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Commodore's Corner – Jim Kelly Commdore@FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com



Welcome to the spring season! As I was preparing the newsletter for this month I was traveling to Delaware for a wedding. As we were traveling from the airport to the hotel, we passed a couple marinas. what was interesting is, their where no boats on the dock, they were all still sitting on the hard wrapped in canvas and shrink wrap. It dawned on me (again) that we live in an area where it doesn't matter the season, we have the opportunity to enjoy boating year-round. So, let's get out on the water and enjoy the opportunities we have living in this great area!

March was another great month! Thank you to Jeanne Meyer and her crew for the Irish themed general meeting and the great sandwiches. Thank you to Darla Allison for leading the Mt. Dora boat tour and lunch and thank you to Michelle Kelly and Kris Solms and their crew, for leading the Poker run and Raft-up.

New member Orientation. I know we have been talking about this for a while. The time has finally come. April 25th from 7 – 8:30 PM at the church hall. This is open to all members that joined between October 2021 and now. We will go over how to be leads and co-leads, how the club plans events, high-light bylaws and more. We will also open it up for any questions you may have. This will become a regular event based on the number of new members.

Reminder: The May meeting has been moved to MAY 11th due to the Fernandina trip.

Please adjust your calendar. Because if you show up at the church on the 18th we will all be having fun in Fernandina.

Please read on for more from the rest of the board and let's get out and enjoy the beautiful weather and boating opportunities.





FBYC General Meeting **Bingo, Chips and Dip** **Thursday, May 11th at 6:00pm**

Bring your favorite chips, dip or other appetizer while we play
a classic American game - BINGO!

Remember the meeting is a week earlier than usual.

Santa Maria del Mar Church Parish Hall, Flagler Beach

Let your leads know if you are bringing a dish to share:

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FBYC Social News

Did anyone notice March fly by? It's hard to believe that we are already into the 2nd quarter of 2023! The Mount Dora boat cruise on the 18th was a huge success with 30 people attending. Despite a few setbacks here and there the weather was good and lunch at the Lakeside Inn was enjoyed by all. A bonus was the art fair in town. Another fun and successful event on the 25th was the Poker Run and Raft Up. Great job Michele Kelly on organizing this event. I understand that it was one if not the biggest raft up in sometime. There were a lot of newbies (myself included) who attended. It's good to see more people participating in events. Our leads and co-leads work hard to make these events fun and it's wonderful when there is a good turnout. If you are new to FBYC you might want to consider being a co-lead on an event. You will be able to see firsthand how it's done with an experienced member as the lead; and, calm your nerves when you see it's not that hard. It's a great way to meet more of the members too.



There are some fun social and maritime events happening in April. Leading the month is The Lady Dolphin Dinner Cruise on April 14th. This is in Daytona. For more information you can contact Amy Beth-Krisanda. Information is also available on the club's Facebook page as well in email blasts.

The General Meeting on the 20th will feature a Pasta Cookoff and a contest for who makes the craziest, silliest hat at the April General Meeting April 20th.

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You can contact Glitzy for more information. She is still looking for volunteers to help with set-up and clean-up as well as a few more pasta entries.

April 22nd is the Blessing of The Fleet followed with a raft up in the Cimmaron Basin. You will find more information on this in the Fleet Captains portion of this newsletter.

And finally on April 25th there will be a New Member Orientation from 7pm-8:30pm at the Church Hall. This is for anyone that has joined the FBYC between October 2021 and April 2023. For more information, please contact Jim Kelly.

May is just around the corner. There is a Trailing Event on May 13th. You can find more information about this in the Fleet Captains section of the Newsletter. Our next event is Fernandina Beach March 18th-21st. For more information please contact Joel or Doris Houslander. **Because of the Fernandina Event the May General Meeting has been changed to May 11th.**

Again, a big Thank You to all of our members that are signing up and attending these events.



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Congratulations and Welcome to our newest inductees, Barry and Barbara Kipnis! And Steven and Tara Rumph have completed their 3 events and are eligible to be inducted at the April meeting (pending Board approval, of course! 😊).



So we still have 140 members/applicants, and I haven't received any new applications in two months. Is our Club losing momentum? The Social events, Maritime events and General Meetings are all outstanding every time. Are we being selfish and not sharing with our friends? Kudos to all those who did bring guests to the last meeting, especially Doris and Joel who have brought guests to the last two meetings.

We'll be losing some snowbirds now, safe travels to Bob Reis and Michelle Weber and we look forward to your return so you can complete your Maritime event and be inducted into the FBYC.

We're still looking for more advertisers for the Newsletter. It's \$150 per year for a ¼ page ad, if you have a local establishment that may be interested, please let me know. And for FBYC members it's only \$50 per year. These ads are a source of revenue for the club and help us fund the fun events we all enjoy.

Please contact me if you need an FBYC application to give to a friend!

Nick Ward

Rear Commodore



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Ahoy! FBYC Boaters

The weather continues to be super! Get out there!

On Saturday Feb 25th we held **First Aid / CPR** training at the church taught by the Flagler Community Paramedics, and it was great! 17 folks came out and it very practical, informative, and fun.

March 25th we had our Poker Run, this turned out to be a great event. The weather was great, and we had a great turn out. We had 16 Boats participate and attend the Raft-up. The winning hand was won by Don

Ward (Nick Wards Brother) with a prize of a waterproof bag and Turkish towels. The runner up was Diane Robbins and won a FBYC backpack. Congratulations to both of our winners. The captain’s prize was a \$50 gift card to west marine and was won by Nick ward.

Below is a reminder of this year’s upcoming maritime events: MANY thanks to those folks that have stepped up to help out our club by leading and co-leading these events. Please consider helping lead, co-lead or simply helping out with any of the outings. If you have any questions, you can contact the lead or myself directly at Fleet-Captain@flaglerbeachyachtclub.com.

