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## **Ft. Walton Yacht Club to host Summer Meeting July 20 - 21**

More information and  
registration forms in this  
issue and online.

## **Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club is the location for 2018 Leadership Seminar October 26 -27**

Details and registration form  
in this issue and online.



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**Summer Meeting .....July 20-21**  
Ft. Walton Yacht Club

**Four-Star Nomination Deadline**  
September 30

**Fall Meeting.....**October 19 - 20  
Platinum Point YC

**Leadership Seminar...Oct.26 - 27**  
Charlotte Harbor YC

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### Scheduled publishing dates for 2018—2019:

<u>Publishing Date</u>	<u>Deadline Date</u>
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January 1	December 18
April 1	March 25
July 1	June 25

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# From the Helm

## Commodore Sam Foreman



Ninety plus degrees Fahrenheit, ninety eight percent humidity, afternoon rain showers turning into a sauna, the rapid spinning of dials on your electric meter as your air conditioner never seems to stop. It must be summer in Florida. For those of us that are full time residents, it is

our penance for all the great weather we have the rest of the year.

Get ready for a hot time at the FCA Summer Meeting at the Fort Walton Yacht Club July 21-22. FWYC Chapter President P/C Bill Bushelle and P/C Tom Reynolds have put together a great meeting that you do not want to miss. For the Saturday morning meeting, they have invited Coast Guard Commander Matthew Derrenbacher to speak. He will discuss topics such as search and rescue, marine environmental protection, living marine resources, maritime law enforcement, and maritime safety and security. In the afternoon Colonel Edward L. Hubbard, USAF (Retired), President of the Board of Directors of the Air Force Armament Museum will be speaking with us and organizing a tour. Col. Hubbard spent 2,400 days as a POW in North Vietnam. He put all of that behind him and turned that experience into personal growth and motivation. Once retired he received multiple college degrees and became involved in motivational speaking.

P/C Kathy Champagne, our committee chair for both the Four Star Commodores and the WAVE has been working on elevating the profile statewide for the Wounded American Veterans Event. Thanks to Kathy it has gained the attention of some state officials, especially those that are veterans and one may visit us during our meeting at FWYC. Kathy will go into more detail in her article for this publication. Bottom line, don't miss this meeting!

Our Rear Commodore P/C Jeff Brooks sent me his note of resignation on June 5. He expressed great

regret but with his travel schedule and other commitments he felt he could not give the job the time needed to do it right. Also, he would have less time if he moved up the chairs. The Executive Committee and I are very sorry to see him go. His impact was immediate and positive. Jeff continues to be great supporter of the FCA. We all wish him well and look forward to seeing him at the meetings. Perhaps we can lure him back to the Executive Committee in the future.

Obviously this makes the work of the Nominating Committee and its Chairman P/C Wayne Stewart more difficult. We need volunteers for the Executive Committee. The FCA is always looking for leadership talent. If you have an interest in being on the Executive Committee and would like to learn more about it, let Wayne know.



**Ship's Store**  
Beverly Plummer,  
Quartermaster

At the Spring General Membership meeting I passed out a survey with questions concerning the Ship's Store. Thank you to everyone that took time to fill them out and return them. I would like to address some of the items that were presented.

### **Should the Ship's Store carry merchandise other than basic uniform items?**

All but one of those surveyed replied YES, the other had no opinion. As explained at the General Membership meeting, at this time sales are somewhat stalled for uniform items. Therefore, it makes sense to continue selling other merchandise in the Ship's Store boutique.

### **What type of merchandise would you like to see offered in the Ship's Store boutique?**

The overwhelming response was to offer FCA burgee logo items, custom crossed burgee logo items (requiring a longer delivery time), and nautical theme clothing. Since most preferred to stay anonymous answering the survey there are some comments I would like to answer personally to some individuals, one comment in particular was that "a custom logo doesn't work with their logo".

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If this person would contact me personally I'd like to see what I can do.

Ladies costume jewelry and gift items were also requested. Some ladies admired the Wine Bottle umbrellas in the Charlotte Harbor Ship's Store and I now have them available for purchase too. These come with a black or burgundy umbrella and sell for \$15. If you think you'd like several for gift giving purposes please contact me so I may put them aside for you.

