



The Florida Commodores Journal



Clearwater Yacht Club Hosts FCA Meeting

Keepers of the Flame

Preserving the Customs and Traditions of
Yachting for future generations



FROM THE HELM

Commodore Tom Reynolds



This issue will mark the first time that we are relying on electronic distribution of the Florida Commodores Journal. As we mentioned last issue, the costs of printing and distribution are really becoming prohibitive. So we were faced with either don't communicate very much or be faced with rising costs. Many of you, or perhaps most of you, will be able to download your copy from the website. We will be sending you the link via an EJournal so that you can go directly to the Adobe Acrobat file and get (download) your own copy. If you still want to receive a printed copy, we have decided to institute a subscription in order to cover costs. For the balance of this year it will be \$5 and starting with 2012 it will be \$10/year.

We hope that the electronic version will offer a number of advantages to each of you and that there will be minimal need for subscriptions. The electronic version will allow you to print it directly... or download a copy and keep it on your computer.

Since Commodores, past and present, and our Associates are not shy people, I am sure that you will all be letting me know (t.reynolds@ieee.org) what you think of this change and how we can make it better. Please take the opportunity to discuss it in your chapter and give us your feedback. Our goal is to communicate with you all and do it as effectively as possible.

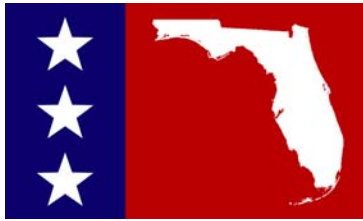
Each of you and each of our Chapters ARE the FCA. Many of our chapters meet monthly, some bimonthly, some once a quarter and some whenever. In addition we have local groups like the Coquina Coast Chapter and the Palm Beach Commodores Chapter which are made up of members from several yacht clubs. It is truly important to us that we hear from you. Not only when there are issues to be voted on. Remember, your chapter president represents the voice and the votes of all the members. Currently we don't have any pressing issues to vote on but we still want your opinions and input. To that end I would encourage each of you, but especially your chapter president, to come to the next FCA Meeting.

The FCA is currently investigating ways that we can give encouragement and support to the yachting community through programs and projects. Specifically mentioned in our discussions are items like: support of Florida Olympians or scholarship program. None of these are decided and we surely have a low budget for such activities however we would like additional input about how we can make a meaningful contribution and how we can raise funds. Let us hear from you

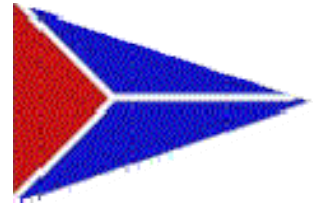
Finally, we continue to look for members to help with the Florida Commodores Journal. While V/C John Matthews continues to do yeoman's duty as the Editor. We need and are actively looking to put together an editorial team. This is a perfect way to become more involved with FCA and to promote us throughout the state. Much of the formatting and organizing has already been done by John .. what we need is the team to carry on. Call or email John and he can fill you in. (johnmatthews@cox.net)

I could not let the opportunity go by to put in a comment about the Ambassadors Program. P/C Phyllis Seaton (phyllis4@cox.net) is organizing the program and she needs people who will actively contact clubs in their area several times a year, come to meetings and promote FCA to prospective members.

Elsewhere in the Journal you will see what a wonderful time was had at the Clearwater Yacht Club meeting and information about our upcoming meeting at Halifax River Yacht Club. I hope to see you there.



CLEARWATER YACHT CLUB HOSTS March FCA Meeting



FCA was honored to be hosted by the Clearwater Yacht Club and CYC Commodore Sandie Ramsden. This meeting was especially notable because CYC is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year.



FCA members attending were impressed with the CYC and its amenities. The weather couldn't have been better and everyone enjoyed the patio, tiki bar and dock patio area during evening cocktails and the Saturday evening Sundowners ceremony.



Our appreciation and thanks to CYC General Manager, Tom Brusini, for his assistance in coordinating the event, along with the friendly, efficient and professional CYC staff.



