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## Commodore's Corner — Richard Sirbu Commdore@FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com



What great fun the Irish/St. Patrick's Day theme at the March General Meeting.

Our thanks to Jeanne Meyer as the lead and her wonderful team... Janet Hendry, Anne Smith, Jeanne Ward, Jerry Imbriani, Linda Folsom, Karen B, Randy M, Darla A, Jack Cohen, Joel H, and Quin.

My thanks to Kim Hunt for such a wonderful General meeting and monthly events. Also to Jim Kelly for his Maritime events including the training day with the Coast Guard. To Nick Ward adding 4 new members. We are pleased that the opportunities for our members continue to provide innovation, quality, value and service for all.



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**BYLAWS REVIEW:** We are beginning a process to review our existing Bylaws. We would appreciate any member Involvement and input. We are asking for participants for a committee to look into this. Please contact Rich Sirbu to discuss your participation.

**WEBSITE REDESIGN:** The Board has looked at our current website and feels that we have an opportunity to make it more user friendly, eliminate some portions that are not performing such as the links to other sites, and that can provide more of what FBYC offers to new prospective members. Again, if you would be interested in participating in this endeavor please contact the Commodore (Rich Sirbu).

**30<sup>th</sup>ANNIVERSARY:** As a major factor in boating in Flagler County, FBYC is celebrating our 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday/Anniversary in June. The Board planning on two (2) days of events that will begin at the general meeting in June 16<sup>th</sup>. This will be followed by a second day event that currently planned as a surprise but will be provided in plenty of time for everyone to participate.

**NEW BENEFITS:**We are looking to add many new member benefits for your use...providing products and services that members can utilize but at discounted rates as you use them. This program is just beginning so keep a watch as this begins to blossom over the coming months.

**NEW MEMBERS IMMERSION PROGRAM:**New members often need a minimum of a year or more before they begin to really feel comfortable. We want to speed up that process. As one Of our members at the General meeting stated “it took quite awhile before they began to really understand FBYC”. To that end, there are surely numerous people who have had the same experience.

We are therefore developing a program whereby we will introduce prospective and new members with the benefits of membership and have them participate in committees and meet as many members as they can...socially and from a boating prospective. We will continue to utilize the U.S Coast Guard to perform numerous training programs for everyone’s benefit and participation. We want then to enjoy themselves thru their friendships and their use of all that FBYC has to offer our members... Maritime, Socially, and Personally.

**GENERAL MEETING LOCATION:**Back to Santa Maria del Mar Church ongoing for 2022.

**2022 IS OUR YEAR TO ENJOY THE NUMEROUS BENEFITS THAT FBYC HAS TO OFFER!**



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**COMING EVENTS**

- March 30 Tomahawk Restaurant, 2535 N. State St., Bunnell
- April 3 Vessel Safety Check by the U.S. Coast Guard  
Recommended for all boat owners.
- April 14 Bonfire at Jungle Hut Beach
- April 21 General Meeting at Santa Maria del Mar Church  
Jack Cohen for his Annual Hot Diggity Dog - Franks Dinner
- April 23 Blessing of the Fleet, Cimmaron Basin, followed by raft-up
- May 12-15 New Smyrna Beach Boat or Car trip
- May 19 General Meeting, Chili Cook-off, Lead is Toni Mincin
- May 25 Martin's Restaurant, 2000 Ocean Shore Blvd. Flagler Beach  
Enjoy the new upper deck and the Wonderful Ocean Views.
- June 16 General Meeting, 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration begins.
- June (TBD) FBYC Anniversary Celebration Continues...Event, Date, Time, And Location  
(to be announced)

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# FBYC Social News

Mark your calendars for fun FBYC social events The general meeting on March 10 was a huge success. Special thanks to Jeanne Meyer and Nancy Epstein and their slew of leprechauns. Lots of paddy wackery and shenanigans going on.

March 30 finds us at Tomahawk. We will gather at 5pm 2535 N State St Bunnell. Come ready for axe throwing and karaoke. The menu is beef tips, Mac and cheese and a vegetable. The meal is \$25 p/p. They have a full bar.

