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## Commodore's Corner – Alan Hendry

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The FBYC New Board of Directors was sworn in by Former Commodore Randy Meyer at the January General Meeting. Please help us all this year as we work to manage the clubs activities and budget in 2020. Our goal is to make the year a good one for everyone.

Well it is now February and January was a busy month for the new board, especially the Vice Commodore, Toni Mincin and Fleet Captain, Amy Krisanda. They both held 2020 planning meetings which they will talk about in their respective articles. I would like to thank both of them for putting on well planned meetings as well as the food and refreshments. Thank you both. I would also like to thank all members who attended one or both of the meetings.



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Janet and I recently had the pleasure of attending the Matanzas River Yacht Club (MRYC) change of watch ceremony and dinner where the 2020 Commodore and Board of Directors were sworn in. It was held at the Palm Coast Elks Club. I was not familiar with the MRYC until receiving the invitation to go. They were formed in 1985 and like us do not have their own building. They are limited to 60 members and typically hold their monthly meeting/socials at a members house.

At the January meeting Eileen and Joe McSherry were presented with a plaque in recognition of their 20 years as members of the Flagler Beach Yacht Club.

Setup and cleanup before and after the meeting is always work. Toni will arrange for setup help but I would like to ask that when the meeting ends everyone help clean up their table. Don't throw the center pieces away but everything else should be cleaned up including the tablecloth. Everyone did a great job of cleaning up after the January meeting. Thank you all for helping out.



**Vice Commodore — Toni Mincin**

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# FBYC Social News

Hi everyone, first, I would like to thank everyone who attended the Social Committee Meeting to help plan our social events for the year. We had great participation and came up with several exciting new ideas. Thanks to all who attended and those who volunteered to take the lead on these upcoming events.

Thanks to the Board Members for the delicious soups and fabulous chili served at our first FBYC 2020 monthly meeting. After the meeting a group of members went to the Golden Lion and fun was had by all.



Our next social will be at the Highjackers Restaurant at the Flagler County Airport, on Thursday Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> at 4PM. If you did not sign-up and want to attend, please get in touch with me at 386-283-5259, so I can provide a head count to Highjackers.

Our February meeting is "PIE NIGHT", a new idea for a meeting theme. Janet Hendry is the lead and she will be contacting all who signed up to bring pies.

We are planning something special for our March St. Patrick's theme meeting that will be certain to please our membership. Look for details coming soon.



## Rear Commodore - Joel Houslander

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I want to thank Ray Oaks for his service to the club and his help as I transition into my role as your new Rear Commodore.

We have 131 active members with 41 boats in the club.

73 club members are on the social committee and 58 are on the maritime. I have updated the member committee lists and added it to the FBYC Boat list on our website. If you want to change committees, just let me know. Don't forget to update your information as it changes.

FBYC Master List and the FBYC Boat List are on our web site 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.

I look forward to getting to know all our members and enjoying our social and maritime events.



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# Maritime Moments

The January FBYC Maritime event was in St Augustine Tuesday, January 7th - Friday January 10th. We had two vessels for the Maritime overnight portion. Commodore Alan Hendry and Janet, graciously served a lovely cocktail party on Catbo at the dock.

Joel and Doris Houslander were the leads for the St. Augustine event and arranged for a social at MOJO's Old City BBQ. They surprised us all and treated approximately 30 club members to delicious appetizers/light fare before heading over to the Nights of Lights Trolley Ride.

The next day about 14 of us that overnighted on boats or at hotels enjoyed beautiful weather and dining experiences.



On Sunday, January 11, 2020, the Maritime Committee meeting was a great success. The meeting was held at Cork and Pint in European Village from 2pm-4pm. There were 35 attendees. We enjoyed a light fare, including sandwiches and trays of goodies. An agenda was completed for the year and we have already started making arrangements for the first two Maritime Events.

### Maritime 2020 Calendar of Events

**Saturday February 22, 2020 Dine and Cruise Daytona.** This is an early dinner cruise (3:30pm - 5:00pm) on the beautiful Paddle Wheel Boat, Lady Dolphin of Daytona. The cruise includes dinner, dessert, unlimited soft drinks, music, sightseeing info, free parking raffle prizes. There is also a cash bar. Tickets are \$21.95 plus port fee tax and gratuity for \$29.95 total each person. You must arrive at the boat one hour prior to sailing, check in and tell them your meal choice. Boarding begins half hour before departure. there is no reserved seating, first come first served. The deadline for signup is February 5th. We want to secure the seats before they are sold out. Visit [dineandcruise.com](http://dineandcruise.com) for more information and dinner choices.

