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



As we close out this year with the final newsletter for 2023, I would like to thank all our members for making this the wonderful club that it is. Thank you to all the Leads, Co-leads, committee members and volunteers that helped make all the events happen.

December 2nd is the Commodores Ball at the Italian American Club. The Event starts at 5pm. It will be a fun evening with socializing, eating, and dancing.

December 16th is our annual Caroling on the canals. We will have a picnic following the caroling.

Please sign up for these events by clicking on the following links.

January is planning month. We will have our annual planning meetings at the church to begin scheduling all the events for 2024. Both meetings will begin at 7 pm. The dates for the meetings are:

Maritime – January 4th

Social/meetings – January 9th

All the events with direct links to the signup sheets are on the calendar front page on the website.

These meetings are open to the membership. When you submitted your application to join you selected if you wanted to be on the Social or Maritime Committee. If you're not sure what committee you are on, please reach out to Nick or myself and we can let you know.



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To help the meetings move a little faster. Please fill out the form, at the end of the form is a spot to give ideas and suggestions for the events. Keep in mind that we can't plan every suggestion. We only have 12 months in a year, but it gives a good starting list at the meeting to discuss and plan.

Until Next year, I hope everyone has a wonderful and safe holiday.

Jim



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FBYC Social News

This has been a crazy wild ride this year with so many activities starting with a Souper Bowl theme for our January meeting served up by our board and a social at the Tomahawk Tavern. In February we celebrated Valentines Day with an Homage to Love where couples renewed their vows. A social at Craves Restaurant in Flagler Beach. Corned beef sandwiches and turkey subs at the March meeting. A trip to Mount Dora where we explored ancient Cypress swamps followed by lunch at the Lakeside Inn. Also, Bingo, Pasta Cookoff, and a Silly Hat contest. An Overnight in Fernandina. BBQ or should I say, “Meat Fest” and Fuzion 904. Tokyo Steakhouse in July and Grand Haven social in August. Halloween costume and chili cookoff contests. A golf outing at Cypress Knoll. A 4 day Bahamas cruise and a social at the Landing Strip Tavern. I think I got them all...



Vice Commodore — Darla Allison
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We will finish off our year with the Commodores Ball on December 2nd at the Italian American Club. There is no December meeting.

As most of you know, I am stepping down as Vice Commodore. but family commitments have to come first. I take my responsibilities seriously and I can't be there for my family and be Vice Commodore at the same time.



I have no doubt that Carol Hunt(who will be taking over this position) will do an amazing job. Thank you, Carol, for stepping in. One of the best things about being in this position this year is that I got to know a lot more of our members at the various functions. I appreciate all of your support volunteering and leading events. It's a big job and wouldn't have happened if not for the help of our members. It's been an honor.

Be sure to read your newsletter for information on planning meetings for both the social and maritime events in early January. These are important meetings. Bring your ideas and suggestions for things you'd like to see or do.

Rear Commodore — Nick Ward

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As we wind down the year, I want to wish all of our members a wonderful and safe holiday season! It’s been a great year, and as the “membership monitor” I especially appreciate everyone who has invited their friends to join us as new members this year. If you weren’t bringing in new applicants, I wouldn’t have a job! Hmmm. Maybe we should have an award for the person who brought in the most new members, or some sort of formal recognition. Let me know what you think about that, ok?

Speaking of which, since the last newsletter I have received 3 new applications, bringing us to a total of 14 applicants waiting to join the club. That leaves just 26 open slots before the club is full. Wouldn’t it be cool to have a waiting list to join? Invite your friends while they can still get in!

For anyone who is keeping count, 99 (82.5%) of our 120 members are boat owners. To save you the trouble of doing the math, that leaves us with 21 members who do not own a boat. Let’s be sure to invite these folks to join us on the maritime events, shall we? Most of these folks are former boat owners who still remember how to tie off a cleat and rig a fender, and they make great crew. And being FBYC members, by definition they are a lot of fun to hang out with! If you would like to know who they are, just ask me.