April 14 is a night for star gazing and wave watching on the beach by the Bonfire. We will be at Jungle Hut at 6:30. Janet Hendry is lead and she and Alan have done all the research. Tide and moon should be perfect. Bring your chairs. Only one table will be there and that is for S'more assembly. All the tools for S'mores will be provides. Feel free to bring anything else you feel brave enough to roast.

The world famous Jack Cohen hot diggity dog do is on for the April 21 general meeting. The meeting is scheduled for Santa Maria del Mar. Jack can still use some help with set up and clean up.

May 19th general meeting is the super cool chili cookout. Lead is Toni Mincin co lead Phill Hunt. They are asking for 8 contestants. Great prizes and bragging rights are on the line so bring your best.

May 25th we will be dining at Martins on Flagler Beach. We will be seated upstairs in the newly renovated bar that overlooks the ocean. No firm menu plans at this time but they suggested a prime rib caving station and a vegetarian option.

We are working on a golf outing in May. More details to follow



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WELCOME ABOARD to our newest members the Pinettes (Ilyse and David) and the Smiths (Debbie and Don)! Unfortunately David wasn't able to attend the meeting, so that's not him in the picture with Ilyse, it's yours truly instead.



Ilyse Pinette



Don and Debbie Smith

They have all been included in our numbers for the past two months, so the totals haven't changed:

Total Boat Owners 97

Total Members 130

Percent Boat Owners 74.6%

Pending Applications 2

Available memberships 18

With 18 memberships available, I can't believe our 130 members don't know anyone else who would like to join us! Our Commodore did a great job of summarizing the benefits available to our group (see Relative Bearings above) . I'm only aware of 8 people who have expressed an interest (and/or have attended at least one event) but who have not yet submitted an application. Let's invite some friends to check us out – perhaps at the upcoming Bonfire at Jungle Hut on April 14th? Please be sure to let Vice Commodore Kim know if you're bringing guests so she and Lead Janet Hendry will make sure they get fed.

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And if your friends have a boat, invite them to the Blessing of the Fleet on April 23rd and let Fleet Captain Jim or Lead Victoria Roach know so we can get them in the lineup. I'm confident that there will be enough blessings to share! And just as a reminder, be sure to have the check out our website ([www.flaglerbeachyachtclub.com](http://www.flaglerbeachyachtclub.com)) for info on the Club and upcoming events.

Fair winds (I'm still a sailor at heart!),

Nick Ward

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# Maritime Moments



Hello again from your Fleet Captain. March was a great month with some nice boating days, hopefully you were able to get out and use your boats. Our March Maritime event was a trip to Fernandina Beach. We had several boats signed up but due to weather and breakdowns we only had two boats make it. We did however have a great turnout of people staying at the hotel. The weather turned out to be great after the first day. We enjoyed a very informative trolley ride and several days of good food and beverages, thank you Alan Hendry and Rich Van Dort for all your work putting this together. Some members partook in a Tide clock making art class which was very fitting for a boat club event, they all looked great. Thank you, Lynn Van Dort for arranging this.



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We have two maritime events scheduled for April. The first one is a Vessel Safety inspection which is being conducted by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. This event will take place at Herschel King Park on April 3<sup>rd</sup> the time is still being discussed. The second event is the Blessing of the Fleet followed by a raft up in the Cimmarron Basin. This event will take place on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12 o'clock. A blast will be sent out soon with info for those who have not signed up yet. For those participating please reach out to members that no longer have boats and see if they would like to join you. The raft up is a great maritime and social event and not very far to travel to participate. Hope to see all the boat owners there.

As the Fleet Captain and a boat owner I am aware of the many issues that can come up with boat ownership. I would like to mention that this club has a wealth of knowledge when it comes to boating. Whether it be maintenance, handling, electronics or all the above. Don't be shy to ask members for advice or help. If you're not sure who to ask you can ask me and I will try and match you up to the right people. With as many members this club has, I am sure someone has had the same issue you might be having and be more than willing to assist.

On a final note, and not to take away from Nick our Rear Commodore. We still have openings for new members, so if you know anyone that has a boat (especially overnight boats) and are looking to have a good time let them know about the club. Invite them to a meeting or an event.

