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Sarasota Yacht Club to Host Summer General Membership Meeting July 21-22, 2017

**St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club
to Host 2017
Yacht Club Leadership
Seminar in Panama City**

August 18 - 19, 2017



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Upcoming Dates...

Summer Meeting
July 21-22..... Sarasota YC

Leadership Seminar
August 18-19.....St. Andrews Bay YC

4-Star Commodore Nomination Deadline.....September 30

Fall Meeting and COW
Oct. 20 - 21...St. Andrews Bay YC

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From the Helm

Commodore Sam Foreman



It's hard to believe half of the year is gone! We had a great Winter Meeting at the Lake Beresford Yacht Club and a great Spring Meeting at the Pelican Yacht Club. If you missed those gatherings, you missed a lot. Those of us that regularly make these meetings are looking forward to our Summer Event at the Sarasota Yacht Club (SYC) and want to see as many faces there as possible so, mark your calendar for July 21-22, 2017 and be there.

P/C Kay Goodman has put together a stellar program for our Summer Meeting at SYC. The morning educational session will be on Strategic Planning presented by Hugh McIlrevey, the Vice Commodore of SYC. Hugh's professional career spans Main Street, Madison Avenue, and Wall Street. He is a nationally recognized public speaker and author with specialties in management development and coaching programs.

The afternoon educational session will be on Creating a Successful Watersports Program and will be presented by Will Stocke the SYC Waterfront Director. In addition, he will be having an O'pen BIC demonstration. Will spent several years with the Sarasota Youth Sailing Program with positions as Summer Camp Director, High School Sailing Coach, and Laser Sailing Coach. He coached and developed Sarasota High School and Pine View High School teams to two consecutive National Championships. Will is a U.S. Sailing Level 2 Instructor and was a Nationally ranked college skipper for four years.

As you can see, this is a meeting you should not miss! Go to the home page on www.flcommodores.org and click on the image of the Sarasota Yacht Club. It will take you to the page with the schedule of events, hotel information, online registration and registration form. The last day for the group rate for LaQuinta Inn has been extended to

July 7 from June 29 so, **don't procrastinate!**

The Leadership Resource Committee (LRC) is ready for attendees to sign up for the Yacht Club Leadership Seminar. LRC has put together a great program focused on incoming and serving yacht club officers, general managers, and those interested in learning how to manage a yacht club. This two day seminar will be held August 18-19, 2017 at the St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club. You can get more information by going to the home page of our website and click on the Leadership Seminar sign. It will take you to the page with seminar details, registration, and hotel information.

The FCA Executive Committee and chairpersons have been working hard to make our organization the best it can be. We want the FCA to be meaningful for all of our members and potential members. Our volunteers at the various committee meetings spend their valuable time working on issues and projects for as long as it takes but, that is only because we want to get it right. Having said that, we know that we have a smart and talented membership and we encourage all of our members to voice their opinions and ideas. You may have the idea that takes us to that higher level we are all seeking. In addition, we are always looking for those motivated members who would like to join us on the Executive Committee and/or work on one of the other FCA committees. Let us know what you think.

It's summertime with all the warm weather activities enjoyed with family and friends. The Fourth of July celebrations will be underway with fireworks, hamburgers, hotdogs, and cold drinks. Our nation's flag will be present everywhere to remind us why we celebrate that day. Be joyous, and be safe.



Four-Star Commodores
by P/C Kathy Champagne

Documents for the Four-Star Award 2017 were mailed to all Florida yacht clubs in March, with a deadline for receipt of nominations of September 30, 2017.

The FCA Four-Star Award is unique, in that besides the honor and tribute to a Past Commodore and his

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or her yacht club, the entire FCA membership benefits as well. I refer you to the FCA website, where summaries of the previous award recipients are posted under FCA Programs; 4 Star Award.

Please review the contributions of our members for inspiration and great ideas. Then take the time to complete the nomination form, and share your good fortune with the Florida Commodores Association.

If you have any questions about the process, you can reach me at: 4star@flcommodores.org



Association Quarterly Meeting

July 21 – 22, 2017

Sarasota Yacht Club

Educational Presentation—Strategic Planning

What is a Strategic Plan?

