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## **St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club Is Back!**

Six months after almost total destruction in Hurricane Maria, St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club has reopened it's doors.

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## **Pelican Yacht Club to host 2019 Leadership Seminar**

**For more information see included  
Brochure and Registration Form.**



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Pelican Yacht Club	
<b>Fall Meeting and Change of Watch</b> ...October 25-26 —TBA	

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### Scheduled publishing dates for 2019—2020:

<u>Publishing Date</u>	<u>Deadline Date</u>
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October 1	September 25
January 1	December 18
April 1	March 25

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# From the Helm

Commodore Carole Lick



FCA members are looking forward to our Spring meeting at PYC April 5 and 6. In addition to the business of the FCA, we will hear about the interesting changes in the boats that will compete in the Americas Cup. If you aren't able to join us, do consider attending the

October meeting.

St Andrews Bay Yacht Club had a reopening ceremony following all the damage from Hurricane Michael. What their membership has accomplished after so much destruction is truly amazing. The Panama City community helped them celebrate this special occasion. Congratulations St Andrews Bay!

The FCA Strategic Planning Committee, led by P/C John Matthews, has presented us with some valuable forward thinking. In an effort to grow the FCA and to update the mission and vision, it is important that we look forward and plan for the future. I will provide more detailed information about this in the next *e-Journal*.

Meetings! Yes, we have them, but they are changing to be more accessible to our members. Instead of four General Meetings annually, there will be two, plus 2 – 3 regional meetings. Regional meetings are easier (closer) for members to attend and will focus on local issues of need or concern. You will hear more about these in the coming weeks. If you would like to host or help plan a regional meeting, please let us know.

At the 2018 Leadership Seminar, two flag officers who were new to the FCA as well as being aware of the seminar, said it was extraordinarily valuable and they were so glad to have found out about it in time to attend. They are recommending it to all their upcoming flag officers. The 2019 Leadership Seminar for all future and current club officers, directors and managers is scheduled for October 18 – 19. Do con-

sider attending or encouraging your club leaders to attend.

Congratulations to P/C Tom Reynolds on receiving the Four-Star Commodore's Award this year. He, like the others, is very deserving. We also thank Tom for all he has done, not only for his club (Ft. Walton) and it's FCA chapter, but for our statewide organization and the FCA Foundation.

Do you know what the FCAF is? Have you ever heard of it? It is the FCA Foundation. They raise funds to help with a variety of programs and projects including youth sailing programs. We hope you will consider donating to them. It is a very worthy cause and clearly relates to what our FCA is all about – boating education, support, and leadership training. They are doing a riverboat cruise on the Rhine that is a fundraising project as well. I've done this cruise and it was outstanding. Do consider joining them for a very special trip.

Wishing you an enjoyable summer filled with safe boating and good weather.

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## So What's Your Chapter Doing?

P/C John Slattery

This article was originally published in the February, 2011 issue of the *Commodores Journal* when I was the Fleet Captain (much younger but not as handsome.) I have updated it with a few more ideas but, the message is the same.

Some Chapters organize simply for the purpose of having lunch or dinner once a month. There's nothing wrong with that but, membership in your Chapter could be a lot more rewarding if you had a goal or goals beyond a meal.

Many Chapters are reluctant to get involved in club activities because it might be viewed as interfering with the current Commodore and his or her Board. However, we have all been Commodores and know there are areas we can become involved in that could be beneficial to the club without stepping on any toes.

Club functions is a major area where FCA Chapters can make a contribution. The most prominent event

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is the annual Change of Watch ceremony. You know there is a lot to do as the incoming CEO of the club and not having to worry about the Change of Watch would be a relief. Let's face it, nobody knows more about Change of Watch ceremonies than Past Commodores. We've all been through at least one and have probably attended many others. The Commodores Ball is another function where your Chapter can lend assistance in organizing and part taking in the function.

Another function ideally suited for Past Commodores to run is the Sundown Ceremony. The FCA website has an entire section with all you need to know about this ceremony including music. The Sundown Ceremony can be done every month or as few as a couple of times a year. In these times, when our troops are in combat, it invokes a real sense of pride on the part of the club's membership and if you send a release to the local press it garners very positive publicity for your club in the community.

