



The Commodore's Journal



FCA MEETING APRIL 23-25: HEROES, SAILORS, THE EMERALD COAST – AND MORE!

The Spring meeting of the Florida Commodores Association will be held at the outstanding Fort Walton Yacht Club from April 23-25, 2010 and it's something you won't want to miss!

The special guest at the Friday night Sundown ceremony will be Major General Clay McCutchan, USAF (Ret) who has the unique honor of having received a medal for refusing to obey a direct order. In 1989, as a pilot of an AC-130 gunship, he and his crew were flying air support for Operation Just Cause over Panama when they came upon three armored cars on a causeway surrounded by 30 to 40 troops coming out of the jungle. The forward air controller in the area identified the troops as enemy and then-Major McCutchan was ordered to "take them out." Something didn't feel right, so McCutchan contacted his command post. Again, he was ordered to fire, and again his instincts told him to hold off. Instead of following orders he returned to base, certain that he would be court martialed and his career would be over. After a sleepless night he learned that contact had been made with the unknowns. They were American Special Operations troops who had been unable



to contact their base. The "Stuff of Heroes Newsletter" ends the story by saying, "McCutchan and others in his crew were awarded medals for having the moral courage – the integrity – not to fire, even when ordered to do so."

The hotel of choice for the weekend is the Cayo Grande Fort Walton, a resort-style hotel and apartment complex that features a Colonial West Indies architecture and lavish landscaping which create an island of luxury living at the center of Fort Walton Beach. The resort style amenities and professional service staff who are there to make your time in the panhandle a deliciously pleasurable experience. The resort is only 4.9 miles away (ten minutes by car) from the yacht club, but it's a different world that has to be seen to be believed. Best of all, the hard-working meeting committee has negotiated a room rate of only \$106 per night for a single, king-size room.

All this and more is waiting for you on April 23-25 in the Florida panhandle. Don't miss it! Go on the Florida Commodores Association website at www.flcommodores.org, click on the "Events Calendar" and sign up today for both the meeting and the hotel.

See page 10 for more information about Heroes, Sailors and more!



INTERNATIONALLY SPEAKING

COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

By ICA Commodore Art Garside

The seeds we planted last year have begun to grow. We officially kicked off the International Commodores Association with the official installation of officers in the beautiful Commodore's Room of the Coral Ridge Yacht Club, on Friday, February 12, 2010. Florida Commodores Association President Ron Richards was kind enough to officiate at the ceremony. I am honored to have been elected by my peers to serve this organization in its all important first year of existence. The other officers for 2010 are Treasurer, John Matthews; Rear Commodore, Jack Kennedy; and Vice Commodore, Joe Tringali.

Several things need to be explained about the I.C.A. We are an all-inclusive organization. All yacht club commodores – current, vice, rear and past are eligible for membership. We encourage participation from other organizations such as the U.S. Power Squadrons, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and the IOBG. Several of our programs like "Leadership" and "Meetings without Madness" are especially beneficial for current and upcoming officers. Other programs like "Rescue 21" and "Traditions" are geared toward members and have been shown at many yacht clubs in Florida and other parts of the country. All of them are available to ICA members for use at their clubs and service organizations. We have no auxiliary because spouses and life partners are encouraged to join and fully participate in all meeting discussions and activities.

We always have been and always will be a bottom-up organization. We initiated the concept of "one member – one vote" that other organizations are now copying. There are no special interest groups or officers with a disproportionate number of votes who can control our association. Our officers are not paid in any way for their services. They are not reimbursed for travel. They serve for one reason: because they are truly dedicated to the organization. Our annual dues are much lower than those of other organizations because ICA members do not supplement other members' travel expenses or commercial offices. Membership requirements for districts, chapters, and at large members are outlined in the Articles of

Incorporation and Bylaws which have been filed in the State of Tennessee, and are available for your perusal on the website www.internationalcommodores.org.

Our goal is to be an umbrella organization for boating organizations around the country and the world. Our vision is to become "the premier International Commodores organization dedicated to education, ensuring the future of yachting and preserving its traditions". Please join us in this endeavor by signing up today.

Our next meeting will be held later this year in the Chattanooga, Tennessee area. Details are in the planning stages, so keep watching our website for regular updates.

As members of the International Commodores Association, we can all proudly say that we are "THE KEEPERS OF THE FLAME!"