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Halifax Harbor Marina is located at 125 Basin St Suite 140 Daytona Beach, Florida (386) 402-1353

**Sunday March 8th 8:00 am to 1:00 pm Critter Fleet** - This is a Half Day Fishing Trip. Fishing gear and bait are supplied, refreshments are available for purchase on boat. You are welcome to bring your own gear and a small cooler with refreshment and lunch, no glass.

Adults \$70. —\$60. for 16 year olds and younger. Times may change by an hour due to tides. We must have a cell phone number in case the trip is cancelled due to weather. The boat is located at 4950 S Peninsula Dr Ponce Inlet, Florida 32127 (386)767-7676

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The lead is Dan Basany [dyuryb@gmail.com](mailto:dyuryb@gmail.com) (386) 338-5997 Make checks payable to FBYC or contact Dan on how to pay with PayPal if you have an account. The cutoff date for this event is also February 5th.



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I am using early cut off dates on these two events to secure both vessels for our group. If you must sign up later, please contact me, Fleet Captain Amy Krisanda 914 755-5612 [stageyourboatforsale@aol.com](mailto:stageyourboatforsale@aol.com)

**Blessing of the Fleet - Saturday April 5th 1:00pm to 4ish.** This year we will have a raft up in Cimmeron Basin and our officiate will give all of us a blessing together. Sign up sheet will be at our next meeting.

At the previously mentioned Maritime meeting, Paul Wilhelmsen brought to the groups attention a couple of groups that work to protect the waterways that we all enjoy. The Matanzas Riverkeeper Organization is dedicated to protecting the health of the Matanzas River and its watershed advocacy, education, and community engagement. If you have an interest in helping, the web addresses are:

St Johns Audubon Society - [www.stjohnsaudubon.com](http://www.stjohnsaudubon.com)

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**Maritime Tips**

**Busting Ethanol Fuel Myths**



Keeping water out of the fuel system may prevent a call to TowBoatUS for a tow.

*By Tom Burden, Last updated 6/24/2019*

**What are ethanol and ethanol-blended fuels?**

Ethanol is used as an “oxygenate” and is added to fuel to help reduce hydrocarbon emissions that cause air pollution. It is highly refined beverage (grain) alcohol, approximately 200-proof, that can be produced from natural products such as corn, sugar cane and wheat.

New technology allows ethanol to be made from cellulose-rich feedstocks including corn stalks, grain straw, paper, pulp, wood chips, municipal waste, switchgrass and other sources. Ethanol used for fuel has been denatured or rendered unsafe to drink by the addition of a hydrocarbon (usually gasoline).

The term “ethanol-blended fuel,” or E10, refers to fuel that contains 10 percent ethanol and 90 percent gasoline. Similarly, E85 refers to fuel that contains 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gasoline. E85 is intended only for engines specially designed to accept high-ethanol content fuel blends, such as the Flexible Fuel Vehicles (FFV) made by some car companies. Not all states require gas pumps to be labeled to indicate the presence of ethanol in the fuel, so you may be currently using E10 fuel and not be aware of it. There have been efforts in

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Washington D.C. to introduce gas with 15 percent ethanol (E15). More on E15 and the potential dangers it poses for marine engines later in this Advisor.

### How is ethanol made?

In the U.S., ethanol is typically produced by removing the starch or sugar portion of corn and fermenting it. The fermented starch is then distilled into alcohol. Excess water is removed, resulting in very pure, 200-proof, ethyl alcohol (ethanol). In some parts of the world, ethanol is made from a variety of raw materials. For example, sugar cane is used to produce ethanol in Brazil, while sugar beets and wheat straw are commonly used in Europe.



If you change over to E10 from non-ethanol gas, you should check for water in the water separating fuel filter. Carry spare filter elements, as ethanol is a solvent that loosens gunk in the fuel system.

### Problems with the transition to E10 fuel

The most likely time for fuel problems occurs when you first begin using ethanol-blended fuel. When E10 is added to a fuel system that has been using non-ethanol gasoline, ethanol, as a new solvent, will tend to dissolve and loosen deposits that are present in the tank and fuel system. Phase separation may occur, resulting in an approximately 50/50 ethanol and water layer at the bottom of the fuel tank. To limit problems with a changeover to E10:

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- **Check for the presence of water** in the fuel tank. Inspect the water-separating fuel filter on larger engines. If water is found, pump the tank dry from the fuel line or siphon the tank dry. Examine the fuel in a clear container. If the fuel is not clear or has a sour odor, the tank should be cleaned.
- **Add a quality cleaner** to help clean deposits in engine
- **Completely fill the tank** with E10 fuel to maximize the amount of ethanol in the tank to absorb any water present
- **Monitor filters and carry extra fuel filters** due to filter-clogging concerns

