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## **Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club to host 2019 Annual Meeting and Change of Watch**

**Details and Registration  
Form included in this issue.**

## **Pelican Yacht Club to host 2019 Leadership Seminar**

**For more information see included  
Brochure and Registration Form.**



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Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club	

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<u>Publishing Date</u>	<u>Deadline Date</u>
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January 1	December 18
April 1	March 25
July 1	June 25

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# From the Helm

Commodore Carole Lick



Happy summer! The high temps, rain and lightning have certainly confirmed that summer in Florida has arrived. Many of you are, no doubt, someplace up north. We will leave Florida in mid-July. I will be more than ready.

In recent months, we reported that the Executive Committee voted to change from four general meetings per year to two, and substitute the deleted two with regional meetings. The purpose is to make these meetings more accessible to all of you and have the educational topics meet your local needs. I am happy to let you know that the first West Coast Regional Meeting will take place the morning of December 7 at Isles Yacht Club in Punta Gorda. Tom Pace, from the Pensacola Yacht Club, will be our keynote speaker. Tom is directly involved with the America's Cup Race and is ready to share with us all the fascinating things going on with the boat and race changes for the next competition. These changes will likely level the playing field from what it has been for many years.

Even though this is a regional meeting, all FCA clubs are welcome. We have a committee meeting in early July to discuss the details and determine the educational session topic. If you have suggestions, or would like to be involved, please do contact me.

Stan Mitchell is planning the East Coast Regional Meeting and Tom Reynolds and John Matthews are planning the Northern FL Regional Meeting. Stan says he is looking into two meetings because of the distance between the large number of clubs on his side of the state. Tom says they are planning a social gathering for their first meeting to help the Panhandle get back on its feet after the significant hurricane damage they incurred and are still working to correct. Feel free to contact Stan, Tom or John for more information or to make suggestions.

Our next general meeting will be the Change of Watch on October 25 and 26 at Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club in Punta Gorda. It will be a really good one so do plan to attend. Information and registration information is available in this Journal and on the FCA website.

The next FCA Leadership Seminar is October 18 and 19 at Pelican Yacht Club. For a worthwhile use of two days that weekend, I strongly encourage you to consider attending. You will go home with a truckload of valuable information. Do you want to save some money? Five (5) financial scholarships for the seminar are available, in the amount of \$65.00 per attendee – whether an FCA member or someone designated by the member chapter- and given to one attendee per current FCA Chapter.

Applications are available for the next annual Four-Star Award on the FCA website and are due by September 30. Please contact Kathy Champagne or me for more information.

Have a wonderful summer with safe boating and day after day of warm sunshine.



## The Consequences of Leadership

**WE WANT YOU!**

John Matthews, Past FCA Commodore, Past PYC Commodore, Past GYA Commodore, Past NYCP Commodore

In December 2008, a small group of Past Commodores from several Florida yacht clubs, including Treasure Island, Fort Walton, Pensacola, Navy Pensacola, Bay Point, North Palm Beach, Charlotte Harbor, Palm Coast, Old Port and Matanzas River met at a hotel in Perry, Florida to lay out the final plans for the creation of the Florida Commodores Association. This small group formed the basis of the founding fathers of the FCA.

By the end of January 2009, the FCA had 73 paid Past Commodore members and had officially chartered Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club Chapter, Pensacola Yacht Club Chapter, Fort Walton Yacht Club

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Chapter, Old Port Yacht Club Chapter, and Platinum Point Yacht Club Chapter, with several other chapters in the application process.

What had begun as a small group of Past Commodores had expanded very rapidly into the Florida Commodores Association under the leadership of visionaries like Philip Bouckaert, Rosemary Bouckaert, Richard Kelley, Art Garside, Chari Leitch, Rich Oakley, Tom Reynolds, Jack Kennedy, John Matthews, Ron Richards, Larry Kimmerling, John Slattery, Lou Daniello and Joe Tringali. These visionaries were willing to contribute their time, talent and treasure to ensure the FCA would grow and develop into an organization that focused on developing future Florida yacht club leaders using the knowledge and experiences of seasoned yacht club Past Commodores to assist them. **The FCA was born from a consequence of vision and great leadership.**