Finally, it has been my absolute pleasure to serve as your Rear Commodore for the past two years, and I look forward to serving as a Director in 2024. If anyone has any interest in becoming an officer in our club, I highly recommend it as an opportunity to develop professionally and socially. I may be a little biased, but in my opinion the best job is Rear Commodore, because you really get to know ALL the members!

Fair winds and following seas,

Nick Ward



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Ahoy! FBYC Boaters

Hello again from your Fleet Captain.

Hope everyone is enjoying our few days of winter :)

Monday October 30th was the boat trip/treasure hunt down the ICW to Cassen Park in Ormond. There were 7 boats and 28 participants. Joel Houslander’s boat with Jim and Michelle Kelly won first place in the treasure hunt contest and The Russo’s won both second place as well as the captain’s prize. Woo-Hoo!

Thanks again to **all** that are leading and helping! If you have any questions, you can contact the lead folks or myself directly at **Fleet-Captain@flaglerbeachyachtclub.com**.

Saturday November 11th 11:30 -Progressive lunch/raft up in Cimarron Basin was cancelled due to high winds. At the very last minute, those who signed up were invited to the Plump’s house for an impromptu “food raft up”. All brought dishes and we had a nice time.

Next up is **Saturday December 16th - Caroling on the canals with a picnic at Hershel King** - Right now start time is meeting up at 10:30 at the Harbor Marina with the picnic starting at 2:30 at Hershel King. The Caroling takes around 2 hours. The picnic, the club is providing the meat and members bringing sides. Jim Kelly leads.

A look ahead for 2024:

On **January 27, 2024**, we will be hosting a **Boating America Certificate Class** conducted by Mr. Eric Fisher of the Coast Guard Auxiliary from 9-4:00 PM. This will take place at Santa Maria Del Mar Catholic Church Hall where we have our meetings.

Eric is an excellent presenter, and the certificate course is highly recommended. Here is some initial information with more to follow.

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Boat America

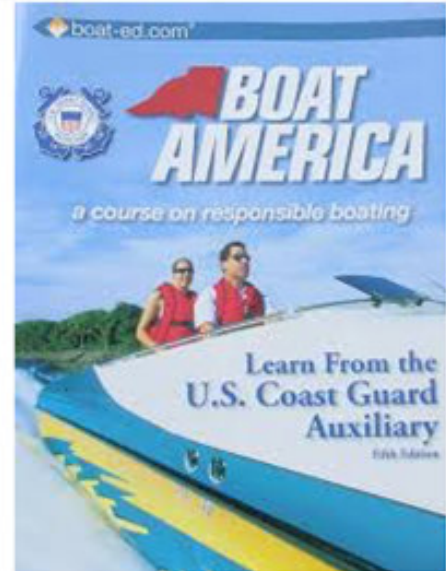
To find a class near you starting soon, visit our Zip Code Course Finder!

Boat America is a boating certificate class that offers an in-depth and interesting boating safety course, and provides the knowledge needed to obtain a boating certificate.

Some insurance companies will also offer discounts on boating insurance to boaters who successfully complete this course.

TOPICS INCLUDE

- **Introduction to Boating** – Types of power boats, boating vocabulary, sailboats, paddle boats, powering boats, and engine types.
- **Boating Law** – Boat registration, regulations, hull identification numbers, required safety equipment, Federal boating law, state boating law, and reporting accidents.
- **Safety Equipment** – Life jackets, fire extinguishers, sound-producing devices, visual distress signals, anchors, and other safety equipment.
- **Safe Operation and Navigation** – Buoys and beacons, aids to navigation, navigation rules, docking, and the dangers of alcohol on the water.
- **Boating Emergencies** – Hypothermia, boating accidents, man overboard, capsizing, emergency radio calls, carbon monoxide dangers, and weather.
- **Trailing** – Types of trailers, lights, hitches, towing a trailer.
- **Sports and Boating** – Water-skiing, hunting and hunting gear, PWC operation, and other boating tips.



A fine suggestion was made at the last meeting to inform folks about upcoming public boating events. I will work to get some of these included in the monthly newsletter.



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Jacksonville Boat Show

January 26 – 28 , 2024
Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center – 1000 Water St.

