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## Commodore's Corner — Bob Jaeger

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March has to go down as one of the most successful months **FBYC** has ever had with three big events: St. Patrick's Day dinner, Cimmaron Basin Raft-up, and the 2015 Commodore's Ball.

If the Irish ate corned beef like we did at our monthly meeting, the whole **emerald isle** would be enrolled in weight-watchers!! Kudos to leads Patty Lindholm and Linda Jaeger and their committee for a dinner to remember (see photos and shamrock later on in this issue).

Congratulations go out to our Raft-up lead Randy Meyer for organizing the order of boats and the flawless weather (he did it again!) and Co-Fleet Captain Michael Triano for a presentation at the March meeting regarding raft-up procedures. It must have worked because the 11 boats tied up together once and did not have to adjust lines or move all day. It was so successful that many members indicated that we will have to do this again – soon. Good job Randy, Michael, Eddie and all the boat captains!



### PAST COMMODORES



1992-1993	Tom McBride	2002	Howard Graves	2009	Jane Gaulding
1994	Ed Finney	2003	Pat Slattery	2010	Dee Cocchiola
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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	2014	Len Dignard

## *Commodore - Continued*

Our next maritime event will be the Blessing of the Fleet on April 18. If you didn't make it to the raft-up, it's time to get the boat ready for this memorable event.

The 2015 Commodore's Ball was certainly a night to remember. Past Commodore Len Dignard went all-out in making sure we had a great time at the Shores, with fantastic food and service. With the Frank Saffi band providing the music, the dance floor was crowded all night long!! Len and Carol spent countless hours working on nautical themed table and room decorations – what a great job!

During the opening ceremonies, I was honored to present to the Past Commodores at the ball a pin to recognize their many years of service to the club. The Past Commodores who were not in attendance will be presented with their pins at a future general meeting. I am truly



humbled by the efforts of all our past Commodores over the 23 years our club has been together.

Perhaps the best part of the opening ceremonies was when Len's unique style of leadership was closely examined (roasted) in a series of slides, commentary, and undergarments presented by PC Rich Franco, Jeanne and PC Randy Meyer, Vice Commodore Joe Lindholm and myself – we even found a copy of Len's FBYC credit card!!

Our April 16<sup>th</sup> general meeting will feature a Chinese auction, and to keep things simple, the Executive Board is requesting that only one item be donated per membership. Len and Carol are the leads. I wonder if some "unique historical" items will reappear this year? If you have any questions, please contact Len and Carol at (386) 206-4143. *Safe boating!*



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# FBYC Social News

Congratulations to Len and Carol on a superb Commodore's Ball this year. The venue, food, music and decorations made for a perfect event...great job!



For those of us who had a great time dancing at the Commodore's Ball and for those of us who missed it, there will be a social and dance on May 9<sup>th</sup> at the K of C in Palm Coast. Contact Bobbey Willson for details

and reservations. So guys, dust off those shoes again, get out on the dance

floor and make the wives happy!!

Our March Corned Beef and Cabbage event was very successful, with 104 dinners being served (in 10 minutes). Kudos to Linda Jaeger and Patty Lindholm and their great group of volunteers for preparing and serving such a delicious dinner.

The April 16<sup>th</sup> General Meeting will have a Chinese food theme along with a Chinese auction. This year, for the sake of time, we will be limiting the auction to one donated item per membership. Len and Carol are the leads for this event. Please contact them to volunteer your time and talent. Remember the success of all of our wonderful events is a direct result of our fantastic volunteers.

On April 23<sup>rd</sup> (please note the date change) there will be an **FBYC** nine hole best ball golf tournament, followed by a Commodore's Social at the Pine Lakes CC. If you have not signed up yet, there will be a sign up sheet at the April General Meeting or call Joe Lindholm (630)817-7887. We are short on golfers and social attendees.



