



# *The Florida Commodores Journal*



## **Fort Walton Yacht Club Hosts Summer Meeting**

*Keepers of the Flame*

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

## FROM THE HELM:

### Commodore John Matthews



Fort Walton Yacht Club Chapter did it again. They hosted an outstanding Association membership meeting in July. Immediate Past Commodore Tom Reynolds and his lovely bride of 50 years (they recently celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary) were responsible for organizing the meeting and all the activities. It all began on Thursday with the Reynolds co-hosting a cocktail party for the members of the Executive Committee with PC Robert Plummer, the FCA Treasurer, and his lovely bride, Beverly, who just happens to serve as the FCA Quartermaster. The party certainly laid the foundation for the excellent meeting to follow.



The FCA Executive Committee held its usual meeting on Friday afternoon. The focus of the meeting was to address several topics that needed to be considered. The first was to review the proposed changes to the FCA Bylaws in preparation for the vote taken on Saturday by the members. Next was the appointment of the Nominating Committee under the supervision of the chair, the Immediate Past Commodore Tom Reynolds. Additional committee members appointed and

approved by the Executive Committee were PC Rich Oakley and PC Bill Barnett. PC Barnett is serving his last year as Secretary of the Association and therefore has no conflict of interest in serving on the committee. As Commodore of the Association, I also serve on the committee as per the bylaws.

Another topic acted upon was the naming of the Audit Committee under the supervision of Rear Commodore Slattery with the Immediate Past Commodore (IPC) as Chair. Committee members include two additional members to be named by the IPC. Under the laws of the State of Florida the Association only has to conduct a thorough review of the financial records for the year. Our financial transactions are well below the \$50,000 per year level. The meeting schedule for 2013 was finalized with Bay Point Yacht Club Chapter leading off the schedule February 8 and 9, 2013.

The final major issue discussed was the need to enhance the use of Area Ambassadors for the Association. The Executive Committee fully recognizes that if the Association is to continue to grow membership and chapters our Ambassador program must be strengthened and expanded with additional ambassadors and greater commitment to spreading the good word about the FCA. To this end, the Executive Committee has designated the Immediate Past Commodore of FCA to conduct a training session for Ambassadors to focus on specific goals for Ambassadors, to identify the many benefits of FCA Membership, and to become more knowledgeable of the plethora of educational programs and activities available to yacht clubs. After much discussion, it was agreed to make the primary responsibility for the Ambassador Program rest with the Immediate Past Commodore beginning in October, 2012 after the Change of Watch.

The training session will be held on Friday, October 19, 2012 at Clearwater Yacht Club beginning at 1 pm. Additional information will be forthcoming regarding this training. The Association is looking for some additional members who are willing to make a reasonable commitment to help grow the association by working with yacht clubs in a given geographical area of the State of Florida. The training program scheduled will show you how to do this in an effective and efficient manner. Please consider becoming an Area Ambassador. You should contact me or PC Phyllis Seaton if you are willing to help the Association.

FCA Members and Associate Members from 10 Chapters participated in the Ceremony. Chapters represented were Fort Walton YC, Pelican YC, Fort Pierce YC, Pensacola YC, Navy YC Pensacola, Charlotte Harbor YC, Halifax River YC, Coquina Coast, Treasure Island, Punta Gorda Boat Club, and Palm Beach Commodores.



The membership meeting on Saturday was conducted with all 10 chapters represented and several new faces attending from Fort



Pierce YC, Pelican YC and Pensacola YC. The membership voted to approve the proposed changes to the FCA bylaws. Vice Commodore Larry Kimmerling reported on the FCAs support of our US Olympic Team Members Zack and Paige Railey from Clearwater and the recognition by the US Team of FCAs sponsorship. The membership was advised of the initial

plans for the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the founding of the FCA to be held at Cabot Lodge in Gainesville, FL in December, 2013. It will be real celebration party and not a business meeting. So mark your calendar for the first week in December 2013. More information will be forthcoming this year about the celebration.