In keeping with our long standing tradition, we introduced the Sundowner Ceremony to CYC and it was a wonderful reminder of the things that we honor....and those things that make us all great.



CYC Commodore Ramsden receives the flag from PC Bill Barnett, Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club Chapter, FCA Flag Detail.

Several things were noted during our business meeting: Fleet Captain John Slattery reported on the progress of the 4-Star Commodores Program...a program to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of Florida Commodores past and present. The program is well underway.

Brad Kendell, Paralympian and a member of US Sailing Team Alphagraphics, gave an inspiring talk about his progress and training for the 2012 trials. Equally inspiring was a talk by David Yates, Director, Clearwater Marine Aquarium. David detailed the amazing story of Winter, a young dolphin who has been fitted with a prosthetic tail and continues to amaze and inspire people with her progress.

Associate Member Beverly Plummer, Fort Walton Yacht Club Chapter, was nominated and confirmed as the official FCA Quartermaster. She is now the go to person for all FCA ties, table flags, shirts, and other supplies. She maintains a supply page on the website.



More news from the Clearwater meeting:



PC Phyllis Seaton, Fort Walton Yacht Club Chapter, has agreed to serve as Ambassador Coordinator. We will be working to better define and implement the Ambassador Program. The vision is that the Ambassadors, in addition to identifying and working with potential new chapters, will work with Chapter Presidents and enhance communications with FCA. We need your ideas, input and inventiveness on how to improve attracting new members and chapters.

Pictures from Clearwater Meeting



Commodore Tom and Lynne Reynolds and VC John and Nancy Matthews dancing to Friday night entertainment.



FCA Sundowner Detail preparing for ceremony.



**Clearwater Yacht Club
Commodore Sandie Ramsden
Welcomes FCA**

Sundowner Ceremony



**PC Lou Daniello and Ingrid Menz
dressed for St Patrick's Day**



**Associate Members:
Innes Richards,
Nancy Matthews
Beverly Plummer
and Barb Kimmerling
at Sundowner Ceremony.**



Typical Table Decorations

Bay Point Yacht Club News



Commissioning Ceremony:



On April 2nd, 2011, Bay Point Yacht Club, located in Panama City Beach along the Panhandle of Florida, celebrated the opening of its boating season with its Commissioning Ceremony. This ceremony followed the traditional Saturday breakfast for club members provided by the Bridge and Board members and their spouses.

Past Commodores lined one side of the yardarm and the Bridge and Board stood at attention on the other side. Past Commodore Jack Kennedy piped “aboard” Bay Point Yacht Club 2011 Commodore Ray Campbell while patriotic music played in the background. Commodore

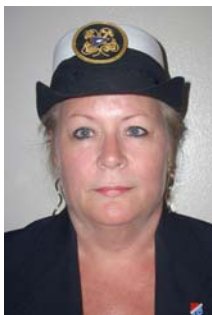
Campbell then instructed Fleet Captain Jim Cornelius to dress the ship. Representatives from the Tyndall Air Force Color Guard provided the ceremonial hoisting of the U.S. flag, Commodore’s flag, and the yacht club’s flag. Carol Proctor, wife of Past Commodore Darrell Proctor, provided a dramatic punctuation to the ceremony with the firing of the yacht club’s cannon to signal the opening of the season. Yacht club Fleet Chaplain, Rev. Allen Newton, blessed the fleet with fair winds and following seas. Bay Point Yacht Club was delighted to welcome in attendance FCA Commodore Tom Reynolds and his wife, Lynne, who stood with BPYC’s FCA members during the ceremony.



The day was capped with a Potluck Dinner that evening hosted by the Florida Commodores Association members and Associates.

