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



My thanks to Jim Kelly and the entire Board of Directors for taking over my responsibilities while I was recovering from major surgery. What an amazing job they did for 4 months including FBYC's 30th anniversary celebration.

Commodores Ball: We have finalized our planning for the annual Celebration that marks the transfer from the 2022 to the 2023 Board.

Date: December 16th, 2022

Location: Channel Side

Time: 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Theme: Elegance (Formal or Semi Formal attire)

Features: 3 Main Dishes to select from...

Beef, chicken, or fish

(please make your selection when you sign up)

Cocktails: Open Bar

Cost: Members: \$85 Guests: \$100 (Per person)



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Commodore's Ball
 Friday, December 16th, 2022
 6:00pm - 10:00pm
 This year's theme:

Elegance

Enjoy a lovely evening at Channel Side for our annual Commodore's Ball. This year's theme, chosen by Rich Sirbu, suggests formal wear in the style of a holiday cocktail party. Think Hollywood in the 1950's with glam and bling. The evening starts with a walk on the Red Carpet. Enjoy an open bar and appetizers followed by dinner and dancing.



The dinner menu and cost will be made available at the September meeting along with sign up sheets. Dinner tables will host 8 guests to a table, you will circle your meal choice next to your name.

Enjoy an evening of Elegance.

Vice Commodore — Kim Hunt

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FBYC Social News

Many thanks to Linda Folsom for all her hard work in making Taco Night at September General meeting a huge success. And also thanks to all that brought sides, desserts and margaritas. Was a very fun festive evening.

We enjoyed perfect weather for the Tortugas social. Weather, ocean view, food and company was spectacular. The owner of Tortugas said they love the folks from FBY



Sorry to say we had to cancel the Victory Casino cruise. Jerry Imbriani worked very hard to put together but was a no go.

Rich Van Dort has put together a great adventure for the Oct 1 and 2. A private chef will be preparing amazing food and Amy Krisanda has organized a private distillery tour. This will be a fun time with lots of laughs and great company.

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Stay tuned for details on a social gathering in October. We have several possibilities and have not made a final decision on which will be most popular.

October general meeting is on the 20th at the church. The theme is Crockpot potluck. If you have a favorite crockpot dish you would like to share or can help with set up and clean up please let Victoria Roach know victoria@cobblestoneabstract.com 914-329-0209 or Kim Hunt kimsalmonhunt@gmail.com 386-315-6117. Planning a fun night to transition into fall.

Make a note November general meeting is on the 10th instead of the third Thursday. That is due to availability of the hall at the church.

Steve Plump and Tom Lucci have organized a golf outing for November 17. Get to the range and tune up your game. This is a super fun outing. All players no matter your level are welcome to play.



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Wow, what a fantastic month September has been! At the Taco Night meeting on the 15th, we inducted SIX new members into the Club!

WELCOME ABOARD to:

Ruthie and Jim Russo – 18’ Tahoe

Linda and Al Rosa – SeaRay XPS 19

Diana Robbins – 20’ Element XL

Billie Jean Bougher – 18’ Craig Cat

That makes 20 new members that have joined us this year, and if the old members would participate as much as the NEW members have been lately, this club would really ROCK! Just Sayin’

For those who are keeping track, **we now have 120 inducted members plus 13 who have applied and are in the process of completing their 3 events.** I have mailed out two more applications, so assuming that those are submitted, we have only 15 openings left. Invite your friends!

And if you’re wondering why the numbers kept hanging up and down each month lately, it had to do with the annual renewal period at the end of June and the non-renewals and late renewals. I believe all of that has been sorted out (**thanks, Doris!**), so these numbers should be good.

Lastly, **the Board is looking for members to sponsor new applicants.** This would involve making sure that they know about upcoming events, encouraging them to complete their 3 qualifying events, and generally keeping in touch so they “feel the love” from the FBYC between the time they submit their application and the time they are actually inducted. **If you might be interested in being a sponsor, please let me know** and we can put you with like-minded and or nearby applicants.

Fairwinds, Nick Ward

Fleet Captain — Jim Kelly**Fleet-Captain@FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com**

Maritime Moments

Ahoy maties! I hope everyone faired the storm well and nobody sustained any major damage. September, we had an event at Matanzas Inlet. The weather looked questionable, but it turned out to be a great day. We had five boats show up and we met a couple that are interested in joining the club and came to our last social.

October we are doing an event at the Homewood suites in St. Augustine. Due to the storm, I am not sure how many boats will show up, but we are having our Chef dinner on Oct, 2nd.

November 19th, we are going to Caribbean Jacks in Daytona for lunch and cocktails. Time is 1pm to 4pm

December 10th is our annual Caroling on the Canals. We will be traveling the same route as last year. I will have info and maps at the October meeting.





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Our memories may be fallible — checklists are not.



We've all been there. We leave the boat, then halfway home wonder if we remembered to close the seacocks or connect shore power or some other potentially worrisome chore. We either turn around and go all the way back to check, or have a few sleepless nights until we return to the boat. But there's a simple, old-school way to avoid this: checklists. You almost certainly already use them anyway (even a recipe is a kind of checklist), so why not use one of the most powerful tools you already have? You'll not only sleep better, you might even save your boat.

Why You Should Use A Checklist

- ☑ Checklists verify that you've done what you need to.
- ☑ They save time when you have repetitive tasks.
- ☑ Checklists free up mental memory for other things.
- ☑ They provide concrete evidence that you didn't forget anything.

