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## Commodore's Corner — Joe Lindholm

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Here we go into March with a full schedule of events. We start with Bowling on March 7<sup>th</sup>, and then we have the Treasure Hunt & BBQ on March 11<sup>th</sup> and then the Corn Beef and Cabbage dinner at our General Meeting on March 17<sup>th</sup>. If you are not signed up for any of these events, please look on the website and contact the lead.

Congratulations to Janet and Alan Hendry for their new addition to the family, a 34' PDQ.



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2002	Howard Graves	2010	Dee Cocchiola		

## **Commodore's Corner – Joe Lindholm - “Continued”**

A special thanks to our FBYC volunteers that have been working at Santa Maria del Mar, helping with the improvements to the church hall.

PC Bob Jaeger will be sending an invite to the Saint Augustine Yacht Club for our Commodores Ball on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Your Executive Board thought it would be a good chance to get together with their club.

Once again please don't forget the Saint Patty's Day Dinner at the March General Meeting. The cost this year is \$7 for members, \$10 for guests. If you have not already signed up, please contact Linda Jaeger at 386-446-9110 or [scubadome@aol.com](mailto:scubadome@aol.com).

The cut off for signing up will be March 9<sup>th</sup>. This is our biggest monthly meeting event so please take a moment to make sure you are signed up and paid. Checks are to be made out to FBYC and mailed to Linda Jaeger.

Starting in April we will be moving our start time for the social portion of the general meetings back to 6:30. Recently it has crept up and there seemed to be a lull from the end of social time to the beginning of the meeting.

Finally, if you were not at the meeting last month, there was discussion about posting the Executive Board meeting minutes on the website. The procedure for anyone who wishes to see the minutes will be to contact me and I will either share them with you or discuss the contents.



Where there's a will there's a way!!

**Vice Commodore — John Green**

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# FBYC Social News

I stopped by the church hall before the February meeting because I was told at the office there was painting being done. I wanted to make sure the workers would be out by the time of our meeting and that the paint fumes would be tolerable. I found a half dozen men working on the interior paint job and recognized Len Dignard and Mike Triano. Thanks for helping the church and in turn, the FBYC.

I would also like to thank Toni and Bob Mincin and Denise Green for helping reorganize the FBYC storage unit. It took over 3 hours but the results were worth it.

Susie and Bill Moya took the lead for the Valentine Day general meeting and did a great job. Some of the pictures of members from years past were a hoot. I could only recognize a couple of our members from the “not so recent” photos. I know they had a lot of help organizing the Newly Wed game and all those delicious treats.



This month's general meeting will be our annual St Patty's day feast of corn beef and cabbage. If you have not signed up please let Linda Jaeger know you are coming. The cost is \$7 for members and \$10 for visitors.

We are having a social on March 7th at the Palm Coast Lanes. Len Dignard is the lead and has the sign-up sheets. You may either bowl or socialize or if you are like me and do not want to embarrass yourself with your bowling skills, you may just “socialize”. You should have received a blast with the date and time.

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As the dates get closer you will get more information but a couple of key dates for this year's social events are:

St Patty's Day Dinner	March 17 <sup>th</sup>
Commodore's Ball	April 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Tortugas Baseball	May 14 <sup>th</sup>
Fourth of July Parade	July 4 <sup>th</sup>
Disco Dinner Dance	August 18 <sup>th</sup>
Christmas Party	December 9 <sup>th</sup>

Check the website for a full calendar of events.

Remember, we need you to be involved to make these events a success. If you are asked to assist on an event, please do whatever you can to help your fellow member.

Happy Boating,

John



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To All FBYC Club Mates...

March is coming in like a lion. Not the weather, but the “flurry” of FBYC activities both on and off the water that we traditionally kick off in the spring. Remember our motto - **Fun, Friendship... Boating?** This is when it all really comes together. This is why you joined the FBYC. But you have to sign up and join in, as a participant, as a volunteer (or both!) to enjoy these activities. You can get all the details in this newsletter, on our calendar, by contacting me or any of our other officers, or by simply asking a friend who attended our last meeting.

