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FBYC's version of Mardi Gras brought us fun and games and even a "close" shave or two. Thanks go out to leads Kate Nelson, Kris Richter and Sandie Ostresh and their team of circus "barkers" and gourmet cooks Denise Green, Lynn Uribe, Violet Ruffalo, Pat Staba, Bobbie Willson, Cindy Franco, Tony Mincin, Edda Steinmeier, Dee Cohen, Nellie Shepard, Nancy Epstein, and Jill Hunt for giving us a great night. Also, thanks go out to the four couples (Marsha & Russ, Toni and Bob, Barbara and Kal, Billie and Patrick) who volunteered for a blind shaving contest!! (See the pictures at the back of the newsletter.) Congratulations also to Joanie King for knowing more Mardi Gras trivia than anyone should know!!

We tried out a new seating arrangement with the tables arranged in a horseshoe like one big family – which we are. We won't be able to do that with the food service in March, but we can try it again in April.

February's Maritime moments showed us a "bag" of floatable, non-tangle rope that can be easily thrown and used as a "man overboard" rescue line, and a few handy items that should be found on your boat (duct tape, WD40, and a ruler fish identifier), and a wheel chock that can attach to your trailer and rear truck tire; handy things to have on your boat for those "just in case" moments.

Congratulations go out to our Co-Fleet Captains Michael Triano and Eddie Uribe for putting on a great on-water marine maintenance workshop last week.



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Using their own boats, Michael and Eddie explained how to change an impeller in each boat, change the oil, the advantages to different cleaning agents, etc. A BBQ lunch was provided on the dock to the twelve eager “students” who attended. As we sat eating, we discussed our various maintenance stories and woe’s about the boats we owned over the years. This is what our club is all about: comradery, a love of boats, respect for the water, and safe practices.



Our March St. Patrick’s Day general meeting will be on Thursday, March 19 at 7:00 (dinner starts at 6:00 PM) at Santa Maria del Mar Parish Hall. The cost of the Irish feast will be \$10, with the proceeds (after cost) going to help supplement other **FBYC** events. If you haven’t already signed up, contact the leads Linda Jaeger or Patty Lindholm immediately to secure a place; guests are welcome!! I can smell that delicious corned beef already - can’t wait for that Irish soda bread!



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FBYC Social News

Here we are in March already, doesn't it seem like a long winter this year? I suppose you could ask the folks up north for any sympathy regarding the weather and not get many positive responses.

Our February started out with a great Commodore's Social held at the Beachfront Grille. We had 55 members in attendance and a good time was had by all. Our February General meeting carried a Mardi Gras theme with games and a couples face shaving competition. Congratulations to Marsha and Russell on their victory! Job well done to the leads and helpers on this event, Kate Nelson, Kris & Don Richter, Sandy Ostresh & Jay Mitchell, Nancy Epstein and Denise Green.



We will have our corned beef and cabbage dinner at the General meeting on March 19th. The cost will be \$10.00 for both members and guests. If you have not signed up, please contact Linda Jaeger at 386-446-9110 or scubadome@aol.com. The cut off for signing up will be March 12th. This is one of our biggest events so please take a moment to make sure you are signed up and paid. If you would like to volunteer, please let Linda know.

In April, there will be an **FBYC** nine hole best ball golf tournament, followed by a Commodore's Social at the Pine Lakes CC, on Thursday April 23rd (please note the date change).



The theme for the April General meeting will be a Chinese Auction with Chinese food. PC Len & Carol are the leads for this event. If you wish to volunteer please contact them. For the sake of time, one donated item for the auction per membership please.

Bobbey Willson had sent a blast recently, on May 9th. If you have not responded to her, finalize her plans. Even if you're not a



regarding the Line Dance & Dinner event at the KC club please do so. Bobbey needs an accurate head count to dancer, there is still dinner and great **FBYC** comradery.

We are still looking for suggestions for the 4th of July Parade and we still need a lead for the July General meeting.

Finally, mark your calendars: we will be returning to Plantation Bay Country Club for our Christmas Party on Dec 11th.

