FBYC Charter Members

Fred & Jean Belhumeur
Danny & Carmen Boyle
Hiram & Polly Carson
Tom & Renee Donaghy
*Barbara & Ervin Ekis
Ed & Joan Finney
Jean Howe
Leonard & Virginia Kelly
Charlie McCraney & Margie Kinney
Robert & Marilyn Liggio
Tom & Charlotte McBride
John & Anne Mueller
Don & Kathy Patchin
Richard & Rosemarie Price
Paul & Beryl Snyder

*Ervin Ekis died and Barbara is now the wife of Ted Mulcahy. They are current members.

First Organizational Meeting was held at the Ebb Tide (present Dockside parking lot) on April 7, 1992. Twenty three boaters attended the meeting. A By-Law committee was assembled that evening.

Maiden Voyage was on May 3, 1992. Eight boats and twenty eight members participated in an Intracoastal cruise to St. Augustine.

First Commodore On May 21, 1992 FBYC was formed with the election of Tom McBride, a position he held for two years.

Other Officers Charlie McCraney, Vice Commodore; Danny Boyle, Rear Commodore; Ed Finney, Fleet Captain; Margie Kinney, Treasurer and Joan Finney, Secretary. The Board of Directors were: Leonard Kelly, Tom Donaghy, Beryl Snyder and Charlotte McBride as alternate.

On June 13, 1992, with the new officers in place, the club ventured down to Kennedy Point Yacht club in Titusville, FL.

By the July meeting in 1992 FBYC had fifty members.

The first Change of Watch and Christmas Party was held at Captain Jacks Restaurant (present Shark House) in December 1992.

FBYC won 'Best Float in the 1992 Fourth of July Parade in Flagler Beach. On July 23, 1993 the Flagler County Chamber of Commerce gave FBYC the Chamber Award of Appreciation for its participation in the Fourth of July Parade. FBYC has participated in several Fourth of July Parades and in the year 2000, out of 72 entries, won the Best Float in the parade. FBYC also participated in several Columbus Day Festivals.

In 1993 Renee & Tom Donaghy presented the idea of having a January Commodore's Ball for the Change of Watch. After attending many in the Baltimore area while members of two large Yacht Clubs. The idea was accepted by the members and on January 29, 1994 they presented the first Commodore's Ball honoring Commodore Ed Finney and Past Commodore Tom McBride. The ball consisted of a Cocktail Hour in the Hospitality Room with drinks and hors d'oeuvres from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM, the Ball was from 6:00 PM to 1:00 AM. The Hospitality Room was reopened at Midnight and stayed open til 4:00 AM. At 8:00 AM the Hospitality Room reopened for Continental Breakfast with lots of doughnuts, bagels, coffee, juices etc. Of course there were also Bloody Mary's, Champagne and other spirits. The cost - \$28.00 per person or \$89.00 per couple with dinner, room for overnight and everything else. The attendance - 96 people, with the big majority staying overnight. FBYC profit - \$197.71 plus a lot of leftovers.

TIDBITS

1994: FBYC started meeting at the Ocean Marina Clubhouse on A1A. The first newsletter editor was Janice Landgraf (now Janice DeZego). A contest was held to name the monthly newsletter. The winner was Rosemarie Price for the name 'Nautical Notes'. In October the 'Holiday Boat Parade' invited FBYC to participate in the parade. A November Poker Run and Bar-B-Que was postponed due to Bing's docks being underwater. Some other early members in 1994 were Ralph and Sandra Garcia, who still are members.

