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Commodore's Corner — Bob Jaeger

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It was so great to see all of you at the January meeting despite the inclement weather! Our "clockwise rotation" of tables allowed many of us to meet some of the newer members for the first time and to catch up with each other on all the holiday activities that occurred last month. It was great to see a few of our members back on their feet after overcoming medical issues. Thanks go out to past Commodore Randy Meyer for performing the "Oath of Office" ceremony for the new Executive Board.

As I indicated during my opening remarks, we are chartered as a yacht club, and as such, I will try to present at each meeting a brief "maritime moment," describing some aspect of safety, maintenance, regulatory, or environmental concerns that affect our boating activities. I hope that it will be both educational and informative: experience (and learning from our mistakes) can be the best teacher!

What a wonderful time we had at our annual "St. Augustine Lights" excursion. Approximately 50 club members and guests got together at Meehan's Irish Pub to enjoy the company, good food, and their absolutely fabulous home-made Bailey's. Afterwards, strolling around St. Augustine with the Holiday Lights shining bright was a pure joy. There was even one intrepid set of boaters who stayed overnight despite the cold: PC Jane and Rich Gaulding! Thanks go out to Marsha Barry for making all the arrangements.

So many members reported having a great time at the Christmas Party that the Executive Board decided to go back to Plantation Bay this year. Mark your calendars down for Friday, December 11th. I'm sure that Vice Commodore Joe will be planning a few surprises for us at this most festive of times.

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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	2014	Len Dignard



Commodore - Continued

If you were not able to attend the **2015 Social Committee** meeting in January, please get in touch with Vice Commodore Joe to help with the planning for this year's activities. There is a boat-load of activities planned for the year and he can use all the help he can get!

Treasurer Linda indicated it's time for our annual audit. Thanks go out to Suzanne Timko for agreeing to do the audit.

Our March St Patrick's Day general meeting will be on Thursday, March 19 at 7:00 (dinner starts at 6:00 PM) at Santa Maria del Mar Parish Hall. The cost of the Irish feast will be ten dollars per person – can't wait for that delicious Irish soda bread and corned beef!

We were all disappointed to hear that Sweetwaters, the on-water restaurant in Flagler Beach, closed down. Hopefully, any issues will be resolved and another restaurant will take over in a short time.

Ahoy!! See you at the February 19th general meeting!

A promotional advertisement for The Golden Lion Cafe. The ad is framed by a blue and white checkered border. On the left, there is a cartoon illustration of a golden lion wearing sunglasses and a crown, sitting on a beach chair and holding a cocktail. A seagull is also on the beach. The text 'THE GOLDEN LION Cafe' is written in a stylized font above the lion. On the right, a yellow background contains the text '10% off CHECK' in large red letters. Below this, it says 'Excluding alcohol, cannot be combined with any other offer.' in smaller black text. The address '501 N Oceanshore Blvd (A1A) Flagler Beach' is listed, along with the website 'goldenlioncafe.com' and the phone number '(386) 439-3004'. At the bottom, a red banner reads 'FLAGLERS MOST AWARDED RESTAURANT & RAW BAR SINCE 1992'.

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FBYC Social News

We started out 2015 with our meet the new officers theme at our General meeting. Congratulations to the new board members as well as the returning officers. Commodore Jaeger had the members rotate tables for a brief time before the meeting began and it worked well, as members and guests were able to become better acquainted. As always, the food volunteers did not disappoint.

Our February Commodore's Social will be held at the Beachfront Grille, 2444 S. Oceanshore Blvd. Flagler Beach.

The Beachfront Grille will have happy hour cocktail pricing for the FBYC throughout the evening and we will be ordering off the menu. Please remember to be patient with the kitchen when our crowd shows up and orders at the same time.

If you have not signed up for this event, please let me know if you are planning to attend (630-817-7887) or cjindholm@ameritech.net.

Our February General meeting, Feb. 19th will be a Mardi Gras/ game theme. Kris Richter and Sandy Ostresh are the co-lead. If you would like to volunteer your efforts for this event, please contact one of them.

We will have our corned beef and cabbage dinner at the March General meeting March 19th. The cost will be \$10.00 for both members and guests.

We are still looking for suggestions for the 4th of July Parade and we still need a lead for the July General meeting.

Remember; we are all responsible for the success of these events, so please get involved in the planning and support to insure continued success. It's never too late to join a committee.

Finally, mark your calendars; we will be returning to Plantation Bay Country Club for our Christmas Party on Dec 11th.

Please get out and enjoy a safe boat ride.

Joe



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One of the first changes for 2015 I saw as Rear Commodore was the Flagler County Home Show without a FBYC booth. It was decided earlier that the club would not staff a booth this year because of our full membership.

At the January Board of Directors Meeting it was also decided to continue the moratorium on new member applications. The FBYC is still at full membership with a list of prospective new members. Some of these applicants have been on the waiting list for over a year.

While the club has no new members to introduce, we have many members that have special projects or talents that I will highlight in the coming months.

You may not have met Mel or Tom Mumper but they have been members of FBYC since 2007. Both Tom and Mel retired from IBM and moved to Flagler Beach in 2004 from Minnesota. Mel's father, John Mueller, was a founding member of the club over 20 years ago.

