



The Florida Commodores Journal



Palm Coast Yacht Club Hosts Winter Meeting

Keepers of the Flame

**Preserving the Customs and Traditions of
Yachting for future generations**

FROM THE HELM:

Commodore John Matthews

We have completed our first general membership meeting at Palm Coast Yacht Club. A very special thank you goes to Commodore Mary Slattery, who is also an Associate Member of the Florida Commodores Association. Commodore Slattery and the management and staff of the Palm Coast Yacht Club did an outstanding job in hosting this meeting.



One of very special occasions of this meeting was the presence of Associate Member Delores Kelley whose husband, Richard, was one of the founding Commodores of the Florida Commodores Association. Past Commodore Dick Kelley, a member of Palm Coast Yacht Club, had been a major force in the creation and establishment of the FCA and was looking forward to the day he could serve as Commodore. However, unfortunately for the FCA, Dick lost his battle with cancer. All of us in the FCA miss him and his wise counsel. Delores continues to be a strong sup-

porter of the FCA and its mission.

The Executive Committee had a very lengthy discussion about ways to improve the communications to all the FCA Membership. Communications is absolutely essential to ensuring the membership is kept informed and is up to date on all the events and happenings within the Association. We have created a position for a Communications Chair and a Media Chair. We are



seeking members (or Associates) that have experience in these areas to help us out. If you would like to be involved with the administration of the FCA please let me know or let one of the Executive Committee know. We need your expertise and experience.

The Executive Committee also created the position of Historian. We are rapidly approaching our 5th Anniversary as an organization and we needed to develop and maintain our historical documents and create a process to archive our development. We are pleased to announce that PC Mickey LeGarde, Fort Walton Yacht Club, has enthusiastically agreed to serve as the Association Historian. The Committee has decided to have our 5th Anniversary Celebration at the Cabot Lodge in Gainesville, Florida, where the Association began. It will be held in December, 2013 to commemorate the founding of the Florida Commodores Association. It will be a great celebration.

The following pictures will show you some of the special events that took place at Palm Coast Yacht Club.

As the First FCA Commodore Phil Bouckaert always suggested Have Fun in all that you do!!



Immediate Past Commodore Tom Reynolds exchanging a Fort Walton Yacht Club burgee with Commodore Mary Slattery, Palm Coast Yacht Club.

This is one of the great benefits of attending an FCA membership meeting.

Past Commodore Bill Masters (Retired Rear Admiral, USN), Halifax River Yacht Club, receiving the belated Host Club Certificate from FCA Commodore John Matthews.



Commodore Matthews congratulating PC Chris Brown, HRYC, and current FCA Fleet Captain, upon his being selected as the first 4-Star Commodore in Florida. His selection preceded his election as FCA Fleet Captain.



There are members of the FCA that have created the "IRONING BOARD HAPPY HOUR". You will just have to come to a meeting to find out all about this very special occasion. One thing for certain, it is very well attended. Also, you will just have to guess who started this yachting TRADITION.



The members of your Executive Committee working very hard to ensure that the Florida Commodores Association is at the top and continues to grow and develop as the premier Commodores Association in the State of Florida.

Although there is no picture of the winner of the Photo Recognition Contest, the winner of the last photo published was Associate Member Carol Garside, the wife of Past Commodore Art Garside from Platinum Point Yacht Club Chapter. Carol will receive her \$50 gift certificate. Remember, it pays to know who your fellow members are!!!

NAVY YACHT CLUB PENSACOLA INDUCTS NEW MEMBERS



PC Claude Mullen, President, Navy Yacht Club Pensacola Chapter (NYCP), conducted an induction ceremony for two new members of the FCA Chapter. The ceremony was held on Sunday, January 29, at his house where his wife, Associate Member Marcelle Mullen provided heavy hors d'oeuvres and libations for the chapter members.

The new members inducted were PC (and current Commodore, Navy Yacht Club Pensacola) Kathy Champagne and PC John Matthews, Commodore, Florida Commodores Association. Chapter President Claude Mullen is shown welcoming both new members to the chapter.



