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## Commodore's Corner — Jeanne Meyer

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As we started the New Year our first social general meeting started early with an abundance of soup to serve at least 80+ of our members. Starting our social at 6 pm seems to work out so much better to give everyone a chance to eat and enjoy the camaraderie of our club.

Our meeting started with the pledge of allegiance by Karen Basany followed by the swearing in the new board 2019 by PC Claudia Towne. Thank you Claudia



Left to right PC Claudia Towne, Commodore Jeanne Meyer, Vice Commodore Kate Nelson, Rear Commodore Ray Oakes, Treasurer Sandie Ostresh, Secretary Susan Moya, Fleet Captain Chris Nelson Directors PC Cindy Franco and Jack Cohen

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## Commodore's Corner — Jeanne Meyer - Cont.

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I would like to thank the new board for your donation and dedication to our club. Our members that help clean up after the meeting. Please volunteer to help our new VC Kate Nelson with the upcoming events. She has a lot of fun things planned throughout the year.



Toni Mincin was presented an FBYC Certificate of Appreciation for many years of dedicated service to our club and participation in Humanitarian (Little Angels) efforts in Flagler County. Thank you PC Bob Jaeger for printing the certificate.

FYI our General Meetings now starts at 6 PM. Hope to see everyone February 21, 2019 **MARDI GRAS** general meeting

New members please sign up for what you volunteered for on your application SOCIAL or MARITIME. We need your help and new ideas.



Happy Valentine's Day to all

Safe boating out there

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**FBYC Social News**

I would like to start this article, by thanking the FBYC members who attended the first Social Committee meeting. Nineteen brave souls came to plan and discuss the upcoming year Social Events. At this time, I can give you the agenda for the upcoming monthly meetings. Thank you everyone who attended and have volunteered to make this 2019 FBYC year a suc-

cess!

**February-Mardi Gras- Leads Susie Moya and Liz Caisse****March- St. Patrick's Day- Leads Dee and Jack Cohen****April-Wine Tasting- Leads Richard and Karen Sirbu****May- Education Month- Lead Cindy Franco****June- Hawaiian Luau- Lead Linda Jaegar****July- Nautical Pictionary- Leads Edda and Jay Steinmeyer, Kate Nelson****August- NO MEETING****September- "FOOTBALL" THEME- A lead is needed****October- "HALLOWEEN" THEME- A lead is needed****November- Pizza Party- Lead Dawn Bird****December- NO MEETING**

Hello Everyone, I think we are off to a great start for the 2019 FBYC Year. We had a "Souper" great time at the January General Meeting. Approximately 80 members were in attendance. The Board of Directors shared and served their soup creations with everyone. I think I should have brought a coffee mug so that I could have sampled all the great soups. A special thank you to each of the Board of Directors for a delicious job well done! Congratulations to all of our new Board of Directors.

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## Vice Commodore — Kate Nelson—Continued

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I do hope that having the agendas for the Maritime and Social Committee hand-out on the tables was helpful and convenient. We can update them as needed to keep you informed of any changes that may arise.

Speaking of changes, the April General Meeting to Wednesday, April 17, 2019. The church notified me of a conflict in scheduling due to Holy week. I hope



you have seen the blast that has been sent out as a reminder.

Now for upcoming events. The February General Meeting will be Mardi Gras, with Susie Moya and Liz Caisse as the Leads. I have viewed their itinerary and I think the meeting is sure to please everyone. I am not disclosing any details, you will not be disappointed. For March, The St. Patrick's Day corned beef and cabbage is already in the planning stages. I would especially like to acknowledge Dee Cohen for volunteering to take on this special annual event. There is a great amount of work to be done to make it a success. For these and future events, please volunteer to help, whether it be set-up, clean-up, serving, or cooking, WE NEED YOU!



The success of the club is due to the participation of its members.

At this time, there will be an outside event, tentatively scheduled for Thursday, March 28, 2019. It is a Victory Casino Cruise. Lead is Jerry Imbriani. A sign-up sheet will be available at the February meeting. Further details will be forthcoming in the near future.

Hope you all have a wonderful month!





## Rear Commodore - Ray Oakes

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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.

Our club has 139 members with 89 of us being boat owners, making the percentage of boat owners 64%. We have 11 openings for new members.

