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Happy New Year!

Well 2016 has come and gone. Is it me or does the year seem to pass more quickly each year? And speaking of 2016, I would like to thank each and

every member that pitched in and made the year a success for the FBYC

I am looking forward to 2017. With this year's board, what we lack in experience I am certain we will make up for in enthusiasm. Six of our nine board members are serving for the first time. I am sure with new members we will be hearing a lot of new ideas.



Thanks to all the Board members for helping to decorate the FBYC Christmas tree at the Flagler Library. If you have not had a chance, stop and see all the lovely trees.

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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
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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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The last social event that I managed as Vice Commodore was the 2016 Christmas Party. The food, the music and the venue were all perfect but what really made it a success was the members having a good time. I can't wait for this year's party. As the host, I behaved myself but in 2017 Cindy will be the host and I know my bar tab will be bigger.

If you were one of the 70 members participating in the Canal Caroling and cookout afterward, be sure to thank 2016 Fleet Captains Alan and Mike. And a big thanks to Brad and Jill Hunt for hosting the cookout at their home. It was an excellent afternoon.

This year as Commodore I will host the December board meeting which was hosted by Joe and Patty Lindholm this past December. It was so kind to be invited into their home as the holidays approach. Both the outgoing and incoming board members met to recap 2016 and toast the upcoming year.

I have been hearing a couple of plans coming from both the Social and Maritime committee leads. Both committees will be meeting in early January to outline events and activities for 2017. Make sure you find the committee that best suits your talents and volunteer to help the Vice Commodore and Fleet Captains.

Happy Boating,

John

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FBYC Social News

Happy New Year FBYC. I hope you enjoyed a wonderful holiday season with friends and family. I wish all a healthy, prosperous New Year. It's 2017. The decorations are put away, the lights are down and the parties are over. But wait! Are they really? Of course not. The social committee is hard at work planning another great year for our club. Many surprises are in the works and I look forward to any suggestions from members. 2016 was a great year and I thank the past board for all their hard work and dedication. I have some big shoes to fill.

The month of December offered the club some wonderful times. We started off with a delicious luncheon for the women in the club. I would like to thank Nancy Epstein and Jeanne Meyer for all their efforts and our surprise visit from our newer member, Tim Rippey. He set the holiday off to a great start with his Christmas songs. Thank you Tim and Betsy for your gift of music.

Thank you to John Green for another great Christmas Party. Members danced the evening away and shared holiday cheer and good will. The food and entertainment were great and the members looked wonderful in their holiday finery.



Caroling on the canals was a huge success this year with a record turn out of members. Great fun was had by all with plenty of hail and hearty singing for people along the way. I would like to say a special thank you to Brad and Jill Hunt for hosting the after party. Members were able to continue the celebration and holiday celebration in great style as only this fantastic club knows how. The beer challenge was especially entertaining.

I have scheduled our first Social Committee meeting for Thurs., Jan. 5, 2017, 6:30 p.m. my house. All are welcome, so please put your thinking caps on for an explosive new year.

You'll hear more about the upcoming year at our January general meeting. This is our annual meet and greet with the new board. Please take this opportunity to offer any suggestions for events you would like planned in the future. I look forward to hearing from you.

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So, here's to a new year of fun filled events for the greatest boating club ever. I'm looking forward to working with the members and board to make this a great year. Here we go FBYC!

Here's to a great year, Cindy



Rear Commodore - Pete Russo

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I hope everyone enjoyed the Holidays as much as Laura and I. It seems impossible that 2016 is already over.

2017 has brought with it several changes to the FBYC and a new board is on top of the list. The 2017 board is full of members serving on the board for the first time, myself included. Laura and I have only been with the club since February 2016 but we both have taken active roles. Laura is heading up the Ship Store

Actually, with one of the Rear Commodore's main duties being the maintaining the membership lists I would like everyone to go to the website flaglerbeachyacht-club.com. Click on "MEMBERS" and look at both the lists to make sure there have been no changes to your information. You will need a password to get into the lists. If you do not know the password, check with any board member. If anything needs to be changed please send the corrections to peteinflorida@att.net

Unlike the past two years, we enter in to 2017 with a few open memberships. If you know a boater that may enjoy our club, invite them to a meeting or social activity. Currently there is still a moratorium on non-boater applications.

Hope to see you on the water.

Pete

Maritime Moments

Alan Hendry and Marsha Barry, *Fleet Captains*

December 11, was the annual Caroling on the Canals. The ten participating boats were all well decorated for Christmas, the Myers were towing Ginger Girls behind their boat and Santa Clause took time out of his busy schedule to carol with us. Boats met by the Palm Coast Marina and led by Fleet Captain Mike, headed under the bridge to do their caroling in the F and C sections. This year, the Fleet Captains were able to use a low power FM transmitter and broadcast the music to all the participating boats. Imagine, we were all on the same song at the same time! Based upon the comments we heard later, I think it was safe to say all had a good time.



