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Commodore's Corner — Alan Hendry

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This will be my last newsletter as your Commodore. It has been an interesting year, certainly not the year any of us expected. For all the disruption in our daily lives that Covid caused we did not lose a single FBYC member to it. I believe only three tested positive and they did not become severely ill. For that we can all be grateful.

Throughout the year, your board has tried to find the right balance between risk and safety to continue with events. By switching to all outside events, social distancing and wearing the dreaded masks, we have been able to continue to socialize and enjoy our boats and each others company. The 2021 board will face the same challenges, at least for a few months.

The November General Meeting was the best attended since February, just before Covid impacted our lives. We had 48 in attendance, three of which were guests with an interest in joining the club. We also had new members inducted at the meeting. The club provided Pizza and cookies. The pizza was served by Janet Hendry, Toni Mincin and Carol Dignard in a Covid friendly manor and seemed to be enjoyed by all.

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PAST COMMODORES



1992-1993	Tom McBride	2004	George Barnett	2013	Randy Meyer
1994	Ed Finney	2005	Pete Poole	2014	Len Dignard
1995-1996	Tom Johns	2006-2007	Mike Cocchiola	2015	Bob Jaeger
1997-1998	Denis Thornton	2008	Claudia Towne	2016	Joe Lindholm
1999-2000	John Darrow	2009	Jane Gaulding	2017	John Green
2001	Paul Van Buren	2010	Dee Cocchiola	2018	Cindy Franco
2002	Howard Graves	2011	Rich Franco	2019	Jeanne Meyer
2003	Pat Slattery	2012	Greg Hansen		

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Most important, we had a membership quorum which allowed us to vote for the 2021 Board. I would like to congratulate the new FBYC Board members. More importantly, I would like to thank them all in advance for the time and effort they are going to put into making 2021 an active and enjoyable year for all the club members.

FBYC 2021 Officers

Commodore – Joel Houslander

Vice Commodore – Richard Sirbu

Rear Commodore – Jim Kelly

Fleet Captain – Amy Krisanda

Secretary – Jeanne Nix

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Director – Jerry Imbriani

Also, a thank you to the members of the Election Committee for coming up with a well qualified slate of candidates. Thank you Len Dignard, Michelle Kelly, Russ Jones and Dale Anderson.

I would also like to thank the outgoing Board, some of whom have served for multiple years. The willingness of members to serve is the glue that holds the FBYC together.

As you all know, Nick and Susan Bereda have run the 50-50 raffle for the club for many, many years. For most of us, they were running it when we became members. Nick's health is limiting his mobility and putting him in serious pain. It is forcing them to give up the 50-50. I would like to give them both a heartfelt "thank you" from the entire membership. I look forward to seeing them both at FBYC events.

Last, I would like to thank you all for the support I received as Commodore throughout this challenging year. It was my honor and privilege to serve.



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FBYC Social News

Hi everyone.

We had a very successful Social Wed. Nov. 4th at the Palm Coast Bowling Alley. We met on their patio outside and had a great time. There were about 30 members in attendance. Thanks to Jeanne Nix and Kris Richter for being the leads.

Our last FBYC meeting of 2020 was held Sat. Nov. 21st at the Betty Steflik Pavilion. Food, fun and friendship was enjoyed by all.

Thanks to all the members who brought food for our food drive. The food was delivered to St. Vincent de Paul. They were very happy to receive our generous gift. They sent a very nice card thanking us. Thank you to Len and Carol Dignard for helping Bob and me with the food drive. Two car loads were collected.



Food Drive For The Needy

Also, a special thanks goes out to Anne and Dale for running one of most successful 50/50's. The addition of donated baskets added to the raffle success.

This has been a very difficult year. Here's to 2021 and Joel and his new Board.

Happy Holidays to all.



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I would like to wish all of our members a healthy and safe holiday season.

At our November meeting we officially inducted Nick Ward, and Linda and Charles Folsom to the FBYC Family.



