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Commodore's Corner — Jim Kelly

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Greetings to all my fellow FBYC friends! February was a great month with some fun events, Carol and Steve will talk about in their portion of the newsletter along with the next several events.

February's meeting had a lot of information, Carol and Steve mentioned the events planned for the next couple months. We also demonstrated how to use the FBYC calendar on the website to see events and how to sign up for the events. For those that were unable to attend the meeting or a refresher for those that did. Please go to [FBYC Events-calendar \(flaglerbeachyachtclub.com\)](http://FBYC Events-calendar(flaglerbeachyachtclub.com)). Once you are on the calendar page, just click on the date of the event

and the event information is there with a link to sign-up. That link takes you to the form to fill out and once you click submit your done. The great part with these forms is once you click submit all the information is added to a spreadsheet that the leads get so they know who is coming and any other information we need to know that you fill out. So if you haven't tried it yet. Give it a try. Just for clarification, the links I include in the newsletter to sign up are the same as on the calendar. So, if you sign up from the newsletter of monthly blast you don't have to sign up again on the calendar. March general meeting is the Corned Beef Dinner. Please sign up now. We need to have a good head count for this event and need everyone to prepay. Final cutoff for dinner is March 9th. So please sign up using the link in the Vice-Commodore section.

One thing I want to bring up and I can't stress enough. VHF radios. They are your easiest lifeline to help when you are out on the water. When I bring this up everyone's response is "I have my phone, I don't need a radio" well you might have your phone but the boat that is anchored up and watching you head towards a shoal doesn't have your number. Or when you're anchoring and you're trying to talk to other boaters the cell phone is not the best way.

In the case of a serious need for emergency assistance, your cell phone 911 call goes to the call center that then has to transfer you to a marine unit that then will probably transfer you to a Coast Guard station.



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That could take several minutes (if you're lucky). A VHF radio (turned on) goes straight to the Coast Guard. In an emergency, seconds matter. There are many options for Radios now, you can have the permanently mounted unit on your boat. These with the right antenna have a better range. The newer portable ones have come along the way and have a decent range and some even have the distress beacon built into them. I am a firm believer in the "I would rather have it and not need it than need it and not have it" You can pick these up for \$100 or less for a basic radio at marine supply stores or even Amazon. Is your life worth \$100?



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FBYC Social News

February was an educational month for a few FBYC members, learning about The USS Tennessee ballistic missile Submarine tour at Kings Bay GA, with the Navy League on February 14th, 2024.

We will keep you posted on other events with Military Ships or Subs in the Future.

FEBRUARY'S GENERAL MEETING was a Great success hosted by Jim and Michelle Kelly.

Thank you again, to both of you for putting together a fabulous Valentine event for all of us. The music during dinner was a great addition to our monthly General Meeting.

FEBRUARY'S SOCIAL EVENT was at Anejo Restaurant hosted by Jeanne and Randy Meyer. Jeanne and Randy express their gratitude to our loyal members for supporting our recent social gathering at Anejo on February 19th 2024 .

Which was filled with great conversations, delicious food, cocktails, and a delightful ambiance.



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- Wednesday, March 13th
- TOKYO Japanese Steakhouse
 - ◊ 260 Cyress Edge Dr. Unit 113 Palm Coast, Florida
- Special Cocktail Prices 5:30 till Close.
- **Deadline is March 6th for head count.**
- Call or text Lead Jeanne Meyer if you want to sign up or can't make it for any reason.
- Or SIGN UP on the FBYC Calendar of events online:
www.flaglerbeachyachtclub.com
or even easier, you can
- [Click Here to sign up and let Jeanne know if you plan on attending or not](#)
- Web Link for menu and general information: www.Tokyoormond.com

MARCH GENERAL MEETING:

- Thursday March 21st, 2024.
 - ◊ 6pm Social Hour and Corned Beef Dinner
 - ◊ 7pm General Meeting
- Santa Maria Del Mar Catholic Church Rectory.
 - ◊ 915 N. Central Ave. Flagler Beach
- We are doing a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner for St. Patrick's Day
- The cost is \$5 per person.
- **Deadline to sign up and pay March 9th** (we must know who is coming so we have enough food)
- You must register and prepay.
- Leads: Darla Allison & Daisy Lucci
- [Please click here to let us know you are coming](#)
- Payment: Zelle to Treasurer@FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com (Please put "Corned Beef Dinner" in the notes field)
- Wear your festive Green Irish outfits and hats to Celebrate the Luck of the Irish.