I have plenty application forms available for potential members.

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 of events where we have our meetings and activities posted, along with the leads for those events.

Enjoy boating and be safe.

Rear Commodore – Ray

**Fleet Captain - Chris Nelson**

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# Maritime Moments

Welcome back FBYC members for another year of fun and frolic on our local waters. Attached as part of this article please find the yearly schedule for all boating activities for the current year and January 2020. This is presented in this format so you may plan your activity schedule. As always, the maritime event schedule is predicated upon weather conditions, and cancellations will be sent out in the form of an email blast or a call from the event

lead.

The first event of the year is already scheduled and closed for participation. If you are still interested in attending you may contact Dine and Cruise directly at, [www: DineAndCruise.com](http://www.DineAndCruise.com), or call them at (386)402-1353, to purchase a ticket on your own. Seats are still available.

The next event is our Blessing of the Fleet and raft up. The sign-up sheet will be out at the next monthly meeting, and instructions will be sent out as a blast and reviewed at the meeting. If you no longer have a boat but wish to participate, we are willing to take 8 people on our boat, Easy Duet, first come first serve. If you want to come on our boat please send me an email at, [nelson551@hotmail.com](mailto:nelson551@hotmail.com). Everyone going to the raft up is asked to bring a dish to share.

The rest of the events are listed on the schedule. Any questions please feel free to contact me or the event lead for additional information.



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**2019 FBYC MARITIME EVENT AGENDA**

MONTH	EVENT	DATE	LEAD
February	Dine and Cruise, Halifax Harbor Marina 125 Basin St. Suite 140 Daytona Beach, FL 32114	Saturday, February 16, 2019 Group arrival one hour before. Ship sails at 2:30 p.m.	John Manoni 407-797-3318 <a href="mailto:johnmanoni@gmail.com">johnmanoni@gmail.com</a>
March	Blessing of the Fleet followed by Raft-Up Cimarron Basin	Saturday, March 30, 2019 11:30 p.m.	Chris Nelson 386-585-0445 <a href="mailto:nelson55@hotmail.com">nelson55@hotmail.com</a>
April	St. Augustine City Marina 111 Avenida Menendez, St. Augustine, FL 32084 904-825-1026	Thursday-Saturday, April 11 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , home on Sunday, 14 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Kelly 386-225-6481 <a href="mailto:jamesw.kelly@edgewell.com">jamesw.kelly@edgewell.com</a>
May	Matanzas Inlet BYOFB Snake Island on the Beach May 15 <sup>th</sup> , Low tide- 1:18 p.m. High tide-7:12 p.m.	Tentative-Wednesday, May 15 <sup>th</sup> or Thursday, 16 <sup>th</sup> Depending on tides.	Dale Anderson 847-912-3495 <a href="mailto:dgabby50@hotmail.com">dgabby50@hotmail.com</a>
June	Caribbean Jacks 721 Ballough Road Daytona Beach, FL 32114	Tuesday-Thursday, June 11 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , home on Friday, 14 <sup>th</sup>	Chris Nelson 386-585-0445 <a href="mailto:nelson551@hotmail.com">nelson551@hotmail.com</a>
July	Scavenger Hunt ICW followed by Raft-Up in Cimarron Basin	Saturday, July 13 <sup>th</sup> Rain date Saturday, July 20 <sup>th</sup>	Ray Oakes 386-246-6956 <a href="mailto:roakes43@aol.com">roakes43@aol.com</a>
August	The Marina at Hammock Beach Resort 200 Ocean Crest Drive Palm Coast, FL 32137	Friday-Saturday, August 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , home on Sunday, 4 <sup>th</sup> Five Paying Boats Minimum	Fred Ciaburri 585-750-7538 <a href="mailto:fredciaburri@yahoo.com">fredciaburri@yahoo.com</a>
September	New Smyrna City Marina, 201 N. Riverside Dr., New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168 386-409-2042 Garlic Restaurant, Car Show ? Marine Discovery Ctr. Eco Boat Tour	Thursday-Saturday, September 12 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , home on 15 <sup>th</sup> Restaurant date: Eco Tour date:	Marcia Barry, 386-693-3082 <a href="mailto:barryjones143@yahoo.com">barryjones143@yahoo.com</a> Eco Tour- Chris Nelson
October	Blue Springs River Cruise Blue Springs State Park 2100 West French Ave., Orange City, FL 32763	Wednesday, October 9 <sup>th</sup>	Jerry Imbriani 386-264-5730 <a href="mailto:jimbriani@sbcglobal.com">jimbriani@sbcglobal.com</a>
November	St. Augustine City Marina 111 Avenida Menendez, St. Augustine, FL 32084 904-825-1026	Monday-Wednesday, November 11 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , home on Thursday, 14 <sup>th</sup>	Alan Hendry 386-246-1736 <a href="mailto:alan55hendry@gmail.com">alan55hendry@gmail.com</a>
December	Caroling Palm Coast Canals Meet @ followed by Hidden Treasures	Saturday, December 7 <sup>th</sup> Rain date Sunday, December 8 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Kelly 386-225-6481 <a href="mailto:jamesw.kelly@edgewell.com">jamesw.kelly@edgewell.com</a> Restaurant-Chris Nelson
January 2020	St. Augustine Municipal Marina- Night of Lights 111 Avenida Menendez, St. Augustine, FL 32084 904-825-1026	Tuesday-Thursday, January 7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> , home on Friday, 10 <sup>th</sup> 2020	Joel Houslander 224-337-8784 <a href="mailto:jchous@comcast.net">jchous@comcast.net</a>