Lastly, here is an article on:

Navigation Buoys and Channel Markers 101: What Do the Red & Green Markers Indicate?

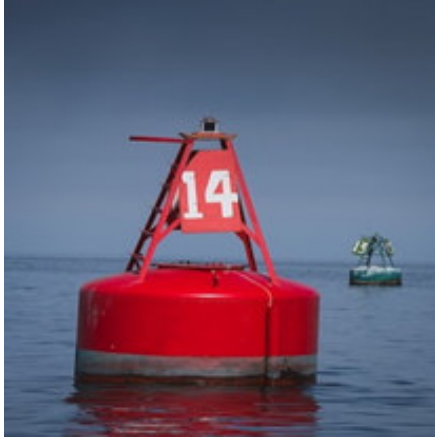
If you're new to boating, you may find yourself asking, "What do all those red channel markers and green buoys mean?"



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Well, there may not be any road signs or painted lines out on the water, but fortunately as boaters we have plenty of channel markers, buoys, and aids indicating everything from channels to **no wake zones**. But for someone who hasn't spent years on the water, all those red markers and green buoys can be confusing.

Channel Markers vs. Buoys

All the different “road signs” of the water are called “aids to navigation.” These include fixed markers on poles and pilings as well as a variety of floating buoys that are anchored to the bottom. Why will you see a mix of fixed channel markers on poles, and floating buoys? Mostly, this is a matter of physical geography.

In deep water, it's difficult to drive a piling, so putting a buoy there makes more sense. In other places, channels may shift and change over time, so again, utilizing a buoy (which can be moved and re-anchored at a later date) is the norm. But in areas where the bottom composition doesn't change much over time and the water is shallow enough to drive a piling, a fixed marker (which doesn't require as much regular maintenance) is often a better option.

The bottom line? What's important to remember is that boaters should treat fixed markers and buoys exactly the same.

Also remember that some, but not all, markers and buoys will be lighted. Those that are lighted will blink at a specific frequency. These frequencies are marked on charts and chartplotters. So, if you see a red one blinking every three seconds, for example, you can look at your chart, find the nearest red marker that blinks at that frequency, and easily identify the marker you're looking at.

So, **when you're heading from the ocean into a bay, or from a bay into a creek, harbor, or port, the red markers belong on your right side.**

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Hence, the old saying “red right returning.” Sometimes you’ll see an aid to navigation that has horizontal bands of both red and green. These mark the junction between two channels. In this case, the color that’s highest on the marker indicated the preferred or primary channel.













Another aid to navigation you may see are called “non lateral” aids to navigation. Each of these has their own specific use and meaning as follows:

Diamond-shaped Dayboards – These are used to help you determine your location, more or less like the “you are here” marks on a map.

Safe Water Marks – When you see an aid with white and red vertical stripes, you know there’s unobstructed water on both sides.

Danger Marks – Look out for red and black horizontal bands, which indicate an isolated danger that can be passed on either side.

Range Markers – These are pairs of markers, often with non-blinking lights. When you’re in the middle of the channel, the two markers and/or lights line up vertically. The colors on range markers are related to how well they stand out versus navigation, so when you see their three vertical stripes remember that you don’t have to worry about what color they are.

Symbol	Meaning	Examples
	Danger A diamond shape alerts boaters to hazards	 
	Restricted Operations Marks with a circle indicate areas with regulated operations	 
	Exclusion A diamond shape with a cross means boats are prohibited from the area	 
	Information Marks with a square provide helpful information such as directions, distances, and locations	 

Special Aids

These Aids indicate special areas or features such as anchoring, traffic separation, fishnet area, cables or pipelines, military exercise areas, and jetties.




Unlighted Lighted

Characteristics

- All-yellow.
- Come in a variety of shapes.
- May have one black letter.
- If lit:  or 

State Waters Obstruction Mark

The State Water Obstruction Mark indicates to a vessel operator that an obstruction to navigation extends from the nearest shore to the buoy. Do not pass between the buoy and the shore.



Characteristics

- Black-and-white vertically striped buoy.
- May show a white reflector or display a quick-flashing white light.

