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## Commodore's Corner — Jim Kelly Commdore@FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com



Welcome to this month's edition of Relative Bearings. As usual, we have a lot of club information in our newsletter so please make sure you read all the newsletter.

Last month we announced the slate of officers for the 2025 board in the newsletter and at the meeting. At the October meeting we will take any nominations from the floor and at the November meeting we will vote to accept the new Board of Directors. If you have any questions or would like to understand the process, please refer to the Bylaws or ask a member of the board. Here is the proposed Board of Directors for 2025

- Commodore - Nick Ward
- Vice Commodore - Ilyse Pinette
- Rear Commodore - Jim Russo
- Fleet Captain - Bob Solms
- Treasurer - Doris Houslander
- Secretary - Ruthie Russo
- Director - Diane Doner
- Director/Past Commodore - Jim Kelly

Please plan on attending the November meeting to vote the new board in. We must have at least 25% of voting member in attendance to vote the new board in.

The Commodores Ball is December 7<sup>th</sup>. Please read further to see all the details for this years Ball.



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**Commodore's Ball**  
**Saturday, December 7th, 2024**  
**5:00pm - 10:00pm**  
**This year's theme:**

**White Christmas**

Enjoy an evening of fun and laughter at our annual Commodore's Ball. This year's theme is White Christmas.

Enjoy an open bar and appetizers followed by dinner and dancing.

The cost is \$100 per member and \$110 per guest.

Dinner tables will host 8 guests to a table.

Meal selection will be:

Chicken Frances's with pasta and vegetable

Salmon Wellington with mashed potato and vegetable

Prime Rib with mashed potato and vegetable

If you did not sign up at the September meeting, you can either sign up at the October meeting or contact Jim Kelly at [commodore@flaglerbeachyachtclub.com](mailto:commodore@flaglerbeachyachtclub.com).

For those that have signed up you can pay by Zelle or check at the next meeting.

We must have a final count by the November meeting so please sign up and pay by November 14<sup>th</sup>.

***Vice Commodore — Michelle Kelly*****Vice-Commodore@FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com**

Prost!! Cheers!! WHO is ready for Oktoberfest? I know I am!! I can't wait to celebrate and raise my stein with all of you!

Summer organized a great outing for us at Black Mollys. The food was delicious. We definitely need to go back. And I was quite surprised, for a Tuesday they were packed. If you haven't been yet, make sure you stop in. The two for one drink special was a great plus to the evening too!

Maryann Simard and her co-lead Quinn organized a delicious patriotic picnic for us in September. There was so much food, I'm positive no one went home hungry. And the drinks after at Johnny D's sure did wet some whistles.

I'm super excited for our Lobster social this month. Thank goodness we get back in time. Did you sign up? Make sure Jerry Imbriani knows how many lobsters you want!

As Flagler Beach and Flagler County continue to grow, finding places for socials can become difficult. Signing up for the events helps us with working with the local establishments to set up these events. So please use the links in the newsletter to sign up. You can also see all the events that have been scheduled in the Website calendar and use the link there to sign up.

For all the newer members, and a reminder for members that have been in for a while. All these events happen because of the leads, co-leads and everyone that helps with putting everything together. If you see an event that interests you and you would like to help or possibly become the lead for it next year, reach out to the lead and see if they need help. It is a great way to see how these events are scheduled and put together. This club is a wonderful fun club because all of our members working together.

Here's the dates on all the happenings coming up!

SAVE THE DATES:

October General Meeting

- October 24th
- 6pm Social
- 7pm General Meeting
- Santa Maria Del Mar Catholic Church Rectory
- 915 N Central Ave Flagler Beach
- [Click here to sign up for the October general meeting](#)



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October Social

- October 27th 5:30 pm
- Loopers Par and Grill
- Lobster special, 2 lobster dinners for \$40.
- Full menu available as well
- [Click here to sign up for October's social event](#)

November General Meeting

- **November 14<sup>th</sup>**
- 6pm Social
- 7pm General Meeting
- Santa Maria Del Mar Catholic Church Rectory
- 915 N Central Ave Flagler Beach
- Vote for the new Board of Directors
- This is our annual food drive meeting so please bring nonperishable items to donate to the Santa Maria Del Mar Food bank which provides to local Flagler families in need.
- [Click here to sign up for the November general meeting](#)

No November Social

Make sure you sign up for the Oktoberfest General Meeting, Ilyse is planning. It's sure to be a good time.

Should I wear my lederhosen?

Only if you wear yours!



**Rear Commodore — Rich Van Dort**

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At the September meeting we Inducted two new members. I would like to welcome John and Jody Keefe as our newest addition to the club.