A strategic plan is a document used to communicate with the organization the organizations goals, the actions needed to achieve those goals and all of the other critical elements developed during the planning exercise.

What is Strategic Planning?

Strategic planning is an organizational management activity that is used to set priorities, focus energy and resources, strengthen operations, ensure that employees and other stakeholders are working toward common goals, establish agreement around intended outcomes/results, and assess and adjust the organization's direction in response to a changing environment. It is a disciplined effort that produces fundamental decisions and actions that shape and guide what an organization is, who it

serves, what it does, and why it does it, with a focus on the future. Effective strategic planning articulates not only where an organization is going and the actions needed to make progress, but also how it will know if it is successful.

Plan on attending the Association meeting at Sarasota Yacht Club and learn more about how Strategic Planning can benefit your yacht club. Not only will you learn something to help your club you will have LOTS OF FUN!!!!



Club Project

Drop Anchor

Dr. Lynne W. Reynolds, FWYC

The Fort Walton Yacht Club Chapter of the Florida Commodores Association has monthly luncheons where we hold “informal meetings” to discuss issues and activities of our own yacht club, as well as those of the state organization.

A few years ago, we also instituted a “sub-group” whose purpose is to provide an opportunity for the former Commodores and their spouses to get together socially at our homes (or venue of the hosts' choice). Participation in the group is voluntary. The current Commodore and spouse are included as honorary members.

We have designated a specific day of every other month (every two months) as our gathering day. Each couple, or individual, in the group, therefore, hosts one party once every two (2) years or so. The guidelines also specify that the event shall take place from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. (That is, everyone leaves at 7:00 p.m.) The hosts may change the day or date if they wish.

This is designed to be a “stand alone” function, meaning the host/hostess is responsible for **everything**, including any needed changes in schedule. Each participant is supplied with email and mailing addresses.

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Host Responsibilities:

- (1) Contact all members of the Drop Anchor group one to two weeks before your party to remind every one of the function and seek RSVPs (via email or written note). At the party, provide liquid refreshment and hors d'oeuvres.
- (2) If you cannot host the function you are scheduled for, contact any other host ahead of the assignment to trade dates. This makes it even more important to remind everyone of the changes before the function.
- (3) Also, when changes are necessary, contact (the organizer) to inform him/her so the master schedule can be changed.

Hosting Schedule:

Our DROP ANCHOR schedule begins in January, thereby helping us to avoid those months that are generally extra busy in most people's lives. (January, March, May, July, September, November)

This has proven to be an extremely popular activity and has given us a truly fine opportunity to keep our personal relationships strong. **“Try it: you’ll like it”**



Webmaster

By P/C John Slattery

Our website continues to get lots of visits from members and non-members alike.

The question I get most often these days is from members that are trying to use the Online Registration process on our website. The question is always the same - “I clicked on the link to online registration for the next General Meeting and I can see the schedule of events but I can’t find anyplace to register.”

My answer is simple - **You have to be signed in to register.** Works every time! As I have pointed out before, a large amount of the information on the website is restricted to members only. In order to see everything you have to hit that red **“Member Login”** button on the upper right side of the Home page to see all that’s available.

If you have forgotten your Password—no problem. Just click the forgotten password link and you will be asked for your email address. As long as that email address matches what’s in the system you will automatically receive a new temporary password by email.

Once you have logged it, don’t forget to check your own profile to be sure it’s correct. For detailed information about changing or adding to your profile just click on the Library tab on the Home page and select ‘Website Tips.’



FCA Historian

by Dr. Lynn Reynolds

Here is the “elevator speech” as it was printed on the back of FCA business cards in 2013.. We have used it on a number of occasions, but our general membership may not have seen it. Please feel free to use it when discussing FCA with your friends, **especially prospective members!**

What is the Florida Commodores Association?

FCA is an organization of past and current Commodores of recognized yacht clubs promoting the traditions and customs of yacht clubs through educational, charitable and social programs.

