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Commodore's Corner — Jim Kelly
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Ahoy! Welcome to another edition of Relative Bearings! We have had a busy year so far and the board has been working to keep the momentum going. Now that the cold weather is behind us, I know some of you are saying “It’s not that cold” some of us have been in Florida long enough and acclimated to the nice weather so this winter was COLD. But that is behind us now so onto doing some boating and socializing.

On the subject of Boating, we are trying to do a few things this year focusing on Conservation and Boating topics. For the conservation, we started with doing a Vertical Oyster Garden workshop with Oysters For My Neighborhood who is a partner of the Florida CCA. This workshop was to build the Oyster gardens that hang on peoples dock to begin the growth of new oysters by providing a habitat for them to grow. Once these Oyster gardens grow (about 1 – 2 years) they will be collected and placed in the ICW to replenish the Oyster beds. If you would like more information or if you missed the event and need a kit to hang on your dock, please let us know.

Boating Topics. This is a club full of boating enthusiasts that have many interesting stories and experiences, but we all don’t know everything, and we have a lot of beginning boater and experienced boaters who have never dealt with some of the conditions we have in Florida. I would love to have a quick session at each meeting to go over topics that would help everyone and address any questions you may have. So I am asking for your input on this. If there is a question, task, situation you ran into or any boating topic that you would like us to talk about, please let me or Bob Solm (Fleet Captain) know and we will begin addressing them. Don’t be afraid to ask, I am sure if you have a question there are several other members wanting to ask the same question. So don’t be afraid to ask, you can even put your question anonymously in the blue suggestion box and we will address it.

Until next time, stay safe and get out and enjoy some time on the water!

Jim



Vice Commodore — Nancy Maylum

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Our March Chili and Cornbread Competition was a fantastic success, and I want to thank everyone who participated, tasted, and cheered on our cooks. The chili entries were outstanding this year, and we're especially excited that our chili winner is a potential new member—a wonderful reminder of how our events continue to bring great people into the fold. The cornbread competition added a fun new twist, and the friendly rivalry made the evening even better.

Looking ahead, please note that our April meeting has been moved up to April 9th, and we are still looking for members to sign up to bring appetizers.

[Please click here and sign up so we know how many will be in attendance](#)

This meeting will also feature fascinators for everyone as we prepare for our upcoming Kentucky Derby Social on May 2nd at Loopers, beginning at 5:30 PM, with the race scheduled for 6:57 PM. It's shaping up to be a festive evening, and your participation, whether through appetizers, Derby flair, or simply showing up ready for fun—helps make these gatherings so special.



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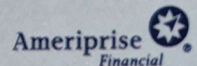
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Rear Commodore — Diane Doner**Rear-Commodore@FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com**

Our March meeting was a great success, as usual . We have some amazing cooks in our club, and I really enjoyed the chili and corn-bread.

This month we were able to induct 4 new members! Don and Morgan Hanrahan, and Pat and Lisa Spatola. Lisa could not make the meeting, but we are so happy she will be part of our group. Welcome to all of you and looking forward to seeing you at events.

We also had 5 new people attend the meeting. Joe Bellucci, Bernie and Terese Jacobsen, and Allan and Tammy Robichaux. From what I saw, everyone was mingling and introducing themselves....I love how welcoming everyone is in the club. Keep it up when you see new people at the events.

If anyone has new people they want to introduce to the club, or if you have any questions, please reach out, I am happy to help



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SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW

Please to be sure to sign up for the events you wish to attend. Signing up is very important to the success of the event. The venue needs to know how many are attending so they can be prepared to accommodate our group. How many seats to reserve, how many waitresses or assistants are needed, how many cooks in the kitchen, etc.

March Events;

March 7: Oyster Garden Workshop was well attended. Members enjoyed breakfast and lunch while learning how to grow Oysters for restoration, which help filter the waterways as a single oyster can clean up to 50 gallons of water per day. Lead: Jim Kelly.



Social



March 14: Blue Springs SP River Adventure, was enjoyed by all who attended. They saw Manatee, numerous bird species, including an eagle, alligators, and other wild critters while cruising down the St Johns River, and enjoyed a great lunch at Cooks Buffet. Special thanks to Nick and Jean ward for leading this event.

