



**"sunset at the Lounge"**

# Wheelhouse news

## From the Bridge

I hope by now all of you have had the chance to meet and get to know many of our new members. It has been a pleasure for me to see so many of you initiate introductions and conversations with them. Our culture of being a very welcoming and friendly Club is a valuable Royal Palm asset. While there is no substitute for your mentoring to promote their early and active involvement, the Membership Committee is assisting by sponsoring a New Member Orientation social on Saturday 20 March. Also, "Welcome Back" to the nine (9) reinstatement members who have been so quick upon returning to comment on the beautiful Clubhouse renovations and the excitement that accompanies our fine slate of Club activities.

What a lovely February! Love was pervasive at RPYC with the "Love Makes The World Go Round" Valentine Dinner Dance, the "Love Is In The Air" Ladies' Luncheon by Razzle Dazzle and of course, the "Whacky Wedding" of Nina & Nino. Wow...and a Miami Boat Show Cruise and an informative Skippers' Breakfast by Jim Nathan and a Susan Fay-led outing to Jersey Boys and much more...Are you having fun yet???

The 2010 Membership Roster is now available for your pickup at the Club Office. Aside from the frequently used contact information for all of our members, including those joining recently, the publication contains valuable information about our Club Organization, Club history, Committees leadership and members, Club staff, House Rules and Harbor Rules. As the saying goes... "don't leave home without it"

Each month, on successive nights, I attend the monthly Boaters Meeting and then the

monthly Adventurers meeting. The range of interesting trip events available by land or by sea, and the level of volunteerism and excitement that makes Boaters and Adventurers work is truly amazing!!! Last month, Boaters was attended by at least 120 members who all were catching up on the fun Cruises recently completed, meeting people and making arrangements for participating in cruises that are scheduled ahead. For the March through June period alone, thanks to the hard work of Fleet Captain Phil Johnston and his crew, fifteen (15) cruise activities are scheduled and the signups are ahead of expectations. An overflow, and record setting fifty-nine (59) members attended Adventurers to hear about the seventeen (17) exceptional outings that are currently on the books through year end. The creativity involved to have trips ranging from polo to opera to football games to theater plays to jailhouse tours to eco-tours, as only examples, is remarkable. Co-chairpersons Ernie Fogg and Ed LaDuke and their team deserve much credit for presenting this exemplary program. And equally important in supporting our Club, most attendees of these meetings stay over to continue the camaraderie and enjoy dinner together. Club Manager Jason and his skilled culinary and service staff are doing a fine job to understand and exceed the expectations of these important RPYC groups.

Great events are planned for March and beyond... just a few of the key words I see in the March calendar...Copacabana, Skippers', St. Patrick's, Wine Club and oh yes - Las Vegas...Get your reservations in now. And one last thought, how about a nice Friday evening Royal Palm dinner...with drink specials and entertainment! Keep smiling and see you at the Club.



**Commodore Charles Williamsen**

## Royal Palm Yacht Club March 2010 Club Events

- Wednesday, March 3  
**First Wednesday Buffet**
- Saturday, March 6  
**Copacabana Night**
- Saturday, March 13  
**Skippers' Breakfast**
- Wednesday, March 17  
**St. Patrick's Day Party**
- Thursday, March 18  
**Ladies' Luncheon & Fashion Show**
- Saturday, March 20  
**NEW MEMBERS' ORIENTATION**
- Wednesday, March 24  
**Wine Club Dinner featuring Foods & Wine of France**
- Saturday, March 27  
**Las Vegas Dinner Show**

*Don't forget... Sunday Brunch, Tuesday's Homestyle Features, and Friday's Pub Night.*