### Phase separation with E10 fuel

When E10 gasoline comes into contact with water, ethanol will allow fuel to absorb some or all of that water. This is actually somewhat beneficial, but fuel can reach a saturation point and water can phase separate to form a distinct layer in the bottom of the tank. The upper "gasoline" layer will be depleted of ethanol and have a reduced octane level. The lower "phase separation" layer will be a corrosive mix of water and ethanol. No chemical agent or fuel additive can be added to E10 gasoline, in a reasonable quantity, that will fully prevent phase separation or recombine a phase-separated layer.

### Winter storage of ethanol-blended gas

Seasonal storage with E10 fuel is another likely time for problems. During storage, fuel will tend to oxidize; it will become "sour", and may absorb water from condensation. Water-holding capacity of E10 fuel is reduced with lower temperatures, so phase separation is more likely with winter temperatures. E10 can hold approximately 0.5% water at 60°F (.64 ounces in a gallon, or 12 ounces of water in a 20-gallon gas tank), but can only hold about 0.35% water at 20°F (.45 ounces in a gallon).

If possible, store your boat for the winter with a full fuel tank. Add a fuel stabilizer to the fuel at the recommended dosage. Run the engine for 10 minutes to distribute stabilized fuel into the engine and fuel lines. Top off the tank to reduce the amount of exchange with the air that may bring in condensation. Note: Some storage facilities require that fuel tanks be empty for storage.

### Ethanol myths

**MYTH:** Fuel additives can cure or prevent all issues from ethanol-blended fuel.

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**TRUTH:** There is no practical additive that can prevent phase separation from occurring. The only practical solution is to keep water from accumulating in the tank in the first place. In addition to using high-quality fuel additives, you should purchase quality fuel from trusted sources, check fuel filters and fuel tanks periodically for sediment and water, and keep up with manufacturer-recommended preventative maintenance schedules.

**MYTH:** Fuel additives can make phase-separated fuel (that has separated into layers of water and low-octane gas) usable.

**TRUTH:** “Bad” fuel should be completely removed and replaced with fresh fuel. Nothing can rejuvenate old fuel. To prevent fuel from going bad, most manufacturers recommend high-quality fuel additives to prevent sediment, gum and varnish buildup that forms when fuel goes bad, control moisture, help prevent phase separation and prevent fuel system corrosion.

**MYTH:** Ethanol-blended fuels are bad and should be avoided.

**TRUTH:** Ethanol blended fuels (E10) are common throughout much of the United States. After the transition period from non-ethanol fuel, E10 may actually be a superior marine fuel, as it tends to keep low levels of water moving through the fuel system, keeping the system “dry”. For over a decade, marine engines have been engineered to handle E10 gasoline. However, all types of fuels should be treated if they won’t be used in a few weeks.

### **E10 only, not E15, for your boat!**

We still don’t know how and when E15 will be offered for sale, or if it will ever be sold in your local marina. We do know that you don’t want it in your marine engine, as the experts are unanimous on the subject. According to Mercury Marine: “Fuel containing higher proportions of ethanol is not compatible with many fuel system and engine components and, if mistakenly used, will cause irreversible damage to these components that will lead to engine failure and potential safety risks.” At this time, we can only warn you about the possibility of confusion and the risk of accidentally filling your boat’s gas tank with E15.

### **Keep your engine and fuel system safe**

- Do not put any fuel containing more than 10% ethanol (E10) in your boat’s fuel tank or outboard motor (EPA’s decision only applies to 2007 and newer highway vehicles),

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unless your owner's manual specifically states otherwise.

- Check the pump to be sure that it is dispensing E10. Some gas pumps at local gas stations may offer both E10 and E15, or have blender pumps that dispense mid-level ethanol fuels for Flex-Fuel automobiles. Higher ethanol fuel (E15) may be less expensive than regular (E10) fuel, but putting E15 into an E10 approved vessel could cause engine and fuel system damage.
- Many boaters who trailer their boats (about 90% of recreational boat owners in the U.S.) fill their boat's gas tank and/or gasoline can when they fill up their tow vehicle. Be sure that the gas can is filled only with E10 fuel. This will require a change of procedure when you fill up the new Silverado or Tundra truck, and then automatically top-up the tank for the wake-board boat or fill the gas can for the Evinrude.

