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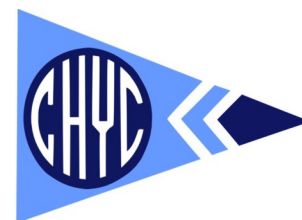
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***July 16 - 17th, 2021***

FCA Summer General Membership Meeting  
Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club  
Port Charlotte, FL  
(Registration & Agenda on pages 18-19)



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***October 8 - 9th, 2021***

Yacht Club Leadership  
Seminar  
Pelican Yacht Club  
Fort Pierce, FL

***October 22-23, 2021***

Fall General Membership  
Meeting & Change of Watch  
Ft. Walton Yacht Club

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### Scheduled publishing dates for 2021:

<u>Publishing Date</u>	<u>Deadline Date</u>
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July 1	June 25
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January 1	December 17

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# From the Helm

P/C Jack Kennedy, FCA Commodore



The FCA is open for business with activities and meetings. I have missed seeing our fraternity of past commodores and friends. The “old normal” is finally back.

Our FCA Summer General Membership Meeting is taking place July 16-17th, 2021 at Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club. You can find a registration form and agenda for this meeting on pages 18 and 19 of this issue. What a great way to rekindle friendships that have been put on hold during the pandemic. Punta Gorda, Florida is a great place to dine and shop; a fun way to get away for the weekend.

Beverly Plummer, our Ship's Store Quartermaster, will have the ship's store open for business during our weekend. This would be a great opportunity to update your uniform needs. As always, she has purchased cool yacht club casual items of interest for you to purchase.

Our Yacht Club Leadership Seminar is coming up on October 8-9th, 2021 at Pelican Yacht Club in Ft. Pierce, Florida. In this issue on page 4, you will find information regarding the upcoming seminar.

Our Fall General Membership Meeting & Change of Watch is at Ft. Walton Yacht Club in Ft. Walton Beach, Florida on October 22-23rd, 2021. Keep checking our website for upcoming information concerning this meeting.

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

This week is a very special time for our country—its birthday! I wish everyone a happy Fourth of July. Enjoy this time with your family and friends.

God Bless America



## Welcome Aboard New Members

P/C Jack Kennedy  
FCA Commodore

I am delighted to welcome the following new members and hope to see each of them at our Membership meeting at Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club in July.

**John Von Senden**, Past Commodore of West River Sailing Club, Galesville, MD presently at Pensacola Yacht Club

**Kyrah Drasheff**, (spouse) Associate Member Pensacola Yacht Club

**Jill Gaupp**, Past Commodore -At Large Appalachee Bay Yacht Club

**Gail Flesche** Past Commodore Pelican Yacht Club



Associate Beverly Plummer, Quartermaster

I certainly hope that you all are as excited and anxious for our upcoming General Membership meeting, this July 16th -17th at Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club as I am. It's been forever since we've been able to meet in person, so I'm looking forward to catching

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up with everyone and hear what's going on at your club.

It may have been awhile since some of you have put on your uniform, so during this membership meeting, I will be giving a review of our uniform(s) components and how to wear them. Our newest members may find this helpful. Did you realize we had a new chapter form during the Pandemic? "Hello & welcome" Mt. Dora Yacht Club chapter. I look forward to meeting our new members at the July meeting.

I also plan on demonstrating how easy it is to order uniform and casual clothing items from our website. This may help those of you that can't attend our General Membership meetings. Shopping the Ship's store in person is the best way to see what's available, but the website is a close second. After all, haven't we all been shopping online more & more this past year?

For those of you planning on attending the meeting in July, you will be happy to know that I've stocked up on several new styles of ladies' nautical tops and a few shirts for the men. Can't wait to see all of you soon and don't forget your checkbooks!!

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## **2021 Leadership Seminar**

P/C Carol Lick, Leadership Chair

Do these topics sound important and worth learning more about for you and your club's leadership?

Join us on October 8th and 9th, 2021 for an intense seminar on these and more.

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

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

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

**Club Business:** Understanding that every club is a business and its leaders cannot effectively oversee its 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.

This year's Yacht Club Leadership Seminar will be held at the Pelican Yacht Club in Ft Pierce, Florida.

Registration information is available on the FCA website: [www.flcommodores.org](http://www.flcommodores.org) and on page 20 of this issue. Your registration includes lunch on Friday and Saturday.

