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



The weather has cooperated and boating season's wonderful. We have had the training program by the U.S. Coast Guard that was conducted on February 26th. We saw the induction of several new members into FBYC please see the Rear Commodore's Article). Valentine's Day theme was a tremendous hit with everyone guessing the members in the photos from their earlier years. We had three (3) winners...Jean Ward, Nancy Epstein, and Charlie Folsom. My sincerest thanks to Vice Commodore Kim Hunt, the setup and cleanup staffs and to everyone who participated in making this one of the

best Valentines Days that I can remember...Kathy Imbriani, Janet Hendry and Lynn Van Dort out did it with such spectacular decorations, the photo board and Aprons that made it a really memorable event. Thanks also to Jeanne Meyer and Jerry Imbriani for taking photos at the events.

At the General meeting the members were introduced to the seven goals that the Board of Directors have established for the 2022 term. You can review those anytime. After the General meeting a fun time was had by all at the Beachfront Grille for dinner...another excellent suggestion from Kim.

COMING EVENTS

MARCH

10 - General Meeting held at the Women's Club on Central Ave., Jeanne Meyer Lead

15 to 17 – Fernandina Beach Maritime Event (Contact Jim Kelly)

24 - PuttPutt Challenge with lunch at the North Turn (Contact Kim Hunt)

APRIL

14 - Bonfire on the Beach at Jungle Hut

21 - General Meeting (Location TBD) Jack Cohen Lead -Hot Dog Event

23 or 24 - Blessing of the Fleet Followed by Raft Up (Place TBD)



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MAY

19 – General Meeting with the Chili Cook off (Place TBD)




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FBYC Social News

We are looking forward to more gatherings at the Golden Lion. The food, music, service and fun people made for an enjoyable evening.

February’s general meeting may have lacked food but made up for it in fun. Kathy Imbriani, Janet Hendry and Lyn Van Dort organized a challenge with couple pictures from the past. They also made goodie bags for everyone. Congratulations to Nancy Epstein, Jean Ward and Charlie Folsom for winning the Guess the Couple contest. The pictures were amazing.

Mark your calendars for March’s general meeting. The meeting will be March 10 at the Flagler’s Women’s Club 1524 S Central Ave. We will begin at 6pm. Wear your green and if you have not been in touch with Jeanne Meyer please do so. She needs your sandwich preference and your \$8 for members and \$10 for guests.

We are hoping to have a social at the North Turn in Daytona Beach on March 24. Due to race week and bike week the restaurant has not been able to meet with us to firm up plans. As you can imagine they are busy and if we are unable to book we will have Plan B. Several fun options available.

An evening by the fire is on April 14 with rain date of April 15. Gazing at the waves and starrng at the stars by the bonfire while eating s’mores will be at Jungle Hut. This adventure will be worthy of a diary entry. In other words lots and lots of fun. Janet Hendry is lead and can use help.

April general meeting is planned at Betty Steflick park with the famous Jack Cohen hot dog extravaganza. Sign up sheets will be available and Jack could use help before and after with set up and clean up.



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If it's true that "Time flies when you're having fun" then I must be having a LOT of fun! I can't believe it's March already. The Fernandina was just a planning exercise "yesterday" and now it's here and about to happen. Does anyone else ever feel that when you wish time would go faster so you can reach an anticipated event, you're just wishing your life (time) away? I guess "You can't have it both ways" is just as true as my first quote. Will someone please tell my wife that I was Right, twice in one paragraph? Thanks!

As your RC it is my privilege to manage the membership process, tracking prospective members attendance at the three required events (1 social, 1 maritime, and 1 general meeting), providing applications, getting nametags and bungees and assembling the New Member packets. At the February meeting our Club inducted four new members. Welcome Aboard to Darla Allison, Rick Allison, Victoria Roach and Harry Bolton!





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Unable to attend last month and to be inducted at this month’s meeting are llyse and David Pinette, and Debbie and Don Smith.

Keeping track of who has been where is not a trivial exercise, so please make sure that your guests sign into the events, and don’t forget to introduce them to me (and the other Club members, of course!) so I can keep the records straight.

As you know, we need 75% BoatOwners before we can induct new members who do not own boats. In calculating the BoatOwner/NonBoatOwner ratio, I am including the Smiths and the Pinettes, all BoatOwners.

Total Boat Owners	97
Total Members	130
Percent Boat Owners	74.6%
Pending Applications	2
Available memberships	18

If you have friends who would like to join FBYC, please contact me for applications. I will have them available (the applications, not your friends) at all of the General Meetings, or I can mail them to you. Actually, in this case you CAN “have it both ways”!

Nick Ward

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Maritime Moments

Welcome to March!!! Spring is in the air! While we didn't do much as far as boating in February, we did have a "Boat America" class that was put on by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. We had 22 members participate in the class. It was a long day with a lot of great information. Everyone that attended seemed to enjoy the class and all passed and will be receiving their Florida Safe Boating License. We are working with the USCG Auxiliary to provide some more training classes and a Vessel Safety inspection. Look for those blast to be coming out soon.

