

ISLAND ESTATES YACHT CLUB



August 21st—2019

Commodore's Comments

Dear Friends,

We had a great turnout for our August 19th Business Meeting.

By-laws possible changes were explained to the members and Board in attendance and all questions were answered. We also discussed the Memorial Boat Parade and the Web Page (which is down, by the way). It was given a virus and “we” are in the process of fixing it.

The Board will meet on September 9 (the first Monday is Labor Day so we switched the meeting to the 2nd Monday) at 7:00 p.m. in the CYC clubhouse downstairs.

Upcoming is the September Dinner Party! Plenty of great food, favors, parking and we don't have to drive between courses! How great is that? At \$25.00 per person, let's all bring guests! Club membership applications will be on hand, so let's each do our part!!

We have a great Club! Let's GROW it!!

Scott Moncrieff, Commodore

IEYC Bylaw Revision Committee Update

Greeting Members,

I believe we had a very POSITIVE and PRODUCTIVE IEYC Member meeting on Monday evening. My role was to present the current thinking on revisions to our by-laws that will enable the club to continue without requiring as many as 15 individuals to serve on the Board, Officer and Lead Positions. In addition, we are revising many of the by-laws that no longer serve our purpose. A few of the more significant changes will eliminate the

Rear Commodore, reduce the number of Directors from 5 to 3, one of whom is the Social Director and have the immediate Past-Commodore serve as Parliamentarian. This will streamline the leadership team from as many as 15 to 8 officers and directors plus the Fleet Captain in years if there is a Boat Parade.

Also, under consideration is reducing the dues for single members to 50% of the amount paid by families. This would impact the guest fees they will pay for events, but overall many feel it to be a very fair way to treat our single members. **As this will impact our revenue intake the Treasurer needs to know ASAP who, if anyone will be dropping out of the club next year so she can prepare a budget, forecast revenue and calculate the dues accordingly. Please email her at pattioz@aol.com if you do not plan to rejoin.**

We are also adding a clause that will make the Memorial Boat Parade and annual Board decision and not a requirement. There is much discussion about the parade and if we will continue to sponsor it beyond this year. Paul and his team once again have this year well organized, however, Paul has informed the club that he will step down as Fleet Captain. Harry Bickford has stepped up to help run it this year, but most members feel the time has come to hand it off as it has become a burden. It was suggested that we reach out to Clearwater Yacht Club, the City of Clearwater and the Island Estates Civic Association and offer it to them as they benefit more from it than IEYC does.

There are several other by-law changes that will bring us up-to-date, one of which is adding a Social Media Committee. By expanding our internet presence through applications like Facebook, which many members already use, and linking it to our website, we can gain much needed “free publicity” just by the club sharing information with members and members sharing it with each other and all their Facebook Friends. We have been craving publicity and the local Beach Newspapers are not widely read, but Facebook is viewed continuously by members and friends. Vice-Commodore, Gene Traupman, who has done this before, is leading the effort and will work with Paul Lightfoot to incorporate the information and all the previous website construction efforts and plans to have a preliminary demonstration at our Annual Meeting in November. I believe this is the missing link in our publicity campaign and it can come together quickly to boost our presence and interest more folks in becoming members.

Once all the revisions are completed, the Board will review them and vote on them at the September meeting. Afterward, copies will be sent to all members at least 14 days before the Annual Meeting for your review and you will vote on them at the Annual Meeting in November. For approval, we will require 2/3 affirmative vote of the membership. The Board will decide if a proxy will be necessary, or if we are confident that we will have sufficient attendance at the November meeting to complete the voting.

If you have any additional suggestions for by-law updates, please reach out to one or all of the By-Law Revision Committee: Gene Traupman, Sharon Foster, Scott Moncrieff or Jim Ostrosky.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Ostrosky

**September Event—Harvest Moon!—New Venue!
New Menu! Your Progressive Dinner Looks to the Future!**

On Saturday, September 14th at 6:00 p.m. we will gather at 425 Island Way (the 400 building Clubhouse, across the street) for Appetizers, Dinner, Desserts and Surprises.

Our Chef requires reservations no later than August 22nd, and you should have received the flyer by email last week. The cost is \$25.00 per person and guests are welcome.

This will be a new and exciting experience. See you all there!

2018 IEYC Events

Mark your calendar with these important dates—there have been date changes, please take note!

Saturday, September 14, 2019—Progressive Dinner

Saturday, October 19, 2019—Murder Mystery Dinner

Saturday, November 2, 2019—Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner

Thursday, December 5, 2019—Change of Watch

Saturday, December 14, 2019—IEYC Holiday Boat Parade

Wednesday, January 1, 2020—New Year’s Day Brunch



Birthdays

Carolyn Bookout	9/3
June Rickard	9/3
Arnie Shal	9/10
Richard West	9/20
Elaine Horn	9/23
Barbara Gipson	9/25
Nick Nicholson	9/25
Jean Sanders	9/29

The deadline for articles or information for the next Scuttlebutt will be on September 15th. 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.