Establishing a WAVE (Wounded American Veteran Event) program at your club is another way your Chapter can show support for our troops by your club. This can also be a joint effort of Chapters from other neighboring clubs (even if they don't have an FCA Chapter!) Full details on how to organize a event and supporting material can be found on our FCA website.

Acting as the "charitable" arm of your club can also be the mission of your Chapter. This can be done in many ways such as running a "Toys for Tots" program at Christmas, or running a collection point for food donations for needy families during Thanksgiving or other times of the year. How about collecting personal care/comfort items for our troops in the war zone. How about an Annual Ball and Silent Auction for the local Habitat for Humanity or the FCA Foundation. Not only does it bring a very exclusive event to your club with a very positive public image, it also raises a lot of money for the charity!

Two other functions that occur regularly in yacht clubs are the annual Blessing of the Fleet and Memorial Services for deceased members. Both of these functions can easily be handled by the clubs

experienced Commodores that make up your FCA Chapter.

A long-term need for every yacht club is the constant need for club improvements and periodic refurbishment of your club and it's contents and systems. Who knows more then you do about when something needs updating and what it takes to get it done. Bringing together the expertise and commitment of the club's past leaders is the best way to insure your club is able to sustain itself and continue to grow!

Other ways your Chapter can provide support to your club is to develop a club history if one doesn't exist. Interviewing senior members, reviewing press clippings and harvesting facts from your Club newsletter can be the start of building or updating a club's history. Another way to provide a valuable service to your club is to run monthly or quarterly introduction programs for new members. Reviewing and clarifying your club's operating procedures, billing process, social and boating activities, dress codes and the facilities make for better informed and happier members.

These are just a few ideas to consider. While every club has different needs, every club has needs and your Chapter can make a valuable contribution in filling some of those needs. Perhaps your Chapter is already involved in some other worthwhile club activities not mentioned here - if so, please let us know so we can share your contribution with other Chapters.



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## **FCA Historian**

Dr. Lynne Reynolds

Please remember that recording of the major activities of the organization are primarily available in the Commodores Journal, intermediary notices and in the handouts at each general meeting. Those are being collected throughout the year and bound for perusal of our members. Your input is always appreciated!!

It has been agreed that, by presenting this information in a more durable form, it can be preserved for posterity. I have had the 2018 report bound and

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presented it at the last general meeting; it will also be available for your consideration at the Spring meeting in Pensacola...look for it or please ask me!!

In addition, may I re-submit what was dubbed "the elevator speech" as it was printed on the back of business cards in 2013.. We have used it on a number of occasions, but our general membership may not have seen it. Please feel free to use it when discussing FCA, especially prospective members!

What is the Florida Commodores Association?

- ♦ FCA is an organization of past commodores of recognized yacht clubs promoting the traditions and customs of yacht clubs through educational, charitable and social programs.
- ♦ It serves as a link among Florida yacht clubs, encouraging the exchange of information and ideas. FCA's educational programs are designed to improve the quality of yacht club leadership. Our Foundation supports youth sailing programs as well as Olympic Sailors from Florida.

For more information visit: [www.flcommodores.org](http://www.flcommodores.org)

May I add that we always enjoy seeing old friends and making new ones at each meeting, as well as visiting another part of Florida that we don't normally get to experience. All members should take advantage of our FCA General Meetings, as there is always something for everyone.



## **FCA Leadership Seminar**

P/C Sam Foreman

Managing a yacht club is demanding and complex. The Leadership Resources Committee has structured a seminar to provide directors and officers the information and tools they need to be successful. While it is directed toward yacht club officers, directors, and general managers, it is open to anyone interested in yacht club management. FCA membership is not required for attendance.

This year the seminar will be held at the Pelican Yacht Club in Fort Pierce October 18 and 19. More information can be found on FCA's website [www.flcommodores.org](http://www.flcommodores.org). Click on the Programs tab then click on Leadership Resources.

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## **St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club Reopens**

Quartermaster Beverly Plummer

The St Andrews Bay Yacht Club held a grand reopening ceremony on Thursday, March 2, six months after they were all but destroyed by Hurricane Michael. The ceremony included a tree planting ceremony as well as a ribbon cutting. Members of Panama City and Bay County Chambers of Commerce were in attendance, as well as Destination Panama City.