Remember, the new member award program for all current members. Bring in a new member and once they fill out the application and pay the \$100 fee, the member will receive \$10 off their Commodore ball fee. No limit on the

members you can bring in. Hopefully, if everyone participates, we can get back to our membership goal.

Hopefully everyone took their share of the new Trifold brochures. I have plenty more if you need some.



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**Fleet Captain — Steven Plump****Fleet-Captain@FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com****Ahoy! FBYC Boaters****Hello again from your 2024 Fleet Captain**

On September 7th Bob Solms and Jim Kelly led the Canal Clean Up to pick up garbage along the canals then we met at Hershel King Park for a picnic. There were a number of folks there and Bob Solms won the captains prize as well as the prize for the most garbage. The event even made it into an article in the Observer. Way to go all!

[https://www.observerlocalnews.com/news/2024/sep/27/flagler-beach-yacht-club-pitches-in-with-canal-and-intracoastal-cleanup/?fbclid=IwY2xjawFnoKFleHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHZ9XukXARiMMN4wE4kGhrMKUZ9D0WJmNkiPc74wfgucYUWyLp7oSYS-6Xg\\_aem\\_CRYr4qivxs1hJawzCzVE5w](https://www.observerlocalnews.com/news/2024/sep/27/flagler-beach-yacht-club-pitches-in-with-canal-and-intracoastal-cleanup/?fbclid=IwY2xjawFnoKFleHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHZ9XukXARiMMN4wE4kGhrMKUZ9D0WJmNkiPc74wfgucYUWyLp7oSYS-6Xg_aem_CRYr4qivxs1hJawzCzVE5w)





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Then on Sunday September 22nd, 7 boats and their hardy captains and crew (it was really raining) traveled down the ICW for food and fun (and drinks!) at **Caribbean Jacks**. 7 Boats participated with 35 folks on board. Thanks to the Solms for leading. It was really a great time!



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I just have to say again and again, **thanks to all that lead, co-lead and help out.** You all are **super** and the outings have all been great successes. If you are able, please consider assisting those that are leading and co-leading an event. If you have any questions on any event please contact the lead folks directly or myself at [Fleet-Captain@flaglerbeachyachtclub.com](mailto:Fleet-Captain@flaglerbeachyachtclub.com)

**Following is a snapshot of Maritime outings to come in 2024:**

**October 19th TBD Treasure/Scavenger Hunt and Beaches St. Augustine lunch** Linda and Al Rosa and Daisy and Tom Lucci are leads. Details to follow.

[Click here to sign up for the Maritime event](#)

**November 16th Cassen Park Ormond By Boat and Lunch at the Grind** Bob and Cindy Fazzone and Linda and Al Rosa are leads. Details to follow.

[Click here to sign up for the November Maritime event](#)

**December 14th Caroling On the Canals** Jim Kelly, Rich Van Dort and Phillip Rahner are leads. Starting at 11:00 and followed by a picnic at Hershell King.

[Click here to sign up for the caroling and the Picnic](#)

**January 2025 St. Augustine Night of Lights by Boat** Bob Solms and Nick Ward are leads. Details to follow.

**Upcoming Public Boating Events:**

**October**

FORT LAUDERDALE INTERNATIONAL BOAT SHOW — Held in late Oct. through early Nov., encompassing over three million square-feet of exhibits at seven waterfront locations. The boats include everything from 100-foot mega-yachts to flats fishing skiffs, but there’s more. Products, accessories, special events and seminars highlight the show, and over 100 food vendors promise a diverse, delicious way to refuel.

TAMPA BAY BOAT SHOW — Yachts! Cruisers! Kayaks! Paddle-boards! Boating and fishing supplies! Held at the Florida State Fairgrounds in Tampa, this free admission event spans three days. Fishing and boating seminars round out the fun.

**November**

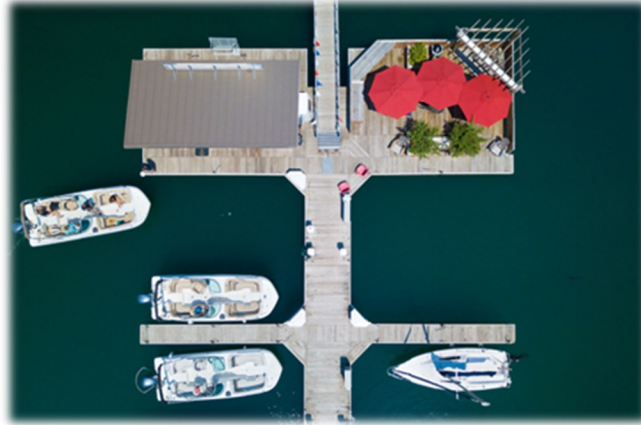
FORT MYERS BOAT SHOW — This popular four-day event is in downtown Ft. Myers on the Caloosahatchee River, with boats displayed in-water as well as on land, in addition to an indoor venue with accessories.