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WHO ARE ART AND CAROL GARSIDE?

International Commodore Art Garside served as Commodore of Elba-Mar Boat Club in Grosse Ile, Michigan, in 1990, and like many of us, he came to the ICA following years of experience in the International Order of the Blue Gavel. Art served as the area vice president for IOBG Districts 7, 9 and 25 (Ohio and Michigan), and became International President of IOBG in 2002. He championed the idea of “one member = one vote,” and was voted down by the West Coast biased Executive Committee for years. His experience makes him a natural choice for ICA’s first commodore.

Art, who is a mechanical engineer, was educated at Lawrence Tech and Wayne State Universities in Detroit Michigan. He had a 36-year career with Borg Warner Corporation and retired ten years ago from his position as Quality Manager.

P/C Garside served as an officer in United States Power Squadrons. He currently holds a 100-ton Master Coast Guard license, and is a member of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. He and his wife Carol have taken extensive trips to Cuba, the Bahamas, the Dry Tortugas, and circumnavigated most of Florida and the Great Lakes including the Great Loop.

In addition to his love for boating, Art was very involved in flying and owned several small planes. He was an instrument rated pilot and member of the Quiet Birdmen organization. “And,” he adds, “At one time, believe it or not, I was quite a runner and completed 5 marathons in one year and played hockey on a team with a number of retired NHL players. Boy, were they good!”

Art’s wife Carol is an Associate Member of the Florida Commodores Association and was an International President of the IOBG Auxiliary and the Executive Secretary IOBG Humanitarian

Foundation. Like her husband, Carol is a dynamic leader with the vision and desire to grow an international organization that truly serves our worldwide yachting community.

Art and Carol Garside are currently members of Platinum Point Yacht Club in Punta Gorda, Florida, and the Great Lakes Steel Boat Club in Detroit, Michigan. They reside at Burnt Store Marina in Punta Gorda (which does not have a burned-out store), and spend their summers in Michigan to be closer to their children and grandchildren. Art and Carol are a great team and we in the yachting community are proud to call them friends.



Carol and Art Garside at ICA Installation Dinner-Dance

KENNEDY PLANS TENNESSEE BLITZ

The unusually bad weather in the Cumberland Region of the United States put ICA plans on hold this past winter. ICA Rear Commodore Jack Kennedy couldn’t even make it to Fort Lauderdale for his official installation. Spring has finally arrived and Jack says he’ll be starting an ICA Blitz on the Tennessee River soon. Interested past, current and future commodores should get in touch with Jack to get their clubs on the schedule. Jack Kennedy’s contact information is on page 2.



SAILANGLE – THE FUTURE OF BOATING COMMUNICATION

SailAngle is a software system that is a step beyond broadcast e-mails and websites. It was developed especially for the boating community and has been chosen as the official provider of services for United States Power Squadrons. By special agreement, it is now available to all members of ICA.

SailAngle has elements of Facebook and Linkin, but it does not have the downside problems of poor security and lack of privacy. It is a powerful

tool that will improve communications within your yacht club, and within the ICA and FCA as well. With SailAngle you don't have to worry about keeping e-mail lists. You can send out a group message without fear because SailAngle does not display e-mail addresses. Your members can respond instantly. You can keep track of RSVP's and even take instant opinion polls. You can post photos of your event, and determine who will have access to them. The system has almost unlimited space for pictures, forum discussions and "chats."

Taking advantage of this member benefit is easy. Just go to www.SailAngle.com on your computer (PC or Mac, it doesn't matter). Once you are there, click on the "Join for Free!" button. You'll get a new screen with asking you for sign-in information. But stop! Don't do anything yet!

This screen also asks if you are a USPS (United States Power Squadrons) member. If you are, click "Yes," even if you're signing in for FCA or ICA. You'll be taken to a small screen that says you must log on as a USPS member, which means you have to supply your "Certificate Number" and current ZipCode. By logging in with your USPS information, you will forever have access to many of the USPS sites as well!

If you're not a USPS member, click "No," and fill out the information that asks for your name, email address, user name, and a password that you think up. You can even add a photo. Then choose your particular interest, type in the code that appears on your screen, agree to the terms and conditions and sign up. You're in! You are now a member of the SailAngle community!

