

The Florida Commodores Journal

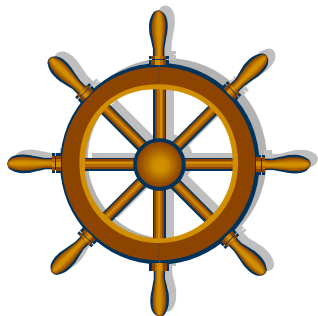
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Annual Meeting and Change of Watch Information



**Stuart Corinthian Yacht Club
Site of the Summer Meeting**



FROM THE HELM

Commodore June Ann Degraw

Commodore 2014-2015



It is hard to believe that summer is almost over. Long days and warm evenings give us more time to enjoy the outdoors with family and friends. Summer just never lasts long enough for me.

A big thank you goes out to Stuart Corinthians Yacht Club Chapter for hosting our Summer Event. We were welcomed by Commodore Dowds and the wonderful staff. Thank you for your hospitality.

Paige Railey from Clearwater Yacht Club placed first in the laser class at the Pam American Games in Canada this past July. The FCA has been a continuous supporter of this outstanding sailor and her brother Brad, an Olympic Silver Medalist, over the past years. This win is even more meaningful as this young woman has been fighting back from a bicycle accident in 2014. P/C Larry Kimmerling made the announcement of her win at our Summer Event. The room was instantly filled with cheers and toasts for Paige's success. We are all looking forward to the 2016 Olympics in Rio and ready to cheer on Paige as she goes for the gold.

It may be the slower pace of summer, but the FCA has not slowed down. Coming up **November 12-14** is our **Seminar for Yachting Officers**. The location is the Pelican Yacht Club in Fort Pierce, Florida. Please see the application and brochure that is in this Journal and online. The Seminar is designed to prepare Flag Officers for the positions they have been elected to by their club. Topics that will be covered are leadership, how to run a successful meeting, cost control, inventory control, insurance, liabilities, the law, strategic planning and traditions to name just some of the topics that will be covered. There are only a very limited number of spaces available, so I suggest that you recruit your incoming officers. Prepared officers make for a well-run club.

At the Summer Event, the Executive Committee made a \$5000.00 donation to the Florida Commodores Association Foundation in memory of P/C and FCA Treasurer Robert Plummer. This endowment will assist the Foundation in meeting its goal of \$20,000 before they start to entertain applications for grants. Please consider a personal donation to the Foundation. The Foundation is a 501.c.3 making your donations tax deductible.

Our next gathering will be our Annual Meeting and Change of Watch. The FCA will be welcomed by the Halifax River Yacht Club in Daytona Beach, home club of our incoming Commodore, P/C Wayne Stuart. Please mark October 23 and 24 on your calendar. The hotel will be the Bahama House which is directly on the famous Daytona Beach. Detailed information is in this Journal. Bruce and I always enjoyed our visits to HRYC and we are looking forward to returning. All the information you need for this event is in the Journal and on our website.

Friday, October 23, I will again be hosting the Ladies Luncheon at noon, in the HRYC dining room. This luncheon is open of all female past commodores and current officers of any yacht. This event has been very successful this year. We do not follow an agenda and we never run out of issues and situations to talk about. FCA membership is not required. This is an informal gathering, uniforms are not required. We will be ordering off the regular menu. Please RSVP by email at junedegraw.fca@gmail.com.

Bruce and I wish you a peaceful Labor Day Weekend and we are looking forward to seeing you all in October at Halifax River Yacht Club.



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In Memorium John Langford Past Commodore Fort Walton Yacht Club

It is with a sad heart that we let you know that John Langford, (Commodore FWYC 2004) and Charter Member of the FCA since the beginning, passed away on Sunday, August 23rd 2015. John was a very active member of the FCA. Services will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on John Sims Parkway in Niceville, FL on Saturday, 5 September. The church will open at 9:30 am and the service begins at 10:00 am.

Please keep his wife Carole and the Langford family in your hearts and prayers. Memorial gifts may be sent to either the Emerald Coast Sailing Association or the Florida Commodores Association Foundation Inc (contact info below).

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In Memorium Richard "Dick" Gravino Past Commodore Sarasota Yacht Club



Dick Gravino left this life for a better one on August 18, 2015. He was born in Lebanon, PA where he graduated from Catholic High School in 1959.

Following graduation he enlisted in the United States Air Force, serving from 1960-1963. While based in Germany he played on the Rhein-Main Rockets football team and other USAF sports teams. It was in Germany that Dick met the love of his life, Margit, in 1962 and they were married in 1964.