It serves as a link among Florida yacht clubs, encouraging the exchange of information and ideas. FCA's educational programs are designed to improve the quality of yacht club leadership. Our Foundation supports youth sailing programs as well as Olympic sailors from Florida.

For more information visit: www.flcommodores.org

Give it a try!!

Correction

In the last issue of the *Commodores Journal* the article on the USS Pensacola was incorrectly attributed to P/C John Matthews. The author of the article was our current Commodore Sam Foreman.



FCA Foundation

by P/C Carole Lick

Amplify your giving impact with matching gifts...

A Matching Gift Program is a valuable way for you to make a gift and have it double what you contribute.

Many corporations match their employee or retiree gift by doubling it, or even tripling it!

In other words, with your matching gift donation, it's possible for you, as an employee (or retiree) **to at least double your gift**. Matching gifts enable you to direct a portion of company monies, earmarked for charitable contributions, to the causes that matter to you.

In addition to matching gifts, some companies choose to support volunteer work by offering donations to charitable organizations for which their employees/retirees contribute specified volunteer time.

For example – Chevron contributes up to \$1,000 for a designated amount of time spent assisting a qualified charitable organization such as the FCA Foundation and its philanthropic activities.

Here is what you can do to double (or triple) your gift or learn about volunteer giving programs:

1. Check with your current or former employees for their Matching Gift or Volunteer programs. You might even find this information online.
2. Follow their instructions for making a matching gift to the FCAF.

Please let us know if your company has this kind of program so we can provide a list to our members and friends who could take advantage of this opportunity to support the FCAF as well.

If you need assistance, we will be happy to help. Just contact us: Carole Lick 734-945-3938 or email me at lickc@msu.edu.

If you're not sure that your former employer has a Matching Gifts Program you can check the 31 page listing at this website:

www.1800runaway.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/corporate-match-directory.pdf

If you don't find your company on the list give them a call anyway and ask for the Human Resources Department.



WAVE

by P/C Kathy Champagne

“Great Success!” were the words used by P/C Carole Lick to describe this year's “team effort” by five local yacht clubs: Charlotte Harbor; Platinum Point; Punta Gorda, Isles and Punta Gorda Boat Club.

WAVE 2017 was held at Charlotte Harbor YC, where the first event was staged in 2015. Plans are already underway for 2018, when the Wounded American Veterans Event will be hosted at Platinum Point.

Pensacola Bay Area Yacht Clubs, Pensacola Yacht Club and Navy Yacht Club Pensacola, will host WAVE 2017 at Pensacola on September 16, 2017. These two Yacht Clubs have been leaders in the WAVE movement since its inception in 2012.

Currently P/C Peter Tyson has initiated a WAVE effort at Pelican Yacht Club, likely making use of the WAVE Tutorial published by P/C John Slattery and posted on the FCA website. You are encouraged to consult this resource, commit to “Catch the WAVE”, and then make it your own! Use this link:

[WAVE Planning Page](#)

P/C Carole Lick submitted the following additional details about their event.

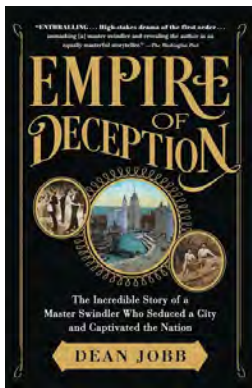
The 3rd annual WAVE – Wounded American Veterans Event, took place in May from the Punta Gorda and Charlotte Harbor area. This is a cooperative event involving five yacht clubs: Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club (this year's host), Platinum Point Yacht Club, Isles Yacht Club, Punta Gorda Boating Club and Punta Gorda Sailing Club. Several hours are

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spent on the water, sailing or fishing. A variety of small gifts/mementos are provided to the vets during lunch. Vets from the various wars are recognized for their service.

The 2018 event will be held at Platinum Point Yacht Club at Burnt Store Marina. In addition to opportunities to sail, more and more of the vets choose to fish. Fishing in Charlotte Harbor off Burnt Store Marina is particularly popular and appealing. The “catch” rate should be higher than ever!

