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Commodore's Corner — Bob Jaeger

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Where did April go?? It's May and summer is just around the corner. Now that the boat is clean and ship shape (thanks to the impetus of the Blessing of the Fleet), we look forward to the Treasure Hunt on May 19th and the "trick" questions Alan and Janet Hendry made up for us! Also, can't wait for the May Cinco de Mayo General Meeting on May 21 where leads Jeanne Meyer and Jack Cohen are cooking and organizing a chili cook-off! You better get there early and guard the hot sauce from Franco!!

Kudos to leads Len Dignard and Carol Sposato for a wonderful night at our annual Chinese Auction. Thanks to all members who donated items, and to all who bought the raffle tickets. So many of us came away from the auction with small (and large) treasures; during the raffle, I won a heavy duty tow rope (hope that isn't a harbinger of coming events!!)

Congratulations go out to our lead Toni Mincin and Co-Fleet Captain Michael Triano for a well organized Blessing of the Fleet and scrumptious BBQ dockside at the Mincin's. Thanks also go out to Pastor Christian Magnell for performing the Blessing, and the Garaofalo's for the use of their dock. At our May General Meeting, don't miss the special program that will showcase our Fleet. (*Hint: Bobbey Willson has "recorded" too many undercover CSI shows; we all need to beware!*)

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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	2014	Len Dignard

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What a great time our golfers had during our Nine Hole tournament at the Pines course last week!! Rear Commodore John Green's team took low net, Past Commodore Randy Meyer's team took low gross, and Patte Garofalo's team took high gross. Even Past Commodore Rich Franco (who we have never seen on a golf course) offered some coaching (?) tips to team mate Jeanne Meyer!! Thanks go out to Vice Commodore Joe for organizing the event and teaching me how to run it.



The Executive Board at our April meeting voted to only accept new members that were boat owners; there would be a moratorium for at least one year on non-boat applicants.

Finally, a number of our members have noticed that commercial crab pots have appeared in the canals near their homes within the Palm Coast canal system. Although this may be legal, it certainly presents a clear navigational hazard, especially at night. A petition, started by the Palm Coast Marina, to ban commercial operations within the canal system will be available to sign at our next general meeting. I urge all members to sign the petition.

Stay well And..... Safe boating!




Vice Commodore — Joe Lindholm

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FBYC Social News

- First of all, GREAT JOB to Len and Carol for the Chinese Auction and Chinese theme for our April General Meeting.
- The **FBYC Nine Hole Best Ball Golf Tournament** was held on April 23rd followed by a Commodore's Social at the Pine Lakes CC. We had 26 golfers and 50 for the social. I am sorry I had to miss the event.
- On May 4th there will be a **Social Committee Meeting** at my house at 6:00 PM to review the summer/fall social events.
- May 9th is a **FBYC Club Dinner Dance** at the Knights of Columbus. As of today we have 32 attendees (15 Couples and 2 singles). There is always room for more so if you would like to attend contact Bobby Willson.
- The May General Meeting will include a **Cinco de Mayo** theme as well as a chili cook-off. We are in need of volunteers to set up and clean up. Please call Jeanne Meyer or Jack Cohen to add your name to the volunteer list. 
- The June General Meeting and as always will be looking  theme will be **Hot Diggity Dog**. Jack Cohen is the lead for help and ideas. This will be a men only cooking & preparing the delicious dogs.
- The July General Meeting theme will be discussed at the Social meeting in May; the current thinking is that we will change the costly and labor intensive Country and Western theme to an Ice Cream social. 
- The application for the **4th of July Flagler Beach Parade** was sent on April 6th, waiting for verification. I will be in touch with the Beachfront Grille shortly and confirm our space for afterwards.

As always get out and enjoy a safe boat ride.

Joe

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It's been a busy month for the FBYC and so far the weather has been outstanding for our outside events. Toni Mincin did a great job planning for the Blessing of the Fleet and when things did not go according to plan, she came up with a workable Plan B. When I say workable I mean it generated a lot more work for her and Bob.

Vice Commodore Joe Lindholm took the lead and organized the golf outing at the Pines Course; we had great weather and a good turnout. I didn't count heads but there were about 25 golfers and probably that many more for the social afterward.

At the February Board of Directors Meeting it was decided to establish a Facebook page for FBYC. VC Lindholm got it started but I haven't found a member willing to manage it for us. Not to be repetitive but... This is a great example of how someone could serve the club. Volunteer to host our Facebook page. Call me. Today!

