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## Commodore's Corner — Len Dignard

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### My Last Newsletter Article

I am now approaching the final port of my journey and the end of my reign is in sight. So far, I have avoided a mutiny from within the Club and haven't been asked to walk the plank. As being your first non-boat owner Commodore, I thank you for the privilege and pleasure of serving you. It has been a great ride. Rum for the crew!!!

### Welcome new Officers

We elected our 2015 Officers at our November meeting and they officially take over January 1, 2015. Welcome aboard and I thank you for stepping up and volunteering to serve. This club cannot survive without support from people like you. Many of you already know what you are in for but, there are a couple of you who are in for some surprises.

### Thank you outgoing Board Members

This year has been fun, busy and an extremely successful one. All this could not have happened without this current Board of Directors' hard work and direct involvement in all of our Club's activities. We faced many challenges with the planning and execution of our Club activities and these folks worked tirelessly to ensure everything we did came off without a hitch. I know I speak for the entire club in expressing a huge THANK YOU for all the personal time and energies they expended in keeping our club afloat and on the right course.

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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		

## Commodore - Continued

### FBYC Pirate Ship

On Halloween Day, the FBYC Pirate Ship with cannons blasting, invaded “Sweetwater’s”. After much destruction, the staff surrendered and let us board their docks. The crew of Pirates and Wenches along with the advance invading party were treated to tankards of rum, beer, food and merriment. After which, we departed on a voyage home with our plunder. Thoughts are running along the lines that maybe we could get some of the “FBYC Armada” to join us to do this again next year.



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## Commodore - Continued

### Election Committee

#### General

Nothing can be accomplished without the support of the entire membership. I have had the luxury of virtually everyone standing up and getting involved. I hear from so many of you how wonderful this club is. Friends, it is that way because, "everyone" takes on ownership. From the people who volunteer to take the lead for events/meetings "and" the folks that rally around them, on to the people who come early to set-up and stay late to break down after all is over,..... that is what makes us a special club.

#### Closing

As we go forward, please remember all members are required to be part one of our two club committees; **Social**, which is responsible for all "off water" events and meetings and the **Maritime**, which is responsible for all "on water" events. These two committees consume a large amount of people and hours. Your support is needed at the upcoming 2015 planning meetings. Please plan on attending one of them.

Your new Commodore, Bob Jaeger, and his Board of Directors have their work cut out for them next year. Please give them the incredible support you afforded me during my term.

Good Luck Bob, I wish you calm seas and smooth sailing!!!!

I hope to see of all you at as many events as your schedule permits.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a special and fun Holiday Season.



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# FBYC Happenings

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Under a beautiful **golden** harvest moon, a long awaited get-together with the **St. Augustine Yacht Club** took place on November 7. The clubhouse, located next to the boat ramp in St. Augustine, housed over three hundred burgees (including ours appropriately flying *over the bar*)!! Over thirty **FBYC** members enjoyed the camaraderie and hospitality found at St. Augustine and all hoped that we will return soon.



On November 19<sup>th</sup> the Executive Board met early at the Palm Coast Library to put up and decorate our one of a kind nautical themed tree. If you get a chance over the holidays, stop by.

Our last monthly meeting of the year held a relaxed “Amore” theme, enhanced by our favorite comfort food, **Pizza!!** Thanks go out to Mark and Danielle Pierro for making all the arrangements. There was a holiday bake sale organized by Jeanne Meyer, generating almost \$300 to offset the costs of the Christmas Party. It was Commodore Len’s last general meeting and we all thanked him for keeping the **FBYC** ship on course and a job *well done!!!*

The annual Christmas Party will take place at the beautiful Plantation Bay Country Club in just one week!! Can you believe it?? The holidays are here already. Entertainer and DJ extraordinaire Tim Rippey will be headlining the event. There will also be a few special surprises. The Plantation Bay Country Club is easy to get to: take I-95 S to Old Dixie Highway (Exit 278); make a right off the exit then the entrance to Plantation Bay is shortly on your left. **Ho-Ho-Ho** is just around the corner!!



In addition to the annual Christmas Party, there will be a Ladies Christmas luncheon held at Halifax Plantation on Monday, December 8 at 11:30 AM. Seating is limited, so if you haven’t already, contact Jeanne Meyer for reservations immediately.

The much anticipated maritime “**Canal Caroling**” will take place on Saturday, December 13 with a picnic to follow at the Lindholm’s. Don’t miss this last melodious event of the year!!

I would like to thank the membership for their support as Vice Commodore and soon-to-be Commodore. We had a great year trying a few different events and locales. I know the membership will lend their support to our 2015 Vice Commodore Joe and the entire Executive Board.

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Finally, I personally want to thank Commodore Len and Past Commodore Randy for all the support and guidance over the years. I can only hope that my tenure as Commodore will run as successfully as yours.



**Happy Holidays to all!!**



## Rear Commodore - Joe Lindholm



### Membership

#### Joe Lindholm

#### Rear Commodore

Our membership is now at 149, with 75.2% of the members as boat owners. There are now 11 applications, with 21 members on the waiting list.

We received a thank you note from the Observer for the Food Drive information. So far we have not seen an article or picture so be on the lookout for that.

There will be a new ad in our newsletter from the Golden Lion giving us 10% off food. They also sent a thank you note to members Chris & Kate Nelson, Tom & Renee Donaghy, and Russell Jones & Marsha Barry for their patronage (Something about frequent flyers).

The first Social Committee meeting for 2015 will be held on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at the Lindholm's. Please plan to attend; your input is welcome for 2015 events.

