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The fourth of July was a great day for the FBYC! The participants in the Parade deserve a hearty well done. It was hot! Our float, car and golf cart were spectacular. The party at the Omeara's was also a great success. Those that marched got to sit down or get in the pool and enjoy a well-deserved rest. Other FBYCers jumped in and got the burgers, dogs and chicken started. (Thanks Jeanne) I have included some pictures of the event. Well done to all hands!

I have also included a great article from this month's Boating Magazine. Hope you enjoy the read.

Lots of events coming up....see you out on the water.

## FBYC - PAST COMMODORES



1992-1993	Tom McBride	2001	Paul Van Buren	2006-2007	Mike Cocchiola
1994	Ed Finney	2002	Howard Graves	2008	Claudia Towne
1995-1996	Tom Johns	2003	Pat Slattery	2009	Jane Gauling
1997-1998	Denis Thornton	2004	George Barnett	2010	Dee Cocchiola
1999-2000	John Darrow	2005	Pete Poole	2011	Rich Franco



## Vice Commodore — Randy Meyer

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### GENERAL MEETINGS

July 19<sup>th</sup> – Something new for our club this month. A Country and Western night will include good food and lots of fun. The co-leads are Linda Jeager, Billie Tooker and Dave and Sue Smith. This is our opportunity to get those blue jeans, bandanas and cowboy hat out of storage and dress up for this meeting. Please bring your own spittoons and leave your horses outside. Be prepared for a great time.

September 20<sup>th</sup> – Co leads of Janet Clerke and Sondra Bengston are once again going to run our Chinese Auction. This event is always a fun time, with lot of interesting items to be bid on by our members. There will be an update at the July meeting as the club does not meet in August.

Thanks to Kate Nelson everyone had a great time at the meeting in June. The food was great, the boat cake was something else, and the Anniversary Game had all of us laughing all night. Thanks again to Kate and her crew.

### JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>

Make sure we all remember the 4th of July parade in the morning and the cook-out at the O'Mears in the afternoon.

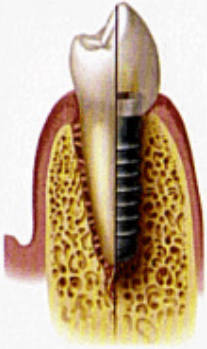
### DAYTONA CUBS GAME

August 18<sup>th</sup> – This is a perfect time to invite all of your friends and relatives to a FBYC event. We will again have the Bullpen area with food and drinks (Beer, soda, and water) from 5:30-7:30. After the game there are also fireworks. The ticket price for the whole evening is \$27.50 per person. Please sign-up at the next meeting or call Randy @ 386-864-7916. We need the money by August 8<sup>th</sup>. The club needs 35 members and guest to get the bullpen so spread the word!

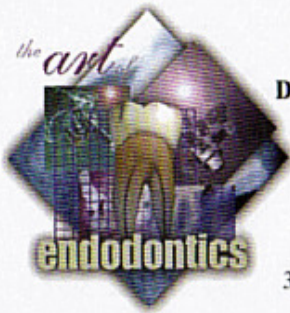
### DATES TO REMEMBER

October 6<sup>th</sup> –The Bed Races in Flagler Beach. Contact Ed Bengston for more details. An update will be given at the July meeting.

October 9<sup>th</sup> – The FBYC 2<sup>nd</sup> annual golf outing will again be at Halifax golf club. The cost for golf, if paid in advance will be \$25.00. Golf will be at noon and a club Social will be at 5:00 pm. Sign-ups will start in July.



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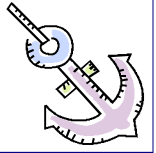




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# Maritime Calendar of Events

Bob Jaeger, FBYC Co-Fleet Captain



On the first Saturday in June, twenty-two intrepid sailors braved the warm waters of the ICW to find Treasure hidden in 33 clues. Joining an equal number of landlubbers at Caribbean Jacks for lunch, the sailors told tall tales of adventure mishap on their trip south. Congratulations to John & Lydia Manoni and the crew of the 'Tweety' for correctly answering all questions and finding the chest filled with doubloons.

