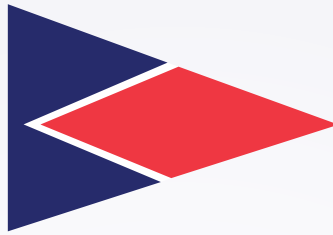




# **Florida Council of Yacht Clubs Directors Meeting & Change of Watch March 13 – 15, 2026**

1330 Tarpon Center Drive, Venice Florida 34285 (941) 488.7708



## Venice Yacht Club

March 13, 2026

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



On behalf of the members and staff of the Venice Yacht Club, it is our pleasure to host the General Meeting and Change of Watch for The Florida Council of Yacht Clubs March 13 – 15, 2026. This is a special time for us as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of Venice City along with the 75th anniversary of VYC. Our club is proud of our past contributions and continued involvement in the positive growth of the Venice Community.

As with most FCYC locations the Venice area has seen explosive population growth over the past few years. As a result, our hotels are in high demand especially during spring break, so I urge you to make your reservations early.

All the details for this event are included in the enclosed package. Registration should be completed by February 28th and cancelations received by March 6th. Please note any dietary restriction on your reservation and should you require any special assistance please contact Ms. Krissy Shannon at [reservations@veniceyachtclub.com](mailto:reservations@veniceyachtclub.com).

Looking forward to the weekend,

*Michael Marquette*

*Commodore, Venice Yacht Club*



## Venice Yacht Club History

The VYC was established in 1951 with 25 initial members. In 2026 we are excited to celebrate our 75th “Diamond Jubilee” Anniversary with special events, parade floats, and honorary guests.

We welcome you at the Venice Yacht Club where our membership honors and respects its legacy in the true spirit of its founding members as set forth in our charter: “A maritime tradition situated on beautiful waters, highly valuing enduring friendships of common interests and having fun together.”

The “story” of the Venice Yacht Club begins with its extraordinary founding members. Weary of a long drive to Sarasota to sail their boats, they wanted to establish a sailing and boating place in Venice, Florida. Gathering in a private home during 1950, the Venice sailors drafted a charter application for approval to form a yacht club in Venice.

Becoming a reality in February 1951, the Club is situated on Roberts Bay, contiguous to the Gulf of Mexico. From our docks into Roberts Bay, boaters and sailors are on the intra-coastal waterway and quickly reach the Venice Inlet that flows into the Gulf, delivering the fastest and easiest access of any yacht club along the west coast of Florida.

The original 25 members from 1951 has grown to a cap of 780 memberships. Our members enjoy boating and sailing, dining, social events, and adherence to maritime traditions in a family-oriented environment. Members support a deep commitment to the greater Venice community’s non-profit organizations with grants by its member-funded Charitable Foundation and volunteer board of directors.

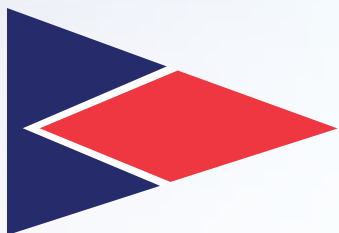


*Left: The Meeting and Social Event Room the yacht club leased in the Tarpon Center Resort from 1951 until 1961 when the yacht club's new clubhouse was opened on Roberts Bay, below.*

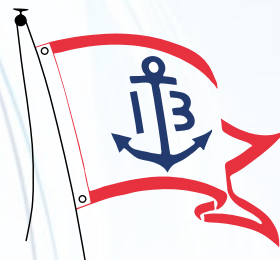


VYC’s charter encourages “the education of the young people in the community in the science of navigation, the art of sailing and small boat handling...” In its 75 years of operation, first as the Pram Fleet, then continuing as Venice Youth Boating Association, over 5,000 Venice area boys and girls have learned to sail at the Venice Yacht Club, a remarkable achievement for a small yacht club in a small town! It is only one of the many ways our Foundation supports the community.

