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Happy New Year!

Welcome 2023, As we start out this new year, I would like to say Thank You to the 2022 Board of Directors for all your service and making 2022 a great year. Commodore Rich Sirbu, Vice Commodore Kim Hunt, Rear Commodore Nick Ward, Secretary Carol "Glitzzy" Caso, Treasurer Doris Houslander, Director Michelle Kelly, and last but not least, Past Commodore/Director Joel Houslander. Thank you for all your hard work.

We finished off the year with Two events, the first one was our annual Caroling on the canals followed by a picnic at Hershel King Park. Despite being cold it was a great event. We had 15 boats participate and decorated for the occasion. This year we had a prize for the best decorated. While this was a hard decision, the winner was Carol Hunt. Congratulations Carol.



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The runner up was Jeanne and Randy Meyer. Thank you everyone for making this a joyous event. Following the Caroling we had a fun time eating, drinking, and socializing at the picnic. Thank you to our chefs / Grill Masters, Joel Houslander and Bob Solms for preparing the food and all the members that brought a dish to share.

The second event for December was our Commodores Ball. This was a wonderful, elegant event with good food, good drinks, and wonderful people. I would like to thank Rich and Karen Sirbu, Doris Houslander, and Carol Dignard for all their hard work making this an elegant and wonderful event.



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Now onto 2023, I would like to introduce the 2023 Board of directors.

Commodore – Jim Kelly

Vice Commodore – Darla Allison

Rear Commodore – Nick Ward

Fleet Captain – Steven Plump

Treasurer – Lori Plump

Secretary – Jean Ward

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We all look forward to fulfilling our roles this year and guiding this club to have a fun filled year with social and maritime events. I am honored to lead this board and club and look forward to seeing everyone at the maritime and social events.

We are starting off the year three events plus our general meeting in January. The first two are our planning meetings. These are open to all the club members; we encourage you to try to make at least one of them. These are the meetings that we use to plan social and maritime events for the year. I had sent a blast with a sign-up sheet for the meetings. Thank you to those of you who responded. If you have not responded yet, please do, that way we can make sure the church is set up properly for the number of people attending. The third event is a maritime event and Fleet captain Steven will discuss.

Upcoming events

Social Planning meeting: January 5 th 6:00 PM Santa Maria Del Mar church

Maritime Planning meeting: January 13 th 6:00 PM Santa Maria Del Mar Church

General Meeting: January 19 th 6:00 pm Social gathering 7:00 meeting

Maritime training: January 21 st 9:30 AM Santa Maria Del Mar Church



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FBYC Social News

Happy New Year to all our FBYC members! I want to congratulate the 2023 FBYC Board of Directors and give a special thank you to the outgoing Board of Directors, Richard Sirbu, Kim Hunt, Nick Ward, Jim Kelly, Carol (Glitzie), Doris Houslander, Joel Houslander and Michelle Kelly for a job well done. We've got some big shoes to fill. 2022 was filled with great socials, maritime events, and well planned enjoyable monthly meetings.

Thanks to the participation and endeavors of the Social Committee members, I hope that this upcoming year will be as successful as it has been in the past. The 2023 Social Committee meeting is scheduled for January 5th, 2023 at 6:00pm at the church. Santa Maria Del Mar Church Hall. This is a planning meeting so no food will be served. I encourage all members who can to attend this meeting. Bring your ideas and suggestions for events you would like to see in the coming year. I look forward to working with the committee to make this year a wonderful success for all our members.

We have a great year ahead of us and I have Big Shoes to fill as Vice Commodore for FBYC. My wish is that the weather in 2023 is on our side!

Happy New Year

Darla Allison

***Rear Commodore — Nick Ward*****Rear-Commodore@FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com**

Happy New Year, FBYC! Let's make 2023 the best ever!