If you have questions please contact P/C Carole Lick. [lickc@msu.edu](mailto:lickc@msu.edu)

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## **Mt. Dora Yacht Club Receives FCA Chapter Charter**

Associate Mary Kennedy, Communications

Back in 2019, FCA Commodore Jack Kennedy and his wife, Mary Kennedy, traveled to Mt. Dora to speak with then Commodore Clarence Kolek and Past Commodore Cas Waddell about the Florida Commodores

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Association (FCA). Interest had been expressed about becoming a chapter of the FCA. During 2020, a chapter application from Mt. Dora Yacht Club was submitted to the FCA along with Past Commodore applications. A trip was planned to travel to Mt. Dora to present them with their charter, but the COVID pandemic derailed these plans. Since that time, COVID protocols had prevented guests from being allowed into the club.

Finally, on May 13th, 2021, Mt. Dora Yacht Club was the scene of a long awaited event. The club held a special dinner for Past Commodores and members and a contingency of FCA officers and spouses. FCA Commodore Jack Kennedy, Vice Commodore Ray Dewrell, Rear Commodore Bob Sutton, Secretary Lynne Reynolds, FCA Foundation President Tom Reynolds, Communication Chair Mary Kennedy, Past Commodore Sam Foreman, and spouses Ann Dewrell, Renee Sutton, and Anna Foreman were in attendance for this presentation.

A meet and greet happy hour was followed with a scrumptious dinner. The dining area had been decorated with a nautical and festive theme for the occasion. FCA members were seated throughout the room in order to socialize with the Mt. Dora Past Commodores and members. Each FCA couple received a gift of an anchor bottle topper in which to remember this evening.

Commodore Jack Kennedy introduced the FCA officers and members attending this special function. He then presented current Commodore Eric Christman with a set of Joe Tringali's *Yachting Custom and Courtesies*, the FCA Chapter Charter, and a burgee from Bay Point Yacht Club. The Florida Commodores Association is thrilled to be able to welcome the Past Commodores and spouses

of Mt. Dora Yacht Club. We look forward to sharing many fun times and experiences in our future get-togethers. Additional pictures on pages 12-14.



Pictured above, left to right: P/C Clarence Kolek, P/C Cas Waddell, FCA Commodore Jack Kennedy, and MDYC Commodore Eric Christman.

## **FCA Hoists the Flag at the 100th Opening Regatta of the GYA**

Associate Mary Kennedy, Communications and P/C John Matthews, FCA Treasurer

St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club (SABYC) served as host for the 100<sup>th</sup> Opening Regatta of the Gulf Yachting Association (GYA) in keeping with the tradition that its first race is hosted by the home club of the GYA Commodore. Past Commodore of SABYC, Jimmy Ruthven, the Commodore of the GYA this year, contacted our Florida Commodores Association (FCA) Commodore Jack Kennedy and requested that the FCA conduct the flag raising at the Opening Ceremony on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.

FCA Commodore Jack Kennedy, Vice Commodore Ray Dewrell, Rear Commodore Bob Sutton, Secretary Lynne Reynolds, Treasurer John Matthews, FCA Foundation President Tom Reynolds, Communications Chair Mary Kennedy, and spouses, Ann Dewrell, Renee Sutton, and Nancy Matthews were attendees

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at the GYA Opening Regatta Cocktail Party on Friday night at SABYC. The SABYC FCA Chapter was also in attendance. Attendees were treated to scrumptious appetizers and tasty libations. Following introductions of the GYA and SABYC Bridge and Board, attendees adjourned downstairs to enjoy an evening meal.



FCA P/C John Matthews, Ray Dewrell, and Bob Sutton  
Picture taken by Julie B. Connerley

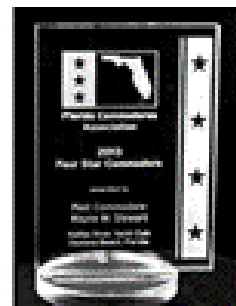
Saturday morning turned out to be a beautiful day for the GYA Board of Directors meeting and for racing. The GYA Club Commodores, GYA Past Commodores, FCA Past Commodores, and guests were witness to a ceremonial flag raising by FCA Vice Commodore Ray Dewrell, Rear Commodore Bob Sutton, and Treasurer John Matthews. Those in attendance were also present when GYA Jimmy Ruthven was presented a trophy named in his honor for all his contributions and tireless work for the GYA.

Our FCA was thrilled to have been asked to participate in such a time-honored tradition. Additional pictures can be seen on our website: [www.flcommodores.org](http://www.flcommodores.org) and on pages 15-17 of this issue.

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### Four-Star Award 2021

P/C Kathy Champagne,  
Chair



As yacht clubs across Florida rally from the closures mandated by COVID 19, I am looking forward to reading the summaries of contributions made by Past Commodores.