You can spend hours surfing around this site in complete safety. Your email address will never get out to spammers because of an intricate double-blind secret security system.

After you've gorged yourself on News, Recipes, Ask-a-Pro, Destinations and the other SailAngle topics, check out the groups listed under "Clubs and Organizations." ICA is on page two under International. Click on the ICA flag and ask to join the group.

Your message will be sent to the ICA moderator and – providing you've paid your ICA dues (and who wouldn't?) – you'll receive a reply within 24 hours.

One more thing: SailAngle's revenue comes from advertising. You will never, ever be charged a subscription fee for SailAngle. That's guaranteed.

Like most computer stuff, SailAngle can seem intimidating. You're bound to ask, "Who's out there? Who's getting this information? Can I trust them?" Well, "them," my friend, is "us." Your ICA Board has thoroughly tested SailAngle and met with its developers, Randy White and Jason McChesney. The Board gave this project its approval as a member benefit at annual the meeting at Coral Ridge Yacht Club. That seal of approval doesn't come easily. Find out for yourself. Go to www.SailAngle.com on your computer, and enter the information highway.



RESCUE 21

A PROGRAM AVAILABLE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMODORES ASSOCIATION



P/C Phil Bouckaert at his Watch Stander CG Station

What are the worst words you can hear on the water? If you said “MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY,” you would be wrong, according to P/C Phil Bouckaert, former commodore of the Florida Commodores Association.

Phil should know. He’s been the Watch Stander at the Lake Worth Inlet Coast Guard Station for over a dozen years, and in 2002 he received the Real Heroes Award from the Palm Beach County Chapter of the American Red Cross for using a hand-held marine radio to “talk in” a Piper Cherokee aircraft that had lost all of its electrical power. Phil has seen it all, and he says the very, very worst words you can hear are, “MAYDAY, MAY . . .”

“You have no idea what happened,” he explains. “You don’t know if the guy’s power went out, or if he had a heart attack and dropped the mike, or if some bad guy ripped it out of his hand. You can’t even plot a location. All you can do is standby the radio and listen.” He adds, “That situation can’t occur if your boat is equipped with the new required VHF DSC service.”

DSC is short for Digital Selective Calling. It has many advantages over your old VHF radio, but the most important is this: when you press and hold the emergency button for a few seconds while your

GPS and radio are on, your MAYDAY is immediately sent out on DSC channel 70. The signal automatically identifies your boat and gives its exact location to the Coast Guard, harbor patrol, police agencies and all other boaters within range of your VHF.

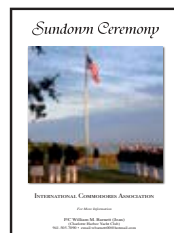
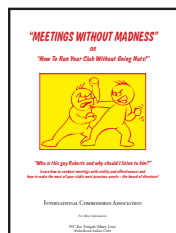
The emergency calling feature alone makes Digital Selective Calling something your boat needs to have. But, like the man in the late-night television ads says, “There’s so much more!”

DSC allows you to use your VHF radio to place a call directly to another boat with the same service. No more shouting the name on Channel 16 and hoping somebody hears you through the holiday chatter. On a cruise with other boats, you can program all of their numbers into your DSC equipped radio, and instantly contact one of them or all of them, and instantly get their current positions plotted on your GPS system.

You can find brand-new DSC equipped VHF radios for less than \$100 on the Internet, and the system is required in all new radios. When you get your own, you’ll have to go through three simple steps to set it up. First, you’ll have to obtain an MMSI (Marine Mobile Service Identity) number from the Coast Guard. That number is the personal identification of your boat, and it’s the key to the whole system. Next, you’ll have to connect your radio to your GPS system using the simple instructions that are included with the radio. Finally, you’ll have to program your MMSI number into your radio.

The International Commodores Association has a PowerPoint program – written by Phil Bouckaert himself – called “Rescue 21” that explains the system and how to use it. It’s a “must see” for anyone’s yacht club, and Phil and other ICA members are ready, willing and able to present it. It’s one more service presented for the benefit of all clubs by the ICA – The Keepers of the Flame.

Sharing the Knowledge Programs provided by the ICA



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THE ARCHITECTURE OF LEADERSHIP

[The following is an edited version of a team project by David Engels, Steven Minkin, Baruch Puplampu, and ICA Associate Member Mary Lou Tringali, all of whom are doctoral candidates at the University of Phoenix. The original paper is over 13 pages long with three pages of citations.]

