 2020 be a Great New Year for all of us!

Submitted by Paul Lightfoot—Past IEYC Commodore and Fleet Captain

New Year's Day Brunch was a Smashing Success!

The Island Estates Yacht Club welcomed in the New Year together at the Belleair Country Club as 40 members and 10 guests were in attendance. The buffet was amazing as it offered many salad selections and entrees that are New Year's Day traditions from all around the USA and Canada. There was Carved Prime Rib, French Canadian Meat Pie, Hop N Jon Soup from New Orleans, Polish Sausage and Sauerkraut from Pennsylvania, Salmon, Chicken and Jim's favorite, St. Louis style barbecued ribs and several other items as well. The dessert table did not disappoint with several selections capped off by an ice cream and toppings bar.

Each year the club prepares a budget for our fixed costs and the monthly events. At the end of the year, the treasurer does the tally and if we are favorable to budget, that amount is applied to the allocation for the New Year's Brunch. Because of our great performance to budget, the club was happy to charge members only \$10 and guests \$20 for an excellent feast. Congratulations to all of you who helped make our financials positive by keeping the event costs in line with the budget.

There were so many new faces in the room which added to the fun. In case you didn't get to meet them, we will list them for you.

- Harry and Carol Bickford brought Janet & Ted O'Brien.
- Mary Reinhardt and Arnie Shal brought Patricia & Gene Gillespie.
- Patricia and Jim Ostrosky brought Marie Ross, Gerry Crudele and Diane and Bob Vollbracht.
- Angie and Gene Traupman brought Bunni and Scott Lefebvre.

We are confident that many of the guests will become members in 2020.

The Commodore will comment on the business part of the event which was quite important as he and the social directors covered the plans for the events for 2020 and the status of our new website.

It was certainly a fun event and a delicious feast. We are off to a great start and are looking forward to another fun filled year at IEYC.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Submitted by Patricia & Jim Ostrosky

February Events (we have 2 this month)

Wine Tasting Party

On Saturday, February 1st we will be gathering at the Clearwater Yacht Club for an evening of wine, food and fun! We will be tasting 5 wines with specially paired hors d'oeuvres prepared by Chef John.

Cocktails at the Cash Bar will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the Wine Tasting beginning at 6:30. The cost is \$28.00 for members and \$30.00 for guests. Send your check and reservation by January 24th to Eileen Gunther, 3838 McKay Creek Dr, Largo, FL 33770.

If you receive your Scuttlebutt by email, the flyer has already been sent to you. If you did not receive it please let Joan Landreth know at joanitiredone@aol.com. If you receive your Scuttlebutt by US mail, the flyer will be included.

If you have any questions, contact Eileen Gunther. Her phone is 727-581-6402 and email is eigungther@verizon.net.

Tampa Bay Downs Horse Races

On Sunday, February 23rd we will be checking out the beautiful horses at Tampa Bay Downs. More information will follow at a later date. But this is a fun event so put it on your calendar.

2020 IEYC Events

**Mark your calendar with these important dates—
please take note!**

February 1st — Wine Tasting Party hosted by Bob
& Eileen Gunther

February 23rd — Tampa Bay Downs Horse Races
hosted by Arnie Shal & Mary
Reinhardt

March 14th — Blind Auction hosted by Scott & Sue
Moncrieff, Sherry Vincent & Bob Harmon

April 19th — Island Way Grill Brunch hosted by Bob
& Joan Landreth

May — Wine & Cheese Party hosted by Scott &
Jean Sanders, Tom & Vivian Smith

June — Kobe Japanese Steakhouse hosted by
Angie Traupman, Sue Moncrieff &
Mary Reinhardt

July — The Escape Room hosted by Gene & Angie
Traupman

August — Game Night and Cheeseburgers from
Paradise hosted by Arnie Shal

September — Progressive Dinner hosted by Bob &
Lucille Covino

October — StarLite Dinner Cruise hosted by
Elizabeth Vaughan (our
newest member)

November — Annual Meeting & Awards Dinner
hosted by Angie Traupman,
Sue Moncrieff & Mary
Reinhardt

December — Change of Watch hosted by Marcia
Coxhead

January 1st 2021 — New Year's Brunch



Birthdays

Eileen Gunther 2/8

Sue Moncrieff 2/21

The deadline for articles or information for the next Scuttlebutt will be on February 4th. Please have your information to joanitiredone@aol.com by that date. It is necessary to have all information and the flyer for the next event by the deadline date to get the newsletter to you in a timely fashion. Thank you in advance for your compliance to this deadline.