**Would you like to see items available at different times than they are currently during General Meetings?**

This question had the most feedback and suggestions. Some would like to be able to order items online. The good news is, you can! On our website there are photos and descriptions of items available to the members. You may order them directly online or contact me to discuss your order. I reply to emails in a reasonable amount of time and depending on the item ordered it can be shipped to you promptly.

**Could FCA uniform items be available at individual Yacht Club Ship's Stores?**

Not at this time. FCA logo items may only be purchased by FCA members in good standing. Control of this and basic inventory of items would be a nightmare. However, it was also requested to have the Ship's Store available at individual FCA chapter meetings. This may be considered if schedules can be coordinated and a sufficient number of members will be in attendance.

Currently the Ship's Store is available during the Saturday General Membership meeting until after the last speaker of the day. Many have requested the store be available other times during the weekend of our meetings. Depending on the hosting club, space available and activities being held at the club, the Store will try to be available at other times. For the Summer, 2018 General Membership meeting at Ft. Walton Yacht Club the Ship's Store will be open Friday afternoon and early evening while members are there for the Sundown Ceremony and dinner buffet. Only Boutique items will be available at this time since the Yacht Club general membership will also

be in attendance. The full Ship's store will be open for sales, as usual during the meetings on Saturday. When questioned about the prices of items in the Ship's store the answers were either reasonable or appropriate for the quality of items. There were several comments and requests to continue the level of quality found in the store as well.

Several people, once again anonymously, wrote comments of appreciation of the work put into maintaining the store. I can honestly say it's my pleasure and I appreciate your kind words.



**Club Project**  
**WAVE in Punta Gorda**  
P/C Carole Lick

A beautiful, sunny and warm day added to the three hours on the water for the vets boating experience April 18. The 20 vets were in sailboats, power boats and some went fishing. Nine boats and their captains from Platinum Point Yacht Club enjoyed some quality time with these vets.



to witness this.

One of the vets was in a wheel chair with no feeling in his feet or legs. With lots of help, he was lifted from his wheelchair to the pontoon boat and had his first ever ride on the water. How special it was

Here is an email from his wife: *"My husband Robert was at your event today (WAVE) and when he came home he was beaming. He had such a wonderful time and everyone was so kind and caring. He couldn't get over it! I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for today. He very seldom smiles anymore because he is unhappy with the way his life has turned out and today was wonderful - being treated so special and being with other vets. And he really enjoyed being out on the water. I admire the way you are so dedicated to our vets. God bless you. Nancy"*

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book author, humanitarian and environmentalist, his local planned visit included a public lecture and slide show.



Highlights of his presentation included his 2013 Florida Discovery Expedition, which retraced Juan Ponce de León's 1513 Spanish exploration into Florida in search of the illusive Fountain of Youth. From Puerto Rico, Marichalar traveled,

without any support vessels, 1,624 nautical miles to set foot on shore in St. Augustine — exactly where Ponce de León had stepped out 500 years earlier. On the fifth centennial of the first European discovery of the Pacific Ocean by Spanish Conquistador Vasco Núñez de Balboa, Marichalar navigated 2,400 nautical miles, from Miami to Panama, along the coasts of 10 different countries. Balboa had led a gold expedition of 190 Spaniards and some Indians southward across the Isthmus of Panama. Climbing a mountain peak, Balboa sighted the Pacific Ocean, which the Spaniards named the Mar del Sur (South Sea). Please see the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JfzD4-9vpF4>

Among the 14 world records and 39 maritime expeditions undertaken for humanitarian or environmental causes by the modern-day adventurer, perhaps the best known is Marichalar's 2002 commemoration of the fourth and final voyage of Christopher Columbus to the New World. Columbus set sail May 11, 1502, to explore uncharted areas to the west of the Caribbean and, perhaps, to find a passage west to the Orient.

One of Alvaro's biggest concerns is the pollution of our oceans by plastic bottles and bags and other trash. It is prevalent in the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean.



Alvaro with P/C McKinnon and P/C Matthews, chapter Secretary/Treasurer following the conclusion of his presentation to the chapter.

