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## Commodore's Corner — Cindy Franco

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March is upon us, spring is here and the weather is glorious for boating. Our Maritime committee has some fun events planned for members to come together with their boats, invite non-boat members along, and enjoy this beautiful time of year after a "very cold" winter. Our events during the next few months offer plenty of opportunity for all members to enjoy. Our maritime and social events are a success with the help of all members. This is a great time to join in, volunteer, and have a lot of fun. I hope to see most of you there.

In February of this year our members Susan and Nick Bereda celebrated their 20<sup>th</sup> year with FBYC. They have played an integral part in our club activities and dedicated their time throughout the years in making this "The Best Little Boat Club". We welcome them as our newest addition to the esteemed group of Lifetime Members. Thank you both for your years of service.

The Bylaws Committee has completed their review of our current bylaws and met with the board in February. On behalf of the board I would like to thank Past Commodore's Claudia Towne, Jane Gaulding, Dee Cocchiola, Randy Meyer, Len Dignard and Rich Franco for the many hours and thought they dedicated to this task. The Bylaws Committee will present their recommendations and proposed bylaw changes at the March general meeting following our St. Patrick's Dinner. Please look for our blast with an electronic copy of the proposed changes prior to the meeting. I urge each member to download a copy and familiarize yourself with the information prior to the March meeting.

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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

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You will have an opportunity to address any questions you may have at that time. We will vote on the proposed new changes during the April meeting. For all bylaw changes a majority of two thirds of the members must cast a vote, either in person during the April meeting or with an absentee ballot provided upon request prior to the vote. We will have copies of the absentee ballot on March 15<sup>th</sup> available for those members that are certain they will not be present for the April meeting. We will also provide copies of the ballot to be downloaded electronically along with instructions for filing the absentee ballots. I will have more information to follow.

I hope to see you for our annual St. Patrick's Dinner this month. It's always an event to look forward to. In closing the Bereda's wish to extend their thanks to the club which I have attached below.

Enjoy this great boating weather,

Cindy

"THANK YOU, THANK YOU FOR HELPING US WITH THE SHELTERING TREE PROJECT. THANKS TO FLAGLER BEACH YACHT CLUB MEMBERS. WE COLLECTED 9 ADULT BIKES, MONEY FOR BICYCLE LOCKS, 5 SLEEPING BAGS AND LOTS OF CLOTHING AND SHOES FOR MEN AND WOMEN. THIS IS FOR FLAGLER COUNTY RESIDENCE ONLY. THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HELP. WE WILL CONTINUE ON THIS PROJECT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

NICK AND SUSAN BEREDA"

**Vice Commodore — Jeanne Meyer**

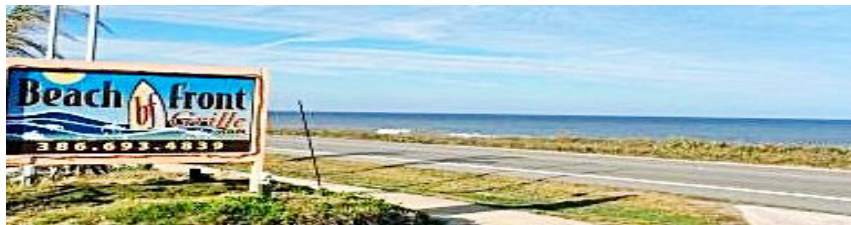
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# FBYC Social News

On February theme Mardi Gras - I would like to thank Betsy Kelly and Dedem Burek and their team for a successful general meeting event. From my observation our members, love southern comfort food. Many members came with their fancy mask. Did anyone notice Barb Kalemeja's yellow crochet mask? Thank you Randy for leading the Jester bean toss game. I think Betsy bribed him so she could win.

Social at the Beach Front Grille, I would like to thank all the 55 members and 13 guest that attended. Everyone was raving about the food. Please keep supporting our social events & if you have any suggestion or new venues please let me know.

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MARCH 15 - General Meeting Theme St. Patrick's

Leads – Linda Jaeger – 446-9110 & Suzanne Timko – 986-1078

SIGN – UP IS REQUIRED \$7 per Member \$10 per guest If you have not signed up deadline is no later than March 7. Make check to FBYC and mail it to Linda at 76 Colechester Lane, Palm Coast, Fl. 32137. We need to know who is coming so the committee will be able to plan the food requirements appropriately. Don't forget to wear something GREEN.

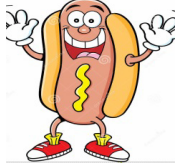
The doors will open at 5:45 food will be served at 6:15

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All Linda's committee please contact her to find out time to set up and time to deliver food. I thank all for your dedication for helping this event.

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

Lead Jack Cohen and Dan Basany

They are still looking for male helpers, please sign up.

**SOCIAL – April 26, 2018**

Sakura Hibachi Steakhouse &amp; Asian Grille

260 Cypress Edge Dr., Palm Coast

Time - 5:30 PM

I have arrange for drinks to be half-priced for the duration, if we guarantee 40+ members and guest will attend. Sign-up sheet will be available on our March general meeting.

FYI – Our general meetings are always on the 3<sup>rd</sup> week (Thursday) of every month.

Fleet Captains Mike Triano and Frank Ruffalo thank you for having a dock party in St. Augustine, perfect weather.

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On Tuesday, February 6th Nancy and I drove to Cocoa Beach to view the launch of the Space X Falcon Heavy rocket. It was a perfect day for a perfect launch. From our observation point several miles away, we noticed 50 or 60 boats anchored out in the bay which gave them a much closer look at the launch. I was wishing that I had taken my boat to join them.

