



RELATIVE BEARINGS

Latitude 29.48



Longitude 81.13

Official Publication Of The Flagler Beach Yacht Club Inc.

September 2026

Inside this Issue

Vice Commodore	3
Rear Commodore	4
Social Director	5
Fleet Captain	10
Communication	12
Treasurer	16
Secretary	17
Birthdays	18
Ship Store	19
Boats For Sale	20

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



Ahoy!

I hope everyone enjoyed the **down month** with no general meeting. Well... that was about the only thing that was different from any other month! We were still busy with Social and Maritime events, and the Board continued working behind the scenes planning and coordinating our upcoming activities.

Read on for recaps of last month and information about what's coming up!

New Event Sign-Up System

We are now using a new program for our online event sign-ups. **You will still sign up through the website calendar or the links in the newsletter—that part hasn't changed.**

What has changed is that the new system makes it easier to keep track of everything. You can now see whether you have already signed up, who else is attending, who is bringing an item, and what items may still be needed.

Signing up for events is very important. It helps us provide accurate attendance numbers to our venues so they can plan and staff accordingly.

It is equally important to let us know if your plans change and you need to cancel. You can now do that using the same sign-up link.

So please make sure you are using the sign-up links for our upcoming events. It makes planning much easier for everyone involved!

Hurricane Season

I know I talked about this last month, but we have welcomed more new members, and I want to make sure everyone has this information.

Hurricane season officially runs from **June 1 through November 30**, with our area typically seeing the greatest activity from mid-August through mid-October.



Continued on next Page



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

Many of us have lived here for a while and have been through these storms before. However, we now have quite a few members who are **new to Florida, new to boating, or both**. If that describes you, remember that we have plenty of experienced members who have dealt with hurricane preparation before, so **don't be afraid to ask questions**.

The most important thing is to **have a plan before you need one**.

Should I pull my boat? If I do, where will I take it? If I leave it at the dock, how should I secure it? Do I need a generator? If so, what size do I need?

I'm not trying to scare anyone. The point is simply to think about these things **before a storm is headed our way**. Having a plan is the best approach for any situation.

The **Florida Hurricane Guide** is also a great resource and contains a lot of useful information.

If you're not sure who to ask or where to find an answer, contact me or anyone on the Board. If we don't know the answer, we'll connect you with someone who does.

Stay prepared, enjoy the upcoming events, and I'll see you on the water!

Jim

Commodore



THE GOLDEN LION Cafe

10% off CHECK

Excluding alcohol, cannot be combined with any other offer.

501 N Oceanshore Blvd (A1A)
Flagler Beach
goldenlioncafe.com
(386) 439-3004

FLAGLERS MOST AWARDED RESTAURANT & RAW BAR SINCE 1992

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

August wrapped up beautifully for our club, giving everyone a chance to enjoy the final stretch of summer without a formal meeting. I hope each of you found time to get out on the water, relax, and soak in these last long days before fall settles in. It's always nice to have a quiet month to recharge before our busy season begins.

As we look ahead, our September general meeting will kick off with a fun college football theme, and we'll be focusing on everyone's favorite part of game day—tailgating appetizers. Please be sure to click the sign-up link provided so we know what you're bringing and whether you'll be attending. Jeanne Nix will be leading this month's event, with Ilyse Pinette lending a helping

hand to make sure everything comes together smoothly. It's shaping up to be a lively and delicious evening.

One important update: our annual auction has been moved to the November meeting, as many of our members will be traveling to Germany in October. This adjustment ensures we'll have strong participation and a full house for one of our biggest events of the year. Start thinking about what you want to contribute.

Thank you all for your flexibility, and we look forward to seeing you in September for a spirited start to fall.

[Please click here to let us know if you are coming to the September General meeting and to let us know if you will be bringing something to share](#)



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

***Rear Commodore — Diane Doner*****Rear-Commodore@FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com**

I hope you have all enjoyed the summer and the fun events we have had throughout July and August. We have had amazing turnouts, and tons of new recruits attending the events. We actually have 13 people in the process of becoming members....I love it!

Next on my agenda is to try to bring in new sponsors. We have some wonderful sponsors already, so please make sure you are supporting them next time you want to go out for dinner or drinks. Golden Lion and The Landing Strip have always treated us well and love to have people from our club stop in. Make sure to check in with the QR code so we know how many people are attending. If you have anyone who works at or manages a restaurant, please let me know. I would love to talk to them and see if they would be interested in sponsoring our

club.

Looking forward to seeing you all this fall!

Diane

Social Director — Jerry Imbriani

Director@FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com



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.

August Events:

Marina Del Palmer Pool Party: 57 FBYC members and friends attended the Marina Del Palmer Pool Party. Everyone brought delicious food and drinks to share. Many enjoyed swimming in the large pool with drink in hand. Fortunately, the expected rain fall held off until late in the day. **Special thanks goes to**

Cyndi & Bob Fazzone for organizing this event.