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## **WAVE Wounded American Veterans Event**

P/C Kathy Champagne

The WAVE Committee has been pursuing Florida State Legislative support for our Wounded American Veterans Events, which would include District recognition for hosting local yacht clubs.

Details will be presented at the FCA Summer Meeting at Ft. Walton Yacht Club on July 21, 2018.



## **FCA Foundation**

P/C Mary Slattery

It has been a busy year so far for the Foundation with announcements of two new major projects - a grant program designed for youth sailing programs and the planning of a fund raising cruise on the Rhine River in 2019.

## **2018 Youth Sailing Grant Program**

At the February Board of Directors meeting approval was given to fund a 2018 Youth Sailing Grant program. An integral part of summer activities for most yacht clubs, youth sailing is a key support project for the Foundation.





P/C and FCAF Secretary, Mary Slattery (c), presents a 2018 Youth Sailing Grant check to Commodore Dave Huff (l) and Youth Sailing Coordinator, Jerry Janaro, (r) of the Halifax River Yacht Club.

With the aid of one of these grants, clubs would have the ability to offer classes to needy youths wanting to learn how to sail. Sailing is a positive and exciting way for youths to develop critically important skills while having fun. The programs not only teach youths how to sail, but in turn they develop life-long skills, including self-reliance, communication, discipline and more.

The goals of the grants are to develop sailing proficiency, communications, and a greater understanding of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).

The grant guidelines include off-setting some or all registration costs, cost of course materials and teaching aids, and items that enhance STEM in their program. Capital equipment or salaries were excluded.

Four grants of \$250 for a total of \$1,000 were offered. Applications for sailing grants were open exclusively to FCA-affiliated clubs and each club commodore was notified of the program by emailing and direct contact.



P/C and FCAF Treasurer Tom Reynolds (r), Robert Harrison, President of the Emerald Coast Sailing Association (c) and Fort Walton YC Commodore Faye Black

The Foundation is pleased to announce three \$250 grants were awarded. The clubs were: Davis Island Yacht Club (Tampa), Halifax River Yacht Club (Daytona Beach) and the Emerald Coast Sailing Association (Ft. Walton). Congratulations to these clubs! And ... laurels to all FCA chapter clubs who sponsor youth sailing programs.



Davis Island Yacht Club Commodore Jack Whitman (r), Greta Brooks, Youth Sailing Coordinator (c) and P/C and FCAF President Larry Kimmerling (l).

## Join the FCA Foundation and Enjoy Cruising the Rhine River

A popular method for organizations to raise funds is to sponsor a cruise and this is what the Foundation plans for 2019. Explore new places, see unique and interesting cities and towns, enjoy local cuisine all while supporting the Foundation. Even though this will be a 2019 event – *start planning now!*

The chosen cruise is called “Captivating Rhine.” It commences in Amsterdam and sails down the Rhine to Basel. The cruise dates are September 23-30, 2019, aboard AmaWaterway’s newest ship (just launching in 2019!), the *AmaMora*.

Different in so many ways, river cruises are much smaller and more intimate than ocean cruises, taking you into the heartbeat of the countries you visit – the Netherlands, France, Germany and Switzerland. The ship docks at the edge of old town squares and you are steps away from story- book and historic sights. See these with English-speaking guides or explore on your own – your choice! Check out Ama’s brochure shown separately.

All rooms have a river view and start at \$3,899. A variety of room design and features are available, including accommodations for single/solo travelers. Extend your trip with optional land tours that can be booked along with your reservation and airfare.

With approximately 150 guests aboard, cabins sell out quickly, *so don't delay your booking!*

All bookings for this FCAF fundraising cruise are being handled exclusively by Burnt Store Travel Agents, Holly and Joe Serokos, in Punta Gorda, Contact: [holly@burntstoretravel.com](mailto:holly@burntstoretravel.com) or at: 941-661-4452. Holly is a Past Commodore of Platinum Point YC and an FCA member. Both Holly and Joe can also handle your special requirements for airfare.

The FCAF representative for the cruise is: Carole Lick. Contact Carole at [lickc@msu.edu](mailto:lickc@msu.edu) or 734-945-3938. Carole is a great person to talk to about scenic villages and towns and ship accommodations, as she was a recent guest on just such an Ama Waterways cruise.