Officials say they are thankful to have the yacht club open again and are looking forward to getting back to normal.

Members of the yacht club were encouraged by the large turnout and support from the community as well as representatives from Bay Point Yacht Club; nearby Ft. Walton Yacht Club, fellow members of Florida Commodores Association, the Florida Commodores Association Foundation and Florida Council of Yacht Clubs..

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## FCA Nominating Committee

P/C Sam Foreman

The FCA needs talented volunteers to lead our organization through a transition to greater heights. The Nominating Committee is looking for Bridge positions for the Executive Committee. If you have any questions on what is involved and what the duties and requirements of the positions are, let us know. If you cannot commit to the Executive Committee but know of someone who should, also let us know.

Those serving on the committee with me are: P/C William Barnett, Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club; P/C Jeff Brooks, Bay Point Yacht Club; P/C William Bushelle, Fort Walton Yacht Club; P/C Peter Tyson, Pelican Yacht Club.

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## FCA Charter Member helped get us to the moon!

Later this year, the United States marks the 50th anniversary of the first manned landing on the moon on July 20, 1969. The massive technological achievement involved thousands of people — including retired Air Force Col. Jack Petry, the 2000 Commodore of the Ft. Walton Yacht Club and a Charter Member of FCA.

Now living a quiet life in Shalimar after a stint as commander of the 33rd Tactical Wing at Eglin Air Force Base, Petry's skills as a fighter pilot helped NASA at a critical juncture in the effort to land a man on the moon.

Four years before the moon landing, NASA's Gemini program was testing procedures needed for the voyage. On June 3, 1965, Gemini 4 rose from Cape Kennedy carrying astronauts Jim McDivitt and Ed White on a five-day mission — the first multi-day mission in United States space program — that would also include the first United States spacewalk.

But McDivitt and White weren't the only aviators in the skies above Cape Kennedy that day. Two Air Force F-4 Phantom jets, each with a pilot and weapons system officer aboard, were at 35,000 feet as the Gemini capsule, atop a Titan missile, began its ascent. Petry, then a lieutenant at Tampa's MacDill

Air Force Base, was at the controls of one of the jets as lead pilot.

The jets' mission? To approach the Titan missile from opposite directions, then follow it downrange. Each aircraft had two high-speed cameras mounted under each wing and calibrated to the jets' gun-sights. NASA needed the footage to determine how well — or not — the metal skin of the Titan missile, which had replaced the Atlas missile used in the earlier Project Mercury, withstood the stress of liftoff.



"It's hard to explain how complex the intercept was," Petry said, sitting on his living-room sofa, using a model F-4 and a cardboard tube to re-

-enact the mission, he recounted the day.

"We would roll in at missile liftoff in a low, slow descending turn to 1.2 Mach, about 750-800 mph," he said. "At 25,000 feet ... we were both going head-on at the missile. We had one aircraft on either side of the missile to make sure we had good sun angle and could get good coverage. So at 25,000 feet, the missile is now dead ahead of us and we're closing on it at a mile every five seconds."

From there, Petry said he and the other pilot had to ascend with the missile to 35,000 feet, each staying a mile away from the rising rocket, to get the footage NASA needed.

"So the next decision is, when do I start my 'pull' (upward) with the missile?" Petry continued. "If I start too early, I'll end up not in position. If I start too late, I'll end up in trail with the missile, and I will not get the photography that they wanted ... ." Also, Petry noted, "One of the problems is, we've got two airplanes going, and we're belly to belly. We can't see each other."

And they had to do the entire maneuver without radar, so they wouldn't interfere with the launch, he

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added. “We didn’t have ranging. We didn’t have radar we could use, so it was an ‘eyeballs-out’ maneuver,” he said. Even so, Petry exhibited an extra measure of fighter-pilot bravado in chasing Gemini 4.

“We got a little close and the Cape called me off,” Petry recalled. “They said, ‘You’re too close, break it off, break it off.’ ”

From his seat, though, Petry could see the rocket was pulling away.



“I had this thing right in my gun-sight,” Petry remembered, “and I said (to myself), ‘You know what, I’m not going to break it off. I’m going to stay here until I run out of film.’ ...

I stayed with that missile to 68,000 feet.”