The Four Star Award honors outstanding Past Commodores, but all FCA members benefit as we share these inspiring stories.

If there are any questions regarding the nomination process, I can be reached at:  
[kathychampagne@bellsouth.net](mailto:kathychampagne@bellsouth.net).

Nomination guidelines and forms can be found on our website:  
[www.flcommodores.org](http://www.flcommodores.org)

The deadline for the receipt of these documents is **September 30, 2021**

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### WAVE 2021 NEVER FORGET!

P/C Kathy Champagne,  
Chair



The FCA has sponsored the Wounded American Veterans Event, WAVE, since 2013 resulting in several yacht clubs organizing their own event to express appreciation to those who paid the price for our Freedom.

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If your yacht club is interested in participating, the FCA website has posted documents with guides.

If you have questions, feel free to contact me at:

[kathychampagne@bellsouth.net](mailto:kathychampagne@bellsouth.net).



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## FCA Foundation

P/C Tom Reynolds,  
Foundation Treasurer



The foundation is alive and well and continues to accept charitable contributions.

Plans for resuming the distribution of funds for nautical causes are underway and details will be announced at a later date.

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## DROP ANCHOR at the Fort Walton Yacht Club

Associate Lynne Reynolds, FCA Secretary

The purpose of our Drop Anchor group gatherings is to provide an opportunity for the former FWYC Commodores and their spouses to enjoy getting together socially. The current Commodore and spouse are included as honorary members. Otherwise, we include former and current FWYC Commodores and their spouses. They may, of course, choose to join this group or not. We are in our 8th year of gatherings, which are happily attended by all.

Parties are held every other month, in the middle of the month, and usually on a Monday. Each couple or individual in the group hosts a party approximately once every two (2) years. 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 and issuing invitation.

There is one person designated as the “Coordinator of Drop Anchor”, who maintains the schedule, reminds members when it's their turn to host, and offers any support that may be needed.

## HOST RESPONSIBILITIES:

- (1) Contact all members of the Drop Anchor group two weeks before party to remind everyone of the function and seek RSVPs (via e-mail or written note). At the party provide liquid refreshment & hors d'oeuvres.
- (2) If any member cannot host the function they are scheduled for, they are responsible for contacting other hosts to trade dates. This makes it even more important to remind everyone of the changes before the function.
- (3) Also, hosts must contact the Coordinator to inform her/him of changes, so the master schedule can be updated.

We, the members of the Fort Walton Yacht Club Chapter of FCA, heartily recommend this activity as one that strengthens relationships and encourages participation in the local chapter.

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## Boating Safety Courses

Associate Mary Kennedy, Communications

Many boating safety courses are offered throughout the country, for all types of

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recreational boaters, and for boaters of all ages. Qualified volunteer organizations, such as the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, U.S. Power Squadron, and others sponsor many courses, and many state boating agencies also provide classes. A website that lists some of these organizations is:

<https://uscgboating.org/recreational-boaters/boating-safety-courses>.

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### **Preparing Your Boat for a Hurricane**

Associate Mary Kennedy, Communications

If you have a boat that you keep on the Atlantic Coast or on the Gulf of the United States, then you know that you face the possibility of a hurricane hitting your area during the Summer and/or Fall months. You do not want to wait until a storm is pending. A hurricane plan can keep your boat on the water instead of under it. It can also minimize your insurance risks. How you prepare depends on where you keep your boat.

These tips are compiled from articles found on websites at West Marine, the Marine Insurance Division of BoatUS, and BoatSafe. More detailed recommendations can be found on their websites.

<https://www.westmarine.com/WestAdvisor/Hurricane-Preparation>

<https://boatsafe.com/hurricane-preparation-checklist> Article written by Ian Fortey (updated on 3/7/2021)

- 1) Know your marine insurance coverage and what it covers and does not cover.
- 2) Inventory the contents of your boat. Take pictures or video in case things are damaged or lost.
- 3) Secure important information in a waterproof, floating lockbox that is easily re-

moved. Make copies as part of your equipment inventory. Items to include would be:

Insurance policy  
Boat registration  
Radio license  
Marina rental agreement

4) Know your marina's policies. Some marinas may allow you to remain in your berth, but others, due to insurance, may require that you move your boat. In cases such as these, you will need a plan to haul your boat away to a more secure spot, such as a hurricane hole.

5) If you must haul your boat, coordinate in advance with your marina.

6) Inspect your trailer to make sure it is in good working order. That means tires, wheel bearings, tow hitch, and lights.