Join the Foundation for a relaxing European cruise and enjoy historic sights of the Rhine River at a pace that will suite your every need and expectation. Make your 2019 travel plans now and join the fun! Don't wait or delay ... plan now for a great 2019 Rhine River Cruise!

And ... above all ... for the good of your FCA Foundation – *don't miss the boat! Join the fun today!*

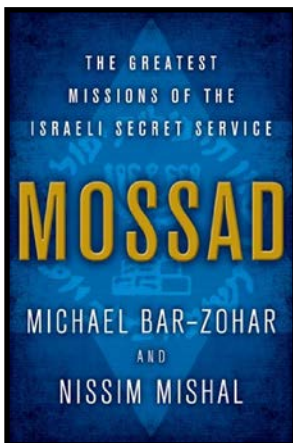
Eichmann from Argentina to stand trial for crimes committed during WWII. This book recounts dozens of other missions carried out by the Mossad.

What is most enlightening is the revelation that not every endeavor on their part was a success. The failures, when they occur, can be very damaging to Israel. Internal political conflict is very often stirred up by their mistakes. When something goes wrong with an operation in another country, the payback can be overwhelming.

While we may assume that almost every countries intelligence service carries out 'black operations' outside their borders, the Mossad has been, on occasion, very frank about 'wet operations' against those they know responsible for the killing of Jews both in Israel and around the world. They also use this as a preventative technique to delay or destroy nuclear programs of their enemies.

Not all their missions are combative as you learn about the return of a young boy kidnaped from his family and moved around the world. They found him (in the U.S.) and he was returned with the assistance for our government. The Mossad also had the lead role in the initial mission to bring the Ethiopian Jews to Israel in 1991, although the project is still a work in progress.

While this book does go into operational details, I'm sure no secret spy-craft is revealed but it does make for a good read about an organization who's feats are very much part of the Mideast news we hear about daily.



## Book Review

### *Mossad*

Michael Bar-Zohar  
and Nissim Mishal

(Available in hardcover, Kindle, Nook, paperback and audio format)

You may recall a couple of months ago, Benjamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister of Israel, exposed on live television from inside the Defense Ministry in Tel Aviv, a plethora of documents and CD's pilfered from a secret Tehran warehouse by a Mossad team.

For decades this Israeli intelligence agency has been heralded as one of the finest in the world. We all remember the capture and secret spiriting of Adolf

Attention all Florida Yacht Clubs!

Do not miss an opportunity to honor exceptional leadership for your yacht club, while at the same time sharing inspirational stories with the entire FCA membership. Nominations are due no later than September 30, 2018.



## Four-Star Commodore

P/C Kathy Champagne



## At-large member awarded BIG trophy!



Mary Lou Buck is an FCA member-at large and was recently presented with a trophy by the Southern California Yachting Association at the Installation of Officers Dinner (for which she remains as a Director) as well as Past SCYA Port Captain for 8 years and SCYA

Honorary Commodore 2012.) She states that she was most honored to join so many of my close friends on this particular trophy!

My yacht club CIYC ("Catalina Island Yacht Club") was also tagged on the trophy - So both of us get a bit of recognition!

This trophy is given to an individual that has "displayed outstanding sportsmanship and who has made an outstanding contribution to yachting." The trophy usually remains in the winners yacht club until given out to the next winner (usually given out yearly.)

Her current direction is to her daughter, Tamara, who just became Rear Commodore at her yacht club and hopefully one day will join her on this trophy.!

This story was relayed by P/C John Matthews.

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## Why do clocks and watches turn "Clockwise?"

Some of the earliest timepieces were sundials. In the northern hemisphere, the shadow of the dial traces clockwise as the sun moves through the sky, so when clocks were being developed in medieval times, their hands were made to turn in the same direction.

If clocks had been developed in the southern hemisphere, clockwise might have been the other direction.

## We honor a couple of our members who have crossed the bar!

### Charles F. Smith, Jr., MD



Dr. Charles Frank "Chuck" Smith, Jr., passed on January 3. He was Commodore of the Pensacola Yacht Club in 1998. Chuck was an avid sailor, bicyclist and hiker. Commodore Smith was an FCA Charter Member honored as a 4-Star Commodore in 2013.