Coming Soon;

April 10: Be sure to join your FBYC friends at the Chill Bar at the Compass Hotel by Margartaville, 5-8pm. Drink, eat and be happy while enjoying a beautiful view of the Atlantic Ocean and listening to some great music. Lead: Jerry Imbriani

[Click here to sign up and get more information](#)

April 16-19: This year's 3 night away event at Captain Hiram's Resort in Sebastian Fl. is a popular waterfront destination featuring a marina, sandbar, good food and live music. Enjoy the great outdoors, while cruising down the shallow waters of the Intercostal Waterway, on the River King Eco Tour. There's still time to sign-up. Lead: Debbie Smith



Social

April 26: Half Day Deep Sea Fishing Trip. Reel in the time of your life aboard the Sea Spirit – Located in the Sea Love Marina – Ponce Inlet, Florida. Florida has some of the best deep sea fishing locations in the world! Sign up now at <https://seaspiritfishing.com/> to guarantee a spot on the boat. Lead: Amy Krisanda

May 2: Derby at Loopers Par & Grill. Come join the fun as we eat, drink and watch the Kentucky Derby live with all our FBYC friends. Lead: Nancy Maylum

[Click here to sign up and get more information](#)

October 8-11: We added a second 3 night away event at Renegades on the St Johns River, in Crescent City. 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: lodging nearby, rent an RV or AB&B close by. Come for the day and join us at the Saturday Social. Lead: Jerry Imbriani

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Social

Captain Hiram's

April 16 - 19

Who's ready to soak up the fun and hop into April with sunshine, cool breezes, riverside vibes, and festive cheer!

Here's the line up at Captain Hiram's Resort, there is a cover charge for some of these:

Thursday, April 16th at 4pm, the band Hypersona Duo plays at 4pm, or take in a Comedy Show at 7:30pm in the Tiffany Room.

Friday, April 17th at 3pm is Jeff Marquis, and then Whiskey Trip at 7:30.

Saturday April 18th is Allen Wronko at 3pm, and Back in Business at 7:30

There are two restaurants on the grounds at Captain Hiram's - The Sandbar and Blackfins. - Take a look at the menus - they are varied and good. Meet up with fellow FBYC members on Friday at **4:30pm The Sandbar** for a cold beverage and fellowship. Please wear your FBYC name tags to the various events.

Several of us are going to Nini's for Cuban food at 925 Village Square Dr (4 minutes from Hiram's) on Thursday evening at 5:30pm.

Friday morning several of us are going to a scratch bakery, **Sugar Bones Bake Shop at 695 Sebastian Blvd** - 8 minutes from Hiram's. The owner, Shelly, worked at Debbie's bakery in Columbus, Ohio. Meet there around 10:00am.

Saturday at 1 pm is our narrated River King nature cruise on the Indian River. Be at the boat 30 minutes in advance. Bring a small cooler (no glass).

Saturday evening after the boat ride, travel with us as we go to **Pareidolia Brewery, 712 Cleveland St.** (4 minutes from Hiram's) We will meet there about 5:00pm.

If you signed up for this trip you will be receiving an email with group information. If you did not let Debbie know you are attending, please text or email and give her a heads up so you can be included in the group.

In your spare time, you might want to dine at Mo Bay Grill (2 minutes) go to La Porte Farms, Mel Fisher's Treasure Museum, there is a heated pool at Hiram's, a gift shop, kayaks available, bicycles and stand-up paddle boards. There's plenty to do!

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AHOY!!!! I hope that this newsletter finds all our members enjoying time on the water. I wanted to let you all know that on March 9 I had to have bypass surgery. I would also like to thank everyone for the thoughts and prayers during my healing process and to the board for taking care of my duties as Fleet captain. Thank you to Jody Banjak for leading the Maritime Event to The Ormand Garage. What a great showing of boats and members. Our next Maritime Event will be the Blessing of the Fleet on April 25 followed by a raft up in the Cottonwood Basin.

[Click here to sign up for the blessing of the fleet and raft up. You can sign up for either event or both.](#)

I look forward to seeing everyone at this months Meeting. Look forward to seeing you all on the water.



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***Fleet Captain — Bob Solms*****Fleet-Captain@FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com****How to Beach a Boat: 10 Tips for Anchoring on a Sandbar****Beaching a boat**

Simply being on a boat is fun, but where boats can take us to play is even more exciting and often the whole point of boating. Recreating near beaches and sandbars to camp, raft up, or give the kids a place to run and play in shallow water is a great way to enjoy a sunny day—but, while we swim, build sandcastles and picnic on shore, we still have to keep an eye on the boat.

Beaching a boat 101

Whether you're cruising on a pontoon and spot an inviting cove, or you're running the buoys of a slalom course on your ski boat and want to take a break on shore, beaching a boat is a quick way to land and relax for a few hours.

Here are the basic steps to safely and successfully beach a boat—and then eventually, unbeach your boat and head home.

Beaching a Boat: Step-by-Step Guide

Examine the shoreline. How deep is the water and how quickly does it shoal? Is there a straightforward path of approach with no obstacles; this includes swimmers and snorkelers?

Approach slowly. Never throttle hard to get the boat up onto the beach even if you know the area.