*Synopsized from Story of the VYC by John Sammet*



**VENICE YACHT CLUB  
FCYC DIRECTORS MEETING  
MARCH 13-15**



**~ WEEKEND EVENTS ~**

**Friday, March 13, 2026**

3:00 PM – 6:00 PM .....REGISTRATION.....LOBBY  
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM .....FCYC COCKTAIL RECEPTION.....MAIN BAR  
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM.....BUFFET DINNER..... BAYSIDE DINING ROOM  
6:30 PM – 9:30 PM .....MUSIC: LISA RIDINGS DUO..... TIKI BAR

**Saturday, March 14, 2026**

8:00 AM .....VENICE FARMER'S MARKET.....CITY HALL  
*(Transportation on your own)*

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM ....REGISTRATION.....LOBBY  
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM .....LUNCH BUFFET..... BAYSIDE DINING ROOM  
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM .....DIRECTORS MEETING..... SUNSET ROOM  
2:30 PM – 3:15 PM.....GUEST SPEAKER ..... SUNSET ROOM  
3:15 PM – 4:00 PM.....GENERAL MEETING ..... SUNSET ROOM  
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM.....COCKTAIL RECEPTION.....MAIN BAR  
6:45 PM – 8:15 PM .....DINNER..... BAYSIDE DINING ROOM  
8:15 PM .....COW CEREMONY ..... BAYSIDE DINING ROOM  
MUSIC: DJ CHRIS .....BAYSIDE DINING ROOM

**Sunday - March 15, 2026**

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM.....VYC BREAKFAST *By Reservation*



## Saturday Morning Activity



### Venice Farmers Market

*(Transportation on your own)*

401 W. Venice Avenue at City Hall

8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

<https://www.thevenicefarmersmarket.org>

Voted the best Farmers Market year after year

*(Even better than Rockford Michigan)*

### Expect a colorful mix of local vendors offering:

- ◆ Fresh, locally grown produce, organic items, bakery goods, wild-caught Florida seafood, boutique cheeses, roasted coffee, and more.
- ◆ Artisan products such as handcrafted soaps, essential oils, jewelry, photography, clay art, clothing, nursery plants, and cut flowers.
- ◆ Enjoy a festive atmosphere with live music and entertainment, making it a vibrant community hub.

### Pro Tips for Visiting

- ◆ Arrive early—you'll enjoy the freshest selection, cooler temps, and fewer crowds.
- ◆ Bring cash, especially for smaller artisan or produce vendors.
- ◆ Plan for a stroll—maybe walk along downtown shops afterward.





# **Saturday's Guest Speaker: Larry R. Humes**

## **The Centennial Year History of The City of Venice**

During his four-decade long career, Larry R. Humes worked mostly in journalism. He wrote for newspapers throughout Florida, served as a stringer for United Press International, and was editor of The Greentree Gazette, a bi-monthly national magazine targeting higher education administrators. A mystery novel, Bridge to Nowhere, was published in 1980.

Larry managed communications for The University of Florida and Rollins College before spending the last decade of his career as a strategic marketing and communications consultant to higher education. Since retirement, he has remained active in local history projects and gives presentations on the topic. He also writes regularly about local history for the Venice Gondolier newspaper. He can be reached at: [1926venice@gmail.com](mailto:1926venice@gmail.com).



# WEEKEND MEALS

## Friday Night

### "Taste of Venice" Buffet

Bayside Dining Room

Price: \$40++

(Tiki à la carte menu also available)

- ❖ Caesar Salad
- ❖ Pizza Station
- ❖ Lasagna
- ❖ Fish Station
- ❖ Braveheart Beef Carving Station
- ❖ Roasted Potatoes
- ❖ Green Beans
- ❖ Bread: Garlic Knots
- ❖ Assorted Dessert Bites

## Saturday

### Lunch Buffet

Bayside Dining Room

Price: \$20++

- ❖ **Soup Station:** New England Clam Chowder, and Chef's Choice
- ❖ **Green Salad Station:** Veggies, Bacon, B/C Crumbles, Croutons, Grated Parmesan Cheese
- ❖ **Pasta Salad Station:** Fusilli Pasta with Green Olives, Diced Ham, Diced Cheddar Cheese, Diced Onion, Tossed in Vinegar and Oil Dressing
- ❖ **Sandwich Station:** Turkey & Swiss Sliders, Chicken, Egg & Tuna Salad Mini Croissant Sandwiches
- ❖ Cookies and Assorted Dessert Bites

