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Commodore's Corner — Nick Ward Commodore@FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com



As the song says, "another one bites the dust"! Can't believe it's April already, but I for one am ready for some warm weather – but not *too* warm, right?

Our Board of Directors and their Leads continue to impress with their events: The Breakfast for Dinner meeting was a lot of fun (and a LOT of food!), the Blessing of the Fleet went beautifully, and the "maritime" event at the Garage in Ormond was very well attended even though we had to drive cars not boats because of the tornado watch. Kudos to Fleet Captain Bob Solms for the rapid-fire communica-

tions at the last minute.

Bingo with the Knights of Columbus is always a lot of fun, so bring \$5 to the POT LUCK dinner meeting on the 17th. Please sign up – for the meeting, and to bring something -- so we are sure to have enough for everyone. And while you're at it, bring a guest to introduce to our great organization!

As the weather improves and we get back on the water, boats tend to break (again). I know there are FBYC members with outboard and electrical problems. If you are knowledgeable in either or both of those areas and would be willing to assist, please contact me or Fleet Captain Bob. Let's get some of that good karma moving around in our club!

Fair winds,

Nick Ward

Commodore



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***Vice Commodore — Ilyse Pinette*****Vice-Commodore@FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com**

Happy Spring everyone!

The March General Meeting, led by Diane Doner and Lauren Kent, was a breakfast-for-dinner themed pajama party, and it turned out to be a really fun event! The tables were beautifully decorated, and it was so thoughtful of them to provide everyone with sleeping masks to set the mood. It was amazing to see how many people embraced the spirit and wore their best Pj's, so a big thank you too all!

Now let's talk about the food-wow, wow, wow! One thing I can say about our club is that we are so fortunate to never be short of volunteers providing amazing food. We had an incredible assortment, including biscuits and gravy, various quiche varieties, cheese blintzes, sticky buns, hash brown casseroles, cheese omelets, sausage, fruit, and coffee cakes. I hope I didn't forget anything—there was just so much! A special shout-out to Amy and Joe, who provided a bagel bar with all the fixings, including cream cheese and lox. The pièce de résistance of the night was our very own board member, Jim Russo, cooking pancakes fresh on the fly. He was such a trooper, making over 40 pancakes, and they were absolutely delicious!"

Unfortunately, this month we were unable to hold our social event due to the cancellation of "A night of Dancing with Tim Rippey" I'd like to extend a special thank you to Jeanne Myer for organizing the event and to everyone who signed up. It was shaping up to be a great evening, and we all appreciate your support!

Save The Dates!

April's General Meeting:

Thursday April 17th @ 6 pm

Leads: Linda Folsom and Doris Houslander

Bingo is back! By popular demand, your favorite Knights, the Knights of Columbus will be spinning the bingo balls for your chance to win \$\$\$\$\$. Prize money depends on the number of players so make sure you attend the meeting to make a big pot of **green**. We will play 3 games, cost is \$5 and FBYC commemorative pens will be supplied to all.

This is also a pot luck meeting, if you would like to share your favorite dish, plan on bringing 1 to 2 dozen servings. Please email or call Linda Folsom or Doris Houslander if you are bringing a dish or have questions. Linda: 678-467-3641; LJFolsom@yahoo.com or Doris: 847-826-6851; dahouslander@gmail.com

[Click here to sign up for the April General Meeting](#)

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***Vice Commodore — Ilyse Pinette*****Vice-Commodore@FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com****April's Social Events:**Shooting and Shopping at Top Gun and the Flea Market

Location: Top Gun (Lead: Deanna Dennehy)

2900 Bellevue Ave, Daytona Beach FL 32124

Saturday April 19th @ 2:00/2:30 PM to shoot or shop, and 4:00 PM for Happy Hour on the deck followed by dinner and band music[Click here to sign up for Top Gun](#)Dinner at Loopers

Location: Loopers Par & Grille (Lead: Jerry Imbriani)

The Palm Harbor Golf Course

100 Cooper Lane Palm Coast

Monday April 28th 5-6 PM Happy Hour Dinner 6-8 PM Loopers Par & Grille a (FBYC Sponsor)

Come and enjoy a pleasant dining experience, a vibrant atmosphere, delectable seafood, steak or mouthwatering burgers, with your FBYC friends at Loopers. Beer, wine, drinks and dinner is available for purchase. A good time with great friends is free. Happy Hour Prices from 5-6 PM.