Judge the water depth. If you have a depth sounder, keep an eye on it and know your draft (see [What is Boat Draft?](#) to learn more). If you don't have sounder, estimate what is about waist-deep water. Watch for current, especially in a river or breaking waves on the ocean because both will mess with your landing.

Have a crew member hop in and hold the bow of the boat when waist deep.

Turn off and trim up your engine (outboard or sterndrive). Pull the boat ashore bow first—this may take more than one person.

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Always secure your boat. You can do this by walking an anchor up the beach, tying off to a stake or securing a nearby tree.

Remember, the back of the boat will be heavier due to the weight of the engine, so make sure that you don't pull the keel all the way up or it will be tough to leave.

Pull the boat further up once gear and passengers are unloaded; it will be lighter and can be dragged farther up.

When it's time to leave, pull the boat free of the shore until it's floating.

Finally, load up and lower the engine or drive in waist-deep water, have the last of the crew hop aboard via the swim ladder and back away from shore.

7 Tips for Boating in Shallow Water**Anchoring Near a Sandbar or Beach**

Depending on the location, sometimes it's safer to "beach anchor" with the boat in shallow water but not actually touching the sandbar or beach. This generally faces the bow out to open water, ensuring the boat is facing any waves that could swamp it.

There are a number of techniques to accomplish this, but the basics are similar and are easier when there is crew to assist. Be sure to have two anchors, or at least an anchor and a line ready to use before starting (see Types of Anchors: How to Choose the Right Size Anchor to ensure you have the right equipment before you get started).

Approach in idle. The boat should always remain floating so watch your depth sounder if you have one.

Run the bow anchor and line aft to a crew member who will place it in the water and let out the line. They need to keep it away from the propeller as you motor forward toward the beach.

When you're in the desired location and depth, tie up the line so the anchor is set and cleat it off.

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When in waist deep water, have the crew member place the stern anchor into the water on the opposite side where the bow line is. This will keep the lines from tangling and will help the boat to rotate easier.

Allow the boat to pivot so it's facing away from the sandbar. Turn off and trim up the engine or drive.

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The rest of the passengers onboard can also jump in and take the stern anchor up the beach. Unload the boat of people and gear while in shallow water.

Tie up both the bow and stern lines, which will pull the boat out a little deeper, and it will float rather than rub on the beach. Both lines should be pulled tight so the boat stays in place.

To depart, board the boat and let out some forward anchor line.

Have crew pull the boat back a bit, load everyone and everything, and then lift the stern anchor or untie the stern line.

Pull the boat forward on the bow anchor line, lower the engine or drive, start the engine, lift the anchor and leave.

Other Factors to Consider When Beaching a Boat**Bottom Conditions**

You must know the bottom conditions before approaching any beach. Are there rocks, gravel, branches or obstacles that could damage the bottom or the propeller? Sand is abrasive and can damage the gelcoat finish on a hull, while rocks pose a real threat to both the boat and the engine.

If sand gets into a jet drive, it can also wreak havoc with the engine. If the beach is sandy but there's mud below the water, the suction it creates can get a boat stuck fast.

Keep an Eye on the Tides

Understand the tides. If the tide goes out, will you be able to pull the boat back into the water? If the tide comes in, will your boat float away? Check the boat every hour or so to ensure it's not burrowing into the sand.

How to unbeach a boat**Pay Attention to the Wind**

Keep an eye on changing wind conditions including strength and direction. The wind can push the boat up the beach or back into deeper water when you're not watching.

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If a storm is approaching, you can either decide to depart quickly or stay and secure everything (see Weather Safety Tips for Boaters). A boat will be safer at anchor during a storm rather than being pummeled on the beach. Passing boats can even swamp a boat that has its stern turned out to the water.

Beaching a Boat Overnight

All of the above points really come into play when beaching overnight to camp for example. Before you tuck in for the night, take all of the above into consideration, slow down and pay attention to details so you can just push off, start the engine and be on your way in the morning.



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Sincerely,
 Doris Houslander

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Secretary — Kathy Imbriani**Secretary@FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com**

Happy Birthday to all those celebrating their special occasion in April! 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 day enjoyed by everyone at the 'Ormond Garage" a Maritime event with Lead Jody Banjak. I will be sending out a thank you card to the Manager Chris Maynard and their fantastic staff Benjamin, Katie and Paige for wonderful service and delicious food on March 22, 2026 to accommodate FBYC at last minute!!



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Ship Store Newsletter

“April’s gentle rains nurture the soul.” -Emily Dickinson

We can help you out with some new apparel. The Ship Store will be open at our next meeting, April 9th. Please stop by to see new shirts, hats and visors plus some sample items that will be ready for placing an order. Come check out the store, as many items were marked on sale, to make room for the new merch. If you have any questions/suggestions or would like to place an order at any time, please contact us at:

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