Remember; we are all responsible for the success of these events, so please get involved in the planning and support to insure continued success. It's never too late to join a committee.

Please get out and enjoy a safe boat ride.

Joe

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I, like most everyone else in the club, am ready for boating weather. It seems like months since the bottom of my boat has been in the water. Well get ready because the weather will be breaking soon and our Maritime Committee has events planned for each of the next two months.

There are also two major social events happening within the next month. This is a good time to remind members that each of us needs to contribute to the success of our club. This means with your time and not just your dues.

In years past, new members brought an increased enthusiasm and energy level to the club. With no new memberships available, each of us need ask what we can do for the club to bridge this gap. If you haven't lately; attend a committee meeting, volunteer to assist in a club function, or serve as a board member. The more you put into a club like ours, the more you are going to get out of it.

At the February Board of Directors meeting it was decided to establish a Facebook page for **FBYC**. It should make it easier to share photos and interests common to members. Here is a great example of how someone could serve the club. Volunteer to host our Facebook page. Call me. Today!

One other small change was to approve the use of name tags for our guests. We all know it's expensive to forget our name badge but at least we know each other. This is a good way to make visitors and prospective members feel welcome. If you see someone with a visitor name badge, please introduce yourself and find out a little about our new friend.

The **FBYC** is still at full membership with a list of 16 prospective new members. Several of the prospective members have withdrawn their application. One sold his boat and one moved to Mexico.

If you have changes to your name, address, phone or email, please call me with the changes and I will have it updated.

Happy Boating!!

Maritime Moments

Mike Triano and Eddie Uribe, *Fleet Captains*

1. February's Boat and Maintenance Class was a big success. We had ten boat owners and had discussions on how to solve overheating problems, tune ups, oil changes, checking the hoses and fan belts for wear. We also talked about various products to use to clean and wax your boats. Eddie told us about some of the products he uses when detailing boats. The whole point of this event was to share information we all have regarding boat repairs, as well as knowing we have other members who are more than willing to help each other do repairs on their boat. The weather was nice and warm and we all enjoyed burgers and dogs cooked by Commodore Bob.



2. Monday, March 2nd there will be a Maritime Meeting at Triano's house at 6:30 PM.

3. Saturday, March 21st, we will have a Raft Up in the Cimmaron Basin (this is at the second (middle) cut; the Marina is the first cut). The event will start @ 11:00 AM. Randy Meyer has the lead and all boats owners should have their radio tuned to #68. Please read the article that Randy has in this issue regarding the proper way to Raft Up. As of this date, I have 12 boats owners who have signed up. Remember to bring some dishes to share and most important, wait to be called in to tie up to the appropriate boat, have your fenders out and lines ready. Be safe!

4. Saturday, April 18th we will have the Blessing of the Fleet. This will take place @ 10:30 AM in the Cimmaron Basin. The Blessing will take place at Tony Garofalo's dock @ 17 Cedarford Ct. Each boat owner needs to have the radio tuned to #68; you will be called one by one to proceed toward the dock for the blessing. After the blessing you will bring your boats to your homes. We will have lunch @ 1PM at the Pine Lakes Golf Course restaurant. Tony Mincin has the lead for this event. If you have not signed up for the Blessing, I will have sign-up sheets at the next General Meeting for you.



Rafting-up

Randy Meyer, *Maritime member*

FBYC is trying for a raft-up again this month. This was one of the reasons that Jeanne and I joined the yacht club. In the past they have been a lot of fun and a good chance to meet many of our members and see all the different boats, and move from one to another. Bob Jaeger did a wonderful job of printing a great article last year on rafting-up. If you have not read this article, please look in the February 2014 newsletter. Rather than running article again, I will give you the highlights.