It's nice to see the weather leaning towards spring time temperatures. I have been out on the water several times in February and managed to stay quite comfortable, so I say that boating season has officially started.

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 very close to the percentage requirements; however 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.

By-law changes will be presented during our March meeting, and members will be asked to vote on these changes during the April meeting. Your vote is important, and if you can't make the April meeting we will have absentee ballots available.

Enjoy boating and be safe.

Rear Commodore – Ray

# Maritime Moments

February 20<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> at the St. Augustine Marina turned out to be an absolutely fabulous FBYC Maritime Event. We had five boat owners enjoy 80 degree weather in one of the nicest cities in Florida. There is so much to do in St. Augustine with the vast array of restaurants, shops and did I mention bars. Oh do they have bars. On Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> seven other members from the club joined us at the dock party. Alan and Janet Hendry had the lead for this trip and it was a huge success, thanks JANET !



On March 7<sup>th</sup> we have an exciting boat trip planned at Blue Springs State Park. The trip will be a two-hour narrated nature and ecological cruise on the beautiful and historic St. Johns River. The cruise will begin at 10am with boarding beginning at 9am. After the cruise we will go to the Brick House in Deland for lunch. Jerry Imbriani has the lead for the Blue Springs trip and Frank Ruffalo is in charge of the lunch. There is still some room on the boat, so contact either Jerry or Frank if you want to join us. If you want to

just have lunch with us that is okay also. They can give you all of the details you might need when you call them.

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April 14<sup>th</sup> is going to be our annual Blessing of the Fleet which be held at the Cimarron Basin at 10am. If you have not signed up for this contact me at [mtpalmcoast@yahoo.com](mailto:mtpalmcoast@yahoo.com) to get on the list. **After the Blessing** we will have another annual event....The Steak Bake which will be held at Herschel King Park at 12 noon. The cost for the Steak Bake is \$7.00 for members and \$10.00 for non members. We would ask all members to bring a dish to share and bring your own drinks. Signup sheets have been out at the last meeting and will be again at the March meeting. PLEASE BRING YOUR CHECKS TO THE MARCH MEETING. You do not want to have FRANK THE ENFORCER looking for you.



# 10 Tips for Rafting Up

By  
BD Staff

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Aug 24, 2012

Labor Day Weekend is one of the most popular weekends for boaters. And that means there will be tons of boats rafting up with friends in a scenic cove or near a sunny sandbar. Boats tie up side-to-side so owners and their guests can walk from deck to deck to visit, swim and party with their peers.

Here are 10 tips boaters you should keep in mind while rafting-up over the long weekend:

1. Choose your raft-up spot carefully. Pick an area that is sheltered from the wind and waves. Stay clear of navigation channels and cruising lanes.
2. The first boat in the raft-up should position itself with the whole group in mind, and set both a bow and stern anchor.
3. When approaching the raft-up, have fenders and lines ready. Tell passengers to keep their arms and legs inside the boat at all times. Approach the raft-up slowly. Tie up to one of the end boats using bow and stern lines.



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4. Stagger the boats. Position them so each one is slightly ahead of or behind the boat next to it. This will keep rigging from touching if the boats are rocked by a wake.
5. Boaters who can't stay long should tie up on the outside of the raft-up to facilitate their departure.
6. Turn off your boat's engine to eliminate the chance of carbon monoxide poisoning, and so your prop won't be turning with people in the water.
7. Exercise common courtesy. Ask a boat owner for permission before boarding his or her boat, even if you are just crossing their deck or platform.
8. Designate a Sober Skipper for the trip home. Pack plenty of water and juice for hydration.
9. Even in hot weather, children should wear life jackets. This will keep them safe, particularly when walking from boat to boat or swimming off the raft-up.
10. Appoint weather watchers for the whole group. Ask them to listen to the radio and check their smart-phones' Sea Tow App's Weather/Radar function for possible storm activity in the area. To download the free Sea Tow App to your iPhone or Android smartphone, visit [www.seatow.com/app](http://www.seatow.com/app).

### Tips for Rafting Up



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# FBYC Calendar of Events

March 15<sup>th</sup>

FBYC General Membership Meeting

Theme: Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Doors open at 5:45, Dinner served at 6:15

Followed by discussion of proposed Bylaw changes

March 7<sup>th</sup>:

Blue Cove Springs Boat Trip

April 14<sup>th</sup>

FBYC Blessing of the Fleet and Steak Bake

10am Blessing, Cimmaron 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

Additional events may be planned. Watch for future blasts.

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

### March Birthdays:

Cindy Franco	1 March
Sherry Lipari	9 March
John Burek	10 March
Karen Sirbu	10 March
Susan Bereda	13 March
Eileen McSherry	18 March
Michelle Kelly	20 March
Jeanne Florio	24 March
Jill Hunt	25 March
Barbara Kalameja	31 March

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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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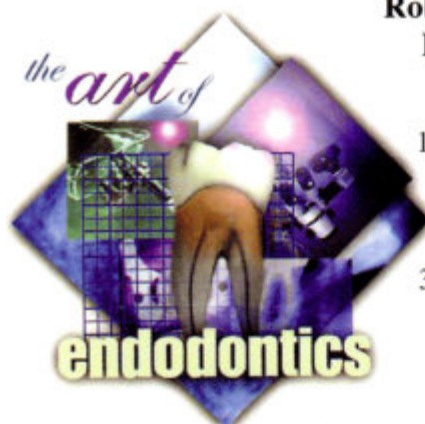
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