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Commodore's Corner — Richard Sirbu

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As I mentioned at the general meeting, after my surgery, I am taking a leave of Absence to recuperate. Jim Kelly will handle the responsibilities of Commodore during this period. Once my doctor releases me back into a normal schedule I will resume my responsibilities.

Boat Show: My thanks to all members who participated in manning our booth at the Boat Show. We had an excellent response. Several of the people that we met were at the May General meeting. Rear Commodore Nick Ward will provide further information.

From Jim Kelly:

In Rich's absence/recovery, I will be the acting Commodore. For any matters that need to be addressed please reach out to me instead of Rich.

June is a special Month for the FBYC. The Club is 30 years old this month. For the founding members I would like to Thank you for starting this club. And for all our members Thank You for all you do to keep this club alive. In today's times with everything going on, a lot of clubs are starting to dwindle away, but the Flagler Beach Yacht Club is still going strong and is in a position to continue to keep going and that is all because of the great members we have. So Happy 30th FBYC and Cheers to many more years to come.

We have a few things planned for the coming months (Social and Maritime) so hopefully everyone can come and participate.



Chili Winners

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Calendar of Events:

June 4 th	Suddenly in Command Class
June 16 th	General Meeting 30 th Anniversary
June 18 th	Raft Up, Cimmaron Basin
July 10 th	Sabrage Charter trip St. Augustine
July 18 th	Snake Island (Matanzas Inlet)
July 21 st	General Meeting
August 10 th	Hammock marina social/maritime event
August	No General Meeting



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FBYC Social News

Ahoy Hearties Vice Commodore's Crow's Nest news.

The general meeting with annual chili cookout was loads of laughs and fun. Len Dignard took first place, Ilyse Pinette second and Jeanne Meyer third. All The social at Martins on May 25 was a big hit. The food and service were



great, and we had a great turn out and everyone had a good time. We also had three couples that are new applicants attend.

Come celebrate the 30th year of Flagler Beach Yacht Club on June 16th at the next general meeting at Maria del Mar Catholic Church. We have plans to make this a memorable event. Food and dessert will be provided by the club. To continue the 30-year celebration we have booked the Sabrage in St Augustine. The cruise will be catered, and we have a DJ scheduled. The cost for the trip is \$90 for members and \$100 for guests.

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Vice Commodore — Kim Hunt
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We will set sail at 6pm for a lovely sunset evening on the water. The cost does not include libations. Drinks will be available on board.

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Congratulations to Ilyse Pinette and Richard Sirbu who brought guests to our General Meeting on the 19th! Ilyse brought Leslie Vanucci and Syd Caruthers, and Richard (and Karen) brought Alex Wodchis, Jenny Runis (Rich's nurse) and their daughter Sophia. Also attending after being introduced to our club at the Boat Show were Bruce Miller and Maryann Lemery, and Ruthie and Jim Russo. Alex/Jenny, Bruce/Maryann and Ruthie/Jim have all submitted applications. Great work all!

It was a pleasure to induct Jeff and Susie Studstill, friends of Victoria Roach and Harry Bolton – and soon to be



friends of all of us, I'm sure. Susie did herself proud with her entry in the Chili Cook-off. Way to jump right in to club activities, Susie!

That brings us to a total of 134 members, with 8 pending applications, meaning we only have EIGHT more openings for new members. There are already 4-6 people who have expressed a serious interest in our club but have not applied yet. So here's the bottom line:

IF YOU WANT YOUR FRIENDS TO JOIN OUR CLUB, GET THEM TO APPLY IMMEDIATELY! And get them to the events! As soon as they attend an event, they get put on the Blast list so they are informed about upcoming events and the latest changes. But it's important for YOU to make sure they get the word. "Sponsor" them during their pre-induction period so they can get onboard as quickly as possible.

Note: For prioritizing the applications, I go by the date the application was submitted. Just to be clear, we're not just trying to "pack" the club: We are looking for fun folks with boats who like to hang out with other fun folks (US, of course!) both on and off the water. Why else would anyone want to join?

Fair winds, Nick



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Maritime Moments

Happy June! Well for those of you with Kids and Grandkids “SCHOOLS OUT” and time for summer break. Some of us it means finding things to do with them here in town and for others it means traveling out of town to visit. Either way if you can get out on the water, DO IT. This area is great for getting out on the water (even though we don’t have many restaurants to go to). We have fishing, islands, and many little coves to anchor up and enjoy the day.

As I am typing up this article ,I saw another article about 15 deaths on the water this weekend and the weekend isn’t over yet. If you haven’t noticed I am pushing water safety this year. We all love our boats and being on the water, but we need to make sure we are safe and come home from our time on the water. We have a good relationship with the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and they offer a lot of classes for beginners all the way to more advanced training. They do not require a lot of people to hold a class like some groups, so if you are interested, please reach out to me or anyone on the board and I will get you set up.

As for club events.

