



# *The Florida Commodores Journal*



## **Pelican Yacht Club Hosts Spring Meeting**

*Keepers of the Flame*

**Preserving the Customs and Traditions of  
Yachting for future generations**

## **FROM THE HELM:**

### **Commodore John Matthews**



**Our April membership meeting at Pelican Yacht Club in Fort Pierce was absolutely outstanding. A very special thank you goes to Immediate Past Commodore June-Ann DeGraw who was responsible for putting the meeting together. Pelican Yacht Club Commodore Peter Tyson, General Manager Evan Mulligan, and the staff of the Pelican Yacht Club did an outstanding job in hosting this meeting and responding to the needs of the FCA Membership.**



**The picture to the left is PC June-Ann DeGraw and her husband Bruce. Both of them worked tirelessly to ensure that the FCA meeting was a complete success.**

**Activities for the weekend included a Thursday tour of the UDT Museum (the museum of the US Navy Seals). The tour was extremely enlightening especially since it occurred very near the anniversary of the successful SEAL raid on Osama Bin Laden's compound and the subsequent removal of Bin Laden from the world stage.**

**One of the great pleasures of serving as Commodore of the Florida Commodores Association is the opportunity to issue new chapter charters. The recent addition of the Punta Gorda Boat Club was such an opportunity. At right is the presentation of the Punta Gorda Boat Club Chapter Charter to PC Bill Barnett as the newest chapter in the FCA.**



**The Executive Committee continues to address ways in which we can get more chapters and members. PC Phyllis Seaton, the Chair of our Ambassador Program continues to work diligently with our current Ambassadors to make contacts with potential FCA members and their yacht clubs. FCA Rear Commodore John Slattery has made ready the next round in the 4 Star Commodores Program. If you have a Commodore in your chapter or club that you would like to nominate for the 4 Star Commodores Award please review the information available on the FCA website and make your nomination. The awardee does not have to be in an FCA Chapter or be a member of the FCA to be nominated or selected.**

**Another highlight of the meeting was a presentation by PC Joe Tringali on "A Custom We Never Talk About". This presentation was developed by ICA Vice Commodore Joe Tringali and focuses on the protocol of how and when to conduct Memorial Services for deceased members. It was well received by the membership. After PC Tringali makes a couple of minor changes it will likely become a major presentation in the repertoire of educational programs offered by the International Commodores Association and available through the FCA for chapter use.**

The afternoon activities at Pelican YC included a tour of the Smithsonian/St Lucie County Aquarium and a talk on the Indian River Estuary which is unique in all of Florida. The meeting concluded with a Sundowner Ceremony, the first ever conducted at Pelican Yacht Club.

Following the ceremony, an excellent dinner was prepared and served by the Executive Chef of the Pelican Yacht Club. Of special note was the dessert prepared and served to the members. The lid was made of white chocolate and decorated with the FCA Burgee. The lower box was made from dark chocolate and the interior filled with whip cream and berries. **DELICIOUS!!**



PC Mickey LeGarde, Fort Walton Yacht Club, has enthusiastically agreed to serve as the Association Historian. PC LeGarde has issued a call for copies of historical documents and photographs that can be used to archive the development of the Florida Commodores Association. If you have any items you feel will be helpful in this process please send them to PC Legarde, email address: [Legarde@cox.net](mailto:Legarde@cox.net)

The Executive Committee remains focused on having our 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at the Cabot Lodge in Gainesville, Florida, where the Association began. It will be held in December, 2013 to commemorate the founding of the Florida Commodores Association.

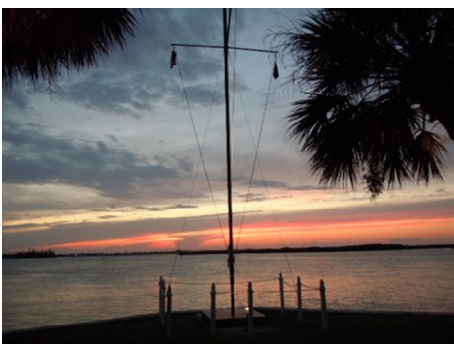
The following pictures will show you some of the special events that took place at the Pelican Yacht Club meeting.



FCA Commodore Matthews presenting the Host Club Certificate to Pelican Yacht Club Vice Commodore David Willbur recognizing their outstanding support of the FCA.



Taken at the SEAL Museum FCA members sitting in a SEAL Inflatable boat. L to R: PC Alan Adams, FCA RC John Slattery, FCA Sec Bill Barnett, FCA IPC Tom Reynolds, FCA Com John Matthews, and FCA VC Larry Kimmerling.



