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This has to be one of the more difficult times for our club with the recent passing of Kathy Gallagher and PC Joe Lindholm. It is always hard to accept the loss of someone that is a good friend and in these cases valuable members of our club. Rick and Kathy have been friends of Denise and mine for years. They are the ones who brought us into the FBYC. I always jumped at the chance to accept a dinner invitation to their home. Kathy was an excellent cook and well known in the yacht club for her delicious soda bread served at our St. Patty's day dinner.

While Kathy's passing was difficult to accept, losing Joe only a few days later really hit me hard. There are not enough adjectives to describe Joe's spirit and strength he exhibited fighting his battle. I just knew in my heart that he would beat this one like he had in the past. I only hope that when I pass, half the number of people say half of the great things that I have heard said about Joe.

Although the loss of Kathy and Joe is hard to accept, there are a lot of good things to talk about. So as we celebrate their lives lets also celebrate the positive things happening in our club



At our Silver Anniversary celebration. Thanks to VC Cindy and the Board for a hosting the January General meeting with a delicious sampling appetizers and sweets.

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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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Denise and I stopped at the Beachfront Grille to hear Mark and Danielle Pierro along with the Costal Florida Fire and Police Drum and Pipes perform as part of a fund raiser. The purpose was to raise money to offset some of the cost for their trip to D.C to march in the inaugural parade.



In case you have not heard, PC Greg Hansen has been appointed to Flagler County Board of County Commissioners to fill Frank Meeker's seat. Greg was sworn in on the 23rd at the County Services Building. Good luck to Greg!

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Left to Right: Com. John Green, VC Cindy Franco, Dir. Ray Oakes, Trea. Carol Sopsato, Dir. Suzanne Timko, RC Pete Russo, FC Marsha Barry, PC Bob Jaeger, FC Alan Hendry and Sec Susie Moya.

If you were not there, the new Board was sworn in at the January general meeting. Please make the time to thank each of these members for their service.

Happy Boating,

John

**Vice Commodore — Cindy Franco**

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FBYC Social News

Here we are one month into 2017. The January meeting was well attended as members had a chance to enjoy the culinary efforts of our new board members and hear our plans for the club this year. I would like to thank the board members for their help. As always, food was bountiful and delicious.



This meeting also demonstrated what a great membership we have as we all came together to comfort each other and to raise our glasses in celebration of the lives of members no longer with us. FBYC members have become the Florida family to all of us.

Our first Commodore's Social was well attended with over 50 members. Thank you to George at The Net for a fun evening. We want to support our local businesses and I appreciate any suggestions for future socials.

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Our February meeting is our Valentine meeting, Sweets for the Sweet. Edda and Jay Steinmeier along with Susan Moya are our leads. If you would like to help, please contact Edda at 386-446-5403.



We have our annual FBYC St. Patrick's Day Dinner on March 16 2017 followed by our monthly meeting at the Santa Maria del Mar Church Hall. Tickets are \$7 for members and \$10 for guests. Please have your checks in for our February meeting made out to FBYC. If you are unable to come to our February meeting, please contact me and mail your check to my home: 22 Coleridge Court, Palm Coast, FL 32137. Quite a few members signed the volunteer sheet at the last meeting but this event, though a well-oiled machine requires a great many volunteers. We still have openings for cooks, servers and clean up.

March also brings a special event hosted by PC Len Dignard and Carol Sposato. They have planned an evening at the Flagler Auditorium Saturday, March 25, 2017, 7:30pm to hear the Ten Tenors. There are still a few tickets left for \$40.95 each. Please bring checks made out to FBYC to the February meeting or mail to our treasurer, Carol Sposato 41 Kathleen Trail, Palm Coast, FL 32164; phone 386-206-4143. Plans are also being made for those of you who would like to have dinner before the show. More details will follow at our meeting.

This year marks the 25th Anniversary of FBYC. Patty and Joe Lindholm have planned a beautiful evening for the club at the Shores Resort and Spa in Daytona Beach. Lynn Uribe and Len Dignard have come up with an exciting idea to raise money to make this a very special occasion. They are planning a silent auction to a number of hosted dinners given by secret members of the club. If you are interested in hosting a dinner please contact Len at 386-206-4143. Remember to keep your dinner a secret. Hosts will not be revealed until the auction has closed. For those of you who were not at the January meeting more information will be given at the next meeting and future FBYC blasts.

