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



Hey, it's getting dark around here!

Of course it is, because we've passed the longest day of the year, and every day is about 3 minutes shorter than the one before it. **So make sure your running lights and anchor light are working** – especially since boating in the evening is a lot more comfortable than in the heat of the day!

Kudos to our Leads for the June Maritime (Disappearing Island disappeared and became Matanzas Inlet; **Fazzones/Luccis**) and Social (Wild Ginger; **Jeanne Meyer**) events, and the June General Meeting (**Kris Solms**). "READ ALL ABOUT IT" in the Vice Commodore and Fleet Captain sections. Great job you guys and gals!

Hey FBYC: If you are interested in "driving the bus" (aka being a Lead for an event), just contact Diane Doner (our new Social Director) or Fleet Captain Bob Solms.

By the time this newsletter is posted, the final date for renewing your membership in FBYC will have passed. **If you forgot to renew your membership, NOW IS THE TIME** to contact Doris and get that squared away.

Lastly, I wish everyone a safe, thankful and joyous 4th of July. If you celebrate with fireworks, be extra careful if you're shooting them from your boat!

Fair winds,
Nick



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June General Meeting Recap

Ice Cream, You Scream—we all scream for Ice Cream!

Well, FBYC wasn't doing much screaming because there were so many delicious flavors and toppings to choose from that everyone was too busy indulging! A big thank you to **Kris Solms** for the fantastic meeting idea, and to everyone who contributed to making it such a sweet success.

A special shout-out to **Darla** for whipping up waffles on the fly—no sundae bar is complete without homemade waffles!

We also had a round of boat trivia, which turned out to be more challenging than expected! Teams of eight competed under some very creative team names, but in the end, there could only be one winner. **Congratulations to Team Cool Boat!** We hope everyone walked away with some fun (and maybe a little useless) boating knowledge to take out on the water next time.

June Social Recap

This month's social event was held at **Wild Ginger**, hosted by **Jeanne Myer**, and it was a great time! The restaurant provided a private section for our group, and we had an amazing turnout with **40 members** enjoying crab boils, hibachi, and sushi. Thank you to everyone who attended and made it such a fun evening.



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**Vice Commodore — Ilyse Pinette****Vice-Commodore@FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com****Upcoming Events** **July General Meeting** *Thursday, July 17th @ 6 PM***Theme:** Luau**Leads:** Jean Ward & Lynn Van Dort

We're bringing the island vibes with a **pulled pork contest** featuring six FBYC members! Sides will also be served, and we're still looking for volunteers to bring potato salad, coleslaw, pasta salad, watermelon, or anything Hawaiian-themed.

Sign up via the calendar or reach out to the leads to participate!

 **July Social Event** *Saturday, July 12th @ 11:00 AM***Pool Party & Potluck – Bring your favorite dish to share!** *Marina Del Palma Clubhouse**100 Harborview Rd, Palm Coast, FL***Leads:** Bob & Cindy Fazzone

This event will be held **rain or shine**, so come ready for fun no matter the forecast!

Save the Date! **August – No General Meeting**

But don't worry—we still have a fun social event planned!

 **August Social** *Thursday, August 7th @ 5:30 PM* *Grand Haven Ballroom – 2001 Waterside Parkway, Palm Coast*

The Restaurant has created a very special menu for purchase and there will be a cash bar. Drinks are not on Fred!

Leads: Fred & Sherry **Please use the calendar links to RSVP for all events.**

Be sure to indicate whether you plan to attend—accurate headcounts are a big help for planning!

[Click here to go to the calendar to sign up for events](#)



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Happy 4th! During the June General meeting I had to do something I really did not want to do: Say goodbye to Russ and Marsha. They joined the club in 2006; one more year and they would have been lifetime members.

Russ and Marsha meant a lot to this club during their 19 years of membership. We as a club wish both of you the greatest success with your move to TEXAS. You will be missed a great deal.

As you all know, Charlie and Jody Banjak were inducted into the FBYC membership at the May meeting. Jeff and Nancy Maylum and Charlie Bentivegna and Barbara Farbo are on their way to becoming members. All three couples are wonderful, and hopefully you can reach out and get to know them.

At the June meeting I reviewed the steps to becoming members: Fill out an application with application fee (\$100 per person), own at least a 17 foot boat, complete 3 events (general meeting, maritime on your own boat and a social) and then pay dues (\$75 per year, prorated from date of induction into the club) and be ready for a fun and wonderful time.

Like always, I appreciate all your help and support.

Jim Russo
Rear Commodore



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Maritime Newsletter April 2025



AHOY!!!! We had a great maritime event on June 14 to Matanzas Inlet.



Thank you to Daisey and Tom Lucci for leading the event and coordinating the meet up. The captain's prize was won by Dave Pinette and was presented at our June General Meeting.



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***Fleet Captain — Bob Solms*****Fleet-Captain@FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com****Here are the upcoming Maritime Events:**

July 26 Matanzas Inlet and the lead is Joel Houslander

August 9 Suddenly in command and basic boating skills

August 22 Beach area after Marineland and the lead is Darla Allison

I hope that everyone is enjoying their time on the water. Please remember to keep up with your service intervals and perform your safety checks to make sure that your equipment is still in operational condition.