A beautiful Sunset at Pelican Yacht Club was provided to conclude a most enjoyable FCA meeting in Fort Pierce, Florida. One of the pleasures you miss by not attending an FCA meeting. **ATTEND THE NEXT ONE at Fort Walton Yacht Club in July.**

## Nautical Puzzler

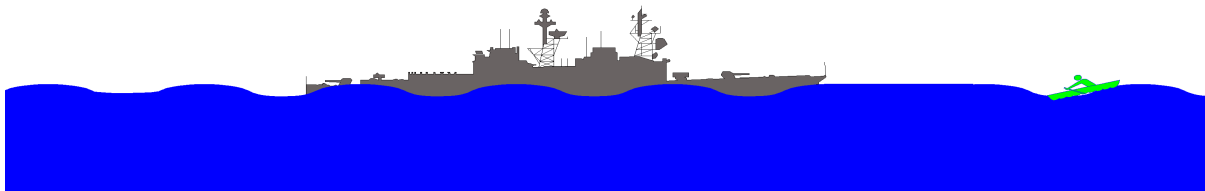
Can any body tell me what a Froude number is? Why is it important to boating?

### Answer

William Froude, who was born in 1810, was a pioneer hydraulic engineer. He was the first to realize that the resistance of water to boat motion was due to the waterline length more than the hull shape. Simply stated a boat makes a wave as it pushes into the water and the faster it goes the deeper the wave. If the wave comes up (next peak) under the boat everything is OK but if it comes up behind the boat then the boat is in a hole and trying to climb up a hill. The speed at which the boat finds itself in a hole is called the “hull speed” and it takes a lot of power to go faster than this. Hull speed, according to Froude, is  $1.35 \times \sqrt{\text{LWL}}$  (the Water Line Length). Speed is in knots and LWL in feet. Obviously, the longer the boat, the bigger the wave that it can span.

This is why naval engineers use a model basin to test hull design. They scale the model to have the same Froude number as the full size boat they wish to study. In addition to wave resistance there is the viscous force of the water against the hull. That's why sail boat designers talk about “wetted surface”. The less wetted surface the less viscous resistance to boat motion.

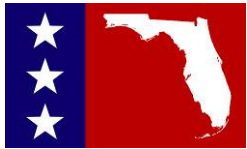
Finally we must point out that a planning hull, like a sport fisher or a speed boat, overcomes wave resistance by riding on top of the water being held up by water pushing up on the hull. If there are any waves already out there it can get pretty rough.



### Next Issue's Puzzler

Can any body tell me where the terms starboard and port came from? Members who send the correct answer to [Tracy@alum.mit.edu](mailto:Tracy@alum.mit.edu) will be recognized in the next issue.





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## FCA Area Ambassadors



The FCA Ambassadors are the link we have with clubs in Florida that have not chosen to join FCA. They contact these clubs and bring their members up to speed on the advantages of belonging to FCA.

If you think you could help with this function please contact:

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# FCA Olympic Report

by  
Larry Kimmerling, Vice Commodore

Zach and Paige Railey will represent the USA in the 2012 Olympic Games, and FCA will be going with them!

FCA will be supporting two (2) Florida sailors from Clearwater in the Finn and Laser class in Weymouth England.

I know some of you have had the opportunity to meet Zach at the CHYC, and believe me his sister, Paige, is just as impressive. Their discipline, dedication and work ethic are unbelievable, with programs that included high altitude training in Colorado and conditioning programs with the Navy Seals.



FCA chose wisely in 2010 to step forward and support these sailors and their Olympic dream! ( also Brad Kendell with the Paralympics.) Brad's team missed their Olympic bid by 2 boat lengths at the Miami Rolex. Zach, Paige and the Railey family, send their thanks and appreciation for your continued organizational support.

The Clearwater's Quest for Olympic Gold Celebration event was held April 20<sup>th</sup> at the CMA Harborside in Clearwater, and was a huge success!! Our goal 300 attendees and we had 400+ supporters. ( open bar & catered food always helps.)

All sponsors were displayed at the front entrance by their sponsor contributions, Bronze, Silver, Gold ..... of course FCA was right at the top as Gold Sponsors!

Totals for the event are continuing to be calculated as we speak. I will communicate them to you as they become available.