1995: The second Annual Commodore's Ball was held at the Ramada Resort in Daytona Beach honoring Commodore Tom Johns and Past Commodore Ed Finney. The attendance - 84 people. Several members of Kennedy Point Yacht Club attended. The MC at the Ball stated that FBYC meant "FREE BEER YOU'ALL COME". The cost this year \$30.00 per person. Profit - \$57.91 plus a lot of leftovers. In May, FBYC had an outing at the Bull Creek Fish Camp. Member Skip Neidhardt used his seaplane to fly members over the St. Johns River, etc by taking off and landing in Dead Lake, the charge - .05/lb. Nice outing. FBYC membership was taking a nosedive. Rear Commodore Denis Thornton, who ran the Flagler Beach Marina, pulled the Club out by getting several new members. The Holiday Boat Parade was a disaster. FBYC had a 46' boat entered. The theme was a shuttle (made out of PVC and sheets). The shuttle 'crew' were dressed in tinfoil (designed by Barbara Ekis. The captain, Rear Commodore Denis Thornton steered this mighty vessel up the Intracoastal from Flagler Beach to Palm Coast. The wind was blowing southeast at gusts of 50 mph. The temperature was in the 30's (God knows what the wind chill was). While passing the judging stand the shuttle 'sheets' were flying everywhere. The 'astronauts' were huddled behind any rigging they could find. The good news - FBYC still managed to get third place out of several entries. The bad news -Denis' broke down on the way to Flagler Beach and ran aground. He, Jamie Oakley (his marina mechanic) and Bucky (Denis' dog) spent the night on the boat, needless to say. Jamie came from England to work at the Flagler Bridge Marina which was owned by a guy from England and run by Denis. Jamie had some problems earlier when he was bitten in the leg by a shark in Daytona Beach. Jamie gave a class on small marine engines at a FBYC meeting in 2004??.

1996: The third Annual Commodore's Ball was held at the Ramada Resort in Daytona Beach honoring Commodore Tom Johns for a second term. Only 35 people attended (membership was low). This time there was a loss instead of a profit (-\$195.24. However the Ball was not about making a profit and a lot of leftover booze was given to the Bar Committee). In February Skip Neidhardt again brought his seaplane to Bull Creek Fish Camp for members. This time the charge was .08/lb (inflation?). In May FBYC cruised for a two day outing at Kennedy Point Yacht Club. On Thursday, May 16th a Shuttle Launch was postponed until Sunday, May 18th (KPYC is directly west of JFK Space Center). Commodore Tom Johns got up at 5:00AM and supplied the piers with coffee and doughnuts from Dunkin' Donuts. Some members were given tickets to the launch by members Don and Elaine Sabesky who worked in the space industry in Colorado. However after partying til late on Saturday there was a no show (they had to be at the Space Center by 4:00 AM so the gates could be closed during the launch. Those that didn't go were not disappointed as the launch was picture perfect from KPYC. The Endeavor went off at 6:29 AM. If it had been ten minutes later it would be unseen due to the rising sun. A tour of Sea Ray was held in May. In April there was a great trip to the Daytona Dog Track. The food was superb and the dogs were speedy (for some). The May outing was to Holly Bluff Marina in Deland. FBYC rented three or four deck boats and toured the St. John's River. Each member paid \$15.00. Another good time! The June trip was to Astor, FL to cruise the Blue Springs and swim. FBYC marched in the Fourth of July Parade in Flagler Beach. That was about the ony event during the summer. The membership had dropped considerably and on October 24, 1996 a special meeting was held to discuss the future of the Club. Almost all of the members attended. It was proposed to drop the dues to \$50.00 and to call some of the members who did not renew to come back to the Club. Some By-Law changes were suggested concerning boats. It was proposed to allow non-boat owners to vote and hold some offices (except any of the four line officers). Nothing could be accomplished that evening as the changes had to be approved by the entire membership. Another special meeting was held on November 14, 1996 to try to fill the slate of officers for 1997. Some offices were still held up due to the By-Law changes not being approved as yet and the Commodore (Tom Johns) had already served two years. Also the Commodore's Ball was discussed as the Club had laid out a lot of dollars for the Ramada Resort and

the band. On November 16, 1996 Barbara Ekis and her committee hosted a little party to try to get new members. A Merry Olde England show was put on by her which made a fool (happy fool) out of some members. The audience howled!

FBYC managed to get eight new members that night (good times were coming). Four of those members were (future Commodore) Howard Graves and his lovely wife Judith, who are still members and John and Kitty Di Meo. Kitty is now an honorary member and of course John (deceased) was a real workaholic. In November the election of officers was held and Denis Thornton (another jolly olde Englishman) was elected Commodore. Denis started looking for new members and he succeeded big time. FBYC was gaining members big time. Six boats were entered in the Holiday Boat Parade.

