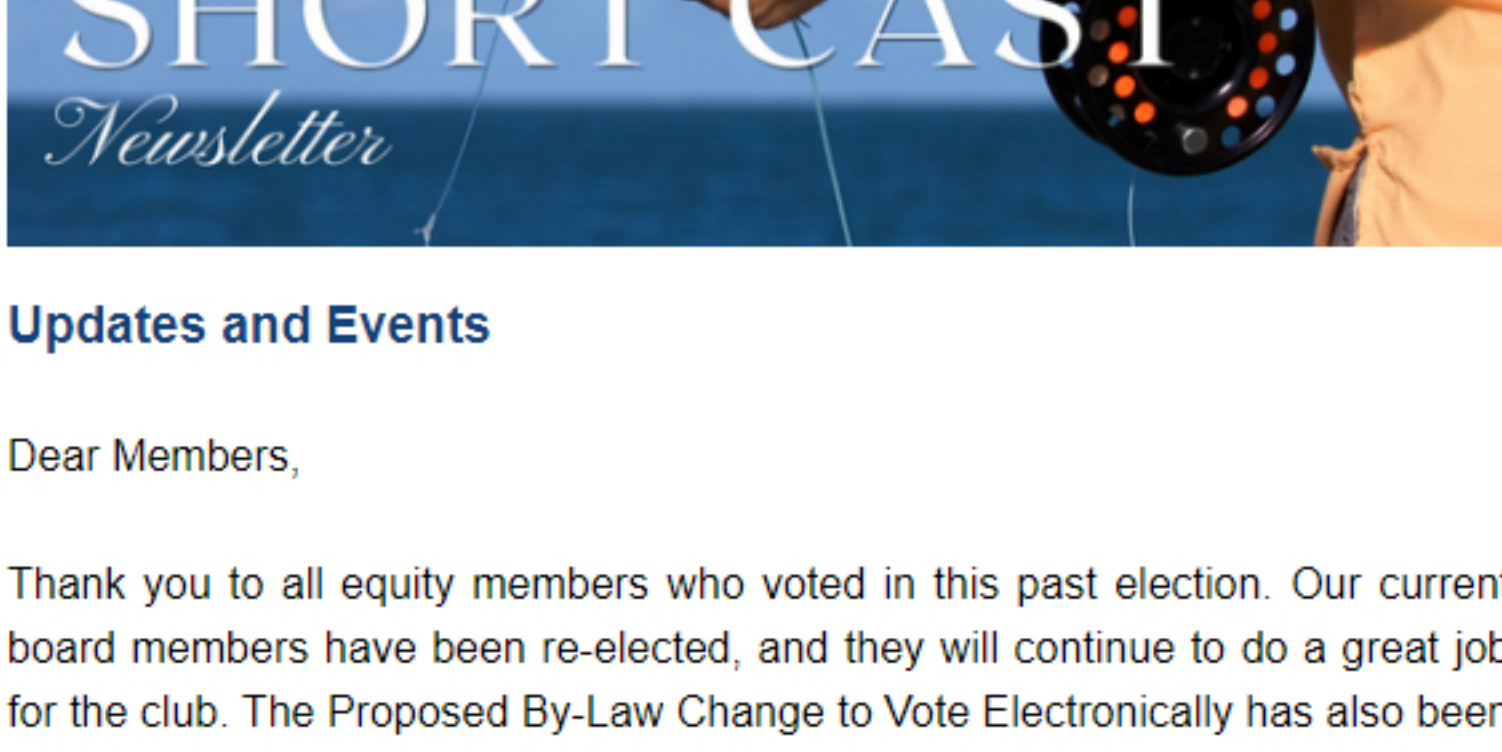




# March 2023



## Updates and Events

Dear Members,

Thank you to all equity members who voted in this past election. Our current board members have been re-elected, and they will continue to do a great job for the club. The Proposed By-Law Change to Vote Electronically has also been adopted.

Now that it is high season, I strongly recommend that all members make Dinner reservations as far in advance as possible or at a minimum of 24 to 48 hours in advance. We will gratefully accept last-minute reservations with time and space availability being considered.