“That was a little bit dicey,” Petry admits these many years later, “because in the Air Force, you’re not supposed to fly above 50,000 feet without a pressure suit.”

Gemini 4 wasn’t the first time Petry and the other airmen had done the tricky maneuver. In the months leading up to the mission, they flew to intercept six unmanned missiles — although some were the smaller Atlas missiles — including the first two Gemini flights. They also flew to photograph Gemini 3, a three-orbit flight with astronauts Gus Grissom and John Young.

“But Gemini 4 was the one that really got me excited,” Petry said, “because that was part of the moon program.”

Petry and the rest of the mission crew were awarded the Air Medal, normally reserved for meritorious service or acts of gallantry in a combat zone, for lending a hand to the space program.

*This article was excerpted from an article in the Northwest Florida Daily News.*



## **4 Star Commodores Award 2019**

P/C Kathy Champagne

Documents regarding the FCA 4 Star Commodores Award have been mailed to all Florida yacht clubs. All nominations due no later than September 30, 2019. It is our hope that all yacht clubs will share the inspirational stories of their Past Commodores for the benefit of all other Florida yacht clubs.

Past award recipients and their nominations can be viewed on the FCA website under the Programs tab.

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## **Pelican Yacht Club 39th Invitational Billfish Tournament Breaks All Records!**

P/C Peter Tyson

The annual January event at the Pelican Yacht Club was more than a huge success. It set the benchmark on the East coast for sailfish tournaments. Thirty participating boats caught and released an unprecedented 969 sailfish over a four-day period with each boat fishing just three days of their choice out of four. Fifteen boats caught more than 40 sailfish each and the winning boat caught and released 73 – also a new record an only using trolled dead bait!

Some of your club members might like to join us next year or for more information call P/C Peter Tyson – Pelican Yacht Club Fleet Captain and Tournament Chairman. Cell: 305-588-0466 or [Tyson@peter Tyson.com](mailto:Tyson@peter Tyson.com) More details are available on the Club website [www.pelicanyachtclub.com](http://www.pelicanyachtclub.com) under “2019 Tournament.”



## **Wounded American Veterans Event**

P/C Kathy Champagne

An important FCA program is WAVE, Wounded Americans Event, which originated in 2012, and was adopted by the FCA in 2013 as a special program. Important guidelines are featured on the FCA website, under the Programs tab, for yacht clubs that are interested in a special “Thank You” to America’s heroes, and their families who also serve.

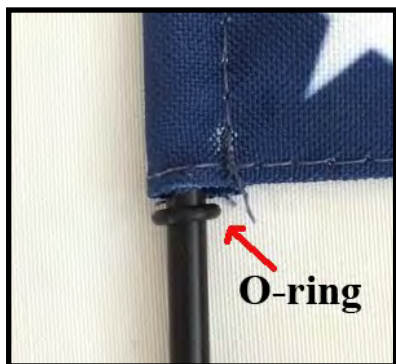
Remember - “Freedom is not free!”

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## Ship's Store

Quartermaster Beverly Plummer



A quick and easy solution to keeping your club's table flags from looking droopy, is to purchase a small "O" ring from your local hardware store (such as Ace hardware) and slide it up underneath the bot-

tom of the flag. This keeps the flag in place neatly without using scotch tape or some other means to keep it in place.

Table flags are best kept upright in their stands if room permits or lying flat in a drawer or container. Rolling the flags is not recommended since it prevents them from "flying straight".



## FCA Foundation

P/C Mary Slattery, FCAF Secretary

The FCA Foundation is forging ahead with major projects ... 2019 Youth Sailing Grants, our fundraiser announced last year – the Rhine River Cruise scheduled for this September – and, making donations by credit card possible.

### 2019 Youth Sailing Grant Program

The Board has announced the total amount of the 2019 Grant Funding Program to be \$1500, an increase of \$500 over the 2018 program amount. This will allow more grants to be available to more clubs with youth sailing programs. To qualify, a yacht club does not have to be a FCA member club.

Opening the grant program to non-FCA clubs strengthens the viability of the Foundation, while advancing public awareness of the good works of the FCAF and FCA alike. Some of you may have seen the article in the January issue of *Southwinds*, the popular sailing publication here in Florida, announcing the 2019 grants. In addition, the direct

mail program to clubs was increased this year to include the Commodore, Fleet Captain and the General Manager.

