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Commodore's Corner — Nick Ward
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Happy New Year, FBYC! I'm honored to be your new Commodore! I have been a member since 2020 and have developed some great friendships with FBYC members. Jean and I have a 25' sailboat ("canal art") and a 21' deckboat which we enjoy using at club events. I am retired from Lockheed, the Navy, and yacht restoration, though I do work part time at West Marine and repair boats occasionally as J N Yacht Services.

I AM ALL ABOUT BOATS AND BOATING AND HAVING A GOOD TIME WITH MY FRIENDS!

I'm excited to welcome the new Board joining me to continue the FBYC tradition of getting bigger and better each year, and hope to see increased participation from all of our members. *I welcome any suggestions that will help the club grow and improve*, starting with the Maritime and Social planning meetings at the church on January 7 and 9, respectively. Please plan to attend so we can get your inputs for this year's activities.

Please become familiar with the FBYC website at FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com – it contains a LOT of information and will be the principal means of communicating to the membership. If you see something that needs correcting or updating, please contact our Past Commodore/Director Jim Kelly so we can fix it. I will also be sending periodic "Blasts" about emerging topics.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the general meeting on Thursday, January 16th at the church. Per our tradition, the theme will be "Souper Bowl" and soups will be provided by the new Board members. Come hungry! And remember to bring your own beverages of choice.

Now let's hear from our new Board.....

Go Boating!

Nick Ward

Commodore



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

Ilyse Pinette and her husband David, moved to Palm Coast three years ago after spending 20 years in Voorhees NJ, just outside of Philadelphia. During their time in Voorhees, they raised two children, Jordan and Shelby, who have since relocated to Tampa. Inspired by their children's move, Ilyse and David decided to follow them to Florida, ultimately settling in Palm Coast after finding the west coast didn't quite feel like home.

A passionate boater for the past 31 years, Ilyse and David have owned a variety of boats, from their first 17-foot vessel to a 45-footer. Currently, they enjoy cruising the waters of Palm Coast aboard their 23-foot boat.

When not on the water Ilyse works full-time as the owner of Shane Insurance Agency, where she specializes in Life Insurance and Long-Term Care. An avid pickleball player and Mahjong enthusiast, Ilyse is also a member of the Bold Ladies, a women's business network. She is passionate about giving back to her community and works with the Homes for Heroes team, providing support to the police officers, firefighters, EMT's and teachers. Ilyse also volunteers with Provision Packs, a local organization that provides food to underprivileged schoolchildren, ensuring they have meals over the weekends.

Joining the Flagler Beach Yacht Club was the best decision Ilyse and David made upon relocating, and Ilyse is honored to give back to the club by serving as a member of the board. She is excited for the year ahead, filled with amazing social and maritime events.

In addition to their love for boating and fishing, Ilyse and David are currently building their dream home in Palm Coast, where they look forward to continuing their coastal lifestyle.

Wishing all of our members a happy and healthy New Year! May 2025 be filled with fair winds and following seas.

I am truly honored to be among the newly elected Board of Directors for 2025. I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our outgoing board members for all their hard work and dedication. Your contributions have been invaluable, and we are grateful for everything you've done. I am personally looking forward to a successful year ahead, working together to continue our mission and make a lasting impact on our very special club.

Vice Commodore — Ilyse Pinette
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As the new incoming Vice Commodore, my message for this year is simple: a club is only as good as it's members, and we are fortunate to have the best amongst us. If you haven't been involved yet, now is the perfect time to do so! Let's make 2025 the year we break all records and achieve the highest member participation our club has ever seen.

I encourage all members to attend the 2025 Social Committee meeting, which is scheduled for January 9, 2025 at 7:00pm at the Santa Maria Del Mar Church Hall. This will be a planning meeting (no food will be served), and I invite you to bring your ideas and suggestions for events you would like to see in the coming year. Remember the only bad idea is the one that's never shared.

Cheers,

Ilyse Pinette



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

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

I look forward to a great 2025. My goal is to represent FBYC by following the tremendous trail set by past rear commodores. This club is made up of the most wonderful group of people and boaters. Therefore, I feel confident that any potential member will recognize the value of joining.