During our lunch period the FCA had the pleasure of hearing from Randy Smythe, a US Olympic Silver Medal winning sailor from Fort Walton Yacht Club. Randy told several stories about his Olympic training program and the conduct of the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles and the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona, Spain. Randy won Silver in both Olympics sailing mixed multihulls. Randy also has participated in several movies sailing multihull boats including *The Thomas Crown Affair* with Pierce Brosnan and in *Water World* with Kevin Costner.

Randy is very active with the sailing program at Fort Walton Yacht Club and can be found giving sage advice at many Gulf Yachting Association events and competitive events.

Following the lunch presentation, the group had a presentation from The Friends of the *Governor Stone*, which is a sailing museum and on the register of National Historic Landmarks as the last known example of the once ubiquitous shallow draft Gulf Coast Schooners. The membership was

invited to tour the *Governor Stone* while tied up at the Fort Walton Yacht Club docks. The *Governor Stone* has served this country during WWII and has worked as a rum runner, an oyster bay boat, a sponge boat, a resort day sailor, and a private yacht before retiring to its current position as a museum.

The meeting festivities at Fort Walton Yacht Club concluded with a social hour and an excellent meal with great music for dancing. Many thanks go to Commodore (and FCA member) Skip Harrington, FWYC, and his lovely wife, Barbara; FCA Immediate Past Commodore Dr. Tom Reynolds and his lovely wife (and FCA Associate Member) Lynne for all the warm hospitality and excellent support for the meeting.

If you have never attended an FCA meeting you really do not know what you are missing. It is truly a great experience. Try it!!!!

# Nautical Puzzler

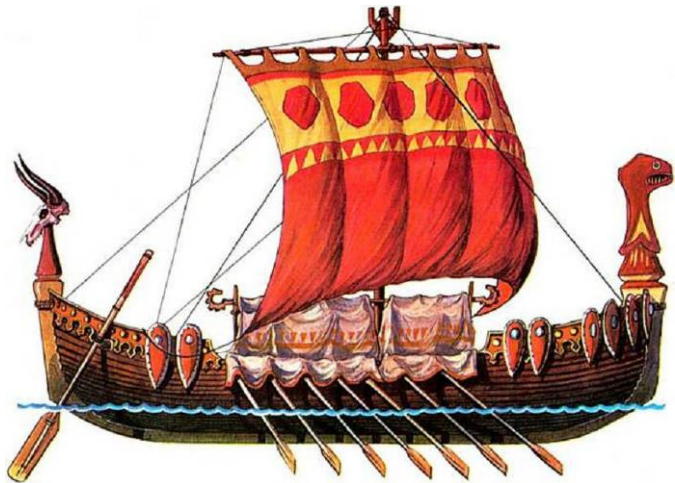
Can any body tell me where the terms starboard and port came from? Members who send the correct answer to Tracy@alum.mit.edu will be recognized in the next issue.

## Answer

### Starboard (right) *when facing forward*

The origin of the term *starboard* comes from early boating practices. Before ships had [rudders](#) on their centre lines, they were steered by use of a specialized [steering oar](#). This oar was held by an oarsman located in the [stern](#) (back) of the ship. However, similar to now, there were many more [right-handed](#) sailors than [left-handed](#) sailors. This meant that the steering oar (which had been broadened to provide better control) used to be affixed to the right side of the ship.

The word *starboard* comes from [Old English](#) *steorbord*, literally meaning the side on which the ship is steered, descendant from the [Old Norse](#) words *stýri* meaning "rudder" (from the verb *stýra*, literally "being at the helm", "having a hand in") and *borð* meaning etymologically "board", then the "side of a ship".



### Port (left) *when facing forward*

An early version of "port" is *larboard*, which itself derives from [Middle-English](#) *ladebord* via corruption in the 16th century by association with *starboard*. The term *larboard*, when shouted in the wind, was presumably too easy to confuse with *starboard*<sup>[1]</sup> and so the word *port* came to replace it. *Port* is derived from the practice of sailors [mooring](#) ships on the left side at [ports](#) in order to prevent the [steering oar](#) from being crushed.

