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Commodore's Corner — Jim Kelly
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Ahoy! January was a busy month with Planning meetings, general meetings, and socials. Unfortunately, Mother Nature didn't agree with us so we had to cancel our Maritime event! For those that missed the January meeting, we Inducted the new Board of Directors. We did have a slight change from the original listing of board members. Nancy Maylum was sworn in as the Vice Commodore due to Ilyse stepping down due to personal reasons. There is a lot of information in this edition of "Relative Bearings" so please read all the way to the end!





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Vice Commodore — Nancy Maylum
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Jeff and I moved to Palm Coast in August of 2024, and it quickly became clear that it was one of the best decisions we've ever made. We were welcomed with genuine warmth, and this community has already become a place we're proud to call home. Together we have three children and five wonderful grandchildren, all of whom share our love for the water and the outdoors. Boating has become a big part of our lives, and most recently we added an RV to our adventures — another way we enjoy exploring and staying connected.

I'm truly honored to step into the role of Vice Commodore. I look forward to serving on the board, supporting our members, and helping to make 2026 one of the most memorable and enjoyable years for our club. I'm excited for everything we'll create.

Nancy



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What a great start to the new year! I was nervous about trying to fill Jim Russo's shoes, because he did a great job bringing in some amazing people, but he left me an organized list so I could get up and running.

At the January meeting I was able to induct 2 new members, Maurine Murphy and Clair Goldstein. They are very sweet and excited to be part of

the club. If you see them at meetings, socials, or boating events, make sure to introduce yourself so you can find out for yourself what a great addition they will be to the club.

I also had 9 new people attend the last meeting~ this is the most I have ever seen at one meeting! We had Zee B., Bob and Trish Femia, Jonathan Parmet, Don and Morgan Hanrahan, Bob and Marianne Wuelfing and Elliot Nachwalter. I did my best to talk to everyone, and hope many of you got to meet them. If you see them out, make sure to give them a big FBYC welcome. They are all at different stages in the application process, and although they do not NEED sponsors, it is more fun to have people from the club reach out and invite them to events. Please let me know if you are willing to be a sponsor. You can reach me by text 386-264-3533.

Looking forward to seeing how many people I get to induct next month ;-)
Diane



Social Director — Jerry Imbriani

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SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW

I want to thank the members who attended the maritime and social planning meetings and those who contacted us with their ideas and volunteered to be leads. Together we put an exciting year ahead for all our members to enjoy.

Our first Social of the year was the Beach Front Grill on January 24th. Forty five members enjoyed the evening, drinking, dining and socializing with their friends. Fun was had by all.



Social

February 26: Tokyo Japanese Restaurant, Teppan yak style cooking, where chefs prepare meat, seafood, and vegetables on a large iron griddle in front of guests. Lead: Jeanie Meyer

[Click here to sign up for February's Social](#)

March 7: Oyster Garden Workshop. 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

[Click here to sign up for the Oyster Garden workshop](#)

March 14: Blue Springs SP River Adventure and Manatee Viewing, and Cooks Buffet Café in Deland. Leads: Nick & Jean Ward

Please keep reading for more information or

[Click here to sign up for the Blue Springs tour, lunch, or both](#)



Blue Springs Nature River Cruise March 14th, 2026

Be sure to join the FBYC on March 14th for a two-hour nature cruise, which takes visitors through the awe-inspiring sights and sounds of native wildlife in the rich ecosystem of the St. Johns River basin area. The quiet and smooth operation of their boats allows you to hear the sounds of nature as they surround the trip. With an average cruising speed of 6 mph, nothing passes by too fast. Frequent stops are made for photographs, intimate encounters, and a thorough look at this most fragile ecosystem. During the 2-hour tour our Captain provides interactive narration of local and river history along with illustrated accounts of the numerous bird species, alligators, and other wild critters that call this area home.

Due to Manatee Season there could be a long line to get into the park. This is why we ask you to arrive by 7:45AM. This should allow sufficient time to get through the line and explore the park, seeing 500 + manatee in the park springs. There will be no refunds if you miss the boat, so come early.