The logo used for hats and burgees by all Florida WAVE programs was designed by Ron Norvelle. The burgees are given to the boat captains who volunteer their time and boats for this very special project.



Book Review

Empire of Deception

Dean Jobb

(Available in Hardcover, Paperback, Kindle and audio format)

On November 28, 1924, Lou Keyte, a respected member of the Royal Nova Scotia Yacht Squadron, was arrested in Halifax, Nova Scotia. He had entertained lavishly at the yacht club and on occasion arrived on his 38 foot motor yacht. Keyte was, as everyone in Nova Scotia knew, a literary genius and an American millionaire.

What they didn't know was that he was actually Leo Koretz, a Chicago attorney who had started a pyramid swindle ten years before Charles Ponzi and outlasted Ponzi by almost another decade. It was estimated that he had taken the mostly wealthy of Chicago, New York and a few other places for 30 million dollars - which was big money in those days.

His swindles ranged from rice-farm mortgages in Arkansas to lumber harvesting and oil wells on the

alligator and snake infested Bayano River in Panama. A place so remote and desolate that even today it is the location of the only gap (fifty miles) in 19,000 mile Pan-American Highway.

While refusing to allow people to invest in his 'syndicate,' he was at the same time claiming he was turning down multi-million dollar offers from Standard Oil who he claimed wanted in on his oil business. After two decades, he tired of the continual scam and decided to disappear. However, even as he was getting ready to board a train and begin his flight a persistent investor shoved two checks into his hand - one for \$32,000 and the other blank but signed.

After a couple of months of hiding in plain sight in New York City he took his bag of get-away cash and purchased (and refurbished) a lake-front hunting lodge in Nova Scotia. While he did change his name and grow a beard, he continued his lifestyle of lavish entertaining and chasing every female in sight.

This book not only relates the story of Leo Koretz but provides a great insight to Chicago of the Roaring Twenties, with crime out of control and corruption in every branch of government. (You might say nothing has changed much in a hundred years.)

One of my favorite desserts is “Death by Chocolate.” I even have a cookbook by that name. However, I'll never again be able to order that dessert without thinking of Leo Koretz - why? You'll have to read the book to find out.



Leadership Seminar

The St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club, Panama City, Florida is hosting the 2017 Yacht Club Leadership Seminar on August 18 and 19.

The Leadership Seminar is an intensive two-day learning experience. The seminar provides everything a yacht club officer, director, or general manager needs to know in order to perform effectively in the complex world of private clubs. Anyone wanting to learn more on the inner workings of a yacht club

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is welcome to attend. You do not have to be a member of the Florida Commodores Association to attend. All are invited.

Some of the subjects covered are leadership, recruiting and retention, marketing, finance, management, insurance, effective presentations, writing and many other subjects. This is a great program on how to manage and direct your club, especially for present and future flag officers. Actually, there is something in it for everyone.

During the seminar, there will be ample opportunity to ask questions and seek advice from fellow attendees and presenters on issues unique to your club. Networking is one of the most valuable components of the seminar.

Brochures are available on the FCA website explaining all the details. Please spread the word regarding this special event. We would hope to fill the room. The price has been reduced this year and the hotel has given us a great rates. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Members and non-members alike can register online on the website at www.flcommodores.com



Summer is here and July the fourth is just around the corner. With all this said, the Change of Watch for the Florida Commodores Association in October will be here before we know it.

Our current Flag Officers will be moving up the chairs and we will be needing volunteers to step forward and express their interest in serving on the Executive Committee, as a committee chair person or in any capacity you feel you can contribute.

As mentioned in one of the other articles, we will be presenting a Leadership Seminar in October in Panama City. The Leadership Resource Committee is also looking for volunteers, especially presenters.

The Nominating Committee members are P/C Jack Kennedy, P/C John Matthews, P/C John Slattery and P/C Wayne Stewart. Please contact any of these individuals and express your desire to serve. It is very rewarding to know that you serve or have served your organization.

Pipe Down!...(be quiet!)

