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## Commodore's Corner — Joel Houslander

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I wanted to thank the members who braved the cold weather and came out to the February meeting, we had a wonderful variety of baked goodies provided by Debbie Grassano from Pure Confections. Thanks again to Karen and Rich Sirbu for serving our members.



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### PAST COMMODORES



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The Board has approved the 2021 operating budget, we have developed a fiscally prudent budget with some assumptions on membership renewal and new members.

At the February meeting we also reviewed future Social and Maritime events, as our membership gets vaccinated, we are slowly seeing an increase in participation at our gatherings, it is nice to see some members we haven't seen in a while.

Our next General Meeting is Thursday March 18<sup>th</sup> at Betty Steflik Preserve, social starts at 6:00pm, the meeting starts at 7:00pm. Feel free to wear your Irish green.

Our food choice will be two different sandwiches, along with potato salad, chips and dessert. We will be sending a separate email with a google form to RSVP. You will need to complete this form and send in payment to order a sandwich.

Please answer all the questions including your Name and sandwich choice. If you are bringing a guest(s), please add their name to the notes section along with their sandwich choice. The cost is \$7.50 per member per sandwich (yes you may order more than one sandwich) and for guests \$10.00. We are asking all members to respond to the Google Form, even if you are not attending.

If you go the FBYC Web site you will see a new picture on the home page and also upcoming events, we believe this will present FBYC better to potential new members as they can see we are an active club.

The advertisement is a horizontal banner. On the left, there is a portrait of Danielle Pierro, a woman with long brown hair, wearing a dark blue button-down shirt. To her left is a circular logo with a palm tree and the text 'TRADEMARK Realty Group'. Below the logo, her contact information is listed: 'CELL: 914.760.0364', 'EMAIL: daniellepiero@gmail.com', and '101 Palm Harbor Pkwy Unit B-120 Palm Coast, FL 32137'. To the right of the portrait, the text reads 'Danielle Pierro TOP PRODUCER' with a small icon of a house and a key. Further right, the text says 'FLAGLER COUNTY THE HIDDEN GEM' and '“I don't just sell Real Estate I sell PARADISE”'. At the bottom right, there is a scenic image of a beach with two lounge chairs and a thatched umbrella under a blue sky. The name 'Danielle Pierro' is written in a script font at the bottom of this section.

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# FBYC Social News

My thanks to all that attended the February general meeting. Our Theme was Valentine's Day. Baked goods were provided by Pure Confection and what a spread they provided.



We also had wonderful response to some of our monthly events. The Putt Putt golf at Pirates Cove in Ormond Beach on March 3<sup>rd</sup> followed by a late lunch with Happy Hour at Landshark café had marvelous response.

Our day trip to Winter Park for a boat ride on the three (3) lakes and canals is set for April 24<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$12 per person. It will be followed by a late lunch at a local restaurant.

The Day of Pampering for the Ladies on May 7<sup>th</sup> had a higher response than we anticipated. Facials, Pedicures, Manicures, etc. are all provided by the graduating salon class at Flagler Technical Institute. If anyone else is interested in joining in 2 days before Mother's Day please let Karen Sirbu know at 386-225-4448.

We also announced that there will be two (2) golf outings for 2021 at Pine Lakes Golf Club. May 18<sup>th</sup> and September 21<sup>st</sup> are the dates. Sign up sheets will begin at the March meeting. Please have your teams prepared for days of sun and fun. Rich is the lead for the May tournament. We can use someone to step up and help coordinate the September outing.

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## Vice Commodore — Richard Sirbu

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Jack Cohen is the lead for the April general meeting. HotDog night is the theme. Please contact Jack as he will need a few people to back him up. Call him at 904-501-1779.

There are numerous events planned for 2021. We will keep you posted as the timing begins.

Rich Sirbu

Vice Commodore



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Welcome March, spring is soon upon us. We had a good turnout at the February meeting including 3 guest couples. This was Daisy and Tom Lucci's second meeting and after their next event the board will officially induct them into the club. New member applicants Kelly and Dru Williams (who own Crescent Watersports) also were at the meeting and informed me they are planning on sending in their FBYC Membership Application. You may remember they joined us on their boat when we went Caroling on the Canals. So they have one more event to go and I am sure the board will officially induct them into the club. Jenny and Gary Frisk also joined us and are considering joining the club.

Hopefully in the next few months we can start promoting a little more. If anyone has any ideas on how we can promote the club and try to get some more members, please let me know. As far as current members please look over the members page on the website and verify your info is correct. If you have a boat, can you please make sure I have the correct info. I am also working on a new list that has length, beam, depth, power requirements, etc. We will use this data for planning events and making sign up easier. One is so we don't have to keep asking every time you sign up and two we will have a better idea of what we have in the club.

Thank you

Jim Kelly



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## Maritime Moments

Hello to our FBYC friends!

It has taken some time to organize events this year without a Maritime Meeting and minimal people attending meetings due to COVID. Always remember you can call or email me with suggestions.