Leaders must commit to collaboration, cooperation, and advocacy to become productive. Successful leadership requires authenticity. It means being yourself. It is the result of communication skills, honest moral and ethical behavior, and the ability to seek and accept constructive feedback. Leaders must model the way, inspire a shared vision, challenge the process, enable others to act, and encourage their hearts.

The best leaders use personal commitment, couched in humility and resolve, to ensure participation and action by members. They provide a singular and broadly accepted vision, and are willing to challenge processes. They seek feedback to confront the facts and accept responsibility for the organization's actions.

The leader is responsible for sharing and encouraging development and growth at both the individual and group levels through learning, open discussion, transparency, availability, and sharing success. The leader who works as a team member creates an environment in which commitment and communication provide the basis for a leadership model capable of innovation and futuristic planning within the organization.

Another productive leadership trait is a leader's ability to advocate change while not being the sole leader of the change effort. An organization without healthy prospects for change can often become outmoded and ineffective. Many methods for effective change have been developed because of the importance of successful change in the leadership process. Successful leaders must be able to solicit the support of others to ensure change efforts are effective. Two elements of this behavior are seeking sponsorship for change and gaining support for change efforts from resisters.

Members of organizations often resist change because they fear the unknown. They fear that comfortable habits will be disrupted. Many people lack the confidence to step in a new environment. The prospect of change makes them fear a loss of

control. They may have concerns about workloads, positions or titles. Organizational culture can be consciously or unconsciously set up to resist efforts to change. If change must take place, such members must be brought on board. The leader is responsible for bringing all members of the organization into the process of change and making them feel more comfortable. He or she does this through education, communication, participation and involvement in the decision making for change.

Sponsorship is a vital to establishing organizational support for change efforts. The role of a sponsor is to build support for a leader's efforts and garner buy-in from the organization members before change efforts begin. Failing to get organizational support through a high-level sponsor can result in a change management team working in isolation from the rest of the organization. The net result of such isolation is unachieved change efforts, frustration, and wasted resources.

Sponsors perform the critical function of removing organizational barriers. They assist organizational leaders by smoothing out barriers to change that come from the natural resistance to it. They must fully support the change effort to ensure a consistent message between the leader and members.

Finally, leaders must get support and buy-in from individuals attempting to thwart or resist the change. Change efforts often fail because leaders do not include resisters and informal leaders in their change management plan. Including these individuals allows a leader to leverage the momentum of others to motivate the organization towards achieving its shared goal.

Leaders must use all the tools at their disposal to ensure success. They must advocate their vision, collaborate, and cooperate with others to leverage their efforts. Effective use of knowledge management, feedback and communication improves leader productivity. It is essential to the success of the leader and the organization.



CUMBERLAND CALLING

ONE PERSON CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

By Kim Ketter, Commonwealth Yacht Club, Kentucky

My yacht club experience began in 2003 when our commodore invited me to the club's annual meeting. Like many of you, I said "yes," and the next thing I knew I was on the board of the Commonwealth Yacht Club of Grand Rivers, Kentucky.

Most boaters on the coasts are surprised to discover there are yacht clubs in the interior of the country. They are even more surprised when they learn that while we are inland, we have a very large boating community. We are connected to the coast via the Tennessee River and the Tenn-Tom waterway. Our club is located on Kentucky Lake, 600 miles north of Mobile Bay and 600 miles south of Lake Michigan. We're perfectly positioned on the Great Loop, an increasingly popular 6,600 mile circumnavigation of the Eastern United States.

Hundreds of boats from around the nation and the world pass through our marina, Green Turtle Bay, as they make the voyage.

During my first year on the yacht club board, I just listened. I had no real idea of what a yacht club should be. All I knew was what I saw around me. We have a beautiful facility, but it soon became obvious to me that a facility was all that we had. The major topics of discussion were food quality, service, and entertainment options. Somehow I knew there should be more to it than that. The following year, 2004, I happened to visit the Cedar Creek Yacht Club in Nashville, Tennessee, on a night when everybody was in uniform wearing their club blazers. What a difference! That night whetted my appetite, and led me to Joseph Tringali's book, *Yachting Customs and Courtesies*. Joe and I quickly developed a close e-mail relationship.