The boatswain's pipe, a distinctively shaped whistle, was once used to transmit commands throughout a ship. Its high-pitched sound was audible above the howling of the wind to crewmen working high in the rigging. Each command had its own particular cadence by which it was identified, understood, and carried out. The cadence to "pipe down" was the last call at night aboard a naval vessel. The signal commanded all unnecessary noise and activity to stop, and hands so assigned to turn in until it was time for them to stand night watch. The ship then became very quiet. The verbal command "Pipe down!" was used by sailors and landlubbers alike when they wanted someone to make less noise or to stop talking. Since the advent of the loudspeaker, the bos'n's pipe is no longer used to issue commands throughout a ship but is limited to the ceremonial piping aboard of visiting VIPs.

Both *pipe* and *cadence* became popular ashore as they strutted and fretted their hour upon the stage (to paraphrase the Bard) in the Rogers and Hammerstein hit *The Sound of Music*. To the horror of Maria, Captain von Trapp's seven children responded to piped cadences - all except little Gretl, who, in spite of being able to hit a B-flat, just couldn't remember her signal.

Help Wanted -

Reporters and photographers to provide information about club, chapter and member projects, programs and accomplishments.

Positions provide no pay and no benefits, flexible hours and an opportunity to work with an overbearing, driving and demanding Publisher/Editor.

Apply to John Slattery at:

commodoresjournal@flcommodores.org

The Bylaws Committee proposes the following change to the FCA Bylaws. These proposed changes must be read two consecutive times by the Association and then voted on at the Change of Watch in October.

The current bylaws to be changed are as follows:

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1 – GENERAL MEMBERSHIPS – General Memberships are divided into two categories; Individual Memberships and Chapter Memberships. Membership in the FCA is by invitation only upon the recommendation of two FCA members.

Individual Membership:

Any Past Commodore of a recognized yacht club and who also meets other requirements contained in the Bylaws of the FCA and who makes application to the FCA for membership shall be eligible for individual membership. Individuals are encouraged to join a local yacht club chapter but are not required to do so in order to have full membership privileges in the FCA. Only Past Commodores in good standing may be elected to office in the Association.

Any sitting Commodore or Vice Commodore of a recognized yacht club and who also meets other requirements contained in the Bylaws of the FCA and who makes application to the FCA for membership shall be eligible for individual membership. However, these members are not eligible to hold elected office in the Association but are allowed to vote.

Chapter Membership: (all remains the same)

SECTION 2 – ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP – Membership in the Associate category is limited as follows:

A. Spouses/Domestic partners of individual members or the spouse/domestic partner of a deceased past commodore who was an FCA member in good standing.

B. The current sitting Rear Commodore and Fleet Captain of Recognized Yacht Clubs. Associate membership is valid only while holding these positions.

C. An Associate Member in good standing may be nominated by the Commodore and approved by the Executive Committee to serve an annual term as Associate Member at Large of the Executive Committee to represent the interests of the associate membership of the association.

D. An Associate Member in good standing may retain their membership in FCA as long as they maintain their membership in good standing with their original FCA Chapter. These members may not change yacht clubs or FCA Chapters and still retain their Associate Member status.

Changes proposed are shown in italics as follows:

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1 – GENERAL MEMBERSHIP – General Membership is divided into two categories; Individual Memberships and Chapter Memberships. Membership in the FCA is by invitation only upon the recommendation of two FCA members.

Individual Membership:

Full Member Category:

A Past Commodore of a recognized yacht club who meets other requirements contained in the Bylaws of the FCA and who makes application to the FCA for membership shall be eligible for individual membership as a Full Member. Individuals are encouraged to join a local yacht club chapter but are not required to do so in order to have full membership privileges in the FCA. Only Past Commodores in good standing may be elected to office in the Association.

Any sitting Commodore or Vice Commodore of a recognized yacht club who meets other requirements contained in the Bylaws of the FCA and who makes application to the FCA for membership shall be eligible for individual membership as a Full Member. However, these members are not eligible to hold elected office in the Association but are allowed to vote.

Associate Member Category: membership in this category is limited as follows:

Spouses/Domestic partner of a Full Member or the spouse/domestic partner of a deceased Full Member who was a FCA member in good standing.