### Fritz Foster



Fritz passed away on May 7. Fritz was a member of the North Palm Beach Yacht Club and a Associate Member of FCA. Fritz was the first FCA Associate Member to be appointed to the FCA Executive Board representing Associate Members until February, 2013. He believed in the ideals of FCA and was a regular attendee at our meetings with his partner P/C Pat Sheffield.



## Learning Resource Committee P/C Wayne Stewart

### Annual Leadership Training Seminar

The annual FCA Leadership Training Seminar will be held on October 25 and 26 at the beautiful Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club in Port Charlotte. Commodore Connie Martell has kindly agreed to host the seminar.

Lodging arrangements have been made at the PG Waterfront Motel in Punta Gorda at a very good rate of \$79.00 per night. The cost of the seminar is \$100.00 for FCA members and \$125.00 for non-members. The cost of the seminar includes lunch on Friday and Saturday plus all course materials.

The annual seminar provides the Florida Commodores Association's commitment to an educational program designed to improve the quality of leadership in yacht clubs by providing instruction in the proper functioning of clubs and customs and courtesies.

All organizations are welcome to experience the two day event. The seminar is appropriate for all incoming and serving yacht club officers, directors and general managers, but is open to all those interested in learning how to manage a yacht club.

Seminar modules are presented by Past Commodores and professionals in financial, management, insurance and other areas. This is an intensive program of how to manage and direct your yacht club today and plan for its future.

Please encourage your yacht clubs to support their officers and directors in minimizing the financial commitment required to attend by subsidizing all or part of the expense involved in attending. The investment by your yacht club, we believe, will be repaid by better prepared officers and directors managing their club.

The seminar brochure and a registration form are attached to this issue.

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Summer is here and July the fourth is just around the corner. With all this said, the Change of Watch for the Florida Commodores Association in October will be here before we know it.

Some of our current Flag Officers will be moving up the chairs while others are unable to so and we will be needing volunteers to step forward and express their interest in serving on the Executive Committee, as a committee chair person or in any capacity you feel you can contribute.

The Nominating Committee members are P/C Jack Kennedy, P/C John Matthews, P/C John Slattery, P/C June DeGraw and P/C Wayne Stewart. Please contact any of these individuals and express your desire to serve. It is very rewarding to know that you serve or have served your organization.

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### Webmaster P/C John Slattery

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This is a requirement was put in place by the European Union, which in my opinion is the most personally intrusive organization in the free world (and I say this as an EU citizen.)

Please be assured that neither the FCA or Club Express are in the data collection business (unlike Facebook and others) and what little personal information we have on file about our members will never be used for any other reason than supporting our FCA members.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at:

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**Spring Meeting  
Charlotte Harbor  
Yacht Club  
April 13 - 14, 2018**





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Charlotte Harbor  
Yacht Club  
April 13 - 14, 2018**





Spring Meeting  
Charlotte Harbor  
Yacht Club  
April 13 - 14, 2018





**Commander Matthew Derrenbacher** is the current Chief of Response at Coast Guard Sector Mobile. As Response Chief, he directly oversees Search and Rescue, Marine Environmental Protection, Living Marine Resources, Maritime Law Enforcement, and Maritime Safety and Security operations within Sector Mobile's area of responsibility. CDR Derrenbacher's previous assignments include: Atlantic Area Boat Forces Section Chief, USCGC SHERMAN (WHEC 720), serving as the Damage Control Assistant, Engineer of the Watch, & Deck Watch Officer; MSO Hampton Roads Port Operations, SECTOR Hampton Roads (plank owner), SAR Command Duty Officer and Senior Watch Officer; Coast Guard Recruiting Command, Officer Programs, Resource Management, & Boards convener; and Response Department Incident Management Division Chief at CG SECTOR Honolulu.