*Thanks to the experts at Mercury Marine for technical help for this article concerning fuel system maintenance and issues surrounding ethanol-blended fuels.*

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

FBYC February Birthdays:

Joel Houslander	5 <sup>th</sup>
Rich Franco	6 <sup>th</sup>
Sandra Garcia	7 <sup>th</sup>
Kathy Imbriani	7 <sup>th</sup>
Phillip Anninos	7 <sup>th</sup>
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## Welcome to the FBYC Ship Store

Welcome to the FBYC Ship Store. We will have the table set up at the meeting in February to display our remaining inventory. You are welcome to purchase items from the table or place an order for merchandise. We will have the catalog with us at the meetings if you would like to see all the different options. 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.

See Dawn Bird or Doris Houslander for more information.

Remember too that you can always bring in your own item for embroidery for the low cost of \$9 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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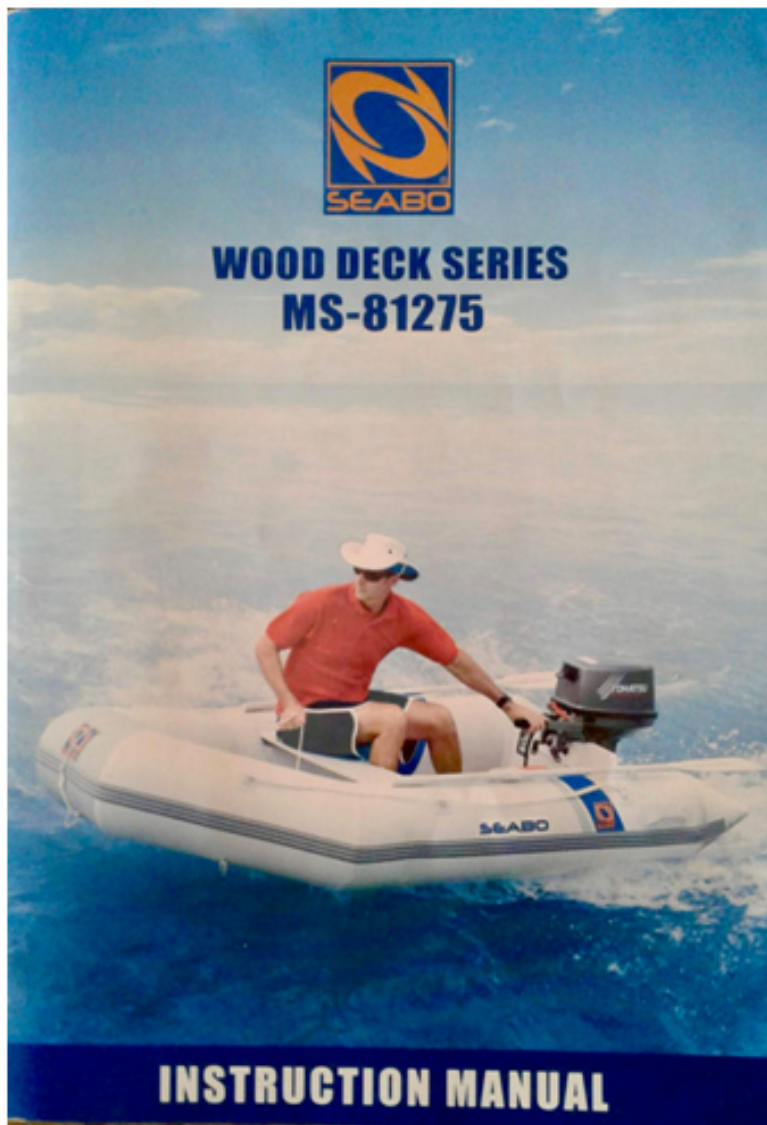


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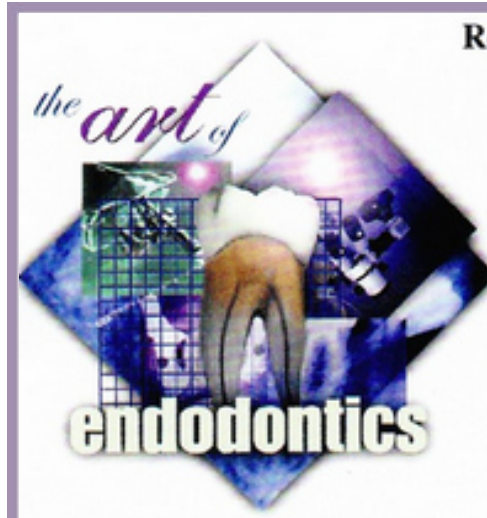
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