The increased dollar amount will allow grants to be made in varying amounts, based on need, rather than the fixed amount of \$250, as was the case last year. Maximum amount awarded to any one entity is \$250.

Grant application submission date is April 15th; awards made on May 15th. If your club has not applied for a grant, go to [www.fcafoundation.org](http://www.fcafoundation.org) and download the application today. Signature of the Commodore is required.

### Rhine River Cruise Fundraiser

The FCAF's "Captivating Rhine" river cruise – 7 nights from Amsterdam to Basel – is still available to those who would love a wonderfully scenic vacation. Everything is set for you to "sign-on" and have a great time. See the cities of Amsterdam, Cologne, the Rhine Gorge, Ludwigshafen, Strasbourg, Breisach and Basel. The dates are September 23-30, 2019. September is the perfect month to cruise the Rhine – not too hot; not too cold – and lots of grapes being harvested! Land trips arranged for you at every port – join the group or do your own exploring!

River cruises are an intimate and friendly way to cruise – no crowds – as the ship holds only 150 guests. You'll be aboard AmaWaterways' newest ship – christened this year - the *AmaMora* – with a variety of room choices, starting at \$3,899. Best news: accommodations for solo travelers are available, but on a limited basis. Take a minute and review the flyer on the trip and ship accommodations available below.

This is a FCAF fundraiser and a portion of your cruise fee is tax deductible. Check on this when making your reservations with our exclusive FCAF travel agents:

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or call 941-661-4452

### FCAF Connects to PayPal

With check writing almost a thing of the past, the

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demand to make donations to FCAF by credit card has surfaced time and again. With that in mind, the Board decided the safest way to provide such service would be to work with PayPal. This company is widely known, credible with a good reputation, offering an exceptional layer of credit card protection for the user ... and used by many. **Note:** *A PayPal account is not required to use this service; when making a donation click on the option to use credit card only.*

However, donations via PayPal can only be handled through the FCAF website [www.fcafoundation.org](http://www.fcafoundation.org). Log on to the website and click the “Donate” button on the menu. On the Donate page you will see options for donations with a special “Donate” button with credit card logos listed below it. Simply click on this and it will take you directly to the PayPal site and then follow their instructions from there.

The Foundation’s base source of funding is the FCA membership! It simply cannot operate without your continued support. The Foundation exists because you – the member – believed the good works of the FCA should be conducted under the auspices of a non-profit organization. To accomplish our goals – continual support is required. Thank you for your support in 2018. The Foundation now looks forward to having 2019 the best year ever for membership backing ... for which it will be most grateful.

If you have any questions regarding the good works of the Foundation – or how your money is spent – contact Chairman Larry Kimmerling at: [towers12a@aol.com](mailto:towers12a@aol.com)



### New Director

At the end of last year, the FCAF was pleased to add a new Director to the Board. Both an interested and active member in all things FCA – including making sure everyone has all the “official FCA gear” required, as well as other useful FCA logo

items - Beverly Plummer was given a warm welcome.

Associate and Charter Member of the Florida Com-

modores Association, Beverly Plummer will continue to serve as FCA’s Quartermaster. Beverly brings to the Board an extensive background in store management, with financial oversight, as well as direct services as a Personal Shopper, and Wardrobe and Fashion Consultant for a variety of retail organizations.

Active in the local Chamber of Commerce, she served as President of the Emerald Coast Chapter of the American Business Women’s Association. She is a native of Bucks County, PA, and currently resides in Shalimar, Florida. Beverly is a member of the Fort Walton Yacht Club.



## Webmaster

P/C John Slattery

Those of us that do things like design and maintain websites can never understand why everyone else doesn’t see things the same way we do! That is very evident in our FCA website. What seems perfectly clear and easy to me is apparently a quagmire to some of our members.

I will admit that, occasionally, even I see how things can be made easier. However, I have to work with the software available. I participate on a regular basis with the webinars run by Club Express and constantly offer suggestions for improvement as do many other webmasters using their software.

In an effort to make things easier for our members to use, I have begun providing a series of videos available for you to become more familiar with how to use the website. These can be found on the website under the Library tab - Website Videos. I hope to have the entire series done by the end of the month.