Dick acquired his bachelor degree through the military and night schooling and pursued a career in the field of financial services. He held several senior level positions rising to the level of president of two major consumer financial services companies.

Dick and Margit retired to Longboat Key, FL in 2004 and immediately joined Sarasota Yacht Club. Dick quickly became involved in all aspects of the club. He served on the Board of Directors 2005-2008 during which time he served as treasurer, rear and vice commodore and in 2008 was elected commodore. He was elected to fill a board vacancy in 2009; serving once again as treasurer, was elected for another three-year term and served until early this year. He also chaired the SYC Building Task Force, during which time the old clubhouse was razed and the new \$12 million clubhouse was constructed. He also served a term as president of the SYC Chapter of FCA. In addition, he served on a number of committees at SYC including entertainment, membership, SYC Charitable Foundation, and served as host for many weekend cruises.

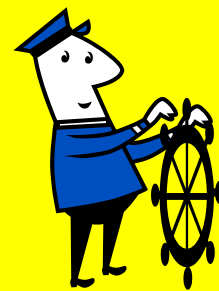
Wife, Margit, daughter, Jill Gravino, granddaughter Erica Gravino, five brothers, Helmut and Petra Niedermayer (brother-in-law) and (sister-in-law) Doris Dunlap survive Dick. He was preceded in death by his parents, stepfather, son, Richard, and in-laws Walter and Anni Dallmann.

A Celebration of Life was held at the Club on Sunday, August 23. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Dick's name to All American Dachshund Rescue by going to the website, allamericandachshundrescue.org or by mail to: All American Dachshund Rescue, c/o Melissa Chenault, 5016 Spedale Court, #236, Spring Hill, TN 37174. The organization requests that any donations include "In memory of Dick Gravino".

Pictures from the Summer Meeting Stuart Corinthian Yacht Club



FCA Commodore June Ann DeGraw presiding at the opening of the General Membership meeting at Stuart Corinthian Yacht Club.



FCA Vice Commodore Wayne Stewart introducing Past Commodore Bob Peterson, Isles Yacht Club, as the Guest Presenter. Bob gave a superb presentation on the relationship between the Yacht Club Commodore and the Yacht Club General Manager.



Pictures from the Summer Meeting Stuart Corinthian Yacht Club

Associate Member Donna Nelms Robinson, wife of Past Commodore and FCA Fleet Captain Jim Robinson, St Andrews Bay Yacht Club Chapter, making a purchase from the FCA Ships Store. Donna is our new Web Master.



FCA Rear Commodore Sam Foreman, Pensacola Yacht Club, congratulating Past Commodore Bob Peterson, Isles Yacht Club, on his excellent presentation on the relationship between the Yacht Club Commodore and the Yacht Club General Manager and his recent membership into the FCA.

SHIPS STORE IS ALWAYS OPEN

AM Beverly Plummer, our industrious Quartermaster is always looking for new ideas for the members. She always has a good stock and selection of FCA insignia and clothing.

Please give her a call or send her an email.



I always look forward to bringing the Ship's store to the October meeting and this year is no exception. For those of you planning on attending let me tell you in advance about some of the new items I will be bringing with me. If you aren't able to attend, just remember you can always contact me through the website and place an order that way.

New items available are: PRE-KNOTTED MEN'S FCA TIES – I have just a few of these to see if there is a demand for them. These ties are pre-knotted and have Velcro to close behind the neck.

W.A.V.E. BURGEES and BASEBALL CAPS - For those of you that would like to help promote our W.A.V.E. program you may now do so by purchasing a burgee or cap for your personal use.

In the Ship's store boutique I will have some new gift and clothing items. Please remember that these are items that are in limited quantity and some are not available for me to reorder. I will be bringing several new clothing items, some jewelry and gifts items. If you didn't get to buy a silver FCA charm bracelet I have a few more of these available too.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at Halifax River YC.



SYC Recognized as “Distinguished Emerald Club of the World”

Sarasota Yacht Club was recently named a Distinguished Emerald Club by *BoardRoom Magazine*.

In accordance with Distinguished Clubs’ methodology, only clubs that earn a 9.0 Distinguished Clubs score or greater are awarded Distinguished Emerald Club status. To be a Distinguished Gold Club is to be one of a highly select group of private clubs that have been recognized as providing an absolutely excellent Member Experience, and to be a Distinguished Emerald Club, the club must provide a Member Experience at a level attained by only the finest clubs in the world.