*Schedule of Events*

*Friday, 20 July*

- 1200 FCA Foundation Board Meeting
- 1500 FCA Exec Committee Meeting
- 1800 Cocktails
- 1915 Sundown Ceremony
- 1930 Dinner Buffet ( \$20 ++)

\* note we are on Central Daylight Time

*Saturday, 21 July*

- 0830 Registration & Continental Bkfst (complimentary)
- 0930 FCA General Meeting
- 1100 Cmdr Matthew Derrenbacher USCG
- 1200 Lunch (\$15 ++)
- 1345 Trip to Air Force Armament Museum  
(6.1 mi) self drive
- 1415 Col Edward L Hubbard, USAF (Retired)  
(Presentation & Tour)
- 1800 Cocktails (@ FWYC)
- 1900 Dinner & Dancing ( \$30 ++)

\*\* FCYC members can charge to their club #

**Col Edward L Hubbard, USAF (Retired)** a valued member of FWYC, spent more that 2400 days as a prisoner of war in North Vietnam. With that experience behind him, Ed moved on, turning that experience into one of personal growth and motivation. In the first 7 years following his retirement, he completed 5 college degrees. Then in 1985 he became heavily involved in motivational speaking to bring his unique experiences and message to others. Currently, Ed is President of the Board of Directors of the Air Force Armament Museum (<http://www.afarmamentmuseum.com>) where he will be speaking with us and organizing a tour.





**Florida Commodores Association  
Registration Form  
Summer Meeting  
July 20 - 21, 2018**



Name(s):

☐ Member

☐ Associate

☐ Guest

Chapter/Yacht Club:  Club #

Home Address:

Home Phone:  Cell Phone:

email:

Friday, 20 July	# of Persons
1200 h FCA Foundation Board Meeting	
1500 h FCA Executive Committee Meeting	
1915 h Sundown Ceremony	
<b>1900 h Dinner Buffet at Ft Walton Yacht Club (\$20++)</b>	<input type="text"/>
Saturday, 21 July	
<b>0830 h Registration &amp; Continental Breakfast (complimentary)</b>	<input type="text"/>
0930 h FCA General Meeting	
1100 h Cmdr Matthew Derrenbacher USCG	
<b>1200 h Lunch at Ft Walton Yacht Club (\$15++)</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>1345 h Trip to Air Force Armament Museum (presentation &amp; tour)</b> (travel to museum is your own vehicle - ± 10 min)	<input type="text"/>
<b>1800 h Cocktails @ Ft Walton Yacht Club</b>	
<b>1900 h Dinner &amp; Dancing (\$30++)</b>	<input type="text"/>

Food and Drink charges may be paid by cash, check, credit card or billed to your home club -  
if a member of the Florida Council of Yacht Clubs.

You may register on the FCA website OR you may fill in grayed boxes, save this form

- print and mail it to *FWYC FCA Chapter*, 180 Ferry Rd NE, Ft Walton Beach, FL 32548  
(850 243-7102)
- email it as an attachment to: [ericmattiza@fwyc.org](mailto:ericmattiza@fwyc.org)

**Forms should be returned no later than Friday, July 6th**

## **Hotel Information for the 2018 Summer Meeting**

Seasonal hotel rates are in effect and those rates are high. Our Lodging Committee has surveyed lodging possibilities for our July meeting in Fort Walton Beach and identified only one Group rate possibility that is even close to reasonable: La Quinta Inns and Suites, 3 SW Miracle Strip PKWY, Ft Walton Beach. 13 rooms were contracted at \$219 + tax for the nights of 19 – 21 July. The Group reservation is identified as “Florida Commodores Association” at Tel. 850-244-1500. Bookings made after 19 June jump to \$254 if rooms are even available.

A better lodging arrangement is with Holiday Inn Express Central in Ft Walton Beach (127 Miracle Strip PKWY, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548). This hotel is still under construction with an opening date of 14 May. No group rates are available at this time and likely will not be available at all for July, since the hotel is accepting reservations at Holiday Inn central reservations and the hotel is likely to be filled for July in advance of its opening. Reservations can be made only at central reservations at 800-315-2621. Senior rates for a standard room are \$170.05 plus tax. Act quickly if you want this rate.

