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Happy New Year!

Welcome 2024, As we start out this new year, I would like to say Thank you to the 2023 Board of Directors for all your service and making 2023 a great year.

Vice Commodore – Darla Allison Rear Commodore – Nick Ward Fleet Captain – Steve Plump

Treasurer – Lori Plump Secretary – Jean Ward Director 1 – Mary Ann Simard Director 2 – Carol Hunt

2023 was a busy year with Maritime and Social events. We finished off the year with two big events for the year. The first one was the Commodores Ball on December 2^{nd} at the Italian American club. This was a great event with a lot of dancing, eating, and socializing. Pictures were sent to everyone that attended. We will have them posted on the website shortly for everyone that was not able to attend to view.

The second event was our Caroling on the Canals and club picnic. Unfortunately, we had to change the date at the last minute due to the weather and some people couldn't make the new date. The weather was much nicer on the 23rd for the event. We had 16 boats participate and a huge turnout from the residents along the canals. I don't have official numbers, but I have been told this was the largest turnout for boats and residents watching and waving.



After the Caroling, we gathered at Hershel King Park for some great food and socializing.



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Now onto 2024. I would like to introduce the new 2024 Board of Directors, well it isn't much different than the 2023 board, some shifting of positions and a newer member to the Board.

The 2024 Board of Directors:

Commodore – Jim Kelly

Vice Commodore – Carol Hunt

Rear Commodore – Rich Van Dort

Fleet Captain – Steve Plump

Treasurer – Lori Plump

Secretary - Jean Ward

Director 1 - Mary Ann Simard

Director 2 - Nick Ward

We all look forward to fulfilling our roles this year and guiding this club to have another 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 with 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. There are several ways to sign up for these planning meetings and all the events that have been planned.

The events are listed on the Website welcome page with a link to sign up. They are also listed on the club calendar with a link in the description. And lastly, they will now appear in the newsletter so as you're reading this you can click on the link, sign up for an event, and then continue to read on. 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.

Maritime Planning meeting Sign up

Social and general meeting Planning meeting sign up

Upcoming events:

Maritime Planning meeting: January 4th 7:00 PM Santa Maria Del Mar Church

Social Planning meeting: January 9th 7:00 PM Santa Maria Del Mar church

General Meeting: January 18th 6:00 pm Social gathering 7:00 meeting

Social Event: January 20th. Read on for details.



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

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Vice Commodore – Carol Hunt

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I am Carol Hunt your New Vice Commodore here to serve and wish you all a happy, healthy, prosperous New Year in 2024.

We already have some fun lined up to get us started in the new year.

First off, we have the Social planning meeting hosted by the Board at the :

Santa Maria del Mar Catholic Church

915 N Central Ave. Flagler Beach, In the Church Hall building on the south side of the property.

Social Meeting will be on January 9th @ 7-8:30pm. Mark you Calendars! Please join us! We need you and your input and great ideas to plan the year ahead as a team working together.

This year the Board has created a guide for the Leaders and Co Leads to remind and help ease the process of the General meeting responsibilities.

Secondly we have: The First General meeting on Thursday, January 18th @6pm. Mark your Calendars!

The Board will be making a variety of "Soup for You". As the meeting will be a Souper Bowl theme. Wear your favorite jerseys to support your team.

I will be needing some big strong guys to help me move tables and chairs into place prior to the meeting.

So please come early 5:00pm to help me out.

Then thirdly we have our first event outing on : Saturday, January 20th At Blue Springs State Park with Blue Springs Adventures See link below for more info:

Blue Springs Adventures Web site 2100 W French Ave. Orange City, Fl. 32763

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\$50.per person, prepay by Zelle, Check, or Cash to: treasurer@flaglerbeachyachtclub.com Lori Plump Treasurer

Please write what event payment is for on check and Zelle payments. Please click her to sign up for Blue spring event

All are welcome to join us for the day on this 2 hour wonderful site seeing tour on the St John's River.

(Bring Binoculars) Bathroom on boat.

Can bring a small cooler aboard with snacks and drinks.

Please arrive early the park opens at 8am. \$6.per vehicle, Limit 2-8 people per vehicle. Carpool if possible.

Bathrooms are straight ahead between parking lot and the docks on the water.

Walk around check out the Manatee from the decks. The gift store is up the hill on the right.

Our boat will be departing at 10:30am to 12:30pm for our 2 hour private FBYC tour.

Then we all head over to:

Cooks Restaurant for 1pm Reservation for lunch. @ 704 N Woodland Blvd. Deland, Fl. 32720

See link below for more details: www.cooksbuffetdeland.com

Looking forward to a great first adventure with you all, For some fun and laughs together.