However, you have to be logged-in in order to view them. I can’t emphasize enough that the first step to avoiding problems with the website and to see all that’s available is to start by logging-in. If you need help doing that, go to the last item on the menu - Login Guide and follow the illustrated directions. If you still have a problem, just contact me at [webmaster@flcommodores.org](mailto:webmaster@flcommodores.org).

I also welcome any and all suggestions on how to improve our website.





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Lake Beresford  
Yacht Club  
February 22 - 23, 2019**







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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, education, 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:**

Pelican Yacht Club  
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Fort Pierce, FL 34949  
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**The cost of the course is only \$110 (\$135 for non-members) and includes:**

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

**Special \$79 per night hotel rate applies for attendees** (reservation must be made by **September 20** to insure this rate)

Hutchinson Island Plaza Hotel  
1230 Seaway Drive  
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More information about the hotel can be found at: [www.hutchinsonplazahotel.com](http://www.hutchinsonplazahotel.com).

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.

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# ***A Yacht Club Leadership Seminar***

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

**October 18 - 19, 2019  
Pelican Yacht Club  
Fort Pierce, 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, director or manager 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.

**Meetings and Presentations:** The ability for yacht club leaders to properly and efficiently conduct committee, Board and member meetings as well as delivering information and explaining 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.

**Club Business:** Understanding that every club is a business and it's leaders cannot effectively oversee it's management without a basic understanding of goal setting, finances, costing, 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

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**Ft. Pierce, FL**

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

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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 your check, payable to FCA, for \$110 if you are a member or \$135 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:  
Hutchinson Island Plaza Hotel  
1230 Seaway Drive  
Fort Pierce, FL 34949  
(772) 595-0711

Make sure and use/mention Group Code - FCAT to receive the discounted rate of \$79 per night.  
In order to receive this rate you must make reservation by September 20.

# FCA Foundation's

## "Captivating Rhine" Cruise

### September 23-30, 2019

7-night Rhine River Cruise  
from Amsterdam to Basel

### September Fun and Funds!

Join FCAF members and friends aboard AmaWaterways' *AmaMora*, for an unforgettable river cruise through the Netherlands, France, Germany and Switzerland.

The cruise offers scenic beauty of vineyard-clad hills, quaint towns, villages and hillside castles. Excursions by English-speaking guides offer a variety of tours. Experience the tastes of local foods, prepared by the ship's expert chefs, and the favors of noteworthy wines and beer.

Make plans today ... with just 150 guests aboard, cabins sell out quickly. All rooms have a river view, starting at \$3,899, offering a variety of design features ... including accommodations for solo travelers.

As a fundraiser for FCAF what better way to support the Foundation than cruising for *fun and funds* all in one! A portion of your cruise fee is tax deductible. Ask for details when booking.

See attached to view cruise details and ship's layout, then contact travel agents:

Holly and Joe Serokos  
Burnt Store Travel - Punta Gorda, FL: 33955  
email: [holly@burntstoretravel.com](mailto:holly@burntstoretravel.com)  
or call 941-661-4452





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## INCLUDED *cruise features*

- » Spacious accommodations in riverview stateroom or suite – most staterooms offer twin balconies or French balconies
- » Fine dining, including unlimited complimentary hand-selected wines, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner on board
- » “Sip & Sail” Cocktail Hour with complimentary wine, beer, spirits and soft drinks
- » Cocktail Reception and Captain’s Gala Dinner
- » Complimentary Wi-Fi access on board
- » Guided shore excursions in every port including Special Interest Tours
- » Live entertainment, cooking demonstration and more
- » Complimentary bicycles
- » Services of a professional Cruise Manager

## OPTIONAL *land program*

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

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

**POST-CRUISE:** 2 nights hotel in Lucerne at the Hotel Schweizerhof Lucerne (or similar), then 2 nights hotel in Zurich at the Hotel Marriott Zurich (or similar)

- » 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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## CAPTIVATING RHINE

FCA FOUNDATION FUNDRAISING CRUISE

**September 23 - 30, 2019**

**Enjoy a fascinating 7-night cruise from Amsterdam to Basel**

DAY	DESTINATION	ACTIVITIES
Sep 23	Amsterdam	<b>EMBARKATION</b>
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>