*Larboard* continued to be used well into the 1850s by [whalers](#), despite being long superseded by "port" in the merchant vessel service at the time. "Port" was not officially adopted by the [Royal Navy](#) until 1844 ([Ray Parkin](#), *H. M. Bark Endeavour*). [Robert Fitz Roy](#), Captain of [Darwin's HMS Beagle](#), is said to have taught his crew to use the term port instead of larboard, thus propelling the use of the word into the Naval Services vocabulary.

## Next Issue's Puzzler

All of us who have boats, even sailors, have at least one propeller. Do you know why these propellers slip? I grew up thinking that slipping was something bad like slipping on the ice or a belt or the clutch slipping. But every propeller does slip. Do you know why?



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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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## **Some Thoughts on the FCA**

**by Peter Tyson, Commodore, Pelican Yacht Club**

I was delighted to be introduced to the Florida Commodores Association this past spring when we hosted their regional meeting at the Pelican Yacht Club in Fort Pierce. Our immediate past Commodore, June Ann DeGraw, had mentioned the group to me earlier in the year and she recommended that we send our Club Manager, Evans Mulligan, up to Orlando for the Academy of Yachting offered by the organization. He returned with a glowing report regarding the information he had gleaned and absorbed, and the hospitality afforded by the FCA members.

As host for the regional conference at our club this past April, I enjoyed meeting and greeting the FCA members, but didn't feel like I was part of their organization as I really didn't know much about it. I sat in on the Saturday morning business meeting and thought to myself, "this is really an enthusiastic and organized group with a mission!"

This past weekend, my wife Jeanne and I journeyed to the Ft Walton Yacht Club to attend the third regional conference of the year and as an Associate Member this time, and in proper uniform, I felt I was really a part of FCA. I was greeted as an old friend by those members I had met at the Pelican and welcomed warmly by those members I had not previously met.

My thoughts on FCA have continued to develop since that first introduction back in April and I am convinced that the organization is a winner. It is just what is needed by yacht clubs, their officers, and managers. FCA not only provides a forum for members to bounce issues off one another, but it is also a tremendous source of information and help that comes from the experience of its members. It gives one the

## Welcome home USA Olympians

The Florida Commodores Association welcomes home USA Olympians Paige and Zach Railey from the 2012 Olympics in London, England.

It was tough and disappointing results for Paige and Zach and all of their loyal fans and support organizations. Both were legitimate medal contenders and disciplined, hard working athletes for years. It just didn't work out and wasn't to be.



Americans reached the medals race in three races; St. Petersburg, Fl., Mark Mendelblatt, Miami, Fl., Brian Faith in Star, (seventh) and Clearwater, Fl., Paige Railey in Laser Radial (eighth).

Both Paige and Zach gave all they had and exhibited that with honor and pride of representing the USA on the Olympic world stage. Paige said it best, "I am going to enjoy sailing and try my hardest. I'm out there sailing with my American Flag representing my country. It's great to be out there and say, "here I am sailing for all of you."

How do we tell you about how proud we are of you both and what you bring not only to the Sailing world but to the United States, the country you represent.

There are all kinds of legacy's that we can leave in this world and one of honesty, fairness, caring and being true to one's self gets the highest honor.

Thank you Paige and Zach for allowing us (FCA) to be a part of this exciting and memorable journey to the 2012 Olympics!!! You are the best!

### **To Members and Associates of FCA;**

You have set the bar high, with your caring, giving and enthusiasm during Brad Kendell's, and Paige and Zach Railey's campaign for the 2012 Olympics.

You demonstrated the spirit of FCA and it is **alive** in the organization, **alive** in the State of (Florida) and **alive** among the many companies and sponsors of the 2012 campaign.

To be a part of the Olympic dreams of these young sailors, and their journey to that goal, sets this organization among the elite in the sailing community and the State of Florida.

This has not been just a thing, or just a fun thing to do, (which it was), it makes a statement about who we are, and that we have a mission!

Thank you Members and Associates, **Job Well Done!!!**

**Larry Kimmerling**  
**Vice Commodore**

## Chapter Profile

### The Bay Point Yacht Club

The Bay Point Yacht Club is located at the Bay Point Marina in Panama City Beach Florida. Bay Point is a gated community with two golf courses, a Marina with 180 slips, and a Wyndham Hotel. Bay Point also has an extensive canal system in the residential area, and many of the boats owned by Yacht Club members are located behind their private homes. Bay Point is just minutes away from St. Andrews Bay, Shell Island, and the Gulf of Mexico, and the area provides the opportunity for boat owners of all types to enjoy an active and enjoyable boating life style.