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Welcome to 2024 and thank you for electing me as your new Rear Commodore for 2024!

I'm looking forward in working with everyone this year as long as, Nick our past Rear Commodore tells me who everyone is . I always leaned on Nick because he is a foundation of knowledge of our current members. I will strive to get to meet one and all throughout the year.

As Rear Commodore I will strive to build our membership to its capacity. As most of you know that is my primary job, however I am excited to mention that the board and I are working on some new and exciting programs to en-

hance our membership, provide a revenue stream for the club and acknowledge our past members in good standing from the "early years".

For those who do not know it or haven't visited our website in awhile FYBC was established in 1992.

"Our First Organizational Meeting was held at the Ebb Tide (present Dockside parking lot) on April 7, 1992. Twentythree boaters attended the meeting. A By-Law committee was assembled that evening.

FYBC's maiden voyage was on May 3, 1992. Eight boats and twenty-eight members participated in an Intracoastal cruise to St. Augustine. By the July meeting in 1992 FBYC had fifty members."

Currently Nick reports to me that:

He received one new application in December.

Members: Lifetime 8

Honorary 2

Regular: 110

Total: 120

Applications to date: 15

Total: (Assuming Applicants are converted) 135

To remind everyone that the recent changes in our Bylaws that:

3.02 The club is limited to 150 members. Honorary members and Lifetime members will not count towards the total.

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Since 150 Regular members is our ultimate goal, we have quite a few openings available to us. So, let's all start recruiting for 2024!

We have a strong club consisting of a wonderful mix of people, many who Lynn and I consider wonderful friends in and outside the club. Our founders and previous boards (including lasts years) have done an excellent job of growing the club and providing an atmosphere of friendliness and a club that enjoys to "Have Fun". As a lot of us are moving on in our years, a club like ours has become an important part of life. I know it is for Lynn and me.

I look forward to our first meeting of 2024 on Thursday January 18th.

Happy New Year to all!

If you need to get ahold of me for now my personal email is:

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Ahoy! FBYC Boaters



Hello from your Fleet Captain. Hope everyone is enjoying the holidays.

Saturday December 23rd was the Caroling on the Canals and Picnic at Hershel King led by Jim and Michelle Kelly. It was great fun and many folks came out to see the parade pass by. There were 16 boats (woo hoo!!) and about 30 participants. The burgers and brats were great and there was a lots of shared food and goodies. Capitan Phillip Rahner won 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**.

Here comes the new year!

IMPORTANT !! Thursday January 4th is the Annual Maritime Planning Meeting at 7:00PM at Santa Maria Del Mar Catholic Church Hall. When you joined the club, you chose to be an either maritime or social volunteer. <u>We need you at the meeting</u> for your ideas for 2024 maritime events and to set a monthly schedule A sign up blast will be going out shortly.

Also coming up quickly is **the Boating America Certificate Class** - **January 27, 2024 at 8:30 AM** Santa Maria Del Mar Catholic Church hall conducted by Mr. Eric Fisher from the Coast Guard Auxiliary. We expect the class to meet until approximately 4:00 and will take place at the Church hall. The cost is \$30 per person for all training materials and a breakfast snack and full lunch will be provided. Eric is an excellent presenter and the certificate course is highly recommended even if you have taken it or something similar before. There is always something new to learn.

Here is some information and the link to sign up: Please click here to sign up for the Maritime Training FBYC

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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 indepth 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

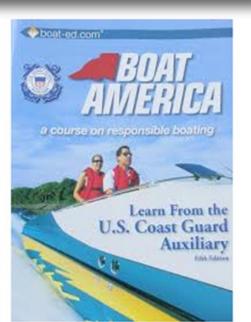
- Introduction to Boating Types of power boats, boating vocabulary, sailboats, paddle boats, powering boats, and engine types.
- Boating Law Boat registration, regulations, hull identification numbers, required safety equipment, Federal boating law, state boating law, and reporting accidents.
- Safety Equipment Life jackets, fire extinguishers, soundproducing 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.
- Trailering Types of trailers, lights, hitches, towing a trailer.
- Sports and Boating Water-skiing, hunting and hunting gear, PWC operation, and other boating tips.

Boating events coming up in 2024 Jacksonville Boat Show JANUARY 26 – 28, 2024

Prime F. Osborn III Convention Center – 1000 Water St.

