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



Happy August, Everyone! I hope you enjoy your "month off": **there is no General Meeting in August.**

But that doesn't mean that we quit having fun, right? **Please read the articles** by Vice Commodore Ilyse, Fleet Captain Bob, and Social Director Diane for the latest on the upcoming events. And of course read the rest of the Newsletter for other important info.

One item that isn't either a Social or a Maritime event is the upcoming Vertical Oyster Garden assembly session on Saturday, August 23. Loca-

tion TBD, but it will go from about 9am until about 1pm. More info to follow in a Blast. *This is an opportunity for our Club to make a real difference in cleaning up the waters we boat on.*

The members of the Election Committee (Joel Houslander, Kris Solms and Michelle Kelly) are still looking for candidates to nominate for the 2026 FBYC Board of Directors (Officers). If you are interested in serving the Club as an Officer next year, please contact one of them (their contact info is in the Member List). The Board decides how the Club will be run, in accordance with our Bylaws (see the Bylaws link on the Home Page). Here is a summary of the Board positions and their responsibilities.

-- Commodore: Chairs the General Meetings and the Board Meetings. Only votes on Board decisions in the event of a tie vote. Hosts the Commodores Ball. May serve no more than 2 terms consecutively.

-- Vice Commodore: Responsible for General Meetings, i.e., coordinating with and supporting the Leads for each meeting. Manages inventory (flatware, plates, etc.) for use at the meetings. Fills in for Commodore when necessary.

-- Rear Commodore: Responsible for tracking new member applications and required event completions (Maritime, Social and Meeting). Also takes the lead in acquiring new Advertisers.



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- Fleet Captain: Responsible for all Maritime Events, i.e., coordinating with and supporting the Leads for the events. Also submits a useful boating/safety article for each Newsletter. Maintains the Club AED and First Aid kit.
- Secretary: Records Minutes of the Board and General Meetings. Send Sunshine Club (get-well) cards as necessary.
- Treasurer: Manages the Club finances, handles receipts and expenditures, ensures compliance with regulatory issues (e.g., taxes).
- Director: Responsible for Social Events. Coordinates with and supports the Leads for these events. Acts as the liaison between the Club members and the Board. Maintains the Suggestion Box. Serves for one year.
- Past Commodore: Provides continuity between the old and new boards. Assist as necessary. Serves for one year.

If any of these interest you, please contact Joel, Michelle or Kris. ***This is a volunteer club and everyone's contribution is valuable, so please volunteer!***

Fair winds,

Nick



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July General Meeting Recap

Winner, Winner, Pulled Pork Dinner!

A big congratulations to our newest member **Nancy Maylum** for taking home the bragging rights at our July meeting! Hats off as well to **Nick Ward, Jim Kelly, Dean Doner, Barbara Farbo (also a brand-new member!)** and **Chuck Banjack** for putting up some stiff (and delicious!) competition. Our members were treated to an incredible dinner thanks to your culinary talents!

♥ **Special Thanks** to everyone who brought sides and desserts to complement the pulled pork. From Hawaiian salads to pineapple upside-down cake, the variety was outstanding!

Upcoming Events

No General Meeting in August

Enjoy the rest of summer—we'll see you in September!

Save the Date: September General Meeting

 **Date:** Thursday, September 18th

 **Time:** 5:00 PM

 **Theme:** *Are You Ready for Some Football?*

Join us for a fun-filled, action-packed night featuring all your favorite football foods and appetizers!

What to Bring:

- A football-themed dish to share

Email your recipe to: Vice-Commodore@FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com

Your recipe will be included in our special *Flagler Beach Yacht Club Cookbook* featuring all the dishes from the event.

  **Event Leads:** Linda Folsom & Janet Hendry

[Please Click HERE to sign up and let us know whether you can make it or not](#)

Please use the calendar links to RSVP for all events.

☒ Be sure to indicate whether you plan to attend—accurate headcounts make a big difference for planning!

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This month's social event was held at the Marina Del Palma Clubhouse and Pool. Bob and Cindy Fazzone did an amazing job hosting, and after an afternoon of delicious appetizers, food, desserts and drinks, the whole party ended up in the pool. What a great time, and the weather held out until the end. Thanks to everyone who attended, shared their cooking, and cleaned up quickly before the rain came. Bob and Cindy, we look forward to a repeat next year!