May was the boat trip to Beaches in Vilano, it was a fun time. The food and service was good. We had a good social turn out but unfortunately not so good for boats. Between mechanical, medical, and availability issue the Imbriani’s saved the day by coming on their boat. Thank you, Jerry.



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Fleet Captain — Jim Kelly

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We are having two events this month. The first one goes along with my safety training for the year. We are having a “Suddenly in Command” training class presented by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. This class is geared towards spouses who typically don’t run the boat but is open to all members. In this class You will learn about your vessel, nomenclature, and operating principles such as starting the engine, basic boat handling, and your on board equipment. Included descriptions of what causes boating mishaps and how to minimize them. This course is a must for family members in case something happens to the boat operator. I encourage all spouses to attend this class. The class is Saturday June 4th from 9 am to 1:30 PM at Santa Maria Del Mar church in Flagler Beach. If interested please let me know so we have enough materials for everyone. There is no cost for this class.

The second event is a Raft up at Cimmaron Basin on June 18th at 2pm.

Hope to see everyone on the water

Jim Kelly

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NEWS from BoatUS

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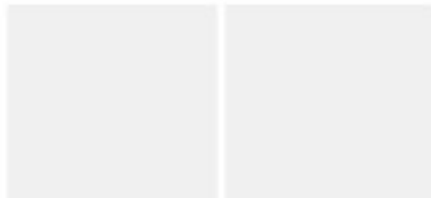
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Boating Season Kicks Off This Weekend: 3 Things Boaters Get Wrong With Spring Commissioning

Find out the one thing that 60% of boat owners admit they forgot



BoatUS knows how many boaters have actually forgotten to install the boat drain plug when launching.

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Keeping an eye on your boat's sacrificial anodes may help identify stray current in the water (Credit: Stacey Nedrow-Wigmore/BoatUS)

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SPRINGFIELD, Va. May 24, 2022 – You made it through your long to-do list of spring commissioning items and you're ready to go in the water this Memorial Day holiday weekend – the traditional kickoff to the summer boating season. Boat Owners Association of The United States ([BoatUS](#)) says don't forget these three often-overlooked steps that could bring your season to a screeching halt.

1. Don't get hosed. Aged hoses and fittings below the waterline are the single most common [cause of sinkings – especially early in the season](#). Biggest culprits? Corroded fittings, old hoses, rusty hose clamps, leaking stuffing boxes, and split bellows (on inboard/outboard-powered vessels). Before launching, using a bright light and mirror to take a good look at all your hoses and bellows (drive and shift cable) to ensure they are in good condition. Hoses should fit snugly and be double-clamped where possible. Clamps tend to corrode on the bottom where it may be hard to see. Inspect thru-hulls for corrosion or cracking, and make sure seacocks operate easily so you can close them in an emergency. Immediately after launching, check everything again.

2. A matter of anodes: Much of the value of any recreational vessel is its propulsion system and nearly every recreational vessel has anodes — or [zincs](#) — those bolted-on sacrificial chunks of metal (made from zinc, aluminum or magnesium) that protect the running gear from its own self-destruction in the form of galvanic corrosion. Don't forget to inspect or replace anodes if necessary, and keep an eye on them over the season. The rate at which an anode deteriorates [may indicate stray current in the water](#).

3. Yes, you did forget the plug: It's one of the most common mistakes made by boaters in the spring, most often at the launch ramp. In a recent survey of BoatUS members, more than 60% of the nearly 1,500 respondents admitted to forgetting to insert the drain plug at some point in their boating lifetime. Having a boat launch checklist can help – laminate it and use a snap ring to connect it to your boat ignition keys so you will always have it ready.

BoatUS has a range of [Spring Commissioning information, including an essential checklist, here](#).



Note from the Treasurer:

Your annual membership is due for renewal on June 30, 2022.

You can send payment via check, PayPal or Zelle.

Check: Make payable to FBYC, \$50 per person; \$100 per couple. Bring your check to the June meeting or you may mail your check to:

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Our printed or foil burgee is currently available on t-shirts and koozies through our own member Mike Ferreira. Other products could be made available upon request. Stop by the Ship Store to see these new products.

And don't forget to order your 30th anniversary t-shirt! Shirts are \$25 and come in blue, black or grey. Ladies t-shirts have a v-neck and men's t-shirts have a crew neck. Please email us ASAP!



If you have questions or would like to place an order at any time, please contact us at:

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Michael & Ruthanne Ferreira

This is one of our newer members who moved to Palm Coast in 2017 and then joined our club last June. They retired to Palm Coast after living and working in California for 40 years. They make a great addition to our club and their experience in boating is quite impressive....

Ruthanne was born in Jersey City, NJ. She attended NYU for her Undergraduate Degree in Occupational Therapy and moved to California in her twenties, attending UCLA for her Graduate Degree in Healthcare Administration. She worked and retired from Kaiser Permanente Southern California (HMO), after 30 years of service in management roles.