The Yacht Club was incorporated in 1986, and the first clubhouse was the former snack bar near the pool at the Country Club. Although a small and humble beginning, the Club provided boating and social programs for the few members that were brave enough to start their own Yacht Club. Even Hurricane Opal, a category 4 hurricane that hit the area hard in 1995 was not enough to deter those initial members despite their water soaked building and damaged marina. The Yacht Club faced another crises in 1999 when their lease on the Clubhouse was being terminated in order to make way for new development. However, the members again rose to the occasion and purchased the marina office building; and after extensive renovations it became the new home for the Yacht Club.

The 200 members today enjoy an active social program, as well as an active boating program. The social program consists of Tuesday night poker, Friday night social hour, and a monthly theme party, all of which have been well attended. Some of the recent parties have been the Kentucky Derby Party with the ladies showing up in their finest hats, the Super Bowl Party where everyone wears their favorite team jersey, and the Black and White Night featuring the music of Roy Orbison. The open house at Christmas is always a favorite, and the Soup Party at the clubhouse following the Christmas parade on golf carts always warms the heart. The biggest social event of every year is the Change of Watch, complete with live big band music and an extended program.



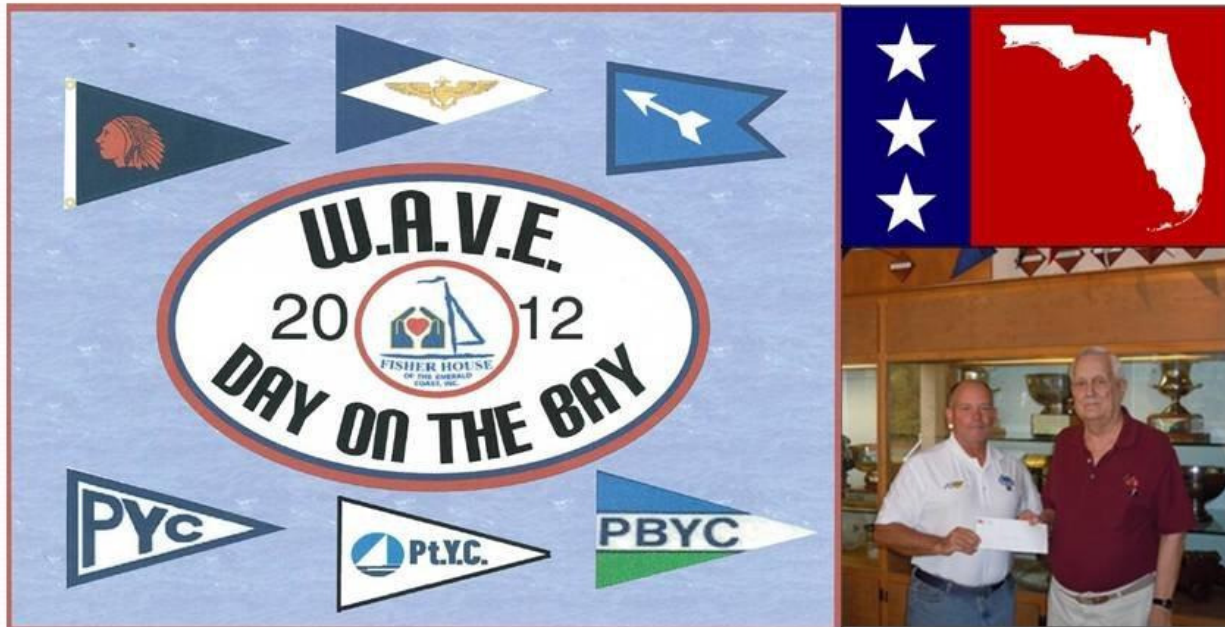
The Club also has a very active boating program with raft-ups and cruises. There are frequent raft-ups in the local area, as well as the springtime Cruise East to Port St Joe and Apalachicola, the Fall Cruise West to Sandestin and Pensacola, and the summertime extended cruise to the Bahamas. The Club recently had the annual Crooked Island Raft-up in conjunction with the Port St Joe Yacht Club. As a precursor to the Summer Olympics, such events as the interclub Bocci Ball Tournament and the Blindfolded Dinghy Races took place. As always, the Club took a number of boats to the Panama City Marina for a front row seat at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Display. At last count, the Club had 75 registered boats with two 80 footers, twelve 50 footers, and everything on down on down to a 14 foot sunfish. Whatever the size of the boat, Yacht Club boaters continue to enjoy the many opportunities provided by the Northwest Florida waterways and the Yacht Club events.



