

8/6/2011

**Florida Commodores Association
7/23/2011 Summer Meeting
Halifax River Yacht Club**

1. Meeting was called to order at 0930 by Commodore Tom Reynolds.
2. P/C Phyllis Seaton gave the invocation.
3. R/C Larry Kimmerling led the gathering in the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Comm. Tom Reynolds led a moment of silence for recently deceased members P/C Ron Richards, P/C Dick Kelly and P/C Briggs Edney.
5. Secretary Bill Barnett asked all members present to introduce themselves.
6. Secretary Barnett called the role of the Executive Committee members. Present were: Comm. Tom Reynolds, R/C Larry Kimmerling, F/C John Slattery, Sec. Bill Barnett, Treasurer Robert Plummer, P/O Joe Tringali, and Member at Large Pam Gutauckis.
7. Secretary Barnett called the role of the chapters. Present were: Charlotte Harbor YC, Coquina Coast YC, Fort Walton YC, Halifax River YC, Palm Beach YC, Pelican YC, and Treasure Island YC. A quorum of more than six is present.
8. Minutes of the spring meeting were accepted as written.
9. HRYC Commodore Bill Masters welcomed the FCA.
10. FCA Commodore Tom Reynolds thanked HRYC for hosting this spring meeting.
11. Commodore Tom Reynolds presented the chapter charters to Halifax River YC and Pelican YC.
12. Commodore Reynolds announced the new members since April: Halifax 4, Pelican 8, Hernando Beach 1, Stuart Corinthian 1, Fort Walton 1, Navy Pensacola 5, and Charlotte Harbor 1.
13. Commodore Reynolds gave a brief report for V/C Matthews. The new Journal was well accepted as evidenced by the reader's comments. The same applied to the newsletters.
14. R/C Kimmerling gave an update on Zach and Page Railey in their quest to qualify for the 2012 Olympics. The next stop for both is the Worlds being held in Perth, Australia Dec. 3-18. – Zach has also been offered a position on the Spanish Green Challenge for the 34th Americas Cup in San Francisco. – Brad Kendell will be sailing in the Paralympics IFDS World Championships in Punta Gorda Jan. 7-15, 2012.
15. Commodore Reynolds explained that we are considering setting up a 501-C3 foundation to be used as vehicle for processing tax deductible donations to organizations

the FCA may support such as sail racing and Olympic candidates. Legal Officer Tim Burr will investigate the concept further and report to the Commodore.

16. Larry Kimmerling announced the following meeting dates for 2012: Palm Coast YC – Feb. 3 & 4; Pelican YC – April 27 & 28; Panhandle – July 27 & 28; Clearwater YC – Oct. 19& 20.
17. F/C John Slattery reviewed the concept of the ICA Commodore Courtesy Card Program. This will be a web site listing all the member yacht clubs and the reciprocity they will offer to ICA members similar to the Yacht Club Registry. The service will be free. Member clubs will update the content of their listing on a real time basis thus keeping it current with the latest activities and events.
18. F/C John Slattery reported that we have not yet received any candidates for the 4 Star Commodore program. There are only four days left to the cut-off date. – It was felt that the date should be extended to 8/31/2011. A reminder can be sent to all invited FL yacht clubs and new date posted on the web site.
19. The Treasurer reported the current balance in the bank account is \$2582.01. The current membership is 262. 84 Associate members, and 178 Past Commodores.
20. ICA: Joe Tringali reported that the ICA's first Academy of Yacht Club Officers and Professionals will be held in Orlando at the Windham Court Resort on Presidents weekend in Feb. 2012. The program will start Thursday evening and continue through Saturday. Topics covered will include: Your club and the law; Yacht Club Insurance; ICA list of educational programs; Sundown ceremony; and other traditional yacht club ceremonies. – The fee for the academy will be \$160 to cover the banquet and materials. There is no cost for the speakers who are all professionals. Invitations will be sent to all US yacht clubs.
21. ICA: Rich Oakley reported that there is now a Puerto Rico Chapter with 3 members.
22. Quartermaster Beverly Plummer reported on the ships store operation and discussed the current items in inventory and some new items in planning. All items are available on the FCA website. She emphasized the importance of showing our logo. - Beverly explained that uniform guidelines will be added to the website.
23. Tom Reynolds reported that the Ambassador Group is being re-established with P/C Phylliss Seaton as the coordinator. The following are the near term goals:
 - Identify YC potential past commodore chapter presidents
 - Plan to meet and introduce them to the FCA mission using the Power Point program.
 - Promote sundowners
 - Promote programs
 - Maintain support/communications with chapters and encourage meetings.

24. Phyliss asked for ambassador volunteers. Lou Daniello agreed to cover the greater Palm Beach region.
25. Bylaws: Tom Reynolds explained that the board will be creating a Bylaws Committee to review and update the FCA bylaws. The committee would be made up of members outside of the Executive Committee.
26. FCA Journal: Tom Reynolds explained that we need a new editor of the Journal since John Matthews will only be able to do one more edition. – One person volunteered. – We would like feature clubs/chapters in future editions with the chapters providing the input featuring their club functions/events.
27. Clean Marina: A suggestion was made that the FCA can provide support to any member clubs wishing to be certified as a Clean Marina. The FCA could provide a support package including programs and key contacts. The FCYC has an expert on Clean Marina certification who also works for the State of FL. His name is Charles Johnson. He lives in Orlando.
28. General Discussion: FCA might consider providing group insurance for boaters. – Look into awarding an FCA trophy for a specified category of an existing Florida sail racing event. Wayne Stuart will investigate and report.
29. The meeting was adjourned.
30. After a short break, F/C Slattery showed his presentation on flag etiquette for traditional yacht club flag poles with regard to flying the American Flag from the gaff. The VFW continues to object to the American Flag being flown from the gaff. They say it must be flown from the top of the mast. John intends to follow this to the VFW headquarters in Indianapolis, if necessary, to convince them that flying the American Flag from the gaff is correct.

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