For almost 11 years since our beginning, the Association had been the beneficiary of a pool of talented and committed Past Commodores who were willing to serve in leadership positions in the Association. They have come from all parts of the State of Florida and have served the Association well. **Our organization has grown from the consequence of strong leadership.**

Our membership is strong, over 300 members. However, over the past two years there has been a reluctance on the part of our members to “get involved” with serving the Association in an elected position on the Executive Committee in order to ensure the continued successful operation and administration of the Association. **No organization can survive the consequences from the lack of leadership.**

This year, the Association has had to rely on several former Association officers who were willing to serve in capacities that they had served in before because there was no one who was willing to commit themselves to serve in leadership positions. They did this because they strongly believe in the mission of FCA. As motivated as they are, no one can do this forever. For this reason we are in great need of new “blood” in the leadership chain. **There are many potential great leaders among the member-**

**ship. I know you don’t want us to be an asterisk in yacht club history but, this could be the consequence of an unwillingness to serve.**

I can go on and on about what the purpose of the FCA is and what good we have accomplished but these things do not make the Association a viable and useful organization focused on continuing their role as “Keepers of the Flame”. It takes dedicated leadership to ensure the Association continues as a viable and relevant group. The yachting community needs the FCA and we need to keep ourselves, as an Association, focused and dedicated on making sure the “yachting community” continues to survive.

I want to re-emphasize that the FCA needs serious, experienced and committed former yacht club leaders to accept the challenge offered by agreeing to serve as an elected officer and leader of the Florida Commodores Association in the future. We need you!

If you are willing to be considered for a position of leadership in the Association I would ask that you contact Immediate Past Commodore Sam Foreman at 850-748-0498 or FCA Commodore Carole Lick at 734-945-3938.

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## Proposed Bylaws Amendment

P/C John H Matthews, Bylaws Chair

As a result of the lack of members willing to serve as an officer of the Association it has become necessary to consider soliciting the service of Associate Members who are in good standing and willing to serve as an officer of the Association. Therefore, the Executive Committee is recommending a change to the Bylaws in order to address this issue. Each FCA voting member is requested to read the proposed change and vote on the matter as presented.

To learn more about this amendment and to cast your vote, please login to the FCA website and click on the VOTE button on the menu at top of the page.

You may cast your vote anytime up until July 31.

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## FCA Leadership Seminar

P/C Sam Foreman

Managing a yacht club is demanding and complex. The Leadership Resources Committee has structured a seminar to provide directors and officers the information and tools they need to be successful. While it is directed toward yacht club officers, directors, and general managers, it is open to anyone interested in yacht club management. FCA membership is not required for attendance.

This year the seminar will be held at the Pelican Yacht Club in Fort Pierce October 18 and 19. More information can be found on FCA's website [www.flcommodores.org](http://www.flcommodores.org). Click on the Programs tab then click on Leadership Resources.

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## Chapters' Challenges and Comings and Goings

Wouldn't it be useful to get ideas from Past Commodores and their yacht clubs about fun activities, helpful guidance or resolved challenges?

Let's try it. We could get useful information on ceremonial and traditional events like Blessing of the Fleet and the Commodores Ball. What about flag ceremonies or fund raising? Here's a boring but important one – bylaws.

Let's start with Platinum Point Yacht Club – a very popular fun event and then the boring bylaws.

1. The Chili Dump has been held annually for many years and is one of the most popular events at the Club. Everybody brings home made chili and "dumps" it in one of several enormous pots – Spicy, Mild, White Chicken, and Vegetarian. Some sides and dessert are provided and the beer flows. A Country Western concert follows. What great fun this is!

2. For many years Platinum Point had a very active group of past commodores but no one wanted to lead the group for the monthly meetings. Actually, Bob Stone led the group for many years, but no one wanted to take over for him. Then we established bylaws with a plan for who chairs the group. We de-

cided that the Immediate Past Commodore would take this position for one year. Voila! Problem solved. We are happy to share our bylaws with any of you or you can find a sample on the FCA website along with lots of other helpful material. The website is a treasure-trove of valuable information (thanks to John Slattery) so do use it.

Now we want to hear your ideas and fun activities, and problems you solved. Contact FCA Rear Commodore John Slattery or Commodore Carole Lick.

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## NYCP's Summer Sailstice Celebration

P/C Kathy Champagne

"It's 5:00 Somewhere" was the theme for Navy Yacht Club Pensacola's Summer Sailstice Party on Saturday, June 22.