The March maritime event is the overnight trip to Fernandina Beach. Alan Hendry and Rich Van Dort have done a great job planning and coordinating everything for this trip. For those that signed up we look forward to seeing you there. For those that have not we have unfortunately past the cutoff date for the Hotel and Marina. If anyone would like to come to the Sandbar Restaurant Wednesday March 16th at 4:30 or for the trolley tour on Thursday March 17th at 1:30 we still have room. If you are interested in either, please contact Alan or Rich.

Our April event is the Blessing of the Fleet. This event will be in the Cimmaron Basin on April 23rd, time TBD. Following the blessing we will have a raft up in the Cimmaron Basin. For those of you that have not done a raft up it is a fun event to bring you boat out and socialize.

The May trip will be another overnight trip, this one will be to New Smyrna Beach. The marina only has six slips available so if you haven't signed up and would like to go by boat, please contact myself or Marsha Berry so we can put you on the list. There are several hotels and B&B in the area for people to come by car or for the day boaters, you can leave your boat at the marina and stay at one of the Hotels or B&B's.

For those of you that couldn't attend the February meeting, I mentioned my plans / goals as Fleet Captain for the year. One of them being planning events to use OUR boats and getting a better member turn out and the second to provide boat handling and safety training to our members. While a lot of us have several years of boating experience some of the members do not. And just because you've been doing it for long time doesn't mean you can't learn something new or get a refresher. The start of this is the "Boat America" class I talked about in the beginning of this article. While we had some that where new to boating, we had a lot that came for a refresher. This training was provided by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. This is one of the many classes they provide. Below is a list of classes. The nice part is they will come to us and provide the training for any classes we would like. So please look at the list and the length of the class (some of them are in-depth classes) and let me know what everyone is interested in.

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U.S. Coast Guard Training

Course	Length	Audience
<u>Boating Skills and Seamanship</u>	8 to 13 lessons	Power Boaters
<u>Boats N' Kids</u>	Variable	6 - 12 year olds
<u>GPS for Mariners</u>	8 hours	All boaters
<u>Introduction to Basic Boating Safety</u>	2 hours	Novice Boaters
<u>Kids and Paddle Craft</u>	Variable	6 - 10 year olds
<u>Paddler's Guide To Safety</u>	Varies	All boaters
<u>Personal Watercraft Course</u>	1 hour	All boaters
<u>Sailing Skills & Seamanship</u>	8 to 13 lessons	Sailors
<u>SSS - Boating Safety</u>	2 hours	All Boaters
<u>SSS - Inland Boating</u>	2 hours	All Boaters
<u>SSS - Lines & Knots</u>	2 hours	All Boaters
<u>SSS - Powering Your Boat</u>	2 hours	All Boaters
<u>SSS - Weather and Boating</u>	2 hours	All Boaters
<u>SSS - Your Boat's Radio</u>	2 hours	All Boaters
<u>Suddenly In Command</u>	4 hours	All Boaters
<u>Waterfowl Hunting and Boating Safety</u>	2 hours	Hunters
<u>Waypoints</u>	1 hours	6 to 10 year olds
<u>Weekend Navigator</u>	8 to 13 lessons	All Boaters

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One last topic on the side of safety. One of our members had an unfortunate accident with his dock and lift recently and asked me to inform the club to try and prevent this from happening to anyone else. The issue was both I-beams for his lift broke while getting into his boat. He was lucky and only sustained some minor but painful injuries it could have been worse. Please inspect your docks and lifts. This lift was only five years old and had anodes on it to help prevent this from happening. So again, main point is, make sure you look at your dock and lifts and service as needed.



Thank you
 Jim Kelly
 Fleet Captain



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March Safety Newsletter

Article taken from BoatUS.org

BoatUS: New U.S. Coast Guard

Fire Extinguisher Regulation Effective April 20

***12 year expiration for disposables and
different carriage requirements for older, newer model year vessels***

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Feb. 15, 2022 – A rite of passage for every boater is the annual spring commissioning. Newly added to the boat owners to-do list this spring will be to check all disposable (non-rechargeable) fire extinguisher dates of manufacture, as well as the label for their U.S. Coast Guard classification.

That's because a [new U.S. Coast Guard regulation beginning April 20](#) for disposable fire extinguishers mandates a 12-year expiration date from the date of manufacture. Boaters can find the manufacture date stamped into the bottom of the bottle or near the UL label. This may be two or four digits — if it is two, as in 08, that means 2008. Additionally, while the new regulation does not change the type (U.S. Coast Guard-rated) or quantity or requirement for USCG approved fire extinguishers aboard, it does specify the minimum Underwriter Laboratory (UL) classification of extinguishers to be carried aboard certain vessels — depending on the boat's model year.

This is the result of phasing out older “B-I” and “B-II” labels for newer “5-B” “10-B” and “20-B” extinguisher classifications. The number in this new rating refers to the size in square feet of the potential fire the device is suitable to extinguish and not the exact weight of the dry chemical inside the bottle.