Five years ago, with the opening of the new clubhouse, Sarasota Yacht Club began a progressive transition period both externally and internally. Movement from an old quaint building, which was demolished, to a festival-style tent and then to a brand new coastal contemporary Club was only the beginning. Membership growth has been continuous and the average member age during those five years has declined by 20+ years, as the number of members with young children has increased.

SYC members agree that once a Friday night Happy Hour, a monthly party, one of the many “Clubs within the Club”, a weekend cruise, paddleboarding, sailing or the poolside bar has been experienced that without a doubt, Member Experience is what Sarasota Yacht Club does best.

As SYC members celebrated the Emerald event P/C Pete Kujawski (2013-2014) was recognized as one of *BoardRoom Magazine’s* 22 Private Club Presidents of the Year. These leaders, from four countries, were honored for practicing what they preach – leadership for the betterment of their clubs – board presidents or chairs, who have served as the volunteer leaders of their club. It is the seventh year the industry’s top private club presidents have been honored.

BoardRoom Magazine developed the Distinguished Clubs award program to help vitalize and preserve the institution of private clubs by fostering a ceaseless drive to ever improve the “Member Experience” provided by private clubs throughout the world. Distinguished Gold Club status will be awarded to the top 10 percent of clubs, and the top 5 percent will be awarded Distinguished Emerald Club status. As defined by Distinguished Clubs, “Member Experience” is that special combination of “Qualities” that a private club provides its members. It is not just the quality of service, or the facilities, or the product provided, it is also the quality of the staff and of the management, as well as the overall club governance they deliver. The most important quality, however, is the quality of the intangible. While difficult to measure, the latter is comprised of those magic moments experienced, the members befriended, the memorable events attended, as well as the club traditions, history, and heritage proudly recognized.

The Distinguished Clubs award program uses a club-specific rating system that recognizes the club, its management, and its staff based on proprietary criteria and evaluation process that distills and measures a club’s Member Experience. Other yacht clubs that received the Emerald Club Award include Naples Yacht Club, Annapolis Yacht Club and the St. Francis Yacht Club.



Sarasota Yacht Club Past Commodore Pete Kujawski Receives a Private Club President of the Year Award

Proposed By Law Changes:

The Executive Committee has proposed the following changes to the FCA Bylaws. The changes are identified in RED below for the designated Articles, Sections, and Paragraphs of the By Laws.

ARTICLE III – ORGANIZATION

The FCA shall be composed of individual ~~Past Commodore~~ (delete) Members in good standing, approved Yacht Club Chapters (including Geographic Chapters) and the Executive Committee

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

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

Individual Membership:

~~A person eligible for individual membership must have been a~~ (delete)

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

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

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

B. The current sitting ~~Commodore, Vice Commodore,~~ (delete) Rear Commodore and Fleet Captain of Recognized Yacht Clubs. (Add) Associate membership is valid only while in these positions.

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

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

SECTION 3 – ELECTION – Officers shall be nominated and elected and installed at the Annual Fall Meeting. Nominations for office may be made from the floor with the exception that the Vice Commodore will automatically advance to Commodore at the succeeding Fall Meeting or prior thereto in the event of death, incapacity or resignation of the Commodore. Only Past Commodores who are members in good standing of the Association are eligible to hold elected office in the Association.

These changes will be voted on at the General Membership meeting at Halifax River Yacht Club on Saturday, October 24, 2015.



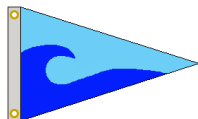
FOUR STAR COMMODORES AWARD NOMINATION INFORMATION

Nomination documents for the fifth annual Four Star Commodores Award have been mailed to all Florida Yacht Clubs. The deadline for receipt of applications by the Four Star Award Committee is September 30.

Originated in 2011, this program recognizes former Commodores of qualified Yacht Clubs in the State of Florida who have made contributions to their Club beyond the normal duties and responsibilities of Club Commodore. Membership in the Florida Commodores Association is not required. There is no cost to the Club or to their nominee.

Those selected to be Four Star Commodores and their Clubs will be notified in writing prior to November 30. Each Award winner will receive a memento of their achievement and a special lapel pin. The Yacht Club of the Four Star Commodore will receive a framed certificate to display the achievement of their Commodore.

Awards will be presented by a member or members of the FCA Executive Committee at a ceremony or event to be selected by the Yacht Club of the Award recipient. Nomination information brochure is currently available on the Association website.



With promotion and support from the Florida Commodores Association (FCA), the WAVE is “rolling” around the State of Florida.