Co-hosted by NYCP and the NYCP Chapter of FCA, the party featured Jimmy Buffett's music with Con Queso dip and chips, NYCP's Walking Tacos, Margaritas and Dark and Stormys. Of course NYCP members do not return from the water without expecting freshly baked "Sailing Chips" upon their return.

This annual NYCP event provided a great repast following a day on the water, and the yacht club's FCA Chapter enjoyed the great success of the party!

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## FCA Four-Star Award

P/C Kathy Champagne

The FCA Four-Star Award is an award that keeps on giving, as stories are revealed that serve as an inspiration for all Florida Yacht Clubs.

Please keep the September 30, 2019 deadline in mind as you complete the forms that will honor your amazing Commodores. Details and forms are available on the FCA website.

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## FCA Nominating Committee

I/P/C Sam Foreman  
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The search goes on for FCA Executive Committee nominees. There are a number of very qualified potential candidates that continue to elude us. All of them have plausible reasons. We hear from some "I can't serve this year, check with me next year". Will this year ever come! The question of the need for leadership has been on our minds and debated since recorded history and before.

Roy T. Bennett a CPA and an attorney specializing in tax and business law, was elected chairman of the Ohio Republican Party in 1988, and remained until 2009. He stated "It's only after you've stepped outside your comfort zone that you begin to change, grow, and transform." Peter F. Drucker Austrian-born American management consultant, educator, and author, whose writings contributed to the philosophical and practical foundations of the modern business corporation said "Management is doing things right; leadership is doing the right thing."

One of my favorite characters of the twentieth century is Sir Winston Churchill who stated "Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts."

The FCA needs talented volunteers to lead our organization through a transition to greater heights. We are going through some important changes that needs strong, thoughtful leadership. If you have any questions on what is involved and what the duties and requirements of the positions are, let us know. If you cannot commit to serving on the Executive Committee but know of someone who should, let us know.

Those serving on the committee with me are: P/C William Barnett, Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club; P/C Jeff Brooks, Bay Point Yacht Club; P/C William Bushelle, Fort Walton Yacht Club; P/C Peter Tyson, Pelican Yacht Club.

A final thought, Publilius Syrus was a prolific writer in the Roman Empire during the time of Julius Caesar stated "Anyone can hold the helm when the sea is calm."



## Wounded American Veterans Event

sponsored by PGBC April 3, 2019

Rob Gray, 2019 Chair

The Punta Gorda Boat Club hosted the Wounded American Veterans Event at our facility Wednesday, April 3, 2019. This is an annual event undertaken alternately by the four major boat/yacht clubs on Charlotte Harbor. This year was our turn.

The intent is to express our appreciation to a group of wounded veterans for their service and sacrifice by providing them with a day on Charlotte Harbor and the Peace River either fishing, sailing, or just a relaxing sightseeing cruise. We also provide them with a continental breakfast, lunch, a short ceremony, and a goody bag of items donated by local merchants.



The event involved about 21 veterans and their guest, Boat Captains, and volunteers from the PGBC, for a total involvement of about 65 people.

There were a lot of moving parts involved in the event, all necessary and important, such as the boat captains, whom we couldn't have done without, the "dock watchers" who helped the vets on and off the boats and provided security for the boats while the captains were at the continental breakfast or lunch, the transportation to and from the marina, the sponsors and volunteers who donated either food, money, or items for the goody bags, the volunteers who solicited for donations and helped serve the vets the food, and those involved in the flag-folding ceremony.

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We had seven boats from the Boat Club, one professional Guide from Fishing Franks, Captain Cayle Willis, and two boats from the Isles Yacht Club.

We owe a debt of gratitude to the sponsors of our event and C. J. Metcalf, who was pivotal in attracting the veterans to the event.



## FCA Foundation Awards Sailing Grants

### Navy Yacht Club Pensacola



P/C John Matthews presents a check to Commodore Ken Pyle, Navy Yacht Club Pensacola on May 2 at their general membership meeting.

### St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club



Commodore Larry Carroll, St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club, received the check from P/C Tom Reynolds and FCAF Board member Beverly Plummer at the April members meeting.