Continued on next Page

Social



The Grand Haven Social was a big hit. 50 members and friends came to drink, party and enjoy the delicious food and drinks. The staff did a great job getting the food and drinks out in a timely manner. **Special thanks goes to Fred Ciaburri for making this happen.**



Continued on next Page



Social



Coming Events

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**

[Please click here to sign up for Craves](#)

 Gratium WEALTH PLANNING Powered by  Ameriprise Financial	Abigail Santiago, CFP®, CLU® Financial Advisor Managing Partner Gratium Wealth Planning A private wealth advisory practice of Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC	10 Florida Park Drive N Suite D Palm Coast, FL 32137 T: 386.597.2994 904.215.0030 1555 Kingsley Avenue Suite 304 Orange Park, FL 32073 Abigail.X.Santiago@ampf.com ameripriseadvisors.com/Abigail.X.Santiago CA Insurance #0825017 An Ameriprise Financial franchise 

Continued on next Page



Social

Tuesday September 29, 2026: 5pm until: The Landing Strip, (a FBYC Sponsor) Once again we are going to take flight to the Landing Strip. Happy hour pricing on drinks until 6. You will order off 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.**

[Please click here to sign up for the Landing Strip](#)

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 online. 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.

[Please click here to sign up for the golf outing, the Social following golf, or both](#)

11 COUPLES ARE ALREADY SAILING! WILL YOU JOIN US?



EXPLORER OF THE SEAS



MARCH 5-10, 2027

5-NIGHT EASTERN CARIBBEAN CRUISE

PORT CANAVERAL • GRAND TURK • PERFECT DAY AT COCOCAV

STARTING PRICES

INTERIOR

\$491



OCEAN VIEW

\$610



STANDARD BALCONY

\$764



per person • double occupancy • current taxes & port fees included



**\$200 DEPOSIT PER STATEROOM
DUE SEPTEMBER 12, 2026**

READY TO JOIN THE FUN?



MICHELLE KELLY • 386-283-1113



TravelAlongWithMimi@gmail.com

Pricing and availability are subject to change until confirmed.

"Team Nix - We work for you!"

Jeanne Nix
REALTOR®

407-247-1830

JeanneNix@gmail.com
Palm-Coast-Homes.net

235 Palm Coast Pkwy., NE, Ste.B
Palm Coast, FL 32137

REALTY EXECUTIVES OCEANSIDE



Pop

BOAT & RV SALES

Philip Rahner
904.860.6622
philipr@popsells.com

philipr.popsells.com



PLAAR

Capt. Philip Rahner

BOATING LESSONS | CAPTAIN FOR HIRE

904.860.6622 prahner@plaarinc.com
Plaarboating.com



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

Ahoy!!! I hope that this newsletter finds everyone well and trying to enjoy time on the water to escape the temperatures that we have been experiencing lately. On August 15, we had a maritime event at Matanzas Inlet. A big thank you to Duane Kent for leading the event. We had great attendance and fun was had by everyone. The captain's prize was claimed by John Pierce.

Our next Maritime Event is taking place on Saturday, September 26 at 9:00 am. We are conducting a canal cleanup through the Palm Coast Canal System. We will be meeting at 12:00 at Bings Landing to see who collected the most debris. Please remember to sign up on the calendar, or [click here to sign up for the canal clean up.](#)

Look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting on September 17.

I need suggestions for training events for this coming February. Look forward to getting your suggestions.

Continued on next Page

Fleet Captain — Bob Solms

Fleet-Captain@FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com

SAFETY FIRST

What you need to know about marine communication before your next outing

Without a cell phone signal, would you be able to reach help on the water?

Use the tabs below to explore all Boating Safety content related to Marine Communication so that you are prepared for your next boating adventure.

[THE BASICS](#) [VERY HIGH FREQUENCY \(VHF\) RADIO](#) [CALLING FOR HELP](#)

The Basics of Marine Radio Use



Continued on next Page

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

To use your VHF, turn it on and pick a channel, set the squelch to the point where you don't hear any white noise and begin talking. Things to remember when you are on the radio:

- Monitor channel 16 when you are not actively in conversation with someone else. While not required for recreational boaters, it is an unwritten rule for radio users.
- Don't tie up channel 16 or channel 9. If you are talking with someone, switch to a working channel so you are not keeping others from using channel 16 or 9. In some instances, the Coast Guard may even order you to switch channels if you are talking excessively on 16 or 9.
- A VHF radio is not a telephone. When you use your VHF, everyone tuned to that station in the area can hear you! Watch your language, and try to keep your conversations short and to the point so that others may use the channel.
- It is unlawful to intentionally transmit a false distress alert, or intentionally transmit a false

VHF Marine Radio Channels

Most VHF radios on the market today have in excess of twenty-five usable channels. Aside from the U.S. channels there are also International and Canadian channels, all of which come standard with many of the newer units on the market. You won't be using the vast majority of channels on your VHF. However, channel 16 on your VHF radio is probably the most important.