### **Other Hotels Priced for 21 July 2018**

Days Inn, 135 Miracle Strip Pkwy SW, Ft Walton Beach, FL 32548  
Tel. 850-344-9560  
3.5 miles from Ft Walton Yacht Club  
\$200

Fairfield Inn & Suites, 1280 Eglin Pkwy, Shalimar, FL 32549  
Tel. 850-651-9999  
4.2 miles from Ft Walton Yacht Club  
\$243

Marriott TownPlace & Suites, 843 Eglin Pkwy, Ft Walton Beach, FL 32547  
Tel. 850-315-6000  
2.8 miles from Ft Walton Yacht Club  
\$297

Holiday Inn Express, 127 Miracle Strip Pkwy SW, Ft Walton Beach, FL 32548  
Tel. 850-737-2900  
3.5 miles from Ft Walton Yacht Club  
\$248

We encourage yacht clubs to support their officers and directors in minimizing the financial commitment required to attend by subsidizing all or part of the expense involved in attending. The investment by a yacht club, we believe, will be repaid by better prepared officers and directors managing their club.

The seminar fee must be paid at the time of your registration for the seminar. Refunds will be handled on a case by case basis depending on the reason for cancellation.

**The Florida Commodores Association** (FCA) is dedicated to sharing knowledge, ensuring the future of Florida yachting and preserving our traditions. Its mission is to establish a community of past, present and future Commodores' who are members of recognized Florida Yacht Clubs, promoting Florida and International yachting customs and traditions through awareness, educational, charitable and social programs.

Besides educational programs the FCA sponsors youth sailing programs, wounded veteran recognition programs and a unique Four-Star Commodore program.

Membership is open to all past Commodores and current yacht club officers and their spouses or partners.

More information regarding FCA programs and membership application forms may be found on our website:

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

**The location of the seminar will be:**

Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club  
4400 Lister Street  
Port Charlotte, FL 33952  
(941) 629-5131

**The cost of the course is only \$100 (\$125 for non-members) and includes:**

- ☐ Friday - Lunch
- ☐ Saturday - Lunch
- ☐ All course materials.

**Special \$79.00 per night hotel rate applies for attendees** (reservation must be made by

October 5 to insure this rate)  
PG Waterfront Hotel & Suites  
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**Use Group Code - FCA Seminar**

To reserve your place today, at this important seminar, go to [www.flcommodores.org](http://www.flcommodores.org) and click on the seminar information link on the home page. You will also find a link there to reserve your room directly.



**Florida Commodores Association**

**P.O. Box 488**

**Shalimar, FL 32579**

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***The Florida Commodores  
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# ***A Yacht Club Leadership Seminar***

***For Current and Future  
Yacht Club Leaders***

**October 26 - 27, 2018**

**Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club  
Port Charlotte, FL**



**The Leadership Seminar** is an intensive two day learning experience sponsored by the Florida Commodores Association. The seminar provides everything a yacht club officer or director needs to know in order to perform effectively in the complex and demanding world of club life.

The management of a yacht club is much more complex than the management of most businesses. The fact that a yacht club's members are both the owners and customers presents issues that require some unique management approaches.

The seminar is appropriate for incoming and serving yacht club officers directors and general managers, but is open to all those interested in learning how to manage a yacht club.

Seminar modules are presented by Past Commodores and professionals in financial, management, insurance and other areas. This is an intensive program of how to manage and direct your yacht club today and plan for its future.

The major areas covered are:

**Leadership:** Gaining the trust of members, motivating volunteers to be productive and earning the respect of members and employees.

**Club Management:** Hear the 'secrets' of effective yacht club management in the areas of hiring, firing, testing, managing and compensating employees.

**Taxes:** Fully understanding the tax laws as they apply to yacht club revenue sourcing in the only way to protect your club's tax status.

**Communication:** External (advertising, news releases, newspaper/magazine articles and social media) and internal (newsletters, e-mails, websites, and member meetings.)

**Commodore/Manager Relations:** The ability for these two senior positions to share concepts, plans and data is essential in insuring a well-run and successful club.

**Followship:** How committee member and volunteer support of the club's leaders is crucial in accomplishing the goals and objectives of a successful organization.

**Effective Presentations:** The ability for yacht club leaders to effectively deliver information and explain plans and decisions is critical in gaining the support of the club's members.

**Insurance:** Understanding the myriad of insurance necessary to protect your club in many areas you may not have considered is necessary for today's yacht club leaders.