### Ft. Walton Yacht Club



P/C John Matthews and FCAF Board member Beverly Plummer presenting a FCAF grant check to Commodore Craig Stoldt at the FWYC board meeting.

## Juan Sebastian De Elcano

by P/C Sam Foreman

The Juan Sebastian de Elcano, named after the Spanish explorer and captain of Magellan's last exploratory fleet which set sail in 1519, is a 113-meter four-masted topsail vessel, which has travelled more than 2 million nautical miles since its construction in 1927. The 92-year-old ship serves as a training vessel for future officers of the Spanish Navy. The 70 Midshipmen from the 421st Naval Cadre and the 151st Marines Cadre learn celestial navigation, meteorology, amphibious operations, and naval security during the six-month training voyage.



The ship's visit to Pensacola the first week of April is part of the vessel's world cruise celebrating the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Juan de Elcano and Ferdinand Magellan's historic circumnavigation of the earth. This was the ninth time the Elcano has visited Pensacola, the last time was in 2015. The Spanish Royal Navy training ship docked at Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola's Allegheny Pier.

The NAS Pensacola Commanding Officer Capt. Timothy Kinsella, Jr. said "We are excited and honored to have this historic vessel visit Pensacola and pull pierside to Naval Air Station Pensacola. This air station has deep ties to the Spanish military, including the construction of Ft. San Carlos de Austria in 1698 and Ft. San Carlos de Barrancas in 1797. This magnificent ship is a reminder of our shared maritime and military heritage and it is our privilege to welcome them here as a partner nation in present and future endeavors."

Juan Sebastian de Elcano Commanding Officer Capt. Ignacio Paz Garcia said Pensacola has been a favorite port visit for the training ship, evidenced by the vessel's eight previous visits to the city. "The

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previous reports from port visits highlighted how the crew members and midshipmen enjoyed this port,” he said. “This was because of the amazing and outstanding welcome and support from the people of Pensacola. We are delighted to have the opportunity to enjoy this city.”



American Magic “flying” over Pensacola Bay

The Pensacola Yacht Club also has extensive history with the Elcano. The crew is always welcomed to PYC and also invited to a friendly competition in the form of a regatta. This time was no different. A challenge was sent out to Elcano’s crew and it was accepted by the Spanish Navy Attache, Captain Juan Garcia-Fernandez. The vessels used were some new RS Ventures provided by the Satori Foundation and they worked well for the event. April 2, 2019 turned out to be great day with sunny skies, a Blue Angel performance, and a “fly-by” by American Magic. The American Magic flying over the water in Pensacola Bay is the “mule”, New York Yacht Club’s test boat for the for the 36th America’s Cup. The test boat is about half the size of 75 ft. foiling monohull that will race in the Cup. Boy is it fast!



Participants in the Elcano/PYC Challenge

The friendly match race had three PYC teams against the best three teams of the crew of the Elcano. The PYC teams prevailed in each of the three races to win the overall trophy. The winners were Rachael and Paul Gillette.

### **A Short History of Juan Sebastian De Elcano**

Juan Sebastián de Elcano (1487–August 4, 1526) was a Spanish (Basque) sailor, navigator, and explorer best remembered for leading the second half of the first round-the-world navigation, having taken over after the death of Ferdinand Magellan.

In the Philippines, Magellan befriended the King of Zzubu, who was eventually baptized with the name of “Don Carlos.” Unfortunately, “Don Carlos” convinced Magellan to attack a rival chieftain for him, and Magellan was one of several Europeans killed in the ensuing battle. Magellan was succeeded by Duarte Barbosa and Juan Serrao, but both were treacherously killed by “Don Carlos” within a few days. Elcano was now second in command of the Victoria, under Juan Carvalho. Low on men, they decided to scuttle the Concepción and head back to Spain in the two remaining ships: the Trinidad and the Victoria.

Heading across the Indian Ocean, the two ships made a stop in Borneo before finding themselves at the Spice Islands, their original goal. Packed with valuable spices, the ships set out again. About this time, Elcano replaced Carvalho as captain of the Victoria. The Trinidad soon had to return to the Spice Islands, however, as it was leaking badly and eventually sank. Many of the Trinidad’s sailors were captured by the Portuguese, although a handful managed to find their way to India and from there back to Spain. The Victoria sailed on cautiously, as they had gotten word that a Portuguese fleet was looking for them.

