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



What a wonderful month it has been. The weather has certainly helped is to enjoy our Bonfire on the Beach (thanks Kim) and our Blessing of the Fleet + Raftup and our Coast Guard Training Class. (Thanks Jim).



Board of Directors Nominating Committee: We are looking for members who would like to participate in the nominating of the Board members for 2023. This is one of the most critical committees within FBYC and one that you should seriously consider. The committee will operate beginning in June. Please contact Commodore Rich Sirbu if you would like to be a member of this group.

New Members: We are going to use May, June, and July General Meetings plus outside events to expand our pipeline for potential members. To that end we are requesting that all members to please bring at least one (1) potential new boat owner to one of the meetings. Please contact Nick Ward to let him know who you are bringing and for which meeting so that we can have enough food for them.

Boat Show: We have sent a blast to all members about FBYC participation at the May Boat Show at Marina del Palma, May 7& 8 from 9am to 6 pm with free parking and free entry.



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This is an excellent opportunity for us to be able to meet new potential boat owners who might be interested in joining FBYC. Also, it's a great opportunity to spread the word about FBYC to residents of Flagler County. **We are also looking for some helpers who can provide 1 hour to help man/woman our booth.** Contact Rick Ward or Rich Sirbu if you can help. Also, you have been invited to bring your boats down to Marina del Palma as they have newly built slips that you can use to anchor your boats.

FBYC 30th Anniversary: Kim and the Board has really put together a wonderful 2 day program to celebrate FBYC'S 30TH Anniversary. We will have a party at our June meeting. Then the possibility of a Catamaran adventure in St. Augustine on July 10th with fun , food, swimming, sailing, entertainment and so much more. Please contact Kim to signup.

New Member Immersion Committee: We have 5 members who will be joining the committee to initiate our new member immersion program in to FBYC. We will keep you advised and introduce highlights of this program during our May, June and July general meetings. If you have any suggestions please contact Nick Ward who is leading this new adventure for current and new members.

Nick Bereda: Thank you to Nick for contacting a provider for maritime products. He was able to get us cards that show that FBYC members can get excellent pricing but also a 10% discount when we use their services. This is also something that Joel is working on to bring ADDED BENEFITS FOR ALL FBYC MEMBERS.

Commodores Ball – The 2022 event will beheld on December 16, 2022 from 5:30 pm to 10 pm. The theme is “Hollywood Elegance”. We ask you to dress as your favorite movie star.

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COMING EVENTS

- MAY 19 General Meeting – Chili Cook-off
 25 Martin's Restaurant – 2000 Ocean Shore Blvd. FB.
 Maritime - New Smyrna Maritime Event CANCELLED.
 TBD New Event to be Announced
- JUNE 16 General Meeting – 30th Anniversary Celebration Begins
 TBD Maritime First Mate Coast Guard Training Class
 TBD Beaches Restaurant Vilano Beach – Maritime
 TBD Maritime Raftup Matanzas Inlet
- JULY 10 30th Anniversary Celebration Continues, St. Augustine
 Catamaran Event. More Info to be announced.
 21 General Meeting – Theme TBD
 TBD Victory Casino Social Event
 TBD Island Rivers SwampHouse Event
- OCT 1,2,3 Maritime Event – Homewood Suites - St. Augustine
 Reserve your boating slips quickly Contact Rich Van Dort

Vice Commodore — Kim Hunt

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FBYC Social News

Vice Commodore's Social Corner

The bonfire was a blast. The setting was perfect and the company superb. Due to positive feedback we will be doing this again in the fall. Thanks to Janet Hendry for all her hard work on this event. We had 34 attendees for this special evening under the stars.



