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



We had a great May with so many enjoyable activities and opportunities to spend time together. Thank you to everyone who helped make the month such a success. If you have a vertical oyster garden hanging on your dock, please take a picture and send it to me, or post it on our Facebook page. I look forward to a busy, fun June and all the great times still ahead for our club.

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As we roll into the heart of Florida's summer, our afternoons are becoming as unpredictable as ever. This is the time of year when a sunny sky at noon can turn into a downpour by 3, so please make sure you have a reliable weather app on hand before heading out on the water. Staying aware of fast-changing conditions keeps all of us safer and ensures our outings remain enjoyable.

Our next general meeting will feature a fun twist—Breakfast for Dinner, complete with Music Bingo to keep the energy high and the friendly competition going. It's always a member favorite, and we hope to see a great turnout. Looking ahead, July brings our much-anticipated Pulled Pork Contest, and we're already gearing up for a delicious evening. We are still in need of additional volunteers for both making the pork and preparing side dishes, so if you've been thinking about jumping in, now is the perfect time to

raise your hand.

Your participation—whether cooking, helping, or simply showing up with your usual good spirits—is what makes our club such a vibrant community. Thank you for all you do to keep our gatherings lively, welcoming, and full of flavor.



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

I was sad to miss the meeting in May, but it was a busy month with 2 of my kids graduating college! I heard the meeting went well, and the food was great.

We were able to induct 4 more members this month. Joe and Nancy Bellucci as well as Bernie and Terese Jacobsen. 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!

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.

May Events

May 2: Derby at Loopers Bar & Grill. A great time was had by all at the Derby party at Loopers. Members came dressed for the Kentucky Derby in classic Southern elegance, vibrant colors and bold accessories. Men wore derby hats and jackets and the women wore Fascinators and bright floral prints, or classic pastel sundresses. Loopers did a great job with the food, drink and service. TV's were scattered around the room where all enjoyed the excitement of the race. Special thanks goes to Nancy Maylum who organized the event.



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Social



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

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Coming Events:

June 13, 11:00 AM: Marina Del Palmer Pool Party. Join all your FBYC Friends at the Marina Del Palmer Pool Party. Bring a dish, appetizer, desert and drinks to share, your bathing suit, and an empty stomach, to enjoy while you jump in the swimming pool to cool off.

Lead: Cindy & Bob Fazzone

Tuesday June 23, 5:30pm: Turtle Shack: A low key casual dining experience with outdoor seating, located at European Village. Their menu features a variety of seafood-centric dishes including their well-regarded crab cakes, fresh tacos, and shrimp po'boys. The restaurant can only accommodate 25 people so be sure to sign-up now. Lead: Judy O'Neill

Friday July 17: 4-6PM: Happy Hour at the Anchor, has a great reputation for its fresh seafood, welcoming service, and a relaxed coastal vibe. Located right along A1A it offers a wonderful view of the ocean, making it a favorite if you're looking for a quality meal on the beach.

Lead: John Keefe



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July 4, 9:00 am: Flagler Beach 4th of July Parade. The Stars and Stripes Parade is a classic, patriotic, small town Americana celebration with a coastal twist. FBYC will be participating in the FB 4th or July parade. We will be trailering a boat with members walking alongside and standing inside, with FBYC Flags and giveaways. There will be other activities throughout the day, ending with a fabulous firework display at the Flagler Executive airport. More details to follow.

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 bo Something Old, Something New

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

AHOY!!! I hope that everyone is enjoying time on the water. We had a great Maritime Event on May 16th, our annual Poker Run. Thank you to Michelle Kelly for being the lead and continuing the tradition. The captain's prize was won by our Commadore, Jim Kelly. Our next Maritime event will be taking place on June 6th and is a Trip to Matanzas Inlet and our meeting time is 11:00, Dean Doner is the lead. Please remember to sign up online. We look forward to seeing everyone at this Event. Remember our channel is 68 on the water. Safe Boating.

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***Fleet Captain — Bob Solms*****Fleet-Captain@FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com****How to Anchor a Boat in 10 Steps**

Knowing how to securely anchor a boat is a crucial skill for all boaters to master. Proper anchoring allows members to enjoy serene coves and bustling sandbars without worry. We've outlined 10 steps that when applied effectively, will allow you to anchor the vessel safely and ensure stress-free experience.

1. Assess the Weather Conditions

Are the waters calm or choppy? When you arrive at your ideal location, assess the wind and water current to determine how much room you have because the boat will inevitably swing around the anchor. You must also remain vigilant of other boats and hazards such as rocks, reefs and buoys.

