

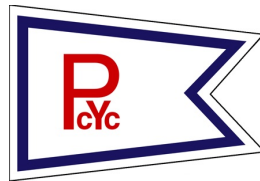
Florida Commodores Association

Only seven days left to get the reduced rate for Days Inn - you must make your reservation by January 15!

Don't miss out on our first meeting of 2012!

See below for meeting details and registration form.

**2012 Winter Membership Meeting
February 3 - 4, 2012**



**Palm Coast Yacht Club
1 Yacht Club Drive, Palm Coast, FL 32137
386-445-9300**

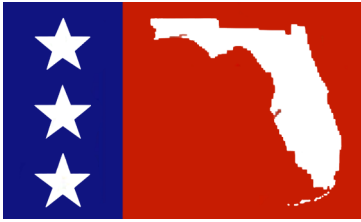
Schedule of Events

Friday, February 3, 2012

1500 FCA Executive Committee Meeting, PCYC Captain's Room
1730 Captains Lounge opens
1830 Friday Night Dinner from Club Menu (Yacht club casual attire)

Saturday, February 4, 2012

0800 - 0930 Registration and Coffee Service
0930 - 1200 Membership Meeting
Uniform C (White shirt w/epaulets, white trousers/skirt and white shoes)
1200 - 1330 Buffet Lunch
Speaker - P/C Tracy Wichmann - Halifax River Yacht Club
The History of Navigation - see attached information
1330 - 1500 Membership Meeting continued
1730 Sundowner Ceremony - PCYC flagpole
Uniform B (Blue blazer, white shirt, FCA tie, white trousers/skirt, white shoes and white socks)
1800 Cocktails in the Captains Lounge
1900 Dinner and Dancing



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Registration Form

Winter Meeting

February 3 - 4, 2012

Name(s): _____

Chapter/Yacht Club: _____

Regular Member Associate Member Guest

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Registration Fee:	# Persons	Total
\$10.00 per person payable with Registration	_____	_____

Please make check payable to "FCA" and mail before January 24, 2012 to
P/C John Slattery, 22 Cedarwood Court, Palm Coast, FL 32137

<u>Friday, February 3</u>	# Persons
Order from Menu	_____

<u>Saturday, February 4</u>	# Persons
Lunch - Deli Lunch Buffet - \$15.95 inclusive	_____
Dinner - \$28.00 inclusive - please make selections	
<input type="checkbox"/> London Broil with red bliss potatoes and green bean almondine	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Grouper with rice pilaf and green bean almondine	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Cornish Game Hen with rice pilaf and green bean almondine	_____

Note: Meal and bar charges may be paid by cash, check or credit card (Master Card or Visa)



Days Inn

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Palm Coast, FL 32137

386-627-7734

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Overview - The History of Navigation

This presentation will cover the development of marine navigation which allowed humans to progress from following the coasts to exploring the far reaches of our planet. Homer's Odyssey contains the first mention of celestial navigation. The Persians invented the astrolabe which integrated a star chart and the elevation measurement function.

The invention of the compass in China changed navigation by allowing mariners to dead reckon their position subject to winds and currents. Once long voyages out of sight of land were possible the astrolabe was invented and perfected by the Persians. The marine chronometer was the key to finding longitude. It's development and the evolution of the sextant together were the key to world-wide travel.

Whether or not you're a sailor you will enjoy this presentation which brings together history and science by someone who knows both!

Speaker - P/C Tracy Wichmann

P/C Tracy Wichmann is an alumnus of MIT ('51 - Physics) and was Commodore of the Marina Yacht Club, Marina Del Rey, CA, Commodore of the Santa Monica Bay Power Fleet and Commodore of the Southern California Cruisers Association. He developed a computer program for use in Predicted Log Racing and is the recipient of the Gandleman Trophy for his contributions to this racing form. Tracy and his wife Beverly are members of the Halifax River Yacht Club and the FCA chapter at HRYC.

This program grew out of his contribution to the Voyagers (young people) program at Halifax River Yacht Club. He developed and gave a lecture on Knots and then prepared another on navigation which included only the basic things a young person needed to know to safely get home: recognizing landmarks, using a compass, dead reckoning, using a chart to find one's way.