The FBYC is still at full membership with applications pending for 14 new members. There is a moratorium on new applications but we also have eight people with their names on a wait list to submit an application.

In an effort to better communicate with these friends of our club, it was decided to email them notifications of upcoming events. I will do this through my personal email account. If there is interest by one of our prospective members, I will put them in contact with the lead for the event. The results so far have been positive with several comments from the list of people patiently waiting to join our club.

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,

John



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Maritime Moments

Mike Triano and Eddie Uribe, *Fleet Captains*

The Treasure Hunt from Palm Coast to St. Augustine Marina will be held on Tuesday May 19th. Alan Hendry has the lead for this event. After receiving to locate, all boats will leave from the Palm Coast Ma- St. Augustine Marina. We will then have lunch at food on St. George St, one block from Mehamn's. Slips

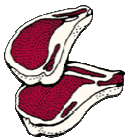


ers coming up for lunch as well as those night. If you have not signed up for this ing, contact Alan Hendry at alan55hendry@gmail.com **before May 8th**. There will be room at the restaurant for only the people who have signed up for this event.



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Make sure you mark your calendar for Friday, June 12th. This will be our annual **STEAK and Bake** at the Matanzas Inlet. We will have steak, corn, baked potatoes and dishes that you bring to share. Bring your own drinks and re- member, alcohol is not legal on the beach. Make sure your drinks are in some type of cups. The cost of the meal is the same as last year, \$5.00 for members, \$10.00 for non members and children under 14 are free.



Plan on being there around 11:00 to 11:30 AM. We will have pontoon boats to bring those of you coming by car over to the beach. To make this event a success I need a lot of volunteers. If you have not volunteered in the past, this is the time to be part of the **FBYC**. Signup sheets will be at the next general meeting for you or contact Eddie at eddie24816@aol.com. **Please give your money to Eddie Uribe prior to June 1st.**

The article below, is a reprint from boatsafe.com and explains what to do in the event you run aground. Boat Safe has an excellent library of short articles on just about everything boating. It is well worth checking out their website.

Running Aground

Despite all efforts to stay off shoals, beaches, or rocks, groundings do happen. It is said that there are only three kinds of skippers, those who have run aground, those who will run aground, and those that have but won't admit it. It is important that every boater be prepared for such an event with knowledge of what to do and the equipment with which to do it.

Immediate Actions

First, here is what you should **not** do when you run aground. Unless you are absolutely sure that it is a small shoal with deeper water ahead, do not apply power and try to push your way across, you will only put yourself harder aground. Do not immediately shift into reverse and increase engine power in an attempt to back off, you might suck up mud and/or bottom vegetation into the engine intake (watch for any signs of engine overheating), and you might further damage the propellers.

Instead, take time to assess the situation. Is any water coming into the hull? Where exactly are you? How did you get there? Where might deeper water lie? What is the state of the tide?

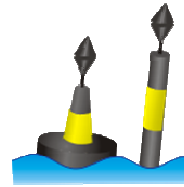


If you have a dinghy in the water, or can launch one, use it to take soundings all around your boat. If you are in a rocky area, it is especially important not to attempt to refloat the craft immediately. First, check for any hull damage. The rocks you are on might be the only thing keeping your boat afloat! If the damage is considerable, set out an anchor or two to keep you in place for the time being. Even if you don't need any immediate assistance, you should radio the Coast Guard or other local authority. Advise them of your situation and your intended actions.

Let's assume that you are lucky and that the tide is rising and that the increased depths will be enough to float you free. Although you might get off sooner if another vessel pulled, letting the tide float you off is less stressful on your hull and your crew. It may be necessary to set out an anchor in the direction of the wind and waves to prevent the rising tide from carrying you further up on the shoal.

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If you are less lucky, and the tide is falling, quickly assess the situation and the possibility of refloating the boat before the tide goes down further. If this is not possible, determine how far it will go down. Will the hull need cushioning and supports as it lays on its side? While you wait for the tide or assistance, you might want to use the opportunity to inspect and clean your hull's bottom. (If you are quick on your feet you might even be able to convince others that that was why you went aground!)

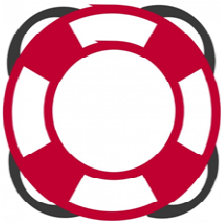


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Getting Off

If you are only lightly stranded, you may be able to get off without assistance. First, determine where deeper water lies, this may or may not be the direction from which you came. Then, try to reduce draft. In any type of craft, sail or power, you can empty water tanks if the supply isn't critical.