The current sitting Rear Commodore and Fleet Captain of recognized yacht clubs and their Spouse/Domestic Partner. Associate membership is valid only while holding these positions. Paragraph d below does not apply to these associate members.

An Associate Member in good standing may be nominated by the Commodore and approved by the Executive Committee to serve an annual term as Associate Member at Large of the Executive Committee to represent the interests of the associate members of the association.

An Associate Member in good standing may retain their membership in FCA as long as they maintain their membership in good standing with their original FCA Chapter. These members may not change yacht clubs or FCA Chapters and still retain their Associate Member status.

Chapter Membership: No Change to this paragraph

SECTION 2 – MEMBERSHIP RECORD ADMINISTRATION

The Association maintains membership records including names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses which are used to maintain appropriate communications between the association and its members. These records are maintained by association management. This information is not available to any organization or entity outside the Association.

Full Member Categories

Past Commodore

Full Member Single

Full Member Married Spouse Associate

Full Member Married Spouse Non Associate

Full Member Domestic Partner Associate

Full Member Domestic Partner Non Associate

Associate Member Categories

Spouse Associate Member

Domestic Partner Associate Member

Rear Commodore Associate

Rear Commodore Spouse/Domestic Partner Associate

Fleet Captain Associate

Fleet Captain Spouse/Domestic Partner Associate



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The Commodores Courtesy Program

The Florida Commodores Association (FCA) is instituting a new program that should prove beneficial to both your yacht club and the members of our organization. There is no cost to your club if you decide to participate.

Under this program, participating yacht clubs agree to provide visitor privileges to members of the FCA. These members are past or current officers of Florida yacht clubs. They have proven their commitment to the yachting community and are familiar with the etiquette of yacht clubs.

Participation in this program should increase your revenue through visits by members of the FCA without any expense on your part. Since FCA members will be paying for services rendered directly there will not be any of the cost or time delay associated with reciprocal charging privileges.

A listing of your club will be placed on the FCA website. This listing will contain the information you provide us based on the level of visitor privileges you are willing to extend to FCA members. You may increase or decrease the level of privileges extended at any time and you are free to withdraw privileges at any time.

Members will be directed to call in advance for reservations and must present current valid proof of membership in FCA.

Remember, there is no cost or obligation to your club and no requirement that any of your Past Commodores or current officers be members of FCA.

If your club wants to participate in this program, enrollment is as easy as completing the enclosed form and returning to us. Once we receive the form a listing of your club will be posted on the FCA website and you will be notified. If you have any questions about the program you may contact me at 734-945-3938 or email: rearcommodore@flcommodores.org.

Sincerely,

P/C Carole Lick
Rear Commodore



Florida Commodores Association

Commodores Courtesy Program



Club Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ email: _____

Website: _____

Dining Room Days/Hours:

Reservation phone number: _____

Payment options: _____

Max vessel length: _____ Electric: _____ Water: _____ Pump-out: _____

VHF Channel(s) monitored: _____

Dockmaster Numbers: _____

Payment options: _____

Comments: _____

Our club agrees to participate in the Commodores Courtesy Program of the Florida Commodores Association (FCA) and extend current FCA members visitor privileges in our (check those that apply) ☐ Dining facilities ☐ Dock facilities within the parameters outlined above. It is agreed that we may withdraw from the program or change our extent of participation at any time.

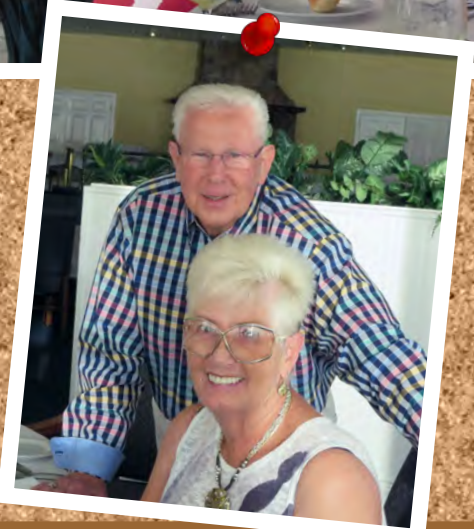
Signed: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____