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## Coast Guard Minimum Equipment Requirements

Information taken from Yachts360.com

There are three advantages to staying on top of the minimum requirements set forth by the Code of Federal Regulations as it pertains to boating:

1. The first, and most obvious advantage is that compliance with the regulations ensures your vessel is outfitted with at least the minimums in terms of safety equipment for boating.



2. The second reason to adhere to regulations is the cost of noncompliance. The average boating safety violation that leads to a citation can cost you anywhere from \$30-\$150 depending on the agency issuing the citation.

The third advantage is to save yourself the embarrassment and hassle caused by receiving a citation! A simple way to see where your boat stacks up in terms of regulatory compliance is to request a [Vessel Safety Check](#) or VSC. A VSC is a free and voluntary check of your boat and its safety equipment. This check is completed through the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and is performed only with the specific consent of the owner/operator who is present at the time of the examination.

Seasoned boaters often note that law enforcement agencies will at times pass up a boat with a current VSC decal when conducting routine boardings. This allows you to enjoy your day on the water rather than being subject to an inspection while under way.

Before you schedule your Vessel Safety Check, let's review the minimum safety equipment requirements which are based on the size of your vessel:

### **Personal Floatation Devices**

- **<16'**: One (USCG Approved) Type I, II, III, or V per person on board (readily accessible and sized for the user).

- **16' to 165'**: One (USCG Approved) Type I, II, III, or V per person on board plus one Type IV throwable device. Throwable device must be readily accessible.

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## Fire Extinguishers

### No Fixed System

- **<16'\* to 26'**: One B-I any type. Fire extinguishers are required on any boat with enclosed fuel or engine spaces, enclosed living spaces or permanent (not movable by one person) fuel tanks.
  - **26'-39.4'**: One B-II or two B-I.
  - **40'-65'**: One B-II and one B-I or three B-I.
- 65'-165'**: One to eight B-II (depending on vessel weight) plus additional requirements in spaces with machinery (46CFR25-30.20).

### Fixed System

- **<16'\* to 26'**: No portables required
  - **26' to 39.4'**: One B-I
  - **40' to 65'**: Two B-I or one B-II
- 65'-165'**: One to eight B-II (depending on vessel weight) plus additional requirements in spaces with machinery (46CFR25-30.20).

## Visual Distress Signals on Coastal Waters

- **<16'\***: Night signals required when operating between sunset and sunrise.
- 16'-165'**: Minimum of three day-use and three night-use or three day/night combination pyrotechnic devices. Non-pyrotechnic substitutes: 1 orange flag (day-use) and 1 electric SOS signal light (night use).

## Sound Producing Devices

- **<16'\* to 39.4'**: Horn or whistle recommended to signal intentions or position. Under Rule 33 of Nav Rules, boats <20m must have a means of making an efficient sound.
  - **40'-65'**: Bell no longer required
- 65'-165'**: One bell not less than 300mm for boats larger than 20m and one whistle or horn required to signal intentions or position.

## Backfire Flame Arrestors

**<16'\*-165'**: One (USCG Approved) device on each carburetor of all gas-powered engines built after April 1940 (except outboards). Arrestor should be kept clean to prevent contamination from propagating a flame.

## Ventilation

CG-Standard powered system required on gas-powered vessels with enclosed engine spaces built after April 1980 (Boats built before 1980 must have either natural or powered ventilation in the fuel tank compartment).



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## Navigation Lights

### Under Power

- Side, stern and masthead lights required.
- Boats 16' and longer must also have a 360° all-around white anchor light capable of being lit independently from the red/green/white running lights.

Sailboats under power are considered powerboats and must follow the “under power” rules.

### Under Sail

- Sidelights and stern light.
  - Boats under sail <20m (65.6') can substitute a tri-color light for separate sidelights and stern lights.
- Sailboats under power are considered powerboats and must follow the “under power” rules.

### Rowing

Sailboats and powerboats <7m (22.9') long and traveling at <7 knots can substitute a white lantern in place of the required lights.

### At Anchor

360° all-around white anchor light capable of being visible for 2nm (unless in a chart-designated anchorage).

