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Commodore's Corner — John Green

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As we get older time seems to speed up and this year is no exception. It is hard to believe but year as Commodore is quickly coming to an end. 2017 was a year of challenges. The loss of PC Joe Lindholm, my good friend Kathy Gallagher and our second hurricane in two years certainly left a mark on me.

I would like to thank all of the Board members for their service this year with a special thanks to PC Bob Jaeger. The incoming Commodore relies heavily on the outgoing Commodore for guidance. After the loss of Joe, I asked Bob to remain on the Board to help guide me through the year as the PC Director and he accepted.

At our November General meeting Linda Jaeger submitted the list of candidates for the 2018 Board. With no other nominations, Secretary Susie Moya cast a single vote to elect the slate presented by the Nominating Committee. Next year's Board include: Cindy Franco, Commodore; Jeanne Meyer, Vice Commodore; Ray Oakes, Rear Commodore; Susie Moya, Secretary; Carol Dignard, Treasurer; Mike Triano and Frank Ruffalo, Fleet Captains; Ed Caisse, Director and John Green, PC Director. Suzanne Timko will complete her second year as Director.

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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		



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Also the November meeting the Club collected over 200 pounds food for local food banks in time to be distribute for Thanksgiving. Thanks to Denise Green for taking the lead on this event again this year and to all who brought food.

We also recognized Joe McSherry for his years of service to the Club. Joe and Eileen lugged those heavy ice chests to every meeting for years to supply members with beverages for the meetings. Thanks again Joe AND Eileen.



By the time you read this newsletter, we will have wrapped up the 2017 Commodore's Holiday Ball. Held at the Channel Side venue in Palm Coast, the event was attended by 100 members and guests. With music by our own Tim Rippey and dinner catered by RPS Catering, the dinner dance provided an opening into this year's Christmas season.

Remember there is no General Meeting in December. See y'all in 2018.

**Vice Commodore — Cindy Franco**

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**FBYC Social News***Thank You*

As the saying goes "If you have Pizza Night they will come" and November's meeting was no exception. We had a great turnout for our meeting and I would like to extend a big thank you to Joyce and John Yetter along with Danielle Pierro and

their volunteers for a successful and delicious evening. I had the opportunity during the meeting to reflect back on the fun filled highlights of the past year and thank the many volunteers for their help and support. I would also like to extend a thank you to Len and Carol Dignard for arranging a night with the Ten Tenors, Jack Cohen for organizing the outing to the Daytona Beach Racing and Card Club, and Janet Clerke for adding a special trip during the holidays to view the Stetson Mansion holiday display. Janet is also the lead for our Christmas Tree in the Flagler Public Library Festival of Trees in Palm Coast. Please stop by the library check it out. It has been a tradition for the Club for many years.

Thank you to Denise and John Green for setting up our annual Food Drive. Our members came with an abundance of donations. Thank you to Toni Mincin for her work with the Christmas Angels. Although FBYC is primarily a boating and social club, we take the opportunity to offer this assistance during the year.

This is my last article as your Vice Commodore and I would like to thank all of you for making my year very special. It has been my pleasure to serve the club and work with our members planning the many activities and socials. We have had a fun filled busy year but we have also experienced loss of some very special members. Please keep their families in your thoughts this season.

I turn the baton over to your next Vice Commodore Jeanne Meyer. Please extend your generous help to her as you have to me. I know she will do a great job and work tirelessly to make 2018 another wonderful year for FBYC..



Last but certainly not least I would like to thank Commodore John for his help throughout the year. His guidance and support was greatly appreciated.

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Thank you for all your support this past year. I look forward to working with the 2018 FBYC Board and members in my new role as your Commodore.

Have a safe and happy holiday, Keep on boating.

Cindy

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Rear Commodore - Jeanne Meyer

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Welcome aboard to new members Jerry & Kathy Imbriani, Robert & Mary Ann Simard. They were very excited to join our Fun, Friendship.. Boating Club. Please introduce yourself when you see them at our general meetings or commodore socials.

I would like to thank the board for giving me the opportunity to serve as a Rear Commodore. With great pride and determination I decided to move up as a Vice Commodore for 2018. With the memberships help I will need your support to plan out some exciting General Social events and Commodore Social.



Our first Social Committee meeting will be January 4, 2018 at my house on 4 Collinson Ct. at 6:30.



Please sign up for our first Commodore Social

January 25, 2018 at Cantina Mr. Pancho at 4:30

5 Utility Drive, Palm Coast





Maritime Moments



We (Marsha and Alan) would like to say congratulations to the incoming FBYC Fleet Captains, Mike Triano and Frank Ruffalo. We are confident FBYC the two of them will do a great job for the Club.

November 28-30th, St. Augustine Night of Lights. Six boats spent two great nights at the St. Augustine Municipal Marina. The weather was absolutely perfect with lots of sun, comfortable temperatures and no rain. On Tuesday the 28th several members of the club joined us on the dock

for drinks, snacks for a social gathering. For the past few years this event was scheduled to coincide with the grand lighting of the lights. Everything was crowded, marina, restaurants, hotels and parking for day trippers was near impossible. The change to a midweek event later in the month worked very well as nothing was crowded.