Miraculously evading the Portuguese, Elcano sailed the Victoria back into Spain on September 6, 1522. By then, the ship was crewed by only 22 men: 18 European survivors of the voyage and four Asians they had picked up en route. The rest had died, deserted or, in some cases, been left behind as unworthy of sharing in the spoils of the rich cargo of spices. The King of Spain received Elcano and granted him a coat of arms bearing a globe and the Latin

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phrase *Primus circumdedisti me*, or "You Went Around Me First."

In Spain Juan Sebastian de Elcano is more revered than Magellan. Elcano finished the voyage.



## Youth Sailing at Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club

by Bill Barnett, Roger Strube and Martin Holland

Many youth sailing programs have transitioned from a time when they were completely supported by a 501c7 private not-for-profit yacht club, where the club bylaws defined the group/activity as a "membership class." Activities, including fund raising, were managed by a yacht club board member. For very sound business reasons for both the youth activity and yacht club, most of these youth programs separated from their yacht club parent to become an independent 501c3 not-for-profit charitable/school organization able to accept and document tax deductible donations. Most youth sailing organizations now function as an arm's length, registered 501c3 organization. The yacht clubs and youth sailing schools are separate but have a symbiotic relationship that benefits both organizations.

Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club (CHYC) made this transition in 2010 when Charlotte Harbor Youth Sailing (CHYS) was incorporated as a separate 501c3 organization. This restructure has allowed CHYS to secure donations and grants that have fueled the growth of the program providing access to the waters of Charlotte Harbor by many more kids. CHYS now owns eight Optimus Dinghies, eight Club 420s, five Laser Radials, one Flying Scot, two 17' RIBs, one Logic coach boat, nine floating docks and an aluminum access ramp. Donations also fund the CHYS

scholarship program. This summer, CHYS will provide fifteen scholarships (\$3,000) to disadvantaged kids managed by Children's Network of Southwest Florida (foster care and adoption placement NGO for Charlotte and surrounding counties) and the Guardian ad Litem organization. CHYS Summer Camps offer our program to over 50 kids each summer, and many more through our school year programs.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) defines the arm's length business relationship between CHYC and CHYS. A small yearly fee secures use of the grounds and classroom space. CHYS assets (17' "rescue RIBs, use of aluminum ramp, floating docks and Hoyer Lifts) are provided to CHYC, at no charge, for special events, including the CHYC Hospice Cup and CanAm Regattas. The CanAm series of 5 events during late fall, winter and early spring draws world class international, Paralympic and able-bodied sailors to CHYC. Charlotte County tourism staff has estimated that these events, that would not be possible without the participation of CHYS, bring in excess of \$1.5 million to our local area.

The CHYS mission is to teach and develop young people sailing and seamanship in a safe, fun and structured environment. CHYS sailors will develop and demonstrate respect for others as well as the environment, and always be willing to lend a helping hand to others on and off the water. The goal is to develop skilled and confident young people who will

be a lifelong credit to the community. In a broader sense, we understand that introducing young people to sailing will give them the skills in and knowledge of a lifelong sport that can develop into not only an avocation but into a vocation. I believe exposure to our program, instructors and volunteers will result in an appreciation of our sport and CHYC, our host. Exposure of our kid's parents have resulted in

memberships. I am hopeful that in the future many of our present and past students will become active members of a yacht club, maybe yours.







**Spring Meeting  
Pensacola  
Yacht Club  
April 4 - 5, 2019**







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We encourage yacht clubs to support their officers and directors in minimizing the financial commitment required to attend by subsidizing all or part of the expense involved in attending. The investment by a yacht club, we believe, will be repaid by better prepared officers and directors managing their club.

The seminar fee must be paid at the time of your registration for the seminar. Refunds will be handled on a case by case basis depending on the reason for cancellation.

**The Florida Commodores Association (FCA)** is dedicated to sharing knowledge, ensuring the future of Florida yachting and preserving our traditions. Its mission is to establish a community of past, present and future Commodores' who are members of recognized Florida Yacht Clubs, promoting Florida and International yachting customs and traditions through awareness, educational, charitable and social programs.

Besides educational programs the FCA sponsors youth sailing programs, wounded veteran recognition programs and a unique Four-Star Commodore program.

