



The Florida Commodores Journal



April Meeting at



Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club

Keepers of the Flame

Preserving the Customs and Traditions of
Yachting for future generations

At the Helm

Commodore Larry Kimmerling



The FCA Spring 2013 membership meeting at the beautiful Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club was well attended, informative, educational and a fun time for everyone. Thank you to the CHYC officers and staff for their hospitality, professional service and friendship.

Executive Committee



The Saturday membership meeting attendees were welcomed by CHYC Commodore Bill Kumm. A certificate of appreciation was presented to our very gracious host. It is always a pleasure and honor to introduce FCA Past Commodores who are present at our membership meetings. It was great to recognize six(6) in attendance at the CHYC meeting; PC Rich Oakley, CHYC; PC Art Garside, PPYC; PC Jack Kennedy, BPYC; PC Phil Bouckaert, NPBYC; PC Lou Daniello, PBSC; PC Tom Reynolds, FWYC.

Vice Commodore John Slattery reported Host Yacht Club meeting confirmations for 2014; Sarasota Yacht Club, April, others to be announced.



Past Commodore Kathy Champagne gave an excellent power point presentation on the W.A.V.E. (Wounded American Veterans Event) program. This is a great program and all donations and proceeds for this event go directly to event expenses. The W.A.V.E. gives wounded American veterans a day on the water. The WAVE 2013 will be held in Pensacola in August. The new commemorative burgee will include the "VIVA Florida 500" logo in the center, since the event is registered with the State of Florida and is on the official State calendar. This is a great program for FCA Club Chapters. If you would like additional information on how your club can host a WAVE program please contact PC Champagne at kathychampagne@bellsouth.net for details.

Past Commodore Wayne Stewart reported on the FCA Grant Program for the ICA Academy. This program has been approved by the Executive Committee and is designed to provide a financial grant to deserving individuals for attendance at the ICA Academy. Eligibility, grant specifications and requirements will be announced on www.flcommodores.org.

Vice Commodore John Slattery announced the 2013 Four Start Commodore Awards Program is underway. This program recognizes those Past Commodores that answered the call above and beyond the call of duty. Those individuals that did something that

had a major impact on their club and/or its membership. Additional information is on the FCA website.

The afternoon program on the Panama Canal, by Robert R. McMillan was fascinating.



Mr. McMillan was named by President George Bush to the Board of the Panama Canal Commission and confirmed by the United States Senate for the post on November 19, 1989. On October 27, 1993, Mr. McMillan was elected Chairman of the Commission's Board of Directors--the first person who was not an official of the Department of Defense to serve as Chairman. McMillan outlined the historical and strategic importance of the canal and the transformation of Panama through over eighteen years of democracy, while looking forward to the future of one of the most important global passages in the world's economy.

Clearwater's Paige Railey and Tampa's Brad Kendall were among the 34 athletes named to the 2013 US National Team announced by US Sailing last month. Railey, who represented the United States at the 2012 Summer Olympics in Weymouth, England sails laser radial, and Kendall the Paralympics team Doerr, and Hugh Freund on a sonar team. Our continued support of youth and young adult sailing programs, directed towards US Sailing and future Olympians, is in keeping with our mission; "Keepers of the Flame." These young sailors and their parents, many who are currently members of Florida YC's provide our clubs with future membership opportunities.

The upcoming Summer Meeting is July 19th and 20th at the Coral Reef Yacht Club. This is a great opportunity to enjoy the beautiful south Florida area and the Coral Reef Yacht Club.....consider an extended stay. Have fun. See you there!

The Ships Store



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Nautical Puzzler

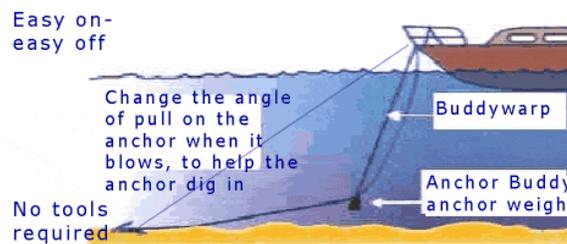
What is a **Sentinel** or a **Kellet** ? Why and how is it used?

