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FCA Dues need to be
submitted by January
16th

FCA Grant Reports

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★ Yacht Club Leader- ★
★ ship Seminar ★
★ Rescheduled ★
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Four Star
Awards
Announced

Upcoming Dates...

Due to CDC and state
guidelines for COVID19,
all FCA meetings and sem-
inars have been suspended
until further notice.

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From the Helm

FCA Commodore Jack Kennedy



I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and you are beginning a Happy New Year.

This past year has been a very strange year, and I have had a lot of time to reflect on the things

that are important to me and to the FCA and its members.

It has been a major task to keep our association engaged and active. We all have had to reassess how to keep engaged with family and friends. Thanks so much to our Bridge and Board who have been willing to try different actions and ideas. These actions have worked for us as an association even though we couldn't meet in person.

I also want to thank all of our members for their continued support. I would like to remind everyone that there's good that can be found in even the most trying times. We have three (3) potential new chapters coming on board. Nine of our current chapters have been able to take advantage of the FCA Reopening Grant money in order to provide an event to bring members of their clubs back to the clubhouse. We have definitely realized how important our yacht clubs are to our social lives. As Past Commodores, we can use our skill sets to help our yacht clubs regroup and reorganize in order to recruit new members.

The year 2021 has finally arrived! We have and are continuing to adapt to our circumstances. Vaccines are becoming available along with new approaches to combating the

effects of the virus. I remain positive that we will soon be visiting our chapter clubs again.

Stay safe and well and I hope to see everyone soon.

2020-21 FCA OFFICERS

P/C Carole Lick, Nominations Chair
Associate Lynne Reynolds, FCA Secretary

The Executive Committee of the FCA recommended that the same officers continue to serve the organization for the 2020 -2021 year. This recommendation was shared with the membership and voted on in October. It was passed overwhelmingly. A special thank you to our officers who have agreed to serve for another year.

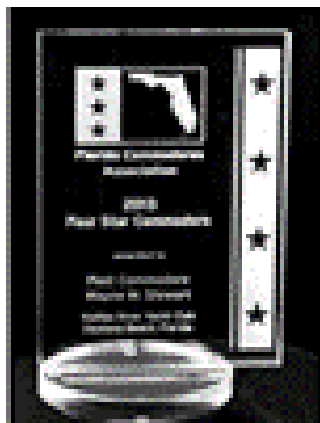
Thank you also to all that submitted your votes. It is appreciated.

The 2020-2021 Executive Committee officers and committee appointees are as follows:

Commodore – P/C Jack Kennedy
Vice Commodore – P/C Ray Dewrell
Rear Commodore – P/C Bob Sutton
Fleet Captain – P/C Stan Mitchell
Immediate Past Commodore – P/C Carole Lick
Treasurer – P/C John Matthews
Secretary and Historian – Lynne Reynolds
Appointments:
Quartermaster – Beverly Plummer
Communications Chairperson – Mary Kennedy
Foundation Interim Chair – P/C Tom Reynolds
WAVE and Four Star Chair – P/C Kathy Champagne
FCA Council – P/C Tim Burr

The Four Star Award Program

P/C Kathy Champagne,
Chair



It is my honor to announce the 2020 **Four-Star Award** recipients:

Past Commodore Bonnie Forrest,
Stuart Corinthian Yacht Club

Past Commodore Jim Reeves,
Pensacola Yacht Club

Past Commodore David Willbur,
Pelican Yacht Club

Past Commodore (P/C) Forrest, of Stuart Corinthian Yacht Club (SCYC), provided a service that was said to illustrate her intelligence, knowledge, compassion and insight. She employed her knowledge of the insurance business to guide the club through the damage created by 2 hurricanes and a hail-storm.

Following service on multiple committees and fundraisers, P/C Forrest agreed to serve a second term in order to navigate through a difficult time for SCYC. She shows her loyalty and positive leadership as she continues to volunteer her time to SCYC.

Past Commodore Reeves, of Pensacola Yacht Club (PYC), applied his skills of membership building and fund raising in the community to the benefit of Pensacola Yacht Club. Under his leadership, membership doubled and a capital infusion enabled Pensacola Yacht Club to modernize the marina. P/C Reeves remains supportive of PYC, and serves as a Trustee on the PYC Satori Foundation.