Originated in Northwest Florida in 2012, the Wounded American Veterans Event, WAVE-- A Day on the Bay, is proud to announce the scheduled addition of new events to express a special “thank you” for the service of America’s combat wounded and disabled veterans.

On April 18, 2015, five Charlotte County yacht clubs joined forces to honor 20 disabled veterans, in their first of what they plan to be an annual event. Please see attached The Sun newspaper article for coverage of the event that was staged by Charlotte Harbor YC, Isles YC, Platinum Point YC, Punta Gorda Boat Club; and Punta Gorda Sailing Club.

Back in the Panhandle, Ft. Walton YC will host WAVE 2015 on August 22, followed by a similar event at Grand Lagoon Yacht Club (GLYC) located on Big Lagoon near Pensacola Pass. GLYC does not have an FCA Chapter at this time. Event will be held on Saturday, Sep 26.

With WAVE adopted as an official FCA program, the Florida Commodores Association has designated resources intended to assist yacht clubs willing to accept the challenge.

If you have any questions regarding the organization of your own WAVE, please contact PC Kathy Champagne through the FCA Website, www.flcommodores.org

One way to express appreciation for the sacrifices made by America’s military personnel is to “Catch the WAVE!”

Day on the water a way to say thanks

By RUSTY PRAY

SUN CORRESPONDENT

Lorraine Geiser, commodore of the Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club, stood at a podium on the grounds Saturday and addressed the 20 local veterans who were about to be treated to a day on the water.

"This is one way we can say thank you for your service," she told them.

But for Geiser, the inaugural Wounded American Veterans Event was more than a way for five Charlotte County boat clubs to join a program that had begun in Pensacola in 2012 and has been spreading across Florida ever since.

"This is personal for me," she said after the veterans hopped aboard seven volunteer boats — from fishing boats to sail boats to pontoon boats — and headed out to Charlotte Harbor. "I'm retired Coast Guard. I spent 28 years in the Coast Guard, so I know what it means to serve this country. I applaud these men for all they've done for us."

"To me, it means a lot."

Members of the Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club worked for about a year with members of the Isles Yacht Club, the Platinum Point Yacht Club, the Punta Gorda Boat Club and the Punta Gorda Sailing Club to launch WAVE in Charlotte County.



SUN PHOTOS BY RUSTY PRAY

Rich Oakley, left, and Tony Geiser of the Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club raise the American flag during ceremonies Saturday as part of the Wounded American Veterans Event.

Veterans were recruited from the Military Heritage Museum, Stillwater House, Veterans Village and other veterans organizations. The program included a barbecue and sundowner ceremony after the boats returned to the club in mid-afternoon.

After WAVE was started in the Panhandle, the Florida Commodores Association "latched onto the idea and decided to expand it all over Florida," said Rich Oakley, a member of the state association and a past

Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club commodore. "It's just a way to thank them for their service with a day on the water and lunch."

"It's going to be an annual event."

When Frank Souza, a Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club member and captain of the Ms. Frisky, heard about the plans, he jumped at the chance to "take some veterans out on Charlotte Harbor."

"Plus," he added, laughing, "it's just a good day for fishing."

Nick Spallone, 67, an Air Force veteran of Vietnam,

Right: Rich Oakley, of the Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club, helped put together the Wounded American Veterans Event, in which 20 veterans were treated to a day on the water and lunch. Charlotte Harbor worked with the Isles Yacht Club, the Platinum Point Yacht Club, the Punta Gorda Boat Club and the Punta Gorda Sailing Club to launch WAVE in Charlotte County.



Frank Souza, a member of the Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club, volunteered to take veterans fishing on the Ms. Frisky on Saturday.

was grateful for the opportunity to get some boat time.

"I appreciate that people went out of their way and opened up the club to us," he said. "I'm looking forward to going out on the water."

Mike Rackl, 57, an Army veteran of Vietnam, couldn't wait to hit the water.

"I think it's fabulous," he said. "It's really great. I've never been thanked for my service more than in the last two years. It makes me feel really good."

A job well done



Are You Ready? Provided by PC Jack Kennedy, Bay Point Yacht Club

Our weekly excursion to Hunt's Oyster Bar in St Andrews aboard *Ramblin' Rose* started at 11:30 AM on Thursday, 21 MAY. The ship's master, Rob Lienhop, captained the vessel across St Andrews Bay to the St Andrews Marina, and was accompanied by Jack Kennedy, Milton Oglesby, Gary Walsingham, & me.

