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Welcome to Fall in Florida, after a hot and humid summer I am sure all of our members are ready for some cooler and less humid weather making outdoor activities more enjoyable. In September we had a wonderful raft up in the old Sea-Ray basin, and our September Wine and Beer tasting was delicious with lots of great food, appetizers wine, beer and a Beautiful Sheet Cake!!



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## PAST COMMODORES



1992-1993	Tom McBride	2005	Pete Poole	2013	Randy Meyer
1994	Ed Finney	2006-2007	Mike Cocchiola	2014	Len Dignard
1995-1996	Tom Johns	2008	Claudia Towne	2015	Bob Jaeger
1997-1998	Denis Thornton	2009	Jane Gaulding	2016	Joe Lindholm
1999-2000	John Darrow	2010	Dee Cocchiola	2017	John Green
2001	Paul Van Buren	2011	Rich Franco	2018	Cindy Franco
2002	Howard Graves	2012	Greg Hansen	2019	Jeanne Meyer
2003	Pat Slattery	2013	Randy Meyer	2020	Alan Hendry
2004	George Barnett	2014	Len Dignard		

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The FBYC Election Committee announced the 2022 board candidates at the September general meeting.

On behalf of the Election Committee, I respectfully submit our proposed 2022 Slate of Officers;

Commodore – Richard Sirbu

Vice Commodore – Kim Hunt

Rear Commodore – Nick Ward

Fleet Captain – Jim Kelly

Secretary – Carol (Glitzzy) Caso

Treasurer – Doris Houslander

Past Commodore, Director – Joel Houslander

Director – Michelle Kelly

In accordance with the FBYC By-Laws: Members wishing to nominate anyone for any FBYC Board position may do so at the October 2021 General Membership Meeting. Elections will take place at the November 2021 General Membership Meeting.

**Sad news to report:**

Rod Thomas passed away on August 31, 2021. His wishes were to be cremated and the remains to be scattered at sea near his favorite fishing spot. He leaves behind a daughter, three grandchildren, one great-grandchild and his girlfriend of 9 years, Claudia Towne. No services are planned.

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Bob Thousand Passed away September 5, 2021. There will be a memorial service at the Italian American club on **Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00pm**. Bob is survived by Louise his wife of 74 years, Robert R Thousand Jr, W. Dennis Thousand (Janice), Patricia A Wenom-Thousand, six grandchildren and 10 great-grand children.

We send our condolences to the family and friends of these fine gentlemen.

Our upcoming events are listed below.

Specifically I would like to expand on the Commodore's Ball. This is our annual formal event and this year's theme will be the

# Roaring TWENTIES

at the Channel Side  
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Whoever would like to don a Flapper Dress is welcome to do so. I have heard from my wife and several of the ladies that Amazon offers very good deals on these dresses along with their accessories. Gentlemen, this is your opportunity to look spiffy in a suit and polish your shoes as was the trend in the 1920's.

Our dinner for the evening offers 3 choices: Filet of Beef Tenderloin with Bordelaise Sauce, Seafood Stuffed Flounder or Chicken Marsala. There will also be appetizers, dessert and an open bar (shhh, don't let the authorities know about that!). We will have the table seating charts at the October and November meetings which is where you will also be able to make your dinner selection or you can send me an email with your choice.

The evening includes a DJ along with a photo booth and knowing this group there will be lots of selfies taken. Check out your favorite Youtube video to brush up on the dance craze of the 20's - the Charleston, there will be modern tunes as well. The cost for this all inclusive evening is \$70 per member and \$75 for non-members. Please make your check out to FBYC, or use PayPal or Zelle (send this to Doris at 847-826-6851).

**Calendar of Upcoming Events:****October 21<sup>st</sup> - General Meeting Santa Maria Del Mar Church – 6:00pm****October 28<sup>th</sup> - Halifax Dine and Cruise****November 10<sup>th</sup> - Social at Tokyo Japanese Steakhouse****November 18<sup>th</sup> - General Meeting Santa Maria Del Mar Church – 6:00pm****December 4<sup>th</sup> - Caroling on the Canals - 11am - 1pm, picnic to follow at Herschel King Park at 2:00pm****December 9<sup>th</sup> - Commodores Ball – Channel Side****December 18<sup>th</sup> - Palm Coast Yacht Club Parade - 6:00pm**





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# FBYC Social News

What a wonderful September for events.