7) Hurricane holes, a protected area located far inland that can avoid surge and winds, can provide coverage if you are aware that they have been tested. Otherwise, a building or garage could be better.

8) Mooring boats in the water needs to be in areas where the waves have the least distance to build up. Canals can be used because you can use the Deadman anchors on either side to tie off your boat in the middle of the canal.

9) Remember to allow for storm surge when tying up your mooring lines. Putting out plenty of scope on your anchor line to allow for storm surge is also helpful.

10) Place plenty of fenders around your boat.

11) Replace old or frayed lines and place chafing gear over your dock lines to reduce stress.

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12) Regardless of the type of boat, canvas, mainsail covers and sails, cockpit covers, furling genoas, dodgers, and biminis should be removed, if possible.

13) Make sure bilge pumps are in working order.

14) Inspect hatches, portholes, and entrances for leaks.

The better your plan, the more likely you and your boat will be able to cruise another day.

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### **Crossing the Bar**



P/C Richard "Asa"  
Cohen  
1941 - 2021

Asa was a Past Commodore of the Anchor Boat Club, a member of the Palm Coast Yacht Club and a charter member of the Coquina Coast Chapter of FCA. He passed away on April 30 just a dozen days before his 80th birthday.

A native of Newburgh, New York, he enjoyed a 30 year career with Verizon and moved to Palm Coast in 1995 after retirement with Linda, his wife of 49 years. A long time Mason, he held the position of Grand Lecturer of the State of New York and a past Master of several Lodges. He was a member of many local social organizations both in New York and Florida.

His pastimes included cruising on their yacht 'AsaLin', stained glass, growing orchids, bridge, world travel and Sudoku.



P/C Mickey LaGarde  
1946 — 2021

Past Commodore Mickey LaGarde, of the Fort Walton Yacht Club, passed away on 16 June 2021 after a gallant fight with multiple myeloma.

He was born in France in 1946 and was later adopted by an American military family.

Following his college education, he became an officer in the Army, serving for 25 years, including assignments in Vietnam, Europe and other locations, receiving numerous decorations. Retiring to Shalimar, FL, he became a member of the Fort Walton Yacht Club and served in several bridge positions and twice as Commodore. He was also a very active member of the Florida Commodores Association for many years.

He will be missed by all who knew and sailed with him. Mickey wrote a few words to be shared with his friends. ... : "Each of you have brought much joy to my life and made me a better man. Friends are, indeed, like fine wine because they do get better with age. And, to my friends, I ask that, on occasion, you think of me when enjoying a good glass of French wine!"

## *Galley Bites*

### **Energy Bite Balls:**



Energy bite balls are without doubt easy-to-make and delicious.

When put in an airtight container, they can stay fresh for up to a whole week. This is a snack you would definitely not want to miss while at sea.

### **Ingredients:**

1 cup of oats, rolled  
1/2 cup peanut butter  
1/2 cup of chocolate chips  
1/2 cup honey  
1 tbsp vanilla extract

### **Preparation:**

Combine all the ingredients in a large mixing bowl. Mold the dough into small balls using your hands. Put them in a bowl and chill them in a refrigerator between 30 to 60 minutes. Serve.

### **Rainbow Fruit Kabobs:**



This is perhaps the easiest fruit snack you can make and enjoy while on your seafaring adventures.

Just like its name suggests, the snack combines a variety of fruits with different tastes and colors in one skewer. This can be a great snack, especially when you're boating with kids.

### **Ingredients:**

Strawberries  
Pineapples  
Oranges  
Grapes (red and green)  
Peeled kiwi  
Blueberries

### **Preparation:**

Wash and prepare all these fruits by cutting them into chunks, except for the grapes. Take a skewer and start mounting each of the fruits on the stick in the following order: grapes, kiwi fruit, blueberry, pineapple, or

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orange, and then strawberry. Make as many fruit skewers as you desire. Arrange them on a serving plate to form a rainbow. Serve.

Credits: <https://cruisingsea.com/good-snacks-for-boating-10-best-easy-recipes>

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## Just A Little Humor



## Barcode Navy

Why does the Norwegian navy have barcodes on the side of their ships?

So that when the ships come back into port they can Scandinavian!

## Don't start anything!

A sailor brings his boat up to a restaurant dock to eat lunch.

The dockhand says: "I'm sorry, sir, but I can't let you dine here today. This establishment has a neck-tie policy, and you are not wearing one."

"Of course I don't have a tie on," replied the sailor, "I'm on a boat!"