December 9 Caroling On The Canals at 11:00 AM. Boats should meet up right at the intersection of the intercostal and the canal by the Palm Coast Marina. As we depart the marina tune your FM radio to 87.7. If there are no technical glitches we should all hear and sing the same songs at the same time. We will email a blast before the event with an attachment that has all the lyrics for you to print copies as needed for your boat. If you are not able to print copies

please contact Alan Hendry at 386-246-1736 to make arrangements to pick them up at his house. Please monitor channel 68 on your VHF. Mike Triano will be the lead boat and Alan Hendry will take up a position near the middle of the pack with the broadcast equipment. We have 17 boats signed up this year so it should be a fun event.

Following the Caroling there will be a party at Susie and Bill Moya's house at 2:00 pm. Please do not arrive early. The club is providing hot dogs and hamburgers. Please bring a dish or something to share and your own drinks. The address is below.

22 Old Oak Drive South

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Maritime Meeting January 5th. There will be a 2018 Maritime planning meeting at Mike Triano's house on January 5th at 6:30 PM. All FBYC members are welcome. If you are on the Maritime Committee, please plan on attending if at all possible. Our location along with damage to marinas from Irma does put some limits on our event choices. That said, please try to think of some new venues or different events and bring your ideas to the Maritime planning meeting.

Using DSC to Send an Electronic Mayday

From Boating Magazine April, 2016

When there's no time for a mayday call, DSC distress does it automatically.



When catastrophe strikes at sea, you might not have the time or composure to place an effective mayday call. That's why the DSC (digital selective calling) maritime distress and safety call system was developed for VHF radios. This system allows today's VHF's to send an automated mayday that alerts the U.S. Coast Guard and other vessels.

In an emergency (and only in an emergency), press and hold the DSC distress button on your VHF radio until activation occurs. (Usually three to five seconds). This is usually a red button labeled distress under the hinged shield (to prevent accidentally pressing the button).

This will broadcast a piercing alarm and your position to other vessels and authorities within VHF range. Your ship name and position will appear on receiving radio's display.

DSC distress is built into new fixed-mount VHF's and a few handheld models. Some DSC-equipped VHF's also feature built-in GPS, which is needed to send your position with a distress signal. Otherwise, you need to network the onboard VHF with an onboard GPS.

After sending a DSC distress, your radio will watch for an acknowledgement on Ch. 70 and also receive calls on Ch. 16. If an acknowledgement is received, select Ch. 16 and advise the caller of your emergency situation. Your VHF display will show the name of the ship responding. If no acknowledgement is received, the distress alert is repeated every four minutes.

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For DSC to be effective, you also need to obtain an MMSI (maritime mobile service identity) number and enter it in the VHF ahead of time. This lets search-and-rescue teams know the size, description, registration and name of your vessel. You can obtain an MMSI for free by visiting boats.com.

In addition to reaching authorities, a DSC distress alerts nearby boaters, who can immediately assist in the rescue effort.

DSC Distress Tips

- 1.** If you have an old VHF radio without DSC capability, buy a new one.
- 2.** If your VHF does not have built-in GPS, make sure it's networked with an onboard GPS receiver; otherwise the DSC distress positioning function won't work.
- 3.** Obtain an MMSI (mobile maritime service identity) number and enter it in your VHF; this automatically gives the Coast Guard your boat description.
- 4.** Buy a backup handheld VHF with DSC and keep it charged, in case you lose electrical power to your main VHF during an emergency at sea.



FBYC Calendar of Events

December 2017 Calendar of Events

December 1st	Commodore's Holiday Ball
December 7th	Ladies Christmas Lunch
December 9th	Caroling on the Canals
December 14th	Stetson Mansion Tour

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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Holly Roper	12 – 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
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New Merchandise for Order

Large Rolling Cooler with FBYC Logo and Name \$52. Capacity 12 bottles of wine or 48 cans of beer, collapsible for easy storage. Colors available in Black, Red w Black, Twilight Blue w Black. One had push button extension handle extends to 21 inches. Dimensions 14" H x 14" W x 11" D.

Port Authority 12 Pack Cooler: colors available in Red/Blk, Gold/Blk, Royal/Blk, or Black: \$24 each.

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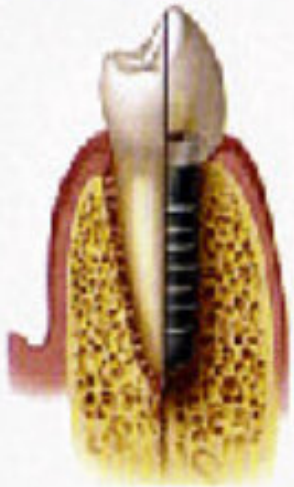
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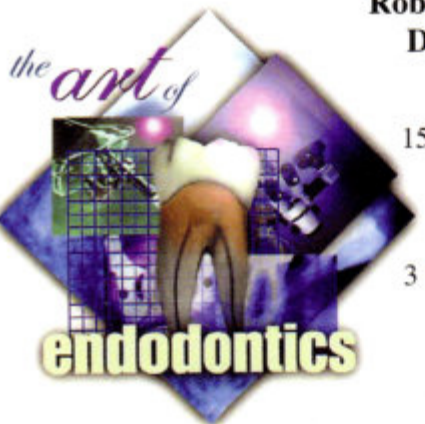
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