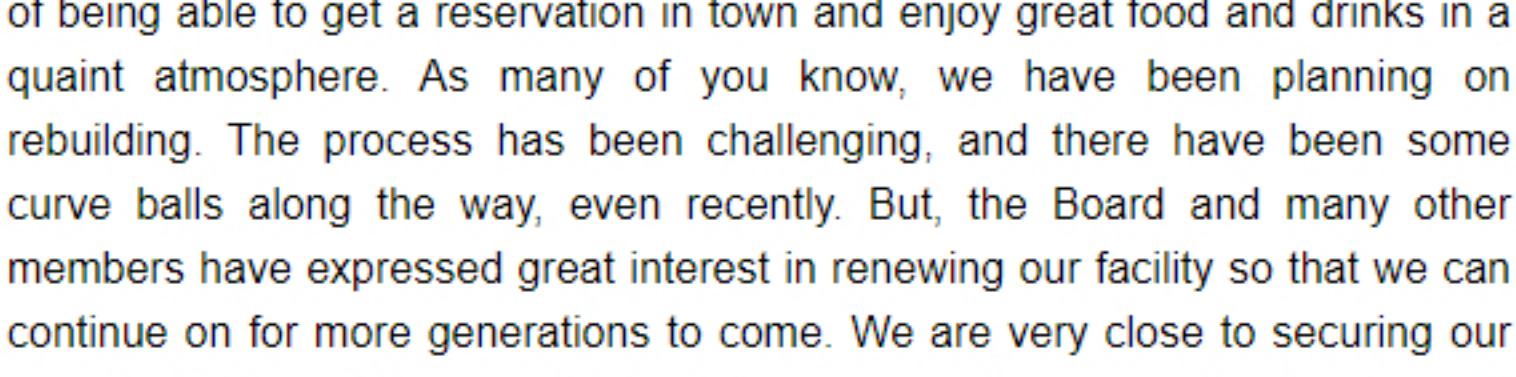
I would like to take this opportunity to invite all our members to our **annual Meeting on March 16th at 6 pm** This is an opportunity to meet your newly appointed officers, hear the status of the club & have a brief overview of the past year.

Immediately following our annual meeting, there will be a **member appreciation party**. This will be a members-only event.

Please be considerate to your fellow members & make sure to have your parking/name card on your dashboard.

Our New Parking Area, which is 400 feet north of the club on the right side, is open for business; there is a driveway on the south side of the open area to enter our lot. (Look for the IFC signage above the entry) Follow the driveway to the block wall under the lights.

- Vinnie



Dear Fellow Members,

Our annual meeting on March 16, 2023, is just around the corner, and we will once again be discussing our financial performance and successes this past year. We will also formally introduce the Board of Directors for this year.

The Islamorada Fishing Club has been experiencing a busy season thus far, and I have seen numerous nights with a packed house. It is great to see so many utilizing the Club and keeping up with old and new friends. We really have a special opportunity that has been handed down for generations to enjoy. IFC continues to be the go-to spot for members who recognize the value of being able to get a reservation in town and enjoy great food and drinks in a quaint atmosphere. As many of you know, we have been planning on rebuilding. The process has been challenging, and there have been some curve balls along the way, even recently. But, the Board and many other members have expressed great interest in renewing our facility so that we can continue on for more generations to come. We are very close to securing our permits which would allow us to finally break ground on a new structure that will meet current codes, not be subject to flooding, hardened to wind events, and will allow us the flexibility to accommodate events and member parties while keeping the dining room open for the general membership.

To do this, we will need to obtain funding. When we first started this project, we projected the cost to be about \$2.2M. With building costs increasing dramatically in the past year or so, additional requirements from planning, and some unforeseen fees and infrastructure surprises, we are now looking at about \$4M to complete the project. We have explored a number of venues to fund the project, including traditional financing, which would need to be supplemented by sponsorship opportunities to decrease the amount of debt so that we could budget out of operations. I am sure there are a number of members who will gladly step up to participate in sponsorship opportunities with naming rights, and we do intend to make the opportunities available. However, even with those expected sponsors, we still will fall short and have to resort to higher debt. A more attainable solution could combine sponsorships with some form of assessment that we can spread across the membership. It would be really simple to fund this project in that manner if we all just put up an equal share to make our goals. If we did choose to go this route, the existing (founding members in place at a certain point) would receive some perks. We could look at spreading out an assessment over a period consistent with the needs of the project. And it would really spread the equity across the membership in a more fair and consistent manner. New members would be subject to higher minimums and initiation fees.

We have an incredible opportunity to invest in our Club, there will never be a better time than now, and virtually all the pieces are there to move forward.