So don't miss out... sign up, help out if you can, but join in the **Fun!**

Boaters -- if you have room on your yacht for the on-water events, invite a non-boater or even a fellow boater to “come aboard”. It's that all-important **Friendship** thing. This is how we all get to know each other better. We're a big club now, and sometimes it's hard to blend everyone in. So double up, triple up (bigger yachts) and get more and more members involved and making lifelong friends. As an added bonus, if you invite new boaters along, you get to teach them the intra-coastal **Boating** ropes (sorry... *lines!*).

Now, almost as important as our activities but not nearly as much fun, is the need to keep our membership records up to date. This is of particular importance to newer members, but necessary to all, so that you are on the list, in the know, and we can contact you when we need to. *If you are not receiving the club blasts or not getting the information you think you need, please contact me so that we can correct this oversight.*

In closing, kick back, raise a glass of cheer at the appropriate FBYC time (it's always 5 o'clock in FBYC time) and come enjoy the green beer at our St. Paddy's Day celebration at our March 17th meeting.

Rear Commodore Dee



# Maritime Moments

## Michael Triano and Alan Hendry, *Fleet Captains*

We didn't have a on the water maritime event in February due to the potential for cold weather. Instead, we went to Clarks Fish Camp which was fun for all, good food, good friends and a great view. What more could we ask for. There was a group of about 60. Thank you Dee Cocchiola, Marsha Barry and their Co-Leads.

The following is a list of Maritime events we have planned for the next three months. Please mark your calendars for these and sign up at the meetings for any you would like to attend.

March 11th (Friday): Treasure Hunt on the water between the 100 Bridge and the Palm Coast Marina. Randy Meyer has the lead for this event. After the Treasure Hunt everyone is invited to Bing's Landing, under the gazebo, for lunch that will be provided by the FBYC. As with all FBYC functions, please bring your own drinks and a dish to share. If you haven't signed up and would like to please contact Randy by March 3rd.

April 16th (Saturday): The Blessing of the Fleet will be held on the ICW. Toni Mincin has the lead for this annual event. The blessing of the boats will take place at John Green's dock and then you will return to your home docks. Lunch will be held at Hidden Treasure. It is a new restaurant located under the Route 100 Bridge in Flagler Beach. Toni will give us the details at the meeting and have signup sheets for us. There will be signup sheets for the boaters, those of you who would like to be on a boat and for everyone planning to go to Hidden Treasure.

May 13-15: There will be a lunch at Boondocks 3948 S. Peninsula in Wilbur By The Sea on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, followed by a two night trip to Halifax Marina in Daytona Beach. The Marina is located near a S. Beach Street which is a revitalized older section of Daytona. There are shops and restaurants within walking distance. Best of all the, Marina is also near the Daytona Baseball Stadium where the Tortuga's play and the social committee is planning an event at the same time. Kate and Chris Nelson have the lead on the maritime portion of the event and will have additional details at the General Meeting.

# Waterproofing Canvas

The following article on waterproofing canvas is a reprint from Boat U.S. Magazine. Traditional cotton canvas is waterproof in the same manner that traditional wooden boats are waterproof. The cotton fibers--like the wooden planks--swell when they get wet. This seals the weave.

But because cotton canvas loves mildew and hates bird droppings, it is not used aboard pleasure boats much anymore. It has been replaced in most applications with either a vinyl-coated polyester or woven acrylic.

The vinyl-coated fabric is waterproof for the life of the fabric, but unlike traditional canvas, it doesn't breathe. Unless it is well ventilated, condensation wets the underside of the fabric, eventually leading to mildew. Vinyl-coated fabrics are a good choice for Bimini tops, but unsuitable for enclosures such as sail covers or boat covers.

Acrylic canvas, like cotton canvas, is a tight-weave fabric. It is waterproof yet breathes; it stands up to ultraviolet radiation (sun exposure) better than any other fabric; it snubs mildew; it resists staining; it is colorfast and comes in every color imaginable; and it looks marvelous. Not surprisingly, acrylic canvas--Sunbrella being the best known--is the most popular marine fabric by a wide margin.

Acrylic canvas does have one negative characteristic, other than high cost. It gets its water repellency from a chemical treatment, not from swelling fibers, and eventually that treatment loses some of its effectiveness. Generally speaking, acrylic canvas in continuous use may start to leak after about three years. Scrubbing or the use of detergents to clean the canvas may hasten the failure of the coating. Fortunately, reproofing the canvas is easy.

