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Commodore's Corner — Jim Kelly Commodore@FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com



Ahoy! As I sit here and begin to write this article I am blown away at all the events and fun times we have had over the last seven months! We have had record numbers of boats participating in maritime events and the number of members at every event has been phenomenal. We have many more great events coming up in the coming months so hold on as we are “full throttle ahead”. Please read further about all the fun activities planned over the next several months.

Thank you all that came to the meeting and voted and to those that couldn't make the meeting and voted via the absentee ballots. All items passed with a 90% or greater vote of “Yes”. We are finalizing the final version, once it is finalized, I will send it out via email to all members for your record and it will be published in the “member” section on the website.

I have had a few people ask and I am sure more have been wanting to ask, “When is the Commodores Ball”. The Commodores Ball is an event to welcome the new commodore and board. So, after the vote and bylaws moving the new board starting in September of 2027, we will not be having a Commodores Ball this year. We will, however, have a holiday celebration in December. More details on that will be coming out as we work out the dates and details.

One last topic, Hurricane Season! Officially June 1 through November 30. This area, the peak is usually mid-August to mid-October. A lot of us have been here a while and been through these things. We now have a lot of New to Florida and New to boating members. For those of you who are new to either or both, we have a lot of members who have done this before so do not be afraid to ask. Having a plan is key, do I pull the boat, if I do where should I take it? If I leave it on the dock, how should I tie it up. Do I need a generator, how big of one should I get.



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I am not trying to scare anyone; all I am saying is have a plan. Here is a link to the [Florida Hurricane Guide](#), it has some good information. Like I said, having a plan is the best approach for any situation. If you're not sure who to ask or talk to, contact me or anyone on the board, we will get you the answer or connect you to the correct person to get you the answer.

See you on the water!

Jim



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***Vice Commodore — Nancy Maylum*****Vice-Commodore@FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com**

July is wrapping up with great momentum, thanks to the fantastic turnout at our July general meeting. It was wonderful seeing so many members come together for an evening of good food, good company, and plenty of laughs. Our annual Pulled Pork Contest was a highlight as always, and a big thank-you goes out to every participant who brought their best recipes to the table. Congratulations to Darla, whose delicious entry earned her the top spot this year—well deserved and widely enjoyed.

As we look ahead, there is no meeting in August. Our September general meeting will be lead by the Nix's as we kick off the fall season with a fun and spirited theme: College Football Kickoff Night. Whether you're loyal to your alma mater or just enjoy the excitement of game day, feel free to show your colors and bring that team pride. To help us plan, we're asking members to let us know if they'll be attending and, if they'd like, sign up to bring something for the meeting. You can do both using the sign-up link here: <https://signup.com/go/WoSXUyA>

Your participation is what keeps our club vibrant, welcoming, and full of memorable moments. Every meeting, maritime and social outing, and shared a meal reflects the spirit of our boating community, and we're grateful for the enthusiasm you bring month after month. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the September meeting and kicking off football season together.



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

Rear Commodore — Diane Doner

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I was sad to miss the meeting in July, but I heard it was a great meeting.

We were able to induct 2 more members this month. Dennis and Kim Browne. It has been fun getting to know the new members and seeing how quickly everyone gets involved. It is especially nice to see so many new faces at the meetings and activities. Keep inviting your friends, Remember NO meeting in August so you bring all your friends in September.

Also, remember to support our sponsors, and look for the QR code at those restaurants. We would love to show them how many of our members stop by for dinner and drinks. See you all soon!



Social Director — Jerry Imbriani

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Something Old, Something New

Special thanks and appreciation goes to the members who volunteer to take leads and others who assist them in making these events enjoyable for all. Remember to sign-up for events you wish to attend or to cancel later if you're unable to make it. This helps the venue to prepare, by ensuring the proper staffing and assign seating, to accommodate our group size. Please complete all information when signing up.

July Events

Happy Hour at the Anchor. A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for The Anchor event. We had a fantastic turnout of 40 members, and it was an incredible time filled with great company, brilliant weather, and wonderful memories. We appreciate everyone who came out to make it such a memorable success, and we can't wait to see you all at our next event! Special thanks go to John Keefe for the great job he did taking on his first lead with the club.



Social





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Coming Events:

Saturday August 8, 11:00am to 3pm: Marina Del Palmer Pool Party. Join all your FBYC Friends at the Marina Del Palmer Pool Party. This is one event you don't want to miss. Over 50 members have already signed up. Bring a dish, appetizer, desert, and drinks to share, your bathing suit, towel, and an empty stomach to enjoy, while you jump in the swimming pool to cool off. You need to sign-up to get through security at the gate, as the guard will be provided a list of attendees.