Irish Blessing

"May your joys be as deep as the ocean's,
Your troubles as light as its foam,
and may you find sweet peace of mind wherever you may roam"

**Vice Commodore — Carol Hunt****Vice-Commodore@FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com****APRIL GENERAL MEETING:**

- Thursday APRIL 18th, 2024
 - ◊ 6pm Social Hour and Bingo
 - ◊ 7pm General Meeting
- Santa Maria Del Mar Catholic Church Rectory
 - ◊ 915 N Central Ave. Flagler Beach
- Lead: Doris Houslander
 - Co-Leads: Linda Folosm and Debbie Smith
- Social Hour: We have a fun night of BINGO planned.
 - ◊ Bring your cash Money \$5. The Knights of Columbus will conduct 3-4 BINGO Games @ the cost of \$5.00 for a book of 3 cards. and that money will go towards Prize money.
- If you would like to bring a dish to share sign up on the following Link or contact Doris, Linda, or Debbie to confirm and they will send you a reminder. Serving potluck foods while playing Bingo.
- [Please click here to sign-up and let us know if you will or will not be attending the April meeting](#)

**APRIL SOCIAL EVENT:**

- April 26th (Friday) 5:30pm
- THE FLAGLER BEACH FRONT WINERY
 - ◊ 611North Ocean Shore Blvd. Flagler Beach, Florida
- LEADS: Cyndi & Bob Fazzone
- Indulge with Cyndi and Bob for some Award-Winning exquisite selections of wines, cocktails, slushies, and Charcuteries.
- [Please Click Here to let us know if you plan on attending the April social](#)
- Winery website for menu and information: www.flaglerbeachfrontwinery.com

MAY GENERAL MEETING:

- May16th 2024
 - ◊ 6pm Social Hour
 - ◊ 7pm General Meeting
- Santa Maria Del Mar Catholic Church Rectory
 - ◊ 915 N Central Ave Flagler Beach, Florida
- Join us for CINCO DE MAYO
- Lead: Ruthanne Ferrera
 - ◊ Co-Lead: Paula Lewis
- Please Contact Ruthanne and Paula for volunteers to bring food, setup and clean up.

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MAY SOCIAL EVENT:

- MAY 19th, 2024 (Sunday)
- ST JOHNS RIVER SHIP CRUISE
 - ◊ 433 N. Palmetto Ave. Sanford, Florida
- Save the Date for an unforgettable 3-hour luncheon Cruise on an authentic Stern wheeler. The Barbara-Lee measures 105 ft from stem to stern and has 5 decks, featuring ornate wrought-iron railings and wooden paddle wheels. Join us for a delectable dining experience with a choice of 7 different chef prepared entrees and live music to create a festive atmosphere while you cruise down the historic St John's River.
- Cost: \$72.76 per person, this includes cruise, meal, entertainment, taxes, port fees and gratuities. Alcoholic beverages and soda are additional.
- Sign up and Payments Due to FBYC by APRIL 15th. We have to give the boat a deposit and head count by this date. They are giving us a reduced rate based on this. If we don't have enough signed up the price changes. The discount includes the taxes, port fees and gratuities in our price. If we don't have enough signed up by the April 15th deadline it becomes the advertised price, and each person is responsible for the added fees. So PLEASE sign up early if you plan on attending.
- Lead: Jerry Imbriani
- Zelle Lori Plump @ treasurer@flaglerbeachyachtclub.com (Please put "May River cruise" in the notes field)
- [Please Click Here to sign up for the river Boat cruise](#)



MAY SOCIAL EVENT: Fernandina Beach

- MAY 12-14
- FERNADINA BEACH
 - ◊ Hampton Inn
 - ◊ Room rates: \$162-\$172 per night.
- Leads: Ruthie Russo
 - ◊ Co-Lead: Lori Plump
- [Please Click her for more information and register](#)
- Once you register on-line Lori will send you a link for the Hampton Inn block of Rooms. Then you can make your reservations with the Hampton Inn in Fernandina Beach. Get your reservations now, Rooms are filling up quickly. (March 22nd hard cutoff date)
- If you signed up for the Kayak or Historical Tour, you will be receiving an email from Ruthie or Lori with payment details. If you are interested in either and haven't signed up, please contact Ruthie or Lori



Rear Commodore — Rich Van Dort

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Recap as of March-1-2024

Members:	Lifetime	8
	Honorary	2
	Regular:	107
	<u>Total:</u>	<u>117</u>

New Applications: None for February. Hope to have many guests for March.

Pending (Have not finished requirements): 9

Prospects: 16 to date

Inducted: Robert Ward got inducted at our February meeting. Welcome Robert!

Jill and Brad Hunt have finished all their requirements and have passed board approval. We hope to induct them into the club at the March meeting.

