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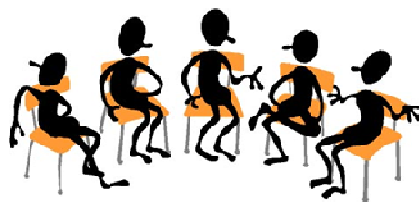


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I am proud to announce that Joyce O'Meara has joined the Donaghys and the Garcias as a Lifetime Member. Joyce joined the FBYC with her husband Jim in 1997. Look for another Lifetime Member to be recognized at our September meeting.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank our members who volunteered to serve of the Nominating Committee to fill the board's positions for 2018. Chaired by Linda Jeager, the committee includes, PC Mike Cocchiola, Ken

Miller, Danielle Pierrro and Lydia Manoni. If approached by the committee and asked to serve on the board, please give it your careful consideration. Serving on the board is one way to get to know more of our members while performing a vital task.



VC Cindy Franco and I are leading the board's effort to combine the popular Christmas Party and our annual Commodore's Ball. Two of the club's largest events fell close to each other on the calendar. If everything works out we may have a Commodore's Holiday Ball in early December.

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### PAST COMMODORES



1992-1993	Tom McBride	2003	Pat Slattery	2011	Rich Franco
1994	Ed Finney	2004	George Barnett	2012	Greg Hansen
1995-1996	Tom Johns	2005	Pete Poole	2013	Randy Meyer
1997-1998	Denis Thornton	2006-2007	Mike Cocchiola	2014	Len Dignard
1999-2000	John Darrow	2008	Claudia Towne	2015	Bob Jaeger
2001	Paul Van Buren	2009	Jane Gaulding	2016	Joe Lindholm
2002	Howard Graves	2010	Dee Cocchiola		



## ***Commodore's Corner — John Green - Cont.***

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That would free up some budget to support the August dinner dance which is not currently funded by the club.



I would also like to thank several of our past commodores who have agreed to serve on a By-Laws Committee. Claudia Towne, Rich Franco, Randy Meyer, Dee Coochiola, Jane Gaulding and Len Dignard have all agreed to help review several articles in our by-laws that the board feels need to be reviewed and improved. Any changes would have to be approved by the full membership.

The FBYC Ship Store is back open and well stocked thanks to Liz Caisee, Doris Houslander and Nancy Epstien. In addition to clearing out some old inventory, the ladies took over \$500 in new orders at our July meeting.



I am the lead for our golf outing and social at the Pine Lakes Club held on September 14th. There will be a blast out shortly on how to sign up if you missed it at last month's meeting. The nine hole gold tournament is \$20 per person and will be a shotgun start at 2PM. A social will follow at 4PM with happy hour pricing.



Remember there is no general meeting in August. We will be having the Sock Hop on the third Thursday at the church hall. Jeanne Meyer and Lyn Uribe are the leads for this event.

Happy Boating,

John

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**Vice Commodore — Cindy Franco**

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# FBYC Social News

Here we are in the midst of summer with many fun filled events well attended by members during this past month and plenty more on the way. Our annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade float was a great success with the help of some hardy members willing to wear some very warm costumes, ambitious marchers, and patriotic golf cart drivers lead by our newest lifetime member, Joyce O'Meara. I would like to thank Rich Franco and Ken

Miller along with all FBYC members who participated in the parade for making this day happen and continuing a 25 year old tradition for our club. Following the parade our friend Jamie from the Beach Front Grill provided us with a great afternoon enjoying good food, libations, and sharing the day with friends.

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## Vice Commodore — Cindy Franco — Continued

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Thank you to Ray and Nancy Oakes along with their volunteers for providing a yummy Ice Cream Social during our July meeting. I saw plenty of smiling faces and a few chocolaty smiles.



Our Commodore's Social at the Brass Tap was very well attended on the 25<sup>th</sup> and I heard great feedback on the food and service. These socials are a great opportunity to support our local businesses and provide FBYC members a chance to enjoy good times and company. I'm always looking for new venues so pass along your suggestions to me for new places. We just have a few more socials before the end of the year. This is also a good time to get to know our new members so if you see them take the time to introduce yourself and welcome them into our club.