Thank you for re-electing me as Rear Commodore, I fully intend to honor your confidence by doing a better job this year than last year. My goal – and I hope it is yours as well -- is to help make FBYC not only the best Yacht Club in Flagler County, but the BEST CLUB in the County. With the members we have, the level of participation and interest we have, our awesome Social and Maritime events, and the outstanding Board of Directors we just elected, I see no reason why that goal cannot be achieved.

As far as Membership goals for this year, I have two:

1. LET'S FILL THE CLUB UP: We're starting the new year with 126 inducted members, and another 11 pending applications. That's 137, which means we have only 13 openings before we reach our ByLaws limit of 150 -- let's fill them! Tell your friends, bring them to meetings and events, and of course they'll want to join us!

2. LET'S KEEP ALL OF OUR MEMBERS WHEN RENEWAL TIME COMES AROUND IN JUNE: In 2022 we had about 20 members who chose not to renew their memberships. Some had moved, some had sold their boats and had other interests now, others had just "aged out". I can certainly understand why the ones who moved dropped out, but let's all try to keep our members who merely got older or just sold their boats: they can still contribute so much with their experience and "corporate knowledge". ALL OF OUR MEMBERS are valuable assets to our club! Make sure they know it!

If you need applications, just text me at (770) 827-1766. I'm working on getting the application on the web page so interested folks can just print out their own.

Fair winds and smooth sailing in 2023,

Nick Ward

Rear Commodore



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Ahoy FBYC Boaters!

I am honored to be elected to serve as your new Fleet Captain for 2023. Thank you.

Coming in January is our annual **Maritime planning meeting on January 13th** at 6:00 at Santa Maria Del Mar church hall. When you joined the club, you signed up for either the Maritime or Social committees. This is the time to participate in the maritime planning meeting so we can get your ideas and plan events for the coming year. Our new Commodore Jim Kelly, will be sending out a sign up form so we know how many will be coming. Please participate. it will be great to get together and pool our ideas.

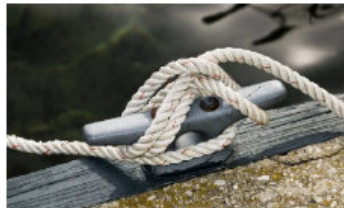
Also in January is our first **Maritime training meeting** also at the church hall. This will be led once again by Eric Fisher with the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. This will take place on **January 21st at 9:30 (AM)** and will include these topics for both new and experienced boaters:

Docking and Mooring
Practical Lines and Knots
VHF Radio and Emergency Communications
Trailing and Towing Tips

I am sure everyone will find some useful tips and instruction on these practical topics. I expect it to run about 3.5 hours or so and we will have a break in the middle. There will be a signup form sent out soon so we know how many will be attending. Sign up and attend!

Meanwhile, here is a interesting article on docking:

Being on the water is one of the best feelings out there... 99% of the time. But, unfortunately, that lone 1%—stress—more often than not occurs during that brief moment you pull up to the slips to dock, knowing that the most superficial scratch on your (or your neighbor's) boat can ruin your weekend. It compounds the stress factor even more.



Between the wind, current, and tight squeezes, we all know that docking for many is enough to boil your blood.

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If you spend enough time on the docks, you'll see more than a few marriages tested in these tense situations. It's easy to say "practice makes perfect," but it's also tricky to practice docking your vessel without facing any consequences. The following tips will make your next docking experience a bit easier.

1. Relax

The last thing you or your crew should ever do is panic. Panicking doesn't help anyone, so don't scream at your crew (your partner :), your captain, or the dockhands. Communication is vital, but by yelling at someone, all you're doing is making the moment more stressful and increasing your chances of causing an accident.

2. Bring your throttle down

Be gentle with your throttle: you know what it takes to get your vessel to certain speeds, and you should never have the boat even close to half-throttled or above when docking. Taking it easy on the throttle will reduce the risk of damaging your vessel and others, but it will also keep any damage minimal if you make contact.

3. Prep your fenders and lines

Always have fenders and lines rigged before getting to the dock, and be aware of where the fenders should be hanging. More often than not, they should be

hovering right above the waterline (not touching the water). At the very least, you'll want two or three fenders, a bow line, a stern line, and at least one spring line.