Since 150 Regular members is our ultimate goal, we have quite a few openings available to us. So, keep on recruiting for 2024! It will take all of us to get a full club. Please help!

If you need to get ahold of me, my email is:

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Melaleuca

During these times when even going to the coffee shop is frowned upon, I am so thankful for home delivery!

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

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Fleet Captain — Steven Plump**Fleet-Captain@FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com****Ahoy! FBYC Boaters****Hello again from your 2024 Fleet Captain**

On February 24 the “hunters” ventured out to the ICW to find Oysters to bring back to Hershel King park to cook and enjoy. There were 5 hunting boats and Jim Kelly won the captains prize. Woo-Hoo! We all enjoyed a nice picnic together and many attended. In addition, we conducted a Coast Guard Boat inspection for safety items and boat readiness. There were three CGA officers working with the captains both on and off the water and they joined us for a quick lunch. Many thanks to Nick and Jean Ward as well as Dean and Diane Doner for organizing the event as well as many on the picnic setup team. Folks brought lots of food to share, and it was a great time. **Thanks again to all that are leading, co-leading and helping! You all make this club work!**



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New for 2024 on the sign-up sheets will be a space where you can indicate that you are willing to help out. Please consider assisting those that are leading and co-leading the event. They can always use folks to lend a hand. If you have any questions on any event, you can contact the lead folks directly or myself at Fleet-Captain@flaglerbeachyachtclub.com




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***Fleet Captain — Steven Plump*****Fleet-Captain@FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com****Following is a snapshot of Maritime outings to come in 2024:**

Please look carefully at the dates as many have changed from their original

March 9th Blessing of the Fleet and raft up at Cimmaron basin. Meet and circle at Cimmaron basin at 11:45. Individual blessings start at 12:00. Dean and Dianne Doner are the leads. Jim Kelly will anchor the raft up immediately following in the basin.

April 20th Poker Run in the ICW and Canals. Michelle Kelly and Darla Allison are the leads. Details to follow.

May 4th Conch House lunch by Boat. Rich Van Dort and Phillip Rahner are leads. Details to follow.

June 1st Trailing Event: Rengades?, Pontoons? Daisy and Tom Lucci and Darla and Rick Allison are leads. Details to follow.

June 29th Mantanzas Inlet- "Beach up" Joel Houslander and Dean and Dianne Doner are leads. Details to follow.

July TBD Mantanzas Inlet- Raft Up- Cimmaron Basin Jim Kelly and Cindy and Bob Fazzone are leads. Details to follow.

August 15th Mantanzas Inlet and Progressive picnic lunch Dean and Dianne Doner and Steve and Lori Plump are leads. Details to follow.

September 22nd Caribbean Jacks/Lunch by Boat Bob Solms and Phillip Rahner are leads. Likely meet at PC Marina at 9:45 and travel down the Caribbean Jacks. More details to follow.

September TBD Canal Clean Up Bob Solms and Jim Kelly are leads. Details to follow.

October TBD Treasure/Scavenger Hunt and Beaches St. Augustine lunch Linda and Al Rosa and Daisy and Tom Lucci are leads. Details to follow.

November (Early) Cassen Park Ormond By Boat and Lunch at the Grind Bob and Cindy Fazzone and Linda and Al Rosa are leads. Details to follow.

December 14th Caroling On the Canals Jim Kelly, Rich Van Dort and Phillip Rahnor are leads. Details to follow.

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January 2025 St. Augustine Night of Lights by Boat Bob Solms and Nick Ward are leads. Details to follow.

Upcoming Public Boating Events:



**Orlando Boat Show
April 5-7**

Orange County Convention Center
9400 Universal Blvd. Orlando FL 32819

Boating Boo-Boo's

While some new boaters might assume that vessels are just like cars, that notion misses some crucial distinctions: Boats don't have brakes, for one. Boats also don't navigate on roads with lanes.

So, we all face at least a partial learning curve when we start boating. Even old salts periodically discover some nuance that teaches them a lesson.

If the following are a few common on-water mistakes and faux pas haven't bitten you yet, maybe this refresher might help you avoid them.

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Sink or Swim

Amazingly, a small piece of rubber and metal — the drain plug — is the crucial component keeping your boat afloat at the dock. When you haul out your vessel, you remove the plug and put it somewhere safe or loosen it, depending on which type of plug you use.

Prudent mariners use a checklist every time they launch, and replacing the drain plug tops that worksheet. At the very least, pay attention after you launch; if you see the boat riding low in the water, take quick action.