Entering the marina, we were instructed to moor behind a sail boat on the lay-along, and Rob proceeded to maneuver the boat into the dock. The sailboat owner, washing the deck of his vessel, put down his brush, and came down to the dock to catch our stern line. The boat secured fore & aft, the other crew were rigging spring lines, and I stepped onto the dock, thanking the sailor for his help. Noticing a hailing port from Tennessee on his stern, I asked if that was his home. He indicated that was where he was from, but he now lives in Orange Beach, AL, and was visiting Panama City, having just returned from Key West.

Making conversation, I jokingly asked if he "bled Orange", meaning he was a University of Tennessee (UT) fan. He immediately proclaimed, "Oh, no, I bleed Black and Gold - I'm a Vanderbilt fan! We're the real University in Tennessee!" I turned & called to Jack Kennedy, an avid UT supporter, and told him he needed to come out and meet this gentleman. Jack said he was coming, and as I turned back to the sailor, he put his hands in the air, and rolled down to the dock, assuming a "dead cockroach" position, on his back, hands & feet in the air. The arms and legs came down and he lay flat, and I thought he was playing with Jack and me. Jack, still on the boat, asked, if he was OK, and I responded that I didn't know. I shook his shoulder and asked him if he was playing; receiving no response, I slapped his cheek several times, still getting no response. At that point I realized he wasn't breathing and got on my knees and began chest compressions. Another boater checked for a pulse and found none. After several minutes of compressions, he took several breaths & his pulse got strong. A minute later the pulse weakened & he again stopped breathing. This cycle repeated itself three or more times, several breaths and a pulse, then no pulse and no breathing. The compressions continued, with a greater sense of urgency.

While this was going on, Jack, Rob, & the marina manager all separately called 911 and requested assistance, and Milton went up to the parking lot to guide the responders to our location at the end of the pier. After what seemed like 30 minutes (it was actually 12 - 15), the Bay County EMT and PCPD officers arrived, and told me I could stop the compressions since he had a weak pulse. They immediately hooked him up to a defibrillator and shocked him, and he began breathing, labored, but somewhat normal. They wheeled him down the dock to the ambulance and transported him to Bay Medical, and we proceeded to Hunt's, albeit a bit late.

When we returned from lunch an hour or so later, friends of the victim on another boat in the marina told us he was in Bay, had not regained consciousness, but was listed in "stable" condition. His friends told us he had celebrated his 72'd birthday the day before. We learned later that he remained unconscious & unresponsive through the weekend, but then began a slow recovery which included the implantation of a defibrillator in his chest, and time spent in rehab at Gulf South. He has since returned to his home in Alabama, alive and well, and extremely thankful.

I was fortunate to have learned CPR many years ago in the Army & had refresher training more recently with the Coast Guard Auxiliary. I was in the right place at the right time to help this sailor. If this happened in front of you, whether it be a stranger or a loved one, could you do the same until competent medical help arrived? Minutes count - are you willing to watch someone die because you couldn't help them? Are you ready?

Are you ready?

Jeff Brooks
Past Commodore

As a follow up to this article that Jeff has penned, I would like to add that I am in contact with Bob McGarry (the victim) in Orange Beach, Alabama and he told me that his doctors call him a 5% man. That means that 95% of people that experience what he went through dies. Bob has totally recovered with no memory loss and no muscle loss. Bob and his wife Sharon had a great Father's Day and a great 4th of July. Past Commodores at their best. Bob wanted me to say for him and his family "thanks to all".

Olympic Update 2015

FCA PC Larry Kimmerling

Our Olympic Spokesman

This Olympic report is for Brad Kendell and Paige Railey the two Olympians which FCA has continued to support since prior to the 2012 Olympics in Weymouth England.

On April 25, 2015 the CYC had a big fund raising effort for Team USA#1. The team was at CYC while they prepared for the 2016 Paralympic Games in Rio. (They train at the Clearwater Sailing Center, which is an official USA Olympic and Paralympic training center.) CYC member and honorary FCA member Brad Kendell, Hugh Freund of Maine, and Rick Doerr of New Jersey have become the nation's number one team in the Sonar Paralympic Sailing class. (the Sonar is a 3 person keel boat.)

The fund raiser brought in over 10K from sponsors that included the *FCA, Bright house networks, Bellaire Wealth Strategies, Sailability of greater Tampa Bay and many individuals. The team still has a lot to do.

They had a good regatta in New Port back on June 24th - 29th. The team finished 2nd behind the Canadians and other US boat. They also held a training camp before and after the regatta, and will be back in New Port July 23-27th for a training camp with Canadians and other US boat. They will be in Norton, Ct. for training camp August 13-17th, and in Falmouth, Ma. where the Sonar Worlds Sept. 16-18th and then to the Americas YC for the Golden Spinnaker Gala Sept. 19-20th.