Spring Meeting
Pelican Yacht Club
April 21 - 22, 2017

**Spring Meeting
Pelican Yacht Club
April 21 - 22, 2017**





Spring Meeting
Pelican Yacht Club
April 21 - 22, 2017



**Florida Commodores Association
Registration Form
Summer Membership Meeting – Sarasota Yacht Club
July 21 & 22, 2017**

Member Name _____

Chapter/Yacht Club _____

If FCYC Club, please provide your Member # _____

Associate Member _____ **Guest** _____

Home Address _____

Preferred Phone _____ **Email** _____

Please register on the FCA website or return this form no later than July 10, 2017

Mail to Sarasota Yacht Club, 1100 John Ringling Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34236

Attn: P/C Kay Goodman, FCA Secretary

Friday, July 21, 2017

#Persons

FCA Foundation Luncheon Meeting (order from the menu) _____

Cocktails and Dinner _____

- SYC Happy Hour and Friday Night Buffet or a la carte menu options
- Live music and dancing after dinner in the Porthole Lounge

Saturday, April 22, 2017

Continental Breakfast \$10* _____

- Fresh fruit juices, sliced fruit display, assorted pastries & bagels, fruit preserves, butter & cream cheese

Luncheon - Chef's Soup & Salad Buffet \$ 15* _____

- Selection of assorted tossed & composed salads, soup of the day, sandwiches, wraps & freshly baked cookies

Dinner - Italian Dinner Family Style \$35* _____

- Italian Tossed Salad – Entrees: Orchiette Pomodoro (vegetarian), Chicken Breast Chianti, Spiedinni di Vitello – Vegetable: Broccoli Rabe – Dessert: Miniature Italian desserts. All served Family Style. Coffee & Assorted Teas.

*Tax and gratuity, not included.

Members from non-FCYC clubs will need to provide credit card information at registration



FLORIDA COMMODORES ASSOCIATION

July 21-22, 2017

All events held at

**Sarasota Yacht Club
1100 John Ringling Blvd.
Sarasota, FL 34236
941.365.4191**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, July 21, 2017

- 1130 FCA Foundation Luncheon Meeting (as invited)
- 1430 FCA Executive Committee Meeting (as invited)
- 1800 Sundown Ceremony (Uniform C – cover optional)
- 1830 Friday Night Happy Hour
- 1930 Buffet Dinner or summer a la carte menu (assigned seating)
Live music and dancing in the Porthole Lounge

Saturday, July 22, 2017

- 0815 Registration & Continental Breakfast
- 0900 Summer Membership Meeting (Uniform C – no cover)
- 1015 Break
- 1030 – 1145 **Educational Session**
Strategic Planning
Presented By: SYC Vice Commodore Hugh McIlrevey
- 1200 – 1245 Lunch
- 1300 - 1430 **Educational Session**
 - 1) *Creating a Successful Watersports Program*
 - 2) *Open BIC Demonstration**Attendees adjourn to the Marina for demo*
Presented By: Will Stocke, SYC Waterfront Director
- 1445 - Announcements/Adjournment
- 1900 Cocktails – Neptune Bar (Cocktail Casual – no shorts or denim)
- 1930 Italian Dinner Family Style

HOTEL INFORMATION

**La Quinta Inn & Suites
1803 N. Tamiami Trail
Sarasota, FL 34234 • (941) 366-5128**



A block of guest rooms has been reserved with early arrivals beginning Thursday, July 20, and departures on Sunday, July 23, 2017.

In order to receive the special group rate of \$98.70 you must make your reservation before JULY 7, 2017. To make your reservation, call the Group Reservations Department at 1-866-527-1498 and identify as a member of Florida Commodores Association, confirmation # 7712493.

The guest room rate includes:

- Free breakfast with waffles, hot & cold cereals, pastries, juice, milk & coffee
- Free high-speed internet access & premium channel TV
- In-room hair dryer, coffee maker, iron and full-size ironing board
- Swimming pool

This hotel has a 4.5 star rating out of 5 on Trip Advisor.