All of the Past Commodores and spouses are members of the Florida Commodores Association. The two major events hosted by the Past Commodores are the dinner following the Commissioning Day Ceremony and the Christmas Party for FCA members and their spouses. At last year's Change of Watch, then FCA Commodore Tom Reynolds and Bay Point FCA member Jack Kennedy presented a copy of *Yachting Customs and Courtesies* to BPYC Commodore Jeff Brooks. The bay Point Chapter of the FCA is looking forward to hosting the FCA meeting in February 2013.



## **Florida Commodore Association** makes first Donation for **Wounded American Veterans Event (W.A.V.E.)**



The presentation of a donation to the Wounded American Veterans Event (W.A.V.E.) by FCA Treasurer Robert Plummer to Fort Walton Yacht Club Fleet Captain John Farris.

This first of it's kind, "Day on the Bay" event will be hosted on October 28, 2012 at Ft. Walton Yacht Club. Hosting clubs are Ft Walton Yacht Club, Eglin Yacht Club, Navy Yacht Club Pensacola, Pensacola Yacht Club, Pensacola Beach Yacht Club and Point Yacht Club.

Planning is for 200 plus wounded veterans and the families and caretakers who will be paired with members of clubs for a trip around the bay and lunch afterward. Commodore John Matthews and several other members of FCA will be providing their boats and participating in this most worthwhile event.

## SEEN AROUND THE FORT WALTON YACHT CLUB



Commodore John Matthews and Randy Smyth Sailing Hall of Famer.



Quartermaster Beverly Plummer making her report on the Ships store.



Lynn Oakley modeling one of Ships Stores newest ladies shirt.



PC Kimmerling reporting on Olympics and wearing US Sailing team vest given to him from Brad Kendell Paralympics sailor.

# When Is An Asset A Liability?

By P/C John Slattery

Answer: When it's inventory. Sure, inventory is carried on your club's Balance Sheet under the Current Assets section however, it should never be considered an asset. Like other Current Assets, such as Receivables, these items are financed with Working Capital which is just a fancy expression for cold hard cash.

Besides the fact that inventory reduces your cash position it incurs costs to store it in the form of space and, in the case of perishable food, refrigeration. Inventory is also subject to loss due to theft, spoilage, damage and going out of style (ship's store merchandise.) To put it bluntly, inventory is a cash investment with a zero rate of return!

The longer you hold inventory the more it cost to store it and the chances of recovering it's initial value continues to decline. Inventory management is one of the more difficult aspects of good asset management but also one of the most rewarding in that, for every dollar you take out of inventory you reduce the cash required to run your club.

The key measurement tool for inventory control is the inventory turn ratio. This tells you how many times you are turning (completely replacing) your inventory within a given time frame. The higher the number of turns in the shortest time period the better you are doing in managing your inventory.

The most acceptable formula for calculating your inventory turn ratio is:

$$\text{Turns} = \frac{\text{Cost of Goods Sold (for the period)}}{\text{Average Inventory (for the same period)}} = \frac{\$100,000}{\$10,000} = 10X$$

Example assumes Cost of goods for the period (year, month, etc.) at \$100,000 and a beginning inventory of \$12,000 and an ending inventory of \$8,000.

The above example shows an inventory turn ratio of 10 times within the time period used. Industry standards in food and beverage show that a bar should have an inventory turn of 20 to 26 times a year (every two weeks) and a restaurant should turn it's inventory four or more times a month. Food and beverage inventory turns should always be calculated separately.

