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## Commodore's Corner — Nick Ward

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Do you realize that the longest day of the year is coming up in 3 weeks? That means we should be using our boats (and enjoying the social events) as much as possible before the days start to shorten again!

**Please pay special attention to the Vice Commodore and Fleet Captain pages to get the latest info on our Social and Maritime events** – and don't forget to SIGN UP on the Calendar if you plan to attend, and also go to the Calendar to "unsign up" if life gets in the way and you suddenly can't make it to an event. Even better, if you have to

cancel at the last minute, CALL THE LEAD for the event. The phone number and email for the Leads will be in the Blasts, and they are also in the Member List on our website, [flaglerbeachyachtclub.com](http://flaglerbeachyachtclub.com).

I know, nobody likes to talk about money, but I have to. First the good news: **FBYC is in good shape financially** and all the bills are paid. Now the bad news: **It's time to renew our memberships** for the coming year (July 1 through June 30). I hope Doris will forgive me, but (Spoiler Alert!) **the annual dues are \$75 per person, due no later than June 30**. It's fine to bring a check or cash to our June meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> or read the Treasurer's page in this newsletter for more options to pay your dues.

Lastly, **June is when we name a 3-5 person Nominating Committee to select a slate of candidates for next year's Board of Directors (aka Officers)**. If you are interested in serving the FBYC in an elected position (Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Fleet Captain, Secretary, Treasurer, Director) or help with the Ship Store, please contact the Nominating Committee who will be announced at our June meeting. Current officers are also available to answer any questions you may have about their responsibilities, which are delineated in the By-Laws on our website.



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In closing, I heard recently that **“You don’t quit sailing when you get old, you get old when you quit sailing.”** I’m sure that applies to powerboats as well as sailboats, don’t you agree?

Fair winds,

Nick Ward



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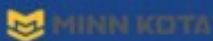
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### May General Meeting Recap

This month's meeting, led by Jeanne and Quinn, was an absolute hit! The evening kicked off with a stunning charcuterie-style grazing table filled with delicious options—from a variety of cheeses to chicken salad sandwiches, fresh veggies, fruits, and of course, an irresistible dessert spread. As if that weren't enough, there was also a wine tasting table for everyone to enjoy.



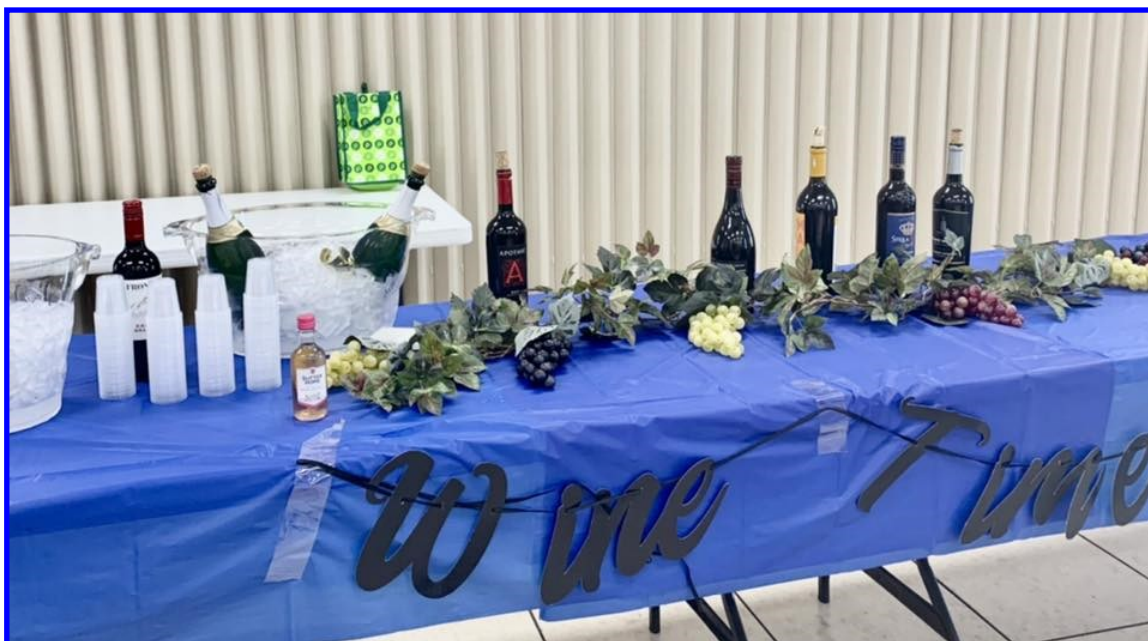
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### May Social Recap

This month's social was held at Cypress Knoll Golf Course for a lively pitch and putt event, followed by dinner at The Player's Club. Rich Van Dort did a fantastic job organizing the pairings and play. Everyone had a great time, and we even had several chances to step onto the podium!