Also, don't forget to mark your calendars for a Cinco de Mayo theme, as well as a chili up. We also would like the names of the chili it will be a Cinco de Mayo theme, please feel Cohen to add your name to the volunteer or



the **FBYC** May 21<sup>st</sup> General Meeting which will include cook-off. We are in need of volunteers to set and clean cooks who will be entering their chili specialties. Since free to dress up (or down). Call Jeanne Meyer or Jack cooks list.

Finally, there will be a Social committee meeting at my house on Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. Please plan on attending this meeting and getting involved with the remaining 2015 events.

Remember: the successes of our club's events are directly dependant on a great group of volunteers. We are all responsible for the success of these events, so get involved in the planning and support to insure continued success. It's never too late to join a committee.

Please get out and enjoy a safe boat ride.

Joe

## Rear Commodore - John Green

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March was a very active month for the FBYC with events including the St. Patty's Day meeting, a raft up in Cimmaron Basin and the Commodore's Ball. I had never been to a raft-up but I think everyone who attended is ready to mark their calendar for the next one. Thanks to PC Randy and Jeanne Meyers for taking the lead on this one, and delivering on the great weather!!

We had more than an average number of visitors for the March meeting. Paul Busse had a table full of friends for the corned beef and cabbage dinner. Jim and Joyce O'Meara also had a full table to help celebrate Jim's birthday. I'm not saying how old he is but he hasn't turned eighty-six yet.

The club is still at full membership with a list of prospective members and now eight boaters on the waiting list to be added to the prospective list. We have two sets of parents of existing members waiting to join our club. Danielle Pierro's parents, Ken and Pam Miller, are on the prospective list, as well as, Jill Hunt's mom and dad. Hopefully we will be able to accommodate them very soon.

While we don't have any new members, we do have a new boat. VC Joe and Patty Lindholm have replaced their boat with a 32' Carver. Can't wait to see it on the water.

If you have changes to your name, address, phone or email, please call me with the changes and I will have it updated.

Happy Boating,

John



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# Maritime Moments

## Mike Triano and Eddie Uribe, *Fleet Captains*

The Blessing of the Fleet will take place on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. Toni Mincin will be the lead. The Blessing will be at Tony & Patte Garofalo's dock, 17 Cedarford Ct in the Cimmaron Basin. This is in the same area that we had the Raft Up. The Blessing will start at 10:30 AM. Please have your radio tuned to #68 and follow the instructions given to you by Toni. After the Blessing, you will return your boats to your home docks and then go to Pine Lakes Golf Course at 12:30 -1:00 PM for lunch. If you haven't signed up for this event, please do so at the next general meeting.

Last year's Treasure Hunt trip to St. Augustine was a big hit and will be repeated again this year. Since I did not go to school very much when I was growing up (I'd fill in for my brother when he was sick), I requested the questions be very easy. Sorry Commodore Bob, you are off the question committee. Alan Hendry has the lead for this trip, which will take place on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Alan is planning lunch for all of the boaters and also those coming to St. Augustine by car. I will give more details at the next general meeting. Signup sheets will be available at that meeting.

Make sure you mark your calendars for Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. This will be our annual STEAK and BAKE at Matanzas Inlet. The tides will be coming in, so it will be perfect for the boats that will be beached. We will have party boats to transport those of you coming by car. I will have more details at next month's meeting, along with signup sheets for the boaters, those coming by car and MOST IMPORTANT, the VOLUNTEERS that are needed to make this a success! I need help with getting the BBQ and supplies to the beach, set-up, cooks, clean up, etc. Marty Willson has already signed up to buy the steaks and corn. Thanks Marty.