Graphic Courtesy of U.S. Coast Guard
(See above graphic)

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Information and Regulation Markers – Orange and white aids are used to indicate various regulations like speed zones and fisheries regulations. These will have an orange diamond shape on them if they mark a hazard, a circle if they indicate regulations related to how you operate your boat, a diamond with a cross through it if boats are prohibited from the area, or a square when they are used for informational purposes.

Special Aids – Solid yellow markers are called special aids, and they mark things like anchorages, traffic separation, areas with cables underwater, and other unique situations.

State Waters Obstruction Marks – Don't pass between one of these black and white vertically striped buoys, because they indicate an obstruction from shore to their position.

Lastly, in addition to all of these aids to navigation, you may also come across white buoys with a blue stripe. These don't actually relate to navigation but keep your eyes out for them because they're mooring buoys that people secure their boat to in harbors and anchorages. Remember that most are private, and you need permission to use them.



Treasurer – Lori Plump

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Hi Everyone,

I hope that everyone had a blessed Thanksgiving and that you have a wonderful Christmas. Looking forward to seeing you at the Commodore’s Ball and caroling on the canals!

As always, if you need to pay the club for anything, you can send a check through the mail, or Zelle our account at

treasurer@flaglerbeachyachtclub.com. Please don’t forget to record what the money is for, on the notes line J.

Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions at all (treasurer@flaglerbeachyachtclub.com).

Thanks everyone!

Lori

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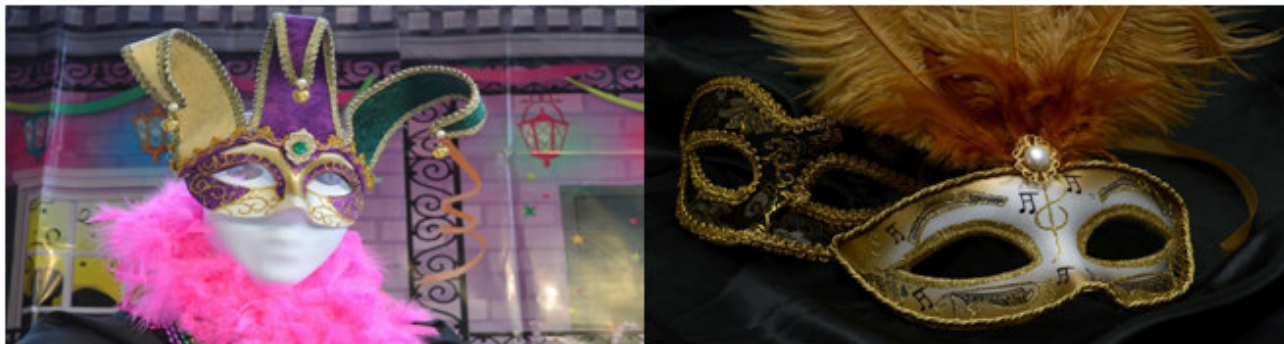
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Commodore's Ball
 Saturday, December 2nd, 2023
 6:00pm - 10:00pm
 This year's theme:

Masquerade Ball



Enjoy an evening of fun and laughter at our annual Commodore's Ball. This year's theme is a Masquerade Ball. So, grab a mask and join us for a fun evening. Enjoy an open bar and appetizers followed by dinner and dancing.

The cost is \$90 per member and \$100 per guest.

Dinner tables will host 8 guests to a table.

Meal selection will be red meat, chicken, or fish.

We will have the final selections in October.

If you did not sign up at the September meeting, you can either sign up at the October meeting or contact Jim Kelly at commodore@Flaglerbeachyachtclub.com.

For those that have signed up you can pay by Zelle or check at the next meeting.

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

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Nancy Germain	2-Dec
Christine Passiglia	4-Dec
Bill White	8-Dec
JoanneKing	16-Dec
John Yetter	22-Dec
Joyce Yetter	23-Dec
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There is still time to help Santa out with those last minute gift ideas, just reach out to either Linda or Cyndi and we would be happy to get something ordered for you.



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