4. Toss the right line

Don't have your deckhands provide a bow line first. You can rarely do anything with a bowline, and if you're facing any wind or current, dockhands can't control the boat with a bowline. Provide a spring line that you can either back down or hedge forward on.

What is a bowline?

A bowline is tied to your boat's front (or bow). It can be used in the case of a tow or as a support for docking your boat, but too often, boaters mistakenly lead with the bow when they should be tossing a spring line in docking.

What is a spring line?

A spring line is attached to the middle cleat of your boat and helps prevent your boat's forward or backward movement and can reduce banging against the dock. In addition, if wind or current pushes you off the pier, you can use this spring line to get closer to it.

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5. Use your spring

Many dockhands know what they can do with a spring line, but if not, you should see if you need to instruct them. Once you toss or hand off a spring line, a dockhand should wrap on a cleat that is either forward or further back on the dock to minimize movement and bring you closer. They should not lock off the line but wrap it so that you can quickly move it to have the most control possible.

A proper locked cleat tie:



6. Backing down

If you're backing down: Provide a forward spring line that you can back down on. Turn the wheel hard to port and back down once the spring line has been locked off or secured to the dock. In the case of a boat with twin screws, use the starboard engine only to back down and cut the wheel hard to port; you'll begin to see your vessel inch closely into the dock.

7. Follow with the bow line

Once you've gotten close enough, have your deckhand provide a bowline to someone on the dock, preferably a dockhand. Please make sure the person on the dock locks down the bowline to the pier but doesn't use all their force to bring it in as tightly as possible. This will only kick your stern out and create more problems.

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For example, if you're tying up on the starboard side, bow in with a strong wind forcing you off the dock, and provide an aft spring line to someone on the pier. With a wrap-around cleat, you can move forward on the spring line and turn the wheel hard to starboard with the boat in forward. (In the case that your vessel has twin screws, use the port engine only and turn hard to starboard). Your boat will begin to hedge forward and move closer to the dock, even if slowly.

Have your deckhand provide a stern line to someone on the dock. This can be brought in tightly and exchanged for a cross stern once you're secure. With these three lines securing you, you can now have the dockhands bring your bow in tightly and adjust any springs necessary.

Some extra tips:

If the wind is strong It's often easier to dock bow-in than back down.

Strong currents may require a slight adjustment to the above tips.

Fenders exist for a reason, so if you're even remotely concerned, be sure to have your vessel rigged on both sides.

Large ball fenders save thousands of dollars in damage every year. It doesn't hurt to have one on board, especially if you have extra hands on deck that can have one in hand. Hopefully these tips will help you in future docking experiences and save you some awkward moments (and money) with your family, friends, and neighbors at the dock!

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***Treasurer — Lori Plump*****Treasurer@FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com**

Hello FBYC! I am excited to assume the role as your treasurer for 2023. I have VERY BIG shoes to fill. Doris has done such a fabulous job the last couple of years! I am grateful that she will continue to assist us as needed.

For those of you who don't know me, Steve and I moved to Palm Coast in 2019 and officially joined the club in January of 2020. Having our own boat was new to us and so the club has really brought a lot of fun and friendships into our lives, and we are grateful for all of you!

Good news! We are now allowed to use Zelle with our business account, so you will be able to pay the club directly by sending money to treasurer@flaglerbeachyachtclub.com. Of course, we will continue to accept checks made out to FBYC and cash.

I look forward to serving you this year. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions at all.

Lori

**Secretary — Jean Ward****Secretary@FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com**

I am honored to serve FBYC as Secretary for the coming year. I am looking forward to becoming better acquainted with all our members. One of my goals is to help bring everyone together as a cohesive group. As head of the Sunshine Committee, please let me know if anyone is sick, in the hospital, or needs sympathy or cheering up. I know 2023 will be a great year for FBYC!

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