Once again Jack Cohen outdid himself at the hot digity dog bash at April general meeting. Set up and clean up was a breeze thanks to all those that came early and stayed late. What an amazing crew pitching in always. May General Meeting is the chili cook off. Plan to come for some great variations and flavors and really good chili. Toni Mincin is lead and Phill Hunt is her helper. They said they need cornbread and desserts. We have scheduled a social at Martin's on Flagler Beach. We will be gathering on May 25th at 5pm. Martins has undergone many renovations and they are putting a menu together for us. It will be diverse and something for everyone. As you all are aware FBYC will celebrate 30 years in June.

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We will have a celebration at the June General meeting. Also to add to the momentous occasion we have planned an outing on the Sabrage located in St Augustine. It is a 63' power catamaran. Our plan is to have a DJ and catered food to really make it a grand party. Cost are being determined based on head count. This function is scheduled for July 10. Its a lovely vessel and will be a lot of fun. Also in July we hoping to put together a journey on Victory Casino. Details to follow



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We now have 129 members with boats and a 74% number of boat owners.

We are looking at expanding our membership to the maximum 150 members. To that end we are looking to our existing membership to help us bring in new prospects of boat owners at the May, June and July meetings. If each of you can bring in one (1) qualified prospect to our General Meetings we would have a wonderful opportunity to qualify them and allow them to see what we do in the way of Boating, Maritime and Social events.

The upcoming Boat Show is another excellent opportunity for us to meet new prospects who are boat owners. At the same time we can spread the word and improve their knowledge of who we are and how great this organization and its members really are. To that end we are asking for 1 hour of your help to help us show who we are and what they can gain from being a member. Please contact me if you will help us for just an hour of your day.

Also, think about how much fun you can have looking at the new boats that will be on display. It's a DAY of FUN that gets you out of the house and talking about what we do best...BOATING. What a great opportunity that our Commodore was able to get for us.

Nick Ward

Rear Commodore



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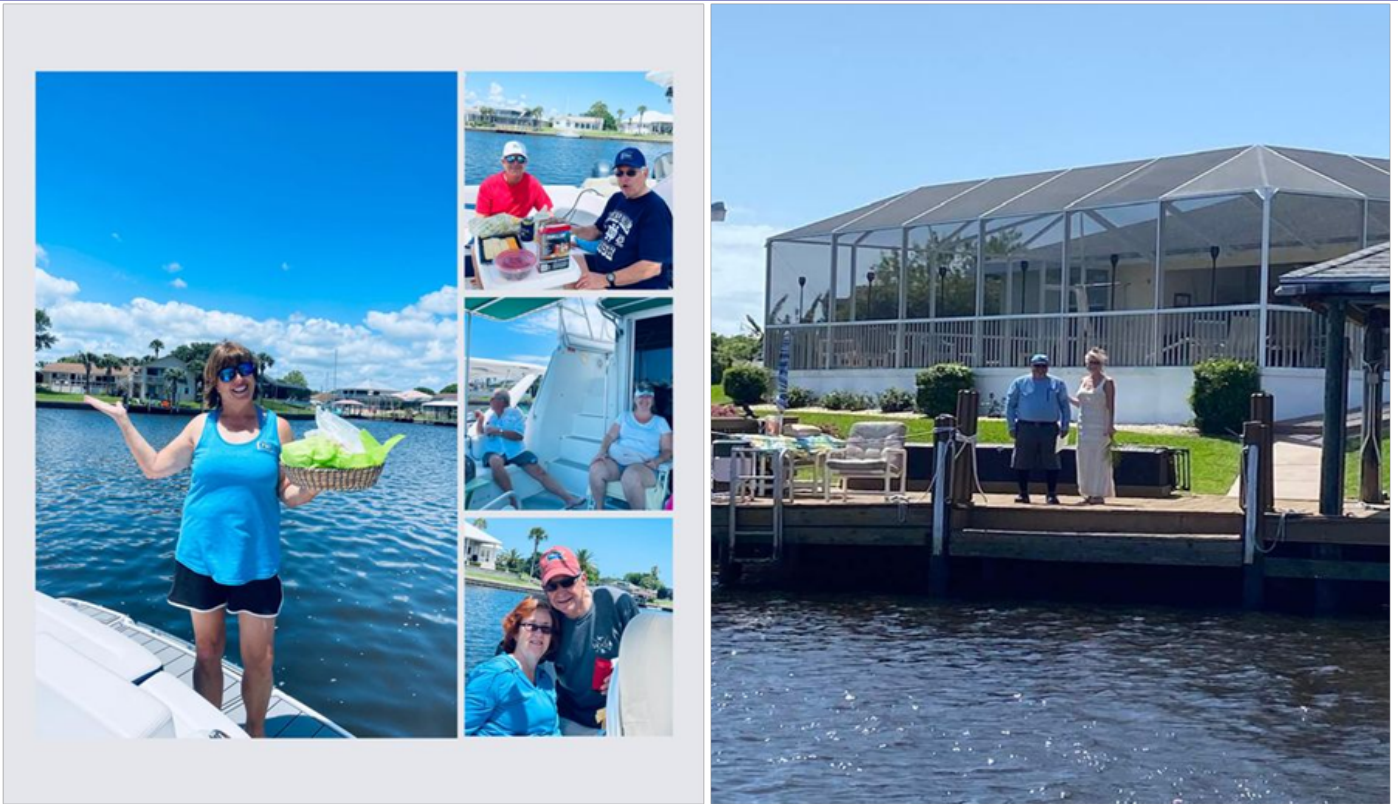
Maritime Moments