1. SAFETY, SAFETY, AND SAFETY

- A. As we approach the rafting site for the day please have your burgee flying and your radio tuned to Channel 68.
- B. The first boat (the largest) should set their bow and stern anchors before others start rafting.
- C. Captains – Make sure you have your crew ready with lines and have your fenders attached as you prepare to attach. When possible, you will approach from the stern. Again if there is a problem, back off and start again.
- D. After the first boat is set then the next can tie up with lines and fenders. The third boat would do the same on the alternate side of the first. Remember that the captains of the two rafting boats are in charge. The third boat should wait for the first two to finish rafting before they start as the captain of boat #1 can only watch one side at a time. After the first three are tied off then other boats can continue to raft from both sides.
- E. Be patient and if you are not comfortable with the first try, take your time and try again. Slow is good, remember no one wants the boats damaged.
- F. We will be having different boat types (cruisers, pontoon, and deck boats), so we also need to try and keep the same gunnel height boats next to each other. As the day goes on continue to check the lines and fenders and make any necessary adjustments.
- G. If is a windy day, and depending on the number of boats, the outside boats may need to set anchors also.
- H. Before any passengers move from one boat to the next, make sure you are completely tied off to the boats on both sides. If possible use the swim platforms, and ask for help if you need it. Please go barefoot or have boat shoes that will not mark other boats. Do not use Biminis or antennas for support, they make break, and you may get hurt.

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Rafting-up

2. LEAVING THE RAFT-UP

- A. It would be a perfect day if the last boat would leave first, but that hardly ever happens.
- B. When leaving, check 360 degrees before starting engine.
- C. Remove lines and then gently push off, making sure you are clear of all boats and anchor lines. At this time you can now bring in all fenders. If you are in the middle please notify and work with the captains on both sides, so they can continue the raft-up and can leave in a safe way.

My final thoughts are to bring plenty of lines, fenders, and fun! See everyone on the 21st and I have ordered a sunny day so think about sun screen also.

P.S. Please remind your passengers where and how to use your throw rings on your boat!!!

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

| First Name | Last Name | Birthday |
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| John | Burek | 10-Mar |
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| Judy | Kelly | 13-Mar |
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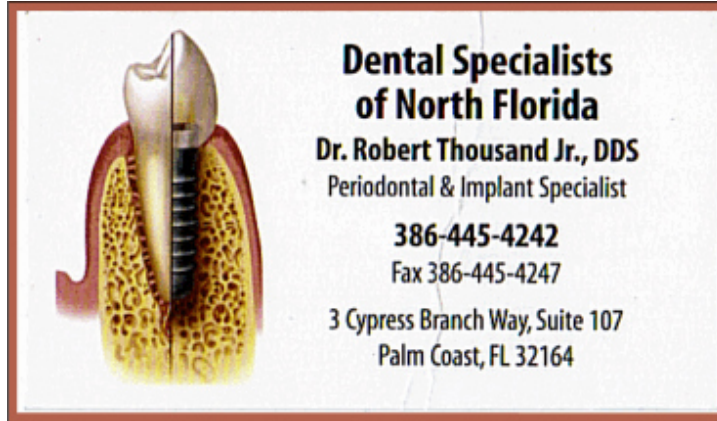
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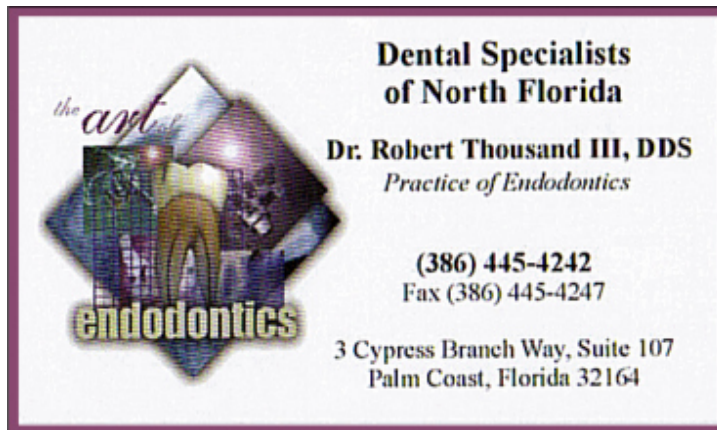
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