Over the next couple of years, I bought at least ten copies of the book and gave them to fellow

members who shared my vision of transforming Commonwealth into a true yacht club. We created officer positions that didn't exist (we didn't even know about rear commodores) and got to work. We've had several hectic and fun-filled years but now we have a cruising schedule with six club cruises each season. We have a spectacular lighted boat parade every Memorial Day. We began a youth sailing program last year. This fall we will hold the fifth annual Commonwealth Cup Regatta, an event that has become that largest sailing event on Kentucky Lake, and which last year included a yacht from Great Britain.



Last year we began a flag retirement ceremony so that people could bring their worn United States flags and have them correctly retired from service. This year we will have our fourth Blessing of the Fleet. We now have a website, www.cycgtb.com, and on a Saturday night in March, 2010, we held our third Commodore's Ball where officers, directors, and even some members wore their CYC blazers.

If I could identify the changes we've seen at CYC from 2003 to now, I would say the first is perception. In 2003 the average club member thought of the club as a restaurant. (We know this because we did a questionnaire.) Today they don't. Today they think of yachting activities, cruising, sailing, and racing. Secondly there has been a big increase in participation. Members find something they like and they're participating and volunteering. Back in 2003 you almost had to trick people into being on the board. That's what happened to me. But today there is interest and we actually have people asking if they can help. CYC has great officers and they are leading the club into the future. I'm now a past commodore, but I'm still involved and I am very proud of my yacht club.





THE FLORIDA COMMODORES



FROM THE HELM By Ron Richards FCA Commodore, 2009-2010

The Florida Commodores Association held its winter meeting in Fort Lauderdale on February 12-14, and “winter” it was! The temperature dropped from Friday’s 73 degrees into the 50’s on Saturday and Sunday but fellowship kept everyone warm.

The FCA Executive Committee met on Friday afternoon at the beautiful Coral Ridge Yacht Club. After discussing plans for the upcoming year, we adjourned and gathered with members and guests in the Commodore’s Lounge for the introduction of officers of the International Commodores Association. I had the pleasure of swearing in Commodore Art Garside (Platinum Point YC), Vice Commodore Joseph Tringali (Palm Beach Sailing Club) and Treasurer John Matthews (Pensacola YC). Unfortunately, Rear Commodore “Jack” Kennedy of Tennessee was snowed in somewhere in the Smoky Mountains and unable to attend. The day ended with FCA and ICA members joining members of the Coral Ridge Yacht Club for their Valentine’s Day Dinner Dance, with official toasts provided by P/C Joe King and ICA V/C Joe Tringali.

Saturday came early and the winter weather continued with temperatures in the mid 50’s and 20+ knot winds. FCA and ICA members were greeted by CRYC Commodore Len Tower, and, after announcements, broke up into round table discussions. Later, members heard a presentation by Randy White, developer of SailAngle, a new Internet service for the boating community.

We unveiled the new Ambassador Outreach plan to better serve our chapters and the yachting community. Our FCA members worked together to provide input into how we can strengthen our relationship and level of service to our member chapters and others. Three Area FCA Ambassadors have been selected and we are asking more members to step forward and serve as ambassadors for their regions. If you have an interest, please contact FCA Rear Commodore Tom Reynolds (Fort Walton Yacht Club) at drtomiii@cox.net. The weekend ended with dinner at the exclusive Lauderdale Yacht and brunch at Coral Ridge Yacht Club on Sunday.

Thanks go to each of you for helping to create our vibrant new FCA. Your support and dedication will forge a partnership that will strengthen our continued value to yacht clubs and the yachting community throughout Florida. I extend a personal invitation to come to Fort Walton Beach on April 23-25 for our Spring FCA meeting. Discover Florida’s best kept secret – join us on the Emerald Coast in April.

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NAVY JACKSONVILLE YACHT CLUB CHAPTER RECEIVES CHAPTER CHARTER

On Thursday, January 28, the Navy Jacksonville Yacht Club Chapter of the Florida Commodores Association held a meeting and reception on the occasion of their Chapter Charter presentation. The Navy Jax FCA chapter, as it is known, is part of the Navy Jacksonville Yacht Club which is located on the Naval Air Station (NAS) at Jacksonville, Florida, overlooking the NAS Marina. The Navy Jax Yacht Club has its own building and other facilities which enhances its appeal to the many active duty and retired officers and enlisted stationed at NAS Jacksonville. The Club is very active sponsoring regattas and other associated events on the water.

