

Commodores Message

This past year has gone by so fast. As your Senior Vice Commodore I knew that the day would come when I would step forward and follow those before me who gave their time and energy to make this a great club. Being a history buff, I always found myself looking at the wall of past commodores and wondering what they encountered during their tenure, what the vision of the first commodores were 40 years ago and what steps they took to make this an organization that would endure for so many years. With this in mind, I started thinking about the agenda moving forward.

The most obvious difference this year will be the differences in the Commodores. Alex can hit a golf ball long and straight. However, the first time he went on a cruise he couldn't get his boat started the second day. In my case I play golf so well that in the middle of the season I switched from left handed to right handed to see if that would help my game. More importantly, my boat always started. When on the island we live on our boat, Alex in a house. These are the most obvious changes in leadership this year.

First we must recognize and thank what makes any great organization. That is the people. Alex began his tenure with a vision that he held true to. He handled all issues with dignity, character, and resolve. He also brought with him a total family involvement in the club, and I would like to thank Elaina and their children. Thank you to his board members Dollye, Karen, Bette, Mike, PC Dennis, Andi, and our Hatter editor Janet. I am really looking forward to working with the new board Dollye Powloski, Karen Daschen and Bette Near returning, Judy Lee and Shirley Allen returning to the board after a year off, new members Karen Belshaw, Cynthia Petrie, and Larry Bender joining for the first time. After 5 years Janet is handing the Hatter over to Suzanne Wade. Thank you all for your support and joining the team.

Like any well run organization, the state of the club is strong. Our membership is strong and growing. Our involvement in the community is strong and recognized. Our members are involved in community affairs, we have maintained a strong influence in golf, and we maintain a strong influence in yachting and marina affairs.

Our goals for the club are simply based on current agendas and the foundation of the club as set down in the objectives of our Bylaws. We will have fun promoting Yachting, Golfing, and developing activities that may be desired by the membership. This club is the jewel that drives many of the social activities on the island without impeding on anyone's private activity. We also have a responsibility to make sure that all of the island facilities are accessible, not only to our members, but also to all island residence. We must continue to work with the community on all golf and marina issues, and we as a group must support the appropriate agenda for the next 40 years.

We will also review closely this year our own facility. The value of our building as well as the two lots that we own have skyrocketed in value. With that said, we have incurred assessments on both lots for the marina and water as well as an increase in property tax. We must be ever prudent that we maintain the integrity and quality of our building. We will assess our budget early to best prioritize the facility needs.

I'd like to end with my standard answer when questioned on what we want to accomplish this year. We want to have a really fun year. Yes, we will be prudent with the assets and the facility, but this board doesn't want to be remembered for that. We have assembled a board with individual visions that will make this a great and fun year for golf, yachting, and all social and community events.

Thank you for your vote of confidence and please call on me at anytime.