Channel 16 is designated as the national distress, safety and calling frequency. All vessels should monitor this channel while underway.

When hailing other boats for routine communication, you'll need to hail them on 16 or 09, and then move to an available working channel, usually 68, 69, 71 or 72. Always remember to check for channels authorized for use in your area as well as any local restrictions.



Fleet Captain — Bob Solms

Fleet-Captain@FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com



Fun Coast Yacht Services

Captain Jim Kelly

USCG Licensed
Master 50 Ton

Phone: 386-225-6481

Email: Captain_Jim@Funcoastyachtservices.com

Maritime Services:

Basic Boat Handling Training
Sea Trial Testing
New to Boating 101
Boat Deliveries
Burials at Sea
Captain for Hire

Website



E-Mail





COOL BOAT
MARINE AIR CONDITIONING, LLC

Stay Cool - Stay Cruising!

coolboatmarineair.com

Chuck Banjak
386.242.0465





Fleet Captain — Bob Solms

Fleet-Captain@FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com



Coastal Marine
CONSTRUCTION

Boathouses ~ Docks ~ Seawalls ~ Dredging

(386) 237-0774

"Team Nix - We work for you!"

Bill Nix
REALTOR®

386-283-7338

BillNix4@gmail.com
Palm-Coast-Homes.net

235 Palm Coast Pkwy., NE, Ste.B
Palm Coast, FL 32137





Treasurer — Doris Houslander
Treasurer@FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com



Calculations from the Treasurer

Need to make a payment?

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

Remember to include a note as to what your Zelle \$\$ is for or
write it on the memo line of your check.

Make your check out to: FBYC



Secretary — Kathy Imbriani

Secretary@FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com



Happy Birthday to all those celebrating their special occasion in September: Bob Fazzone, Maria Kelly, Duane Kent, Brian Lacourciere, Joe McSherry, David Pinette, Diana Robbins, Debbie Smith and Pat Staba. 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.

It's hard to believe how quickly summer has slipped away. It seems like just yesterday we were welcoming the long, warm days of June and soon there will be a hint of fall in the air. The days will be getting shorter, the evenings a little cooler and before we know it, the leaves will begin to change. Time truly does have a way of quietly moving along, reminding us to slow down and enjoy each season while it's here. Looking forward to all the fun activities that are being planned this fall with FBYC.



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

September Birthdays		
Diana	Robbins	1-Sep
Brian	Lacourciere	2-Sep
Dennis	Browne	10-Sep
Joe	McSherry	10-Sep
Bob	Fazzone	11-Sep
Kim	Browne	12-Sep
Maria	Kelly	22-Sep
Carol	Grau	24-Sep
David	Pinette	24-Sep
Pat	Staba	28-Sep
Duane	Kent	29-Sep
Debbie	Smith	29-Sep



Melaleuca

During these times when even going to the coffee shop is frowned upon, I am so thankful for home delivery!

Melaleuca, an online shopping store, has over 500 products.

Everyday household essentials like: hand sanitizer, disinfectant, hand soap, bath and body, immune boosters, coffee, tea, granola bars, etc.... delivered to your door.

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

Michelle Kelly – 386-283-1113
Email – mani1516@hotmail.com



Ship Store Newsletter

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

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.

You can now pay by Credit Card

Jodie Keefe at 267-307-9373; email: jumpingjodie@comcast.net

Kris Solms at 863-899-7703; email: krissolms@gmail.com



John Yetter

386

246-6869



2014 HURRICANE 24 FT.
200HP YAMAHA

SALE
\$36,000

**FBYC— OFFICERS****Commodore****Jim Kelly**

Commodore@FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com

Vice Commodore**Nancy Maylum**

Vice-Commodore@FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com

Rear Commodore**Diane Doner**

Rear-Commodore@FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com

Fleet Captain**Bob Solms**

Fleet-Captain@FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com

Treasurer**Doris Houslander**

Treasurer@FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com

Secretary**Kathy Imbriani**

Secretary@FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com

Board Members**Jerry Imbriani**

Director@FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com

Past Commodore**Nick Ward**

PC-Director@FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com

**PAST COMMODORES**

1992-1993	Tom McBride
1994	Ed Finney
1995-1996	Tom Johns
1997-1998	Denis Thornton
1999-2000	John Darrow
2001	Paul Van Buren
2002	Howard Graves
2003	Pat Slattery
2004	George Barnett
2005	Pete Poole
2006-2007	Mike Cocchiola
2008	Claudia Towne
2009	Jane Gaulding
2010	Dee Cocchiola
2011	Rich Franco
2012	Greg Hansen
2013	Randy Meyer
2014	Len Dignard
2015	Bob Jaeger
2016	Joe Lindholm
2017	John Green
2018	Cindy Franco
2019	Jeanne Meyer
2020	Alan Hendry
2021	Joel Houslander
2022	Richard Sirbu
2023-2024	Jim Kelly
2025	Nick Ward