## Saturday Evening

### Change of Watch Ceremony

Bayside Dining Room

Price: \$60++

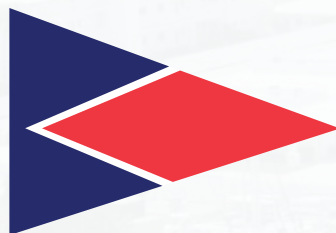
- ❖ **Appetizer Station in the Main Bar:**
- ❖ VYC Salad
- ❖ Parker House Rolls and Butter
- ❖ **Surf & Turf:** Filet Mignon & Crab Stuffed Shrimp\*\*
- ❖ Potato Pave
- ❖ Blistered Asparagus
- ❖ Citrus Olive Oil Cake

**VYC Sunday Breakfast Available** – 10:00 AM by Reservation

\*\*Indicate any Dietary Restrictions when making Reservation







# Venice Yacht Club

1330 Tarpon Center Drive  
Venice, FL 34285



Latitude: 27° 6' 30" ~ Longitude: -82° 27' 43"

Radio: Channel 16 - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mon. - Sun.

Office Phone: (941) 488-7708 | Fax: (941) 484-7603

Dockmaster: (941) 483-3625

Accounting: (941) 483-4999

Reservations: (941) 488-7708

## Arrival by Car

From I-75 southbound exit #200, Nokomis; this will take you to US-41. Go south on US-41 to Business 41. Turn west onto Business US-41. Cross over ICW bridge, turn right on Venice Ave. (second traffic light).

Continue on Venice Avenue to the beach. Turn right onto The Esplanade. After about 1/2 mile, turn left on to Tarpon Center Drive. Continue on Tarpon Center Drive about a 1/4 mile. The Club is on your right.

From I-75 northbound, exit at #193, Venice/Englewood. Head west on Venice Ave. and follow instructions above.

From US-41 north or south, at Venice Avenue, turn west and follow directions above.

## Arrival by Sea

From the Gulf of Mexico, enter the Intracoastal Waterway (ICW) through Venice Inlet. Head southward on the ICW to marker #14, then turn westward and follow the marked ten foot channel 800 yards to the Club.

**Radio Contact:** Channel 16 is monitored, working channel 68.





# HOTEL INFORMATION

## **Inn at the Beach**

725 West Venice Avenue, Venice FL 34285  
(941) 484-8471 [www.innatthebeach.com](http://www.innatthebeach.com)  
0.7 Miles from VYC

## **Holiday Inn Express & Suites**

206 Albee Road West, Nokomis Fl 34275  
(888) 465-4329 [www.holidayinn.com](http://www.holidayinn.com)  
3.5 Miles from VYC

## **Home 2 Suites by Hilton**

227 Albee Road West, Nokomis Fl  
(941) 412-0064 [www.hilton.com](http://www.hilton.com)  
3.5 Miles from VYC

## **Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott**

2935 Executive Drive, Venice Fl 34292  
(941) 488-4343 [www.marriott.com](http://www.marriott.com)  
6.0 Miles from VYC

## **Marriott Towne Place Suites**

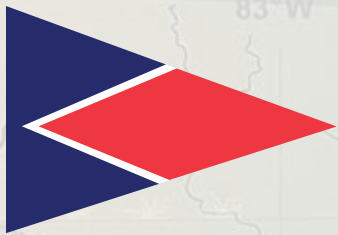
2986 Executive Drive, Venice FL 34292  
941.879.9100 [www.marriott.com](http://www.marriott.com)  
6.0 Miles from VYC

## **Best Western Plus – Ambassador Suites**

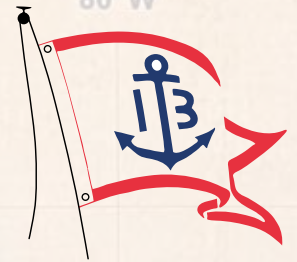
400 Commercial Court, Venice Fl 34292  
941.480.9898 [bestwestern.com](http://bestwestern.com)  
6.0 Miles from VYC







# EVENT REGISTRATION PROCESS



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REGISTRATION  
DEADLINE  
**FEBRUARY 28**

CANCELATION  
DEADLINE  
**MARCH 6**

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