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Carol and Len Dignard brought visitors Lori and Steve Plump to our November meeting, they are interested in joining our club and gave me completed membership forms, once they meet the clubs requirements, I am sure the board will approve their membership in January.

The FBYC Brochure that Alan and I distributed continues to help our recruiting efforts and also positively promotes FBYC around Flagler county, we have also update our FBYC Web Site. If you have friends that are interested in the club, we have brochures and membership applications available to hand out.

To keep up to date with all our activities you can visit our (<http://flaglerbeachyachtclub.com/>) FBYC calendar of events where we have our Meetings, Socials and Maritime posted. I also have updated the members/boat list.

Members can also join our Flagler Beach Yacht Club Facebook page and post photos of FBYC activities.

Send me an email to join the group and I will get you in.

As I transition to my new role as Commodore, I look forward to leading the club as well as past commodores.

I am confident 2021 will be filled with many fun social/maritime events.

Rear Commodore – Joel Houslander



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Maritime Moments

Ahoy to our members!

Unfortunately our November outing, the St Augustine Light House Tour, had to be canceled due to Tropical Storm Eta. This has been a tough year for us but I think we are doing well under the circumstances and have been able to have some safe events. I will reschedule the Light House event. I will also look into the best time to have an off shore Fishing Trip.

We are not organizing the Nights of Lights this year. The trolley requires four persons to each seat which would not be acceptable for a safe event. We also have very few choices for outside restaurants in St. Augustine and we are uncomfortable with an indoor group event at this time.

Get Your Vessels ready for Caroling On The Canals! Jim and I have been planning a route for us to travel. We will post "look out" points for the community to sing with us as we pass. We have songs and lyrics ready to distribute. Please sign up!

One change is we have contacted Flagler Beach Surf 97.3 radio to remedy the past issues of all of us singing different songs or waiting for commercials to end. DJ Audie will be broadcasting our list of Christmas carols on 97.3 FM. We are asking participating boats to arrive at the ICW by the Palm Coast Marina at 11:15 AM. The festivities will begin promptly at 11:30. Jim Kelly will be the lead boat, a 31' Mainship sedan. We plan to wrap up caroling at about 1:00 PM.



After we are done spreading all that good holiday cheer with our singing, we will be having a social gathering at The Brass Tap beginning at 2:30 outside on their patio. I do want to mention, Brass Tap is limiting their occupancy due to Covid. **They also require the use of masks anytime a customer is not seated.**

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The Lead for this event is Jim Kelly. For those that wish to participate in any of the festivities please contact him at jamesw.kelly@edgewell.com or 386-225-6481. We need a good count for Brass Tap so they can be prepared for us and a good list for the boats so we can ensure everyone participating by boat has all the information. we will distribute the playlist and lyrics once we finalize everything with the radio station.

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Maritime Tips

Lessons Learned: Better to "Know Before You Go" When it Comes to Boating Safety Equipment and Dealing With Emergencies

by Ed Sweeney DC-Ad Deputy Chief- USCGAUX Public Affairs



It was a warm summer afternoon on Memorial Day weekend. Folsom Lake, the most heavily used sole-state lake in California, located about 25 miles northeast from the capitol in Sacramento, was filled with boats of all types and sizes.

A young couple in their twenties, along with the woman's brother, was enjoying a day of cruising and waterskiing on their older model inboard ski boat. It was just after lunch, and the husband attempted to start the engine and get underway again for more waterskiing in the remote north fork of the American River.

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At first the engine didn't turn over, and the boat was bouncing in the wakes of other boaters in the area. The boat's ventilation system wasn't working, and while the couple had intended to get it fixed, they didn't have time to get it to the dealer before the busy holiday weekend began. The engine also had not been serviced since they purchased the boat almost two years ago.

The husband continued to turn the key, when suddenly there was a loud pop, and smoke started coming from the engine compartment. The three boaters looked at each other, not knowing what to do, or exactly what the problem was. They soon began to sense the acrid smell of burning rubber, as the smoke began to increase from the engine compartment area.