[Click here to go to the calendar and sign up for these events](#)

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12 safety tips for recreational boaters

As the weather warms up, many of us head to lakes, rivers, or the ocean to fish, waterski, cruise, and relax onboard a boat, yacht or other personal watercraft. With nearly 12 million registered recreational boats in the U.S.*, it's no wonder the waterways are a popular place to go. But, before you head out with friends and family, take note of a few important safety tips.

1. Make sure everyone wears a life jacket.

Victims drowned in approximately 80% of fatal boating accidents. Of those, 83% were not wearing a life jacket. Insist that your crew and guests all wear a life jacket that fits them well. This can help them stay afloat in rough waters, protect them against hypothermia, and in some cases, can keep their head above water.

2. Use the right kind of life jackets for the situation.

Boats 16 feet and longer must be equipped with one Type I, II, III, or V personal flotation device (PFD) plus one Type IV throwable device. Boats that are 16 feet or less must have one Type I, II, III or V PFD for each person aboard. All boats must be equipped with one Type I, II, III, or V personal flotation device for each person aboard. Boats 16 feet and longer must also be equipped with a Type IV throwable device. All PFDs should be in good condition and have a Coast Guard Approval Number.

Type I PFDs are often called off-shore life jackets. They provide the most buoyancy and are effective in all waters, especially open, rough, or remote waters where rescue may be delayed. They are designed to turn most unconscious wearers to a face-up position in the water.

Type II PFDs are near-shore buoyancy vests. They are intended for calm, inland water or waters where there is a good chance of quick rescue.

Type III PFDs are also called flotation aids. They are good for calm, inland water, similar to Type II.

Type IV PFDs are designed to be thrown to a person in the water and grasped and held by the user until rescued.

Type V PFDs are special use devices. They may be carried instead of other PFDs if used in accordance with the approved conditions designated on the label. They may be inflatable vests, deck suits, work vests, board sailing vests or hybrid PFDs.

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***Fleet Captain — Bob Solms*****Fleet-Captain@FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com****3. Never drink alcohol and go boating.**

Alcohol use is a leading contributor to fatal boating accidents, causing approximately 15% of the deaths each year. Stay sharp when you're on the water by leaving the alcohol on dry land.

4. Take a boating safety course.

Only 13% of the boating deaths occurred on vessels where the operator had received a nationally approved boating safety education certificate. You may even qualify for a reduced insurance rate if you complete a safety course. Contact your local Coast Guard Auxiliary, U.S. Power Squadron chapter or visit uscgboating.org for details.

5. Put down the cell phone.

One of the top five contributing factors to boating accidents is inattention. Just like distracted driving on our highways, talking, texting, and other use of cell phones while boating is a growing problem on the water. Don't contribute to this problem. Keep your eyes on the water ahead and around you.

6. Drive at a safe speed and follow all boating safety and navigational rules.

Excessive speed and improper lookout are two of the top contributing factors to boating accidents. Make sure you understand the local rules and laws of the waterway and follow them closely. Take note of visibility, traffic density, and proximity to navigational hazards such as shoals, rocks, or floating objects.

sailboat on the ocean

7. Check the weather forecast and be prepared for it to change.

A calm day can quickly turn ugly on the water. There were 41 deaths in 2016 attributed to weather conditions. Keep an eye out for changing weather conditions and stay on top of the forecast while boating.

8. Take action before a storm hits.

Storm and hurricane forecasts and warnings are issued by the National Hurricane Center. Boaters can get information from VHF marine radios, commercial radios and television stations and newspapers. As a boater, you need to be aware of the types of advisories and take action before a storm hits. Warnings range from small craft advisories, with winds of 18 knots or less, up to hurricane warnings with winds of 74 miles per hour (64 knots) or greater.

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9. Register for a free Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI) number and have a VHF radio equipped with Digital Selective Calling (DSC) installed and connected to your GPS.

When in coastal and inshore waters, these preparations can help take the search out of search and rescue. DSC allows the VHF radio to transfer information digitally, and to instantly send a digital distress alert, which includes your exact position, to the Coast Guard upon activation of the emergency button. Part of the alert is the MMSI number, which will identify your vessel automatically.

10. Use a carbon monoxide detector.

All internal combustion engines emit carbon monoxide, a poisonous gas that can make you sick in seconds and kill in minutes. Remember, you cannot see, smell, or taste CO, so know the symptoms (similar to seasickness or alcohol intoxication).

11. File a float plan.

The U.S. Coast Guard recommends that you always tell a friend or family member where you plan to go and when you'll be back. That way, the proper officials can be notified if you don't return when expected.

12. Get a free Vessel Safety Check.

Boats are complex machines and need regular maintenance to stay running smoothly and safely. The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and U.S. Power Squadron offer Vessel Safety Checks at no cost, so let their certified vessel examiners check your boat's equipment and provide you with safety information before you go out on the water. Check with your marina or yacht club to find one in your area.

Source of stats: 2016 Recreational Boating Statistics, U.S Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Coast Guard Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety



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Happy Fourth of July! The ship store will not be open at the July meeting, but we 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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