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### Welcome

With our September Meeting under our belts, the 2014 Club meeting schedule is fast coming to a close. Only two more meetings are on the agenda, one for October and one for November, with no meeting scheduled for December.

### Upcoming Elections

The slate of Officers has been announced and published. If anyone wishes to nominate someone in addition to the Election Committee's Slate of Officers, the October meeting is the prescribed time to do that. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at that meeting. If you want to nominate someone and are unable to attend, please contact an Officer and make your wishes known. The October meeting is the only time nominations from the floor will be accepted.

### Sign-up Sheets

At our September Meeting, I brought up a concern, that at a couple of recent events, we have had an abnormal number of "no shows" from members who had previously signed up to attend. All of our volunteers work hard in the planning process to ensure that any place we go, as a club, that sufficient seating and staff is available.

While sometimes unknowns come up at the last minute that requires us to change our plans, we ask that you be considerate and contact the event lead and cancel. In simple words, "if you sign-up, attend... or if you plan to attend make sure you sign-up".

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### PAST COMMODORES



1992-1993	Tom McBride	2002	Howard Graves	2009	Jane Gaulding
1994	Ed Finney	2003	Pat Slattery	2010	Dee Cocchiola
1995-1996	Tom Johns	2004	George Barnett	2011	Rich Franco
1997-1998	Denis Thornton	2005	Pete Poole	2012	Greg Hansen
1999-2000	John Darrow	2006-2007	Mike Cocchiola	2013	Randy Meyer
2001	Paul Van Buren	2008	Claudia Towne		

## Commodore - Continued

### Guests

Guests are always welcome, being that they are family, friends or prospective members, at all of our Club events (e.g. General Membership Meetings, Socials and on-water events).

### Christmas Party

Save the date.... December 5<sup>th</sup>. This has been and will be a fun event and kicks off the holiday season.

See you at our Golf Event and Social on October 9th



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# FBYC Happenings

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**O**ur fall season of monthly meetings got off to a wine-derful start thanks to the efforts of Suzanne Timko, Nellie Shepherd and their vineyard crew of Maryann Adreychak, Doris Agee, Debbie Black, Kathie Bono, John & Dedem Burek, Charles & Carolyn Cave, Jack & Dee Cohen, Tom & Renee Donaghy, Barry & JoAnn Hester, Jill Hunt, Judy O'Neill, Edda Steinmeier, Ed & Lynn Uribe, and of course, Mike Timko & Jeff Shepherd. The great wine, cheese & crackers and munchies kept us coming back for more!!

The **FBYC** annual 9 hole golf tournament will be held at Thursday, October 9 at 2:00 PM with a Commodore's PM with free hors d'oeuvres. Joe Lindholm is the lead. signed-up, please contact Joe. Cost is \$20 per person.



the Pines course on Social to follow at 5:00 PM. If you haven't already **Duffers** are welcome!!



A long awaited get-together with the nationally recognized **St. Augustine Yacht Club** will take place on Friday, November 7 at 6:00 PM at their clubhouse in St. Augustine (near the lighthouse, by the boat ramp). Meet new friends, stay for drinks, stay for a buffet dinner (\$15 per person)!! If you haven't already, be sure to sign-up at our next monthly meeting.

The annual Christmas Party will take place at the beautiful Plantation Bay Country Club on Friday, December 5. Entertainer and DJ Tim Rippey will be headlining the event. Sign-up sheets will be available at our October and November meetings, with payment due by November 26. Please get your table together (maximum of 8 per table). Is it too early for a Ho-Ho-Ho??



Our next monthly meeting will be popular Halloween meeting will Bono, so be ready for anything! a bet to **Chicago Randy** during wear...???? **Don't forget to bring a non-perishable item for the local food bank.**



on Thursday, October 16th. The be hosted by Susan Moya and Kathie Rumor has it that **Commodore Len** lost hockey playoffs, and will be forced to

Be sure to check out the calendar on our website for upcoming events.

## Rear Commodore - Joe Lindholm



### Membership

#### Joe Lindholm

#### Rear Commodore

Our membership remains at the 150 member capacity, with 75.2% of the members as boat owners. There are now 11 applications, with 21 members on the waiting list.

We introduced Frank and Violet Ruffalo at our September meeting. Frank and Violet were on the waiting list since January of 2014 and their membership was approved in July of this year.



At our next event, please introduce yourselves to our new members and make them feel welcomed in the FBYC.

Guests and wait list applicants are encouraged to participate in our events and help support the success of our events by participating in the 50/50 raffles and bringing food to meetings/socials. Many already do participate and it is appreciated.

Our October General Meeting will have a "canned food" drive. We will ask members to bring canned or non-perishable food items to the upcoming meeting so they can be distributed to the St Vincent De Paul Food Bank for distribution to Flagler County families in need.

As usual the master Membership and Boat/e-mail list has been updated so if you have a chance, please go to the website and verify your information. If you have any discrepancies, please let me know and I will have them corrected.

Please get out and enjoy a safe boat ride.

Joe



# Maritime Moments

## Fleet Captains Chris Nelson and Mike Triano

### 1. New Smyrna Boat Trip-October 10, 11, 12 2014

The boats will be meeting at the 100 bridge at 10:00 AM on the 10/10 and proceed south on the ICW till New Smyrna Beach. Eight slips are reserved and 6 boats are signed up. Anyone still wishing to go by boat should now make their own reservations at this point in time and let Russ Jones know via phone (693-3082), or e-mail. For those who are driving down on Saturday to have drinks and dinner, we will be having drinks at the NSB Marina at 5:00 PM. We will go to the Dolphin View Restaurant around 6:00 PM for dinner.