During the meeting, discussion focused on what the Florida Commodores Association can provide to help the chapter work with the yacht club officers and board in a beneficial and productive manner. The Florida Commodores Association can also provide training programs to the chapter which covers Traditions, Leadership and How to Conduct Meetings. The chapter was encouraged to assist in recruiting new chapters from established yacht clubs in the area. Past Commodore Steve Spickelmier volunteered to serve as an FCA Ambassador to contact St Augustine Yacht Club Past Commodores to determine their interest in establishing an FCA Chapter at St Augustine Yacht Club.

In addition to these discussions, information was provided on the status of the International Commodores Association and how it can serve the needs of its membership of past commodores throughout the world.

Following the discussions, Past Commodore John Matthews, the Treasurer of the Florida Commodores Association, made the presentation of the Chapter Charter to Chapter Commodore Jeanne Bailey. (pictured below) Witnessing the presentation were Past Commodore Dick Allsopp, Past Commodore Carl Yochelson, Past Commodore Louis Heinricher, Past Commodore Jane Heinricher and Past Commodore Steve Spickelmier.



ALL IN THE FAMILY FCA FT. WALTON STYLE



The Ft. Walton chapter of FCA is the home of a special yachting tradition for one family. They take the FCA motto, "Keepers of the Flame" seriously and they practice the motto in their family. In 1982,

Nelson (Ted) Knaggs was the 26th Commodore of the Ft. Walton Yacht Club. Ted's widow, Phyllis Seaton became the first female Commodore of Ft. Walton Yacht Club in 1997. Last month in a very moving ceremony Phyllis Seaton had the pleasure of swearing in her son, David Seaton as the 2010 Commodore of Ft. Walton Yacht Club.

The Knaggs/Seaton family has contributed countless hours of service to the Yacht Club. They are avid sailors and racers.

Phyllis and David are both members of FCA. Phyllis is the current President of the Ft. Walton Chapter and David is a brand new Associate Member.



SATURDAY FCA MEETING FEATURES BEATTIE PURCELL & COL. MCCLINTOCK

The Saturday afternoon agenda at the Fort Walton FCA meeting features a presentation of Shamrock Class radio controlled sailboats by Beattie Purcell, one of the great names in sailing. Beattie has built “about 100” of these five-foot models. They are fully-operational works of art that are highly prized by people living as far away as New England and the Caribbean.



Beattie Purcell began his real boatbuilding career in 1962, working for Frank Butler, who eventually became the founder of Catalina Yachts. “We were building a 14-footer and a 21-footer,” Beattie recalls. “We started off pretty small but grew tremendously. Fiberglass was in its infancy and just took off. We definitely started at the right time. I also started sailing in different regattas for Frank to promote the boats, which worked out well.”

They settled on the name “Catalina” for their class of boat because they liked the name of the island. The company introduced the Catalina 22 in 1970, and, according to Beattie, the design “just took off. We couldn’t build them fast enough.” He was the first person to sail both the C-22 and the C-27.

In 1973, the company needed to expand, and an East Coast plant made sense because of the high cost of shipping boats from California. They found a closed fiberglass plant in South Carolina, so they bought it and started building C-22s there. By 1977 even the South Carolina plant was too small to handle the growing demand for Catalina Sailboats, so Frank Butler sent Beattie Purcell to a town called Fort Walton Beach, Florida, to find property for a larger plant. A short time later, the South Carolina plant closed and Catalina Yachts settled into its Florida home.

For a man who celebrates his 85th birthday, Beattie Purcell he has had a long, varied and successful career focused on his love of sailing. He remains active daily in the life of Club racing and building Shamrock class boats. They are both classics.

The special guest speaker Saturday evening will be Col. Bruce H. McClintock, commander of the 96th Air Base Wing, Air Armament Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Eglin AFB, Fla. He leads 5,400 men and women in providing all base operating support, infrastructure, and services support for the Department of Defense’s largest installation (724 sq miles). Under the wing are four distinct groups and twenty squadrons and divisions; the Air Force’s largest Civil Engineer war fighting unit and Explosive Ordnance Disposal flight; the Air Force’s largest supply function; the Air Force’s fifth largest hospital, and the Air Force’s largest transportation function in the continental United States. The 96th ABW also supports the Air Armament Center, six tenant wings, and 45 associate units to include the Joint EOD Training Center, U.S. Army Ranger Training (6th Ranger Training Battalion) and the 20th Space Control Squadron. As Eglin Installation Commander, he interacts with local officials across a three-county, nine city region with a military economic impact of \$1.54 billion annually.