\*Itinerary subject to change



**7-NIGHT FUNDRAISING CRUISE ABOARD THE AMAMORA RIVER CRUISE**  
**from \$3,899 per person**

OPTIONAL LAND PROGRAMS

2 nights Amsterdam Pre-Cruise Land Program for \$640 per person

2 nights in Lucerne and 2 nights in Zurich Post-Cruise Land Program for \$1,560 per person

**Terms & Conditions:** All rates are per person USD for cruise only, based on double occupancy in a category E stateroom. To upgrade to a higher category, please ask for more details. Unless explicitly stated that single supplement is waived, solo travelers in a double occupancy stateroom must pay an additional single supplement amount before receiving any discounts. Offer is not combinable with any other promotions/discounts. Offer is limited to availability, is capacity controlled and is subject to change or termination without notice. Port charges of \$182, land programs, stateroom upgrades and roundtrip airfare are additional. Travel Protection is available; please ask your Travel Agent about your protection options or contact your local provider. Other restrictions apply. Registration as a seller of travel does not constitute approval by the State of California. CST#2065452-40. V18APR25MG



**CANCELLATION CHARGES:** In the unfortunate event a participant must cancel travel, notice to AmaWaterways must be via email, which must include a return receipt and read notation, or other writing stating clearly and correctly each guest's name, ship name, start and end date of the cruise and a brief statement of the reason for cancellation. Other forms of notice are not sufficient. The effective date of the cancellation is the date we receive the written cancellation notice. A name change or substitution of participant is also treated as a cancellation in that all cancellation charges apply. Cancellation charges are per-person, based on the cancellation date, as follows: after Group Review Date and up to 121 days before departure: \$200 loss of deposit; 120-90 days before departure: \$400 loss of deposit; 89-60 days before departure: 35% of cruise and land price; 59-30 days before departure: 50% of cruise and land price; 29-7 days before departure: 80% of cruise and land price; 6 days or less before departure: 100% of cruise and land price. Deposits for A+, AA+ and Suites are non-refundable. Protection plan premiums are non-refundable. After travel begins, there is no refund for unused services, or unused portions of cruise, cruise/tour or airfare.

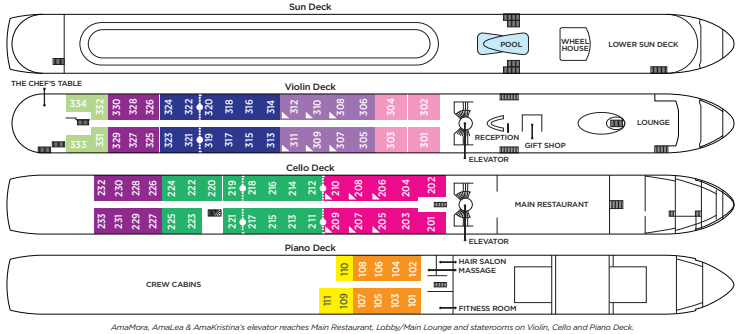
**PASSPORT AND VISAS:** A valid passport is required for each participant. Passports must be valid for at least six (6) months after the scheduled return date to the USA. For travel to Vietnam and Cambodia, we require a copy of your valid passport prior to or at final payment. If not received in this time, embarkation may be denied and cancellation penalties will apply. For travel to Africa, a valid passport with 8 open/non-stamped pages is required. At publication time, a visa is required for a US citizen to travel to Vietnam, Cambodia, Myanmar, Kenya, Tanzania and Zimbabwe (as well as numerous other countries). A non-US citizen must consult appropriate consulates regarding visa and other document requirements. Obtaining required visas and any other required travel documentation, and assuring these are complete and correct in all ways, is the sole responsibility of each participant. We are not in a position to obtain or verify the accuracy or completeness of any participant's visa or other required documentation and shall not be responsible or liable for delay or missed portion of any cruise or cruise tour or other problems resulting from the participant lacking the appropriate travel documentation.

**PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE:** Published prices do not include vessel fuel surcharges; passport and visa fees; baggage fees; port charges, port taxes and fees; travel, health, accident or other insurance; vaccinations; laundry; additional food and beverages; optional excursions; gratuities or other items or services of a personal nature.

