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Commodore's Corner — Nick Ward Commodore@FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com



Well, I must be having fun, because the time is sure flying! I am so proud of all of our elected officers – and the unelected Ship Store volunteers – who are all doing a fantastic job (translation: they're making my job easy!).

One part of my job that is NOT fun is reporting the passing of one of our members. Joey Passiglia, a member since November 2008, passed away Saturday March 1. My sincere condolences go out to his wife Christine and to all of the FBYC members who

knew him.

As I said at the last meeting, *we are a volunteer club*. Many thanks to the volunteers who made last month's events so successful. Please see the details in the Vice Commodore and Fleet Captain articles

Sad to say, it was only my second General Meeting as Commodore, and I messed up already: I forgot to ask for a joke, and I forgot to ask if anyone had tips to share with us. Somebody please remind me if I leave out those agenda items again. My goal is to keep the meetings Fun and Informative – and short, if possible!

It's a little late, but here's a tip that you can use right away: 1) Go to www.FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com, 2) click on Members, 3) click on Member List, 4) enter the password (FBYC members know what it is), 5) click on FBYC Member List – PDF File, and 6) PRINT OUT THE MEMBER LIST. That way you will have everyone's phone number so you can contact the Leads to volunteer or sign up for the events. Easy-Peasy!



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So welcome to March, and another month of enjoying all that the Flagler Beach Yacht Club has to offer. This month that includes a boat trip to Ormond on the 16th, a Pajama Party with Breakfast for Dinner at our General Meeting on the 20th, Dancing with Tim Rippey on the 21st, and our annual Blessing of the Fleet on the 29th. Please don't forget to SIGN UP for the events, preferably online with the links in the newsletter and blasts and on the calendar, or on the sheets at the meetings. If you have any questions about the events *or if you would like to volunteer to help*, please contact the Leads (their phone numbers are on the Member List you just printed out).

Fair winds,

Nick Ward

Commodore



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Wow, February flew by!

The social event this month took place on the 13th, led by Jim and Ruthie Russo, at Beach Front Grill. It was a great success with 25+ members in attendance, enjoying happy hour cocktails, delicious food, and wonderful conversation. We'd like to thank everyone who joined us and extend our appreciation to Beach Front Grill for their continued support as one of our sponsors. If you dine at any of their locations, be sure to let them know you're a member of the FBYC!



Vice Commodore — Ilyse Pinette
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The February general meeting, held on the 20th, had a family traditions theme, led by Quinn Bui and Peggy Lessig. Many members shared dishes that represent special family traditions. As we enjoyed the food, members spoke about the significance of their dishes, creating a night filled with laughter, tears, and personal stories. It was a heartwarming experience, and we'd like to thank all those who contributed food to make the evening so special.



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Save The Dates!

March General Meeting:

Thursday March 20th @ 6 pm

Theme: Breakfast for Dinner/Pajama Party

Lauren Kent and Diane Doner are leading the event, and it's sure to be another fun night! We're still looking for volunteers for set/up, clean/up and food volunteers. Please sign up under the link or reach out to Lauren and Diane. It is very important to sign up for these events so we can have an accurate head count on who is coming. You can use the link or go onto the calendar and sign up for the event there.

[Please click here to let us know you are coming to the meeting](#)

March Social Event:

Lead Jeanne Myer

Dancing at 7pm with Tim Rippey

Friday March 21st Doors open at 5:30

This is a BYOB and Bring your own food event although there is an optional cash bar provided by the Knights of Columbus

Please RSVP ASAP to Jeanne so she can put tables of 10 together.

There is a \$15 entry fee cash paid at door

Location: St Anastasia Catholic Church

5205 A1A S St Augustine

[Please click here to let us know you plan on attending the Social](#)

April General Meeting

Leads Doris Houslander and Linda Folsom

Thursday April 17th

Bingo Theme bring your daubers and lucky charms. Cards will be sold for \$5/ea so please bring \$20 so if you choose to play all games you have enough cash on hand.

April Social Event:

Lead Deanna Dennehy

“Guns and Grub”

Saturday April 19th

Top Gun

2400 Bellevue Ave Daytona Beach

Shooting will start about 2/2:30 and dinner, drinks, and band from 4-8 on the outdoor deck.