Membership is open to all past Commodores and current yacht club officers and their spouses or partners.

More information regarding FCA programs and membership application forms may be found on our website:

**[www.flcommodores.org](http://www.flcommodores.org)**

**The location of the seminar will be:**

Pelican Yacht Club  
1120 Seaway Drive  
Fort Pierce, FL 34949  
(772) 464-2700

**The cost of the course is only \$110 (\$135 for non-members) and includes:**

- ☐ Friday - Lunch
- ☐ Saturday - Lunch
- ☐ All course materials.

**Special \$79 per night hotel rate applies for attendees** (reservation must be made by **September 20** to insure this rate)

Hutchinson Island Plaza Hotel  
1230 Seaway Drive  
Fort Pierce, FL 34949  
(772) 595-0711

**Use Group Code - FCAT**

More information about the hotel can be found at: [www.hutchinsonplazahotel.com](http://www.hutchinsonplazahotel.com).

To reserve your place today, at this important seminar, go to **[www.flcommodores.org](http://www.flcommodores.org)** and click on the seminar information link on the home page.



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***The Florida Commodores  
Association  
presents***

***A Yacht Club  
Leadership  
Seminar***

***For Current and Future  
Yacht Club Leaders***

**October 18 - 19, 2019**

**Pelican Yacht Club**

**Fort Pierce, FL**

**The Leadership Seminar** is an intensive two day learning experience sponsored by the Florida Commodores Association. The seminar provides everything a yacht club officer, director or manager needs to know in order to perform effectively in the complex and demanding world of club life.

The management of a yacht club is much more complex than the management of most businesses. The fact that a yacht club's members are both the owners and customers presents issues that require some unique management approaches.

The seminar is appropriate for incoming and serving yacht club officers directors and general managers, but is open to all those interested in learning how to manage a yacht club.

Seminar modules are presented by Past Commodores and professionals in financial, management, insurance and other areas. This is an intensive program of how to manage and direct your yacht club today and plan for its future.

The major areas covered are:

**Leadership:** Gaining the trust of members, motivating volunteers to be productive and earning the respect of members and employees.

**Club Management:** Hear the 'secrets' of effective yacht club management in the areas of hiring, firing, testing, managing and compensating employees.

**Taxes:** Fully understanding the tax laws as they apply to yacht club revenue sourcing in the only way to protect your club's tax status.

**Communication:** External (advertising, news releases, newspaper/magazine articles and social media) and internal (newsletters, e-mails, websites, and member meetings.)

**Commodore/Manager Relations:** The ability for these two senior positions to share concepts, plans and data is essential in insuring a well-run and successful club.

**Followship:** How committee member and volunteer support of the club's leaders is crucial in accomplishing the goals and objectives of a successful organization.

**Meetings and Presentations:** The ability for yacht club leaders to properly and efficiently conduct committee, Board and member meetings as well as delivering information and explaining plans and decisions is critical in gaining the support of the club's members.

**Insurance:** Understanding the myriad of insurance necessary to protect your club in many areas you may not have considered is necessary for today's yacht club leaders.

**Club Business:** Understanding that every club is a business and it's leaders cannot effectively oversee it's management without a basic understanding of goal setting, finances, costing, pricing and asset management.

**Recruiting, Retention and Marketing:** Recruiting new members, member retention and

membership diversity and interests is the primary way you can insure the continued success of your club.

**Safety:** Canned safety programs are fine for cans but every yacht club is different. We provide the structure and guidelines each club needs to develop and maintain a custom safety program.

**Strategic Planning:** Get the basics of developing a plan for your club that will set priorities, focus energy and resources to insure the long-range future of your club.

During the seminar, attendees will have ample opportunity to ask questions and seek advice from fellow attendees and presenters on issues unique to their clubs.

Your registration includes lunch on Friday and Saturday. On Friday night you may take advantage of dining at the club. We encourage attendees to use this opportunity to get together with officers and directors of other clubs affording them the opportunity to establish a network relationship for future support and advice.

Attendance is limited to 30 participants but spouses and partners are welcome to join the attendees and presenters at dinner on Friday night.

Men are requested to wear slacks and collared shirts and the same appropriate attire for women to conform to the club's dress code.