Safe travels,

Michael and Eddie

# Get a Grip

*(Published in Feb/ March Boat U.S. Magazine, Chris Landers author) (submitted by Fred Ciaburri, Maritime Committee)*



*There are all kinds of reasons to add a handhold somewhere on your boat, but the main one is safety. Mounting a handle is the same as mounting any piece of deck hardware. Keep in mind that you're basically asking people to fall on this thing with their full weight in an emergency. Having a loose or untrustworthy handle to grab is worse than having none at all. The last thing you want is someone to fall because your poorly installed handle gave them a false sense of security. The handle type that may be best has threaded studs welded to it. If you have options make sure to use thru-bolts rather than screws which are more likely to pull out, especially in fiberglass.*



*Once you know where the handle will go, make sure the area behind the fiberglass is accessible, and there's nothing in the way. You'll want to mount a backing plate or block there – made of hardwood or marine grade plywood, painted or clear coated with a two-party epoxy paint. The idea is to prevent the fasteners from pulling out when someone yanks on the handle, and to do that, we want to spread the load out as much as possible. You'll also want to figure out whether you're drilling through solid fiberglass or into a area with core material. If in doubt, ask the manufacturer about the location or post a question on an owner's forum.*

*Once you've got your location marked out, carefully drill holes in the fiberglass and backing plate. Make sure to seal the inside of the new holes with epoxy once you've fiberglass and backing plate, and be finished ing nuts. After you're sure everything will fit, hole in the glass and run a bead of bedding together. Don't worry about bedding any of getting in through the holes. If it gets in, any- keep it out of the fiberglass, but in needs to have an exit. After the bedding compound dries, you should be good to go!*



*Make sure to seal the drilled them. The fasteners should go through the off with large stainless flat washers and nylon lock- take it all apart again, drill a slightly countersunk compound around the holes before putting it back the other surfaces – the object is to keep water from way, the epoxy sealing the inside of the holes will*



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

Claudia	Towne	6-Apr
Marty	Willson	19-Apr
Nancy	Oakes	23-Apr
Rod	Thomas	24-Apr
Bill	Luke	29-Apr

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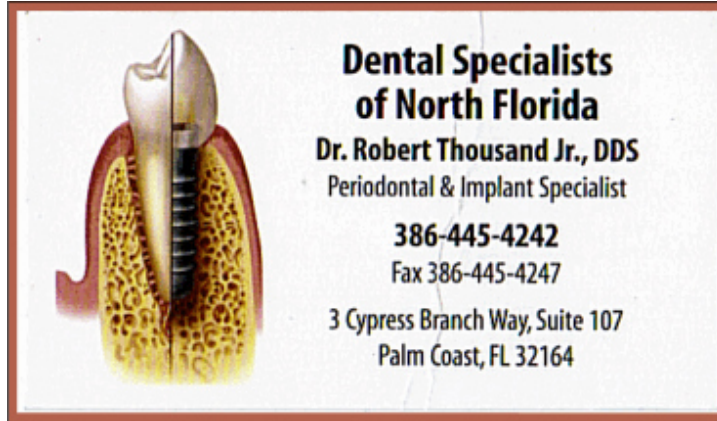
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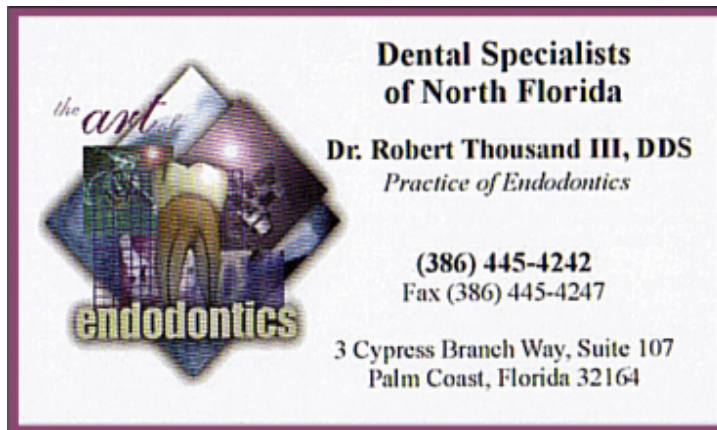
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