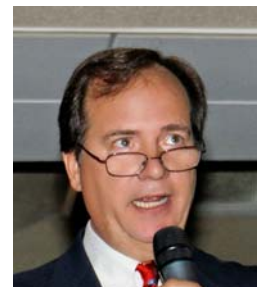
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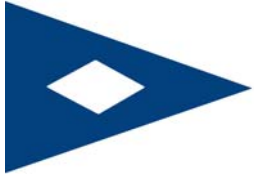
The Florida Commodores Association chapter of Bay Point Yacht Club, located in Panama City Beach along the Panhandle of Florida, has the distinction of being 100% strong in membership of its Past Commodores, Associates, and the Yacht Club Bridge members. This chapter has been consistently high in membership from the time of its inception in 2008. Congratulations on being the “Keepers of the Flame”.



The FCA Executive Committee has selected Associate Member Pam Gutauckis, Halifax River Yacht Club Chapter, to represent all the Associate Members of the FCA. If you have suggestions for Pam please contact her so she can present your ideas at the EXCOM meetings. Lets all welcome Pam as our Associate Member Rep.

Past Commodore Tim Burr, a partner in the firm of Galloway, Johnson, Tompkins, Burr and Smith, has been named as the Legal Counsel for the FCA. Commodore Burr has extensive legal experience in maritime law and has served as Commodore of both Pensacola Yacht Club and Tammany Yacht Club in Slidell, LA. Lets all welcome Tim as Legal Counsel and as a member of the FCA Executive Committee.





**Florida Commodores Association
Registration Form
Summer Meeting
July 22 - 23, 2011**



Name(s): _____

Chapter/Yacht Club: _____ **FCYC#** _____

☐ **Regular Member** ☐ **Associate Member** ☐ **Guest**

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

E-mail: _____

Registration Fee:	# Persons	Total
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\$10.00 per person payable with Registration	_____	_____
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**Please make check payable to "FCA" and mail before July 12, 2011 to
P/C John Slattery, 22 Cedarwood Court, Palm Coast, FL 32137**

<u>Friday, July 22</u>	# Persons
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Order from Menu	_____
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Saturday, July 23

Lunch - Deli Lunch Buffet - \$16.00 inclusive	_____
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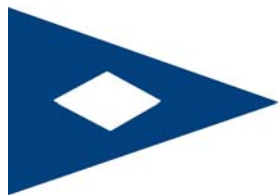
Dinner - \$35.00 inclusive - please make selections

<input type="checkbox"/> Filet with twice baked potato and seasonal vegetable	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Apple Almond Chicken with baked potato and seasonal vegetable	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Stuffed Grouper with twice baked potato and seasonal vegetable	_____
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Note: Meal charges may be paid by cash, check or billed to your home Club account through Florida Council of Yacht Clubs.



Florida Commodores Association
Past, Present and Future Commodores
2011 Summer Membership Meeting
July 22—23, 2011



Halifax River Yacht Club
331 South Beach Street, Daytona Beach, FL 32114
386-255-7459

Schedule of Events

Friday, July 22, 2011

1400 FCA Executive Committee Meeting, HRYC Board Room
1630 - 1800 Cruise on Halifax River
1800 Friday Night Dinner Menu

Saturday, July 23, 2011

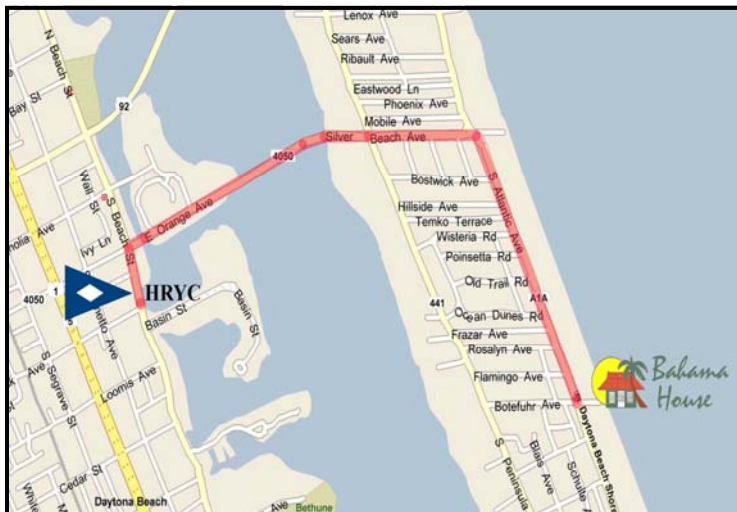
0800 - 0930 Registration and Coffee Service
0930 - 1200 Membership Meeting
Uniform C (White shirt w/epaulets, white trousers/skirt and white shoes)
1200 - 1330 Buffet Lunch
Guest Speaker - TBA
1330 - Educational Program -
Speaker - TBA
1500 Adjourn
1800 Cocktails at Tiki Bar
1830 Sundowners Ceremony
Uniform C (White shirt w/epaulets, white trousers/skirt and white shoes)
1900 Dinner