In the picture to the right, several Chapter members are listening to the Chapter President's remarks about future activities of the Chapter.

Included in the picture (L to R) are PC Whit Johnson, Ken Champagne, AM Barbara Russell, AM Nancy Matthews, NYCP Commodore Kathy Champagne, and PC Chip MacMillan.

PC Jim Lent, PC Whit Johnson, and Paula Werber, wife of PC Doug Werber are preparing to enjoy the delicious hors d'oeuvres prepared by AM Marcelle Mullen.



PC Chip MacMillan, Pres. Claude Mullen, AM Nancy Matthews, and AM Joyce MacMillan enjoying the festivities.



Navy Yacht Club Pensacola is located on board Naval Air Station Pensacola and has been an active yacht club for over 75 years. Club members include active duty and retired members of the Armed Forces and active civilians of the Department of Defense.

Under Commodore Champagne's leadership the club continues to grow and meet the needs of the membership. The club is presently organizing a "Day on the Bay" event to honor the Wounded Warriors in the area. It will feature special activities at the yacht club and marina to include sailing on the bay and other water events. The entire Naval Air Station Command is supporting this event.

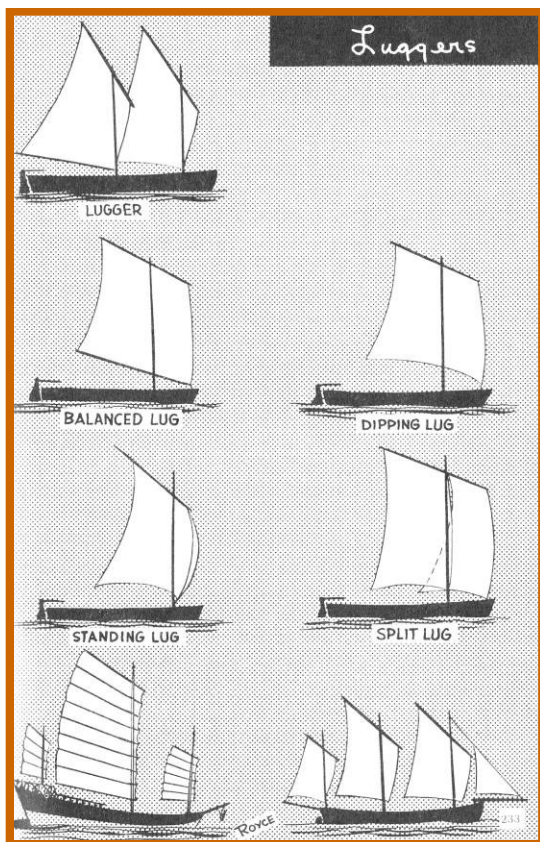
NYCP was one of the first chapters to be chartered in the Florida Commodores Association along with Pensacola Yacht Club, Fort Walton Yacht Club, Bay Point Yacht Club and Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club.

Nautical Puzzler

Can anyone explain what a Lugger is? Can a Lugger have more than one mast? What is the similarity between a Chinese Junk and a Lugger?

Answer

A lugger is a vessel with a square sail rigged fore and aft. Here, from the third edition of "Royce's Sailing Illustrated", are drawings of several kinds of luggers.



One can only surmise that the original square sail was simple and obvious. In ancient Egypt the wind was usually upstream over the Nile so a square sail worked well. From time to time, however, the wind must have changed and they tried to point higher and higher into the wind using the square sail. They must have discovered this with great difficulty. Consider that early vessels did not use a keel. They did use oars. Any sail in a cross wind will produce a lot of leeway. To compensate, they must have used their oars. Over time they probably discovered that just holding the oars in place (like a centerboard) would suffice. From this they must have evolved a keel or centerboard.

Not so obvious is the reason for a shorter leading edge. The mast was placed forward of the hull center of resistance so that the boat would point forward. When they rotated the sail to a fore and aft angle this must have caused the boat to turn away from the wind. By making the leading edge shorter they compensated for this effect. It probably led to the development of the lateen sail.

