

# Commodore's Welcome News Letter

## February 2022



As your new Commodore, I want to welcome everyone to 2022 and bring you up to date on some of the Back Creek Yacht Club happenings.

The first thing I'd like to do is thank our outgoing Commodore, Tom Bernhart for his service. I'd also like to thank retiring officers, Fleet Captain Justin Tindale, Treasurer Westbrook Murphy, Secretary Chris Soucy, Cruise Director Lynn Egan, and BOG members Molly Stone and Gary Budesheim.

I would like to welcome our newest club officer, Rear Commodore Norm Render. The BOG held a special meeting on 8 January to make this official.

So just as an update, our 2022 club slate is as follows:

Commodore Tim Feldmann

Vice Commodore John Yates

Rear Commodore Norm Render

Fleet Captain Larry Awalt

Treasurer Court Treuth

Secretary Patti Bartlett

BOG Members Ben Wilson, Candy Wilson, Rosie Cavin, Dave Brashears, Eileen Smith, and Laura Treuth

Membership Chair Sherry Render

Cruise Director Gail Higginbotham

Social Director South Madi Yates

Webmaster Bob Higginbotham

Before I move on, I would like to thank Joie White for her short time as our Social Director. Although she was not able to continue as such, her ideas did generate a list of current events that I hope will prove to be fun and something we try to repeat over the years to come. We are currently in need of a Social Chair for 2022. So please consider volunteering for this position.

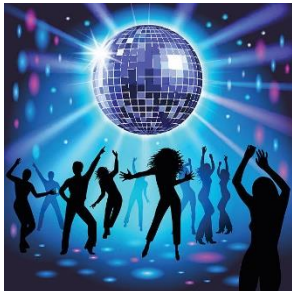
As COVID is still hanging around, we will have to adjust how and when our club events will occur to ensure we are abiding with local rules/guidelines and keeping everyone safe. So please be flexible, and understand when things are canceled or switched to Zoom. I want to ensure we stay safe as we move forward throughout the year.

With that said, we have a few events upcoming that I hope everyone will be able to join in. If you have been getting the event notices (north and south) you know we are busy trying to have a great time while staying safe. Our next events in the North, are a Superbowl Party at the Epping Forest Clubhouse on 13 Feb. This is followed by a Wine Tasting and Dinner at Smashing Grapes on 20 Feb. Our Southern members "Florida Winter Celebration" is 5 Feb at the Loving's Condo Clubhouse in Stuart, Fl. Then join our southern members for Live Music by "The Long Run" on 20 Feb at Summer Crush Vineyard and Winery.

I want to highlight the fact that in 2021 and the start of 2022 we have welcomed 7 new membership packages for a total of 13 new members. To keep the momentum moving our Vice Commodore John Yates is continuing his "Ideating" with a focus on the future of our club and on how to continue to attract new members.

This April, we are planning to have a New Member Welcome Social via Zoom and introduce our new members to the current Club Officers and Board. And give all those who attend information on our current By-Laws, Officer and Chair Responsibilities, and what it takes to plan and host an event. More information and date to follow.

I want to thank our Change of Watch (CoW) planners Gail Higginbotham and Madi Yates for planning what I hope will be a memorable CoW! This year's CoW will be at Oyster Cove Clubhouse on Kent Island, on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Commodore Tim Feldmann and Commodorable Jae Hamilton would like to ask everyone to be prepared to "Get Out the Funk" for the biggest BCYC Disco Party in 2022!



So, dust off your platform shoes, don those disco clothes, and let's get dancin'. More information will be forthcoming.

Our Fleet Captain Larry Awalt is working with our Cruise Director Gail Higginbotham, in putting together an exciting year of cruising for 2022. Starting with our Season Opener and followed by our Annual Cruise. Check out the BCYC Website for a list of events and the 2022 calendar. And please consider hosting an event.

I want to finish by asking that everyone look at [how I can help the club](#). Whether that is in serving as an Officer, Chairperson, or Director or volunteering to host or assist in hosting an event. This club only functions with the help of all. And this is why we continue to be a great place to have fun both on and off the water.

Thank you for your time, and remember "It's All About the People!"

Your Commodore,  
Tim Feldmann