Since retiring Mel has found an outlet for her many talents. In 2013, Mel began volunteering as a Service Dog Puppy Raiser. She volunteers with New Horizons Service Dogs, a non-profit based in Orange City. Many of New Horizons' service dogs are used to assist people with a mobility disability but are also trained to help persons with PTSD or Autism.

Mel has helped train seven service puppies and currently has two in her care. Autumn, 14 months, and Circuit, 16 weeks, are both Golden Retrievers. After the initial training by volunteers like Mel, New Horizons places the puppies in a training program at a Florida prison. The training for service dog puppies takes about two years before being placed with a professional trainer.

Because the dogs are trained to focus all their attention on the client, you should never approach a service dog or puppy, even if they are as cute as these two.

Happy Boating,

John





Maritime Moments

Mike Triano and Eddie Uribe, *Fleet Captains*

The St. Augustine Night of Lights was the first Maritime boating event for 2015, held on January 16th and 17th. Due to the cold weather we had only one couple who were not afraid of some cooler weather and took their boat to the St. Augustine Marina. Thank you Jane and Rich Gaulding for representing the FBYC at the event, we can always depend on you to show up at our boating trips.

Saturday night was our scheduled dinner at Meeham's restaurant. Marsha was the lead for this event and told me that 40 members attended dinner. Regee, the owner of Meehams went out of his way to make sure everyone had a great time. He had a banner welcoming the FBYC and a special menu for all the club members. The oyster bar was big hit as well as the free Bailey shots after dinner. Everyone had a great time and the staff did an outstanding job serving drinks and dinner in a timely manner. Thanks Marsha for all of your hard work putting event together.

The first Maritime Meeting was held January 6th. Fifteen members attended and were all asked for their input for some new boating trips for 2015. There were some good ideas discussed and some more research will be done before we make final decisions on these trips. We will continue to have some of the favorite events, Steak/Bake at Matanzas beach, Blessing off the Fleet and, of course, Caroling on the Canals. I will give you more detailed information of these events as we get closer to the dates. There will be another Maritime Meeting held, Monday March 9th at Triano's home, 6:30PM. The location has been changed as Eddie Urbie will be out of the country that day.

The next Maritime event will be held February 21, 10:30 AM at Michael Triano's. We will be having a boat maintenance, repair and safety day. We will discuss and show how to solve an overheating engine, trouble shoot electrical problems, change oil and filters, check bilge pumps to make sure they are working correctly and various other issues. Signup sheets were at the last meeting and those of you that signed up, please bring your drinks with you. We will have burgers, hotdogs and salads for lunch.

There will be a Raft up held at Cimarron Basin on March 14th. Randy Meyer will be the lead and you will receive more details at the February General Meeting.



Powerboats Report

It's once again time to start the spring cleanup of our boats. Oh, what fun, right? Well if we use the best products available, it's an easier task. If you want to remove water spots, just use a mixture of vinegar and water and it does the trick and is very inexpensive. However, to clean up the old vinyl on the boat, and we know there's a lot of vinyl on boats, it's best to use products that do the job efficiently, and cost the least.

Well, here's some information on the best products for this job. Out of the dozens of products available, the two that provide the best results, at a good price and are easy to apply, Marine Spray Nine Multi-Purpose Cleaner and 3M Marine outdoor Vinyl Cleaner and Protector are by far the best of the group. The Spray Nine is easier to apply. It is a spray type cleaner that is sprayed on and then just wiped off the vinyl surface. The 3M is a liquid that is applied with a cloth, and then wipes off the surface. The two cleaners are equal in their effectiveness for cleaning vinyl. However, The Spray Nine is about half the price of the 3M, and easier to apply. Therefore, the winner is Marine Spray Nine Multi-Purpose Cleaner, hands down.

Another method is to use some straight Clorox, and then wipe it down with clean water. This method is effective, but you have to be very cautious when using Clorox and you still have to put on a protective product for the vinyl. Using the products mentioned above are safer and do a great job.

The Spray Nine is available at West Marine, or you can order on line at Sparynine.com.

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



First Name	Last Name	Birthday
Capt. Jack	Kelly	4-Feb
Martin	Schamis	4-Feb
Rich	Franco	6-Feb
Jeannette	Dean	7-Feb
Sandra	Garcia	7-Feb
Danielle	Pierro	9-Feb
Marsha	Barry	16-Feb
Patty	Lindholm	17-Feb
Marie	Luke	18-Feb
Mike	Cocchiola	20-Feb

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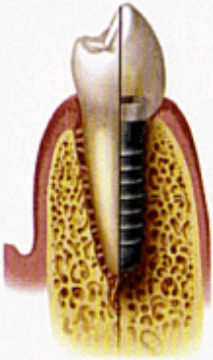
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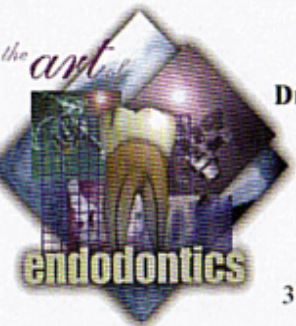
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