## **The right treatment**

Do not use a waterproofing treatment that contains silicone on acrylic canvas. This is important. Silicone is incompatible with the original treatment. The factory waterproofing chemical, which is a fluorocarbon, will repel the silicone, resulting in patchy coverage.

The silicone is also likely to compromise the stain-resistance of the fabric.

The best treatment for acrylic canvas is a fluoropolymer-based product.



This type of treatment is compatible with the original finish, and it gives excellent and long-lasting results.

Waterproofers that have a petroleum-based vehicle have demonstrated better performance on acrylic canvas than water-based treatments. You can identify a petroleum-based product by its strong odor.

### **Getting ready**

Since you are going to be renewing the waterproofing anyway, now is the time to give the canvas a good cleaning. Hose the fabric and, if needed, scrub it with a soft brush and a mild detergent, such as Ivory. Stubborn stains can be treated by soaking for 15 minutes in gallon of warm water containing 1/4 cup of Ivory and 1/2 cup of chlorine bleach. Do not use hot water. Do not use a harsh detergent. Do not machine wash the canvas. And never, ever, put acrylic canvas in a dryer.

Rinse the canvas well and let it air dry completely before continuing.

### **Cautions**

Because spirit-based treatments give off noxious odors, the treatment should only be done where there is good ventilation, preferably outdoors.

A spirit-based treatment will damage plastic windows and plastic zippers, so you must take steps to prevent the treatment from getting onto these. If you are treating, for example, a canvas dodger, remove the plastic windows or protect them with foil, and take care not to spray the zipper halves that remain on the dodger.

Some water repellents can also damage gelcoat, and all will make hard surfaces dangerously slick. The best course is to remove the canvas from the boat to treat it, but if that is impractical, then be sure to protect all surfaces that could be subjected to overspray.

It is usually a good idea to spot test the treatment to make sure it doesn't cause a color change.



**Spray it on**

The application instructions for the particular product you choose will be on the container, but most call for spraying on two light coats, the second applied perpendicular to the first. This "plaid" pattern tends to yield more uniform coverage. Let the treatment dry completely before reinstalling the canvas. Again, the container will provide the drying time. The odor will dissipate completely. After drying, the treated canvas should once again be completely waterproof. The treatment does not affect the fabric's other qualities, including breathability.

**Reapplication**

How often you will need to reapply a waterproofing product to acrylic canvas depends on the kind of use the fabric gets, but even in harsh conditions, the treatment should be effective for at least a year.



# FBYC Calendar of Events

## March

Monday, March 7, 5:00pm Bowling Lead Len Dignard

Wednesday, March 9, 6:30pm Executive Board Meeting

Friday, March 11, 9:00am Treasure Hunt & BBQ Lead Randy Meyer

Thursday, March 17, 6:00pm FBYC General Meeting and Saint Patty's Day Dinner.

Future events to be announced after the Social and Maritime meetings.

***Please be sure to sign up at a meeting or by email to the lead. Watch for FBYC Blasts..!***

***If you must cancel, be sure to contact the lead.***

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

Cindy	Franco	1-Mar
Marsha	Sauer	2-Mar
Sherry	Lipari	9-Mar
John	Burek	10-Mar
Susan	Bereda	13-Mar
Patte	Garofalo	16-Mar
Eileen	McSherry	18-Mar
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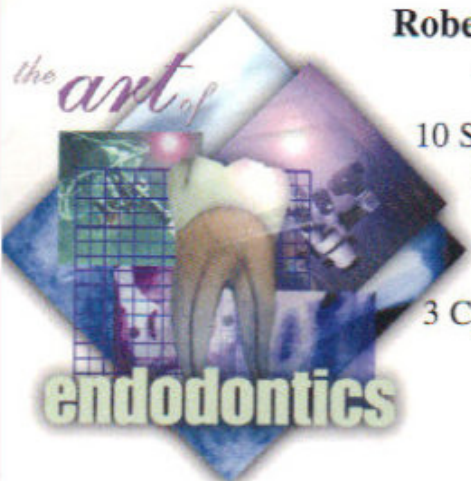
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