Past Commodore David Willbur, of Pelician Yacht Club (PYC) joined the club in 1996 and immediately became involved in club leadership serving on the Board of Directors in 2020, where he accepted the chairmanship of many of the club's standing committees.

In 2012, PC Willbur stepped into the position of Vice Commodore where he applied his skills to help put PYC on strong financial footing. P/C Willbur continued to work on fiscal responsibility during his term as Commodore and later on the Board of Directors where he was able to negotiate a loan into a grant.

As is evident in these summaries, all three of the FCA 2020 4 Star recipients responded to a call and employed their considerable unique skills to secure their yacht club's security and prosperity.

Annual Dues Reminder

P/C John Matthews, FCA Treasurer

The annual association dues are due on December 1, 2020. **The deadline for payment will be January 15, 2021.** Dues not received by January 31, 2021 are considered delinquent and may result in termination of your membership. We do not want this to happen to you so please submit your dues payment.

Dues for Regular members remain at \$20 if they are in a recognized FCA Chapter and dues for Associate members are \$15. Dues for At Large members are \$25.

Dues may be submitted directly to your Chapter Treasurer who will submit them for you or you may send them directly to the Association Treasurer at the following address:

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Florida Commodores Association
Attn: Treasurer
P. O. Box 488
Shalimar, FL 32579

Also, if you would like to make a contribution to the FCA Foundation which is a 501 (c) 3 charitable organization, please add the amount to your dues payment and make a notation FCAF and amount on your payment or advise your chapter treasurer to note the payment by your name. The funds will be sent directly to the Foundation.

In an effort to make paying your dues easier you may consider using your online bill pay program and pay your dues directly to the Association online. If you would like to pay your dues using the online direct payment please email me at johnmatthews@cox.net and I will send you the necessary routing information. I would prefer not to broadcast the information in an unsecure broadcast email or notice.

Thank you for your continuing membership in the FCA

2021 Leadership Seminar Announced

P/C Carol Lick, Leadership Chair

The 2020 seminar was cancelled due to COVID-19. If the situation improves, which it is likely to do, then we plan to hold the 2021 seminar October 15 – 16 at Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club in Punta Gorda. Detailed information, schedule, topics and hotels will be available soon.

The seminar provides information that a yacht club officer or director needs to know in order to perform effectively in the complex and demanding world of club life.

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 numerous other areas. This is an intensive program of how to manage and direct your yacht club today and plan for its future.

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.

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.

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. Spouses and partners are welcome to join the attendees and presenters at dinner on Friday night.

If you have questions please contact P/C Carole Lick at lickc@msu.edu

FCA Chapters take advantage of the Reopening Grant

Associate Mary Kennedy, Communications Chair

The Executive Committee of the FCA unani

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mously voted in the summer of 2020 to establish a grant of \$250 per FCA chapter for the expressed purpose of supporting their clubs attempting to reopen from the Pandemic. This assistance is meant to show the yacht club membership the continued effectiveness and benefits that Past Commodores of the club have in its continued operation.

Nine clubs so far have taken advantage of this grant money.

Bay Point Yacht Club
Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club
Davis Island Yacht Club
Lake Beresford Yacht Club
Mount Dora Yacht Club
Navy Yacht Club of Pensacola
Platinum Point Yacht Club
Punta Gorda Boat Club
Stuart Corinthian Yacht Club

Below are submitted descriptions detailing the event and how the money was used from those clubs that have been able to have their events as of now. Several have had to postpone their events until a future date.

Bay Point:
Tim Couty, Secretary

We at the Bay Point Yacht Club would like to thank FCA for giving us the \$250.00 grant. We were able to apply the proceeds to host our grand opening party at Club 72's Golf Club House. We had 62 members in attendance who were very happy to be reacquainted after several months being closed due to COVID. Again, thank you FCA for your vision and leadership through the most trying times.

