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FBYC 2018 is off to a great start. Our Fleet Captains, Mike and Frank and Vice Commodore Jeanne Meyer along with their committees have a great year planned for the club. The "Soup-R-Bowl Meet and Greet" was a great success and our members had their fill of a variety of delicious soups.

PC Bob Jaeger performed the swearing in of your new board and I know I speak for all we look forward to serving all members. Please let us know how we are doing as the year progresses. We are always looking for new ideas and adventures for the club.

I had the pleasure of presenting an award of appreciation to PC (GG) Bob for outstanding contribution to the club behind the scenes as formal photographer, graphic designer, and all around tech support. Thanks again, Bob.

The FBYC Board and Bylaws Committee will be meeting during the next months to discuss any recommended changes to the bylaws the committee may have. We will keep you informed as we progress.



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An informal poll of members during our January meeting indicated the majority of members approved of combining both formal affairs for December and appreciated a local venue. I will keep you posted.

I hope to see all of you for our “Mardis Gras” February meeting dressed in the spirit of the evening. Look for all dates and details for upcoming events on our website and Google calendar.

Keep on boating (even if you're bundled up),

Cindy



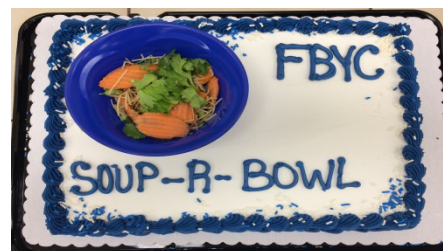
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FBYC Social News

First let me thank the Board of Directors for providing 11 different kinds of soup for our 1st general meeting. We had 80 + members attended the Soup – r – Bowl theme. A special thanks to Doris Houslander for also brewing her special soup. From my observation a good time was had by all.

**February 18 General Membership Meeting Theme Mardi Gras**

Leads – Betsy Kelly – 386-931-0074, Dedem Burek – 203-241-8532

If you have not signed up to help please contact them. This is their first time to lead an event so help them out in anyway. Attire, Mardi Gras related or a mask. I know Carol and Len Caso will be wearing their Glitzie Mardi Gras costume. There maybe a game with a prize?

**March 15th General Membership Meeting Theme St. Patrick's**

Leads – Linda Jaegar -446-9110 and Suzanne Timko – 986-1078

SIGN - UP IS REQUIRED \$7 per Member \$10 per Guest

Deadline no later than March 7. Make check to FBYC and send it to Linda at 78 Colechester Lane, Palm Coast, Fl. 32137 or give it to her at our next meeting in February. We need to know who is coming so the committee will be able to plan the food requirements appropriately. They need cooks, set up, servers, and a clean up crew...this is the biggest event of the year. There will be more information in our next meeting. WEAR SOMETHING GREEN!!!

Our first Social at Mr. Pancho was a big hit. I want to thank all that supported my first social event as Vice Commodore. At least 80 members and guests attended out of 92 that signed up. Great reviews from all. I thank you for being patient with your servers. Hope to see you for the next social in February.

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February 8, 2018 Social

BEACH FRONT GRILLE

2444 South Ocean Shore Blvd, Flagler Beach

Time: 5 PM - Main Dining Room

Limited space

Please call Vice Commodore Jeanne Meyer 864-7916 if you have not signed up. If you cannot make it please call or email me two days before the event at meyerpalmcoast@cfl.rr.com





Rear Commodore - Ray Oakes

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Just in case you haven't noticed, the days after the winter solstice, December 21, we add, a mere minute of daylight to each day at sunset. By January 7, though, we're adding a full two minutes each day to the daylight hours --one at sunrise and one at sunset. So we are gaining more time to enjoy boating.

We are off to a great start this season with the swearing in of our New Board members and having discussions of our many social and maritime events. Another big item on our agenda is to vote on proposed By-Law changes.