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Here are the upcoming social events:

August 7th at 5:30pm- Social at Grand Haven, 2001 Waterside Parkway, PC hosted by Fred and Sherry Ciaburri;

Please click [HERE](#) to let us know you are coming

August 9th at 1:00pm- Social at The Brown Dog, 215 St. Joe Plaza Drive, PC, following Suddenly in Command;

Please click [HERE](#) to let us know if you will be attending the Brown Dog social. This is only for the social not the training class

September 25th at 5:00pm- Social at Pop stroke, 1283 Cornerstone Blvd, Daytona Beach, hosted by Rich Van Dort and Rich D'Alessio;

Please Click [HERE](#) to sign up for the POP STROKE social

October 18th at 7:00pm- Ghosts and Graveyards Trolley Tour hosted by Abby Santiago, Doris Houslander and Diane Doner. We will meet at a restaurant before the trolley tour, information about the restaurant will be in a later newsletter.

Please click [HERE](#) to sign up for the Tour and for more information

*****Important*****

The trolley tour is a prepaid event; you need to sign up by **August 7 and pay \$30 per person** so that we get a private trolley at the reduced rate. We need to pay for 36 people for the private trolley. If more than 36 people sign up (and that is fine) we will have 2 groups going 20 minutes apart.

Please Zelle the club at treasurer@flaglerbeachyachtclub.com and add a note that this is for the trolley. If you choose to pay by check, make it out to FBYC. You can mail it or drop it off at my house, I have 2 baskets hanging by the front door.

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From the trolley website: Plan to arrive at least 20 minutes early to make time to visit Cromwell's Parlor of Paranormal Curiosities. It is located inside the Old Town Trolley Welcome Center at 27 San Marco Ave., the check-in and boarding location for the Ghosts & Gravestones tour. Cromwell's Parlour is St. Augustine's only collection of the paranormal and unexplained. All objects are authentic and are either historic or supernaturally significant. The collection was gathered in this room in hopes of achieving greater understanding of the unexplained and supernatural world.

Don't forget to sign up for these events on the Calendar link!



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

We are happy to have Jeff and Nancy Maylum along with Charlie Bentivegna and Barb Farbo as our newest FBYC members. They were inducted into the club by Ilyse Pinette (Vice Commodore) at the July general meeting. Two fun couples that have attended so many events already. I look forward to many more great times together. Please give all four a warm FBYC welcome and AHOY!



The Landing Strip
at the
Flagler Executive Airport

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Sponsors that renewed their support for another year are Golden Lion, Judy O'Neil and Coastal Marine. It is so wonderful to have sponsors that truly see a great benefit aligning with FBYC. I thank you and look forward to continuing our great relationship!

As a reminder, the following is a list of sponsors:

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Our sponsors recognize the value in working with FBYC. In return, please give them every consideration when seeking services. Also, the Board placed FBYC static cling scanning decals (QR code) at the front door of our restaurant sponsors. Please look for these when going out to Loopers, Beachfront and Golden Lion, scan the decal with your phone and simply answer the questions.

If you have a connection to a local restaurant or business, please reach out to them for an ad. Let me know so I can keep track of the businesses that have been approached. We appreciate you being involved with the club.

FBYC members, I appreciate all that you do to make this club so much fun and enjoyable! Like always, thanks for the support.

Jim Russo
Rear Commodore



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

AHOY!!! I am hoping that all our members are enjoying time on the water. The weather has been favorable to be out on the water. This past Saturday we had a Maritime Event at Matanzas Inlet where we had 9 boats and 32 people. Huge thanks to Joel Houselander for leading the event and congratulations to Jeff and Nancy Maylum for winning the Captains Prize. Everyone had a great day, and it was a treat to share all of the good food that was brought. Our next scheduled Maritime Event is on Friday, August 22 @ 11:00 and will be led by Darla Allison. We will be meeting at the sand bar just North of Marineland and having a potluck lunch. Be looking for BLAST!!!!

[Click here to sign up for the Maritime event](#)

Remember that there is no meeting in August. Looking forward to seeing everyone on the water.

Don't forget the class on August 9th Suddenly in Charge, please check the calendar and sign up online. This is an event for the Ladies of our club

[Please let us know if you plan on attending this training class](#)

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Anchoring a Boat: Step-by-Step Guide



Learning how to anchor a boat is a basic seamanship skill that every boater should master, even if you don't anticipate anchoring very often. Understanding how to set the anchor and retrieve an anchor is critical—an anchor can hold your boat in place in a secluded cove for a few hours of swimming or an overnight stay, but it's also an essential piece of safety gear. If your boat engine fails, a well-set anchor will keep wind or current from drifting your disabled boat onto a shoal or ashore, where it could be damaged. We'll just cover the basics here, and remember, a good seamanship guide or course will go into much more valuable detail.