HOTEL INFORMATION

2001 S. Atlantic Avenue (A1A) Daytona Beach Shores, FL 32118
(800) 571-2001 • (386) 248-2001
www.daytonabahamahouse.com

- ☐ Only \$110 per night (single or double occupancy)
Call hotel directly and ask for special "FCA" rate.
Rate only guaranteed until June 24.
- ☐ Less than 2 miles from Halifax River Yacht Club
- ☐ Rooms have private balconies with ocean views
- ☐ Kitchens or microwave/refrigerator in all rooms
- ☐ Oceanfront pool, two-tiered sundeck and Jacuzzi
- ☐ Free high-speed internet access
- ☐ Continental breakfast, cocktail hour and daily paper





INTERNATIONAL COMMODORES ASSOCIATION INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS Clearwater Yacht Club Meeting



Back Row: (L to R) Treasurer Alan Adams, Secretary Phil Bouckaert, Rear Commodore Lou Daniello, Jr, Vice Commodore (Admin) Joe Tringali, and Vice Commodore (Operations) John Slattery. Seated: Immediate Past Commodore Art Garside and ICA Commodore Rich Oakley.



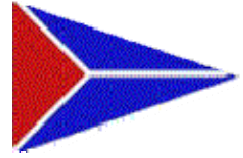
ICA Commodore Rich Oakley receives a grant from FCA Commodore Tom Reynolds to assist in the development and expansion of the International Commodores Association.



ICA Commodore Rich Oakley presenting ICA Fellow and Senior Fellow awards to PC Phil Bouckaert for presenting 5 and 10 educational programs.



Clearwater Yacht Club Provides Outstanding Speakers



The Florida Commodores Association held its 2011 Spring Membership Meeting, March 18th and 19th at the Clearwater Yacht Club in Clearwater Beach. The afternoon program featured two guest speakers; Brad Kendell, US Sailing Team Alphagraphics; and David Yates, Director of the Clearwater Marine Aquarium (CMA)

Brad Kendell, a Tampa, Florida Native, is a member of the Paralympic Alphagraphics which is managed by the United States Sailing Association (US Sailing), the national governing body for the sport of sailing and sailboat racing.

The top boats in each Olympic and Paralympic class are selected annually to be members of the US Sailing Team Alphagraphics. US Sailing supports these elite athletes with funding, coaching and training.

Brad is an extremely talented individual with an extensive resume of sailing achievements including;

- * 2010 US Sailing Paralympic Team Alphagraphics
- * **Candidate** for crew in the Transpac 2009 with Challenged America
- * 1st Sonar, 2010 Sperry NOOD, St. Petersburg, Fl.
- * 3rd Sonar, US Sailing 2010 Rolex Miami OCR, Miami, Fl. (ISAF Sailing World Cup)
- * 1st Sonar, 2009 America's Regatta, St. Petersburg, Fl.
- * 5th Sonar, 2009 IFDA World Championships, Greece
- * 2nd Sonar, 2009 NACC, Chicago, Ill.

As the US prepares its teams for the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic competitions in Weymouth, England, Brad will crew aboard a Sonar, an open three-person keel boat as a member of the US Sailing Paralympic team. Quite an honor and accomplishment, since the US Sailing Association supports only one crew and boat in this class!!!!