Now ..... here is the upcoming Olympic schedule as relates to Paige and Zach;

Opening ceremony – July 27<sup>th</sup>  
Zach - Finn Class – July 29<sup>th</sup>  
Paige – Laser Class – July 30<sup>th</sup>  
Zach Medal Races – August 5<sup>th</sup>  
Paige Medal Races – August 6<sup>th</sup>  
(Presentations will follow)  
Closing ceremony – August 12<sup>th</sup>

We will do our best to keep you informed with updates/status ..... open your FCA e-mail!!!!



FCA's support of Olympians Paige and Zach Railey and Paralympian Brad Kendell, continues to fulfill the organization's mission of awareness to the sport and the community of sailing.

To continue to support/funding for qualified youths and young adult competitive sailors, one recommendation was to have a 50/50 raffle at our quarterly membership meetings. Options like this would not only provide some revenue for funding, but also serve the membership.

Your thoughts and suggestions are welcome!

Thank you,

PC Larry Kimmerling, Vice Commodore

Current Specifications	
	
	
Finn Class Symbol	
Crew	1
LOA	4.5 m (14 ft 9 in)
LWL	4.34 m (14 ft 3 in)
Beam	1.47 m (4 ft 10 in)
Draft	0.17 m (6.7 in)
Hull weight	145 kg (320 lb)
Mast height	6.66 m (21 ft 10 in)
Mainsail area	10.6 m <sup>2</sup> (114 sq ft)

## Regatta Safety Accountability Procedures

Vice Commodore Larry Kimmerling and Barbara his wife participated in a Youth Laser Midwinter Regatta at the Clearwater Sailing Center sponsored by their Clearwater Yacht Club. During this event they were impressed by the procedures used to identify and keep the safety of those participating in this event.

Competitors were issued a numbered identification safety bracelet which the participant is required to wear and make visible at all times while afloat except temporarily while changing clothes. Each morning the safety bracelet was collected from the Safety Committee table.....and on returning from racing, the bracelet was required to be returned to the same location prior to the end of the protest filing time.

Each competitor was issued a numbered identification safety bracelet prior to getting underway on the water before the official start of every scheduled racing day, the competitor had to personally visit the Safety desk to “check-out” and put on his/her safety bracelet. As soon as practical but no later than the end of the protest time on every scheduled racing day, the competitor again needs to appear in person at the Safety desk to “check-out” and return his/her safety bracelet. Race officials will post the protest filing time, which is the wristband return deadline on the main bulletin board.

Generally speaking, volunteers view safety accountability as value added to any sailing competition. Safety accountability procedures permit identification of a registered sailor and emergency points of contact in the event of serious medical emergency. Procedures confirm the sailor’s daily on water status and his/her safe return to land.

While we cannot offer any legal opinion, we believe that this landside safety accountability program demonstrates due diligence to maintain sailor safety. In the event of any legal challenge to liability, the safety accountability program could become an important factor in the club’s favor to help reduce or eliminate potential liability.

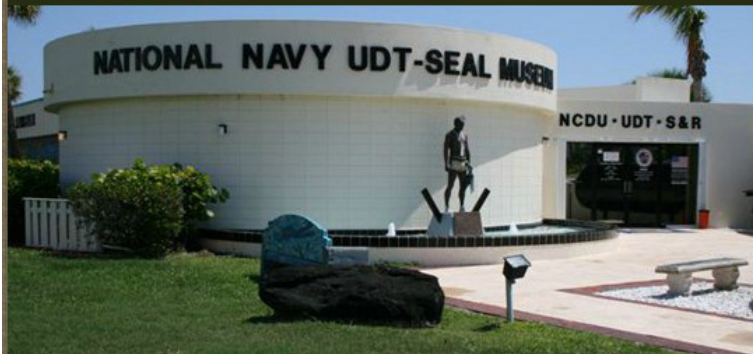
If you would like to have a copy of this procedure and or want to know more about this program please contact Associate member Barbara Kimmerling, [towers12A@aol.com](mailto:towers12A@aol.com) or phone #727-397-2991.





# NATIONAL NAVY UDT-SEAL MUSEUM

BIRTHPLACE OF THE NAVY FROGMAN



IF YOU GOT ANY  
**CLOSER...**  
YOU WOULD HAVE TO  
**ENLIST**

## Spring Meeting Attendees Visit NAVY UDT Museum

The famous SEAL museum is just 2 miles from the Pelican Yacht Club but the inlet is in the path. Nevertheless it is very close and the Club Hosts planned a tour for their visitors.