Hard to believe we are in May already! April was a Busy month. We had two Maritime events. The first one was a Vessel Safety check that was conducted by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. This was a good event, everyone that attended learned a little about what they look for and they also talked to everyone and gave some good general info about boating. For anyone that was not able to attend they are more than willing to come to your residence or wherever your boat is and do an inspection. If your interested, please contact me and I will help arrange a date and time.

Our second event was the Blessing of the Fleet and Raft-Up. We had 14 boats participate in the Blessing and 9 boats stay for the Raft-up. It was a beautiful day on the water, and everyone had a great time socializing. We look forward to planning more raft-ups in the coming months so stay tuned for more to come. I would like to thank my leads Victoria Roach and Nick Ward for putting all this together, Christine Passiglia for conducting the Blessing, and Jerry Imbriani for setting up the use of his neighbor's dock. I truly appreciate the help.



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The next few months are still being planned due to some scheduling issues and locations so please bear with us as we try to deal. May was planned for New Smyrna Beach but we were limited on boat slips and the Hotels were unwilling to work with us on a price, so we had to cancel. We were then Planning on a trip to Otters in St. Augustine but then found out they closed the restaurant. So, I am now working on going to Beaches Restaurant in Vilano Beach. A Blast will be sent out as soon as they confirm.

June will be a “First Mate Training” event. This is a something new that I don’t believe has ever been done before. The purpose of this event is to allow spouses to get training and familiar with operating a boat without their significant other standing beside them telling what to do. The last thing anybody wants is for something to happen and suddenly you’re in charge and need to handle the boat. It could be you need to drop the anchor, use the radio to call for help, or must drive the boat. With this event we are working with the Coast Guard Auxiliary again. They have a class that is call “Suddenly in charge” which covers a lot of information. After the class we plan on going out on the water letting everyone practice what they leaned without your spouse on board. This is to hopefully let everyone relax and ask the questions and do the things you might feel uncomfortable asking or doing on your own boat. More to follow on dates and times once we finish coordinating with all the parties involved.

July is going to be a Raft-up at Matanzas inlet. Dates TBD

See you all on the water

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Here in Florida, we get to boat pretty much year-round. So, when people mention Springtime and getting there boat out of storage and ready usually doesn't apply to us, Or does it! There are things that should be inspected and checked yearly that "Spring commissioning" usually makes it easier to remember. But again, we live in Florida so some of the items are easy to forget about. Here is an article that goes over some things that should be done at least once a year.