Next Question

Can any body tell me what a Froude number is? Why is it important to boating? Send your answers to Tracy@alum.mit.edu. Members who submit correct answers will be recognized in the next edition.

The Academy of Yachting Officers and Professionals was a winner!

The academy was held on February 23, 24 and 25, 2012 at the Wyndham Resort in Orlando, Florida. The curriculum included every important subject that officers and managers of yacht clubs should know. Attendees from the 3 day conference came away with a feeling of profound enlightenment. One of the principle instructors was P/C Joseph Tringalli who holds a JD degree and is an assistant Attorney General for the State of Florida. He is also the protocol officer for the FCA. His lectures focused on law as it affects Yacht Clubs including Law and Liability, the American's With Disabilities Act and Discrimination. One might well guess that a club that might choose to deny membership to someone would be concerned with discrimination law.

One of the attendees, Commodore Wayne Stewart of the Halifax River Yacht Club, said he was very pleased that he attended. He felt that the knowledge gained will be very valuable for managing the club and keeping it out of legal and financial trouble.

Some of the other lectures that he said would help him in his duties covered Robert's Rules of Order. A sound knowledge of these rules is the key to keeping meetings running smoothly but fairly.

Other subjects covered by the academy included flag protocol and uniforms, insurance and hazards, death and taxes and balancing the books. Commodore Stewart recommended the academy to any officer coming up through the chairs



**Zach Railey won the
silver in Finn Class
At the French Olympic
Sailing Week Event**

April 22-19, 2011

Here is Zach (left) and his crew accepting flowers after the event.



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FCA Area Ambassadors



The FCA Ambassadors are the link we have with clubs in Florida that have not chosen to join FCA. They contact these clubs and bring their members up to speed on the advantages of belonging to FCA.

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FCA Olympic Report

by

Larry Kimmerling, Vice Commodore

FCA members and Associates' have had the opportunity to meet Zach Railey and Brad Kendell as program participants at FCA meetings. Paige Railey, sister of Zach is the newest member of FCA's Olympic sailor support team and the US Sailing team alpha graphics.



FCA's Olympic Support Sailors:

Zach Railey, 27, races in the Finn singlehanded men's heavyweight class and won the Silver Medal in the 2008 Olympics held in China. He is a native of St. Petersburg, Fl. and a graduate of the University of Miami (Fl). Currently, he is ranked #1 in the Finn Class by the International Sailing Federation (ISAF), the international governing body for the sport of sailing.

Paige Railey, 23, competes in the Laser Radial class; the singlehanded boat designed by the Olympic Committee for individual women sailors. Paige is a 4-time World Champion in the Laser Radial class, a 2-time Open European Champion and the first U.S. female to win the ISAF Rolex "Sailor of the Year" award. She is a graduate of the University of South Florida.

Brad Kendell, 30, is the mainsail trimmer for Team USA 674, which competes in the Sonar sloop class in the Paralympics. Brad's team was named "Paralympics Team of the year" for 2010 by the US Sailing Association; they are currently (2011) ranked #4 in the world. The Sonar is sailed in the Paralympics with a 3-person crew, two of whom must be disabled sailors. Brad's artificial legs were made by Hanger Orthopedics Group of Tampa, the same company that made the tail for Winter the Dolphin.

Regatta/Olympic update:

Zach finished first in the ISAF sailing world championships in Perth, Australia, December 13-18, 2011. This is the second and final Olympic team event to identify a USA Olympic qualifier.

Zach won the Gold medal in the Finn class in Miami at the US Sailing Rolex Regatta. US Sailings Golden Torch Trophy, awarded to the US sailor with the best overall performance at the US Sailing Rolex Miami OCR, this year went to Finn Class Gold Medalist, Zach Railey (Clearwater, Fl.)

Paige finished in the ISAF World Championships in Perth, Australia, December 13-18, 2011. This is the second and final event identifying Paige as the USA Olympic qualifier.