(See pictures on page 12)

Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club:
Bill Barnett, Past Commodore

The opening celebration included a tour of the club to show off the decorating and repainting done during the shutdown. The new chef was introduced as well as some new permanent staff members.

The bar was not open for socializing before dinner to comply with the current COVID guidelines. Cocktails were provided at the tables by the wait staff. The six foot round tables in the dining areas were spaced apart and limited to four persons per table.

Extra staff was brought in to compliment the regular staff. The FCA Grant of \$250 was used to offset the cost of the additional staff. Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club greatly appreciated the offer of the grant.

The evening was enjoyed by the 40 attendees. Following is a summary of the menu:

**Wine Pairing
October 14,2020**

**First Course
Macerated Strawberry Feta Canapés**

**Second Course
Berry Pecan Salad**

**Third Course
Roasted Butternut Squash Soup**

**Fourth Course
Caribbean Pan Seared Snapper**

**Fifth Course
Tuxedo Chocolate Mousse**

Platinum Point Yacht Club:
Vanessa Jordan, Social Chair
Lon Acheson, Commodore

The Platinum Point Yacht Club (PPYC) Board of Directors (BOD) and membership would like to take this opportunity to thank

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the Florida Commodores Association (FCA) for the generous re-opening grant we recently received. The funds were used to offset expenses incurred making the club a “Zero Covid-19 Safe Zone”. The funds facilitated the re-opening of the club after six months of not having any club sponsored social events or activities.

Our first re-opening club sponsored social event was held outside on the lawn and parking lot on November 4th in the late afternoon and early evening. The approximately 60 attendees enjoyed live music, a BBQ boxed dinner and golf cart decoration contest. The whole evening was a great success and enjoyed by all. The PPYC BOD as a result has voted to increase the attendee count for our next outdoor event based on the success of the re-opening. Thank you again for the consideration and rewarding of our grant request.

Stuart Corinthian:

Sally D. Rose, Vice Commodore

“Don’t Worry, Be Happy” clearly was the message as the Stuart Corinthian Yacht Club members celebrated being together again at their official reopening party on October 17, 2020. The Caribbean inspired event was a direct result of the funds granted by the Florida Commodores Association in July.

The festivities began with a precision Sundowner Ceremony, organized and run by Past Commodores Bonnie Forrest and John Carino. Taking part, along with Past Commodores Forrest and Carino, were Past Commodores Douglas, Dowd, Foth, Larsen and Pratt. The SCYC Board of Directors and ROTC officers were part of the ceremony too.

Following the outdoor ceremony, everyone moved to the club dining room with decor

inspired by the Caribbean islands. Colorful tables were topped with tropical foliage. The floodlighted dance floor featured a Caribbean scene with a reggae band to set the tone.

A delicious island menu consisting of Jerk Chicken, Pernit Pork, Plantains, Beans and Rice, Cuban bread and Vegetable Salad was prepared by our chef Randy and served by a smiling staff.

Following dinner, V/C Sally Rose publicly thanked the Florida Commodores association for their grant of \$250 which helped underwrite a portion of the evening. Commodore Linda Kisner came forward to present a champagne toast welcoming members back and to the year ahead.

All eyes turned toward the deck for the presentation of dessert. The lights were lowered as Chef Randy set a flame to his spectacular flaming rum and pineapple cake. Words could not describe the smiles of those who bit into this delicious confection!

By now everyone was ready to dance....and they did! Leading off the crowd were P/C Rich Duggan and wife Eileen with a conga line getting nearly everyone up and parading around the dining room. The energy continued with the dance floor filled and partying to the music of Rainfall Reggae.

It was a successful and jubilant evening; the perfect way to welcome back our members!
(see pictures on page 15-16)

Update on FCA Yacht Clubs in Florida Reopening

Associate Mary Kennedy, Communications Chair

As most of us are aware, there has been an increased uptick of the COVID-19 virus in

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Florida this past Fall and into early Winter. This increased virus infection caused many of the clubs throughout Florida to rethink their reopening policies. Club policies can be constantly changing depending on the outbreak rates in the club's area. Hence, the rule of thumb at this time is to contact a club ahead of time if you plan to be in the area. This will give you the most updated information concerning whether the club is open, accepting guests, and/or providing reciprocity.