[Click here to sign up for Loopers](#)May General MeetingThursday May 15th @6pm

Cinco De Mayo Theme

Lead Jeanne Myer

May Social Event:Saturday May 10th

Golf Outing

Details to follow

Please use links to sign up for all events. I would like to host another social event in May at a local restaurant if anyone is interested in stepping up to lead, please let me know.

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**FBYC Social Event
Loopers Par & Grille
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April 28, 2025
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Dinner 6-8 PM
Eat, Drink and Be Happy**

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Sign-up for this fun event at the upcoming FBYC Monthly Meeting on April 17th so we can provide a head count for proper staffing and seating. You can select any meal off the menu or order the "Lobster Meal Special" (Market Price).

[Click here to sign up for Loopers](#)

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For further assistance contact;

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**Rear Commodore — Jim Russo****Rear-Commodore@FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com**

I can't believe it is April 2025 already. Recently we have received interest with potential members through the Flagler Beach Yacht Club web site. Each and every person has been contacted to answer all of their questions while encouraging them to join this wonderful club. They have also been sent an activities calendar and have been invited to attend the monthly general meetings.

Behind the scenes the board is working extremely hard to find ways to encourage new membership. We are looking at participating in local events with a Kiosk in order to promote the FBYC and to meet boaters face to face. This is how Ruthie and I were made aware of FBYC. We visited a FBYC Kiosk at the Marina Del Palma boat show and evidently joined.

Growing membership is extremely important for the future of the club. Moreover, many friends have been made and it would be great to meet new people and increase the circle of friends. If you know of anyone interested or have any ideas about growing membership, please contact me by either phone (352) 430-4465 or email (jrboat21@gmail.com).

The board has been aggressive in setting up both boating events as well as social activities. I see this as twofold, first for the enjoyment and fellowship for all of us (the current membership) and to make the club more exposed. Especially during boating activities when we all fly our FBYC Burgee.

I have also heard from many of you that every time you go out to either eat or an activity in the Flagler/Palm Coast area, you have let the owner or organizer know that you are from the FBYC. This goes a long way in promoting the FBYC in the community in which we live and patronize.

I thank you all for the great advise on how to be a better boater, for your friendship and for all that you do for the Flagler Beach Yacht Club. It really is extraordinary. After all, the club is only as good as it's membership and the FBYC has GREAT members!!

Jim Russo
Rear Commodore



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**Fleet Captain — Bob Solms****Fleet-Captain@FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com****Maritime Newsletter April 2025**

AHOY!!!!

Saturday, March 29 we had the annual Blessing of the Fleet in the Cinnamon Basin, followed by a raftup in Cottonwood Basin. Nine boats were blessed, and Jim Kelly won the Captains Drawing. I want to thank Jerry Imbriani and John Keefe for coordinating the event, Christine Passiglia for carrying out the Blessings, and Patte Garofalo for the use of her dock.

The April Maritime event will be a Poker Run Hosted by Michelle and Jim Kelly on April 12. Keep an eye out for the blast coming out with the details.

[Click here to sign up for the Poker Run](#)

Beginning at our next monthly meeting we will be showing videos on "How To" items that cover situations we may encounter on the water and ways to react, or trouble shoot. Please let me know of any scenarios that you all would like to see.

Here are some upcoming Maritime Events to mark on your Calendars:

May 3: **Caribbean Jacks**. We will be meeting at the Palm Coast Marina at 9:45 and heading South. We are planning on arriving at 11:30.

[Click here to sign up for Caribbean Jacks](#)

June 1: **St. Augustine Boat Trip and Lunch**

Where: We will boat to the St. Augustine Municipal Marina with a goal of arriving around 11:00 am. All boats must contact the marina upon arrival and let them know you would like dock space for 3-4 hours. There is a \$5 charge per hour. **Important to note is they will not reserve space for day boats in advance. That is why we are targeting arrival at 11:00 am. They have told me they should be able to accommodate us at that time.**



**The Landing Strip
at the
Flagler Executive Airport**

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Lunch: After arrival we will head across the street to O.C. Whites for lunch. We are planning to sit outside which is mostly shaded. After lunch you are welcome to return to your boat and depart or enjoy old town for a while before departing.