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Our very first FBYC Sock Hop is coming up August 17<sup>th</sup> at the Santa Maria del Mar church hall. Jeanne Meyer and Lynn Uribe have been hard at work planning the special event with a few surprises up their sleeve. Please support their efforts and sign up if you haven't already done so. The deadline for checks is August 4<sup>th</sup> and should be mailed to Jeanne Meyer, 2 Collinson Court, Palm Coast, FL 32137. Remember to invite friends and neighbors. Everyone is welcome. Food will be provided by Mezzaluna of Palm Coast and our own Tim Rippey will be the entertainment so pull out your poodle skirts and let's DANCE! Doors open at 5:30, \$30 per person, and BYOB.

John Green will be the lead for our annual Golf Outing Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at Pine Lakes Country Club. Golfers will start at 2pm and the Social will begin at 4. Give John a call to sign up. This is always a fun event for our members whether you are serious about golf, wish you could be serious about golf or want to know if you even like golf.



Remember there is no general meeting in August. Our lead for September is Suzanne Timko. She is looking for volunteers for setup and clean up as well as some members to volunteer to make their favorite soup for a cook off. If she gives you a call help her out in planning another fun meeting.

I wish you all a safe and fun filled summer spent with good friends and family and hopefully, lots of boating.

Happy summer, Cindy



## Rear Commodore - Jeanne Meyer

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### Rear Commodore



Welcome aboard to new members Frank and Helen Boone originally from Georgia, West of Atlanta. However, they lived in many places. They now reside at Canopy Walk in Palm Coast. They are boat owners named Visitation, 26'4" Sea Ray Sundeck. John and Lydia Manoni are their sponsors.

Welcomed last month but not pictured were new members Mike and Lidia Torres, Joel and Doris Houslander and Daniel and Karen Basany. Please look for the silver stars on their name badges and give them a warm welcome.



Although at this time we cannot accept non-boat owners (there are 2 applications pending 1 with boat and 1 non boater) we do have a few opens memberships for boat owners.

Please go on our Web Site to check the Boat Membership and Master Membership List to make sure we have the right information. If there are any changes please call me at 386-864-7916 Jeanne. Email address [Meyrpalmcoast@cfl.rr.com](mailto:Meyrpalmcoast@cfl.rr.com)

We cannot continue to have our wonderful social events and monthly meetings without the ACTIVE participation of ALL our members. If you haven't been part of a committee at one of our monthly meetings, expect a call from Cindy to help out. Get involved join in the fun and make new friends.

We need more members to sign up for the Sock Hop Dance on Aug 17, 2017. If you have friends or neighbors you want to invite we still have plenty of seats available. Dead line is Aug 4. Make check payable to FBYC, mail to Jeanne Meyer, 4 Collinson Ct., Palm Coast, FL 32137

# Maritime Moments



**Subs on the Beach at Mantanzas** was last held on Friday July 14th. The weather was excellent and, the food and conversation were great. I believe it is safe to say all 35 participants had a good time. Bob Jaeger was the lead for the event. Mike Triano was his co-lead. Thank you both for a fun event. Also, thank you to all that helped with setup and takedown.







One of the things we learned was it is not just tides to be careful of. The trip was planned for us to arrive at 11-11:30 with a high tide at 1:18 and an expected departure around 2:00. This would ensure the tide was higher when we departed than when we arrived which should help prevent anyone getting grounded. As it turned out most of us stayed until 3:00 allowing the tide to drop further than originally planned. Also, the strong current and boat wakes moved some of the boats more than expected. As a result several boats were stuck on the sand. A