I have been a member for over 2 years and I have enjoyed the friends made and fun times had. The many benefits this club offers is outstanding and will appeal to a wide range of people. That is why it will be a pleasure introducing new members to FBYC. I know they will be accepted with open arms just as Ruthie and I were.

The goal is to grow membership with like minded boating enthusiasts. With current membership at 117, there is plenty of room for growth.

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity and with your help and support I know the future of FBYC will be remarkable. I enjoy boating a great deal and sharing that with all of you brings me happiness!

Jim Russo
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Fleet Captain — Bob Solms**Fleet-Captain@FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com**

Hello my name is Bob Solms and I'm honored to be elected as the fleet captain for Flagler beach yacht club! I have been an active member in the club since 2020 and it has been an incredible experience. We have an upcoming maritime meeting on January 7th to plan the maritime events for 2025! We currently have a maritime evening event planned January 25th to have dinner at beaches restaurant in Vilano and then view the night of lights on our trip home. I look forward to a fun filled year boating and forming more lasting memories

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Greetings Members 🚢

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. For those who may not know me, I'm Doris Houslander, and I'm excited to serve as your Treasurer this year. To our newer members, welcome—I look forward to meeting you soon.

My experience for this position comes from being the Treasurer of the Parent Teacher Organization at my childrens' school and, as many of you may remember, I was the treasurer prior to Lori Plump taking over. I have been a member since 2017 when Joel and I moved to Palm Coast full time from the Chicago area. Our interests include boating, of course, along with travel, bike riding, golf and hanging out with friends.

I would like to thank Lori, along with the entire 2024 Board for doing an excellent job keeping our club afloat (pun intended) with lots of activities, social and maritime, all while keeping a thoughtful eye on our budget. Lori has streamlined our payment system with Zelle and helped work out a budget for this coming year based on last year's expenditures and this year's forecast.

The proposed budget will be presented to the Board for approval, revisions, or suggestions. If any club member has questions or concerns about the budget, please don't hesitate to reach out—I'll gladly explain how we arrive at our numbers. Crafting a budget is always a mix of logic and foresight, so we aim to be cautious, maintaining a healthy balance while ensuring funds are allocated effectively.

Our primary income source is annual membership dues, which come in mid-year (June), creating some challenges when planning our calendar-year budget. To supplement our income, we sell newsletter advertising space and have launched a sponsorship program spearheaded by our outgoing Rear Commodore, Rich Van Dort. Supporting these efforts by recruiting new members and patronizing our advertisers is vital to our club's success.

To keep our monthly meetings efficient, the Board prefers to keep the Treasury report discussions concise. However, a detailed copy of the report will always be available with me for review. Please feel free to contact me if you'd like to take a closer look.

I'm honored to serve as your Treasurer and am looking forward to a fantastic year ahead.

You may contact me at 847-826-6851 or email treasurer@flaglerbeachyachtclub.com



Secretary — Ruthie Russo
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I hope all of you had wonderful holidays as our family did. I will be replacing Jean as the secretary this year. I know she did a great job and I hope to be able to be as successful. I look forward to getting to know all of you better. I have been with the club for over 2 years and have always enjoyed both the maritime and social events. I have been to a majority of the monthly meetings and look forward to a rewarding year serving you and the club. As the sunshine coordinator if any of you have or are aware of any needs or illnesses please keep me informed so we can help or send a card as a reminder of the clubs concern and love. I look forward to an awesome year with all of you!

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

January Birthdays

Ruthie Russo	3-Jan
Anita Jennings	4-Jan
Abby Santiago	8-Jan
Lynn Van Dort	13-Jan
Shawn Dennehy	20-Jan
Dedem Burek	26-Jan
Don Smith	26-Jan
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Don Richter	29-Jan







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FBYC Ship Store

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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 will help you make the best choice for your needs. We had a member stop by there and try on jackets. After deciding on the size (they ran small), she had us order them for her. It's a great way to see what they have. Visit them or view their website at:

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

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- 2003 Pat Slattery
- 2004 George Barnett
- 2005 Pete Poole
- 2006-2007 Mike Cocchiola
- 2008 Claudia Towne
- 2009 Jane Gaulding
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