"Well, go down below and put one on," said the dockhand.

"I don't HAVE one!" shouted the sailor.

The dockhand, not wanting to turn away a customer, said: "Well, why don't you just find something that approximates a tie. That should be OK."

After some time, the sailor comes out with a pair of jumper cables. "This is all I could find to put around my neck," he said.

Sighing, the deck hand said: "OK, I'll let you in with those, but just don't start anything."

## An expensive snore cure

A woman was nearing the end of her tether – every

night her husband snored so loudly that it kept her awake.

She decided to call the family doctor to see if there was anything that could be done to relieve her nightly suffering.

"Well, there is one operation I can perform that will cure your husband of his snoring," said the doctor, "but I must warn you that it is rather expensive. It will cost you a deposit of £15,000, and payments of £1,000 for 48 months, as well as money for extras."

"Good grief!" exclaimed the woman. "That sounds like I'm buying a yacht!"

"Hmm," the doctor murmured, "too obvious, huh?"

## Testing a fishy theory

Two sailors are talking:

Sailor A: "I hear fish is good brain food."

Sailor B: "Yeah, I eat it all the time."

Sailor A: "Well, there goes another theory!"

Credits: <https://www.yachtingmonthly.com/cruising-life/boat-jokes-to-make-you-smile>

## *The Hull Truth!*



Credit: <https://duckduckgo.com/?q=boating+jokes+humor>



# Mt. Dora Yacht Club Charter Presentation







Downloaded from [www.researchprotocols.org](https://www.researchprotocols.org)







# FCA Flag Raising at St. Andrew's Bay Yacht Club GYA's 100th Year Regatta –Cocktail Party









# FCA Flag Raising at St. Andrew's Bay Yacht Club GYA's 100th Year Regatta







**Florida Commodores Association**  
Registration Form  
Summer General Membership Meeting  
July 16-17, 2021



Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter/Yacht Club: \_\_\_\_\_ FCYC# \_\_\_\_\_

Member                      Associate                      Guest  
Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Thursday Arrivals, July 15th**

Dinner on your own

**# of Persons    \$Amount**

**Friday, July 16th**

Happy Hour at CHYC (Cash Bar)

Dinner on your own or at the Club (your cost)

\_\_\_\_\_ (dining at the club)

**Saturday, July 17th**

Continental Breakfast (Complimentary)

Soup/Sandwich Buffet Lunch at CHYC (\$16.00 per person)

Dinner Buffet at CHYC (\$35.00 per person)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: A check for your meal charges needs to be sent in with the registration form. Please make check out to FCA.**

Please mail your registration form with check payment to FCA Treasurer John Matthews at 2701 North 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Pensacola, FL 32503. Forms should be returned *immediately*.



**Florida Commodores Association**  
*Past, Present, & Future Commodores*



**2021 SPRING GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**July 16-17, 2021**

**Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club**

4400 Lister Street

Port Charlotte, FL 33952

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Friday, July 16, 2021**

1200 FCA Foundation Meeting

1500 FCA Executive Committee Meeting

1800 Cocktails at CHYC Lounge, "Ships Wheel" – Cash bar (Yacht club casual attire)  
(Dinner on your own afterwards or dinner from the menu at CHYC)

**Saturday, July 17, 2021**

0830 Registration, Ship's Store, and complimentary Continental Breakfast at CHYC (Ballroom)

0900 Membership Meeting (Class C Uniform) (Ballroom)

1100 Educational Presentation – Communication/Leadership Seminar (Ballroom)

1200 Soup/Sandwich Lunch Buffet in CHYC's Harbor Room

1300 Presentation – (To be announced) (Ballroom)

1800 Cocktails at CHYC Lounge, "Ships Wheel" – Cash bar (Class B Uniform)

1830 Sundowner's Ceremony (Class B Uniform)

1900 Dinner at CHYC (Harbor Room) (Class B Uniform and attire)

**Uniform:**

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

Class B Uniform: Single-breasted Navy-Blue blazer with white shirt, tie, white trousers, white web belt, white shoes and socks for gentlemen; Navy-Blue blazer with white shirt, white skirt/slacks, white web belt with brass buckle, and white shoes. Name tag should be worn on the right side at pocket height.





*Past, Present, and Future*

# Florida Commodores Association

## Yacht Club Leadership Seminar Registration

October 08 – 09, 2020

Pelican Yacht Club

Ft. Pierce, FL

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

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

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

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

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 \$135.00 if you are a member of FCA or \$150.00 if you are not a member of the FCA.

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

Please note “LRC” on your envelope.

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