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Vero Marine Center Area's oldest marine business offers one-stop shopping

By Jackie Hofferler Correspondent

Of the many things that make Vero Marine Center the unique entity it is, possibly No. 1 is the fact that this is, indeed, a real marina.

With a road in front and water in back, co-owner Brian Cunningham says the oldest marine business in Indian River County really offers one-stop shopping for all boating needs. You can purchase your craft there, have it serviced or stock up in the ship's store before setting off on your journey.

Everything about Vero Marine speaks to its longevity: 60th anniversary at the same location, long-time professional relationships with top manufacturers like Grady White and Robalo boats, Yamaha Outboards, and employees who have so much fun working there that they never want to leave.

As Cunningham says, it's a great lifestyle and a great workstyle - who could ask for more?

One of the special services that Vero Marine offers its customers is indoor summertime storage for their boats. No worry for snowbirds headed out-of-town - their pride and joy will be safe from the rough summertime elements and any potential hurricanes.

Boaters tend to be social by nature and a big part of Vero Marine Center's business is an owners group called The Vero Beach Grady Bunch. For those who purchased their Grady White boat at this location, the calendar is filled with boating adventures to the Bahamas, day trips, lunch at waterfront restaurants and the like. The Grady Bunch has been "Having Fun On The Water Since 1988" when the group officially formed.

Since members own boats between 18-37 feet in length, everyone picks out what suits their craft and their lifestyle. Members from 1-75 years old can often be seen enjoying the same activity.

The Grady Guys also enjoy a weekly lunch and the Grady Ladies meet monthly for theirs - you can see why someone new to the Treasure Coast never has to worry about making friends and getting to know fun folks if they buy a boat from Vero Marine Center.

In addition to offering award winning sales and superb service, Cunningham, his partner Boo MacIntyre, and his colleagues are great community partners. They've put on the Vero Beach Boat Show for 33 years and Brian serves on the Vero Beach Marine Commission and with local service organizations. Vero Marine is a big supporter of Habitat for Humanity of IRC as well as other local charitable organizations.

It's easy to see why this 50-slip marina that has a great reputation for quality, service and good times has been a landmark on Palm Pointe for 60 years - as a matter of fact, it was the second building on this beautiful stretch of waterfront.

Vero Marine Center is located at 12 Royal Palm Pointe, Vero Beach. Call 772-562-7922 or visit VeroMarine.com.

LIVE! From Vero Beach MusicWorks to bring 11 stellar productions to local venues

By Jackie Hofferler Correspondent

LIVE! From Vero Beach is an exciting, eclectic series of 11 performances by top professional entertainers that is presented right in our own backyard.

The first offering of the 2016-17 season takes place tomorrow night, when a Broadway-quality "Three Men Tribute to Michael Buble" takes place at the Emerson Center at 7 p.m. The evening also serves as a benefit concert for the Center and a non-perishable food drive for The Hope for Families Center of Vero Beach. Attendees are asked to bring items with them to the performance. You'll want to be front and center for the superb performance.

Following soon after - on Dec. 2 - the California Guitar Trio presents a lovely and lively program of instrumental holiday music and conversations. This is the only show in the series that will take place at the Vero Beach Theatre Guild, and it, too, begins at 7 p.m.

The nine other programs, which are all a presentation of MusicWorks, Inc. and Paris



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Productions, take place from January to April and they all will enjoy a 7 p.m. curtain at the Emerson Center.

Local luminaries Bev and Marty Paris are known for producing top-flight and first-class events, and LIVE! From Vero Beach is no exception.

Other highlights of the series include Judy Collins Singing Stephen Sondheim, a "Martin & Lewis" comedy duo, "Rocket Man" - an Elton John Tribute Band and Felix Cavaliers'

Rascals. You'll find a perfect mixture of genres to appeal to every age and taste.

A complete list of all 11 stellar productions, along with dates, is listed on the MusicWorks Concerts website.

With one easy click, you can read a complete description of the event, order tickets, choose your seats and pay - what could be easier? You can order tickets for individual performances or the entire series at www.MusicWorkConcerts.com.

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Fishack Outstanding seafood, specialty drinks in fun atmosphere

By Jackie Hofferler Correspondent

Want to know how Mitchell and JoAnn Weiss can successfully run two top-rated restaurants in Vero Beach that offer the freshest and finest food in town?