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Social

Blue Springs State Park Ranger Station (386-775-3663)

Address: 2100 W French Ave, Orange City Florida

Drive Time: 1 Hour drive from Palm Coast. **Limited parking so please Car Pool**

Entry: When in line let the first Ranger know you're here for the St Johns River Cruise.

Admission: \$6.00 per carload, up to 8 people per car. For park admission pay at entrance. If you have an annual or lifetime Florida State Park Pass everyone in the car is free.

St Johns River Nature Cruise (407) 821-1349

Boarding 945 AM, departs 10AM, and Returns 12:00 PM.

Plan to arrive no later than 7:45 AM to ensure you don't miss the boat.

Boat Cost: \$29.00 PP. Checks made payable to FBYC or pay by Zelle

Cutoff Date: March 8th, NO REFUNDS AFTER THIS DATE.

Capacity: 60 People. Sign up early to reserve a seat on the boat.

Bring: Coolers, drinks, wine, liquor, beer, food, snacks, warm cloths and sun protection.

Lunch at Cooks Buffet Café (386) 734-4339 1PM

Address: 704 N Woodland Blvd, Deland Fl. 32720

Three ways to sign up: [Flagler Beach Yacht Club Calendar](#), at monthly meetings, or

[Click here to sign up for the Blue Springs tour, lunch, or both](#)

Lead Nick & Jean Ward

April 16-19: This year's 3 night away event is at Captain Hiram's Resort in Sebastian Fl. A popular waterfront destination featuring a marina, sandbar, good food and live music. Debbie Smith is the lead. There's still time to sign up. Please keep reading for more information about Captain Hiram's

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Social

April Social at Captain Hirams!



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Social

October 8-11: We added a second 3 night away event at Renegades on the River, in Crescent City. This event is a combined Maritime/Social Event. Come by car, boat or RV, for the day or the weekend. Rent a cabin, pontoon boat, jet skis or a slip for your boat. Enjoy a restaurant, Tiki Bar, live bands, swimming pool and a Social Saturday night. Don't wait as cabins are going fast.

[Please click here to let us know if you plan on attending Renegades](#)



FBYC Social/Maritime Renegades on the River October 8-9-10

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE: Come for the day (1 hour drive), by water (2 hours), trailer your boat, bring your RV, or stay in a cabin or nearby lodging. Visit the campground online to see all the amenities at <https://www.renegadesontheriver.com/>. Make your own reservations online or call (386) 524-4179. Mention FBYC and ask for the group discount. **Cabin and boat slip availability is limited and available to the public, so reserve ASAP. They will not hold cabins or slips without a deposit.** You can always cancel later if you change your mind.

SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER SOCIAL: dine, drink, and dance to live bands. Come for the day and join us for the Social.

We need a head count for planning activities, so sign up now at <http://www.flaglerbeachyachtclub.com> or at the monthly meeting. All future communications regarding this trip will only be sent to the participants listed on the sign-up sheet.

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Social

Renegades on the River, a true hidden gem on the St. Johns River in Crescent City, Florida. Located in the heart of the Bass Fishing Capital of the World, this iconic waterfront retreat draws anglers, RV travelers, boaters, bikers, and locals from near and far.

Whether you're pulling in with your RV, cruising in on your Harley, settling into one of their riverfront cabins, or tying up your boat at the dock, you'll be welcomed with great vibes, ice-cold drinks, home-style food, and live music on the river that keeps the good times flowing.

Enjoy waterfront dining at their restaurant, relax at the Renegades Tiki Bar, catch live bands, swim in their pool, stock up at the bait and provisions shop, fuel up at the dock, and unwind beneath the palms while the St. Johns River drifts by.

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Ahoy!!! I hope that everyone is having a great start to 2026. Unfortunately, our first Maritime Event of the year was canceled due to mother nature! We were going to The Grouper Shack on January 31, we will re-schedule this event when the weather cooperates. Our next Maritime Event will take place on February 22. There will be an Oyster Hunt at Matanzas Inlet with a BBQ at Herschel King after to cook the take. This will be a bring a dish to share event, hopefully we do well with the oystering but there are no guarantees. This event is being led by Nick Ward and assisted by Dean Doner. I am very excited about the year and the diversity of the Maritime Events that we have scheduled. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like to see an event added to our calendar. Please remember to sign up for the events so that we have an accurate count to communicate with the restaurants. We usually travel well and want to be certain that everyone has a great time!