Colonel McClintock earned his commission from the United States Air Force Academy in 1987 with a Bachelor of Science degree in astronautical engineering. In 1998, he earned a Master of Science degree in aerospace engineering from the University of Florida. In 1999, Colonel McClintock attended Air Command and Staff College where he was the top graduate. He has served as a space educator in the Space Warfare School and a deputy group commander prior to his selection and service to President George W. Bush as a White House Fellow from 2001-2002. Following squadron command, Colonel McClintock completed the senior course at NATO Defense College in Rome, Italy. He is a command pilot with over 3,000 hours in 35 different aircraft.



STUART CORINTHIAN CHAPTER HELPS RAISE FUNDS FOR CLUB AND CHARITY

by Dick Scheuing

The past commodores of Stuart Corinthian Yacht Club were among the very first to hear about the Florida Commodores Association, and they got on board early. They became charter members of FCA and were officially welcomed by FCA Commodore Phil Bouckaert on November 18, 2009. In true nautical and FCA fashion, they have gone “full speed ahead.”

On Saturday, February 6, the Chapter sponsored a Marine Sale on behalf of the SCYC and a local charity. Members contributed new and slightly used equipment and other “stuff” (in the words of the late George Carlin) for the sale which took place in the club’s parking lot.

The sale required a great deal of preparation involving many members of the SCYC, orchestrated by the FCA Chapter under the leadership of P/C John Thomas. P/C Dick Scheuing reports, “Preparation began a couple of months prior to the date and involved collecting, sorting, inspecting, and pricing. Finally, after arriving at 5:30 a.m. on the big day, we got down to displaying and selling.” After a moment Dick adds, “I forgot to mention praying – it poured all night, clearing just in time for the setting up to begin.”

While the emphasis was on marine items, it also included electronics, fishing gear, tools, baked goods (prepared by members), clothing, books, and household items. Consignment items were sold with a commission of 25%. In addition, hamburgers and Italian sausages were cooked and sold. The Club also had the Membership Chairman present, providing information on SCYC membership.

The sale was quite successful, netting \$4,500 for the club and \$500 for the Treasure Coast Down Syndrome Awareness Group. It’s one more example of FCA members working with their clubs and communities for the benefit of everyone.

Below: Setting up for the sale



Above: P/C John Thomas (second from right) and P/C Dick Scheuing (right) present checks to then-Commodore (new P/C and about-to-be FCA member), Ken Cary (in the sport shirt) representing SCYC, and to the Club’s long-time bartender-lady, Laurie Frost, a volunteer with the Treasure Coast Down Syndrome Awareness Group. The other three folks in the background of the picture are all P/C members of the FCA Charter Chapter. At the extreme left is Will

Brown, next to him is Bonnie Forest (partially obscured), and between Laurie and John is Susan Dyall. The presentation was made on February 24 during one of SCYC’s Wednesday evening Happy Hours.



Or Current Occupant

CHILI IS TOPS AT PLATINUM POINT

Members of Platinum Point Yacht Club hosted FCA members and ICA members from beyond Florida at their annual chili party held at their clubhouse on Saturday evening, March 13. The featured guest was former FCA Commodore Phil Bouckaert who

presented his new "Rescue 21" program to an enthusiastic audience.

Platinum Point members are known far and wide on Florida's west coast

for their creative and delicious chili parties. This year's event was billed as a "Chili Extravaganza," but the club has hosted everything from a "chili dump" to a "chili cookoff" has highlighted the Club's entertainment at one time or another. By any name, Platinum Point members and guests know that newly-installed ICA Commodore Art Garside and wife Carol were especially happy to have ICA members from Michigan and Ohio join in the fun and offer to carry the good ICA word to friends up North. Chalk up another successful chili party for Platinum Point.



PPYC Member Debbie Corwin



FCA Members P/C Germaine Hyatt, P/C Bob Corwin
& P/C Tom Willer