# Florida Commodores Association

## Yacht Club Leadership Seminar Registration

**October 18 - 19, 2019  
Pelican Yacht Club  
Ft. Pierce, FL**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of your yacht club: \_\_\_\_\_

Current office/position in club: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter name, if you are a member of FCA: \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose your check, payable to FCA, for \$110 if you are a member or \$135 if you are not a member.

Registrations should be mailed to: FCA  
P.O. Box 488  
Shalimar, FL 32579

Please note 'LRC' on your envelope.

Hotel reservations are your responsibility and can be made by contacting:  
Hutchinson Island Plaza Hotel  
1230 Seaway Drive  
Fort Pierce, FL 34949  
(772) 595-0711

Make sure and use/mention Group Code - FCAT to receive the discounted rate of \$79 per night.  
In order to receive this rate you must make reservation by September 20.



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**Registration Form**  
**2019 ANNUAL MEETING AND CHANGE OF WATCH**  
**October 25 – 26, 2019**

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter/Yacht Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Member# (FCYC Clubs): \_\_\_\_\_

Associate Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**# Attending**

**Thursday, October 24, 2019**

Shipwrecked Thursday at CHYC – ½ price drinks (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday, October 25, 2019**

Cocktails & Dinner from CHYC Menu \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday, October 26, 2019**

Educational Presentation \_\_\_\_\_

Buffet Lunch (Harbor Room) - \$16++ per person \_\_\_\_\_

Presentation – John Martin – Around the world cruising \_\_\_\_\_

Visit Military Heritage Museum \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner and Change of watch (Harbor Room) (See Menu) - \$35++ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return the registration form by September 30, 2019. Mail to:**

Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club

4400 Lister Street

Port Charlotte, FL 33952



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Past, Present and Future Commodores

## 2019 ANNUAL MEETING AND CHANGE OF WATCH

October 25 – 26, 2019

Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club

4400 Lister Street

Port Charlotte, FL 33952

941-629-5131

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### **Thursday, October 24, 2019 (Optional) –**

1800 (Optional) Those who arrive on Thursday all are welcome to join us at CHYC for our “Shipwreck Thursday” weekly club event. Drinks are half price and a special menu is offered.

#### **Friday, October 25, 2019**

1200 FCA Foundation Meeting (Commodores Lounge)

1500 FCA Executive Committee Meeting (Commodores Lounge)

1800 Cocktails & Dinner from CHYC Menu (Ships Wheel and Harbor Room)(Casual attire)

#### **Saturday, October 26, 2019**

0830 - Registration and Coffee Service

0900 - Membership Meeting – (Class C Uniform) (Ballroom)

1100 - Educational Presentation – FCA Strategic Plan (Ballroom)

1200 - Buffet Lunch (Harbor Room)

1300 - Presentation – John Martin – Around the world cruising by sail (Ballroom)

1400 - Visit Military Heritage Museum – (recently opened in new expanded facility)

1800 - Cocktails (Ships Wheel)

1830 - Sundown Ceremony (Class A Uniform)

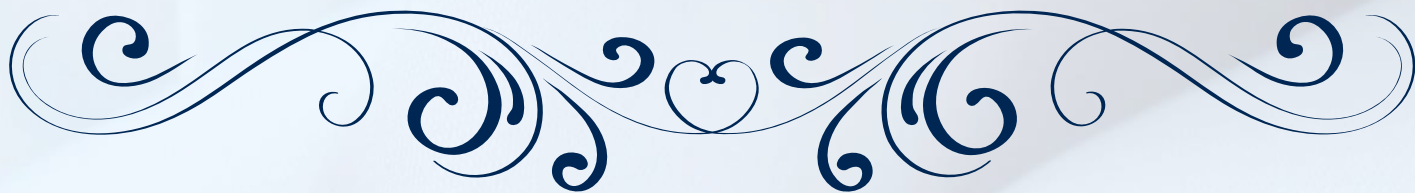
1900 - Dinner followed by Change of Watch (Class A Uniform)

#### Uniform:

Class C - White open collar short sleeve shirt, epaulets and soft shoulder boards, white trousers, white web belt with brass buckle, white shoes and white socks for gentlemen; white trousers, white web belt with brass buckle and white shoes for ladies. Name tag should be worn on the right pocket. No Lapel Pins

Class A - Single – breasted Navy blue blazer with white shirt, tie, white trousers, white web belt white shoes and white socks for gentlemen; white skirts and white shoes for ladies. Name tag should be worn on right side at pocket height.