Paige was the top US sailor in the Laser Radial Class, at US Sailings Rolex Miami. Paige won the Medal race and finished 8th overall, in the Regatta.

On January 16,²⁰¹² Paige presented a check to the Sarcoma Foundation of America. A commitment she had made to donate a portion of her bonus earnings from 2011 racing season, to honor Olivia, a young former teenage friend and competitive sailor from Clearwater, Fl. There is a website www.olivialives.com in her honor. Olivia's true love and passion was sailing and learned to sail at the Clearwater Sailing Center at the age of 8.

The America's Disabled Open Regatta was at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club on December 2-4, 2011. The team of Rick Doerr, Brad Kendell and Hugh Freund, (TeamUSA674), did extremely well, with a fourth place finish among some tough International competition.

The International Association for Disabled Sailing World IFDS Regatta was held in Charlotte Harbor, Fl. January 7-15, 2012. US Team 674 finished 9th overall and second of the USA teams. There were 12 Sonar teams and 4 US boats represented among the International field.

The Miami Rolex OCR was held in Miami, Fl. January 22-28th. Brad's Sonar team finished first for the US in this regatta. This was the final qualifying series for the selection of the US Paralympic team.

It came down to the last race of the day, with the US team of Callahan (Cape Coral, Fl.) having to finish within (2) two boats of the US team 674 (Doerr, Kendell, Freund), posting a (7th) to our 8th. It was that close in determining the Sonar US team Olympic representative! FCA is proud to have supported and sponsored these Paralympians. Our congratulations to US Team 674 for a great competitive run as the Olympic qualifier. It was a tough and heartbreaking loss.

Share Zach and Paige's Olympic Dream event:

The Clearwater Olympic Sailing Committee has set Friday, April 20, 2012 at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium, home of Winter the Dolphin, as the date and site for the fund raiser for Olympians Zach and Paige Railey. Zach and Paige along with Brad Kendell will be in attendance for this event. We are in the process of researching banners etc. as options for FCA exposure. Additional event information will be provided as it becomes available. If you have a desire to attend this event we have asked the Chart House, Clearwater, Fl. to give a special rate to FCA members. This would be on a first come first serve basis and reservations should be made soon. Call 727-449-8007 and mention FCA for the room rate.

At the Palm Coast Yacht Club membership meeting, FCA Members and Associates openly and enthusiastically endorsed Zach and Paige, with a \$1200 donation toward their bid for Olympic Gold and FCA became a Gold sponsor for this high profile event.

FCA Members and Associates have raised the bar for enthusiasm, energy and commitment to the mission of support for competitive youth sailing in Florida! Olympians Zach and Paige Railey will make a definite statement for US sailing in Weymouth, England, and FCA will be onboard!!!!

FCA Officers Attend Bay Point Yacht Club Change of Watch

On Saturday, January 21st, at the Wyndham Bay Point Resort, Jeff Brooks was sworn in by FCA P/C Rob Lienhop as the 2012 Commodore of Bay Point Yacht Club. Continuing an annual tradition, FCA P/C Jack Kennedy presented the new Commodore with FCA P/C Joe Tringali's book, *Yachting Customs and Traditions*. Also in attendance for this occasion was FCA's 2011 Commodore, Tom Reynolds, and his wife, Lynne.



Bay Point Yacht Club 2012 Commodore, Jeff Brooks, receives FCA P/C Joe Tringali's book, *Yachting Customs and Traditions*, from FCA P/C Jack Kennedy and FCA's 2011 Commodore, Tom Reynolds.

FCA Associate member, Lynne Reynolds; FCA's 2011 Commodore, Tom Reynolds; FCA P/C Jack Kennedy; and FCA Associate member, Mary Kennedy attended the 2012 Bay Point Yacht Club's Change of Watch and Dinner/Dance.



The Four Star Award Program

Does your yacht club have a special past commodore? Nominate him/her for this important recognition.



The Florida Commodores Association supports a special recognition program for those Commodores who have taken that extra step. It is called the Four Star Commodores Award Program.