Don't forget to update your information as it changes and let's try to establish an e-mail address for each club member. I have made about a dozen changes and/or additions to the FBYC Master List and the FBYC Boat List. Both lists are on our home page at <http://flaglerbeachyachtclub.com/>. Another useful item on our home page is the FBYC calendar where we have our meetings and activities posted, along with their address and directions.

Our FBYC by-laws dictate a 150 member cap with a 75% boat to 25% non-boat ratio. Presently, we have 137 total members of which 78.1% are boat owners.

Enjoy this boating season and be safe.

Rear Commodore – Ray

PS:

There will be an exhibition of "The Magical World of M.C. Escher" at the Museum of Art downtown galleries located at 100N Woodland Blvd, in DeLand. We have tentatively reserved a date of Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2018 from 2 -3 pm for a group of 10 persons to gain a discounted price of \$8 per person. If anyone is interested please contact Ray or Nancy Oakes at 386-246-6956 or e-mail roakes43@aol.com or navinancy98@aol.com. We have more information to hand out at our next meeting Feb. 15, 2018.





Maritime Moments

Captains: Michael Triano & Frank Ruffalo

The FBYC 2018 Maritime year started off with a Maritime meeting that was held on January 5th, thirty two members attended. We discussed the up-coming events we wanted to plan. The first order of business discussed was the condition of the marinas from St. Augustine to Ponce Inlet. As we all know and some of us personally experienced, there has been a tremendous amount of damage to the docks in this area. This year's events have been planned based on availability, comfort and getting some of our favorite trips in before hurricane season. **The secret to a successful Maritime year is YOUR VOULENTEERING.** We have eleven more events coming up and Frank and I would like you all to help in some way. Please look at the FBYC calendar that has the events posted for the next six months and contact Frank or myself as to what events you will help us with.

A three day boat trip has been planned and booked at the **St. Augustine Marina on February 20th to the 22nd.** Alan Hendry has the lead on this event. All available slips are taken but you are invited to come to the dock on February 21st to join us for some fun on the dock, please bring your chairs, snacks and drinks.

March 7th will be a new trip to Blue Cove Springs in Orange City. The Blue Cove Springs Boat trip on the beautiful St. Johns River was a suggestion from Alan Hendry, after the discussion regarding the lack of restrooms on the Astor pontoons. The trip is on the St. Johns River Cruise and Tour boats which handles 60 guests and has a large restroom aboard. The cruise is a two hour narrated nature and ecological tour. After the boat tour we will have lunch at the Brickhouse Restaurant in Deland. We believe that this will be a trip that everyone will enjoy, **BRING YOUR CAMERAS!** A flyer with all of the information will be sent out to all members with a copy of the menu from the Brickhouse Restaurant. The lead on this event is Jerry Imbriani who is a new member and has done a fantastic job putting this all together. Thanks Jerry!

PLEASE NOTE: the boat has capacity of 60 people, as of January 26th the sign-up sheet is almost full. Contact Jerry to see if there is still room on the boat or to be put on the boat in case of a cancellation. **ANYONE WHO HAS SIGNED UP FOR THE BOAT TRIP—PLAESE CONTACT JERRY IF YOU CAN NOT MAKE THE EVENT SO THAT SOMEONE ELSE ON THE WAITING LIST CAN BE ACCOMADATED.** Everyone is still invited to the Brickhouse, just get you names on the list that Jerry has.



Jerry's contact information: jimbriani@sbcglobal.net

April 14th we will have the annual **Blessing of the Fleet at Cimarron Basin** at **10AM**. This will be followed by our popular **Steak Bake** which will be held at **Herschel King Pak at 12 noon**. Signup sheets were out at the last meeting and will be out at the February and March meetings for you to fill out.



Safe Boating Guide: For All Occasions

Nothing can compare to taking a boat out onto the clear blue water and sailing away your stresses. With warmer weather comes greater responsibility. Boating, like any activity involving a driver behind the wheel, is accompanied by proper licensing and most importantly avid precaution.