1997:The fourth Annual Commodore's Ball was held at the Ramada Inn Surfside in Daytona Beach Shores honoring Commodore Denis Thornton. Things were looking up. A total of 77 people attended with almost all doing an overnight. A profit of \$286.93 was made. The hospitality room was a little late being opened in the morning due to Renee and Tom Donaghy's room being attached to the hospitality room. They had returned from celebrating their 40th Wedding Anniversary in England on Friday. They had closed the hospitality room at 4:00 AM and the first knock on the door came shortly before 7:00 AM (so much for hospitality). In February FBYC members and guests went to the dogs (racing and food that is) at the Daytona Kennel Club. A fishing committee was formed and workshops were held near the old Flagler Beach bridge. Present members Charlie Ebel and Howard Graves and Don Young (Kitty DeMeo's husband) showed some of the members a few tricks. In March the membership was capped at 100 members (in November, 1996 we had 18 members). There was no Fleet Captain as yet, so you can see that it is a very tough job. In March a Turkey Shoot was held at the Bimini Bar in Bunnell. RC John DeMeo introduced the new Club Burgee, which was much improved over the old one. It was passed that all new members receive the FBYC Burgee when they join the Club. In April the FBYC First Annual Fishing Tournament was held and Tom Steinmetz, on Charlie Ebel's boat won first prize. He caught a 22 1/2" Red Drum and a 16" Sea Trout. Also in April mid week boat outings were initiated with a run to visit Marineland. Some of the new members that brought the total to 100 were Jane & Paul Van Buren and Jovce & Jim O' Meara. There were also five on the waiting list. At last a Fleet Captain, John Darrow. In May FBYC joined the Flagler County and Flagler Beach Chamber of Commerce(s). The membership cap was raised to 110. June saw another trip to Kennedy Point Yacht Club in Titusville. It was not well attended by FBYC. The Fourth of July Parade was well attended as FBYC was the largest participating group. In August we had a bar-b-que at Ocean Marina and some hot grease got on our brand new canopy and burned it to the ground. In November many members participated in the American Heart Walk. Sandra Garcia and Marilyn Ward led the Club in the 'macarena' and FBYC won the 'Team Spirit Award'. On November 1, 1997 FBYC had it's first 'Surf Fishing/Picnic' across from the Golden Lion. Turnout was great! Charlie Ebel was the big winner. The FBYC Bylaws were put on disk for ease in amending. A CD for \$2,000.00 was purchased to start saving for a permanent Club House. In December an initiation fee of \$50.00 was put into effect for new members. The Holiday Boat Parade went to the dogs. Really! FBYC was the odds on favorite to win first place. We had a giant whale with a blowhole and Santa mounted on top. It took weeks to make it and mount it on VC Mike Salzer's boat. Everyone at the parade said no one could beat it. Along came a little 15 foot runabout with some dogs on it. The dogs had small antlers on their heads. Nothing else! The judges gave the dogs first place and FBYC second.

1998: In January a \$100.00 initiation fee was put into effect. All new members with a boat were to receive a FBYC Burgee and a FBYC Shirt. New members without a boat will receive two FBYC shirts. The annual dues were raised to \$52.00 per couple. All boat owners were placed in flotillas depending on size, speed, type, etc. Fleet Captain John Darrow chose flotilla Captains. The Board and the General Membership discussed participation in the Holiday Boat Parade. At issue was the fact that FBYC and other clubs and individuals put a lot of money and time into decorating their boats and judges award prizes on something that may be 'cute' (i.e., dogs with antlers). The Boat Parade Committee assured the participating clubs that new rules will be laid out to the future judges. The fifth Annual Commodore's Ball was held at the Ramada Inn Surfside in Daytona Beach Shores honoring Commodore Denis Thornton. Jim & Libby Kania did an excellent job in organizing it (along with much help from other members). The Commodore of Kennedy Point Yacht Club, Jerry Cooper, swore in officers. Our own Jim De Zego (Cap 'n Jim) emceed the event. A great time was had by all. The FBYC Valentine's Day Party was Sold Out (now that was refreshing). On

