

An aerial photograph of the Isles Yacht Club. The central focus is a large, modern clubhouse with a grey roof and blue accents, surrounded by palm trees and a well-maintained lawn. In the foreground, a curved dock system extends into the water, with numerous white yachts and sailboats moored. The background shows a large body of water, a bridge, and other buildings under a clear blue sky.

# *Florida Council of Yacht Clubs*

*Welcome Members & Directors  
to Isles Yacht Club*

MAY 16 - 18, 2025

HELD AT ISLES YACHT CLUB

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## Invitation from IYC Commodore

March 3, 2025

FCYC Commodores  
FCYC Officers, Directors & Alternate Directors  
FCYC General Managers

The Officers, Directors, Members, and Staff of the Isles Yacht Club are pleased to welcome you to the General Meeting of the Florida Council of Yacht Clubs, to be held on May 16-18, 2025. Isles Yacht Club is located in the historic city of Punta Gorda, the only incorporated municipality in Charlotte County. We hope that you find us to be a very welcoming and friendly Club, located close to several interesting attractions.

We urge you to make hotel reservations as soon as possible. To help you with this, we have included contact information and special rates for three local hotels. These hotels are all within 5 miles of the Club, and straight forward directions to IYC have been provided to assist you.

If you arrive early on Friday, May 16, please consider coming to the Club for lunch, either in the Commodores Grille room, or on our Patio. Both our inside and outside bars will also be open for your enjoyment. Registration check-in will begin on Friday afternoon, from 3:00pm and continue until 6:00pm. On Saturday, Registration check-in will be available from 8:30am until 1:00pm. If you are unable to arrive during registration hours, please see one of our hostesses, or find a Manager, and they will be happy to assist you.

A welcoming social hour will begin on Friday evening, at 5:00pm in the Grille room, and on our Patio. Our spectacular Friday Buffet will be available for your dining pleasure beginning at 6:00pm, with food service extending until 8:30pm. Please see our Dining Room hostess for seating. There will be live music for your listening and dancing pleasure. Please enjoy yourself!

Beginning at 8:30am on Saturday, coffee and pastries will be available. There are a number of optional activities available for you to explore on your own within the area. Please feel free to choose something of interest from the list provided in this packet, or sign-up to join us on a two hour cruise on Charlotte Harbor, leaving our Club docks at 9:00am. The cost of the cruise is \$50 per person, with a limit of 33 attendees. A Lunch Buffet will be available in our Main Dining Room beginning at 11:30am and continuing until 1:00pm.

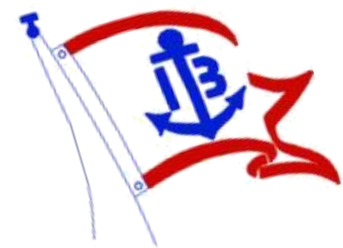
Following the afternoon's meetings, there will be a cocktail hour from 6:00pm to 7:00pm, followed by a plated Dinner and the evening's program. The popular duo *Billy Dean & Dawn* will provide music for your enjoyment and dancing - so let the party begin! Saturday evening's attire is Winter Dress Uniform or equivalent.

Sunday morning, our Breakfast Buffet will be available in the Main Dining Room from 9:00am until 12:30pm. We ask that you make a reservation for this buffet.

Please include all the requested information on the enclosed reservation forms. All forms should be received by the IYC General Manager no later than **Thursday, April 24**. Cancellations must be received by **Thursday, May 1**. Please call if you have any special needs. We look forward to your arrival and anticipate a fun and productive set of meetings and social events.