**December**

ST. PETERSBURG POWER AND SAILBOAT SHOW — Most likely one of the largest power and sailboat shows on the Gulf Coast, this four-day event includes events like kids fishing clinics and sailing seminars.

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## Docking a Boat: Step-by-Step Guide

Docking a boat can often be intimidating and stressful, especially for those just getting started with boating. Luckily, learning how to dock a boat doesn't have to be difficult, and boaters new and old can quickly master the task by following a few simple steps.

### How to Dock a Boat

Prepare dock lines on your bow and stern and attach fenders.

Line up your approach and survey the docking area.

Judge the current, wind, and water conditions.

Take your time, proceed slowly towards the dock using intermittent acceleration.

**Never approach a dock any faster than you're willing to hit it.**

Navigate into the boat slip or turn to come alongside the dock.

Tie off your boat onto cleats, posts, or pilings using your docking lines.

It's as easy as that! It can also be useful to have a friend or family member onboard or on the dock to help assist you throughout the process. If you're docking by yourself, remember to take it slow and don't be afraid to stop, pull back, and circle around to try again. Place fenders ahead of time and have your docking lines ready to tie off as soon as you're in close proximity to the dock.

Now, let's get into some specifics about docking a boat in different situations.

***Fleet Captain — Steven Plump*****Fleet-Captain@FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com****Docking in a Slip**

As a boater, docking in a slip is a common scenario you'll often find yourself in regardless of whether you are docking in your own personal slip, a friend's slip, or at a public marina or dockside restaurant. Before you begin, we highly recommend having your docking lines and fenders ready ahead of time on both sides of your boat. As in any and all docking situations, you'll then want to start by checking your surroundings—look out for other nearby boats and be conscious of the conditions of the wind, water and current.

Next, always maneuver at a slow speed. Within a slip, you have limited mobility, which means you have little room to make mistakes. In most cases, you'll want to position your boat so you're able to back into the slip. Before you start backing in, you'll want to center your wheel.

Slowly reverse your boat into the slip. Do your best to keep your balance and tell your passengers to stay seated during the process. This is not only for their safety, but it can help to keep the boat steady as it moves into the slip. Apply one last small burst of power forward to stop your reverse momentum. Then, tie off your lines to the dock. We suggest having two bow lines and two stern lines tied onto both sides of the slip—with the stern lines crossed.

**Docking a Pontoon Boat**

When it comes to docking a pontoon boat, there are a few factors to keep in mind that differ from docking other types of powerboats. While you'll still want to concentrate on maneuvering at a slow speed, you'll want to pay even closer attention to the wind and current conditions. The wind has the ability to completely push your pontoon off track during a docking situation—or worse, push it into the dock itself. If you have a strong breeze present, you can counteract this with small, controlled bursts of acceleration. Likewise, don't be afraid to use reverse to stop any unwanted forward movement of your boat.

Particularly when first learning how to dock a pontoon boat, you may want to enlist as much help as possible and have someone on land guide your boat alongside the dock or into the slip. You can also be proactive by preparing your docking lines and fenders ahead of time.

Lastly, you'll want to get to know your boat. For example, how much acceleration do you need to make a complete turn at a slow speed? How sharp can you take a turn? Just like cars, every boat is unique and the more you practice, the better you'll get at overall handling and docking.

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**How to Tie Boat to a Dock**

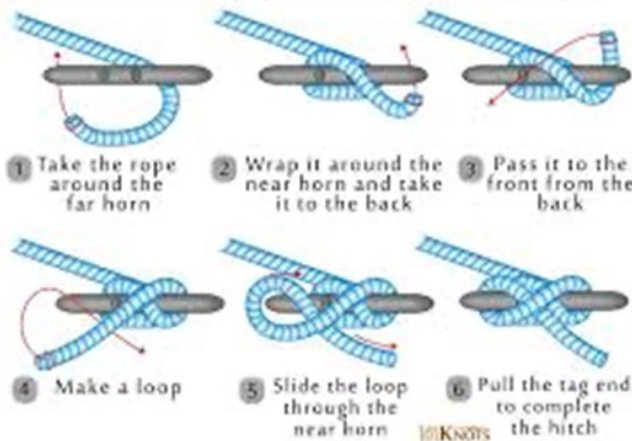


Docking your boat can quickly become second nature with just a little bit of practice. Along with the docking process itself, you'll also want to become familiar with how to tie your boat to the dock. First, let's make sure you have the right equipment.