If you choose not to shoot you can walk next door to the flea market and roam around there for some fun.



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February proved to be an interesting month. The weather certainly wasn't conducive for outdoor activities, especially boating. Therefore, not a lot of opportunity to recruit potentially new members.

As stated in the last newsletter, seeking a new name tag company was a priority. We reached out to a local company that provided the club with name tags that looked great. So it appears that this issue is solved.

Happy to report that the Board has voted in an Honorary Member. She has been and will continue to be an active participant for FBYC. She has volunteered taking pictures of events, helped with food prep at FBYC outings, has attended and helped at social events, participated in activities such as Caroling on the Canals, and happens to be the daughter of Jim and Michelle Kelly. She is currently a student at Stetson University located in Deland, Florida. So please welcome Maria Kelly as FBYC Honorary Member.

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The goal still is to grow membership. This will help the club short term as well as long term. If you know of anyone interested in boating and joining this fun club, please invite them to an activity or meeting. I thank you in advance for all that you do and the support you provide.

Jim Russo
Rear Commodore



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Maritime Newsletter February 2025

AHOY!!!! I hope that this article finds everyone getting ready to spend some time on the water. Our February meeting was a great tribute to Family Traditions and the food was amazing. Thank you to all that participated.

Our first Maritime Event was this past Saturday. We went oystering in the Matanzas Inlet. Great job leading and coordinating the event by Dean Doner and Nick Ward. The picnic at Bings Landing afterwards was a great success and there were plenty of oysters to be shared.

Thank you to Jean Ward, Lynn Van Dort and Jerry Imbriani for getting the area set up and the charcoal going. Nick Ward was the winner of the Captains Prize.



**The Landing Strip
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As we head into March here are our Maritime Events for the Month:

Sunday, March 16 @ 11:00 am The Garage in Ormond

We will be departing for the Ormond Municipal Dock @ 9:45 for the Palm Coast Marina. If you live south, we will pick you up on our way. The event has a cap of 30 people and is a boat only event. Please sign up on the FBYC Calendar. There are plenty of available seats on boats currently signed up.

[Please click here to sign up for the Maritime trip to Ormond Garage](#)

Saturday, March 29@ 11:30 will be the Blessing of the Fleet

We will be meeting in the Cimmaron Basin for the Blessing which will be followed by a raft-up. Please remember to bring your **RADIOS** and **FENDERS**

OUR RADIO CHANNEL IS 68 FOR ALL MARITIME EVENTS.

[Please click here to sign up for the Blessing](#)



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What to Do If You're in a Boating Accident

This is a reprint from Dockwa, August 2022

Unfortunately, boating accidents happen even to boaters who do everything right and take the necessary precautions to minimize risk.

With nearly a MILLION first-time and novice boat owners hitting the waters over the past two years, boaters MUST know what to do if they're in a boating accident, no matter the severity.

Federal Law requires the operator or owner of a recreational vessel to file a boating accident report with the state reporting authority if the recreational vessel is involved in an accident that results in any of the following:

A person dies

A person is injured and requires medical treatment beyond first aid

A person disappears from the vessel under circumstances that indicate death or injury

Damage to vessels and other property totals \$2,000 (lower amounts in some states and territories).

The boat is destroyed.

Report Timelines:

Within 48 hours if a person dies within 24 hours, is injured and requires medical treatment beyond first aid, or disappears from the vessel under circumstances that indicate death or injury.

Within 10 days of the occurrence or death if earlier reporting is not required.

The information you provide is used to establish regulations and safety standards, identify and remedy boat defects, educate recreational boaters, capture statistical data, investigate accidents, and measure the effectiveness of boating safety programs.

Accident Reporting Forms

Forms may be found on the Coast Guard's Directive and Publications Division Website here.

Generally, here's the procedure you should follow if you get into a boating accident:

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Ensure the Safety of Your Passengers

First and foremost, check whether you or anyone else aboard requires medical attention. Call 911 and notify the Coast Guard **immediately** if there are any injuries. On a freshwater lake where the coast guard might not have a station, you'll want to notify the police or 911 rescue responders. While awaiting medical attention, provide first aid if it's available from the boat's emergency kit, make a note of all injuries and provide that information to the medical professionals once they've arrived.