I sincerely hope we can all support a path going forward to rebuilding for the future.

**Joseph H Roth III**  
Islamorada Fishing Club



Once again, Thank you to all our equity members who cast their ballots for our board of directors.

The results are in, and the current board was re-elected. I look forward to working alongside them to continue our efforts to provide a safe and prosperous club for all our members.

- President:** Joe Roth
- 1st Vice President:** Ken Gentes
- 2nd Vice President:** Allen Wood
- Treasurer:** Audra Hill-Wallace
- Secretary:** Cheryl Culberson
- Membership:** Tom Bray
- Fishing:** Steve Leopold & Dave Denkert  
Roger Young, Patti Stanley, Chris Trentine, Pete Pehrson

## Saint Patrick's Day Menu - March 17th



### Saint Patrick's day SPECIAL MENU

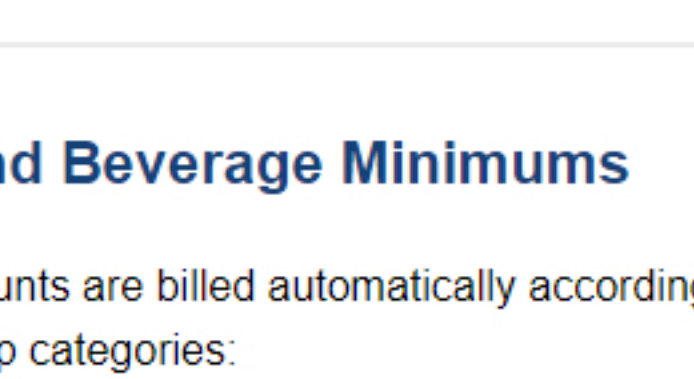
**STEAMED MUSSELS** **\$16.95**  
Cider & Bacon, Tossed with Butter

**CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE** **\$18.95**  
Slow Cooked Brisket, Cabbage & New Potatoes

**IRISH STEW** **\$16.95**  
Spiced Stewed Lamb & Vegetables & Potato

**IRISH BREAD PUDDING** **\$7.95**  
Whiskey Caramel Sauce, Whipped Cream

*Reservations Required*



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You Are Cordially Invited To a COMPLIMENTARY

# Member Appreciation Party

THURSDAY: 6:30 PM | 16 | MARCH 2023

ISLAMORADA FISHING CLUB

THIS IS IN APPRECIATION FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF "YOUR CLUB"

RSVP BY MARCH 13TH ~ OPEN SEATING  
305-664-4735

{THIS IS FOR MEMBERS & SIGNIFICANT OTHERS ONLY}  
NO GUESTS PLEASE

## Member Dues and Food and Beverage Minimums

Member Annual Dues & Minimum amounts are billed automatically according to membership categories:

**Resident Dues — \$1,100.00 Annually**  
Plus \$1100.00 Food & Beverage Minimum

**Non-Resident Dues — CLOSED**

**Spouse Privilege Dues — CLOSED**

**Guides Dues — CLOSED**

**Intermediate {21-35} Dues — CLOSED**

**Corporate/Equity- Resident Dues — CLOSED**

**Corporate/Non-Resident Dues — CLOSED**

If the Food & Beverage minimum is not met upon renewal of your annual dues, the minimum left will be automatically charged to your account. Taxes and Service Charges are not counted toward your minimums.

Please be sure we have the most recent E-Mail, Home address, and updated credit card information, as well as a contact Telephone number on file at the club.

If you are not currently receiving E-mails from The Club, please check your "Spam Folder" or update your E-mail on file.

## Calendar

March 2023

- Mar. 4th — Prime Rib Night
- Mar. 11th — Prime Rib Night
- Mar. 16th — Annual Meeting 6pm ~ Member Appreciation Party to follow
- Mar. 17th — St.Patrick's Day Dinner Specials
- Mar. 18th — Prime Rib Night
- Mar. 25th — Prime Rib Night



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	1	2	3	4 PRIME RIB NIGHT
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 PRIME RIB NIGHT
12	13	14	15	16 ANNUAL MEETING 6PM MEMBER APPRECIATION PARTY	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER SPECIALS	18 PRIME RIB NIGHT
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 PRIME RIB NIGHT
26	27	28	29	30	31	

## Lets Connect!

Follow us on social media for club updates!