**Meeting Management:** How to properly and efficiently conduct committee, Board and member meetings.

**Club Business:** Understanding that every club is a business and it's leaders cannot effectively oversee it's management without a basic understanding of finances, cost, pricing and asset management.

**Recruiting, Retention and Marketing:** Recruiting new members, member retention and membership diversity and interests is the primary way you can insure the continued success of your club.

**Safety:** Canned safety programs are fine for cans but every yacht club is different. We provide the structure and guidelines each club needs to develop and maintain a custom safety program.

**Strategic Planning:** Get the basics of developing a plan for your club that will set priorities, focus energy and resources to insure the long-range future of your club.

During the seminar, attendees will have ample opportunity to ask questions and seek advice from fellow attendees and presenters on issues unique to their clubs.

Your registration includes lunch on Friday and Saturday. On Friday night you may take advantage of dining at the club. We encourage attendees to use this opportunity to get together with officers and directors of other clubs affording them the opportunity to establish a network relationship for future support and advice.

Attendance is limited to 30 participants but spouses and partners are welcome to join the attendees and presenters at dinner on Friday night.

Men are requested to wear slacks and collared shirts and the same appropriate attire for women to conform to the club's dress code.



# Florida Commodores Association

## Yacht Club Leadership Seminar Registration

October 26 - 27, 2018  
Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club  
Port Charlotte, FL

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of your yacht club: \_\_\_\_\_

Current office/position in club: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter name, if you are a member of FCA: \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose you check, payable to FCA, for \$100 if you are a member or \$125 if you are not a member.

Registrations should be mailed to: FCA  
P.O. Box 488  
Shalimar, FL 32579

Please note 'LRC' on your envelope

Hotel reservations are your responsibility and can be made by contacting:  
PG Waterfront Hotel & Suites  
300 W. Retta Esplanade  
Punta Gorda, FL 33950  
941-639-1165

Make sure and use/mention Group Code -FCA Seminar to receive the discounted rate of \$79 per night. In order to receive this rate you must make reservation by October 5.



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**PRE-CRUISE:** 2 nights hotel in Amsterdam at the Amsterdam Intercontinental (or similar)

- » Walking tour; Zaanse Schans visit
- » Daily breakfast; Porterage service

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- » Transfer from the ship in Basel to the hotel in Lucerne, then to Zurich; Daily breakfast
- » Guided city tour; Porterage service



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Sep 24	Amsterdam	Canal cruise tour; Scenic cruising out of Amsterdam
Sep 25	Cologne	“Holy City” walking tour and cathedral visit OR Cologne bike tour OR Kölsch beer tasting
Sep 26	Rhine Gorge Rüdesheim	Castles along the Rhine scenic cruising Rüdesheim wine tasting OR Gondola ride OR Schloss Johannisberg bike tour Siegfried’s Mechanical Music Museum OR Rüdesheimer Coffee
Sep 27	Ludwigshafen	“Romantic Heidelberg” excursion OR Heidelberg Philosopher’s hike OR “Secrets of Speyer” tour
Sep 28	Strasbourg	“The Gem of Alsace” tour OR Strasbourg bike tour
Sep 29	Breisach	Riquewihr walking tour OR Freiburg excursion OR Breisach wine country bike tour OR Black Forest excursion
Sep 30	Basel	<b>DISSEMBARKATION</b>

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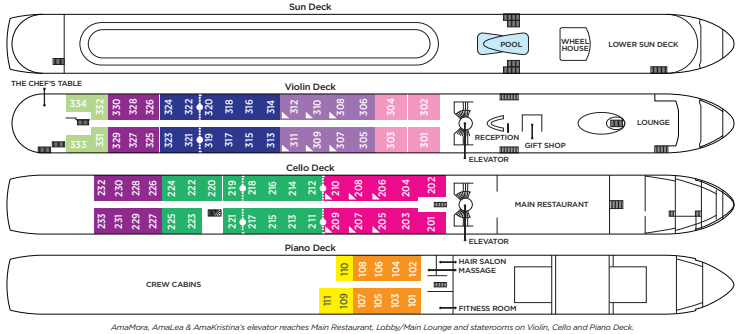
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