Lead: Cindy & Bob Fazzone

Thursday August 13: 5:30pm: Grand Haven (off Colbert Lane). Come party, drink and dine with all your FBYC friends. This is one of the all-time FBYC favorites. Great food and drinks reasonably priced. Food order off menu, cash bar and music. Sign up online or at the next meeting. Your name will be at main gate to enter. The event is being held at The Grand Haven Room behind the Waterside Café and pool on your right side. Dress casual and bring your hunger and thirst for a fun evening. 38 currently signed up.

Lead: Fred Ciaburri 585-750-7538

Saturday September 12, 2026: 5 to 8 pm: Crave's Coastal Kitchen & Cocktails

Please join us for a fantastic evening of food, drinks and great conversation with your fellow FBYC members. Crave's is a local family owned restaurant that specializes in hand cut steaks, fresh seafood, craft cocktails, and the best wine list on the beach. We will be seated in the upstairs dining room. Please note the venue does not have an elevator, so stairs are required. To accommodate the small kitchen so meal orders will be served steadily throughout the evening, there will be a limit of 30 members. We look forward to seeing you there. **Lead: Lauren Kent**

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Tuesday September 29, 2026: 5pm until: The Landing Strip, (a FBYC Sponsor)

Once again were going to take flight to the Landing Strip. Happy hour pricing on drinks until 6. You will order off of a limited menu, too include appetizers (off regular menu), filet mignon tips sandwich or wrap, Caesar salad with chicken, sweet Thai chili wrap, grilled or blackened Mahi sandwich or build your own cheeseburger. Please sign up no later than September 21st, on the FBYC Calendar or at the monthly meetings. E-mail Daisy or Lori with any questions you may have. **Lead: Daisy Lucci & Lori Plumb.**

October 8-11: Renegades on the St Johns River. This event is a combined Maritime/Social Event. Come by car, boat or RV, for the day or a 3-day weekend. Rent a pontoon boat, jet skis or a slip for your boat. Enjoy a restaurant, Tiki Bar, live bands, swimming pool and a Social Saturday night. All the cabins are rented but there are other options: Hotels or Motels, www.airbnb.com, or rent a turnkey RV, from www.rv.share.com (888-482-0234).

Many members have made reservations for cabins and RV spots, but have not signed up on line. We need everyone to sign up so the facility can plan the proper seating and staff to accommodate our large group. Additionally we will be communicating with attendees about activities, times, and locations, happening during the event. **Lead: Jerry Imbriani.**

October 21, 2026: FBYC Golf & Social, Pine Lakes Golf Club

GOLF: You don't have to be a pro to participate. All levels welcome. **Arrival time is 1:30pm.** Nine holes, Best Ball, Shotgun Start 2pm. You can sign-up your own foursome or individually assigned to play with others. Plenty of prizes including Best Team Score, Longest Drive (M&W), Closest to the Pin (M&W) and Putting Contest after golf. Cost: Golf & Cart \$31.57 PP (Pay at Pro Shop, day of event).

SOCIAL: Grill Room & Pub. Social starts immediately after golf. There will be a separate sign-up sheet for non-golfers. In order to expedite service there will be a limited menu to choose from. Non-golfers plan on arriving around 4pm. Prizes will be awarded at the Social, which ends at 6pm.

Lead: Randy Meyer, Co-Lead: Kathy Imbriani, Call Randy at 386-864-7916 with any questions.

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Ahoy!!! I hope that everyone has been enjoying time on the water over the past month. We had a great Maritime Event on Saturday July 25 to the Boathouse in St. Augustine. There were 11 boats and 40 people. Thank you to Jeff Maylum for leading the event.

Our next Maritime Event will take place on August 15 at Matanzas Inlet. The lead for the event is Duane Kent. We will be meeting at Matanzas at 11:00 on the south bank of the inlet. Please remember to sign up for the events on the calendar.

Look forward to seeing everyone at our events. Have fun on the water. I am also needing ideas for boating educational items for the meetings.

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How Often Should You Service Your Outboard Engine?



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Twin Yamaha outboard engines powering a center console on open water after routine outboard engine service.

Your outboard engine does more than power your boat. It defines your experience on the water. Whether you are running a single engine on a center console or twin outboards on a cruising vessel, consistent maintenance is what keeps your boat dependable, efficient, and ready for every season.

At **TPG Marinas**, our service technicians see firsthand what happens when outboard care is delayed. Corrosion, fuel system issues, and premature wear often start small but can escalate quickly. The good news is that with a proper service schedule, these problems are entirely preventable.