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When you do something that involves multiple steps, it's easy to forget one or two of them, and sometimes missing even a simple thing can have major implications. Checklists counteract our forgetfulness. Many professionals, such as airline pilots, use checklists several times each flight. Airline pilot Brian Koda, who also flies military aircraft as a Naval Reservist, says there are no fewer than six checklists that pilots use just to get the airplane from the gate to the runway. Some checklists, he said, are "written in blood," which means they were developed after a catastrophe to prevent it from happening again. Surgeons also use checklists to make sure they don't forget something critical in the operating room. Checklists for boaters can include mundane pre-departure routines to those that help you in an emergency, such as what to do if your boat is sinking.

To make them more useful, checklists should be more than just a few things jotted on a scrap of paper. You'll want to first focus on the essential stuff that is frequently overlooked or skipped that may potentially sink your boat or endanger your crew. Next, what can damage your engine or electrical system? Finally, include a couple of small things that tend to slip through the cracks (see samples below). Checklists should ideally have no more than 10 items and should be able to accomplish in 1 to 2 minutes or they may start to feel like a distraction, which is when people often start "shortcutting," thus reducing their effectiveness. As the pilot told us, you can't spell out every single detail; a checklist cannot fly a plane. If you need more items, just make a separate checklist. For example, if your "leaving the boat" checklist is too long, make one for "locking up the boat" and another for "returning to the dock."

TIP

To make a reusable checklist, laminate the page and use a dry-erase marker to check off each task when completed.

You'll want to use your checklist, test it, and refine it a few times as needed. If something changes on your boat, like you add a washdown pump that you want to remember to switch off at the panel, add it, though you may need to combine it with other similar tasks so the list doesn't get too long. In this case, you can add turning off the washdown pump to, say, turn off the cabin lights. For most uses, checklists should be a simple, one-page document printed in an easy-to-read font and a place to clearly check off each item.

Digital Checklists

If you prefer not to use a physical checklist, there are websites and apps that can make the job easy. Google Tasks might be the easiest as it integrates with your Google account if you have one so you can access your checklists on any connected device.

There are many apps for making checklists on your smartphone or tablet, and most are free. Many of them sync to all your devices, allowing you to use any connected device onboard.

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- ☑ **Remember The Milk**
- ☑ **Todoist**
- ☑ **Evernote**
- ☑ **Microsoft To Do**
- ☑ **Wunderlist**
- ☑ **Memorigi**

For iPhone users, the built-in Notes app also has the ability to easily make checklists, and your iCloud account can make them instantly available on your tablet.

Some checklists will simply be a read-do, which means you read what it says and do it (turn off air conditioner — check; close head seacock — check) while other are do-confirm, which means do the tasks and then pause to verify that everything was done by turning to your checklist and confirming (load boat with supplies and water toys for the day — check).

You can have several checklists for different situations. For example, one for a daily outing, another for returning to the dock, another for leaving the boat for the day, another for winterizing. You may also want to have emergency checklists (boat is taking on water or smoke alarm is sounding). If you're injured or highly stressed, having a checklist can help you think clearly. And, if they are easy to access, emergency checklists can allow inexperienced crewmembers to help if the skipper is unable.

Sample Checklists**Trailer**

- Connect coupler to ball — check that latch is locked & bolted securely
- Connect safety chains and cross below ball
- Connect wiring for lights
- Connect safety cable to vehicle
- Crank up tongue jack and lock it up
- Check winch is tight and locked
- Check tire pressure and condition
- Check all trailer lights
- Check tie-down straps

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***Fleet Captain — Jim Kelly*****Fleet-Captain@FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com****Gasoline Fueling**

- Shut off engine
- Turn off electronics
- Microsoft To Do
- Remove all passengers from boat
- Close ports, hatches, doors
- Make sure it is the proper type of fuel
- Open ports, hatches, doors to ventilate
- Turn blower on for 4 minutes minimum
- Do sniff test
- Start engine
- Reboard passengers

Starting Engine

- Open seacock if inboard or sterndrive
- Visually inspect engine and bilge for leaks, loose items, etc.
- Inboards/sterndrives: Close engine/bilge hatch, run blower for 5 minutes before starting
- Lower outboard engine or sterndrive
- Two-stroke owners check oil in tank
- Verify safety lanyard in proper position
- Check that shifter is in neutral and throttle in correct position
- Start engine
- Check for oil pressure, cooling water exit

Trailer Boat (end-of-day checklist)

- Flush engine per owner's manual instructions
- Remove electronics if not inside cabin
- Microsoft To Do
- Remove personal items, food, and gear
- Stow any gear remaining on boat
- Wash down boat, motor, and trailer with biodegradable boat soap and freshwater
- Allow to air dry before covering boat
- Treat vinyl with dressing
- Store under cover — be sure air circulates underneath

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

October Birthday Pirates:

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| Tom Donaghy | 3-Oct |
| Paul Wilhelmsen | 4-Oct |
| Jean Ward | 5-Oct |
| Dan Basany | 9-Oct |
| Anne Smith | 9-Oct |
| Michelle Weber | 10-Oct |
| Judy O'Neill | 11-Oct |
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Fall is here and we are starting to cool off! Need a hat to or shirt to keep the sun off on your boat? We only carry a limited amount of inventory but we have a catalog with many items that are available for order. Don't forget to about those holiday presents as it often takes a few weeks to get items in. Stop by the Ship Store this month for help selecting the perfect item for you or feel free to drop by U Name It with your own items. They have many samples there to help you find the right fit, weight and style. Embroidering your own items generally costs \$12. Joe knows FBYC and will help you make the best choice for your needs. Visit him at:

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Looking forward to taking your order at our October meeting!

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