Opting for a few more creature comforts this year, our hardy anglers will board the air-conditioned *Pastime Princess* for a day of deep sea fishing. Located in New Smyrna Beach, the 100' *Princess* is a little roomier than last year, with a full galley and a comfortable place to go after hauling in the 'big one'! Chis Nelson advises us to give the ship a call the night before (386 427-5393) to check on sea conditions for the next day; if you decide at the last minute to go, give him a call to get all the particulars.

Are you in for a relaxing mid-week FLOAT? Join Kathie Nadeau for Subs on the Beach in St. Augustine. Be sure to bring a dish to share, tubes and floats, and plenty of sunscreen. The FBYC flotilla will leave the PC marina at 11:00 AM; landlubbers will be picked up at the Conch House dock at 12:30 PM and ferried across to the beach. Subs will be served around 1:00 PM.

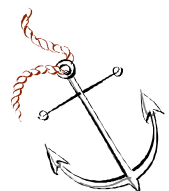
As always, we will post all activities on the **FBYC** Google calendar, and email the latest information to the membership concerning time, location, and reservations, if needed, for any event. Please mark your calendar and join us for these fun-filled activities:

**July 10**

**Fishing Trip aboard the "Pastime Princess"**  
**New Smyrna Beach - 107 N. Riverside Dr.**  
**Check in @ 7:30 AM- 8:00 AM**  
**Lead: Chris Nelson**

**July 17**

**St. Augustine 'Subs on the Beach'**  
**Beach across from the "Conch House"**  
**Lead: Kathie Nadeau**  
**RAIN DATE: July 18**





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# FUELING YOUR BOAT SAFELY

**Chris Nelson** *CoFleet Captain*

Fueling a boat properly is an essential element of good seamanship. Before starting out on the high seas, make sure you have enough fuel onboard. Certain precautions must be *carefully* and *completely* observed every time a boat is fueled with gasoline. Diesel fuel while not explosive will burn and so the procedures listed below should be followed with both fuels.

### Before Fueling

Make sure your boat is secured to the fueling pier. Fuel before dark if possible.

Stop engines, motors, fans, and all other devices that may produce a spark. Open the master switch if the electrical system has one. Put out all galley fires and open flames.

Close all ports, windows, doors, and hatches so that fumes cannot blow aboard and below.

Disembark all passengers and any crew members not needed to assist with fueling.

Prohibit all smoking on board and nearby.

Have a checked fire extinguisher close at hand.

Be aware of approximately how much fuel you will need and do not overfill. Allow for expansion.

### While Fueling

Keep nozzle or can spout in contact with the fill opening to guard against static sparks.

Do not spill gasoline.

Do not overfill. Filling a tank until fuel flows from the vents is dangerous.

For outboards, remove the tank from the boat and fill onshore if possible.

### After Fueling

Close fill openings.

Wipe up any spilled gasoline and dispose of the wipe-up rags onshore.

Open all ports, windows, doors and hatches; turn on bilge blower and ventilate for at least four minutes.

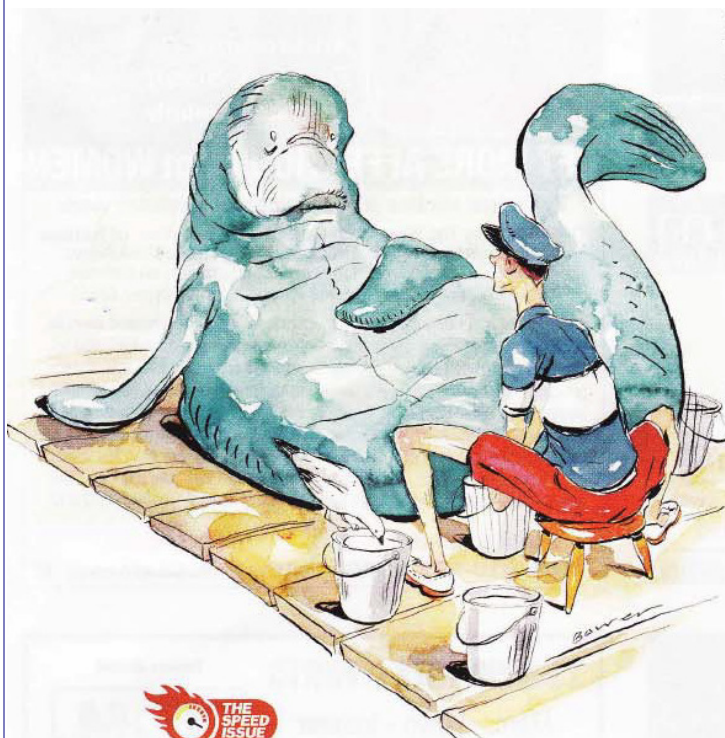
Sniff down low in tank and engine compartments. If any odor of gasoline is present, do not start the engine. Continue ventilation actions until odor can no longer be detected. Check for any drips and liquid fuel.