Each Past Commodore selected as a Four Star Commodore will receive a special award and a lapel pin to show that they have earned this special place among their peers. The award will be presented at your next Change of Watch or any other ceremony you designate.

Every qualified yacht club in Florida, even those without members in the Florida Commodores Association, is eligible to nominate a Past Commodore to receive this special designation.

Your Board of Directors/Governors could select a candidate or designate a committee to do so. You might even assign the honor to your Nominating Committee.

Your nominee could be a Past Commodore who did something special. For example he/she may have:

- Taken the lead or a major part in assisting your Club recover from a disaster such as a hurricane, a fire or a flood.

- Been the main person in guiding a Club through a major renovation or addition.

- Guided your Club through a major financial disaster.

- Been responsible for significant growth in your Clubs membership.

- Performed community service which brought distinction to your Club or any similar accomplishment.

Nomination forms and additional information are available for download at

<http://www.flcommodores.org>



2012 Spring Membership Meeting
April 27 - 28, 2012

Pelican Yacht Club

1120 Seaway Drive
Fort Pierce, Florida 34949
772-464-2700
www.pelicanyachtclub.com

Schedule of Events

Friday, April 27

- 1400 Tour of Navy UDT Museum (Navy Seals) - \$6.00 per person (pay at the door)
- 1730 Down the Hatch Lounge opens
- 1830 Friday Night Dinner from Club Menu (Yacht Club casual attire)

Saturday, April 28

- 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
Speaker - P/C Joe Tringali - North Palm Beach Yacht Club
"A Custom We Never Talk About"
- 1330 - 1400 Smithsonian Oceanographic Marine Station
Tour of Smithsonian Laboratory
Talk on the Indian River Estuary
Tour of Smithsonian/St Lucie County Aquarium
- 1730 Sundowner Ceremony - PYC Flagpole
Uniform B (Blue blazer, white shirt, FCA tie, white trousers/skirt, white shoes and socks)
- 1800 Cocktails in the Escape Hatch Lounge
- 1900 Dinner and Dancing



Florida Commodores Association

Registration Form

Spring Meeting

April 27 - 28, 2012

Discounted rooms at the Sandhurst Hotel (for as long as they last)

www.thesandhurst.com

1230 Seaway Drive, Fort Pierce, FL 34949

772-595-0711

Dockage available at PYC by calling Dock Master Vonnice at 772-464-1734

Name(s) _____

Chapter/Yacht Club: _____

___Regular Member

___Associate Member

___Guest

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Registration Fee:	#Persons	Total
\$10.00 / person payable with Registration	_____	_____
Please make check payable to "FCA" and mail before April 9, 2012 to P/C John Slattery, 22 Cedarwood Court, Palm Coast, FL 32137		

<u>Friday, April 27</u>	# Persons
Order from Menu	_____

<u>Saturday, April 28</u>	
Lunch - Soup, Salad and Sandwich Buffet - \$12.95 inclusive	_____

Dinner - \$28.00 inclusive - please make selections. All served with a salad and dessert.

___Chicken Francaise - sautéed with a lemon caper white wine sauce	_____
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___Petite Filet Mignon -served with a red wine demi-glaze	_____
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___Grilled Grouper - topped with a roasted tomato coulis	_____
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Note: Meal and bar charges may be paid by cash, check or credit card(Master card or Visa)

Sandhurst Hotel and Suites
1230 Seaway Drive
Fort Pierce, Florida 34949
772-595-0711



The Pelican Yacht Club has worked out a special rate
for the Spring Meeting
\$69.00 per night

Please make your reservation ASAP
when the rooms are gone, they are gone.

The Sandhurst is about 1 block east of the PYC.



Commodore Mary Slattery



Our Quartermaster



February Birthday Celebrants



P/C Chris Brown receiving the 1st Four Star Award.



February Meeting Palm Coast Yacht Club



Sundowner Ceremony honoring Harold Slager,
Legion of Merit and Distinguished Service Medal Recipient