As I mentioned last month, the Social Committee has come up with a few new events for this year along with some oldies but goodies. If anyone has an idea they would like to share, please contact me. This is your club!

Cindy Franco



Rear Commodore - Pete Russo

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Like many of our Flagler Beach Yacht Club members, I am not originally from Flagler County, but I did get here as soon as I could. I was actually born in New York, but I grew up in the Tampa Bay area after my parents moved the family to Florida when I was a young lad. After joining the Navy, seeing the world, and raising a family of my own in Texas, I decided it was time to move back to Florida. If you were to take a survey of your friends, I'd bet one of our Commodore's dollars that many would respond with a similar story of settling down here via some other point on the chart.

What I find unique, despite the fact that many of us are transplants to Florida, is the sense of camaraderie and family people show in this community. This observation is clearly evident right here in our little boat club and what I've witnessed among our club members is inspiring. We truly are a diverse group with a wealth of life's experiences. Many of us may not have relatives nearby, but we are there for each other during good and bad times just like a close family would be. I see you make each other laugh when a laugh is needed and support each other with a shoulder to lean on during some of our harder times. That sure does sound like a family to me and I'm proud to be part of a family that allows us to share the treasure we have in our local waterways and surrounding area.

At the January Board of Directors Meeting it was decided to revisit the moratorium on new member applications. With 139 members, the FBYC is no longer at full membership and has a list of prospective new members some of whom are not boat owners. Some of these applicants have been on the waiting list for over a year. The percentage of boat owners is just under 77%



Maritime Moments

Alan Hendry and Marsha Barry, *Fleet Captains*

The Fleet Captains hosted a meeting of the Maritime Committee on January 6 to plan 2017 Maritime Events. The meeting was attended by 30 members of the club. It was a productive meeting with lots of ideas and volunteers to lead and co-lead events. We would like to say thanks to all of the participants and volunteers. There was one big change from the past that came out of the meeting. This year the Mantanzas Inlet event will be Subs on the Beach. We will still have a Steak Bake at Hershel King Park on the Intracoastal following a Treasure Hunt.

CLARK'S FISH CAMP "The Peoples Place" Seafood Restaurant



Lunch at Clarks Fish Camp on Saturday February 25 at 12:00. Marsha Barry is the lead for this event. For those that have never been to Clarks, it is quite a place on the St. Johns River with many, many stuffed exotic animals and some unusual things on the menu. The cutoff date to sign up will be the February General Meeting. Clarks is located at 12903 Hood Landing Road in Jacksonville, Florida 32258.

Raft Up in Cimmarron Basin on Saturday March 18 at 1:00pm, John Mannoni has the lead. Bring something to share and your own drinks.

The Blessing Of The Fleet will be on Saturday April 8 at 10:30 am in Cimmarron Basin. Ken and Pam Miller are the leads. The blessing of the boats will take place at the dock of former members Tony and Patty Garofalo at 17 Cedarford Court in Palm Coast. Then you will return to your home docks or proceed to Hidden Treasure. Lunch will be at 1:00 pm at Hidden Treasure's located under the Route 100 Bridge in Flagler Beach. There are separate signup sheets for the boaters and for everyone going to Hidden Treasure. Christine Passiglia, a member of the Club and a Minister, will officiate.

This is a reprint from BoatUS Magazine How To Safely Fuel A Boat

This refresher explains how to avoid common mistakes during a routine process.



By following a few simple procedures, you can make fueling up safer for people and for the environment. (Photo: BoatUS Foundation)
Fueling up at the dock is a fact of life for many boaters, but even for seasoned skippers, it's easy to make mistakes and take things for granted. Here are some tips for preventing four common, and often costly, mishaps at the pump.

Do You Need Gas Or Diesel?

This is usually the first question you're asked at the dock, and there should be an obvious answer. But a marina manager in New Jersey told us that the number of people who put the wrong fuel into their boats would surprise you. "You wouldn't believe how many people pull up to the dock and say they need to 'gas up' when they need diesel fuel, or say they need 'fuel' when they mean 'gasoline,'" the manager says. Because of that, he instructs his staff to use three syllables to confirm the fuel of choice for each customer:

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Do you need gas-o-line or die-sel fuel? It may sound silly, but the next time the dock attendant passes you the nozzle, confirm which type of fuel you are receiving.