All Aboard - With Your Boating License

Never lose sight of the small stuff, this is particularly important to stress to anyone on board. Like any other boating activity overlooking a small detail can create a much larger problem in the end. Some small tips can include:

Cleaning up messes immediately to avoid any slipping or falling on the deck.

Keeping any equipment organized and out of harm's way.

Always be prepared – hats, sunglasses, sunscreen, extra clothes in case the weather changes.

Lifejackets or Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) must be available for everyone on board.

Each passenger should know how to properly use and maintain their PFD and wearing it at all times is of course recommended.

Boating Regulations, PCOC

Keep in mind boating regulations like:

Having your Pleasure Craft Operator Card on board at all times; also referred to as a Boating License.

Never operate a boat while under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Please check your provincial regulations for the alcohol laws in your area.

PFD's must be available for every person on board, and don't forget about the kids – a properly sized life jacket or PFD is required.

Lastly, always think ahead – have an undocking plan and go over the details with everyone so there is absolutely no confusion.

S.O.S : Boating Safety in High Stress Situations

Boating accidents can happen – being prepared ahead of time is what will guide anyone to stay calm and know exactly what to do. Keeping a survival kit on board is number 1. No matter the severity, this will aid you in getting through the issue at hand. Have your kit properly stocked with the following:

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First Aid Kit

A pocketknife and a multi-use tool

Watertight Flashlight with extra batteries

Waterproof matches

Handheld mirror

Flares

Fresh water and food rations

Sunscreen

Eco-Friendly Tips

It is possible to minimize your carbon footprint even while boating. Simple guidelines to stay green while on the water include:

Cleaning the engine regularly, this will reduce fuel and exhaust going into the water.

Wildlife ordinances are maintained in accordance to environmental needs, avoiding these zones will keep them this way.

Keeping the water clean by properly removing your trash on land. Pay attention to cigarettes and smaller items, these can lead to an unwanted build up over time.

Waxing a boat will reduce the amount of washing required to keep the boat clean, also reducing the amount of foreign substances being introduced into the water.

Like any hobby worth investing in, boating makes the top of that list. Devoting your time and enhancing your knowledge will keep you both safe and satisfied for the long run.

GET YOUR BOATING LICENSE

Ready to boat? Take your boater exam online. Try our online quiz to prep for online courses.

[get your boat license](#)

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Learn the rules and regulations of the great Canadian waters, follow our online courses to get your boating license.

LEARN THE RULES

Read our step-by-step guide to boating safety and boating navigation. Educate yourself before going out on the water.



FBYC Calendar of Events

2018 Calendar of Events

February 8th, 5:00 PM

Commodore's Social, Beach Front Grill, 2444 S. Ocean Shore Blvd, Flagler Beach

February 15th, 6:30 PM

FBYC General Meeting, Mardis Gras Theme

February 20-22:

St. Augustine Marina Boat Trip

February 21st will be the Dock Party

March 7th:

Blue Cove Springs Boat Trip

Additional events may be planned. Watch for future blasts.



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February Birthdays

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PC Rich Franco 6 Feb

Jeannette Dean 7 Feb

Sandra Garcia 7 Feb

Kathy Imbriani 7 Feb

Danielle Pierro 9 Feb

Marsha Barry 16 Feb

Marie Luke 18 Feb

Mike Cocchiola 20 Feb

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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:

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| 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.

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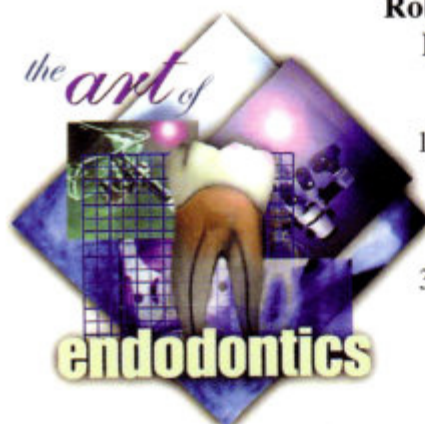
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