## *Menu*

### *Saturday Continental Breakfast*

~Complimentary~

Coffee and orange juice

Fresh baked pastries

Fresh fruit

Bagels and cream cheese

### *Saturday Lunch Buffet*

Soup du jour

Assorted sandwiches

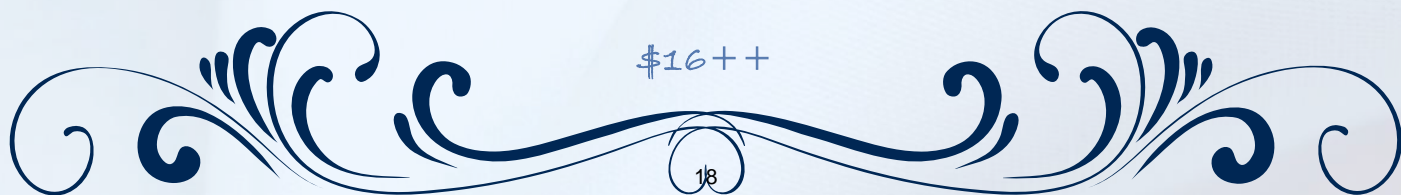
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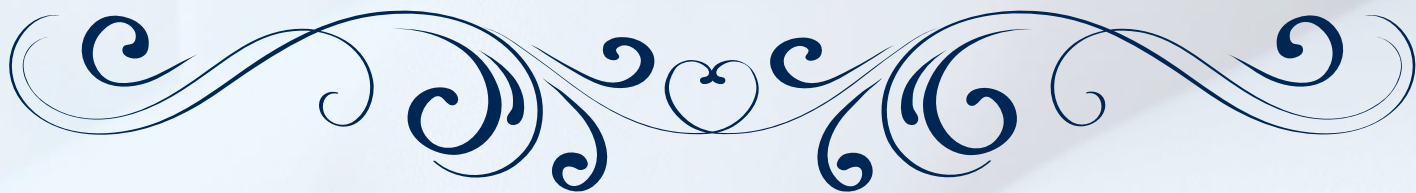
Macaroni salad

Homemade potato chips

Cookies and brownies

\$16++





# *Menu*

## *Saturday Dinner*

### *Salad*

Shaved fennel, arugula, red onion, traditional scotch egg, salmon gravlax, crispy shitake mushroom, dill mustard crème fraîche dressing

Warm rolls and butter

### *Surf and Turf*

Porcini dusted filet mignon paired with shiraz-port bordelaise sauce, Chef Ben's down south lobster cake, fresh garlic-herb gulf shrimp, and boursin corn butter sauce

Served with Duchess potato, roasted baby carrots and zucchini

### *Dessert*

Chilled Irish whiskey zabaglione, cinnamon sauce, and fresh berries

\$35++





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## Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club

October 25 – 26, 2019

### LODGING



#### Wyvern Hotel

101 E Retta Esplanade  
Punta Gorda, FL 33950  
941-639-7700  
[www.thewyvernhotel.com](http://www.thewyvernhotel.com)  
\$167 Per Night  
2.4 miles



#### Four Points by Sheraton

Punta Gorda Harborside  
33 Tamiami Trail  
Punta Gorda, FL 33950  
941-637-6770  
[www.fourpointspuntagordaharborside.com](http://www.fourpointspuntagordaharborside.com)  
\$119 Per Night  
2.3 miles



#### Sleep Inn

806 Kings Highway  
Port Charlotte, FL 33980  
941-979-4200  
\$71.00 Per Night Standard Room  
Ask for CHYC to get this block rate  
4.5 miles



#### Microtel

4056 Tamiami Trail  
Port Charlotte, FL 33952  
941-624-6339  
\$75.00 Per Night  
0.9 miles







# MILITARY HERITAGE MUSEUM

Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club



Florida Commodores Association



Spouses and Guests!

Join us on:

Saturday, October 26, 2019 at 2:00 PM

At our Military Heritage Museum

\$8.00 per person (Group Rate)

*(Address: 900 W. Marion Ave. in Punta Gorda, FL)*