[Please click here to let us know if you are coming to the Oystering, the picnic, or both](#)



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Boating Basics:

Safety for Every Sailor

Stay Safe on the Water

Most boating accidents happen in calm, clear conditions-so vigilance is key:

- . Life Jackets: Ensure every passenger has a properly fitted jacket with secure straps.
- ! Gear Check: inspect bilge pumps, navigation lights, flares, and spare batteries
- . Plan Ahead: Share your route and check-in schedule with a friend or marina.
- . Crew Training: Practice emergency drills-like throwing a heaving line; and donning life jackets quickly.

Pro Tip: Keep a waterproof bag with essentials-VHF radio, GPS, horn, and fire extinguisher.

Safety Reminder: Calm waters can be deceptive-stay alert, wear your lifejacket, and follow navigation rules.



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Calculations from the Treasurer

The budget is being prepared for 2026, no major changes are anticipated. Good news/bad news: We are very happy to welcome Nancy Maylum to the board in her position as Vice Commodore, however she also volunteered to do the audit for 2025. It is the opinion of the board that a non-board member performs the audit. Please contact me if you can perform this task. Remember you do not need to be a CPA or accountant, if you can balance your home checkbook you are qualified.

Doris Houslander



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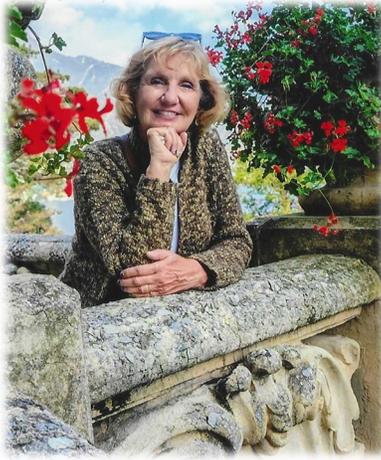
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Happy Birthday to all those celebrating their special occasion in February! Clair Goldstein, Maurine Murphy, Joel Houslander, Jodie Keefe, Lauren Kent, Nancy Maylum and me! I joined the 70's club this year. If I missed mentioning anyone else please let me know before the general meeting. Remember I give out treats to all those celebrating their special day.

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

For those that will be attending the "Top Gun" event in November, the Daytona Flea Market is great fun that time of year. An array of beautiful pumpkins with all their shapes, sizes and array of colors, lots of fresh apples from red delicious to granny smith and apple cider, ideas for Christmas presents, popcorn flavored with cinnamon and other exotic spices and of course cooler temperatures as you browse through the flea market.

January 24th social event at Beach Front Grill was loads of fun seeing all FBYC members having a great time! Will send out a thank you card to Jamie Bourdeau and his wonderful staff for hosting our event.

On a sadder note Bob and Cyndi Fazzone lost their cherished doggie "Barley" whom you would see on their boat having the time of his life and happy to have anyone give him a pat or two.

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

February Birthdays		
Joel	Houslander	5-Feb
Kathy	Imbriani	7-Feb
Claire	Goldstein	10-Feb
Lauren	Kent	11-Feb
Jodi	Keefe	12-Feb
Nancy	Maylum	13-Feb
Marsha	Barry	16-Feb
Maurine	Murphy	21-Feb



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Ship Store Newsletter

“The sea, once it casts its spell, holds one in its net of wonder forever”
-Jacques Yves Cousteau

The Ship Store will be open at our next meeting, February 19th. Please stop by to see what is on sale and what is new. We have heard some wonderful suggestions, and we are working on new ideas for shirts, hats and coolers. If you have any questions or would like to place an order at any time, please contact us at:

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- 2022 Richard Sirbu
- 2023-2024 Jim Kelly
- 2025 Nick Ward