Answer

There are many times that we do not wish for our boats to move around. Usually we just tie it to the dock. When we do not have a dock available then we use “Ground Tackle” - an anchor. One of the great advantages of having a boat is that it allows us to really get away. Some of the most delightful inlets, coves or bays are there for solitude and enjoying the scenery or for or for partying with a bunch of good friends who have cruised to the same inlet. This raises the need for anchoring. Even the most protected cove has some current and of course there is the wind which will most surely blow us out to sea or into the shore while we sleep or party.

Now there are many kinds of anchors but they all work on the same principle—they are hard to pull through the bottom ground - they dig in. They are shaped to bury themselves when pulled parallel to the bottom surface. Conversely, when you want to get them up you pull straight up and they come loose. To get a good hold with the anchor you want the pull on it to be along the bottom and usually we use a heavy chain. A boat length or two is considered appropriate. If that isn't enough just let out more rode. You will be further from the anchor but the tangle will be smaller. So far so good BUT?

Suppose there are many boats in this anchorage and you can't have 300 feet to swing about if the wind shifts. Or suppose the cove is very deep and you only have so much rode.. That is where a Sentinel or Kellet comes in handy. It is simply a weight fastened to the anchor line



Next Issue's Puzzler

What is a “Trade Wind”? Which way does it blow and what causes it?



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A recent change to the FCA Bylaws resulted in the Immediate Past Commodore being given the responsibility for the Area Ambassador Program. The vision is that the Ambassadors, in addition to identifying and working with potential new chapters, will work with Chapter Presidents and enhance communications with FCA. We need your ideas, input and inventiveness on how the FCA can improve its efforts to attract new members and chapters.

If you are willing to serve as an area Ambassador or assist in this program please contact John. The FCA good people to serve and help FCA expand and improve its membership, programs and activities.

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FROM THE TREASURER

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From the Treasurers desk,

As of June 1 we have 204 regular members and 102 associate members for a total of 306 members and we are continuing to grow!



Thanks to the hard work of P/C Jack Kennedy of Bay Pointe Yacht Club and Immediate Past Commodore John Matthews of Pensacola Yacht Club, it looks very much like we will be soon adding a new chapter at St Andrews Bay Yacht Club in Panama City FL. Two of their members visited with us at Bay Pointe when we were there in February and liked what they saw and joined up shortly thereafter as At Large members. Jack Kennedy followed up with a visit and explained what they need to become a Chapter. We look forward to receiving more member applications for membership as well as a charter application in the near future. Congratulations to John and Jack.

There are many more members out there to be reached. Our Ambassador program is attempting to do just that. For more information on becoming an Ambassador contact any member of the Excom.

Have you moved or changed your email address? Many folks do and forget to keep us up to date. There is now a place to update your information on our web site www.Flcommodores.org . Please take a few minutes and ensure that we have your latest information.

Thanks,

P/C Robert Plummer
Treasurer



Four Star Commodore

Kathy Champagne



Kathy is a Past Commodore of the Navy Yacht Club in Pensacola, FL. In addition to the outstanding achievements on her watch she started the WAVE program to honor Wounded American Veterans.

What may seem like a routine cruise to us can be a memorable Event to people without boats. (see at the Helm Page 2). It is a small job to we boaters but it is a way to say thank you to the brave men and women who have willingly gone into harms way to preserve our freedoms.

She is currently trying to spread the WAVE program to all the Yacht Clubs in Florida.

Opening Day and Blessing of the Fleet at Fort Walton Yacht Club



First row left to right is P/C Jack Kennedy, Bay Point Yacht Club, P/C John Langford FWYC,

FCA Treasurer P/C Robert Plummer, FWYC and P/C Phyllis Seaton FWYC.

Second row, Barbara Harrington FWYC, Mary Kennedy BPYC, Beverly Parsons FWYC, Lynne Reynolds,

FWYC, Carole Langford FWYC, FCA Quartermaster Beverly Plummer, FWYC, P/C David Vaughan, FWYC and

FCA P/C Tom Reynolds.

Our Newest Member at Large: **Ingrid Menz**

It has been a long road before I got to Florida. I was born in the Black Forest area in Germany where our family lived in the country till I was 8 years old. From there we moved to Stuttgart, Germany, the big city. At the age of 16, my family decided to move to the Americas. Well, we ended up in Toronto, Canada aboard a converted freighter. What a ride that was, particularly, crossing the English Channel. We lived in Canada for 8 years and it was cold. One of our vacations was to Florida for 2 weeks along the coast. The first stop was Daytona Beach all the way to the Keys. I was hooked.



