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## Commodore's Corner — Cindy Franco

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Once again FBYC members came out in force, dressed in their finest greenery to enjoy another wonderful corned beef dinner. I would like to thank leads Linda Jaeger, Suzanne Timko and their volunteers along with VC Jeanne for a job well done.

On behalf of the board I would like to extend our appreciation to the Bylaws Committee. PC Claudia and her committee presented the proposed bylaw changes during our March general meeting and answered questions from members. Members will vote on these proposed changes at the beginning of our April 19<sup>th</sup> general meeting. All ballots are confidential. Anyone unable to attend may download a ballot and instructions from the email sent out dated March 17<sup>th</sup>. If you have misplaced this email please contact me ([cwindybrae@aol.com](mailto:cwindybrae@aol.com) or 203-241-0340) and I will resend it. **All absentee ballots must be postmarked by April 12<sup>th</sup> per instructions in order to guarantee receipt prior to the April 19<sup>th</sup> vote during our general meeting.** The results of the vote will be reported by the conclusion of the April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. I cannot stress enough the importance of your participation in this vote.

I had the honor of presenting Susan and Nick Bereda with our Lifetime Membership award in March. Susan and Nick have been members for 20 years and dedicated a great deal of time and effort to FBYC's success. Thank you both for your service.

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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	2017	John Green



## ***Commodore's Corner — Cindy Franco - Cont.***

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I hope to see all of you on April 14<sup>th</sup> for our Blessing of the Fleet and annual Steak Bake. Both have been a long-standing tradition enjoyed by all. This event is another opportunity for boating and camaraderie with your fellow FBYC members.

Have a happy, healthy holiday. See you on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Cindy

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# FBYC Social News

Our March General Membership Meeting was our traditional “corned beef cabbage” night. A Super Thank You goes out to Linda Jaeger and her many volunteers who helped make this event a huge success.



Even with a foot injury Mickey Logemann was not going to disappoint our members without baking her soda bread. She baked 16 loafs and they were so good. Thank You Mickey!



I would also like to recognize Len Dignard for the past 10 years for slicing our corned beef. He does it so well I think he has the job permanently.

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**April 19 – General Meeting Hot Dog Night**

Jack Cohen and Dan Basany are leads. This is also a very popular evening for all, especially with the initial R.F.

I would like to remind everyone to please read the bylaw changes and vote April 19, 2018. Our By Law Committee work very hard and the changes will affect the future of our club.

**SOCIAL – April 26, 2018**

Sakura Hibachi Steak and Asian Grille 260 Cypress Edge Dr., Palm Coast  
Time – 5:30

If you have not signed up please do so on our general meeting this coming month in April. I have to give a head count by that Friday. Guest is welcome.

May 12 social will be combined with Maritime in New Smyrna, The Garlic 5:30. There will be a sign-up sheet available. Space limited.

Future Socials – TBA

Happy Boating everyone and be responsible – Jeanne Meyer

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Two very important events are happening this month: first the "Blessing of the Fleet" scheduled for April 14<sup>th</sup> and the "vote" on our proposed by-law changes on April 19<sup>th</sup>. There has been much discussion on the voting, so I will jump right into a definition of the Blessing of the Fleet.

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia:

The Blessing of the Fleet is a tradition that began centuries ago in Mediterranean fishing communities. The practice began predominantly Catholic, but is now practiced by all Christians as a blessing from the local priest and pastors that is meant to ensure a safe and bountiful season.

In most ports, the event was brought by immigrants who held strongly to their Christian religious beliefs. The events that are part of the ritual vary by community and range from a simple ceremony to a multi-day festival including a church service, Parades, Pageantry, Dancing, Feasting, and Contests.

The celebration in Jacksonville, Florida is a simple ceremony that was first held in 1985. While it is held on Palm Sunday, and an Orthodox priest does the blessings, it is a fun, festive boat parade. Some of the participants go overboard with their decorations. Typically, more than 150 vessels participate in the Blessing, ranging from ships to kayaks. This event has also been commemorated in St. Augustine, Florida since 1946. Our FBYC Blessing is a little less festive, but just as important, and afterwards, we will finalize the celebration with our annual "Steak & Bake" at Herschel King Park.

Our club now has 137 members with 106 of us being boat owners making the percentage of boat owners 77%. Our FBYC by-laws dictate a 150 member cap with 75% of us being boat owners. We are currently meeting requirements, but I would like to see us get closer to the membership cap. We could use more boat owners so please see me if you have someone in mind.

Enjoy boating and be safe.

Rear Commodore – Ray



# Maritime Moments

March 7<sup>th</sup> brought our club to Blue Springs Park, for an ecological tour of the St Johns River. 47 members boarded the St. Johns River cruise boat for a two-hour tour. Everyone enjoyed the narrations and the sites of and sounds of this beautiful river full of wild life and fowl. The crew made provide information and made us all feel welcome aboard their boat. Great time!

After the cruise we met at the Brickhouse restaurant and enjoyed great food and a few cocktails, fun was had by all in attendance.

I want to personally thank Jerry Imbriani, for all the work he put forth to make this a special day.