Understanding Outboard Engine Service



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Most major manufacturers, including Yamaha, Mercury, Suzuki, and Honda, recommend routine service every 100 hours of operation or at least once a year, whichever comes first. However, the right interval can vary depending on how often and how hard your boat is used.

Boaters who spend most of their time in saltwater face additional challenges, as salt accelerates corrosion and mineral buildup. Engines that sit idle for long stretches also require extra attention because stagnant fuel can cause injectors and filters to clog. Regular maintenance keeps those systems clean and ensures that your engine performs at peak power when you need it most.

What Each Service Should Include

A professional outboard service is more than an oil change. It is a full inspection of every system that supports reliability and efficiency. During a standard annual service, our technicians:

- Replace engine oil and filters
- Change lower-unit gear oil
- Inspect spark plugs, anodes, and cooling passages
- Clean fuel filters and water separators
- Test charging systems and battery connections

Lubricate fittings, pivots, and steering components

Each inspection is also an opportunity to catch small issues early, such as worn impellers, pitted prop shafts, or buildup in the cooling system, before they become costly repairs.

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Seasonal Timing Matters



In New England's coastal climate, timing maintenance correctly is just as important as the work itself. Spring commissioning ensures your engine starts cleanly after months of inactivity. Fluids, seals, and filters can degrade while your boat sits through winter, so fresh service at the start of the season helps avoid performance issues once you are back on the water.

End-of-season outboard engine service is equally essential. Fuel stabilization, fogging, and lower-unit inspection prevent rust, condensation, and freezing damage during storage. If your vessel is stored at **Taylor Point Boat Yard**,

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Noank Shipyard, or **Spicer's Marina**, our team can complete both winterization and outboard service in one efficient visit.

How Usage Impacts Your Schedule

Every boater uses their vessel differently. A charter captain running daily trips will reach service intervals much faster than a weekend cruiser, but both depend on clean fuel, good lubrication, and reliable systems.

For heavy users, a midseason checkup is strongly recommended. For light-use boaters, one comprehensive service per year is usually sufficient. The key is consistency. Staying on schedule ensures dependable starts, smoother performance, and longer engine life.

The Cost of Skipping Service

Neglecting maintenance does more than risk a ruined day on the water. It can shorten the life of your outboard by years. Fuel contamination, cooling system blockages, and lubrication breakdown can each lead to major repairs that cost far more than a routine service.

A simple oil change, gear lube replacement, or impeller inspection today can prevent a full powerhead rebuild tomorrow.

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Entrust Your Engine to the Experts!

Our certified technicians at **Taylor Point Boat Yard, Noank Shipyard, Spicer's Marina,** and **Sunset Harbor Marina** specialize in outboard diagnostics, maintenance, and repowers. We service all major brands using manufacturer-approved procedures and genuine OEM parts.

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Marine technician performing outboard engine service and inspection before spring launch.

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Calculations from the Treasurer

Our accounts are in good shape because we have great members that send in their dues! Thank you everyone.

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Thank you,
Doris Houslander



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Secretary — Kathy Imbriani

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Happy Birthday to all those celebrating their special occasion in August: Fred Ciaburri, Ernie Conti, Linda Folsom, Don Hanrahan, Bernie Jacobsen, Peggy Lessig, Tom Lucci, Pat Spatola and Nick Ward. Remember I give out treats to all those celebrating their special day after the General Meeting.

Sending out cards to those for various occasions, remembrances, thank you and support. If there is someone that would like a sunny card or a special day shout out, please let me know.

What a fantastic evening enjoyed by everyone at the “Anchor Restaurant” a Social Event during Happy Hour with Leads Jodie & John Keefe! There were 40 members in attendance, the food was delicious along with the Happy Hour drinks and the staff were marvelous! What a lovely surprise to have our past FBYC member Victoria Roach on being with us this evening and catching up on her latest activities in the area.



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

August Birthdays		
Peggy	Lessig	1-Aug
Tom	Lucci	2-Aug
Fred	Ciaburri	9-Aug
Linda	Folsom	11-Aug
Bernie	Jacobsen	13-Aug
Don	Hanrahan	18-Aug
Nick	Ward	20-Aug
Ernie	Conti	26-Aug
Pat	Spatola	30-Aug



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Ship Store Newsletter

Let your spirit shine like the summer sun. Happy August!

The Ship Store will be closed for the September meeting but will be open for the October meeting. We will have a sign-up sheet for anyone wanting to order a shirt for Caroling on the Canals and will have one on display at the September meeting. Feel free to call or text us with any questions/suggestions or if you would like to place an order at any time.

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