How Much Do You Need?

Knowing how much fuel you want helps the marina staff know when to be ready to assist. Boat fuel tanks are often irregularly shaped, making fuel gauges less accurate. When your fuel gauge reads one-quarter, how many gallons do you typically need? Spills can easily occur when the tank is more full than you thought and the nozzle doesn't stop in time.

What's Your Deck Fill?

When talking to marina managers, one of the most common fueling mishaps is putting the nozzle into the wrong deck fill. Water tanks and rod holders are surprisingly often mistaken for the fuel fill. For a boater who is multitasking at the fuel dock, dozens of gallons of fuel [can end up in the water or in the bilge in just a matter of minutes](#), creating a dangerous situation. One marina manager calls this "a \$5,000 mistake." Not only does that represent the cost of the fuel you put in the boat, and risk an explosion; you also have to pay for a spill responder to place foam in the bilge to prevent an explosion, move the boat away from the dock, remove the fuel, then clean the boat. All in all, that's an expensive day, and it's a place you don't want to put yourself.

Small Spills

Spills Are Serious Business

Any spill that creates a sheen on the water must be reported to the National Response Center at (800) 424-8802. Failure to report a spill or to mask a spill with soaps or other products can result in even greater fines. Did you know the BoatUS Foundation has a free online training course for marina staff to help them learn how to prevent spills? This training is designed to help marinas overcome the training challenges of high turnover and seasonal staff. Our hope is that better-trained marina staff will lead to a better experience for you as well as to cleaner water. Visit BoatUS.org/Spill-Prevention to access the training.

So you have the right fuel, you know how much you need, and you put the nozzle in the correct deck fill. Now you can sit back and relax, right? Not quite. Most gas docks don't have the convenient hands-free clip on the nozzle allowing you to pump mindlessly, and for good reason: They often don't click off in time. The venturi mechanism in a roadside gas pump works in closed fuel systems, as in a car. When fuel enters the tank, air is forced out at its opening as it's displaced by the fuel.

In boats, you have a vented fuel system. The vent allows air to escape so the automatic shutoff doesn't work as you'd expect. Take your time and pay attention, and while you're at it, keep a fuel-absorbent absorbent cloth with you to hold around the deck fill and vent in case any fuel burps out. Ask for one if you don't have one.

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Follow basic fueling safety practices while fueling. Be sure all smoking materials are extinguished, and ask that all passengers move onto the dock. This is a good time to use the shoreside restrooms one last time or pick up some more bait from the marina store. With gasoline engines, be sure to run the blower for five minutes before starting the engine.



FBYC Calendar of Events

February 2017 Calendar of Events

February 16th General Meeting 7:00 PM (Social at 6:30)

February 25th Clarke's Fish Camp Noon Marsha Barry is the Lead

Additional events may be added after the Social and Maritime Committee meeting. Watch for any blasts.



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Mike	Cocchiola	20-Feb

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The following are all new: Bimini top and complete enclosure. All of the seat on the bridge have been re-done. Over \$4000 spent on these items. The VHF radio, and GPS are also new. Carpets are in great condition.

This boat is in great condition and Joe and Patty loved there time aboard her. Lets see if we can help get the **LAST MATE** sold for Patty. Get the word out and contact me for any information you may want.

I have priced this boat to sell at once, with what Joe put into it in upgrades and the overall condition, this is a bargain.

Asking price: \$31,600.00

For more details.....

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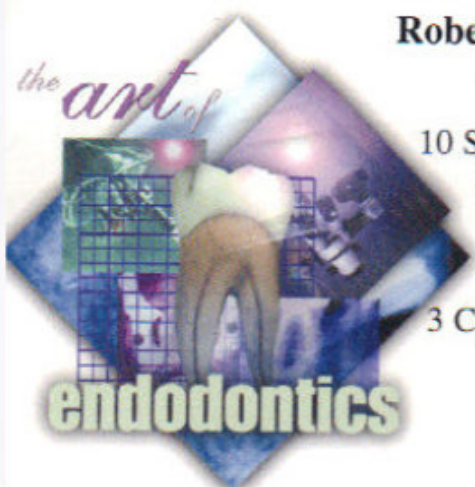
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