

## 2017 Commodores Report

This past year, our yacht club has seen quite a few changes in staffing, lived through a very active hurricane season and has incorporated a new website. The new website is able to perform many functions, from automatic billings to sending out upcoming events to the entire membership. It's a learning curve for some of us, but if you have any questions, the manager is there to help. Many yacht clubs have gone in this direction of utilizing a website as an integral part of their club; Saves time, saves paper and is more efficient.

Brian Cayne, our new manager, is well qualified and a great fit for our club. Staffing will be increased to include a Water front coordinator, who will run activities on the water, help coordinate social events, adult sailing and assist the manager when need be. Employees at the club are now contractual only – no benefits are included.

Hurricane Maria did some damage to the club and the grounds are still trying to dry out from all the rains during the hurricane and after. The club was well prepared for both Irma and Maria, or damages would have been much worse. The dock planks were removed, everything in the club house was secured or moved to the back office, the yacht club's boats were moved to protected locations and the ones that remained were tied down. It took many volunteers to make this happen twice! Phone lines are still down at the club, so the best way to contact the club is to email – [manager@stcroixyc.com](mailto:manager@stcroixyc.com)

Before hurricane season, the insurance committee- John Mason, Morgan Dale, Mike Sanford and myself all reviewed the current policy. We also met with John Harper to go over the policy as well and a few changes were made. Currently we are waiting for repair estimates before finalizing the insurance claim.

Moving ahead to 2018, the Board of Directors has planned a full year of sailing and social activities. Maria is over, our yacht club is functioning almost at 100%, and we look forward to your continued support!

Fairwinds,

Karen Stanton - Commodore