## Spring Maintenance

Although we don't winterize and put our boats up for the winter here in Florida, we still have a need to do annual spring maintenance on them. February may seem a little early but there is usually some great boating weather in March. Proper preventive maintenance now will reduce the likelihood of a breakdown, canceled plans and an expensive tow. Below is a spring maintenance article and checklist from Discover Boating ([discoverboating.com](http://discoverboating.com)). One thing not mentioned in the checklist is raw water pump impellers. If it has been a couple of years since yours were replaced you should consider replacing them.



### Spring Start-up Checklist (Discover Boating)

Spring has sprung and for millions of boaters in the U.S. that means it's time to take their boats out of winter storage and put them in the water. For many boaters, annual preparation and cleaning projects are necessary rites of spring that help prevent problems that could keep them 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.

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Ensure the engine, exhaust and ventilation systems are all functioning properly.

Look before you pump. Don't fill your tank with fuel that contains more than 10% ethanol (E10) as it will damage your engine.

### **Belts, Cables & Hoses**

Check belts, cables and hoses because they can become brittle and may crack during winter storage.

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. Corroded connections can be dangerous

Remove corroded terminals and use a wire brush to clean them, along with all cable ends.

Charge your battery and have it tested 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.

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.

Damaged propellers can cause unwanted vibration and damage to your drive train.

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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 using an environmentally safe cleaning solution.

Also, make sure the drain plug is securely in place before every launch.

### **Safety Gear**

Check your life jackets to ensure they are in good condition and that there are enough on board for all potential passengers.

Ensure that each individual has the correct size life jacket for their body weight.

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

Consider an EPIRB for situations of distress to ensure you can be found

Take advantage of any safety inspections offered by the US Coast Guard (USCG), USCG Auxiliary or US Power Squadrons.

Get the new boating year off to a great start. Ensure you'll enjoy another season of carefree boating and make your annual boat preparation more manageable.

FBYC SPOTLIGHT, THIS MONTH, IS ON OUR MEMBERS.....



## ED AND LIZ CAISSE

Prior to moving to Palm Coast, Ed and Liz spent their entire lives in Connecticut. Ironically they were both born in the Waterbury, Connecticut hospital and then spent much of their lives living only 20 miles away. They have been married 54 years and have three children; one girl and two boys (the youngest son lives in Palm Coast, the others in Connecticut) and four grandchildren.

After 18 years they moved to Woodbury, Connecticut, where they lived for 30 years. They described Woodbury as a lovely town with a historic Main Street and a lot of antique shops and old homes.

Ed was a Career Firefighter for 18 years and a Fire Marshall for 12 years in Waterbury before retiring. When their youngest child went to school, Liz became a Respiratory Therapist. In this role she met Cindy Franco; they have now been friends for 40 years.