Safe Travels,

David McBride  
IYC Commodore



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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### FRIDAY:

3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Registration - IYC Foyer

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Social Hour - Commodore's Grille

6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Buffet - Main Dining Room

Entertainment: *Ron Lorenzo*

### SATURDAY:

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Registration - IYC Foyer

9:00 a.m. Harbor Cruise on the Oasis (Reservations Required)

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Educational Program

10:00 a.m. Spouse & Guest Optional Event - Visual Arts Center, Military Museum, Fishermen's Village

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Past Commodores Meeting (Executive BOD)

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lunch Buffet - Main Dining Room

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Directors' Meeting - Banquet Room

2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. Guest Speaker: Author Robert Macomber "The Great Escape" - Banquet Room

3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. General Meeting - Banquet Room

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Social Hour - Patio & Commodores Grille

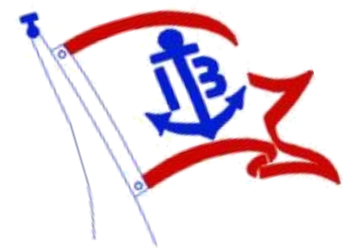
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Pre-Dinner Program & Dinner - Main Dining Room

8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. FCYC Awards & IYC Commodore Comments followed by Music & Dancing

Entertainment: *Billy Dean & Dawn*

### SUNDAY:

9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Sunday Breakfast Buffet - Main Dining Room



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## DINING AT IYC

### Friday Night Buffet

6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Carving & Pasta Stations, Salad Bar, Entrées, & Desserts

Cost: \$37<sup>++</sup>

Attire: Sports (Shorts & Collared Shirt)



### Saturday Lunch Buffet

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Soup, Salad, Burger Bar, Cookies & Brownies

Cost: \$25<sup>++</sup>

Attire: Summer Uniform or Casual (Slacks & Collared Shirt)



### Saturday Evening Dinner

6:00 p.m. Social, 7:00 p.m. Dinner

Caesar Salad

IYC Crab Cake & Filet Mignon (with Red Wine Mushroom Demi)

Au Gratin Potatoes & Green Beans

Vanilla Crepe Cake with Chantilly Cream & Berry Compote

Cost: \$55<sup>++</sup>

Attire: Winter Uniform, Jacket & Tie - Cocktail Attire

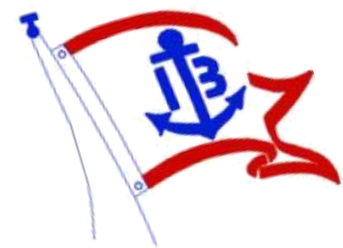


### Sunday Breakfast Buffet

9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Cost: \$17<sup>++</sup>

Attire: Sports (Shorts & Collared Shirt)



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## SATURDAY OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

### Visual Arts Center

210 Maud St, Punta Gorda, FL

<https://visualartcenter.org>

Hours: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Cost of Admission - Donations Accepted

Display will be "A Walk in Nature"



### Military Heritage Museum

900 W Marion Ave, Punta Gorda, FL

<https://militaryheritagemuseum.org/>

Hours: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Cost of Admission - \$16 per person; \$14 for Veterans



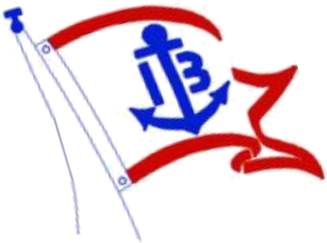
### Fishermen's Village

1200 W Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda, FL

<https://www.fishermensvillage.com/>



\*Available at Isles Yacht Club: Fitness Center, Tennis Courts, Bocce Courts, Billiards, and a Swimming Pool.