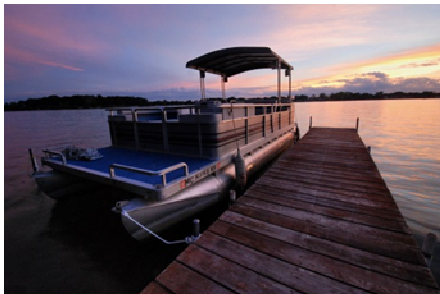
few things to plan for when beaching in the future, two anchors are a must, one off the stern and one off the bow. If you beach bow in, the bow anchor should be in the sand on the beach. The stern anchor should be in the water far enough out to hold the stern in place perpendicular to the beach. In a location with a strong current, be sure to plan for the effect a tide change will have on your anchor and boat. The good news is, with plenty of FBYC manpower boats that were stuck in the sand were pushed off and able to depart.

Please see the article below regarding additional ideas for some other thoughts on beaching your boat.

**The following is a list of Maritime events we have planned for the next three months.**

**Yacht Harbor Marina, Hammock Beach,** August 11-13th. Fred Ciaburri is the lead. Marina guests have access to a pool at the marina, a very nice boaters lounge and the pools and restaurants at the main Hammock Resort. There is a free shuttle service to the Hammock Beach Resort from the marina. Although this marina is very close to home, those of us that attended last year had a great time. If you have signed up to stay at the marina, please call them at 386-597-5030. They will take your payment information in advance.

There will also be a FBYC get together on Friday August 11th at 5:00 PM in the boaters lounge with access to the swimming pool which is right next to the lounge. Please bring a dish to share, your own beverages and your bathing suit if you would like to use the pool. When you arrive at the security gate just let them know you are with FBYC and they will let you through. The event will be on the ground floor inside the condo building.



**Friday Sept. 29 is the Astor Pontoon boat trip.** John Yetter is the lead for the event. There will be 10 members per boat, price is \$15.00 each. Please be at the rental facility at 11:00 am and bring your own drinks and snacks. We will be departing the rental facility at 12:00 and returning around 4:00 pm, followed by a late lunch at the Blackwater Inn. For those attending lunch, it will be about 4:00 pm.

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The rental facility has reduced their number of boats to six this year so if we are limited to sixty participants.

**John needs your money ASAP so he can lock in the reservations.** If you have not paid yet please contact John at 386-338-1346 to make payment arrangements.

Boat Location, Castaways on the River 25131 Blackwater Lane, Astor, FL 32102.

Restaurant Location, Blackwater Inn 55716 Front St., Astor, FL 32102.

**New Smyrna Beach City Marina, October 12-15th.** Marsha Barry is the lead for this event. This will be a three night event limited to 10 boats due to transient capacity at the marina. To accommodate 10 transients a couple of boats may have to raft up. On Saturday Oct. 14th there will be a car show on Canal St, from 4-8 pm. There is will be a meal at The Garlic restaurant at 5:00 pm on Saturday as well.





## **A FEW TIPS FROM BoatUS**

### **How To Beach Your Boat And Leave Again**

By Michael Vatalaro

**Beaching, rather than anchoring, to swim or go ashore can be a great way to temporarily secure your boat, if you do it the right way.**

In many parts of the country, boaters gather on beaches and sandbars to swim and socialize. Beaching your boat to take part seems simple enough to do, but in order to make sure your boat is A) still there when you're ready to go, and B) still able to float at that time, it's important to take a few precautions.

#### **Know Your Bottom**

While most of the popular spots have sandy bottoms because it's comfortable for swimming, some places have soft mud or muck bottoms that can trap a boat in place, particularly on a falling tide. Which brings us to Step 2.

#### **Know Thy Tide Chart**

Remember every beach is different, and just because you've done this 100 times at your local sandy shore, it doesn't mean the one three miles downwind is the same. Stay alert to the terrain, waves, and weather, and act appropriately, including abandoning the plan and putting out an anchor, or moving on somewhere else if your gut and the elements say it's not safe.