You must bear in mind that yacht clubs should not be held to industry standards. Since our facilities are open only to members, on certain days and during certain hours - our "customer traffic" is more limited. In addition, every club is different as to the scope of food it offers and how extensive it's bar offerings are (especially in the area of wine.) However, if inventory makes up a large percentage of your club's current assets, this is an area that requires some immediate management attention.

There are numerous methods available to reduce and control your club's inventory but, that's a topic for another article.

**This is one of the topics covered in the business segment of the Academy of Yachting Officers and Professionals offered by the International Commodores Association. The next Academy will be held in Gainesville, FL from November 29 to December 1. If you think your club could benefit you can find additional information at [www.academyofyachting.org](http://www.academyofyachting.org).**

# What is a Demand Curve?

by P/C Tracy Wichmann

Do you know the demand curve for your club? It depends on your members. A demand curve is widely used business tool which I learned in Economics 101. Here is a hypothetical example of one for martinis - something we sell a lot of at our club. It is a plot of the price vs. how many will be sold in a given period. That is the blue line. Now clearly, if the price is zero, everybody who wants one, will buy one. But the club membership being limited and some people needing to drive home there is an upper limit. In this case 750. If the price is increased, fewer members will buy them. While the price is low, many will still buy but as the price approaches \$10 per drink only the very rich will partake.



In many clubs the bridge and/or the board of directors has fiddled with the price of drinks to overcome a shortfall in revenues. Setting aside the point that the club belongs to the members and that the whole idea is to create a pleasant experience for them, the management will raise the price to get more money. This is what the red curve is all about. The gross revenue from martinis is obtained by multiplying the price times the number sold. A high per drink price does not produce the highest revenue. It is somewhere in between. In this hypothetical case it is \$1800 at a price of \$4 each.

Now it would be nice if one could sell the drinks at \$10 to the rich members and offer a lesser price to the poorer ones like those who maintain a boat. The airlines tried that when they noted that business travelers had to travel while tourists could choose another kind of vacation. Noting that tourists almost always stayed over a Saturday while business travelers could not, they sold tickets for less if the passenger stayed over a Saturday. In fact the price difference was so great that some companies were offering to send wives along with frequent travelers if they would stay over a Saturday.

Now there seems to be a similar sort of thing with martinis. We have "well" booze and drinks like Grey Goose and many brands in-between. It is not like the airlines however. A passenger seat costs the same on Saturday as on any other day but the club pays more for Grey Goose than its well brands. Instead of the actual menu price then, it is better to plot markup vs. number of sales where markup is the gross profit. Everything else is the same. In this case we assume that rich people are not stupid and will expect that a bands that costs twice as much in the liquor store should not cost more than twice as much at the club bar.

disproportional profit from rich members (who may not take kindly to being soaked) by overpricing their more expensive choices.

In summary, a well managed club considers demand vs. price

## From the Treasurer

2012 has certainly been a growth year for FCA, at this time last year we had 259 total members which included 172 regulars and 84 associates. As of this writing the numbers for 2012 are 207 regular and 112 associates, for a total of 319 members! We must be doing some things right. If you haven't been attending meetings, why don't you plan to attend and find out what your FCA is all about?

A call for dues will go out to all Chapters as well as a separate dues letter to each member, shortly after the general membership and Change of Watch, being held at Clearwater Yacht Club 19 and 20 October.

Congratulations to Davis Island Chapter, their dues were received in early August. Thanks for being so prompt.

Any questions or comments please contact me at [rbplum@cox.net](mailto:rbplum@cox.net)