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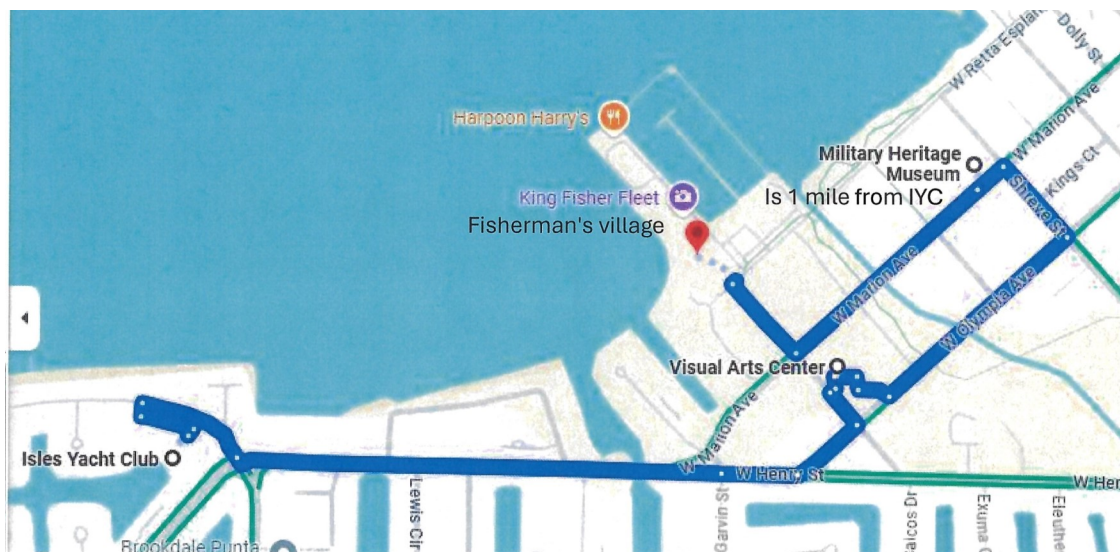
### Harbor Cruise on the Oasis

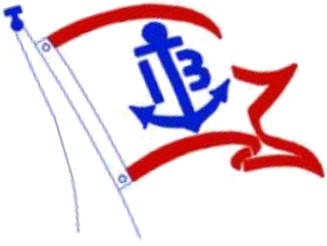
<https://puntagordaadventures.com/>

9:00 a.m. Departure from IYC Dock

Cost of Cruise: \$50 per person

*Minimum of 20 Attendees to have the Cruise . Maximum of 33 Attendees.*





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## LODGING

*\* When making your hotel reservation be sure you ask for the Florida Council of Yacht Clubs rate\**



### **The Wyvern Hotel**

101 East Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda, FL 33950  
(941) 639-7700 / [www.thewyvernhotel.com](http://www.thewyvernhotel.com)

\$129-\$139 Per Night  
Great Hotel, Beautiful View, Rooftop Bar  
Reservation cutoff 4/16/25

### **Four Points by Sheraton Punta Gorda Harborside**

33 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda, FL 33950  
(941) 637-6770 / [www.fourpointspuntagordaharborside.com](http://www.fourpointspuntagordaharborside.com)

\$139 Per Night  
Great Hotel, Harborside View, Tiki Bar  
Reservation cutoff 4/16/25

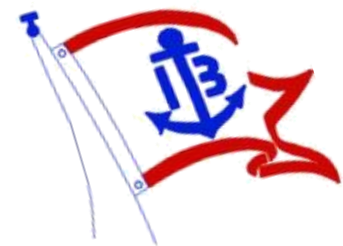
<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1731677149761&key=GRP&questreslink2=true&app=resvlink>



### **Springhill Suites by Marriott Punta Gorda Harborside**

101 Harborside Ave., Punta Gorda, FL 33950  
(941) 347-4224 / [www.marriott.com](http://www.marriott.com)

\$179 Per Night  
Scenic Waterfront, Continental Breakfast  
Reservation cutoff 4/16/25