February 21st several members had a great time as our trip took us by water, car and whatever to 'Sloppy Joe's'. Key West? Nah! Daytona Beach! In the 'for sale by owner' section of Nautical Notes member Nick Bereda placed an ad for a 100' x 100' lot for \$19.900.00. Whoa! What is that lot worth now? In March FBYC Jackets were introduced. Also in March the Club had a great time at the Daytona Kennel Club and the food was fabulous (not the dogs). In April all of the County Boat Clubs met at the Italian American Club for dinner and a lecture on 'Water Management'. FBYC was well represented and all proudly wore their 'colors'. FBYC members seriously considered making money to purchase a clubhouse or land. VC Mike Salzer pushed the effort and a Building Fund was established. Five or six members were willing to put up \$10,000.00 each to fund it and hold the mortgage. The hunt was on for property and a few members looked at likely prospects. This effort continued throughout the year. In May several members toured the Sea Ray Boat Plant with lunch to follow at the Golden Lion. Also in May was a pleasant trip to the Tomoka River Boat Club. In June the Board voted to pay the reinstatement fee for incorporation to the State of Florida. The cost was about \$500.00 due to only filing once in six years. Incorporation was desired in case of lawsuits. The corporation will be sued, not the individual Board Members. On June 6th a 'Great Steak Cookout' was held at Flagship Landing Park in Flagler Beach. The fire that destroyed many homes in Palm Coast spoiled this outing. Sixty members and guests attending watched in horror as the fire progressed in what was thought to be a controlled burn. On June 26th and 27th FBYC again had a great time at Kennedy Point Yacht Club in Titusville. Nine boats made the trip. Needless to say FBYC or any other organization participated in the Fourth of July Parade as the town of Flagler Beach was shut down. All that was visible on A1A was a hazy cloud and the smell of fire. Commodore Denis Thornton put out a proposal to purchase the land at the Flagler Bridge Marina. A Clubhouse/Bar/Restaurant would be built. Shares would be \$5,000 each and 150 would be sold at first bidding. Shareholders would get special discounts plus a return on their investment each year. Member Tom Donaghy, who had successfully sold \$60,000.00 in Bonds to rebuild the piers and update the electrical system at Bodkin Yacht Club in Pasadena, MD in 1978 where he was Fleet Captain, also pushed this plan. It was limited at that figure and a lot more could have been sold. The plan(s) had a lot of backing by the members. However another party purchased the Marina. September saw another trip to Sloppy Joe's (still in Daytona). However Sloppy Joe's apparently went out of business and, not being daunted, we found an Irish Bar on Beach Street and twenty-eight members had a great time. BoatUS awarded a grant to install signs to identify canals in Palm Coast. A member of the Palm Coast Boating Association, Vyto Atkash, spearheaded this. FBYC has always maintained a liaison with BoatUS. In October the Club toured Whitney Lab at Marineland. FBYC members again participated in the Heart Walk in Palm Coast. The golf tournament was held in Saint Augustine the first prize was a \$50.00 gift certificate for the Damn Yankee, which was won by Bob Moses and Bettie Barnes. A playoff for second place saw Judith Graves get a hole in one. A successful 'Skipper Saver Program' was run by Jim & Libby Kania and Paul Van Buren. Many members attended. The annual beach fishing party was held at Snack Jack's. Thirty-four people attended. The Holiday Boat Parade saw our Club entry, Jim DeZego's boat 'Italia' have a mechanical failure at the very last minute and was unable to enter the parade. Over one hundred people attended the annual Christmas Party.

1999: The elected new Officers of the FBYC are as follows:

Commodore: John Darrow

Vice Commodore: John DiMeo
Rear Commodore: Libby Kania
Fleet Captain: Paul Van Buren
Secretary: Sue Morgan
Treasurer: Renee Donaghy

Board of Directors: Howard Graves

Blaine Stetler PC Denis Thornton

On January 23rd the Commodore's Ball was held at the Ramada Inn, in Daytona Beach Shores, honoring Commodore John Darrow and Past Commodore Denis Thornton. the attendance was 110 people and a great time was had by all. The Van Burens and the Graves led a fine committee in making the Ball a huge success. VC John DiMeo made posters promoting FBYC to be placed in store fronts in Palm Coast and Flagler Beach. The Club membership in January was 89 members. In February Judy Graves took over the editors job for the Nautical Notes from Tom Donaghy. On February 20th a CPR course was given by the