Daytona Beach Spring Boat Show

MARCH Friday/Saturday 15th-16th, 2024 Center March 15-16 2024 from 10am-6pm daily Tickets are \$5





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Lastly, here is an article on:

Guide to Boating in the Winter



The balmy summer days have come to their inevitable end. A farewell to the warm season means saying goodbye to sipping cocktails on the deck in summer clothing and swimming in warm waters without a care. Does it also mean the end of boating for the year?

The quick answer is — not at all! You may have to trade in the sun's warmth on your face for a brisk, bracing breeze and the swimming gear for cozier clothing, but winter boating is both beautiful and rewarding in its own right. So get ready to exchange the warm summer glow for a clear winter day and climb aboard.

Let's look at some boating tips for the winter and touch on a bit of winter boating safety to help you ensure you're safe and warm enough to truly enjoy the experience.

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TIPS FOR SAFE BOATING IN THE WINTER

1. KEEP YOUR BATTERY CHARGED

As the temperature drops, batteries of all descriptions have a harder time working as they require extra power to get up and running in the colder months. A faulty battery is the last thing you need when you're out on the water, so it's best not to leave your battery alone when you're not using it. Instead, you can top up the charge in several ways:

- After a day on the water, disconnect your battery and take it home so you can keep it charged there.
- **Buy a trickle charger:** Trickle chargers supply a constant charge to batteries, whether they're fully charged or not. If you're just boating on weekends, the trickle charger won't allow any ebb in your battery's charge.
- **Install a solar panel:** Much like a trickle charger, a solar panel will use sunlight to top up any charge deficit in your battery.
- Check your Engine:



Before the winter comes in earnest, take the time to check your machine in case it requires tuneups or repairs.



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Your engine is under increased pressure in winter temperatures — the colder it becomes, the more difficult it is for your motor to start. Before the winter comes in earnest, take the time to check your machine in case it requires tuneups or repairs. Ensure you also top up on antifreeze and coolant to be safe.

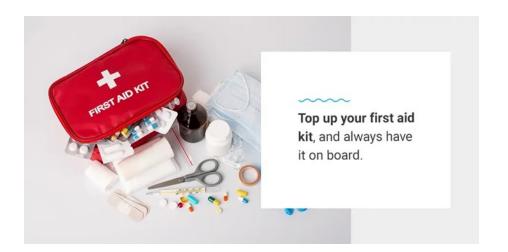
2 CHANGE YOUR OIL

Consider draining your oil and replacing it with a winter-friendly solution. Using a formula intended for colder weather can help ensure your engine's parts remain properly lubricated despite the drop in temperature.

3. CHECK THE PORTHOLES, DRAINS AND SEACOCKS

Do your first check for leaks as winter boating begins and additional periodic inspections throughout the season. Ensure all the plugs are in place and repair or replace any damaged seals.

4. CONDUCT GENERAL SAFETY CHECKS





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Ensure all your safety equipment is in good working order, including your life jackets. Some docks may maintain shorter hours or close in the winter, so fill up on gas before you set out. Top up your first aid kit, and always have it on board. Take special care to make sure the following equipment is available and working:

- Anchor
- Fire extinguisher
- Tow Lines
- Air Horn
- Flares

You'll also want to ensure you have plenty of blankets, fresh, warm clothes and other essential items you might need in case you have to remain on board for longer than expected.

5. CHECK YOUR PAPERWORK

You may already be in the habit of checking your registration at the beginning of a new season. If not, you'll want to double-check that your registration papers are in order and check with your insurance company to ensure you're adequately insured for the winter.

6. KEEP A VHF RADIO ON BOARD

If you don't already have one, consider purchasing one of these handy two-way radios. They transmit over a long range and don't require much power. If you get into trouble on the water, you can <u>send out an emergency distress call</u> on channel 16.

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7. WATCH THE WEATHER



Inclement weather can be a serious concern. While light winds are enjoyable for winter boating, the wind chill in the winter months can be pretty miserable if the wind is howling. It's also easy to forget about the dangers of sunburn when it's cold. Just because you don't feel the heat on your skin the same way doesn't mean you aren't burning. The sun's glare off of flat winter water can actually enhance the sun's effects, so keep your sunglasses and sunscreen close at hand. Finally, if there's any chance of the weather turning, it's usually best to save your boating trip for another day.

8. PLAN SHORTER TRIPS

Daylight hours are limited in winter, so you may have to adjust the length of your voyages to avoid coming home in the cold and dark. If you're a first-time off-season boater, try sticking to daylight voyages. Your speeds will generally be lower and the winds lighter, so plan trips carefully. If you'd like to be out on the water a bit longer, leave earlier so you can still come back to port in the daylight.