I arrived in West Palm Beach, Florida in 1967. My career was in the banking sector for 35 years. I am a divorced mother with 2 children. My son, an architect is 39 years old and lives close by. My daughter is 34 and she works for a Luxury Home Builder. She lives very close, right next door.

My hobbies are snow skiing, travelling, boating and gardening. Lou Daniello, my significant other, introduced me to sailing and the FCA and the many great people that are part of the organization.

A "Member at Large" is appointed by the Commodore and serves at the pleasure of the Commodore. Ingrid will represent the interests of the associate membership.



Pensacola Yacht Chapter Florida Commodores Association



Chapter Projects

The Pensacola Chapter of the Florida Commodores Association is very active at the Pensacola Yacht Club (PYC). It has been an objective of the Chapter to perform projects



for the yacht club which enhance the image of the club and continue its many customs and traditions. As an example, the picture on the left is of very historical significance. PYC is a charter member of the Gulf Yachting Association (GYA) and as such is required to own one of the Association's primary one design boats for traditional Capdevielle Competition

among the member clubs of the GYA. In the beginning of the GYA, this competition was held in Fish Class one design boats such as shown above. The Fish pictured is hull number One and has been part of PYC's history since 1920. The Fish is regularly inspected and maintained by the PYC Chapter FCA.

The chapter also honors distinguished members of the yacht club for their outstanding service to the club. One such honoree is Mrs Allen Dennis whose husband was the Vice Commodore of the Yacht Club and suffered a heart attack and died before he could be elected Commodore. She is affectionately called Libba and has been providing live flowers table decorations for the dining area for over 50 years. All of the flowers are grown in her yard. A member of PYC since 1948, Libba has served the club not only with her flowers but will her outstanding spirit of volunteering wherever she can. Recently, Libba had to move to an assisted living facility but she still



manages to come to the club on special occasions. The tree pictured above is called "The Libba Tree" and was planted by the PYC Chapter to honor her dedication and commitment to the Pensacola Yacht Club.



When Pensacola Yacht Club purchased the Muldoon Estate in the 1940s, the sundial pictured to the left was a prominent fixture on the front lawn of the estate. However, following Hurricane Ivan in 2004, the sundial was removed from the lawn to permit repairs and renovation to the lawn and the clubhouse. In the interim, the sundial was forgotten. About two

years ago, the sundial was found stored in one of the club's storage sheds with no base. The chapter decided it should be returned to a place of historical prominence on the lawn of the club. The base for the sundial was built and the complete fixture was installed in a special location so it could be viewed by the members as they enter the clubhouse. The sundial was accurately restored so it does give the accurate time as provided by the sun.

When the PYC Chapter was first organized, the chapter honored all past commodores of the club when they died regardless of whether or not they were still active members of the club. In 2008, the chapter decided to create a Memorial Plaque complete with a Ship's Bell to honor all the past commodores of the club. In the middle of the plaque is a plate with the inscription of "Crossing the Bar" by Tennyson. On the left are the names of all past commodores who were not members of the PYC Chapter FCA. On the right are the names of the past commodores who have been members of the PYC Chapter that have died. In each of these cases, a special memorial service is conducted by the Chapter to honor them. The bell is sounded 8 times to signify their "Change of Watch" is complete and their "Tour of Duty" is finished. The memorial plaque is displayed in the Commodore's Room of the clubhouse.





PYC as a member of the Gulf Yachting Association is also a member of the United States Sailing Association, the governing body of the sport of sailing in the US. The GYA is a member "yacht racing association" of US Sailing. As a member YRA, the GYA provides representation to USSailing for its sailors, encourages participation in USSailing sanctioned national championships and provides an Appeals Committee to decide appeals involving the International Racing Rules of Sailing. PYC conducts many local, regional, and national sailing competitions and events. In order to assist local and visiting competitors, the PYC Chapter built a "mast stepping device" that enables sailors to raise and lower their masts in preparation for competitions. This device is pictured on the left. There is not a day during competitive sailing events that this device is not used.