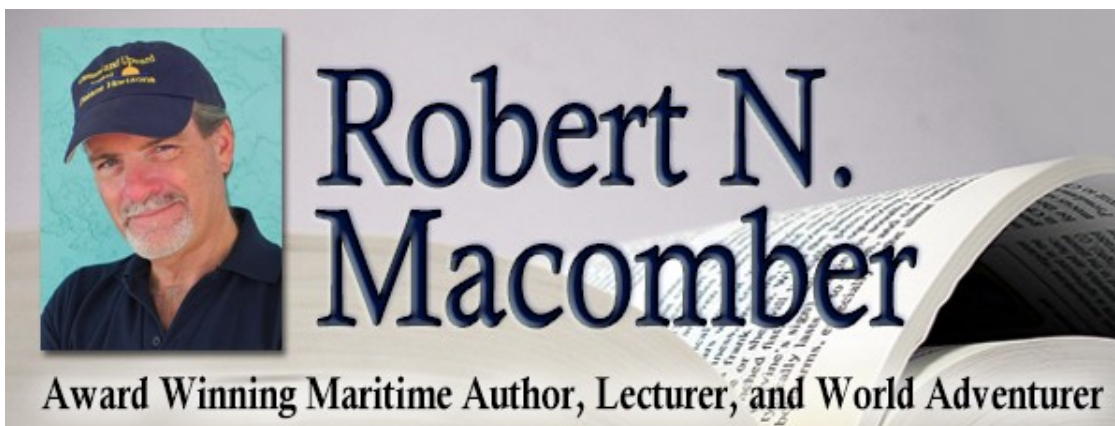


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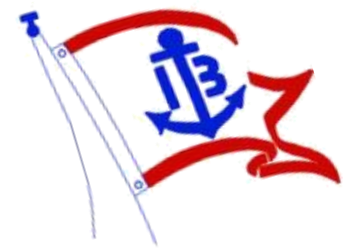
## SPEAKER PRESENTATIONS



### **America's Cup & the Civil War**

As author of the 17 book Honor Series, Robert N. Macomber has been described as "The O'Brian of the Caribbean" by Randy W. White. Macomber's protagonist, Peter Wake's escapades are heralded by author John Prados: "At last! Finally, we have an American character the equivalent of Hornblower or Aubry." Even beyond his caliber of writing, Macomber's knowledge is extensive! His presentations span 80 maritime, Victorian-Edwardian world history, American history and literary topics. He is an engaging speaker who has lectured far and wide, from the most elegant of ships like the *Queen Mary 2*, to being a "Distinguished Lecturer" at U.S. Southern Command, the Office of Naval Intelligence and NATO. Macomber can take his repertoire and make it come alive in a variety of venues from the more formal U.S. Military Officers Association to the less formal 4<sup>th</sup> Grade classroom at any public or private school. He has appeared in many of the "Untold Stories" PBS series and has been a repeat guest on NPR. Whether a featured speaker for a convention-size engagement or a tour narrator for groups of visiting executives or students, Macomber tantalizes audiences with factual historic lore and literary tales. He has the expertise, proven leadership and reliable decorum to make experiences, excursions and presentations most memorable!





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## DIRECTIONS

### By Car

(From I-75 North or South)

Take the US-17 exit, EXIT 164, toward Punta Gorda. Turn Left. At US-41S in Punta Gorda, US-17 becomes West Marion Ave. Continue on Marion Ave. about two miles, past Fishermen's Village, to the traffic light at Bal Harbor Blvd. Turn right onto Jamaica Way, then the first left into the parking lot.

### By Boat

Using Chart #11426, proceed east from Boca Grande Pass until abeam of Marker 5, just off Cape Haze. Turn to port and head north. Pass Marker 1, and then head 027 degrees to Marker 2, then 060 degrees to Marker 3. Head 170 degrees to channel entrance marked by day Marker 1 and Red Flasher 2. Enter canal and make first port. Continue to IYC Dock.





**EVENT RESERVATION FORM**  
**FLORIDA COUNCIL OF YACHT CLUBS**  
 FCYC Meeting  
**ISLES YACHT CLUB**  
 Friday, May 16, 2025 - Sunday, May 18, 2025



Member's Name First & Last	Spouse or Guest Name	Mbr #	Friday Night Buffet \$37pp	Saturday Oasis Cruise \$50pp	Saturday IYC Lunch Buffet \$25pp	Saturday Night Dinner \$55pp	Sunday Breakfast Buffet \$17pp

**Return form via email to RESERVATIONS@ISLESYC.COM**

Deadline for reservations: Thursday, April 24, 2025 by 4:00 p.m.

Deadline for cancellations: Thursday, May 1, 2025 by 4:00 p.m.

Isles Yacht Club

1780 W. Marion Ave. Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Office Phone: (941) 639-1369 Dockmaster Cell: (941) 769-0842

**Club Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Club Manager:** \_\_\_\_\_



# BOAT DOCKAGE RESERVATION FORM

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Member's Name First & Last	Boat Name	Mbr #	Cell Phone Number	Power or Sail	LOA	Beam	Draft	Shore Power 30/50	Arrival Date & ETA	Departure Date

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