Vessels on the water today that are less than 26 feet and model year 2017 or older may continue to carry older, dated or undated “B-I” or “B-II” disposable extinguishers. However, when they are no longer serviceable or have reached 12 years of age since manufacture, they must be replaced with newer class “5-B” or greater extinguishers. Boats less than 26 feet and 2018 model year or newer must carry unexpired “5-B” “10-B” or “20-B” fire extinguishers. Having older “B-I” and “B-II” types do not meet the new carriage requirements.

Many retailers today offer “10-B” class fire extinguishers, which may be a good choice as they exceed U.S. Coast Guard minimum carriage requirements for boats under 26 feet, while at the same time giving boaters more extinguishing coverage. For boats 26 feet or greater, however, having one “10-B” aboard does not equal two 5-Bs.

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Only a “20-B” classification meets the requirement to carry two “5-B” extinguishers. For a look at how many and what type of fire extinguishers are needed aboard all recreational boats up to 65 feet, go to BoatUS.org/Fire-Extinguishers.

BoatUS strongly recommends going beyond the regulation’s minimum requirements. [The results from a Foundation-sponsored boat burn showed](#) that one extinguisher may give very little time to make an emergency call or potentially prepare to abandon your vessel.

BoatUS also notes that most U.S. Coast Guard disposables on the market today carry at least a dual B:C rating, able to douse both liquids and electrical fires, and some boat owners wisely prefer triple rated A:B:C extinguishers, adding a third protection for combustible fires.

To be serviceable, a portable extinguisher must have a pressure gauge indicating an operable range, lock pin firmly installed, clean discharge nozzle, and no significant corrosion or damage. Some more recently manufactured portable fire extinguishers aboard boats today may carry both old and new labeling, for example, having simultaneous “B-I” and “5-B” classifications.

There are no changes to rechargeable or fixed-mount (i.e., engine room) extinguisher regulations. They continue to require regular maintenance and servicing, typically done annually by a technician.

“This new U.S. Coast Guard expiration date regulation aligns with the 12-years recommended by the National Fire Protection Association,” said BoatUS Foundation Assistant Director of Boating Safety Ted Sensenbrenner. “We expect that the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and United States Power Squadrons [vessel safety check](#) program will soon include this new regulation as part of their free, no-penalty vessel exams. Because this change affects a critical piece of safety equipment aboard your boat, we also expect the U.S. Coast Guard will initially focus on education. You may want to start checking extinguishers now while your boat may be ashore this winter.”

Sensenbrenner adds, “Also take a look now to ensure your fire extinguishers are readily accessible. You can [buy only the bracket](#) if you don’t have one and mount your extinguishers where they need to be — at points of egress, at the helm, and near the engine and fuel supply. Burying them in the bottom of a compartment ensures they will be hard to reach when you need them the most. Familiarizing yourself with the [PASS method](#) (Point, Aim, Squeeze, and Sweep) will prepare you for fighting a small fire aboard.”

For more information on the new requirement, as well as frequently asked questions and an infographic, go to www.uscgboating.org.

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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Amy Beth Krisanda	3
Sherry Lipari	9
John Burek	10
Karen Sirbu	10
Susan Bereda	13
Eileen McSherry	18
Nancy Oakes	23
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Eileen and Joe McSherry

Eileen and Joe are lifetime members of FBYC and have contributed to it's existence since early 2000.

They moved to Flagler Beach in 1997 and then moved to Palm Coast in 2000, where they presently live. They joined the club as social members, sponsored by many of their friends.

Through the years they served our club in numerous ways, one of which Joe will always be affectionately remembered as, FBYC's Soda Boy. In past years, the club provided soft drinks and water for all general meetings and on-land events. Joe physically made these beverages available in ice chests, bringing them to each and every event for everyone to enjoy. He also

was our go-to chef at many of our picnic events. We will never forget his efforts and devotion.

Eileen was born in Manhattan, NY and Joe in Brooklyn NY. They crossed paths on a blind date and were married in 1961. They have been happily married for 60 years.

Eileen went to St. Catherine's Grammar School in Queens NY, then to Andrew Jackson HS and on to Stonybrook University. She worked at a Bank in Brooklyn, and then the American Carpet Institute before meeting Joe. She enjoys reading and pastel painting. She and Joe enjoyed attending the Palm Coast Art League which has since closed due to COVID.

Joe attended P.S. 57 in Bayridge Brooklyn, then on to Boys High after which he enlisted in the US Navy at the age of 17 years. After serving our country for four years, he then held several jobs. His last job was with White Rose Food Co. where he retired after 30 years.

They have 4 children and 9 grandchildren and are patiently waiting for a great grandchild.

They have been more than just members in good standing, they are more like a great couple to call loving friends.

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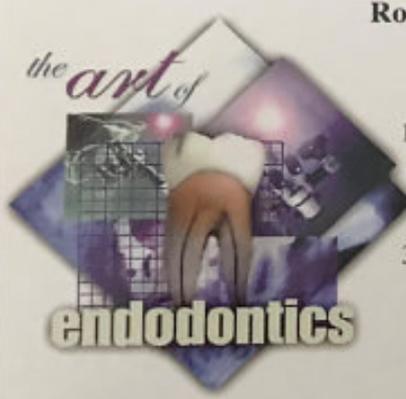
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