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9. KEEP GOOD COMPANY

Don't go out alone on the waters in the winter months. Use the buddy system for safety, as a boating companion will be there to help you if you need it. It's also more enjoyable to share your boating experience with others. Good company and extra safety all in one — what could be better?

Even with company, you should let a third party know where you're going and how long you plan to be out on the water. If you need help or fall out of communication for any reason, this person will know to expect you and be able to take action if you don't return on time.

10. WATCH FOR HAZARDS



Drive a little slower so you have plenty of time to navigate hazards if they do leap out in front of you.

Water levels are often lower in winter, bringing hazards closer to the surface. Regardless of how well you know the water, it's essential to keep an eye out for risks that may not have been visible before the off-season. Ask your boating buddy to help with keeping watch. **Drive a little slower** so you have plenty of time to navigate hazards if they do leap out in front of you.



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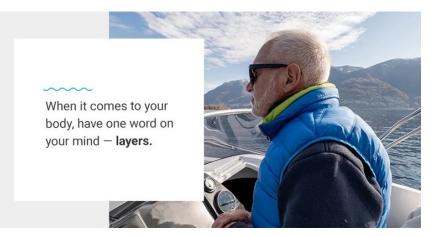
11. STAY PREPARED

No one wants to go overboard into frigid waters, but as we know, sometimes accidents happen when boating. Ensure you've taken every precaution in case someone does go overboard:

Be aware of the signs of hypothermia and how you can help. Always err on the side of caution and keep warm clothes, energy-replenishing food and heat sources on board. While you may want to warm them up as quickly as possible, it's safest to bring their body back to normal temperature slowly.

WHAT TO WEAR ON A WINTER BOAT RIDE

What to wear on a boat when it's cold might seem obvious, but there's more to it than just warm clothing. Of course, you want to stay warm and cozy, but your winter boating wardrobe must also be helpful and comfortable. You and your fellow boaters must be as safe and dry as possible, so here's a quick breakdown of some ideal winter boating attire.



You'll want to protect your head and neck from the cold and a woolen hat is a great place to start. Be sure you buy one long enough to cover your ears and protect them from cold winds. A ski mask is another option that will also protect your neck, but if that isn't your style, a spare wool scarf will do wonders to keep you warm and protected against moisture.



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When it comes to your body, have one word on your mind — layers. When you think you have enough layers, add another. Hand and footwear are essential on a boat in the winter. Having cold extremities can be unpleasant at best and dangerous at worst. Add a pair of warm socks. Keeping your hands warm can be trickier, as most boaters need to be able to use their fingers and thick gloves limit your mobility. If you're relaxing on the boat, there's nothing guite as satisfying as a pair of soft mittens. However, fingerless gloves could provide the perfect happy medium if you need to be a little more dexterous.

If you're considering a leisurely sightseeing trip, your basic boating clothes should do the trick. However, it's very tempting to open the throttle out on the quiet water when it's safe to do so. Consider goggles instead of sunglasses for extra wind protection.

People often associate boating with the warmer parts of the year, but there are multiple benefits to spending time on the water in winter. The experience isn't quite the same — but that's half the fun!

Even if you're boating in a familiar place, when you take to the water in winter you get to see all the sights in a different light. You'll have the chance to discover beauty and tranquility you didn't even know existed.

Take your sense of adventure with you, use your imagination and enjoy some experiences you'd never imagine in the summer. You can spend quality time with your loved ones, have a picnic on the water, try fishing, enjoy nature and relax in your boat. However you choose to boat in the winter, you'll find something you love about the experience.

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Treasurer — Lori Plump

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Hello FBYC! I am honored to assume the role as your treasurer again for 2024. Having this role has allowed me to get to know many of you better and I feel very blessed to have made so many good friends!

We ended 2023 with all bills paid and approximately the same amount in the checking account as we had in 2022. So many of you used Zelle in 2023 to pay for club events. I hope that this has made it a little bit easier to send in funds. For those who are newer to our club, you can pay the club directly by sending money to

<u>treasurer@flaglerbeachyachtclub.com</u>. Of course, we will continue to accept checks made out to FBYC and cash.

I look forward to serving you throughout 2024. Please don't hesitate to reach out of you have any questions at all.

Lori

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

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Lynn Van Dort	13-Jan
Violet Ruffalo	19-Jan
Carolyn Marich	23-Jan
Dedem Burek	26-Jan
Al Rosa	26-Jan
Don Smith	26-Jan
Dean Doner	27-Jan
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