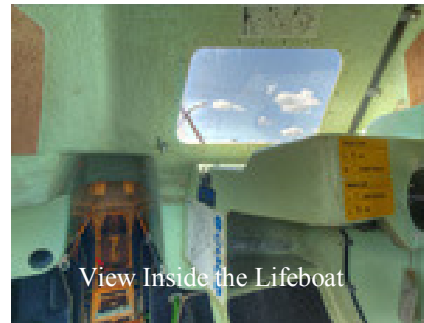


Note that some of our Bridge was there. See page 3.





On display at the National Navy UDT-SEAL Museum is the actual 10,000 pound, fiberglass lifeboat that was the epicenter of a hijacking by Somali pirates on Easter Sunday April 2009. Three of the pirates held the Maersk Alabama's captain, Richard Phillips, hostage for four days on this lifeboat before U.S. Navy SEALs shot them dead, freeing the captain. Donated by Maersk Line Limited.



View Inside the Lifeboat



Google Earth View of the Museum

Do you have one of these flags?



One of the nice traditions of yachting is the recognition of past commodores. On the West Coast we are called "Staff Commodores". When you visit another club to dine and they check your club for membership, your club informs them that you are a past commodore. They then put a flag on your table.

What if you had one of these flags instead? It might entice members to inquire and this would give you an opportunity to brief them on the FCA , on our Association and what it does. You could also use it at your own club.

Spring for the \$15. Write Beverly Plummer at [bevplum@cox.net](mailto:bevplum@cox.net).

# **The Four Star Award Program**

## **2012 Four Star Commodore Nomination Guidelines**

### **Purpose**

This program distinguishes former Commodores of qualified Yacht Club in the State of Florida who have made contributions to their Club or on behalf of their Club beyond the normal duties and responsibilities of a Club Commodore. The award recognizes their commitment to continue to serve their Club and its members, to support the current leaders of the Club and to inspire their peers and future Club leaders.

### **Eligibility**

All former Commodores of qualified Florida Yacht Clubs are eligible for consideration. Only one nomination may be submitted annually by each eligible Club. Posthumous nominations will not be considered. Membership in the Florida Commodores Association is not required. There is no cost to the Club or to their nominee.

### **Nomination Procedure**

Each Club is free to decide how they will select a candidate for nomination. Upon selection the Nomination Form and all required documents must be submitted to the Florida Commodores Association (FCA) no later than September 30th..

### **Awards Procedure**

Upon receipt of all Nominations the Awards Committee of FCA will review each Nomination submission for completeness and may disqualify a nomination if any required documentation is missing or incomplete. The Awards Committee will determine and recommend to the Executive Committee of FCA the names of finalists. The Awards Committee may require finalists to be interviewed by one or more Committee members. The Executive Committee of FCA will review the recommendations of the Awards Committee and make the final determination of those to be awarded the distinction of a Four Star Commodore. Up to three awards may be made in any one year.

### **Awards and Recognition**

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 to distinguish them as a Four Star Commodore. The Yacht Club of the Four Star Commodore will receive a framed certificate to display the achievement of their deserving 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 recipients. In addition, each Four Star Commodore will be invited to be a guest of honor at the next regular meeting of the FCA.

**Nominations must be returned by September 30, 2012 to:**

Florida Commodores Association

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



# Notices

## From the Treasurer

Although the January 15 deadline for dues has come and gone, we still have chapters as well as individuals who have not paid their 2012 dues. If you are a member who has not yet done so, please remit your dues at the first opportunity. As a reminder dues are, Non-resident \$25.00, Regular member \$20.00 and Associate \$15.00. Please send your check to, FCA P.O. Box 488 Shalimar ,FL. 32579.

When you join FCA you are issued a membership card paid for by part of your first year dues. If you lose or misplace your card, you may request a replacement card through the FCA website, If you were commodore of a club other than the one you presently belong to, please indicate the name of the club you would like on your membership card. Replacement cards may be ordered from [www.Flcommodores.org](http://www.Flcommodores.org) or directly from the quartermaster, [bevplum@cox.net](mailto:bevplum@cox.net) . The cost is \$4.50 not including postage. Name tags may be ordered in the same manner and the cost is \$15.50 plus postage.

Robert Plummer  
Treasurer

## ARE YOU A FRIEND ?

So is the FCA. You can link your page to the FCA. I went to my page and typed in [www.flcommodores.org](http://www.flcommodores.org) as a comment

And suddenly the FCA burgee appeared. I then typed Florida Commodores Association on the search line, which got me to the FCA page. I made a request to become a friend. And now I am a friend and can look at anything that is on the page.