2. Determine the Depth

Knowing the water depth is key to selecting the appropriate scope. Scope is defined as the length of the chain, line or rope that you deploy into the water. You should aim for a scope that is 5-7 times the water's depth to ensure a strong hold. A longer scope is ideal but make sure you have swinging room that won't put you at risk of collision.

3. Anticipate Changes in Condition

We all know weather can be unpredictable, so don't expect the tides and currents to remain the same during the duration of your time anchored. Take into consideration changes that could affect your anchor's position. You may need to adjust your anchor accordingly to remain stable.

4. Prioritize Safety and Compliance

Members must remember to avoid anchoring in navigational channels or high-traffic areas at all costs. Doing so will prevent collisions with other boats and hazards – as well as ensure a comfortable experience free of turbulence caused by the wakes of other boats.

5. Properly Deploy the Anchor

Thinking of simply tossing your anchor into the water? Well, don't. Always lower the anchor gently into the water without throwing it so that the lead does not get tangled in the anchor. Slowly releasing the chain or line will allow you to maintain control and estimate anchor's scope.

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***Fleet Captain — Bob Solms*****Fleet-Captain@FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com****6. Set the Hook**

Slowly back the boat as you put the rode in the water. In order to set the hook, which requires digging it into the seabed, cleat it off and give the anchor a tug by carefully putting the engine in reverse. This will allow the anchor to firmly set. Operate with caution and avoid sudden movements that could dislodge the anchor before it has a chance to dig in.

7. Assess Your Surroundings & Position

After anchoring, survey your surroundings and the boat's position to ensure you ended up where you intended to before setting the hook. You should have ample swinging room that's free of hazards. You should also watch and wait for a while to make sure the boat is not drifting which will indicate that the anchor is holding.

8. Re-Anchor if Needed

Do not hesitate to re-anchor the boat if something doesn't seem right. Choosing to re-anchor and achieve a more secure position can make all the difference and allow you to enjoy a worry-free boat day. You may not feel the need to re-anchor right away but continuously monitoring the boat's movement will allow you to be prepared to adjust if needed.

9. Retrieve the Anchor in Reverse

When you're ready to leave, start the engine before releasing the rode. At this point, there may be quite a bit of tension on the rode. Partially release it and drive forward slowly release the tension – don't forget to watch your fingers! If the anchor becomes stuck, hold the line and move forward to attempt to free it. It may take a few tries before you're successful.

10. Stow it Away

Once your anchor is successfully pulled from the seabed and aboard the boat, please stow the rode neatly to prevent tangling. This will make it easier for our dock staff to prepare the vessel for the next member. Lastly, secure the anchor to prevent damage while the motion.



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Calculations from the Treasurer

Our annual dues renew at the end of this month on June 30th. Please send **\$75 per person**, to any of the options listed below or bring to the June 18th General Meeting.

Thank you,
Doris Houslander

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Happy Birthday to all those celebrating their special occasion I June! Remember I give out treats to all those celebrating their special day after the General Meeting. June Birthdays are Dale Anderson, Nancy Bellucci, Charlie Bentivegna, Kim D'Alessio, Diane Doner, Trish Femia, Al Jennings, Mark Lewis, Paula Lewis, John Loudermilk and Ilyse Pinette.

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.

Our May general meeting "Taco Bar" was a lot of fun, food was delicious as always complete with colorful little sombreros and maracas.

Thank you Nancy and Jeff Maylum for a festive a fun night.

Jerry and I will be celebrating our anniversary of 46 years June 21st. It is amazing how fast time flies and as you look back over the years they are filled with a dazzling kaleidoscope of cherished memories of family, friends and activities throughout the years. Forty-six years is "Oak Tree Territory". Deep roots, steady branches and plenty of stories carved into the bark.



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

Nancy Bellucci	2-Jun
John Loudermilk	5-Jun
Trish Femia	9-Jun
Paula Lewis	9-Jun
Dale Anderson	17-Jun
Diane Doner	19-Jun
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Ship Store Newsletter

"Summer breeze makes me feel fine, blowing through the jasmine in my mind" -Seals & Croft

It's summertime and a great time to get some new summer apparel! The Ship Store will be open at our next meeting, June 18th. Come check out the store to see all the merchandise. Please pick up your order if you have placed one at previous meetings. Feel free to call or text us with any questions/suggestions or would like to place an order at any time.

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