This is the list so far to make it easier to add to your calendars.

March 14, 2021, Sunday - Blessing of the Fleet, Cimmaron Basin, boats arrive at the basin at 11:20am, ceremony begins at 11:30. All vessels will be monitoring VHF Channel 68 for the Fleet Captain's directions. At 11:30am the vessels will proceed down the canal toward down the canal toward the ICW.

Our member, Christine Passiglia, who is an Ordained Minister, will once again graciously officiate our ceremony.

March 14, 2021, Sunday - After the blessing, we will celebrate with a social on the outside patio at PC Bowling Alley at 2:30 pm.

April 7 2021, Wednesday - boat ride/lunch to St Augustine. Depart 10:00 am. This is the suggested time, please adjust according to the speed of your boat. This will also include a Treasure Hunt for boaters as you travel on the ICW. Lunch is by boat or land.

May 2021 - suggestions for day boat rides and lunch to either Boondocks Restaurant, Port Orange or Caribbean Jacks, Daytona Beach. Event is by boat or land. More info to follow.

June 7-10<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Monday to Thursday, Fernandina Beach on Amelia Island. A blast will come out shortly will all the information for making reservations for your boat and/or hotel. Special rates are available. Event is by boat or land.

July 14th 2021 Wednesday - Cimmaron Basin Raft Up

August 2021 Snake Island - date TBD

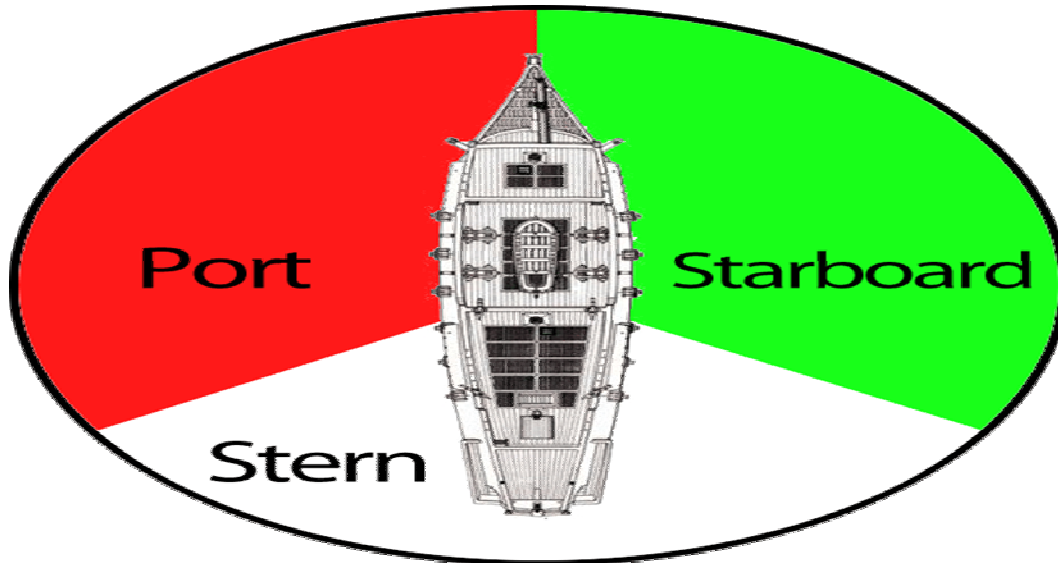
September 2021 - Overnight on boats and social at the Hammock Beach Marina. Date TBD

Jerry Imbriani is working diligently on a lunch social at the St. Augustine Fish Camp, however their dock was recently damaged. It is being repaired, once completed we will schedule an outing.

Amy Beth Krisanda

## Fleet Captain - Amy Krisanda

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## Trying to Get It Starboard

by [Commander Bob Admin](#) | Feb 16, 2021 | [Educational Articles](#)

Seamanship is not confusing. It's just a study of simple concepts, like knowing the difference between left and right. (Or is it port and starboard?) Oh well, no matter, we'll get all that ironed out today, and you'll be well on your way to impressing your friends and neighbors with your vast knowledge of directional concepts.

Let's start with the fact that at least two navigation lights on your vessel are designed to be visible to anyone approaching you from any direction between "head-on" and "22.5 degrees abaft the beam." That means that anyone coming from any point between "dead ahead" and "a little ways behind a line through the widest part of your boat side to side" should be able to see one or both of those lights. One of those lights is red, and the other is green. The red light is on the left, or port side of your boat, and covers an arc of 112.5 degrees. The other is green, and is on the starboard, or right side. So let's find an easy way to remember this. Red, port and left all are short words. Green is a longer word, as is starboard and right. Easy as pie, this seamanship stuff.

Now that we're on a roll, let's tackle "Red Right Returning." This phrase has been in use since long before I was a buoy. It serves as a tool to help understand and remember the concept of navigation where aids to navigation (ATONS) are marking channels, navigable waterways, harbors and other areas of safe or unsafe waters.