One of the many "controversies" discussed by many of the older members of PYC was the fact that our flagpole was not a "gaff rigged" pole as displayed by many recognized yacht clubs in the US. Several plans were considered to replace the existing flagpole with a "gaff rigged" flagpole but when the cost to do so was considered, it was decided to put it on the back burner. Recently, the PYC Chapter decided to go ahead with a plan to make the existing flagpole a traditional gaff rigged pole. The picture to the right shows the new gaff rigged pole as it currently exists on the front lawn of the club. When the PYC Chapter conducts the Sundowner Ceremony, the lowering of the US flag even has greater meaning in terms of custom and tradition.





Recently, the wife of one of PYC's oldest past commodores and a very active member of the PYC Chapter died from pancreatic cancer. Her husband, Past Commodore Billie Daughdrill, requested that the PYC Chapter consider planting a Magnolia Tree in her honor. The Chapter agreed it was very fitting to honor Joan Daughdrill, a native of Mississippi, an avid sailor and fisherman and a very active member of PYC and the FCA.



The Pensacola Yacht Club chapter continues to plan and implement projects that benefit the entire yacht club and its membership. All projects are submitted to the PYC Board of Directors for review and approval.



Upcoming Events 2013

**Summer Membership Meeting
July 19-20, 2013
Coral Reef Yacht Club, Coconut Grove, Fl.**

**FCA 5th Anniversary Celebration,
Annual Meeting and Change of Watch
October 25-26, 2013
Halifax River Yacht Club, Daytona Beach Fl.**

**Third Academy of Yachting Officers and Professionals
November 21-23, 2013
Pelican Yacht Club, Fort Pierce Fl.**

Florida Commodores Association Summer Meeting

July 19 – 20, 2013

Local Area Hotel Accommodations

Preferred Choice of the FCA:

Residence Inn Marriott

2835 Tigertail Avenue, Coconut Grove, FL 33133

Below is direct link created for the FCA to make your reservations

<http://cwp.marriott.com/miaco/fca2013/>

\$99.00* for Studio-King

\$99.00* for One Bedroom-Queen

Secure Self-Parking \$7.50 per day

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And request your choice of room as listed above

*Rates good only till July 5th, 2013

(*the above rates will be honored if stay is extended before the meeting and after the meeting)

Luxury Hotel:

Mayfair Hotel and Spa

www.mayfairhotelandspa.com

3000 Florida Avenue

Miami, FL 33133

PH: (305) 441-0000

\$189.00

Valet Parking \$26.00 per night



Florida Commodores Association

Registration Form

Summer Membership Meeting at Coral Reef Yacht Club

July 19 – 20, 2013

Dockage available at Coral Reef Yacht Club by calling Dock Master Carter Myers @ 305-858-1733 x216

Name(s) _____

Chapter/Yacht Club _____

Regular Member ___ Associate Member ___ Guest ___

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone _____ Email: _____

Registration fee: # Attending Total

\$15/person payable with Registration # _____ \$ _____

Friday, July 19, 2013

Meet and Greet at the Residence Inn Hotel

Saturday, July 20, 2013

Coral Reef Yacht Club

Breakfast Pastry & Lunch buffet \$30.00 per person # _____ \$ _____

Dinner at Coral Reef Yacht Club person(s)

Dinner Choices:	Grouper Meuniere	\$50.00	# _____	\$ _____
	Grilled NY Sirloin	\$50.00	# _____	\$ _____
	Tanglewood Chicken	\$45.00	# _____	\$ _____
			Total	\$ _____

Cash Bar: Cocktails, Beer, Wine and Soda

(All charges to be paid to FCA with Registration Fee by July 9th)

Mail Registration Form with check in care of: Louis Daniello

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Florida Commodores Association

Summer Membership Meeting at the Coral Reef Yacht Club



Dinner Menu, Saturday, July 20th

CRYC bread basket with artisan breads and butter

Caesar Salad with homemade croutons, Caesar dressing and parmesan cheese

ENTRÉE CHOICES

Grouper Meuniere*

Coral Reef's classic recipe, lightly dusted in flour and eggs with lemon beurre blanc, mashed potatoes and petite vegetables

Grilled NY Sirloin*

10 oz. Sirloin grilled to your request
With wild mushroom sauce, roasted garlic mashed potatoes and petite vegetables

Tanglewood Farms Chicken*

Roasted chicken, mashed potatoes and petite vegetables

Dessert
Ice Cream Sundae

Coffee, Hot Tea or Ice Tea

(*the price of the dinner includes tax and service fees)



Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club Meeting