Spring Boat Maintenance Tips**(Article copied from Seastarsolutions.com)**

With spring on the horizon your thoughts are no doubt beginning to turn to your boat once more with thoughts of warm summer days out on the water with friends and family.

To ensure these days go without a hitch it is important to get your boat ready for the season ahead by making sure it is in a safe condition and is running efficiently. As part of this process you should thoroughly inspect and address a number of items on the boat.

FUEL TANK

If you have a gas tank it would be a good idea to empty it and refill with fresh fuel as gas goes off over time. If you have a diesel tank, as long as you filled it full before the winter to avoid condensation it should be fine to go.

Visually inspect the gas tank and fuel lines for any corrosion.

Check the primer bulb if you have one and make sure it is firm and strong. Replace the bulb if you notice cracks or if it collapses. If you didn't replace the fuel filter/water separator before the winter this should be done now.

When filling up with a fresh tank of gasoline, you might consider using a fuel treatment such as Sierra's eGuard to help with fuel economy although you should always check with your engine manufacturer before using additives.

BATTERY

Since the cold weather can greatly deplete your battery, it's important to allow it to fully recharge. If the battery is over two years old you may want to replace it.

Battery cells should be checked and filled with distilled water if required.

Visually inspect the terminals for corrosion and clean them if needed.

OIL & LUBRICATION

Replace the oil and oil filter if it wasn't done in the fall.

Inspect the oil injection unit and clean or replace it if necessary.

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Inspect the prop shaft and lubricate it if needed.

Re-lubricate all necessary parts.

Check the condition of the lower-case oil. If the oil appears milky or cloudy, it is likely there is a leak in one or more of the lower unit seals. This should be addressed quickly, as water in the gear case can lead to expensive repairs.

COOLING SYSTEM

With inboard engines you will need to check the cooling system. If you drained the system before winter it should now be filled up. If you left the cooling fluid in over the winter it should be drained and refilled with the recommended fluid.

Check hoses leaks and signs of cracks or wear. Replace if necessary.

ELECTRICAL

Check spark plugs and wires for damage. If one needs replaced, your chances are relatively high that another one will go bad soon, so save time and replace them all. TIP: When you disconnect the ignition wires, be sure to remember the cylinders to which they correspond. With larger motors this can be especially important because the timing is set to fire the cylinders in a certain order.

Check all electrical components to ensure they are clean and free from corrosion.

Inspect fuses and replace those that may have damage.

Check all instruments are working and repair or replace if necessary.

Check cabin and navigation lights are all working.

PROPELLER

Pull off the propeller and inspect for any damage or fishing line.

TIP: Make sure you keep track of the order you remove the washers, nuts, sleeves and adapters. This will ensure an easy reinstallation once you're done.

ANODES

Inspect the anode on your engine and replace it if there appears to be heavy corrosion. An anode that is in good condition will keep the parts of your engine that sit in the water from corroding.

HYDRAULIC STEERING

If your boat has a hydraulic steering system like BayStar, SeaStar or SeaStar Pro, check fluid level and that it is all working correctly and there is no lag or spongy feel in the system.

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Check the tilt and trim fluid for the proper fluid levels and address any leaks prior to launching the boat.

See our Steering Maintenance articles on this site which give more details for both hydraulic and mechanical steering systems.

CABLES

Inspect your boat's steering, shift and throttle cables. Make sure they are all moving freely. If you notice any cracks or bulges in the outer jacket of the cable, this could indicate corrosion and warrants replacement before to taking your boat out on the water.

HULL

Inspect the hull for damage, cracks, blisters and get repaired if necessary. Wash and wax to get it looking great!

Antifouling – if you keep your boat in the water it will need a new coat or two of antifouling following the appropriate preparation.

MISC

Check ropes, dock & anchor lines to make sure they are in good condition and not showing signs of wear.

Check safety equipment such as flares and fire extinguishers are in date.

Are all lifejackets/floatation devices in good order?

