

Change of Watch



Wheelhouse news

From the Bridge

September is here already and I see on the horizon the harbor lights that mark the end of my voyage as Commodore. It was a voyage that was only possible with the competent and dedicated help of a truly outstanding crew. Before reflecting on the trip, there remain some critical September channel markers that must be successfully navigated to keep our RPYC ship on course.

Tuesday, September 14 is our Annual Meeting. Brief reports will be made by Officers and Committee chairpersons and we will elect our Flags, Officers and Directors for next year. Also, members will vote on several By-Laws revisions and will elect members to serve on the Nominating Committee for 2010 – 2011. Your attendance is important as a quorum is required to conduct the Annual Meeting business. Nominees for the elected positions and By-Laws matters were defined in my Annual Meeting Notice letter sent to all members. Nominees have also been posted at the Club and listed in Wheelhouse publications. Act quickly and contact Phyllis to get an Absentee Ballot if you know it will not be possible to attend. Join other members for a special Italian Night dinner following the meeting.

Saturday, September 25 will be the Change of Watch dinner and installation ceremony. This special evening of fine dining and dancing is one of our traditional Club events. As in past years, it will be hosted by the RPYC Chapter of the International Order of the Blue Gavel and the Past Commodores' Mates Auxiliary. Make your reservations now. Our annual Fleet Review, another traditional RPYC celebration, is scheduled for Sunday, November 7.

Get a jump start on the new Fall season of activities ... see the September monthly calendar and sign up for feature events such as Ladies' Luncheon, Wine Club Dinner, Birthday – Anniversary Celebration Night, and Club Manager Specials including a Prime Rib Dinner and Friday Night Half Price Drinks. Also, now is the time to

get your Boater cruises and Adventurer outings booked for the months ahead.

When reflecting on the past year as your Commodore, my immediate first thought is how the job would have been impossible without the outstanding support of many people. The overall RPYC team of Officers, Board members, well led Committees, Club Manager, all Club staff and of course our fine kitchen and dining room employees who all pulled together to get the job done. I am truly grateful for the hard work and capable support of the whole team. The superb results of our Membership efforts under the leadership of Mary Lou and Dick Mullins are worthy of special mention. Our core programs for Cruising under Fleet Captain Phil Johnston's leadership and the Royal Adventurers under the leadership of Ernie Fogg and Ed LaDuke again demonstrated benchmark setting performance. Charlene Borys worked her monthly magic with an outstanding Ladies' Luncheon program. Chris Burger brought many fresh ideas to our Ship Shop and was my loyal alter ego for the commissioned "Fleet Review at Royal Palm" painting project. Cathy Sangiovanni guided her Entertainment Committee in putting forth some great new events and performers. For sure, an atta boy to Marv Market for the expert 24/7 photo and communications support he provides to everybody. Thanks to Treasurer Gordon Fay for his insightful guidance in successfully navigating financial matters and Vice Commodore Schneider for regularly providing able counsel on a wide variety of Club management and leadership issues. Past Commodores, particularly Mar Guveyian, Bob Minahan and Rich Lauber, were frequently consulted and offered me limitless help in getting the job done. Special thanks to First Mate Paula for all the at home "space", support and understanding necessary for me to serve as your Commodore. Finally, thanks for the chance to get to know all of you better and for your confidence and reassurances along the way... As before, looking forward to seeing you at the Club.



Commodore
Charles Williamsen

Royal Palm Yacht Club SEPTEMBER 2010 Club Events

Wednesday, September 1

Wednesday Sunset Buffet

Thursday, September 2

Oodles of Noodles

Saturday, September 4

Prime Rib Dinner Special

Tuesday, September 14

**Annual Membership Meeting
& Italian Dinner Night**

Thursday, September 16

Ladies' Luncheon & Fashion Show

Friday, September 17

Birthday & Anniversary Night

Wednesday, September 22

**The Wine Club's 4th Annual
Scotch & Wine Dinner**

Saturday, September 25

**Change of Watch
Ceremony & Dinner**