Brad spoke on various aspects of crewing in the Sonar, the individual sacrifices required for the competitiveness of racing as well as the physical conditioning and stamina required. Brad is an inspiration to everyone who knows him, heard him speak or followed his impressive accomplishments.

David Yates, former President of Ironman, joined the Clearwater Marine Aquarium approximately 6 years ago as its CEO. He assumed this position at a time when the aquarium was on the verge of insolvency. He created a vision, business model and a management team that has successfully resurrected the aquarium into a thriving organization.

The attraction is home to "Winter", a bottlenose dolphin that received an artificial tail after she was injured and rescued. When Winter came to the aquarium, David had the foresight to see her story of survival as an inspiration to others. He assembled a marketing and media plan that promoted the story worldwide and attracted the attention of animal lovers and others with disabilities that would learn from her story.



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Help Wanted: FCA Area Ambassadors

FCA is seeking Past Commodores interested in filling rewarding positions around the state as Area Ambassadors. In the position of Ambassador you would visit FCA Chapters in your local area on a regular basis for the purpose of exchanging information among all state Chapters and with the FCA Executive Committee. You would also visit non-Chapter clubs for the purpose of establishing new Chapters.

The ideal candidate should be willing to travel locally and to attend the three state meetings held each year. You should be willing to become familiar with FCA operating procedures and to be a regular contributor to the Commodore's Journal.

As an Ambassador you will play a major role in the continued growth of FCA and aid local Chapters in becoming greater assets within their clubs. In addition, you will have the opportunity to meet interesting and successful fellow Commodores and to make many new friends.

Interested candidates should contact Past Commodore Phyllis Seaton, Fort Walton Yacht Club Chapter, Ambassador Coordinator, 850-651-0105



How can you refuse her request to help????

The Florida Commodore's Association Recognition Contest Number 2

The FCA Recognition Contest is underway. Each time the *Journal* is published, there will be a new photograph included that will challenge the membership's knowledge of the FCA membership including full and associate members. You will be asked to identify each person in a picture with their complete name, their membership category and their FCA Chapter. There were no winners in the first publication.

You are requested to send your answer to VC John Matthews, 5119 Chandelle Drive, Pensacola, FL 32507 or email the answer to johnmatthews@cox.net. A deadline for submitting entries for this photo is May 20, 2011

The winner will receive a \$50.00 Gift Card to a local store in the winner's area of residence.

Specific Rules for the Contest:

1. No one in the picture published for the contest is permitted to enter the contest.
2. If the picture is taken from a specific chapter, no one that is a member of the chapter will be permitted to enter the contest.
3. If more than one correct entry is submitted, a drawing from the number of correct entries will be held at the very next FCA membership meeting to determine the winner.
4. Entries submitted or received 24 hours after the published deadline will not be accepted.



DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES MAY 20, 2011



Navy Yacht Club Pensacola News



On March 31, 2011, the Navy Yacht Club Chapter inducted the Flag Officers of Navy Yacht Club Pensacola as Associate Members in addition to two other Associate Members, i.e., spouses of Past Commodores of NYCP. Inducted were Commodore Kathy Champagne and Vice Commodore Barbara Hilson, in the center. Also inducted as Associate Members were Beverly Stagg and Lee Cann.

Performing the induction was FCA Commodore Tom Reynolds and FCA Vice Commodore John Matthews. The ceremony was held at the home of the Chapter President Claude Mullen, shown in the center of the picture to the right. PC Mullen and his wife, Marcelle, who is an Associate Member of the Chapter, provided hors d'oeuvres and libations to celebrated the occasion.



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This story has been told on most of the major national and world television networks, in magazines including People, Readers Digest, Time and Women's World. Winter has had a documentary and two books written about her.

The filming of "Dolphin Tale" the 3-d film based on Winters story began last September. It star's academy award winner Morgan Freeman, Harry Connick Jr. and Ashley Judd. The film is due to be released in the fall of 2011.

David's unwavering vision, energy and his own inspirations have come to fruition and drawn tourists to the Clearwater area to see Winter and learn more about her story as well as CMA's mission and role in animal rescue and education.