### Visibility Range

- **<16'-26'**: 1 nautical mile side lights, 2 nautical miles all other lights
- **26'-65'**: 3 nautical miles masthead lights, 2 nautical miles all other lights
- **65'-165'**: 5 nautical miles masthead lights, 2 nautical miles all other lights

## Pollution Regulations

- **<16'-26'**: No plaques required
- **26'-165'**: 5" x 8" oil discharge placard and a 4" x 9" MARPOL trash placard. (Vessels over 39.4' must also have a waste management plan.)

## Marine Sanitation Devices (MSD)

- **<16-65'**: Vessels with installed head facilities must have an operable CG-Certified Type I, II, or III MSD. Any “Y” valve installed for overboard discharge must be positioned or affixed in such a manner as to prevent accidental discharge of untreated waste into water.
- **65'-165'**: Type II or III MDS only



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## Navigation Rules (Nav Rules)

- **<16'-39.4'**: Familiarity with the rules is recommended but not required. Boaters should be familiar with the Rules of the Road for crossing and overtaking situations as well as meeting other vessels head on.
- **39.4'-165'**: Required to have aboard a current copy of the USDOT USCG International Inland Navigation Rules.

\*To include canoes and kayaks

## Summary

While the above list may look extensive, it has all been put in place to keep you and your crew safe in case of an emergency. Boating stores often have “Coast Guard Packages” which cover most of the basic and will have free handouts, [such as this document](#), which visually explain requirement.



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

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Our embroidered products are still offered through:

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## John And Lillian Senik-Loudermilk

To familiarize you with this couple, John has been the FBYC's Web Master since its inception. He created and has maintained our FBYC Website and Newsletter, "Relative Bearings", since they joined our club in 2005.

Lillian was born in Detroit, Michigan, where she became a Paralegal and decided it was too cold in Michigan for her liking, so she moved to Southern California and took a job with the Federal Government closing banks down for the FDIC. She did everything from closing banks, worked as a supervisor at the Immigration Office in CA and managed the Department of Defense Office in Santa Barbara, CA. She finished out her Government career in Jacksonville, FL as a supervisor in the Department of Labor.

John was born in Huntington, West Virginia. After graduating from Marshall University, he served a tour in the US Air Force, and ended up in California where he spent the next 46 years. During this time he began his career working in the computer field. He was the Data Processing Manager for Coca Cola Bottling of Los Angeles responsible for computer operations. He has owned several computer software companies over the years and for fun owned a horse racing Information Company that produced a weekend horse racing radio show for over 24 years. After moving to Florida he started an on-line business called Exotic Western.com, featuring the sale of exotic western boots and accessories.

With mutual interests, John and Lillian met each other at a Corvette Club in Orange County California and then in 1999, followed that with a Corvette Wedding including 24 classic Corvettes. They are still involved with Corvettes and are active members of the Flagler County Corvette Club since 2003.

John and Lillian moved to Palm Coast in 2003 from Southern California. Then two years ago, they moved to a sky house (condo) in Daytona Beach.

Their love and passion for history has influenced their many years of travel. They have been to Europe 15 times, and Canada several times until Covid-19. Over the past two years they have traveled the US to get out and about visiting many of our beautiful National Parks.

John's interests are in cars, airplanes, trains, and other people's boats. Lillian's interests are cards, casino gambling and travel. She loves music and has always been a big "Guns & Roses" fan.

Together they make an interesting couple. So, in between traveling adventures and business pursuits they are still loyal to our club, and a great couple to get to know.

Written by Carol Dignard



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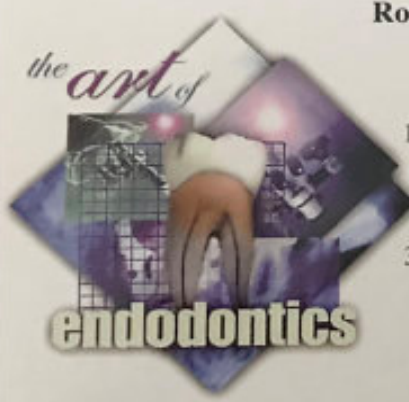
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