If the accident is not severe and there are no injuries, you should still call the Coast Guard or local police to make them aware of the situation. This will help them keep track of boating accidents and ensure boaters follow boating safety procedures.

If Your Vessel Capsized...

If your vessel capsized, get everyone out of the water and onto the boat if you can. If the boat is still afloat and there is no immediate danger, ensure everyone is wearing a **life jacket** and move to a safe area. If you can't get everyone out of the water, have someone stay with the boat and send the others for help.

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Don't panic and try to swim for shore. A capsized vessel may recover independently, and most trailer-sized vessels will remain afloat, even when flooded or over-turned.

If the Boat Is Sinking...

If the boat is sinking, kill the engine and have everyone abandon the ship. Make sure everyone has a life jacket and swim to safety. Anchor yourself to a buoy or some other fixed object if possible. If there is no stationary object to anchor to, float with your back facing the wind and use a survival kit if you have one.

If you're boating in an area with heavy traffic, put up a **distress signal** so that other boaters know your situation and can offer assistance if needed. In any case, call for help using any available means—a whistle, flare, mirror, etc.



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Exchange Information With the Other Boater

If the accident involved another boater, get their name, address, phone number, and insurance information. It would help if you also tried to get any witnesses names and contact information. If the other boater refuses to give you their information, that's a red flag, and you should contact authorities.

Document the Accident

Use your phone to take photos of the damage to both boats. If there are any injuries, take pictures of those as well. It's also a good idea to take photos of the surrounding area in case you need to reference them later. Once you have all the images you need, make a written record of what happened. This will be vital information to have when filing an insurance claim.





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File a Claim With Your Insurance Company

Once you've gathered all the necessary information and documentation, file a claim with your insurance company. Again, be sure to do this immediately after the accident so the insurance company can process your claim promptly.

While boating accidents are stressful and scary, thankfully, by following the steps outlined above, you can make sure that everyone is safe and that you're able to get the compensation you need to cover any damages. The most important thing to remember is to stay calm and be patient. Take care of yourself and your passengers during this difficult time.

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Calculations from the Treasurer:

Although I couldn't attend the General Meeting, I'm certain it was a fantastic event. With Quinn and Peggy along with their assistants there's no doubt it was a wonderful time filled with delicious food and plenty of laughter from shared stories.

Congratulations to our Super Bowl Winners: Duane Kent, Bob Simard, Michelle Kelly and best of all, FBYC!! The first 3 quarters took home \$50 while the 4th Quarter winner received \$100, which was all of us. Just like our 50/50 raffle each month, these extra monies benefit the entire club throughout the year. What does that mean to you? Support the raffles and have a good time.

Our accounts remain in great shape. As mentioned in the January newsletter we do not publish any details of the treasury report as the newsletter is open to the public. I will have an outline of our income and expenses at meetings for you to review.

Also, if there is a need to prepay for an event or pay for a Ship Store item you may use Zelle to send in your payment, however please remember to include a note what the payment is for, there is a box for you to include this information when you fill out the Zelle form. You can of course use cash or a check.

If you are paying by Zelle use treasurer@flaglerbeachyachtclub.com If you are paying by check make it out to FBYC.

Wishing you continued balance in your checkbook and your life,

Doris Houslander
 FBYC Treasurer

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

Amy Beth Krisanda	Mar-3
Jim Russo	Mar-3
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Susan Bereda	Mar-13
Eileen McSherry	Mar-18
Michelle Kelly	Mar-20
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Phillip Raynor	Mar-24





FBYC Ship Store

With warmer weather finally arriving, it's the perfect time to jump into the boat and be looking your best with your FBYC apparel. Stop by the Ship Store at the March meeting and we will be happy to help you select the perfect FBYC merchandise to meet all your boating needs. We are currently working on a shirt to share with the club. Please share any ideas or input on new items for the club is always welcome. 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 it's a great way to see what they have. Visit them or view their website at: U Name It 10 Hargrove Grade Palm Coast, FL 32137 Website: <https://www.unameitapparel.com> In addition, our printed or foil burgee is currently available on t-shirts and koozies through our own member Mike Ferreira. Other products could be made available upon request. We are looking forward to working with you and taking your order at our March meeting! Be sure to come see us if you haven't already! If you have questions or would like to place an order at any time, please contact us at:

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