Please ensure to sign up so we can advise O.C. Whites how many to expect. Although they will not reserve space for us at the marina, we will advise them of how many we have coming.

Lead: Please contact Alan Hendry with any questions related to the trip.

[Click here to sign up for the St. Augustine boat trip](#)

Looking forward to seeing you all on the water,

Bob

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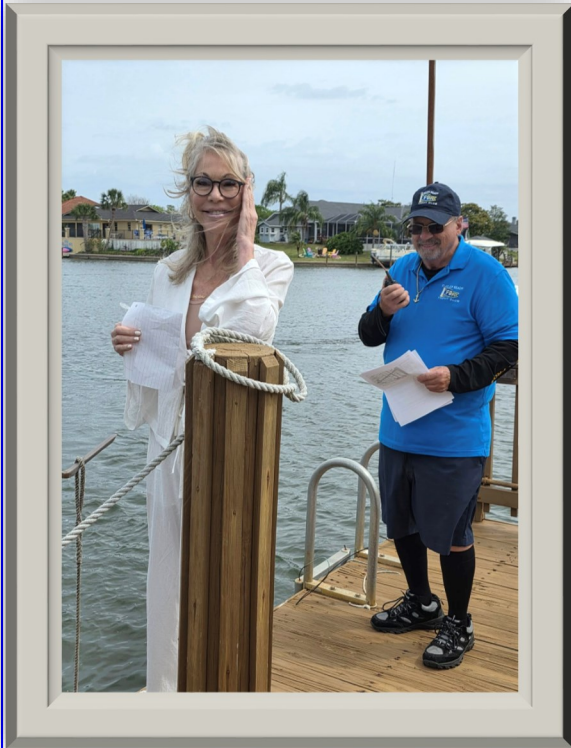
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Calculations from the Treasurer:

At the March meeting Jim Russo discussed our Advertisers/Sponsors and the need to recognize and support their business. Jim mentioned an easy way to do this is to leave an **FBYC business card** - available at our meetings, grab a handful - and hand one to your server so they know we have been there.

I followed up with recognizing **Melaleuca** as our biggest supporter this year. In 2024 we received over \$500 from Melaleuca through our representative and member, **Michelle Kelly**. Check out their website, there is an extensive product line and I know Michelle is wonderful in discussing the different options available along with helping you choose the best one for you.

Do you need Michelle's phone number? Or Jim's email address? Where can you find this information? Hint: Nick shared the answer in the February newsletter.

Another question - how can you pay for a Ship Store item or an upcoming event?

Use **Zelle** to send in your payment, however please remember to include a note what the payment is for, there is a box for you to include this information when you fill out the Zelle form. You can, of course, use cash or a check.

Paying by Zelle - send it to: treasurer@flaglerbeachyachtclub.com

Paying by check - make it out to **FBYC**

Wishing you continued balance in your checkbook and your life,

Doris Houslander
FBYC Treasurer

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

April Birthdays

Mary Ann	Lemery	Apr 4
Claudia	Towne	Apr 6
Kris	Solms	Apr 16
Pete	Cameron	Apr 20



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FBYC Ship Store

Happy Spring and so excited to have warmer weather for boating. We are excited about some new items that will be at the Ship store. Last meeting, we had a couple of cork hats, which seemed to be a big hit. The Cork hat is waterproof, lightweight, and is reversible, so two hats in one. The price of the hat is \$40. Please contact either Jodie or Kris if you would like to order a hat. At the April meeting, we will not be setting up the store. The ship store will be set up at the May meeting and will have a new shirt design to share. Any new ideas or input on new ship store items are always welcome. 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 and Tammie know FBYC and it's a great way to see what they have. Visit them or view their website at: **U Name It 10 Hargrove Grade Palm Coast, FL 32137 Website: <https://www.urnameitapparel.com>** 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. If you have questions or would like to place an order at any time, please contact us at:

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