The General Member Meeting Featured Wine and Beer Tasting. Member comments were positively over the top with approval. Our thanks to Dedem John Burek, Jerry & Kathy Imbriani, Karen Sirbu, Carol "Glitzzy" Caso, and everyone who brought food, the many who helped with setup and cleanup.

Your support is really appreciated.



Steve Plump, as the lead, had marvelous member support for our second Golf Outing of the year at Pine Lakes Golf Club. Member helpers included Doris Houslander, Amy Krisanda, Lori Plump, Michelle Kelly, and Linda Folsom.

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Even Mother Nature supported the effort with sunny skies for the entire day. Winners include Commodore Joel Houslander for closest to the Pin for the Men. Longest drives went to Betsy Kelley for the Women and Rich Sirbu for the Men. The event winners, with a score of 1 under par was the team of Steve Plump, Tom Lucci, Tim Vlazny, & Dave Levine. Congrats to all the winners and FBYC for member support from non-golfers. What a fine event!

October looks like another special meeting for Halloween with Susie and Bill Moya along with Kris and Don Richter leading the way. Additionally Our Dine and Cruise event will be on October 28<sup>th</sup>. The lead is Jerry Imbriani.

Future events will include an evening at Tokyo Japanese Steakhouse on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Sign ups will be available at the October General Meeting.

December will host the Commodores Ball on December 9<sup>th</sup> and then Caroling on the Canals with the date being finalized. More information will follow by our Maritime Group and our Commodore Joel.

Looking forward to Happy Holidays later in 2021 and looking forward to a Great 2022.

Richard Sirbu

Vice Commodore

**Rear Commodore - James Kelly, Jr.**

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Happy Spooktober! We had a great September meeting. We inducted one new member; Dona Mastin is the newest member of the club. Please help me welcome her to the club when you see her at events and future meetings.



We have had a stellar year with new members. It's hard to keep track of everyone but remember if you see a star on a member's name tag that means they are new members.

As I mentioned we are having a stellar year with new members we had 6 guests at the meeting, and all have either turned in an application or agreed to bring it to the next meeting. So here are the membership numbers as of now.

Members      126

Boat owners 87 (69%)

Pending applications      8

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## Maritime Moments

Ahoy to our friends and guests of FBYC!

I am diligently working on events for our members. I remind you there are times some events must be cancelled or re organized. One aspect is the difficulty finding restaurants willing to take a large group. The other is the uncertainty of transient dock space for lunch. Most marinas do not take reservations. I would never want members pulling up to a dock and have to be turned away, especially after traveling along distance. Restaurant staffing is also a main concern for events.

We have postponed October's Caribbean Jacks, mainly due to the above information.

Our Maritime Event for October is Halifax Dine and Cruise Thursday October 28th. Director Jerry Imbriani has worked diligently to make a wonderful event. See last month's information if you are still interested in attending.

Sunday November 14th 2021 St Augustine Luncheon. Beaches at Vilano Restaurant. 11:30 am to 2:30 pm. The restaurant is at the base of the Vilano Bridge. Traveling by car may be easier, take Rt. 95 and return via A1A for a more scenic drive. Address: 254 Vilano Rd St Augustine.

Come by boat or land. I have contacted the restaurant. I AM WAITING FOR A FINAL ACCEPTANCE of our request of at least 30 people and 6 to 7 boats.

We have been working on finding a Restaurant to accommodate us, but I wanted this event to be sent in the newsletter.

Saturday December 4th 2021 -Caroling on Canals. More informative to follow.



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## Find the Smoothest Ride



Without Trim Tabs



With Trim Tabs

Those new to boating are often unfamiliar with the “trim”. While it simply describes the angle of the bow while the boat is under power, setting the proper trim given travel conditions can significantly increase your vessel’s efficiency, speed and comfort.

Novice operators of small and mid sized outboard powered boats often look back toward the engine(s) when setting the trim since it is, indeed, the angle of the outboard motor or sterndrive gear case and propellers that moves in response to a trim toggle switch located either on the throttle or the dashboard. While the engine angle does change, the effect is truly measured by the bow either rising or falling at speed. A properly trimmed boat neither pushes a ton of water or porpoises by bounding off waves. Instead, it runs smoothly, with firm control on reasonable turns, and leaves a tight wake in its path.