### 2. Sundancer Brunch Cruise-November 2, 2014

We will be boarding the boat between 9:30-9:45 AM. The cruise departs at 10 AM and returns at 12 noon. The cost per person is \$34.00 and checks must be made out to The Hammock Beach Resort and sent to: Christopher Nelson, 147 Avalon Avenue, Flagler Beach, FL. 32136.

The cutoff date for this event is Friday, October 24, 2014. Also you may bring guests but the names of who you're paying for must be included with the check. All monies must be in my hand by the date listed. No exceptions.

The brunch includes "Bottomless" Bloody Marys and Mimosas. A cash bar is also available. Brunch includes Eggs Benedict, scrambled eggs, waffles, bacon, a carving station with meat choices, potatoes, grits, lox and cream cheese, cheese blintzes with whipped cream, and other assorted goodies.

Any other questions concerning this event, contact Chris Nelson at [nelson551@hotmail.com](mailto:nelson551@hotmail.com), or by phone at (386)585-0445.

# Hoist a Tankard of Grog to This Month's Birthday Pirates



Chris	Nelson	1-Oct
Edda	Steinmeier	1-Oct
Tom	Donaghy	3-Oct
Paul	Wilhelmsen	4-Oct
John	Green	5-Oct
Judy	O'Neill	11-Oct
Ray	Staba	12-Oct
Randy	Meyer	14-Oct

**SHORE LEAVE****BY MICHAEL VATALARO****BOAT U.S. MAGAZINE****AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2014**

So you want to beach your boat and leave again, unscathed? Here is a useful technique for small- and medium-size powerboats.

Nothing beats a day at the beach- except perhaps a day at the beach when you arrive by boat. So it's understandable that many boat owners beach their boat when it's time to go swimming. But while driving the boat into shore with the outboard or sterndrive trimmed up is the simplest approach, leaving your boat bow to shore presents drawbacks.

First, it's easy to get stuck. A falling tide, wind, or waves pushing onshore- or even a large wake from a passing boat- can easily leave you high and dry, and a quick survey of Internet forums shows that's a common occurrence. Second, even if that passing wake doesn't push the boat ashore, it can swamp the boat, riding up and over the transom, which- depending on how far up the beach you left your boat- may be lower in the water than usual. Even if you deploy a stern anchor to keep the boat from being pushed out of position, you can't eliminate the possibility of stranding or swamping.

It takes a bit more effort, but anchoring your boat just off the beach, bow out, can prevent these problems and offer easier access to and from the boat via the stern. Follow these steps:

Remove your anchor from the bow locker and carry it to the stern of the boat, making sure you pass the rode outside the stanchions and under the bow rail before, heading to the back of the boat. Keep the other end of the rode attached to the boat.

You'll want to set your anchor with enough scope to hold, but not so much that the boat swings into very shallow water. It may take a few tries to find the sweet spot at a particular beach.

With the engine in neutral, have a crew member lower the anchor over the side at the stern. When it has touched bottom, motor extremely slowly toward the beach as your crew pays the anchor rode out carefully, keeping it away from the prop(s). (See Figure 1.)

Continue very slowly into shore as you would normally, cutting the engine and trimming up in plenty of time before the bow nuzzles gently into the sand, where you'll stay temporarily. (See Figure 2.)

Unload your crew and gear over the bow. This includes a second stern anchor or sand spike for the beach and line. After securing that second line to an aft cleat, have a crew member walk that second anchor (or spike) toward the beach and set it securely.

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With your crew ashore and the engine(s) remaining trimmed up, pull the boat back into deeper water using the bow anchor rode until you're satisfied that the stern is well clear of the bottom. (It may help to get a little shove off the sand from someone ashore.) If using a stern anchor, be sure the line is flaked out to run free. (See Figure 3.)

When you're a short distance off the beach, snub off your anchor rode at the bow, and pull your stern line so that you get enough tension to hold the boat in place. I like the water to be at least waist deep at the stern. That way when I put out the boarding ladder, I don't have to worry about it striking bottom if a big wake comes ashore. (See Figure 4.)

When it's time to leave, go out to the boat, climb aboard, pay out a little more scope on the bow anchor rode pull in some of the stern anchor rode, then have the rest of your crew wade out to the boat and climb aboard. One of your crew can pick up the stern anchor or spike. Next, bring all the stern rode back into the boat and make sure it's coiled and secured in the cockpit. Don't forget to pull up the boarding ladder. Then, with your bow anchor rode, pull the boat back to deeper water until it's safe to lower your engines and fire them up. With the engines in neutral or in idle forward, if needed, pull in the rode and bow anchor and you're away.



## PRACTICAL BOATER | BOATHANDLING

FIG. 1

Drop your anchor off the stern quarter and have a crew member pay out the rode so that you don't tangle it in the prop.



FIG. 2

After unloading the crew and gear, pass a stern anchor ashore, and cleat it to the stern cleat on the opposite side from the anchor rode.



FIG. 3

Have a crew member shove the bow off as you pull on the anchor rode to spin the bow to face offshore.



FIG. 4

Using the anchor rode, pull the boat into position, and then tension the stern line to hold it in place.





## FBYC Ship Store

**Thank you all for supporting the Ship's Store. Anyone interested in ordering FBYC T-shirts. We have true swatch color selector of 77 new colors.**

**In Stock-Limited Supply: Colored T-Shirts, 2 Men's Muscle Shirts @\$13, 1 Ladies Large limited edition 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Shirt @ \$10, 2 surround plate covers @ \$8, and 1 small grey golf towel @ \$4.**

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**Any questions please contact,**

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## Picnic Under the Bridge



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