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**Vice Commodore — Ilyse Pinette****Vice-Commodore@FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com****Save the Dates!****June General Meeting** *Thursday, June 19th @ 6 PM***Lead: Kris Solms**

**Theme:** *Dessert for Dinner* — Join us for an indulgent ice cream social with all the toppings! Build your own sundae and enjoy handcrafted premium gelato from AIA Scoops—it's delicious, all-natural, and both dairy- and gluten-free.

Please note: No dinner will be served.

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**June Social Event**

Wild Ginger

60 Garden Street Palm Coast (by Home Depot)

 *Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 5PM***Lead: Jeanne Myer**

Come enjoy a fun evening with fellow members while feasting on a Low Country Boil! We'll have a private room, discounted drink specials, and gloves (of course!). Prefer something else? The regular menu will also be available.

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**Upcoming Events:****July General Meeting** *Thursday, July 17th @ 6 PM***Theme:** Luau**Lead:** Jean Ward

Looking for contestants to compete in a pulled pork competition. Please reach out to Jean if you are interested or you can use the link too.

**July Social** *Saturday, July 12th @ 11:00 AM**Pool Party/Potluck**Marina Del Palma Clubhouse**100 Harborview Rd Palm Coast FL***Leads:** Bob and Cindy Fazzone

Please note-There is no General Meeting in August

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

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 **Please use the provided links to the calendar to RSVP for all events.**

Be sure to indicate whether you plan to attend or not—accurate headcounts are a big help for planning!

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



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Halfway through the year already!! At the May general meeting I had the honor to introduce Chuck and Jody Banjak into the club membership. They are a wonderful couple and if you have not had a chance to meet them, please do. It is always nice to introduce new members into this great boating and social club. It will be a joy to make new friends and have a sharing experience with like-minded people. WELCOME Chuck and Jody!

Charlie Bentivegna and Barbara Farbo are on their way to becoming members. Please show them the support that you always do. I look forward to inducting them into FBYC soon. Thank you, Charlie and Barbara.

New membership is vital for the stability and growth of any club or organization. If you know of anyone interested, please let me know. As a reminder, to qualify for membership 3 separate activities must be attended: a General Meeting, Social Event and a Maritime event on their own boat. You need to own a boat at least 17 feet in length, fill out an application (\$100 per person) and look forward to fun times with fellow boaters.

Like always, I thank all of you for your great support. I know how hard you work to keep this club moving forward. Every event and activity are so well organized and joyful. Your dedication is much appreciated and thank you for bringing potential members to FBYC's various events.

Jim Russo  
Rear Commodore



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

AHOY!!! I hope that everyone has had the opportunity to get out on the water in the last month and enjoy the weather. Our last Maritime event was a trip south on the Intercoastal to Caribbean Jacks in Daytona. We had a fantastic turnout with 9 boats and 46 people attending. The staff and management were outstanding, Lyndsey and Summer made sure that everyone had great service. Congratulations to Johny Keefe for winning the captain's prize.

We are having two Maritime Events in June. Our first trip was to the St. Augustine Marina and having lunch at O.C Whites, Alan Hendry was the lead. We had 9 boats and 30 people who enjoyed great food and fellowship as well as a great day on the water. Congratulations to Alan Hendry for winning the captain's prize. Our next Maritime Event is on June 14 and is a trip to Disappearing Island in New Smyrna, being led by Tom and Daisey Lucci and Steve and Lori Plump. You can either choose to boat down the Intercoastal or trailer your boat. The details for this event are posted on our Calendar. Please make sure to sign up for the events online.

We need ideas for training and also any suggestions on boat trainings.

Remember to always have your radio and tune to channel 68 for Maritime communications.

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## **Calculations from the Treasurer:**

**June 30th is when your annual membership renews at \$75 per person.**

If you have already paid, thank you. If not, please send in your payment via Zelle or check by the due date or bring it to the June meeting.

Zelle: [treasurer@flaglerbeachyachtclub.com](mailto:treasurer@flaglerbeachyachtclub.com) Remember to include a note that the payment is for your annual renewal.

Make checks out to: **FBYC**. You can mail them to the FBYC post office box at

P.O. Box 2065, Flagler Beach, FL 32136

Your Treasurer,

Doris Houslander



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

### June Birthdays

|                 |        |
|-----------------|--------|
| John Loudermilk | 5-Jun  |
| Paula Lewis     | 9-Jun  |
| Dale Anderson   | 17-Jun |
| Diane Doner     | 19-Jun |
| Ilyse Pinette   | 19-Jun |
| Mark Lewis      | 26-Jun |
| Al Jennings     | 28-Jun |



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## FBYC Ship Store

“May the longer days inspire you to spend more time chasing your passions. “ – Unknown

Happy June! The ship store will be open at the June meeting. We will have the beautiful cork hats that will be available to order as well as other merchandise. In addition, FBYC member, Mike Ferreira, has designed merchandise with nautical flags that spell out FBYC. We will have samples available so you can place an order along with a flip book to see merchandise. 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>. We are looking forward to working with you and taking your order at our June meeting! Be sure to come see us if you haven't already! Any new ideas or input for the club is always welcome. We are currently working on a windsock idea, which was a wonderful idea, from a member. 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  |
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