Port Orange Fire & Rescue team at Ocean Marina. The fee was \$15.00 per person and 23 members received certificates. On February 28th a 'Sea Hunt' was scheduled however inclement weather cancelled the event. On March 10th a Surf Fishing party was held on the beach at Hightides at Snack Jack. About 12 fishermen (women) participated and another 16 or so watched. Bea Franchini caught the only fish and was named FBYC Fisherwoman of the Year. On March 20th a class was given on Chart reading. On March 21st a Hot Dog Bash was held at a very windy Bing's Landing. Over 50 people attended FC Paul Van Buren thanked all the help he received in making a windy day a huge success. A 50's/60's dance was held on March 27th at Ocean Marina with pizzas and subs. Attendees were dressed in their best 50/60 outfit (no zoot suits). Jim DeZego (AKA Cap'n Jim) provided the music and entertainment. He also won the Best Dressed Male award. Barbara Ekis (Mulcahy) won the Best Dressed Female award. Other awards were Carmen Boyle, Best Hoola Hoop Performance and Eunice and Lenny Palumbo Best 'Twist' Couple. Renee Donaghy thanked her committee and Cap'n Jim for a very profitable (\$267.00) evening. On March 28th the Blessing of the Fleet was held with 15 boats participating, led by Joel Kaplan. On April 16/17th FBYC once again visited Kennedy Point Yacht Club. Seven boats and 30 people made the trip. Paul Franchini and Howard Graves did an excellent job in barbequing and preparing the food. On May 1st a Basic Engine Maintenance course was given by Jim DeZego. On May 23rd there was a great turnout of members at the Tomoka Yacht Club. A great time was had by all. Music was provided by Tim Rippey and his 'Phantom of the Opera' performance. FBYC gave a Kudo to Nick Bereda. Nick and his crew towed a disabled boat from Palm Harbor cut to Bing's Landing. At the June meeting a new set of By-Laws was accepted unanimously by the membership. On June 5th a very successful 'New Years Party' was held at the Damn Yankee Sandra Garcia, Marilyn Ward and Renee Donaghy did a great job in 'bringing in the new?? year. On June 27th, In the absence of FC Paul Van Buren, Joel Kaplan did a great job in taking the club to St. Augustine for the second annual golf outing. All enjoyed lunch at the A1A Ale House. FBYC again participated in the fourth of July Parade in Flagler Beach (July 3rd). Jeff Uhlein of Bridgetender Marine supplied a new boat and trailer for use in the parade. Forty people and nine boats showed up for the July 18th Matanzas Beach Blast. Flotilla Commander Paul Franchini did a great job with the barbeque. In August FBYC rented a climate controlled storage space from Fraser's Mini Storage in Bunnell to take better control of their inventory. Also the Board authorized the placing of advertisements in the newsletter to help offset costs. On August 22nd several boats went to the Old Florida Club Restaurant (near Down the Hatch Restaurant). In September Commodore John Darrow came across a couple who had lost the trailer (home) to Hurricane Floyd. He found that they were living in a local motel (one room) as that is all they could afford. They had two girls, 17 and 10 and an 8 year old boy. He called the Board members and asked if FBYC could help. They agreed and Barbara Ekis and Treasurer Renee Donaghy presented them with a \$100.00 in gift certificates for a local grocery. A member of the Club (who did not want to be named) provided them with one of his properties to stay free of charge until they could get back on their feet. He also contacted a local church and they provided them with food. The parents both got jobs and are renting a house in Flagler Beach. The September meeting had a great sale on FBYC license plates and they sold like cold hotcakes. On September 19th The scheduled trip on the St Johns from Hontoon Landing to the Old Spanish Sugar Mill Grill and Griddle House was cancelled due to bad weather. On September 25th the Club again participated in the Heart Walk. This marked the third year for FBYC. The October boat outing was to McKay's Pub in Daytona. Seven boats and 41 people enjoyed the festivities. On November 14th FBYC hosted a Turkey Shoot at the Bimini Bar In unnell. Several locals attended to participate in the shoot. Prizes of turkeys and hams were awarded. The Bimini is owned by FBYC Charter members Charlie McCraney and Margie Kinney. A good time was had by shooters and non shooters. On December 11th the annual Christmas Party was held with a full house turnout. This would be the last event for FBYC in the 20th Century, VC John DiMeo, Secretary Sue Morgan and Treasurer Renee Donaghy decided to rest for awhile and turn their jobs over to others.