Ft. Walton Yacht Club FCA Chapter Hosts Sundowner's Ceremony

P/C Ray Dewrell, FCA Vice Commodore

The Fort Walton Yacht Club Chapter of the Florida Commodores Association held a Sundown Ceremony in honor of Veterans Day on Friday November 13, 2020. Past Commodore Skip Harrington served as Master of Ceremonies and Past Commodore Phyllis Seaton gave the invocation. Our guest speaker was Retired Colonel Ed



Hubbard, who spoke on the principles and concepts derived from his more than 6 ½ years as a POW in North Vietnam. He emphasized the need for teamwork and cooperation in all life situations.

We were also pleased to have an Honor Guard from Hurlburt Field who retired the flag as attendees sang the National Anthem. They then presented the folded flag to the yacht club Commodore, and the ceremony closed with the singing of America the Beautiful as the Past Commodores followed the Honor Guard off the field.

(additional pictures on page 13)

Pensacola Yacht Club FCA Hosts Christmas Dinner

P/C Bob Sutton, FCA Rear Commodore

The Pensacola Yacht Club FCA Chapter held its Christmas Dinner on December 18th. We had 22 members present. Due to Covid-19, this was one of the smaller dinners in years. All were taken to their seats with masks on and dinner was served by the staff with masks.

Before dinner, we had a short meeting to finish up old business and introduce the new members for next year. During dinner, we had live music and good conversation. After dinner, the guest speaker was Vice Commodore and elected next Commodore of PYC Tom Pace who talked to us about the present and future of PYC. All of those that attended had a great time.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Winter Boating Tip: If you'll be cruising in wet weather, invest in foul weather gear and bring a pair of ski goggles to protect your eyes in rain or sleet.

**Pensacola Yacht Club Hosts
the
Celebration of Life
Honoring
Past Commodore Lloyd Thomas Stagg
Navy Yacht Club Pensacola**

P/C John Matthews, FCA Treasurer

Lloyd Thomas Stagg was born on May 20, 1937 in Helena, Montana; and he embarked on his final voyage October 6, 2020 in Pensacola, Florida. Lloyd retired from the US Navy as a Chief Optical man having served on six repair ships and in four shore duty billets.



Lloyd served as Commodore Navy Yacht Club Pensacola (NYCP) and as Fleet Captain. He founded the Bikini Regatta which encouraged women to skipper and race sailboats in Pensacola Bay. He served as Rear Commodore, Pensacola Yacht Club, after serving as Fleet Captain for four years. Race Management was a major part of his career after he retired.

Lloyd was a Charter member of the NYCP Chapter of the Florida Commodores Association. In addition, both he and his wife, Beverly who became an Associate Member of the FCA, were members of the Pensacola Yacht Club chapter and were active in the activities conducted by both chapters. To honor his life and memory, the PYC chapter conducted the FCA Memorial Service at the request of his wife, Beverly. Representatives of both chapters were present and in uniform. A picture was taken following the service and given to Beverly as a memento of the Celebration of Lloyd's Life.

(additional picture on page 14)

**WAVE 2021
NEVER FORGET!**
P/C Kathy Champagne,
Chair



Since 2012, Wounded American Veterans Event, WAVE, has been the FCA's attempt to thank those who have given so much for our country.

The Pandemic sidelined our NYCP/PYC WAVE event that was planned for this year. However, the NYCP/PYC Committee is making plans to conduct this event on 9/11/2021.

It is our hope that other FCA Yacht Clubs will join us this year in honoring our Wounded Veterans and First Responders by holding their own WAVE event. For information on planning one of these events, you can go to our website: www.flcommodores.org for instructions and materials.

Always remember that:



FCA Foundation

P/CTom Reynolds,
Foundation Treasurer



The foundation is alive and well. Even though programs were suspended during 2020 because of the Pandemic, plans are being made to resume this year. If you are looking for a charitable way to start the New Year, a contribution to the FCA Foundation would be appreciated.