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Technical Data	
Built: AmaMora - 2019	
Length: 443 ft.	
Width: 38 ft.	
Crew: 51	
Staterooms: 78	
Passengers: 156	
Registry: Switzerland	

Suite	Violin Deck French & Outside Balcony - 350 sq. ft.
Cat. AA	Violin Deck French & Outside Balcony - 235 sq. ft.
Cat. AB	Cello Deck French & Outside Balcony - 235 sq. ft.
Cat. BA	Violin Deck French & Outside Balcony - 210 sq. ft.
Cat. BB	Cello Deck French & Outside Balcony - 210 sq. ft.
Cat. CA	Violin & Cello Deck French Balcony - 170 sq. ft.
Cat. CB	Violin Deck French Balcony - 155 sq. ft.
Cat. D	Piano Deck Fixed Window - 160 sq. ft.
Cat. E	Piano Deck Fixed Window - 160 sq. ft.

..... Staterooms separated by a dotted line can become connected upon request

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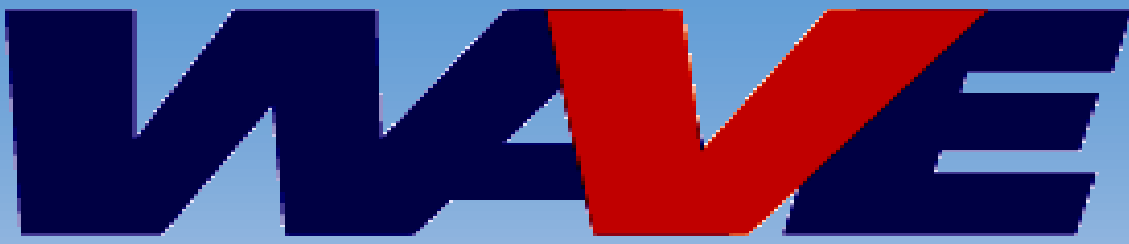
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## **WOUNDED AMERICAN VETERANS EVENT**

### **“A Day on the Bay”**

**Saturday, September 7, 2019**

#### **Pensacola Yacht Club**

1897 Cypress Street  
Pensacola, Florida

Guests, Skippers & Volunteers:  
Registration forms at:  
[floridacommodores.clubexpress.com](http://floridacommodores.clubexpress.com)  
Click on Pensacola Bay link

#### **Mail registration forms to:**

WAVE 2019  
1050 Fleming Drive  
Pensacola, FL 32514

Questions call 850.261.2062

**On-Site Check-in: 9:30 AM**  
**Opening Ceremony: 10:00 AM**  
**Complimentary Lunch**  
**Musical tribute to veterans**

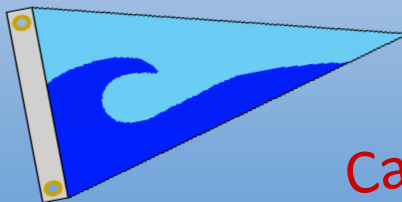
WAVE is an all-volunteer initiative organized and co-hosted by *Navy Yacht Club Pensacola* and *Pensacola Yacht Club* to honor our nation's disabled and combat wounded veterans.

“A Day on the Bay” features a ride on private sail or power boats for wounded veterans and an adult guest of their choice. Activities include an opening ceremony with color guard, live entertainment, and a complimentary lunch and beverages.

**Children attending the event must be accompanied by an adult responsible for their conduct. All children under the age of 17 are required to wear a Coast Guard approved PDF at all times while onboard a vessel**

***FREE* memento to registered veterans**

**Weather alerts will be posted on the PYC and NYCP websites.**



**Catch the WAVE**



## Wounded American Veterans Event

A project sponsored by the Florida Commodores Association

### WAVE 2019

**When:** Saturday, September 7, 2019

Rain date: None

**Where:** Pensacola Yacht Club

1897 West Cypress Street

Pensacola, Florida 32502

### Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Contact Information

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Children Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Adaptations: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about WAVE: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail or email the completed form to:

WAVE 2019

1050 Fleming Drive

Pensacola, FL 32514

EMAIL:

[KathyChampagne@bellsouth.net](mailto:KathyChampagne@bellsouth.net)

Questions: Call 850-261-2062