The brother-in-law asked if they had a fire extinguisher on board, and the three began to search the compartments to locate the extinguisher. Once they located it, they actually didn't know how to operate the extinguisher, and had to take a couple of minutes to read the directions. Once they learned what to do, they attempted to put out the small fire in the engine compartment, and they found out the hard way that their extinguisher had accidentally discharged while being stored under a seat cushion with a lot of other loose gear, and the extinguisher was fully discharged before the fire was completely out. At this point, none of the people on board were wearing life jackets.

Fortunately for the trio, a Good Samaritan in the area saw what was happening, and came by with another fire extinguisher to put out the small engine fire, and called the Coast Guard Auxiliary for further assistance.

This real life scenario described above is not limited to any specific type of craft or operator, or geographical location. Rather, it illustrates the need for boaters to be prepared for emergencies, and to be familiar with not only how to use their equipment, but to ensure that equipment is in good working order.

Let's look at what went wrong in this case:

- The boat's ventilation system was not working at all, and since the boat hadn't been serviced in nearly two years, the engine's backfire flame arrestor was dirty and contributed to the cause of the engine fire.
- The boaters didn't know how to use their fire extinguisher, and weren't exactly sure where it was located on board. Both of these factors cost precious time to be lost.

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- None of the three boaters in this case were wearing life jackets, nor were any making preparations to abandon ship in the event the fire got further out of control. Moreover, since they were in a remote area, there was no cell phone coverage, and they had no marine radio on board. There are two things the boaters in this case could have done to prepare themselves for a situation like this:

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- To "know before they go" they should have taken a boating safety course. It is a statistic that repeats itself over and over again: 80 percent of those individuals who die in boating accidents had never taken a boating safety class. In a boating safety class, they would have learned the importance of preventative maintenance, the dangers associated with a non-operations ventilation system, as well as how to deal with a fire on board their vessel.

- Furthermore, "to know before they go," they could have had a free vessel safety check (VSC) performed by a qualified USCGAUX Vessel Examiner. During a VSC, the examiner reviews all the legally required items and equipment, as well as recommending some additional safety items.

If you want to follow the Coast Guard's motto and be SEMPER PARATUS (always ready), we suggest you invest some time and take a boating safety course, and in getting a vessel safety check on your vessel before the boating season begins. To learn more about classes and the vessel safety check program, visit <http://www.cgaux.org/>.



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Welcome to the FBYC Ship Store



2020 is almost over and what a year it has been. I would like to thank our members for supporting the Ship Store when we were able to have a meeting, we have a great club.

The store will be closed in January but will reopen in February. However if you need anything between now and then, please call or email me and I will do my best to help you with products.

Remember that you can always bring in your own item for embroidery for the low cost of \$10 for the club burgee, \$6 for a second line and \$3 for a third line of embroidery. And if sparkle is your thing you can have crystals added to your shirt for \$10.

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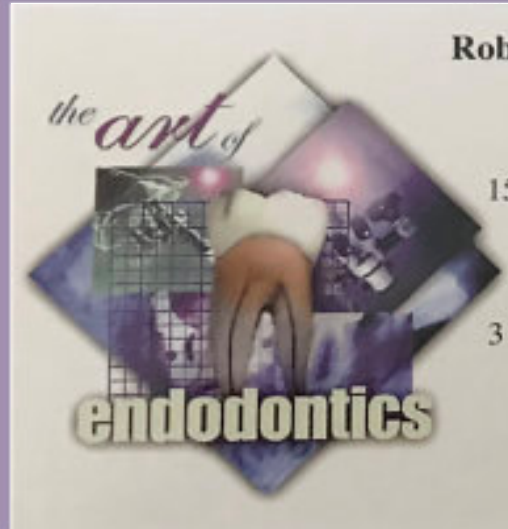
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