As usual the master Membership and Boat/e-mail list has been updated so if you have a chance, please go to the website and verify your information. If you have any discrepancies, please let me know and I will have them corrected.

The first Social Committee meeting for 2015 will be held on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at the Lindholm's. Please plan to attend; your input is welcome for 2015 events.

I've had a great time serving as your Rear Commodore this year and am looking forward to my new position in 2015. Thanks to the board and membership for your support.

I would like to welcome John Green as the new Rear Commodore.

Please get out and enjoy a safe boat ride.

Joe



# Maritime Moments

## Fleet Captains: Chris & Mike

### **December 13: Caroling on the Canals**

Boaters should meet at Joe Lindholm's dock 10AM to decorate your boat. Caroling and drinking will begin at 11 AM. After the Caroling there will be a cookout at the Lindholms. Those coming by car should arrive at the Lindholm's by 1:30PM. Please bring a dish to share and your own beverage. The meat will be supplied by the club.

### **January 6, 2015: Maritime Meeting**

The first Maritime Meeting of 2015 will be held at the Triano's home at 6:30PM. Please email me @ [mtpalmcoast@yahoo.com](mailto:mtpalmcoast@yahoo.com) if you plan on attending.

### **January 16-17, 2015: St. Augustine Holiday Lights**

A boat trip to the St. Augustine Marina is scheduled for January 16-17, 2015. Marsha Barry is the lead for this event. The sign up sheets were at the last meeting. If you did not sign up for the boat trip, contact Marsha. Dinner is scheduled to be at Meehan's, Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM. Sign up sheets were also out at the last meeting. If you were not at that meeting and would like to attend the dinner, contact Marsha to see if there is still room at the restaurant for you. Please come early and join us at the docks for some drinks prior to dinner

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

Donald	Hay	2-Dec
Christine	Passiglia	4-Dec
Sandie	Ostresh	6-Dec
Ken	Clerke	12-Dec
Dave	Smith	13-Dec
Bonnie	Anderson	16-Dec
Joanie	King	16-Dec
Greg	Hansen	22-Dec
John	Yetter	22-Dec
Joyce	Yetter	23-Dec
Alan	Hendry	24-Dec
Kathleen	Logemann	28-Dec
Jeff	Shepherd	31-Dec



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**5 TIPS FOR AN EASIER LIFE AFLOAT****BY DON CASEY****BOAT U. S. MAGAZINE****FEBRUARY/MARCH 2014****AVOID SEIZED SNAPS**

Damaged canvas due to unyielding snaps is nearly always due to neglect. Snaps should be kept clean and lubricated. Wash all your snaps regularly, either with pressure from a nozzle or with a container of fresh water and a toothbrush. A little petroleum jelly or Teflon grease smeared around the inside perimeter of the socket half of snaps to lubricate the spring and retard corrosion is sure to extend the life of your canvas.

**FREEING FROZEN ZIPPERS**

Plastic zippers are excellent in the marine environment, but far too many have metal slides. In a damp, salty environment, metal slides invariably corrode, becoming immovable. Don't just keep pulling until you rip the tab off. Soak a couple of cotton balls with white vinegar, pack them onto the top and bottom of the slide, and cover with plastic wrap. Wait. The acidic vinegar will dissolve the oxidation, freeing the slide. Once the zipper is again functional, flush both the slide and zipper with fresh water, dry thoroughly, then give the zipper and slide a liberal application of zipper lubricant. If you remember to flush and dry all metal zipper sides as part of your "putting the boat away" routine, an occasional application of lube should keep them all working smoothly.

**CLEAR FOGGED PLASTIC**

There are lots of ways to restore the clarity to fogged plexiglass hatches, windows, and plastic instrument covers, but one the most foolproof is to purchase an automotive headlamp-restoration kit. These are intended to remove fogging and yellowing from headlamp covers and they can do the same for UV-damaged plastic on your boat. Note that polishing kits will not clear internal crazing.

**FOREST FRESH**

Adding a bit of aromatic cedar wood inside the enclosed areas of your boat adds freshness, repels insects, and retards mildew. You can line a locker with aromatic cedar closet-liner planks, add aromatic cedar blocks to drawers or bins, or just lay an aromatic cedar plank on a shelf. Occasionally you'll need to sand the wood and/or anoint it with real cedar oil to maintain the effect.

**VINYL PROTECTION**

Stores, such as Jo-Ann, sell a product called marine vinyl. We've found the "cut to fit" material easy to use (no sewing needed), easy to clean, durable, and inexpensive for use on a boat. We use it to protect our tabletop during daily use, thereby protecting the wood finish. We also cut pieces to fit our overhead hatches. With the hatch closed, the vinyl lies on the screen to block the sun, cooling the boat during hot, sunny weather, and helping our air conditioner to not run as much. -JIM FAVORS



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## Pizza Night



## St. Augustine Social





## Christmas Tree at the Library



## Maritime on the Sundancer





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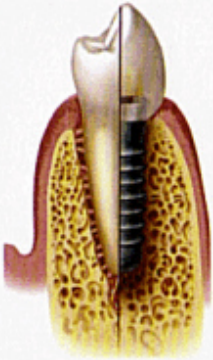
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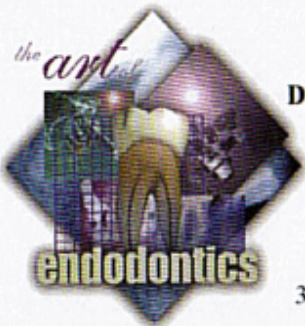


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