Weather, Water and Waves

Getting caught in rain might be uncomfortable, but getting caught in a lightning storm can be deadly. Check the marine-weather and the land forecasts when you're planning an outing or voyage, and keep checking the forecast throughout your day.

On saltwater, be aware of the local tide stages and amplitudes. Many regions feature volatile tidal currents and drastic tide changes that can leave you high and dry on a sandbar or mud flat for hours. When a major tide change pairs with a strong wind, the water can remain out on a low tide (or in on a high tide) longer. Wind against a tide can also dangerously stack up the water.

Situational Awareness

If you see people ahead of you well away from shore yet still wading, immediately throttle back — there's a sandbar ahead. Take the same evasive

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action if you suddenly see breaking waves. For sure, electronic or paper marine or lake charts can show you the safest routes, but situational awareness on the water can save you.

Assign a passenger to keep a lookout for logs or other flotsam, particularly when navigating unfamiliar areas where water might wash debris into your path. Extra tip: Carry a spare prop in the event of an untimely collision.

Bump the Bumpers

Boat fenders, or bumpers, that keep your boat off the dock protect your rub rail and your gelcoat. But by all means, once you leave the dock, haul in your bumpers. Nothing says “novice captain” like a boat bouncing along with flailing bumpers.

Clear the Prop

When navigating through weedy or grassy water, vegetation can gather on the propeller blades eventually even halting forward progress. When you feel the boat slow or even over-rev, stop and put the engine in reverse. The reverse spin of the prop will shake off the weeds. **If you are stuck in sand or shoal, DO NOT reverse , raise the engine and try to push off.**

Direct Helpline

Many boaters assume their cellphones provide adequate communication on the water, particularly when they rarely stray more than a mile or so from land. But cellphones can't immediately connect to on-water support; VHF radios can. Even a lower-cost handheld VHF can be a lifesaver when you need help right away.

Trailer Etiquette

Boaters should regularly practice backing their trailers if they're not routinely on the water. Don't be that guy that appears in a YouTube® video zigzagging his rig down the incline. Also important: Don't hog the ramp space by loading or unloading your boat mid-launch.

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Lucky Lanyard

The footage of a lone captain falling off his vessel in a heavy swell or large wake, and then battling to stay away from the engine prop should be testament enough to wear your engine cutoff lanyard. Even if you never boat alone, that lanyard can save you and your passengers if a rogue wave swamps you or a hard-over turn dips the gunwale. It's the law.

Rules of the Road

You're tooling along with the breeze in your hair, enjoying a warm sunny afternoon on the water. Another speeding vessel is **coming toward you from your left**.

Do you:

- A. Ignore him because his boat's not as big as yours?
- B. Hit the throttles to outpace him?
- C. Slow down and let him cross your path?

The answer is C. A boat approaching from your **right** has the right of way. If you're unfamiliar with waterway navigation basics, check out the Navigation Rules, aka Rules of the Road, available from the Boat U.S. Foundation, various boat clubs, the U.S. Coast Guard Boating Safety office and others.

Your boat is the give-way vessel and is obligated to slow or alter course to pass behind it, ideally. If the boat intersecting your path is to port (left), it's the give-way vessel. It's obligated to yield while you're obligated to maintain course and speed.



Treasurer — Lori Plump

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Hello FBYC! Thank you for continuing to use Zelle to pay for events for our club. For March, please pay for your corned beef dinner by sending \$5 per person through Zelle or by check, no later than 3/9.

For those who are newer to our club, you can 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 throughout 2024. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions at all.

Lori

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March Birthdays

Jim Russo	3-Mar
Deanna Dennehy	7-Mar
Sherry Lipari	9-Mar
John Burek, Jr.	10-Mar
Karen Sirbu	10-Mar
Susan Bereda	13-Mar
Eileen McSherry	18-Mar
Michelle Kelly	20-Mar
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FBYC Ship Store

Spring is springing! Stop by the Ship Store for new merchandise so you are ready for summer on the water and off.

The FBYC Ship Store is here to serve our members by providing FBYC logo merchandise at cost. We have several options in stock, or custom orders can be placed and delivered at the following monthly general meeting. If you need it before our next meeting, pickup or delivery arrangements can be made.



Where do we get our merchandise? We currently have 2 sources that we obtain our merchandise through (and you can too!):

FBYC member, Mike Ferreira, creates several of our logo items and t-shirts. Mike designed and created our very popular short and long-sleeved swim shirts that many of you have took advantage of last summer. He has also provided us with floating key chains and sunglass straps – stop by and see this new merchandise in person!

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. They know FBYC and will help you make the best choice for your needs. They are located at: U Name It, 10 Hargrove Grade, Palm Coast, FL 32137.

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

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