Robert Plummer

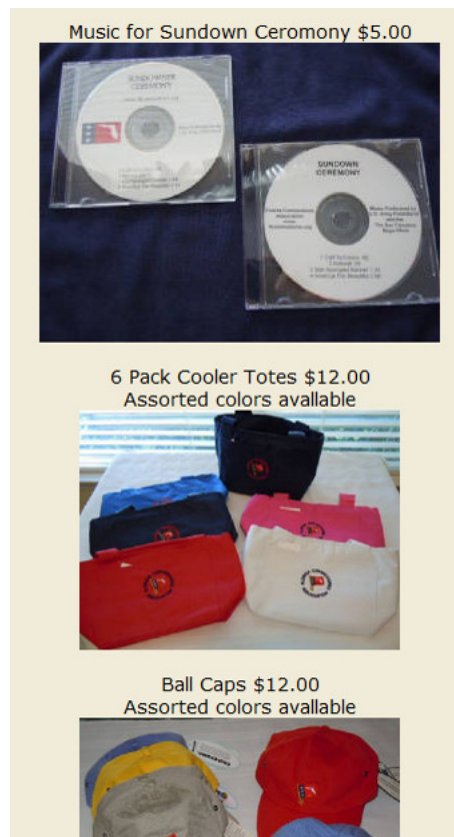
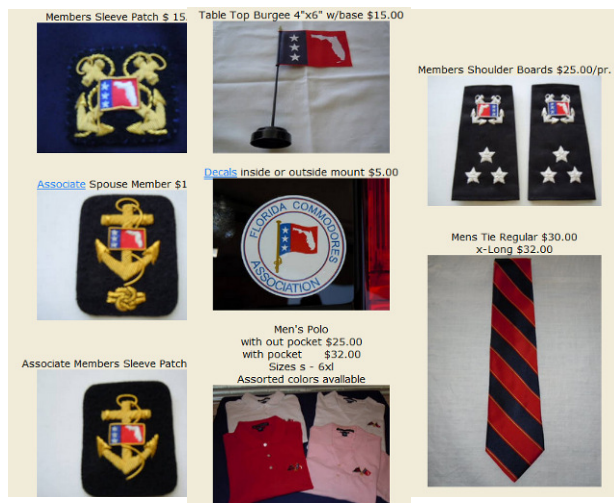
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# **Florida Commodores Association**

## **Past, Present & Future Commodores**



### **Annual Meeting & Change of Watch** **October 19 – 20, 2012**

Clearwater Yacht Club, 830 S. Bayway Blvd., Clearwater, FL 33767



### **~Schedule of Events~**

#### **Friday, October 19, 2012**

- 13:00** FCA Ambassador Training Session
- 16:00** FCA Executive Board Meeting – CYC Board Meeting
- 18:00** Cocktails – Tiki Bar, dockside (weather permitting)
- 18:30** Sundowners Ceremony, Uniform B with Cover.  
Blue Blazer, FCA or Club tie, white trousers/skirt, white shoes
- 19:00** Friday Night Dinner Menu with entertainment

#### **Saturday, October 20, 2012**

- 08:30 – 09:30** Registration
- 09:30 – 12:00** Annual Membership Meeting – Uniform C, white shirt with  
Epaulets, white trousers/skirt and white shoes
- 12:00 – 13:30** Buffet lunch in Bayly room. Afternoon program:  
Welcome Home USA Olympians Paige & Zach Railey
- 15:00** Adjourn
- 18:00** Cocktails – Tiki bar, dockside (weather permitting)
- 19:00** Dinner and Change of Watch – Uniform B, Blue Blazer, FCA or  
Club tie, white trousers/skirt, white shoes. Ladies cocktail attire.

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## Florida Commodores Association

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October 19 - 20, 2012

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Chapter/Yacht Club \_\_\_\_\_ FCYC Club member # \_\_\_\_\_

Regular Member \_\_\_\_\_ Associate Member \_\_\_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration fee:	# Persons	Total
\$10/per person payable with Registration	_____	\$ _____

Please make check payable to "FCA" and mail before Oct. 9, 2012 to:

P/C Larry Kimmerling, 17900 Gulf Blvd. 12A, Redington Shores, FL 33708

<u>FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2012</u>	# Persons	# Persons
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Order from Club Menu _____	"Prime Rib Night" _____
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<u>SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2012</u>	# Persons
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Lunch: Soup, salad and sandwich buffet \$12.95 – inclusive	_____
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Dinner: \$34.95 inclusive - please make selections	_____
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All served with a salad and dessert.