If you trailer your boat give the trailer a thorough check too. Make sure the brakes are working well, inspect the tires and ensure they are at the right pressures, and check all lights are working. Also check for rust

If you have any doubts about any of the above points we recommend getting your boat checked by the professionals.

And don't forget, maintenance is an ongoing thing. Take the time to give your boat's systems a quick check every time you go out on the water. A few minutes looking things over will help you catch little problems before they become big ones.

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 individual or \$100 per couple, mail to:

Doris Houslander
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To send via PayPal or Zelle you can use my email address dahouslander@gmail.com or my phone number, 847-826-6851.

You may also bring payment to the May or June meeting. If you have any questions please contact Doris Houslander, FBYC Treasurer, at dahouslander@gmail.com or 847-826-6851.

Thank you!



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

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Marsha Barry and Russ Jones

Marsha and Russ have been in our club since April 2006. Everyone knows them and how much fun they add to our lives. Their story is pretty amazing.

For those members that are new, they have played an active role in all club functions with loyalty and dedication.

Get Set.....Here we go!

Marsha was born in Wichita Falls, TX. She attended elementary and middle school in Burkburnett TX and graduated from Burk Burnett High School. She was active in all sports, especially in High School. She was employed as a hairdresser for several years and decided to pursue another career and become a Nurse.

She attended Wichita Vocational School and became an LPN. She relocated to Oklahoma City to further her career. She was employed at St Anthony Hospital and furthered her career in Nursing. She received her Associates Degree in Nursing from Rose State College. She then went on to complete her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing at Southern Nazarene University. During this time, she met Russ.

Russ was born in Charleroi, PA attending Monessen Elementary and High School. He followed that with earning a Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Engineering at Louisiana State University. In 1968, after college, he enlisted in the US Air Force and attended OTS and became a pilot. He spent one year as a Forward Air Controller, piloting a single engine prop aircraft in Vietnam. He flew a Cessna O1E in which his mission was to fly low to attract enemy fire thus locating positions for the fighter/bomber jets to attack.

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After Vietnam, Russ was assigned to Wright Paterson Air Force Base, in a KC135 Air Refueling Aircraft Unit.

After 4 years in the service, Russ starting working for the FAA in CA with positions that included Air Traffic Controller in CA, a Flight Inspection Pilot in Seattle WA, Sacramento Ca, Tokyo Japan, Fort Worth TX and Oklahoma City OK.

In 1987, on Russ's birthday, Marsha and Russ were set up for a blind date which started out shaky with Marsha standing him up. Fortunately, they got together the next day and straightened things out. From there it was a classic start to the perfect example of the old saying, "Opposites Attract" generating many laughable memories.

With the early ups and downs, they made it work and are now celebrating 32 years of marriage. It's made their lives together adventuresome and exciting.

They both have a child each, 4 Grandchildren and 7 Great Grandchildren.

They have been living their lives in Flagler Beach since 2006, enjoying the love of boating and traveling. They have had 4 boats, a 26' Bayliner, a 34' Rinker, 27' Rinker and the one they presently have, a 23' Chaparral.

Their adventures were very unique, like the time they were skinny dipping in the middle of the night, in Grand Lake in Oklahoma when the Grand Lake Authorities pulled up requesting they put their boat running lights on. You can imagine Russ' hesitation to get out of the water before they pulled away. OOPS!

Told you,,,,,, what a ride!!!!

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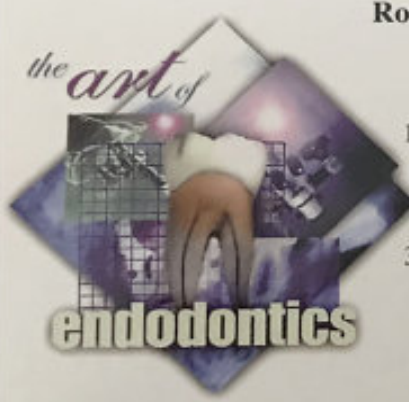
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