Associate Beverly Plummer, Quartermaster

The Ship's Store is still available for updating your uniform needs and/or adding to your winter wardrobe. Please check out the items available on the association's website: www.flcommodores.org and contact Quartermaster Plummer for ordering.



GALLEY BITES Hard-Boiled Egg BLTs

Here is a scrumptious recipe from the website "www.eatingwell.com." These cute and delicious egg sandwiches will make a great appetizer. Filled with bacon, avocado and spinach, they make a tasty substitute for high calorie bread sandwiches.

Ingredients:

- 6 large eggs
- 4 slices thick-cut bacon, cooked and cut into thirds
- 1 cup loosely packed baby spinach
- 2 small tomatoes, thinly sliced
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup mashed avocado

- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt

$\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon ground pepper, plus more for garnish

Directions:

Step One: Place eggs in a large saucepan and cover with cold water. Bring to a boil over high heat. Remove from heat, cover, and let stand for 10 minutes. Drain and cover with ice water. Peel and cut into half crosswise.

Step Two: Place 6 of the egg halves on a serving plate. Top each with 2 bacon pieces. Arrange spinach and tomato slices on top of the bacon.

Step Three: Combine avocado, mayonnaise, lemon juice, salt and pepper in a small bowl. Spread 1 tablespoon of the avocado mayonnaise on the cut side of each of the remaining egg halves. Sandwich the eggs together; skewer each with a wooden pick to hold the fillings in place. Garnish with ground pepper.

Tip: Equipment: 6 wooden picks

Nutrition Facts

Serving size: 1 egg sandwich

Per serving: 156 calories; 3.2 carbohydrates; 1.4 sugars; 3g saturated fat; 193g cholesterol

Credit: www.eatingwell.com

Just A Little Humor



Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day.
Teach him how to fish and he will sit in a
boat & drink beer all day.

Q: How many boaters does it take to
change a lightbulb?

A: None, because the right size bulb isn't
on board, the local marine-supply store
doesn't carry that brand, and the mail-
order house has them on back-order.

A very nervous first time crew member
says to the skipper, "Do boats like this sink
very often?" "Not too often," replied the
skipper. "Usually it's only the once."

I've started a boating business from my at-
tic.

The sails are going through the roof!

What did the boat say to the pier?

What's up Dock?

Was painting my boat when a dolphin
swam by and got some paint on its fin.

It wasn't on porpoise.

I spent my children's college fund on a
boat...

I'm going to call it "The Scholarship"

Funny boat names:

Seas The Day

She Got The House

Feeling Nauti

Nautiboy

Unsinkable II

Aboat Time

To Sea or Knot To Sea

Costaplenty

Beeracuda

Passing Wind

Campbells Condensed Sloop

Marlin Monroe

Dijabringabeeralong

Moor Often Than Knot

Yeah Buoy

Credits:

www.thetraveltart.com/boating-jokes

<https://upjokes.com/boat-jokes>

**Bay Point FCA Grant
Presentation with FCA Presi-
dent Michael Williams, FCA
Commodore Jack Kennedy
and BPYC Commodore Bob
Ginn.**

**Pictures from their Reopen-
ing party.**





Ft. Walton Yacht Club's Sundowner's Ceremony



P/C and Four Star Commodore Skip Harrington leads the ceremony.



Pensacola Yacht Club

**Celebration of Life
Honoring
Past Commodore Lloyd Thom-
as Stagg
Navy Yacht Club Pensacola**



L to R: Front Row: P/C John Matthews (PYC/NYCP); AM Renee Sutton (PYC/NYCP), AM Nancy Matthews (PYC/NYCP); P/C Bob Dawkins (PYC); P/C Ronald Bray (PYC); P/C Susan McKinnon (PYC); AM Innes Richards (PYC);

Back Row: Com Ken Pyle (NYCP); P/C Bob Sutton (NYCP/PYC); Com Nicole Ferry (PYC); P/C Sam Foreman (PYC); P/C Tim Burr (PYC); P/C Ron Bruce (PYC); P/C Larry Bowyer (PYC); P/C Whit Johnson (NYCP).

**Stuart Corinthian
Yacht Club
Sundowner's
Ceremony
October 17, 2020**



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