To adjust a boat’s trim, begin with your vessel on plane and the engine shaft parallel to the water surface. This is referred to as a neutral trim position. From this point, pressing the UP button on the trim control will raise your bow. Pressing the DOWN button will lower your bow.

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## Find the Smoothest Ride (Continued)

Adjust your vessel as necessary for the smoothest ride possible using slight increments. You've hit the sweet spot when the engine runs smoothly and as quietly as possible. If you have a gas efficiency display on the dashboard, you should be able to confirm improvement immediately.

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Come dressed as one of the “Walking Dead” (or as one of the lucky ones who have thus far escaped being victimized), and the best judged female and male contestants will find the prize very worth their effort. That’s the Horror part.

For the celebratory part, we will be sharing in some of the “Day of the Dead” customs practiced in Mexico. Note: this November 1 and 2 celebration is Not a Mexican version of Halloween! Rather, it is a “celebration of life”, where families welcome the souls of deceased relatives for a brief reunion of food, drink, flowers, and dance. Our Halloween snacks will be including some typical Day of the Dead yummys.

**Volunteers for this meeting are still needed.**

Please contact Susie Moya, [susiemoya@gmail.com](mailto:susiemoya@gmail.com) or 386-503-1946 to volunteer to bring Halloween snacks (appetizers or sweets). People to help set up (starting at 5:00) and clean up are also needed.

*Your hosts for social part of the evening will be Susie and Bill Moya, along with Chris and Don Richter.*







Director - Jerry Imbriani

## DIRECTOR ENTRY FOR THE OCTOBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

### SPACE AVAILABILITY ON BOATS FOR MARITIME EVENTS

There have been several suggestions to help non boaters travel on boats during maritime events. I personally have had room on my boat but didn't know how to reach out to members who would like to join us besides calling people.

I suggest using the FBYC Facebook page to communicate your availability.

Non boaters can simply state they are interested in attending the upcoming event and would like to join any boat captain that has space available on his/her boat. Be sure to include your phone number. You can offer to bring some food, drink or chip in for gas.

Boaters having space available and would like company can post their needs on the FBYC Facebook page.

You can also post other needs such as "looking for a golfer to join your foursome" or "you need some assistance with your boat".

Please understand that there is no obligation for boaters to offer their boats or respond to any general post. This is totally voluntary. Non Boaters should not be disappointed if they don't receive a response.



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

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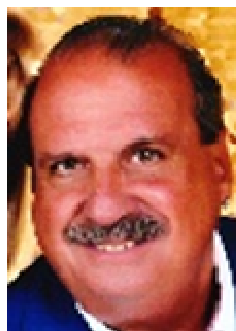
Did you know that the Flagler Beach Yacht Club has a Facebook Group? The purpose of our Facebook Group is to allow members to post comments and share all their pictures of events sponsored by the club as well as personal content such as vacations, trips, family events, etc.

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:

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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 [Jim-briani@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Jim-briani@sbcglobal.net).



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

### October Birthdays

Mike Ferreira	1-Oct
Tom Donaghy	3-Oct
Paul Wilhelmsen	4-Oct
Jeanne Ward	5-Oct
Dan Basany	9-Oct
Anne Smith	9-Oct
Judy O'Neill	11-Oct
Ray Staba	12-Oct
Doris Houslander	14-Oct
Randy Meyer	14-Oct
Dona Mastin	19-Oct
Jim Kelly, Jr.	23-Oct
Betsy Kelley	24-Oct
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Stop by the Ship Store for help in selecting the product for you or feel free to drop by U Name It. Joe knows FBYC and will help you make the best choice for your needs. You may also bring your own items there and they will engrave or embroider them for you.

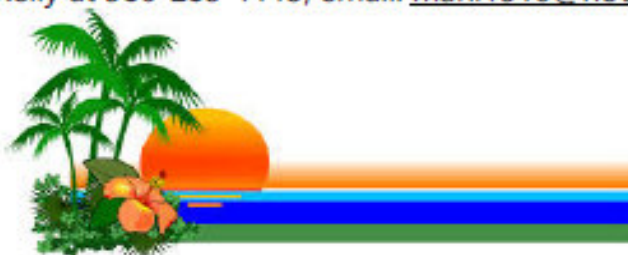
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## Claudia Towne

Claudia was born in the Bronx, NY. She attended Hunter College and graduated with a B.A. Degree.