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It simply says that, when returning from the sea, keep the red navigation aids (buoys, daymarks, lights) on your right when passing by them.

So, if I'm coming into a harbor from the sea, or heading up the Mississippi from the Gulf, I'll keep red ATONS on my right, and green ones on my left. We could say "Keep the Green on your Right When Heading Back Out to Sea," but that doesn't quite have the ring to it as "Red Right Returning."

So let's see, what do we have so far? When returning from the sea, keep the red buoys on your right side. But when you take the lenses off your navigation lights to clean them, you make sure you put the red lens back on the left side where it belongs. Hmmm. We can handle that. Let's move on.

Next, let's navigate a river. We're piloting our boat up the Mississippi, with Illinois (east of the river) on our right bank, and Iowa (west of the river) on our left bank. Not quite. Convention dictates that riverbanks are always named as if the direction of travel is downstream. Therefore, as we travel up the river, the right bank is really the left bank, and the left bank is really the right bank. Of course, this concept is much easier to grasp if you're traveling downstream, which I encourage you to do whenever possible. It saves fuel, and it's easier to remember which bank is which.

Now we're traveling up the river, our red navigation light is on our port side, the red buoys are on our starboard side, and the right bank is on our left.

Soon, in a narrow part of the river, we approach the stern (that's the back) of another vessel, going slower than we are, and we decide to pass. Inland Navigation Rules state that we should sound one short blast of our horn if we intend to "overtake you on your starboard (right) side." But we don't want to stray too far to the right of him, since we know the red buoys are over there, on our right as we are returning from the sea. This, of course, means we'll be looking over the left side of the boat at him as we pass, you know, the side with the red light. And if it's at night, you'll eventually see his green light during the overtaking maneuver, and you will know when it first appears that you are indeed 22.5 degrees abaft his beam. You'll want to be sure to note that important event in your logbook. (Just joshing about the logbook entry.)

And one last thing to remember, and then you'll have many of the right-left boating concepts embedded forever in your subconscious where they belong. If you are out on an open body of water, and you see a boat approaching from your left, you generally have the right-of-way. To the other boat, you are in his "danger zone," and he must give way. He knows you're in his danger zone because he sees your red light on the left side of your boat, as he peers over the right side of his.

I think that's right, anyway.





## **FLAGLER BEACH YACHT CLUB FACEBOOK GROUP**

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Did you know that the Flagler Beach Yacht Club has a Facebook Group? The purpose of our Facebook Group is to allow members to post comments and share all their pictures of events sponsored by the club as well as personal content such as vacations, trips, family events, etc.

Don't miss out on all the fun. Come take a look and if you like what you see press the JOIN button. You will soon be approved and ready to view all the comments and pictures members have posted and be able to post your own content and pictures to share with others.

To join us write down the following link and enter in the search bar: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1414750305491695/>

Contact Jerry Imbriani at [jimbriani@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jimbriani@sbcglobal.net) or Joel Houslander at [jchous@comcast.net](mailto:jchous@comcast.net) if you need assistance.



I have volunteered and been selected to the position of Director of the FBYC Board of Directors. My responsibilities are to represent the FBYC Members at all Board of Directors meetings. I will vote and act in the interest of the general membership. Please feel free to approach me any time with your ideas or recommendations. I will take your ideas to the Board for consideration. In addition to the monthly meetings I can be reached at (386) 264-5730, or [Jimbriani@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Jimbriani@sbcglobal.net).



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

### March Birthdays

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Sherry	Lipari	9-Mar
John	Burek	10-Mar
Karen	Sirbu	10-Mar
Susan	Bereda	13-Mar
Eileen	McSherry	18-Mar
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## FBYC Ship Store

Happy St. Patrick's Day and all things green. Thank you for your continued support of the Ship Store. Those that ordered an item will be contacted when it is ready. The Ship Store will not be open at the March meeting but you can always call/email me if you would like to make a purchase.

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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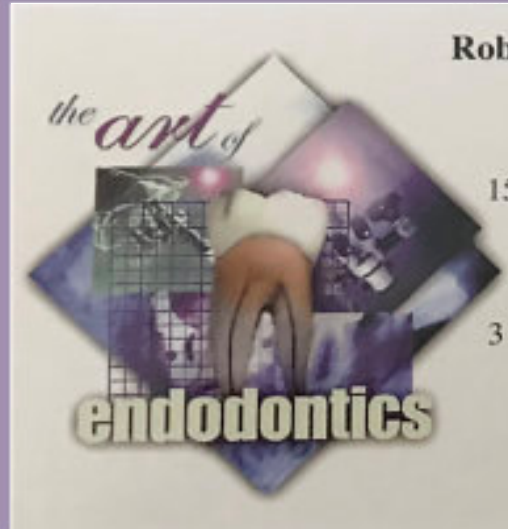
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