Michael was born in Fall River, Massachusetts, moving to CA in his teens. He attended Long Beach City College for his Undergraduate Degree in Radiology, and then attended Cal State University, Long Beach for his Graduate Degree in Healthcare Administration.

They started boating together after meeting at the Seal Beach Yacht Club in Long Beach CA, a club with a membership of 350 boaters. Mike was Rear Commodore at the time, and was in need of racing crew for his 25 ft Catalina sailboat. Ruthanne had been sailing and racing for 10 years, and was looking for a boat in Long Beach to race on...and yes she could do foredeck. They now have been boating together and married over 27 years.

During their thirty years of membership with the Seal Beach Yacht Club they both have gained many years of boating and sailing experience. On one of their adventures, they participated in a boat race called Transpac, it went from Long Beach, California to Honolulu, Hawaii. Both have held the position of Commodore in the Seal Beach Yacht Club; Michael in 1994 and Ruthanne in 2002. Over the years they have owned a variety of vessels; the original Catalina 25', a Catalina 38', a Catalina 42' and most recently a 23' Sea Fox named VIXEN (female fox).

They are enjoying life in Palm Coast and with their primary interests being in boating, socializing and making new friends, which makes them a great fit and a fun couple to get to know!

Written by Carol Dignard

Jeanne and Bill Nix



You are all about to go on a journey, so get comfortable and here we go.

Jeanne and Bill have had such an interesting life together. I am sure you will agree.

Jeanne was born in Arlington, Mass. She attended Arlington HS and earned a scholarship to Smith College in Northampton, Mass. She majored in History and German, then furthered her education by studying in Germany for one year.

Then, in 1975, she went to graduate school at Georgetown University in Washington, DC, earning her Master's degree.

After college, Jeanne worked for Bell & Howell as a Sales Administrator for the

International Dept and was hired by, no other than, Bill Nix. They worked

together and dated for two years and then married in 1977. After they started a family she was a stay-at-home Mom and together had four children. She later decided to get her teaching certificate and in 1993 became an English and Social Studies teacher. She taught 12 years in Orlando and started at Matanzas High School the year it was opened, 2005-2006. She retired from teaching in 2018, but proud to be a Pirate!

Bill was born in Chicago, IL. At the age of five, Bill had a terrible accident while playing in a construction zone and lost his left thumb from falling cinder blocks. A worker quickly drove him to the hospital with the finger in ice, hoping to save it. After 8 weeks in the hospital, they failed to fully re-attach it. Bill feels that it was an event that would save his life in the future. While in the hospital, his dad would come there once a week and show movies with his projector to cheer up the children.

His family moved to East Meadow, Long Island in NY, where he attended high school. After graduating, he wanted to enlist in the Navy but unfortunately, he was rejected because of, you got it, his thumb. It saved him from going to Vietnam.

He attended North Park University in Chicago, after his family moved there, and earned a degree in Economics and English. To pay for his education, Bill worked as a live-in parent for children that had only one parent who couldn't afford to care for their child. Bill lived with the family and helped them in the care they needed.

After graduation he worked at Bell & Howell in International Sales and for the next 30 years worked in the Electronic Security industry all over the world. His work took him on an amazing journey - just ask Bill to see his Passport!

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Dealing with prominent politicians and generals, in the arms industry, he, of course, needed a High-Level Security Clearance.

From the age of eleven, Bill has always had a boat. His first boat was a JC Higgins purchased from Sears with a 3 ½ horsepower Sea Witch motor. Then a 26' Sea Ray named Two Olives, and then 32' Sea Ray Sundancer which they had when they joined our club. In between, they owned a 21 ft Buccaneer sailboat, a tequila sunrise hobie cat, a Hurricane pontoon boat, and a Hurricane sun deck.

For the past 45 years of their marriage, boating has been the center part of their lives together. They recently towed their boat 3200 miles to Wisconsin to teach their grandchildren waterskiing and tubing. They have 4 grandchildren and another on the way.

They had one goal, which they have not yet achieved, but still have time to do so - that is to do the GREAT LOOP. If you are a boating enthusiast, then you know what that is. If not, just ask the NIXs!!

By the way, Bill and Jeanne are enjoying their “golden” years the same way they started - working together. Bill has been a realtor since he left his marketing career in 2012; Jeanne joined him in 2018.

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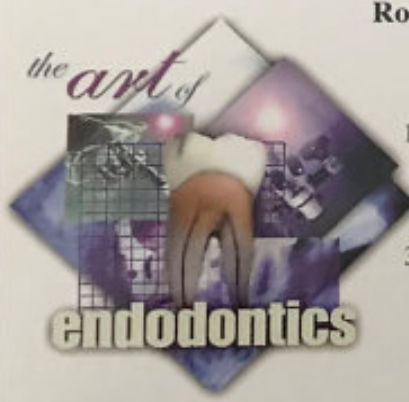
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