Next up is the **Fleet Blessing and Raft Up/Picnic** led by Nick Ward with Victoria Roach as co-lead. It takes place on April 22 and starts in the Cimmaron Basin.

The start time is 12:30 at Jerry Imbriani’s neighbor’s dock. Christine Passiglia will use a VHF radio to announce the boat and blessing. A blast with information and a map for will be sent as we get closer to the event.

5/13-Trailer event- Al & Linda Rosa lead - Daisy and Tom Lucci co-lead

5/18-21 Fernandina trip - Joel and Doris Houslander leads.

6/6- Boondocks - Marsha Barry lead

July- Snake Island- Steve Plump lead

August- Beaches St. Augustine - Amy Kisandra lead

Sept-Caribbean Jacks - Bob Solms lead

October- St. Augustine overnight and treasure hunt - Alan Hendry lead

November-Progressive lunch/raft up - Lori Plump Lead- Michelle Kelly co-lead

December -Caroling on the canals/picnic - Jim Kelly lead

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Poker Run



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Please contact me with any questions or if you would like more information.

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Lastly, here is another article on maintenance focused on outboard engines but usable for all.

**DEFEND AGAINST THE ELEMENTS
CORROSION PREVENTION**

While a Marine dealer can help you with, or even do, most of your general and preventative maintenance, corrosion mitigation is something you can only do yourself - and time is of the essence.

Regardless of where you boat, corrosion attacks both the inside and the outside of your outboard—every day, all the time. Some forms you can see, some you can't, and it can take only a short time for the damage to begin. Even those boating in freshwater have corrosion-mitigation duties to attend to. So it's vital to be diligent in your anti-corrosion defense.

Using the right products to help prevent some forms of corrosion, but their regular and diligent use is strictly up to you. The following are answers to common questions about how to mitigate the presence and damage of corrosion.

Where do I need to concentrate my fight against corrosion?

Corrosion can happen pretty much anywhere on or in your outboard: inside, in your fuel system or in the internal cooling water passages, and on the outside, in various electrical-connections and exposed metal components.



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What’s so important about flushing my outboard?

A typical outboard engine is raw-water cooled, meaning it uses the water it’s operating on as cooling water. All water, fresh or salt, contains contaminants that will eventually build up in the cooling passages over time. Additionally, saltwater is naturally corrosive and any remaining in cooling water passages after use is left there to do its worst, unabated. Saltwater can also experience crystallization when exposed to heat above 170 degrees, which causes deposits to form and potentially restrict cooling water passages. For these reasons, it’s a must that you flush your engine thoroughly with fresh, clean water after every use.



How do I go about flushing my outboard?

Use one of these three basic methods to flush after each trip:



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Use the built-in flush attachment.

This is a great procedure to follow, especially if you can't remove your boat from the water, or if your outboard has dual water inlets and you don't have the special adapter. Simply connect a garden hose to the inlet side of your non-running outboard's built-in flush attachment, turn the spigot on full blast, and let the hose's water pressure do the work. Let the water run for 15 minutes to ensure it fully circulates through the entire cooling system several times. If your boat's out of the water, like on a trailer or a lift, the fresh water will also trickle down and adequately clean the water pump and the lower unit's cooling water passages.



The flush muff method.

This is the most common and often-used fresh water flushing method. Simply connect a garden hose to clean fresh water on one end and a "flush muff" attachment, which slides around the lower unit to provide water to both sides of the raw water inlet, to the other end. Turn on the water until you see water squirting out the sides of the flush muff, then start your outboard in neutral. Set the outboard to no more than a fast idle (900-RPM max) and allow to run for 15 minutes in neutral. Increase hose water pressure enough to maintain a bit of squirting out from under the flush muffs at all times while the outboard is running. This helps ensure it gets fed enough cooling water.

Note: Outboards utilizing two cooling water inlets require a special adapter to use this method. Check with your outboard's manufacturer.

Note: Increasing engine speed may cause water demand to exceed supply. If you notice the hose becoming flat while the outboard is running using this procedure, increase the water flow and/or decrease the engine RPM.

Warning: For safety, **it is suggested you remove the propeller before you begin.** Accidental engagement of the outboard into gear with the outboard running will cause an exposed propeller to spin rapidly, possibly resulting in serious injury or death.

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The flush bag method.

This method can be used for a boat on a trailer or when moored. A flush bag, when filled with water, simulates the outboard idling in its normal state but immerses the lower unit in fresh, clean tap water. Simply place the bag around the outboard, attach the hose, and fill the bag. Ensure the water level reaches the height of the outboard’s water pump (about 1” above the lower unit separation seam). Start the engine, and run for 15 minutes in neutral. Leave the hose running during this entire procedure. When complete, stop the outboard, then the hose, and then drain the bag.

Note: Thoroughly dry the bag before storage.

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Hi Everyone,

Hope you are out enjoying this beautiful weather!

As communicated at the monthly meeting, you may now pay for club events, etc., through Zelle, by sending money to

treasurer@flaglerbeachyachtclub.com

Everyone has been doing a great job of using the memo line to communicate what they are paying for! If you put

treasurer@flaglerbeachyachtclub.com in your contact list, you won't have to type it each time. If you have any questions about this, you can use the same email to contact me.

If I reimburse you through Zelle, your account should reflect that Flagler Beach Yacht Club, Inc. sent you money.

Of course, we will continue to accept checks made out to FBYC and cash.

Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions at all!

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You can also 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 or view their web-site at:

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We are looking forward to taking your order at our April meeting! Be sure to come meet us if you haven't already! (we are still learning everyone's names!)

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

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