Be prepared to cast off lines as soon as the engine starts. Get clear of the pier quickly but safely.

**\*The above data was obtained from Chapman's Piloting, 60<sup>th</sup> edition.**

# Following Seas

By David Seidman



## Milking Manatees

THERE'S MONEY IN THOSE FLOATING SPEED BUMPS.

**I**N 1915 CARL FISHER, THE MAN WHO INVENTED MIAMI Beach and was a brilliant entrepreneur, had a not-so-brilliant idea for a new company. He called it Ocean Dairy Products and instead of cows was going to milk manatees. Don't laugh; sea cow milk has more protein than land cow milk, and no lactose. It's good stuff. However, I can't figure out how you'd milk one, and most likely neither could Carl.

But get-rich schemes never die, especially in Florida, and others have gotten the same wild idea. Then there's the Manacheese company (manacheese.com), with the tagline "Maybe it's delicious." The website looks real, but there's no contact info.

I do know some folks who really are milking manatees, and doing quite well. Only instead of milk the Save the Manatee Club's squeezing money, and lots of it, from Florida's sea cows.

As with China's pandas, manatees make enticing poster children. If it's cute and round, we want to protect it — and

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are willing to pay to do it. Which is why organizations like this one depend on keeping the manatee endangered. So much so that when, in 2006, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission voted to change the status from endangered to threatened, manatee advocates lobbied to get this reversed, and won.

Not long ago *The New York Times* quoted Patrick Rose, a lobbyist for the club, as saying that manatees are "the best, most effective growth-management tool that exists." They're not looking for solutions.

Take the case of Dr. Edmund Gerstein, director of marine mammal research at Florida Atlantic University, who found a way to protect manatees. Gerstein discovered that the slower a boat moves, the harder it is for the animal to hear it. A boat traveling at idle speed is heard by a manatee only when it is about 13 feet away. Boats moving at 40 mph can be detected at 656 feet. Ironically, he concludes, slow speed zones are manatee death traps. To help, Gerstein devised an underwater alert that warns manatees at great distances, regardless of boat speed. To date he's found no support from manatee lovers.

The truth is that, as this magazine once reported, it's not boats that are causing most of the manatee deaths — it's golf courses. The runoff of fertilizers from these artificial pastures has killed the manatees' shallow feeding grounds, forcing them to wander into open water and our boats.

But the lovable manatee has become a tourist-attracting state symbol. So don't expect that manatee zones will be reduced.

If we really want to save the manatee, I say we treat them like bison. Set up grazing areas and let them eat and breed in peace. We get back the waterways and maybe some delicious milk products.

Until then, when I'm in Florida I'll see you outside the inlet — the only place left where a boater can still be free.



## FBYC – Ship’s Store

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We have new bright colored T-shirts, Ladies tank tops, and sleeveless mens shirts available for \$13 each. You may also bring in any shirts, bags or other items you want the logo or boat name embroidered. If you have any new ideas or suggestions for our Ship Store please let me know and we can work together to start the project.

Just a reminder to all members, we only have a few Anniversary shirts left in stock. This limited addition will not be ordered again. Cost \$10

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## FBYC – Some additional Pictures from the Ball



## FBYC – Flagler Beach 4th of July Parade





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