Ed recalled their first visit to the Palm Coast area. It was 10 years ago; they came to visit Rich and Cindy and recall eating at Finns in Flagler Beach while looking at the ocean. They rented for a few months in Flagler Beach but had no plans to ever leave Connecticut. Then in 2015, while looking at homes in this area on line, Ed saw one that appealed to him. He showed Liz. Rich and Cindy went over to look at it and thought it was a home that they should seriously consider. Ed asked his son if he'd be willing to take a ride down to look at it; his son did. As Ed said, if his son had not agreed to drive down with him, he and Liz most probably would still be living in Connecticut. Ed candidly said that as the home was a bank foreclosure and the bank had made improvements and had approvals for the work done and inspections, he did not have a personal home inspection. The immediate problem he and Liz encountered upon owning their home was the need for a new heating pump for the pool. But looking at it optimistically, he said, the price they paid for the home, and the heating pump was still a good deal.

Their past boating experience was sailing in Connecticut lakes with their small sail boats. They attended FBYC meetings as guests whenever they were here and participated in meeting setups, clean ups, serving, and other club needs. They were very happy to have been able to join the club before the new bylaws went into effect as they no longer own a boat. They described Club members as reaching out to others, making others feel comfortable, and leaving them with good feelings.

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Ed's hobby for years, he described as "motors and wheels". Motorcycles are in his past. He now owns a 1995 Mustang with 30,000 miles and a 2004 Ford Lightening with 15,000 miles.

Both he and Liz belong to the Palm Coast Social Club (formerly the Columbian Club) where he participates in Bingo every Friday night. Liz's hobbies are walking, swimming, yoga, going to the beach and reading; she is a member of two book clubs.

From the FBYC: Welcome aboard Ed and Liz!

**FBYC****Calendar of Events****FBYC MARITIME EVENT DINE and CRUISE****SATURDAY - FEBRUARY 16, 2019 at 2:30****Group arrival one hour before ship sails****HALIFAX HARBOR MARINA 125 Basin St. Suite 140 Tickets are \$29.95 pp****Lead John Manoni, 1400 Canopy Walk Lane 31431 PC****FEBRUARY 21, 2019 MEETING MARDI GRAS Theme****Leads Lis Caisse and Susan Moya****Please call them and sign up to help 203-558-4275 - Liz****503-****1946 - Susan****Cruise date March 28, 2019****Price per person :\$40PP****Party bus pick up time 8:30 AM****Pick up location : To be determined****Boat boarding : 10 am to 11 Am****Cruise time 11 AM to 4 PM****Entertainment: Rocky and the Rollers; Do, Wop- Band****PROVIDE checks, \$40 payable to FBYC****General meeting or mail to:****Jerry Imbriani 11 Cedarford Court Palm Coast Fl. 32137****Final Payment Due By: March 21, 2019****March 21 ,2019****Leads Dee and Jack Cohen****They need cooks,set up,clean up, serves****Jack #904-501-1779****Sign-up February meeting****Dee 904-540-3158****Price per person TBA****Blessing of the Fleet followed by Raft-Up****Cimarron Basin****March 30, 2019 Time 11.30 p.m.****Please sign up Feb. meeting****Lead Fleet Captain Chris Nelson 386-585-0445 / nelson55@hotmail.com**



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

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	BIRTHDAY
Joel	Houselander	5-Feb
Rich	Franco	6-Feb
Sandra	Garcia	7-Feb
Kathy	Imbriani	7-Feb
Danielle	Pierro	9-Feb
Marsha	Barry	16-Feb
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Thanks

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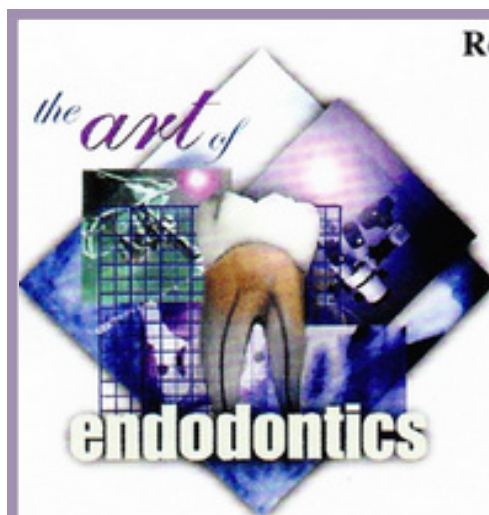
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