This is a major event put on by US Sailing and Team USA1 will be representing US sailing team Sperry. There is a possibility the team will be at the Annapolis Boat Show Oct. 8-11th, and they will be having a sailing camp in Clearwater at the end of October. This is all preparation for the main event for Melbourne Australia at the end of November, beginning of December. This is the IFDS World Championships along with a Paralympic Country qualifier and the first of two team qualifiers.

Paige Railey: Paige is currently ranked number 2 in the Women's Laser Radial for the 2015 US sailing team Sperry. Paige has been very active sailing in Brazil, Holland and participated in the Pan American games in Toronto, Canada, and won Gold. She is currently in Rio and sailing in the 2015 Rio Olympic Test Event. Paige is working hard on being in the top of her class in every event she participates.

Upcoming FCA Membership/Change of Watch, October 24, 2015 at HRYC; Guest speaker on the PM program is **GEORGIA MCDONALD MEMBERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR FOR US SAILING.**





Captain Wayne Stewart soon to be FCA Commodore Wayne Stewart

Captain Wayne Stewart, of Orlando, Florida, was recently awarded The Wright Brothers "Master Pilot" Award. The award was presented in appreciation for Wayne's dedicated service, technical expertise, professionalism, and his many outstanding contributions that have furthered the cause of aviation safety in his fifty two years of professional flying. Previously, Wayne was awarded the Superior Airmanship Award by the Air Line Pilots Association. The citation reads, "For demonstrating great skill and professionalism when he successfully overcame potential disastrous inflight emergencies and brought his stricken craft to a safe landing".

A native Texan, Wayne was born in San Antonio and raised in the small northeast Texas town of Hooks. He graduated from Hooks High School and attended Texarkana College prior to leaving Hooks and working in the oil industry in Dallas. While working in Dallas he was called to service in the United States Army.

In the United States Army, Wayne earned his aviator wings and commission and was assigned to Korea, the Dominican Republic and later Viet Nam where he served with the famed First Cavalry Division. Wayne did two tours in combat and proudly wears combat patches from the XVIII Airborne Corps and the First Cavalry Division. Wayne also served as Pilot, Instructor Pilot, Aircraft Commander and Test Pilot during his service in the Army.

His service earned him numerous medals including the Air Medal with several oak leaf clusters, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Commendation Medal, Korean Service medal, Good Conduct medal, Vietnamese Service medal, and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry. Wayne also received the Presidential Unit Citation for service with the First Cavalry Division in combat in the Ia Drang Valley.

After leaving military service, Wayne began a career in civil aviation at which he still works today. He has accumulated a total of fifty two (52) years in commercial aviation and thirty thousand (30,000) hours of flying.

The first civilian job Wayne held was instructing instrument flying and flight standards evaluation as a Department of the Army civilian.

Eastern Air Lines employed Wayne and he worked there until they ceased operations. During his time with Eastern, that spanned over twenty-four years, he worked in the capacity of Flight Engineer, First Officer, Captain, Check Captain, Instructor Pilot and Manager of Training.

After Eastern ceased operations, the owner of AirTran Airways recruited Wayne as Director of Flight Standards. Wayne joined AirTran when the third aircraft in their fleet was delivered. During the time at AirTran he also served as Captain, Check Captain and Instructor Pilot. He was later promoted to Director of Operations. Wayne served in this capacity and on the company Executive Committee until his retirement.

Wayne is now employed by the Federal Aviation Administration working as an Aviation Safety Inspector-Operations and is presently a Data Evaluation Program Manager.

Wayne is married; he and his wife Eloise live in Orlando, Florida and are avid boaters. Wayne holds a United States Coast Guard license and is licensed as a U. S. Merchant Marine Officer qualified to operate steam or motor vessels up to one hundred (100) tons. Wayne and Eloise are members of the Halifax River Yacht Club, the Bay Hill Club and the Citrus Club.

Wayne was the 101st Commodore of the one hundred nineteen year old Halifax River Yacht Club. He has also served as a Director of the Florida Council of Yacht Clubs and is a member of the Florida Commodores Association. The Florida Commodores Association awarded Wayne the Four Star Commodore Award for "those that have taken that extra step".

