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## Commodore's Corner — Jim Kelly Commadore@FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com



January was a busy month! We started out the month with the planning meetings. We had the social planning meeting first, followed by the maritime planning meeting. The committees came up with some good events for this year. More details will be brought up in the Vice Commodore and Fleet Captains section. Just as an FYI for next year, these planning meetings are open to all members, so if you have some ideas for maritime or social events, make sure you attend next year.

The January meeting was the official Kick off for the new Board. We started the year off with the annual Soup-R-Bowl with the new board providing and serving the food (Soup) for the first meeting of the year. Once we were finished serving the food, we all were sworn in to serve the Club for the Year. Again, I would like to thank the members for selecting all of us to lead the club this year and look forward to a fun year.

February is going to be another great month with an interesting and fun general meeting and social and maritime events. So, keep reading and see what the upcoming events are.

Hope to see everyone soon, either on the water or at the socials.



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# FBYC Social News

Our first social of the year was at Tomahawk Steak House with 44 members in attendance with some of our members showing us their axe throwing skills!

There are some fun socials planned over the next couple of months. February 21st is at Crave Restaurant (formerly Martins). They have given us the upstairs. If you haven't already signed up please do. Any questions contact either Linda Folsom or Doris Houslander. March 18th is the Mt. Dora boat cruise (Rusty Anchor) which is a 2 hour pontoon cruise through ancient cypress swamps in search of birds, turtles and alligators to name a few. After the cruise we will have an optional late lunch/early dinner at the Pisces Rising restaurant

Socials planned through the rest of the year are: April-Lady Dolphin Dinner Cruise. May-Fishing trip and Next Door restaurant (these events will not be done on the same day). June-Tokyo Steak House. July-Top of Daytona. August-Hammock Beach Marina. September-Hallerbach German Restaurant. October-Ghost Tour and restaurant and November-Golf Outing. We do not have a lead for the October Ghost Tour and restaurant.

Please remember, if you do sign up to attend one of the socials that you attend. If you cannot attend please let the lead or co-lead know in advance when possible.

See you at the next social!!

Darla



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## Rear Commodore — Nick Ward

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Well, it's official: The new Board has been sworn in, soon to be sworn at (just kidding!). It's going to be a great year for FBYC, but the Board can't make that happen without the MEMBERS volunteering and participating!

Speaking of which, we currently have 126 members and 15 applicants for a total of 141 – only 9 openings left before we hit our limit of 150. I just gave Carol Hunt 6 applications the other day for her to give to her friends, so if you want YOUR friends in the club, you'd better get them applications fast...

Your Board is looking for established members to participate in New Member Orientation, which has been proposed as a quarterly (or so) small gathering to let the new members hear from the experienced

members what the club is all about and how it works. This will be an opportunity to spend some quality time with our newbies and get them started in the right direction as they integrate into the Club. If you would be interested in assisting with this, or have some suggestions about what we might want to include in such a meeting, please contact either myself or our Directors Carol and Mary Ann.

Fair winds,

Nick Ward

Rear Commodore



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***Fleet Captain — Steven Plump*****Fleet-Captain@FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com****Ahoy FBYC Boaters!**

Here we go into 2023! I am looking forward to another year of boating and social fun.

We had 22 folks attend the Maritime Training Meeting led by Eric Fisher with the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. Eric did a fantastic job covering many useful topics about docking, lines and knots (great fun!) VHF radio and trailering & towing tips. It was a very fun and interactive day. One of many very useful tips from Eric was an interactive website where you can practice docking; controlling speed, wind, current, etc. Try it out at:

<https://theboatdocking.com>

Thanks to all that participated in the maritime planning meeting where we planned events for the upcoming year. It was great to incorporate everyone's ideas and have folks volunteer to lead. Many thanks to those that already volunteered. You help make the club lively and fun. Although many volunteered at the planning meeting, we are looking for folks to lead (organize) or co-lead the open events.

Below is a snapshot of this year's upcoming events: Please consider helping out our club with leading or co-leading one of these events. You can contact me directly at **Fleet-Captain@flaglerbeachyachtclub.com**. Remember, you will always have help from myself and others with an event.

Oyster Hunt- Nick Ward lead- February 19<sup>th</sup> Oyster Roast/raft up/picnic- Boats to muster at marina at 10:00 am, then convoy north to between Marineland and the 206 bridge to collect oysters. Bring footwear such as waders or boots. Also bring your own snacks, food and drinks. The raft-up/picnic follows at Herschel King Park at 1 pm.

Poker Run/Picnic - Michele Kelly lead and Kris Solms co-lead

Fleet Blessing and raft up - Nick Ward lead

Fernandina trip - **NEED LEAD and CO LEAD**

Trailering event- Al & Linda Rosa lead - Daisy and Tom Lucci co-lead

Boondocks - Marsha Barry lead

Snake Island- Steve Plump lead

Beaches St. Augustine - **NEED LEAD and CO LEAD**

Caribbean Jacks - Bob Solms lead

St. Augustine overnight and treasure hunt - Alan Hendry lead

Progressive lunch/raft up - **NEED LEAD**- Co-lead is Michelle Kelly

Caroling on the canals/picnic - Jim Kelly lead

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[Lastly, here is a very helpful article on canvas care submitted by Alan Hendry:](#)

# Waterproofing Canvas

The following article on waterproofing canvas is a reprint from Boat U.S. Magazine.