Claudia's husband Gene proposed to her while he was in the Navy and then received a three-year tour to duty to Hawaii. They got married in 1967 and Claudia moved there with him. Their next move was to Connecticut where they lived for 25 years.

Life on the water began with their first boat, a 30' Hunter Sailboat. As boating enthusiasts, they bought several boats, including a 28' Bayliner and then a 21' Boston Whaler, after moving to Palm Coast. Soon after they purchased a 30' Main Ship Pilot

which took them on many journeys through Key West and the Bahamas.

They joined our club in 1999 soon after moving here and with that they played a large role in our clubs' success. Claudia served as the Club's Secretary for 3 years, then Rear Commodore, Vice Commodore, the first woman Commodore and finally Past Commodore Director. That is the ideal example of a dedicated member "fleeting up". Her devotion

and accomplishments are greatly appreciated. She was responsible in creating a computerized membership list while she was secretary. More recently she was the Chair Person of the Past Commodore's By-Laws Committee, resulting in our most recent set of published FBYC By-Laws.

Gene was involved as a Fleet Captain and before that as Flotilla Commander, for several years. The Flotilla Commander assisted the Fleet Captain in all maritime events as the event leads do today.

Claudia and Gene were married 41 years when he passed. She is extremely involved with her friends she acquired through the years and still enjoys our boating events. She loves her two cats, Cassie and Skylee. She plays Bridge, enjoys Ballroom Dancing and belongs to the Italian American Club.

She has captured the essence of a model member and for that we love her and are forever grateful.

Written by Carol Dignard



## Nick and Jean Ward

Nick and Jean joined our club in 2020. They met in 2002 in Atlanta Georgia and were married in 2005. They brought to their marriage a son and two daughters with two grandchildren.

Jean was born in Brooklyn, NY. She spent her childhood years in Chatham, NJ. She graduated with a B.F.A degree in Art History and Design from the University of Illinois and later earned her Masters of Education from North Georgia State University. She taught Special Ed for 15 years before retiring. Her career in interior design nourished her talent as a Pastel Artist. She now belongs to a Pastel Artists group in PC. Her love for boating led her to Nick and they now share their life enjoying their 25' Catalina Sail Boat.

Nick was born in Biloxi, MS and traveled his early life with his family as an Air Force brat. He graduated from the US Naval Academy in Annapolis MD with a degree in Aerospace Engineering. He was a helicopter pilot on a Navy destroyer, as well as a Supply Officer. He worked as a project manager for General Dynamics in San Diego and later worked for Lockheed Martin in California and Atlanta as a Program Manager. After retiring from the Naval Reserves in 2016 he and Jean moved to, what they both considered "Paradise", Palm Coast.

Nick worked for a Master Shipwright near Lake Lanier, GA which inspired him to start a Yacht Repair business there, and continues to this day, here in PC.

Their love for fishing and boating led them to joining the FBYC and a local Fishing Club. With such an interesting background, they make a wonderful addition to the fabric of our club.

Written by, Carol Dignard



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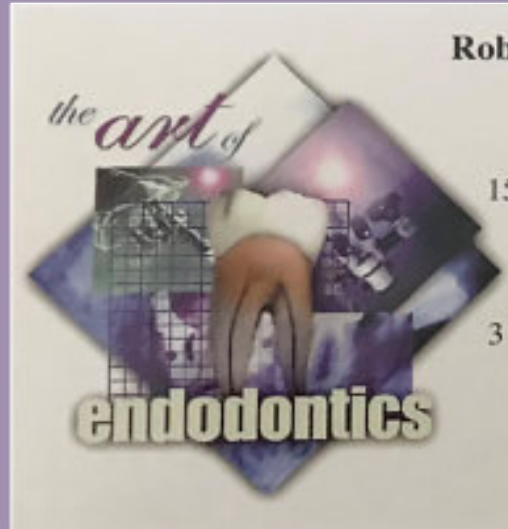
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