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How to Anchor a Boat

1. Determine the water depth where you want to drop anchor.
2. Calculate the correct amount of anchor scope (a 7:1 ratio is recommended).
3. Lower the anchor and let out enough scope, then secure the rope to a bow cleat.
4. Ensure there is no drag—use landmarks or onboard electronics to measure movement.
5. If needed, reset the anchor.
6. To retrieve the anchor, slowly motor toward the anchor while pulling in the rope.
7. Remember, never tie off an anchor to the stern of a boat.



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Types of Anchors

The most-common pleasure boat anchor type are the fluke (often called a Danforth), and the plow or scoop anchor.

- The **fluke anchor** is popular for small to medium size boats because it folds flat and so is easy to store, and is lightweight and easy to handle. It offers excellent holding power in a sand or muddy bottom, but is not as effective in a rocky bottom.
- The **plow-style anchor** is more common on heavier boats and holds well in most bottom conditions, and also usually resets itself if the wind shifts. It does not fold and is usually heavier than the fluke anchor, and so is best-suited to boats with a bow roller and windlass, rather than an anchor locker. The anchor is connected to the boat with the rode; on most family powerboats the rode includes a length of chain at the anchor end and nylon line (rope) from the chain to the boat.

Use anchor manufacturer guidance to determine which size anchor is appropriate for your boat.

Setting an Anchor

1. If possible first determine the water depth where you want to drop anchor, using a depth finder if one is on the boat. Water depth will determine the correct amount of anchor scope required; scope is the ratio of the length of the anchor rode you will want to pay out to the depth of the water.
2. A scope ratio of 7:1 (seven feet of scope to one foot of water depth) is usually recommended, when there is room. If, for example, you know the water depth is 10 feet, motor into the wind or current about 70 feet beyond the point where you want to the boat to lie on anchor, and drop the anchor.
3. Then, either let the wind or current carry you back 70 feet, or move the boat in reverse that distance if there is no wind or current.
4. When you've let out enough scope, secure the rode to a bow cleat.
5. Then apply some power in reverse to set the anchor in the bottom.

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No Anchor Drag

You want to make sure that the anchor is set and not dragging on the bottom. You can sight on two landmarks on shore, or use electronics such as GPS, a chart plotter, or a depth finder to sound an alarm if the boat is moving. If the wind, current or tide changes and causes the boat to swing over the anchor, it may reset itself on the bottom. If it does not you'll need to re-set the anchor. It's important to stay vigilant at all times when anchored.

Retrieving the Anchor

1. To raise anchor, slowly motor towards the anchor while pulling in the rode.
2. When you are directly over the anchor it should pull free. If it's stuck, first try slowly turning the boat in a large circle to change the direction of pull on the rope.
3. Another method is to pull up rode until the boat is directly over the anchor, and then give the line a turn around a cleat.
4. Pull it taut as the bow dips in the bottom of a wave, and when the next wave lifts the boat it may break the anchor free.

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Additional Anchoring Tips

Here a few additional factors to keep in mind when anchoring a boat:

- Never tie off an anchor to the stern of a boat, or try to pull up a stuck anchor by pulling with the engine after securing the rode to a stern cleat.
- You may actually pull the stern low enough to swamp the boat—water may come over the stern and fill the boat—resulting in a very dangerous situation.
- If you can't release a stuck anchor, it's best to simply cut the line and replace the anchor.



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Calculations from the Treasurer

Thank you to everyone that renewed their membership, to our advertisers that continue to sponsor us and to the new members that join our club.

We truly are “The Best Little Boat Club in Flagler”!

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Need to make a payment?

You can Zelle the club at: treasurer@flaglerbeachyachtclub.com

Or make your check out to: FBYC

Mail it to: P.O. Box 2065, Flagler Beach, FL 32136

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

August Birthdays

Peggy Lessig	1-Aug
Tom Lucci	2-Aug
Leslie Williams	4-Aug
Fred Ciaburri	9-Aug
Linda Folsom	11-Aug
Nick Ward	20-Aug
Ruthanne Ferreira	24-Aug
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FBYC Ship Store

"Let the sunshine of August inspire you to shine your brightest." - unknown

Since there is no meeting in August, the ship store will be back for the September meeting. Please let us know if you would like to order anything, or you have any questions, please contact us at:

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