It's easy, says JoAnn: just have four kids and make sure they all go into the business. Mitchell is a Culinary Institute of America-trained Chef who taught all of his children how to cook.

The Weisses have owned Fishack in the Downtown Art District for five years and they not only feature the highest-quality local seafood, but offer treats like whole-belly clams, scrod and haddock flown in from New England on a regular basis.

Specialties include blackened shrimp and cheese grits with sautéed spinach and scallions. A new menu will be unveiled soon that will include such mouthwatering items as lobster BLT wrap and lobster and scallop tacos.

Even the "regular" items have a special twist: homemade hot

sauce for wings, tartar sauce made in-house and cole slaw that's yummier than any you've ever tasted.

The staff is casual, friendly, knowledgeable and helpful, serving not only the outstanding food but also such beverages as craft beers and nine kinds of specialty margaritas. And it probably won't surprise you to learn that the sour mix at Fishack is homemade.

Happy Hour at Fishack is really happy: between 4-6 p.m., all drinks are buy one, get one for a penny.

Special All You Can Eat features include fish and chips all day Tuesday, tacos on Thursday evening and fried shrimp on Sunday night. And although there are only three desserts on the menu they are all made in-house and are simply heavenly: key lime pie, chocolate chip cookie sundae and peanut butter ice cream pie.

In addition to serving magnificent food, the Weiss family and Fishack are involved community partners. They save shells from the oysters they serve and present them to the ARC of



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IRC, whose clients make mats to which the shells are attached, submerged and used to filter seawater. Mitchell and JoAnn are also generous donors to other area non-profits.

The other popular local restaurant owned by the Weiss family is Pizzoodles, on Royal Palm Pointe.

Fishack is located at 1931

Old Dixie Hwy, Vero Beach and opens at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday through Saturday serving lunch and dinner, and 4 p.m. on Sunday serving dinner. The restaurant is closed on Monday.

Call 772-770-0977, visit FishackVeroBeach.com or like them on Facebook.

Treasure Coast Coin Club Hold history in the palm of your hand

By Jackie Hofferler Correspondent

Coin collectors literally hold history in the palms of their hands.

The Treasure Coast Coin Club, which was founded in 1964, provides education through planned programs at ten monthly meetings a year, promoting friendship and numismatics to both experienced and new collectors.

Chet Hogan, president of the Club, started his own collection at the age of eight, and shares that coins are valued according to dates, scarcity and condition.

As a matter of fact, collectible coins have even accounted for the name of this part of Florida: it had been known by "where the tropics begin" until noted treasure hunter Kip Wagner made his significant find of coins from a ship lost near Sebastian and the sobriquet was changed to the "Treasure Coast."

A goal of the Treasure Coast Coin Club is to attract new people to the hobby and meetings are open to residents of Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River, Brevard and Okechobee



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Meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of most months at the Fort Pierce campus of Indian River Community College in Building Y, Room 120.

counties. A business segment, educational program with guest speakers, coin auctions and serving of refreshments are all conducted in a spirit of friendship, with respect for the significance these pieces of history represent.

Meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of most months at the Fort Pierce campus of Indian River Community College in Building Y, Room 120. In December, there's a Christmas party and in March, the annual banquet and installation of officers replace the monthly meetings.

The Club hosts a well-attended coin show each year. This year, the 53rd Annual Vero Beach Coin Show takes place on January 14 - 15, 2017 at the Vero Beach Community Center, located at 2266 14 Avenue, Vero Beach. More than 1,100 people attend the show annually. For information, contact Scott Anderson at verocoinshow@gmail.com.

Collectors who aren't yet members are welcome to attend one of the meetings and bring their coins with them; if your collection is too large to be transported, someone from the

Treasure Coast Coin Club will be happy to visit you and to share their expertise.

Chet Hogan enjoys sharing his life-long love of coins, which has also become his son's livelihood, growing out of his own childhood fascination. Chet suggests that if you'd like to get a child or grandchild interested in this hobby, give him or her \$30 worth of pennies and let them sort them by the year. It's a great starting point for an interest that could last a lifetime.

Call 772-794-3200 or visit TreasureCoastCoinClub.org.