Later, the Hunt's hosted a after caroling party at their beautiful home on the Intracoastal Waterway. The club supplied hot dogs and hamburgers and everyone brought a dish to share. There were about seventy members in attendance. Thank you Jill and Brad for opening your home to all of us. Also, thank you to the grill-master's Marty Willson and Ed Caisse.



Maritime Moments

2017 Maritime Meeting

The Fleet Captains, Alan and Marsha are doing some preliminary planning and coordination with the Social Committee so we can hold a 2017 Maritime Event Planning Meeting. Those of you who are signed up for the Maritime Committee should have received a invitation Blast to the meeting. If you have an idea for an event please contact Marsha or Alan and let them know in advance. If you would like to volunteer as lead for a particular event please contact either Alan or Marsha.

Maritime Meeting:

January 6th at 6:00PM

Alan Hendry's house

13 Floral Court

Palm Coast, FL 32137



Annual Maintenance

Although we don't have a real end to the boating season here, for many of us, we are entering the season low use for our boats. For the two to three months the weather may be a bit chilly for boating with some good days are and there along the way. This is a good time to begin getting your boat ready for next season. Annual preparation and cleaning projects are necessary rites that help prevent problems that could keep you off the water once the season is underway.

Fuel System

- Inspect the fuel system for leaks or damage and be sure to pay special attention to fuel hoses, connections and tank surfaces.
- Evidence of a damaged fuel hose includes softness, brittleness or cracking.
- Replace components when necessary and verify all fittings and clamps are properly secured.
- Ensure the engine, exhaust and ventilation systems are all functioning properly.

Belts, Cables & Hoses

- Check belts, cables and hoses because they can become brittle and may crack.
- Belts should fit tightly around pulleys to prevent slipping.
- A worn belt may leave a black residue near the pulley and will fit loosely.
- Cracks or swells on the outer jacket of throttle, shift and steering control cables may be of internal corrosion and immanent failure

Electric System

- Inspect all electrical connections for clean, tight, corrosion free connections.
- Remove corroded terminals and use a wire brush to clean them, along with all cable ends.
- Charge your battery and test it to ensure it can hold a charge.
- Electrical systems should be regularly inspected by a qualified technician.

Fluid Levels

- Check all fluid levels including engine oil, power steering, power trim reservoirs and coolant.



Annual Maintenance — Continued

- Be sure to change the engine oil, oil filter and drive lubricants if these tasks were not done prior to winterizing your boat.

Propellers & Hulls

- Inspect propellers for dings, pitting, cracks and distortion.
- Make sure the propeller is secured properly, and replace bearings when needed.
- When inspecting the hull, look for blisters, distortions and cracks. Be sure to clean the hull, deck, and topsides.

Safety Gear

- Check your life jackets to ensure they are in good condition and that there are enough on board for all potential passengers.
- Be sure all onboard fire extinguishers are the correct class for your vessel, and are fully charged and stowed in the proper place.
- For any enclosed or semi-enclosed area, ensure you have at least one properly installed and working carbon monoxide detector
- Take advantage of any safety inspections offered by the US Coast Guard (USCG), USCG Auxiliary or US Power Squadrons.



FBYC Calendar of Events

2017 Calendar of Events

January 5th Social Committee Meeting 6:30PM @ Cindy Franco's

January 6th Maritime Meeting 6:30 @ Alan Hendry's

January 19th General Meeting 7:00 PM (Social at 6:30)

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



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Carol	Triano	13-Jan
Carol	Epstein	15-Jan
Linda	Jaeger	15-Jan
Rich	Gaulding	17-Jan
Violet	Ruffalo	19-Jan
Dedem	Burek	26-Jan
Don	Richter	29-Jan
Jay	Mitchell	31-Jan

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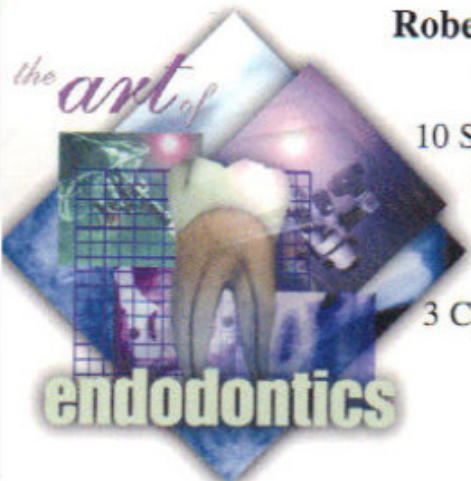
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