You might also place some heavy gear in a dinghy. On a sailboat, you can try reducing draft by taking a halyard out to one side, attaching it to an anchor or another boat, and pulling. Yet another maneuver is to put out an anchor in the direction in which you wish to move. If you have an anchor windlass or a sheet winch, use that to take in the line. This is called "kedging off." The anchor can be carried out by dinghy (with the line in the dinghy being paid out as it moves away from the vessel). If this isn't possible, the anchor can be supported on PFDs or buoyant cushions and floated out to where it is to be set, the longer the scope, the better.



If another boat is available to help you, run a line to that boat if it can pull in the desired direction. Be very careful that the other boat does not become stranded in the same shallow water. It may be necessary for the other boat to put out an anchor to keep her clear. Be sure that both boats have deck fittings that can withstand the strain of the pull. Typical recreational boats may not have such hardware.



If a pull is made, keep all persons away from the line and beyond the ends of the line in both directions. Various types of lines stretch to different degrees, but all stretch enough to act as slingshots if they break or if fittings pull out. Serious injury, or even death, are possible results of such failures.

Even if the other boat cannot pull to get you off, she may help by running back and forth and making as large a wake as possible. The waves formed in this wake may lift your boat enough to get her off. You should use this technique only where the bottom is soft enough to cushion your underbody. A sandy bottom would probably be okay, but you don't want to be heaving up and down on rock.

I would encourage any boater to join one of the commercial towing organizations. However, you should check with other boaters in your area for recommendations as to which one to join. Ask what kind of service they have received from the company. Trust me, they are not all created equal.

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

Jeanne	Nix	1-May
Dee	Cocchiola	6-May
Dennis	Kilduff	6-May
Bill	Moya	6-May
Joyce	O'Meara	6-May
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Any questions, please contact:

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It's Not Too Early To Renew

Linda Jaeger, FBYC Treasurer



An early reminder that I will gladly accept dues for the 2015-2016 fiscal year at our next two (2) general meetings. The new year begins July 1 so please have your renewal to me before that. Whether you are new to the club or have been a member for many years, the dues are \$75.

If it is more convenient for you, mail the check to my home, 76 Colechester Lane, Palm Coast, FL 32137. Please make checks payable to **FBYC**.

Don't miss out on all the fun. Renew now.



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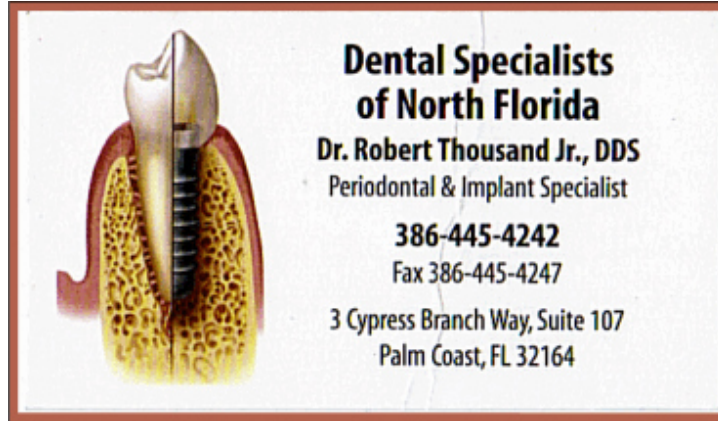
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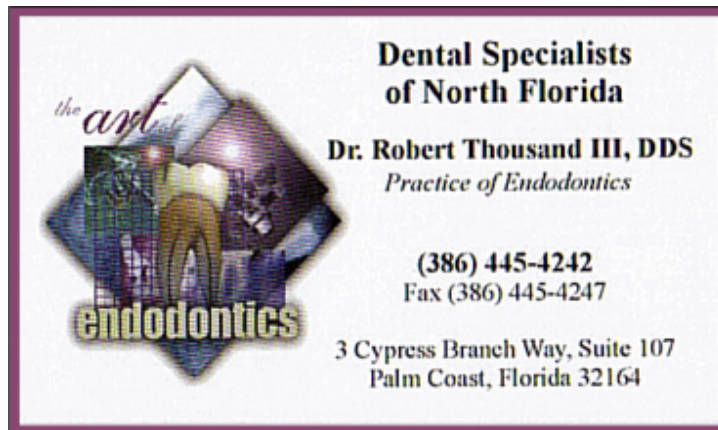
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