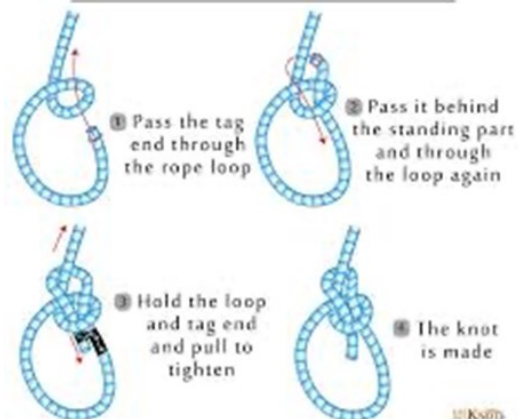
When it comes to docking equipment, you'll want to keep a large supply of docking lines on hand. These docking lines, also known as mooring lines, can be used in a few different ways and can be referred to as bow, stern, spring and breast lines. In most cases, you'll only be utilizing your bow lines and stern lines. The final piece of equipment you'll want onboard are fenders, sometimes called "bumpers."

When it finally comes time to tie your boat to the dock, there are a few common knots you can use to secure your lines: the [cleat hitch](#), the [clove hitch](#) FOR FENDERS, and the

**Cleat Hitch Instructions**



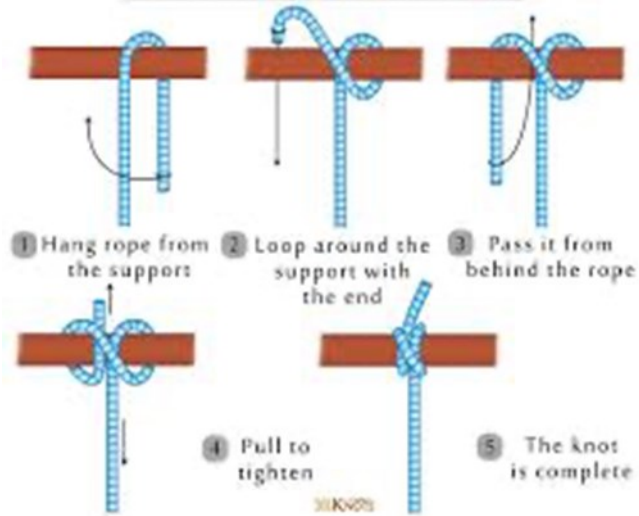
**Bowline Knot Directions**



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[bowline knot](#). Learn these!

**Clove Hitch Tutorial**

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Hello Everyone,

Loving this cooler weather. Great for boating!!

The Commodore's Ball is coming up. This year it is \$100 per person for club members and \$110 per person for guests. Don't forget to bring a check made out to FBYC to the October meeting (10/24), send it through the mail to my home address, or Zelle our account at [treasurer@flaglerbeachyachtclub.com](mailto:treasurer@flaglerbeachyachtclub.com). Please don't forget to record what the money is for, on the notes line J. Payment is due no later than the November meeting

Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions at all ([treasurer@flaglerbeachyachtclub.com](mailto:treasurer@flaglerbeachyachtclub.com)) .

Thanks everyone!

Lori



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

|                  |        |
|------------------|--------|
| Mike Ferreira    | 1-Oct  |
| Tom Donaghy      | 3-Oct  |
| Jean Ward        | 5-Oct  |
| Dan Basany       | 9-Oct  |
| Anne Smith       | 9-Oct  |
| Michelle Weber   | 10-Oct |
| Judy O'Neill     | 11-Oct |
| Shawn Filliben   | 12-Oct |
| Ray Staba        | 12-Oct |
| Doris Houslander | 14-Oct |
| Randy Meyer      | 14-Oct |
| Jim Kelly, Jr.   | 23-Oct |
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## FBYC Ship Store



Stop by the Ship Store next month for help selecting the perfect item. We have had a terrific influx of orders for tees and tanks, a very popular hat (SPA 50+) and much more! We have some new items which came in, which include the previously introduced long-sleeved swim shirts, as well as short-sleeved ones, both which are very popular. We have some cute tank tops for the ladies too! And don't forget to hydrate with the 32 oz water bottle that came in, which is awesome, and has the full FBYC logo on it. They are \$35.00 each. Perfect for a day on the boat to put your favorite beverage in ☐ Please let me know if you are interested, and we can order one (or more) for you and that special someone. The samples come in Royal Blue, but there are other colors as well. We have had an influx of orders and have another large order coming in the next month! It's been very busy ☐!!

You can also drop by U Name It with your own items. They have many samples there to help you find the right fit, weight and style. Embroidering your own items generally costs \$12. Joe and Tammie know FBYC and will help you make the best choice for your needs. We had a member stop by there and try on jackets. After deciding on the size (they ran small), she had us order them for her. It's a great way to see what they have. Visit them or view their web-site at:

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