# Beverly Plummer

While operating the Ship's Store at our Palm Coast meeting it was brought to my attention that many of you have purchased most of the items that have been available to you. It dawned on me, that as our Florida Commodores Association grows so must the Ship's Store. I am pleased to announce the opening of the Ship's Store Boutique. In it will be items for sale in limited quantities. Most of them available at a first come first served basis since supplies will be limited. These items will be those I have been able to obtain at a savings to pass on to you and not available on the FCA website. If the response to the boutique is positive I will continue to include it at our quarterly membership meetings. Money made through the Ship's Store goes into the general operating fund.

From what I can tell the ordering of uniform items through our website is still working successfully. Please remember that you must be a FCA member in good standing (current dues paid) to order uniform items or items displaying the FCA logo. I do check this before filling any order. Wearing the FCA logo be it a lapel pin or polo shirt is a conversation opener to tell someone what we are all about.





**Florida Commodores Association  
Registration Form - Summer Meeting  
27-28 July 2012**

**Ft Walton Yacht Club**  
180 Ferry Road NE  
Ft Walton Beach, FL 32548  
850 243-7102 [www.fwyc.org](http://www.fwyc.org)

**Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chapter/Yacht Club** \_\_\_\_\_

Regular

Associate

Guest

**Home Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-Mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fee** \$10/person payable with registration

Make check payable to FCA and mail before 09 July to  
P/C Phyllis Seaton, 180 Ferry Road NE, Ft Walton Beach , FL 32548

# Persons	Total

**Friday, 27 July**

order from the menu

**Saturday, 28 July**

Pastries and coffee no charge

Lunch – soup, salad and deli buffet \$13.95 inclusive

Dinner - choose one \$19.95 inclusive

Basket of chicken, 'fixins' and dessert

Basket of shrimp, 'fixins' and dessert

Basket of fish, 'fixins' and dessert

accounts may be settled by Club # (FCYC),  
cash, check, or M/C or Visa (3.5% service fee)


**Questions:** P/C Tom Reynolds, 850 897-7323 [t.reynolds@ieee.org](mailto:t.reynolds@ieee.org)



## **The Florida Commodores Association Summer Meeting Ft Walton Yacht Club 27-28 July 2012**

### **Friday**

**1600 h Exec Committee Meeting**  
**1800 h Cocktails**  
**1830 Sundowner Ceremony (uniform B )**  
**1930 Dinner (from the menu)**

### **Saturday**

**0830 h Registration: Pastries and Coffee, etc**  
**0930 h Business Meeting (uniform C )**  
**1200 h Lunch : Randy Smyth – lunch speaker**

Randy Smyth is well known to the sailing crowd. He's graced the cover of no less than five sailing magazines. As skipper for Kevin Costner in *Water World*, and Pierce Brosnan in *The Thomas Crown Affair*, Randy's unique sailing expertise is in hot demand. In addition he is a designer and builder of high performance catamaran sails. Randy is sought by Olympic teams for his world renown skills as technical coach. Winning the America's Cup in 1988, Randy's contributions included teaching Dennis Conner the fine points of sailing catamarans. Randy's world dominance in multihull sailing has been a function of his lifelong focus on excellence.

### **On our Docks to visit - the Governor Stone A National Historical Landmark**

The last known gulf coast schooner of its kind . These vessels were once used to off load cargo vessels too large to navigate the shallow waters of coastal ports.... and sometimes even did a little bit of rum running.

We like the evening to be casual.... either Uniform C or yacht club casual



**1730 h Cocktails, Conversation and Music: on the patio**  
**1900 h Dinner and Dancing – casual dining**

**Uniform B – blazer, tie, white pants, white shoes, cap**  
**Uniform C – white shirt (ss), no tie, white pants, white shoes**



## Accommodations

### **La Quinta Inn & Suites Fort Walton Beach**

3 Southwest Miracle Strip Pkwy  
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548  
Phone: 1-850-244-1500  
Fax: 1-850-244-1525  
AAA Rating: 

on the inland side of Route 98

**Room Rate: \$131.18 +  
fees and taxes**



**Reference: Group # 288** (rate for bookings by Tuesday, 05 June )

<http://www.lq.com/lq/>



**214 Racetrack Rd, NW, Ft Walton Beach, FL 32547**

**850 863-2739**

<http://www.cayograndehotel.com>

**Jr. Queen Suite \$116 + fees and taxes (kitchenette)**

**Deluxe King Suite \$132 + fees and taxes (full kitchen)**

**Reference: Florida Commodores Association** (rate for bookings by Friday, 15 June)

note: there may be lower rates on the internet or through military or other  
discount programs... this is high season in the Panhandle



**April Meeting**

**Pelican Yacht Club**