Traditional cotton canvas is waterproof in the same manner that traditional wooden boats are waterproof. The cotton fibers--like the wooden planks--swell when they get wet. This seals the weave. But because cotton canvas loves mildew and hates bird droppings, it is not used aboard pleasure boats much anymore. It has been replaced in most applications with either a vinyl-coated polyester or woven acrylic.

The vinyl-coated fabric is waterproof for the life of the fabric, but unlike traditional canvas, it doesn't breathe. Unless it is well ventilated, condensation wets the underside of the fabric, eventually leading to mildew. Vinyl-coated fabrics are a good choice for Bimini tops, but unsuitable for enclosures such as sail covers or boat covers. Acrylic canvas, like cotton canvas, is a tight-weave fabric. It is waterproof yet breathes; it stands up to ultraviolet radiation (sun exposure) better than any other fabric; it snubs mildew; it resists staining; it is colorfast and comes in every color imaginable; and it looks marvelous. Not surprisingly, acrylic canvas--Sunbrella being the best known--is the most popular marine fabric by a wide margin. Acrylic canvas does have one negative characteristic, other than high cost.

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It gets its water repellency from a chemical treatment, not from swelling fibers, and eventually that treatment loses some of its effectiveness. Generally speaking, acrylic canvas in continuous use may start to leak after about three years. Scrubbing or the use of detergents to clean the canvas may hasten the failure of the coating. Fortunately, reproofing the canvas is easy.

**The right treatment**

Do not use a waterproofing treatment that contains silicone on acrylic canvas. This is important. Silicone is incompatible with the original treatment. The factory waterproofing chemical, which is a fluorocarbon, will repel the silicone, resulting in patchy coverage. The silicone is also likely to compromise the stain-resistance of the fabric.

The best treatment for acrylic canvas is a fluoropolymer-based product. This type of treatment is compatible with the original finish, and it gives excellent and long-lasting results. Waterproofers that have a petroleum-based vehicle have demonstrated better performance on acrylic canvas than water-based treatments. You can identify a petroleum-based product by its strong odor.

**Getting ready**

Since you are going to be renewing the waterproofing anyway, now is the time to give the canvas a good cleaning. Hose the fabric and, if needed, scrub it with a soft brush and a mild detergent, such as Ivory. Stubborn stains can be treated by soaking for 15 minutes in gallon of warm water containing 1/4 cup of Ivory and 1/2 cup of chlorine bleach. Do not use hot water. Do not use a harsh detergent. Do not machine wash the canvas. And never, ever, put acrylic canvas in a dryer. Rinse the canvas well and let it air dry completely before continuing.

**Cautions**

Because spirit-based treatments give off noxious odors, the treatment should only be done where there is good ventilation, preferably outdoors. A spirit-based treatment will damage plastic windows and plastic zippers, so you must take steps to prevent the treatment from getting onto these. If you are treating, for example, a canvas dodger, remove the plastic windows or protect them with foil, and take care not to spray the zipper halves that remain on the dodger.

Some water repellents can also damage gelcoat, and all will make hard surfaces dangerously slick. The best course is to remove the canvas from the boat to treat it, but if that is impractical, then be sure to protect all surfaces that could be subjected to overspray. It is usually a good idea to spot test the treatment to make sure it doesn't cause a color change.

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**Spray it on**

The application instructions for the particular product you choose will be on the container, but most call for spraying on two light coats, the second applied perpendicular to the first. This "plaid" pattern tends to yield more uniform coverage.

Let the treatment dry completely before reinstalling the canvas. Again, the container will provide the drying time. The odor will dissipate completely. After drying, the treated canvas should once again be completely waterproof. The treatment does not affect the fabric's other qualities, including breathability.

**Reapplication**

How often you will need to reapply a waterproofing product to acrylic canvas depends on the kind of use the fabric gets, but even in harsh conditions, the treatment should be effective for at least a year..

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Hi Everyone,

Hoping you are all doing well! As communicated at the monthly meeting, you may now pay for club events, etc., through Zelle, by sending money to [treasurer@flaglerbeachyachtclub.com](mailto:treasurer@flaglerbeachyachtclub.com).

I would really appreciate it if you indicate what the payment is for in the memo line. For example, for the March meeting sandwiches, please include which sandwiches you are ordering. If you bought a hat from the ship store, simply put “hat from ship store”. This will allow me to communicate that you have paid, to the member in charge of that event/ area.

I recommend putting [treasurer@flaglerbeachyachtclub.com](mailto:treasurer@flaglerbeachyachtclub.com) in your contact list so you don't have to type it each time.

Also, most banks require you to “set up” Zelle before you use it. This is usually done online or through your bank app. For my bank, I had to go in through the app and select the email or mobile number I wanted to enroll. For my personal account, I selected my mobile number so I would receive a text when someone sends me money. If someone asks how to “Zelle” me money, I simply provide my mobile number. For the business account, I selected the treasurer email. I receive an email when someone sends money to the account. If you need assistance setting it up, your bank is your best resource. They will remind you that sending money through Zelle cannot be cancelled.

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!

Lori

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

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## FBYC Ship Store

Love is in the air! Don't forget about those Valentine's Day presents for your special someone! Stop by the Ship Store this month for help selecting the perfect item to show how much you love ... that someone, or your boat, or FBYC. We have tees and tanks, and even a cap to protect yourself (spa 50+) and much more!

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 website at:

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In addition, our printed or foil burgee is currently available on t-shirts and koozies through our own member Mike Ferreira. Other products could be made available upon request. Stop by the Ship Store to see these new products.



We are looking forward to taking your order at our February 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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