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WOW! Here we go for the next hundred years. What better way to start off is there but to talk about the huge success of our Commodore's Ball at the Treasure Island Inn In Daytona Beach. Special awards were given to departing VC John DiMeo, Secretary Sue Morgan and Treasurer Renee Donaghy for their many years of service. Paul Franchini and Mary Johnson were also presented with awards for their service throughout 1999. FBYC is and always has been a fun loving and boat loving great group of people. When one leaves we can always find someone else to take their place. Hopefully, through the years, that will never change. On February 27th twelve boats and 57 members and quests participated in a Treasure Hunt. The captains and crews of 4 of these boats tied for first place. Lunch followed at the Palm Coast Yacht Club and an FBYC burgee was presented to them by Commodore Darrow. On March 12th sixty-six members and quests participated in the Bing's Landing BBQ. Eight boats were inspected by the Coast Guard Auxiliary. On March 25th Captain Jim DeZego gave a basic engine course for inboard and outboard engines. On April 2nd fifty-one people and 14 boats enjoyed the festivities of Camachee Cove in St Augustine. On April 16th the Blessing of the Fleet was administered from the pavilion at Harborside Inn. A raft-up party was held later at Cimarron Basin. On May 5th and 6th twenty-five members and guests and 8 boats went to Kennedy Point Yacht Club in Titusville. In an unfortunate incident the Townes lost their prop. That was remedied by fellow member John Raybon who went to Halifax Marina to purchase another prop. Everything turned out fine. At the May meeting, the membership voted to raise the initiation fee and dues to reflect the Florida Sales Tax and increasing costs of membership. On May 20th six boats made their way to the Conch House in St Augustine. Twenty-five members enjoyed the luncheon, music and pool. A very enjoyable weekend. On June 11th (a rainy day) a BBQ was held at Matanzas Inlet. Despite the weather there was a good turnout of boats and people. On June 24th a Skipper Saver Course was held at the Ocean Marina with 21 members participating. VC Paul Van Buren and RC Howard Graves presented the course. Part of the course was putting on a life jacket while treading water. Sue Morgan showed them how. A big turnout for the Fourth of July Parade A well decorated boat and many dressed up historical characters including Barbara Mulcahy's late husband Ted dressed as Uncle Sam and the late Bettie Barnes as the Statue of Liberty. The whole design was presented by members Larry Shipow and Sue Morgan with a lot of help from Mary Johnson and Renee Donaghy in getting all the people to help decorate and march in the parade. It turned out to be really good as FBYC won first place for a float. Some thought that this was a first but it was not. FBYC won a first place way back in the 20th Century. On July 8th a modest turnout attended a doubleheader at Jackie Robinson Stadium to see the Daytona Cubs lose both games to the Jupiter Hammerheads. Not much happened in August as the event planned had to be postponed due to the weather. On a sad note, on August 23rd one of our members. Marilyn Ward died. She was a real go-getter. If you needed someone to do something for the Club, Marilyn volunteered. She served on many committees through the years. She will be missed. On September 6th a surf fishing party was held at Snack Jack. This event has been put on by Tom Donaghy each year and has always been very successful. However only 16 people attended, while 28 had signed up. This does not work too good when you have to reserve seats at a very popular restaurant. On September 24th the trip to Matanzas on September 23rd was finally held at the Ocean Marina Club House! FC Tom Lawrence tried and tried for Matanzas but the weather would not cooperate. On October 15th forty members and guests and 8 boats went to St Augustine for the annual golf tournament. VC Paul Van Buren and Paul Franchini had the two lowest scores. Congratulations to Joyce O'Meara for having the highest score. Everyone enjoyed lunch after the tournament at Harry's Seafood Bar and Grill. There was a Halloween Costume Party scheduled for October 28th but details are not available. On December 8th a big turnout attended the Annual Holiday Party at the Elks Club in Palm Coast. Due to a double commitment with FBYC and the Special Olympics. the Commodore's Ball was postponed until April 28, 2001. A meeting will be called on January 20, 2001 at the Ocean Marina to perform the change of watch for the new officers.

To be continued.