There is no surer way to meet your local Tow BoatUS captain than by running up on a beach at high tide. By the same token, an incoming tide can lift a securely beached boat and carry it off, if you're not paying attention. And just because you boat on a lake or river system, don't think you're off the hook. Sudden changes in wind direction can push water away from a shore, or pile it up with the same result. Pop-up thunderstorms strand boats every year on both tidal and non-tidal waters by quickly building up wind and wave action that drive boats ashore before their owners can move them to deeper water.

#### **Come In SLOW**

A lot of boaters seem to think they need momentum to push the boat up on the beach or sandbar. Coming in much faster than dead slow only guarantees the sand will scratch up the gelcoat on your keel that much more. A smarter approach is to only motor in to where the water is waist deep, turn off the engine, trim the motor or outdrive all the way up, and then have a crew member go over the side to walk the boat to the desired location with a bow line.

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### Park So You Can Leave Again

With a favorable (incoming) tide and a protected location with little or no wave or wake action, veteran sandbar enthusiasts will pull the boat inshore until the keel under the bow firmly nudges bottom, and then take the anchor to the beach or further inshore to provide tension to keep the keel against the sand. But this leaves the stern of the boat vulnerable to being swamped by wakes, or for wind or wave action to push the boat parallel to the beach. If the entire keel ends up resting on the sand, it can be difficult to get the boat back into deeper water.

A better method is to march the bow in till the water is just over your knees, and then spin the boat 180 degrees so that the bow faces out toward the deep water (larger boats will require more draft). You can then walk or swim an anchor out to deep water, AND deploy one or two stern anchors or sand spikes on the beach to keep the boat pointed the correct direction.

### Hear The Music

Wave action against the bow won't be an issue, and this has the added benefit of giving you and the crew easy access to the boat via the stern, and usually makes it easier to hear the stereo, too. When you are ready to go, pull up the stern anchors, get aboard, and pull the boat to deeper water using the anchor rode.

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A few more:

### 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.

### 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.

### Clear Fogged Plastic

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There are lots of ways to restore the clarity to fogged plexiglass hatches, windows, and plastic instrument covers, but one of 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.

### **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 slides as part of your "putting the boat away" routine, an occasional application of lube should keep them all working smoothly.

Jim Favors

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# FBYC Calendar of Events

## August 2017 Calendar of Events

August 11 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup>	Hammock Marina Weekend Event
August 15 <sup>th</sup>	Board of Directors Meeting
August 17 <sup>th</sup>	Sock Hop and Dinner

For more information including directions, visit the Events section of the FBYC website. Click on Calendar and then the event you wish to access.



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

August Birthday

Helen Boone	4 Aug
Jay Steinmeier	8 Aug
Fred Ciaburri	9 Aug
Renee Donaghy	9 Aug
Frank Boone	15 Aug
Ralph Garcia	15 Aug
Jack Cohen	18 Aug
Edward Caisse	24 Aug
Ken Buback	24 Aug
Ernie Conti	26 Aug
Nancy Hemmert	26 Aug
Michael Timko	28 Aug

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# FBYC SHIP'S STORE

Thank you to all for supporting the Ship's Store. Anyone interested in ordering FBYC T-shirts, we have true swatch color selector of 77 new colors. Ladies Anvil Tank tops available in Caribbean blue, yellow, haze violet, azalea, hot pink, heather grey, key lime and white: \$13 ea., XXL \$15 ea.

## **New Merchandise for Order**

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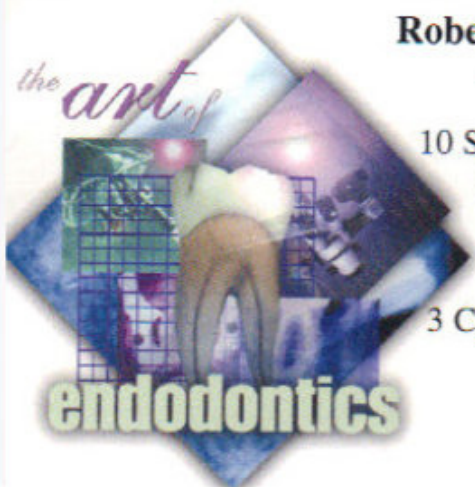
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