EDITORS NOTE: This article should have been published earlier but it was misplaced thanks to MICROSOFT. It was recovered and I decided to publish it in this issue to honor Wayne on his election as Commodore, Florida Commodores Association.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

One of the necessary items needed for the Commodore's Journal are photographs of events including the identification of those in the photographs. This requires the assistance of the members who attend FCA events, have camera's or Smart Phones, or other devices to capture activities and people. As Editor, I do not have unlimited time to go looking for photographs, articles, or stories of interest. I rely upon the membership to provide these items. Failure to receive these makes the publication of the Commodore's Journal a difficult task. In order to improve the Journal, I need your commitment and assistance that YOU will provide me with these items whenever you attend an FCA Event. Thanks,
The Editor



HALIFAX RIVER YACHT CLUB



Florida Commodores Association

Registration Form
Change of Watch
October 23 & 24, 2015

Name(s) _____

Chapter/Yacht Club _____

Member Number: _____ Associate Member _____ Guest _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Dockage Available at Halifax River Yacht Club by calling 386-290-9454

Please return Registration Form before October 9: Mail to Halifax River Yacht Club, 331 South Beach Street, Daytona Beach, Florida 32114 Attn: Debbie or send via e-mail to Debbie@HRYC.com.

Friday, October 23

Cocktails & Dinner Cocktails 6:00-7:00 _____
 Dinner 7:00-9:00 (From Menu) _____

Saturday, October 24

Lunch Buffet \$13.95++ per person 12:00 - _____
Cocktails-6:30-7:30 _____

Dinner - 7:30-10:00 _____

Choice: 1. Grilled Center Cut Filet with a gorgonzola butter and Merlot demi-glace. Served with herb mashed potatoes and fresh grilled vegetables.

2. Chicken Saltimboca – Chicken breast wrapped with prosciutto and fresh sage leaves, seared and glazed with a white wine pan sauce, served with wild rice and fresh grilled vegetables.

3. Broiled Snapper Filet with orange segments, toasted cashews and parsley-ginger pesto, served with herb mashed potatoes and fresh grilled vegetables

All served with a Signature Salad with raspberry vinaigrette and Pumpkin Pie or Apple Cobbler ala mode. Price per person: \$26.95++

Please indicate choice or choices!

ACCOMMODATIONS HALIFAX RIVER YACHT CLUB

Listed below are land accommodations with preferred rates for the FCA meeting. All reservations must be made on an individual basis. Rates do not include appropriate taxes. Mention the Florida Commodores Association when making reservations.

Bahama House-Oceanfront
2001 South Atlantic Avenue
Daytona Beach Shores, FL 32118
(800) 571-2001
2 miles from HRYC
All rooms \$95.00
Continental Breakfast & Happy
Hour free parking-No resort fee.
Ask for FCA rate. Contact:
Janice Griffin



Holiday Inn-Oceanfront
930 North Atlantic Avenue
Daytona Beach FL 32118
(386)255-5494
2 miles from HRYC
Room rate \$105
Free parking-No resort fee Ask
for FCA rate.
Contact: Efrain Vargas





Halifax River Yacht Club



Welcomes

Florida Commodores Association Change of Watch

October 23 & 24, 2015

Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, October 23, 2015

3:00-5:00	Executive Committee Meeting
5:00-6:00	Registration at the Halifax River Yacht Club
6:00-7:00	Cocktails & Hors d' Oeuvres (Casual Attire)
7:00-9:00	Dinner

SATURDAY, October 24, 2015

8:30-9:30	Registration at the Halifax River Yacht Club
9:30- 12:00	Meeting - Halifax Room (Class C Uniform -White shirt & trousers/skirt, epaulets, white belt, white shoes)
12:00-1:00	Lunch - Commodores Room
1:00-3:00	Meeting – Halifax Room
5:30-6:30	Change of Watch & Sundowner's Ceremony (Class B Uniform –Blue blazer, white shirt & trousers/skirt, white belt and white shoes. Hat for Sundowner's and COW)
6:30-7:30	Cocktails & Hors d'Oeuvres
7:30-10:00	Dinner and Dancing Music by Linda Cole

SUNDAY, September 13, 2015

8:00-10:00	Farewell-Bahama House
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FLORIDA COMMODORES ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP RESOURCES COMMITTEE SEMINAR

Registration Form
12, 13, & 14 NOVEMBER 2015
Pelican Yacht Club
Fort Pierce, Florida 34949

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone (home) _____ Cell _____

E-Mail Address _____

Name of Yacht Club _____

Current Position with Club _____

Prior Positions with Club _____

If you are attending with someone else and they are not going to attend the course sessions, please provide:

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Enclosed is my registration fee (\$185.00) \$ _____

Enclosed is the charge for non-course attendee (\$100.00) \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Florida Commodores Association and mail to:

Florida Commodores Association
John H Matthews, Treasurer
2701 N 17th Avenue
Pensacola, FL 32503

Seminar reservations are made only by completing this form and returning with your check.