Our next event is the Blessing of the fleet, followed by an annual favorite the "Steak and Bake".

The dates for this is April 14<sup>th</sup> at 10am at Cimarron basin for the Blessing, please arrive on time, and 12 noon for the Steak and Bake at Hershel Park. Please bring a dish to share. See you there!

See pictures below





## **Florida Boating Laws and Regulations**

### **Do you need Florida Boating education?**

#### **Florida**

You need education if you were born on or after Jan. 1, 1988, and will be operating a motorized boat of 10 hp or more in Florida.

There is no minimum age requirement to take this online course.

You do not have to be a resident of Florida to take this online course.

#### **Elsewhere**

Boating education is currently required in several U.S. states and Canadian provinces.

#### **Exemptions**

Operators are exempt from needing to get the license if they are:

Licensed by the U.S. Coast Guard as a master of a vessel

Operating on a private lake or pond

Accompanied on board by a person who is exempt from the education requirement or by a person who is at least 18 years old, possesses the required identification cards, and is attendant to the operation of the vessel and responsible for any violation that occurs

Operating a vessel within 90 days after purchase and have a bill of sale on board and available for inspection

#### **Age and Operator Restrictions**

No one **under the age of 14 years** may operate a personal watercraft (PWC) on Florida waters at any time, even if such person possesses a Florida Boating Safety Education I.D. Card.

No one **under the age of 18 years** may rent/lease a PWC.

It is also illegal for the owner of a PWC to knowingly allow a person **under 14 years of age** to operate a PWC.

#### **Additional Information**

The law requires that persons affected by this legislation have in their possession a Florida Boating Safety Education I.D. Card issued by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and photographic ID while operating a vessel.

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## Enforcement

Florida law enforcement officers patrol the waterways to make your boating experience safe and pleasant. Cooperate with them by following the laws and guidelines.

**Carry the Card:** Vessel operators who are required to have a Boater Education Card must carry the card on board the vessel and have it available for inspection by an enforcement officer.

**Penalty:** Not carrying your Boater Education Card when one is required can result in a fine.

## Is the Boating Card the same as the Boating License?

The Florida Boating Safety Education I.D. Card is proof that you have successfully completed all of the components of an approved Boating safety course and allows you to go boating. Because the Boating education card or certificate does not expire and does not need to be renewed, it is not called the Florida Boating License.

Even if not required by law to get the Florida boating education card, many boaters take the boat safety course in order to save on their PWC or boat insurance.

Do your part to make boating in Florida an enjoyable pastime! Become an educated, responsible boater by completing the Boat Florida course, and practice what you learn.

## Reciprocity

For visiting boaters, all states, territories, and provinces will recognize boating education cards that meet NASBLA requirements and Canadian Pleasure Craft Operator Cards that meet Transport Canada's requirements. (This is known as "reciprocity.")



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# FBYC Calendar of Events

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April 14<sup>th</sup>

FBYC Blessing of the Fleet and Steak Bake

10am Blessing, Cimarron Basin

12pm Steak Bake, Herschel King Park

April 19<sup>th</sup>

FBYC General Membership Meeting

Theme: Hot Diggity Dog

**Proposed Bylaw change vote**

April 26<sup>th</sup>

Commodore's Social

Sakura Japanese Steak House, 5:30pm

May 11-13<sup>th</sup>

New Smyrna City Marina

Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> members may enjoy Car Show in New Smyrna followed by dinner at The Garlic (reservations to Maritime Committee required)

May 17<sup>th</sup>

FBYC General Membership Meeting

Theme: Chili Cook Off

June 8<sup>th</sup>

Matanzas Beach w/Subs

Additional events may be planned. Watch for future blasts.

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

### April Birthdays:

PC Claudia Towne	6 April
Nancy Oakes	23 April
Rod Thomas	24 April
Bill Luke	29 April

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# FBYC SHIP'S STORE



Welcome to the FBYC Ship's Store. We will be offering many new items in February along with our current inventory. These are some of our more popular items:

T Shirts with Logo	\$14
Polo Shirts with Logo	\$19
Rain Jackets with Logo	\$59
Hats and Visors	\$11

We ask you to be certain of your size and color when making a purchase, as there are no refunds, returns, or exchanges. All orders must be paid for at the time of purchase.

You may also bring in your own items to have our logo embroidered for \$5 and your boat name for \$3.

You can also visit the store where we purchase our items to have work done, try on clothing for size and browse other products. The name is:

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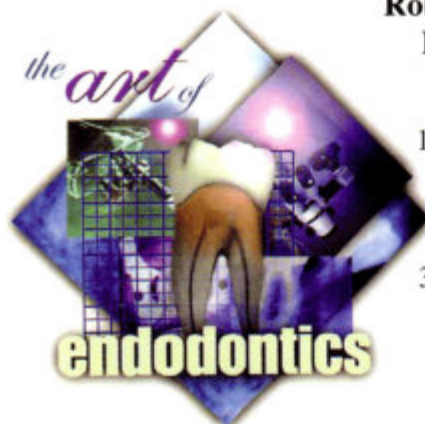
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