\*Chicken Oscar, sautéed, topped with crabmeat, asparagus, Béarnaise sauce \_\_\_\_\_

\* Macadamia nut crusted Hog fish \_\_\_\_\_

\* Pork Dijon, loin of pork sautéed w mushrooms, shallots in light mustard cream sauce \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: Meal and bar charges may be paid by cash, check, credit card (MC, or Visa) or billed to your home club though FCYC.**

## **Area Attractions: Come early, stay late.**

Trolley schedules are available for your convenience

**Salvador Dali Museum**, 1 Dali Plaza, St. Pete. (Seniors \$19) 800-442-3254

**Dale Chihuly Exhibit**, 400 Beach Dr., St. Pete. (Seniors \$14) 727-896-4527

**Holocaust Museum**, 55 5<sup>th</sup> St. S., St. Pete. (Seniors \$12) 727-820-0100

**Heritage Village**, 11909 125<sup>th</sup> St. N., Largo. 21 acres historical buildings, park.

**Clearwater Marine Aquarium**, 249 Windward Psge., Clearwater, FL. Pre-paid ticket Senior \$14.95, buy online. Just finished shooting the movie of “Winter the Dolphin” who has a prosthetic tail. Released last year featuring Morgan Freeman, Ashley Judd and Harry Connick Jr. Now looking at doing a sequel to the first Movie.

**Clearwater Jazz Festival: October 18-21, go to [www.ClearwaterJazzHoliday.com](http://www.ClearwaterJazzHoliday.com)**

### Historic Hotels

**The Don Cesar**, Gulf Blvd., St. Pete Bch., FL. Gulf front hotel, WWII VA hospital

**Renaissance Vinoy**, 501 5th Ave. N., St. Pete, Very unique, downtown waterfront

### Shopping and dining

John's Pass, Gulf Blvd., Madeira Beach, Waterfront shops and dining.

Dunedin, FL. (Scottish community) nice downtown area shops and restaurants

Dunedin Brewery, Dunedin, FL, Tour 727-736- 0606

Tarpon Springs, FL (Greek community) Sponge docks and dive tours, shopping and restaurants.

### Yacht Clubs/ FCYC

**Carlouel Yacht Club**: 1091 Eldorado Ave., Clearwater, FL. 727-446-9162

**St. Pete Yacht Club**: 11 Central Ave., St. Pete. 727-822-3873

**St. Pete, Pass-A-Grille** location 2301 Pass-A-Grille Way, St. Pete Bch.  
727-360-1646

**Tampa Yacht and Country Club:** 5320 Interbay Blvd., Tampa, FL 33611.  
813-831-1611

**Tarpon Springs Yacht Club:** 350 North Spring Blvd., Tarpon Springs. 727-934-2136

### Beaches

**Caladesi Island State Park,** Dunedin, FL. Named America's #1 beach 2008 accessible by boat only. (Ferry runs from Honeymoon Island)

**Honeymoon Island State Park:** 1 Causeway Blvd., Dunedin, FL, 727-469-5942. Natural Barrier Island, nature trails, abundant wildlife. Ferry to Caladesi Island, entry fee.

**Fort De Soto Park:** 3500 Pinellas Bayway S., Tierra Verde, FL, 727-582-2267, TripAdvisor's #1 beach for 2008 you can camp. Rent bikes, walk nature trails, concessions. Entry fee

**Egmont Key State Park:** at the mouth of Tampa Bay, southwest of Fort DeSoto Beach, St. Petersburg, FL, 727-893-2627. One of the last government-operated lighthouses, built in 1858. Accessible only by boat.

**Clearwater Beach:** 10 Pier 60 Dr., Clearwater Beach, FL. Fishing pier, picnic areas, bathhouses, full time lifeguards. Voted having the best sand on the west coast by Condi Nast Traveler. Walking distance from CYC.

**Sand Key Park:** 1060 Gulf Blvd., Clearwater Beach, FL. 727-588-4852. Dog park, picnic areas, restrooms, showers. This park is the base of operations for the county's artificial reef program. Within 3 miles of CYC.

**Clearwater Sailing Center:** 1001 Gulf Blvd., Clearwater, 727-517-7776. Directly across from Sand Key Park: Rental of Sunfish, Paddle Boards, Small Catamarans