You are responsible for your own hotel reservations which can be made by contacting:
The Dock Side Inn. 1160 Seaway Drive, Fort Pierce, FL 34949. Telephone 1-800-286-1745.
Email: info@docksideinn.com

Looking forward to seeing you at the seminar

The Florida Commodores Assn

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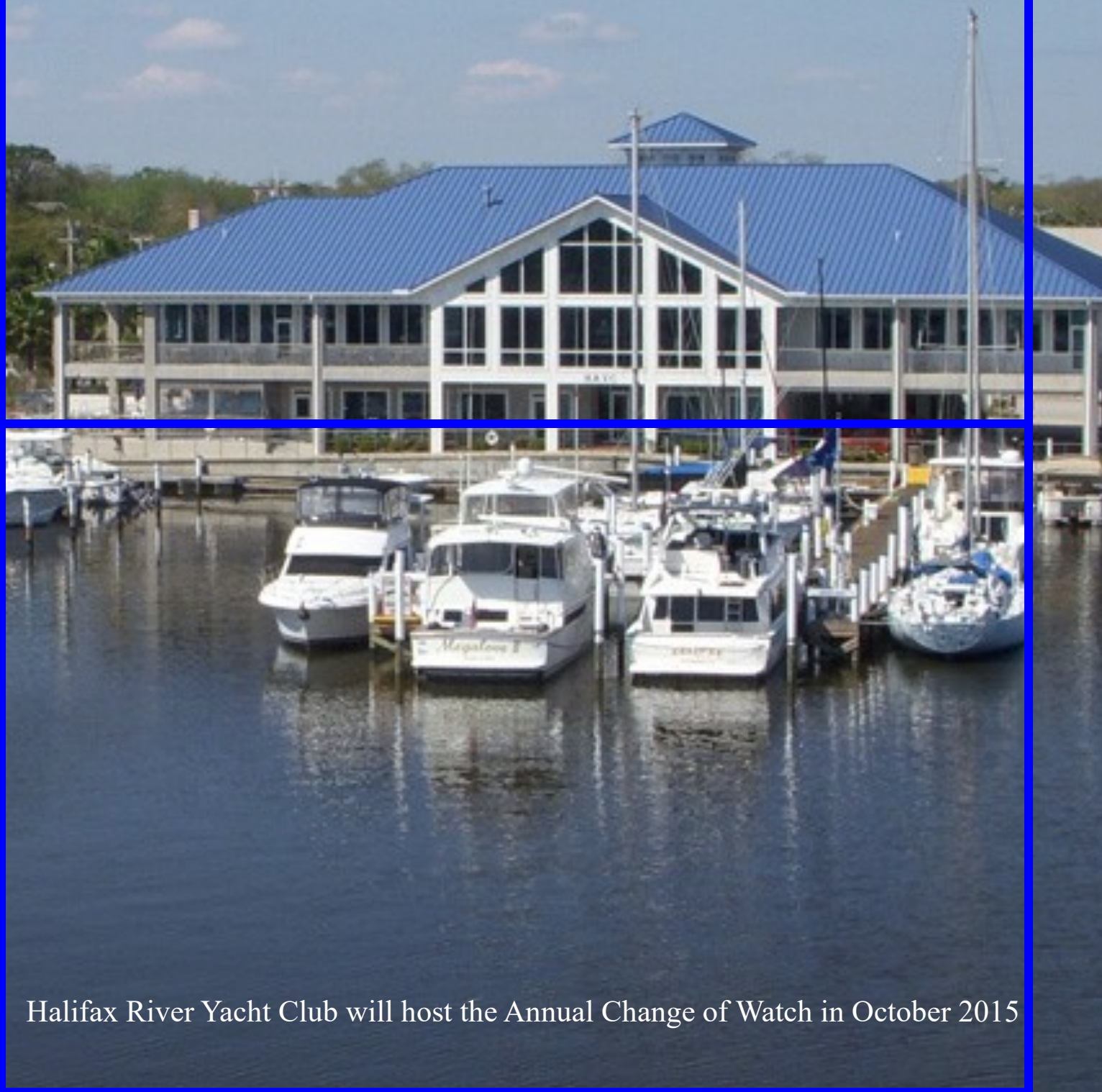
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