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**Florida Yacht Club Reopening Updates**

**FCA Reopening Grants for Florida Yacht Club**

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## **Upcoming Dates...**

Due to CDC and state guidelines for COVID19, all FCA meetings and seminars have been suspended for the year.

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# From the Helm

Commodore Jack Kennedy



We are now navigating Phase Three of the CDC guidelines and directives from our local and state leaders. Most yacht clubs are starting to open back up and welcome back members and guests.

We have an article that provides information on the clubs' reopening reports for this quarter in this issue.

Our FCA Board is communicating weekly with other organizations GYA,FCYC ,and FCA Chapters to keep up with reopening guidelines and over all business of each club. I have to report that business is tough and we are going to really work to get back to business before the virus . With the Canadian border closed till December 31st 2020, this will effect the clubs in South Florida. On top of that, we have had two hurricanes Laura and Sally in the Panhandle of Florida. Crazy year you might say.

At the last EXCOMM meeting, our board approved to extend the FCA chapter grant letters till the end of September. Read about the events planned with our help of the five clubs that ask for the grant. I thought that there would have been more clubs interested.

However, it is good that we let all our chapters know that the FCA is alive and open for business.

As an old Boswainn's Mate 3 sailor, I found an interesting article all sailors will enjoy reading. (Mary cleaned up the language, of course.) Even you soldiers and airmen may enjoy this article.

It's 65 degrees here in Panama City Florida today and that means Fall has arrived. I might even say it's 86 days until Christmas.

Stay safe and well and I hope to see everyone soon.

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## 2020-21 FCA OFFICERS

Contributed by P/C Carole Lick, Nominations Chair

Due to the unusual and interrupted year for 2019-20, the Nomination Committee for the FCA has recommended that the same Executive Committee officers and committee appointees repeat for 2020 – 21. An email letter has been sent to all FCA members for the purpose of voting on this recommendation. Please respond to this letter at your earliest convenience so that your vote is tallied. Votes are due by October 16, 2020.

The nominations are as follows:

Commodore – P/C Jack Kennedy

Vice Commodore – P/C Ray Dewrell

Rear Commodore – P/C Bob Sutton

Fleet Captain – P/C Stan Mitchell

Immediate Past Commodore – P/C Carole Lick

Treasurer – P/C John Matthews

Secretary and Historian – Lynne Reynolds

Appointments:

Quartermaster – Beverly Plummer

Communications Chairperson – Mary Kennedy

Foundation Interim Chair – P/C Tom Reynolds

WAVE and Four Star Chair – P/C Kathy Champagne

FCA Council – P/C Tim Burr

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## A NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY:

Contributed by Dr. Lynne Reynolds, Secretary

Our Florida Commodores Association is

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dedicated to the idea of “one member, one vote”, so be sure to send your vote for the 2021 Board/Officers to me (at [drlynnne@cox.net](mailto:drlynnne@cox.net)) as soon as possible, and before 16 October. Of course, if you are able to gather with your chapter, you may have your president, or authorized member, cast the total votes for your chapter. This has been a really crazy and difficult year for all of us. FCA exists to provide the essential link among past, present and future commodores of Florida yacht clubs and your officers have been focused on fulfilling that function even under the restrictive circumstances that have been imposed on us since early in the year. Please take advantage of the Yacht Club Reopening Grants that have been offered as encouragement to club chapters. We are looking forward to hearing from you about your activities and to seeing you at our first general meeting in 2021! Meanwhile, stay safe and wear your face masks where necessary.

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## **FCA Chapters take advantage of the Reopening Grant**

Compiled by Associate Mary Kennedy

The Executive Committee of the FCA unanimously approved this past summer the establishment of a grant of \$250 per chapter for the expressed purpose of supporting FCA chapters in having an Opening Celebration as yacht clubs began their re-opening from the shutdown due to COVID-19. This assistance enables FCA Chapters to show the yacht club membership the continued effectiveness and benefits that Past Commodores of the club have in its continued operation.

Notice of this grant was sent to all FCA To receive this grant of \$250, FCA chapters had to submit a written request for the grant with a specific description of how the funds would be used in support of the Opening Celebration. The funds received are a grant

and therefore, the funds do not have to be paid back. FCA Chapters were also asked to provide an article for the *FCA Commodores Journal* regarding the Opening Celebration for which the funds were used. Requests for grants were to be submitted by September 30, 2020.

Several clubs were able to take advantage of this grant money.

### Bay Point:

Submitted by Tim Couty, Secretary

The grant money will be used to cover expenses for a grand reopening featuring an island-tropical theme. Members will enjoy food featuring flavors found in the Caribbean islands. A reopening presentation is scheduled to start the evening festivities followed with a welcome-back toast by the commodore.

### Mount Dora:

Submitted by Commodore Clarence Kolek

The grant money will be used to purchase an outdoor grill for their Pavilion area. This will provide a perfect location that can be used for weekend outdoor cooking activities in small groups as well as for members to take advantage of during the week. Providing outdoor options will hopefully encourage club members to feel safe as they return to social and water activities provided by the club.

### Navy Yacht Club of Pensacola:

Submitted by Sandra J. Pyle, Historian

The club will be having two openings. Two outdoor events are being held at a member's waterfront home. The first event will be a Mexican Fiesta and the second will be a Celebration of Halloween. Grant money will be used toward providing food and drinks free of charge to make the events more affordable

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to everyone.

### **Punta Gorda Boat Club:**

Submitted by Commodore Thomas W. McDonough

The club will use the grant money to host an Open House for members only so that they can see the major renovations that have taken place during the lockdown. The club went through a major renovation during the lockdown for COVID-19 both inside and out. This will be the first time that many members have seen the improvements.

### **Stuart Corinthian:**

Vice Commodore Sally D. Rose

The celebration is titled, “NO WORRIES, BE HAPPY!”. It will feature a nautical-Caribbean theme. Club members are encouraged to dress informally in nautical or island attire. The event will commence with a formal Sundowners Ceremony organized by the SCYC Past Commodores (FCA Chapter).

Plans include a Caribbean style dinner and décor, with music for dancing. A champagne toast lead by the commodore will welcome club members back.

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## **Updates on FCA Yacht Clubs in Florida Reopening**

Compiled by Associate Mary Kennedy

You will find updates on the various Florida yacht clubs with FCA Chapters and how they are handling the reopening process for reopening their clubs.

## **Northwest Florida**

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

Submission by P/C Jim Roberson,

The club is open, but members continue to practice social distancing. Their dining room

is back to full capacity. Take out is still available. The club continues to provide docking and boating facilities to members.

### **Bay Point Yacht Club:**

Submission by P/C Jack Kennedy

Due to legal issues acquired from damage with Hurricane Michael, the club is unable to meet in its clubhouse and is meeting on site at the golf restaurant, Club 72. Friday Night Happy Hour is back in full swing with members adhering to safe practices to avoid any exposures.

### **Ft. Walton Yacht Club:**

Submission by P/C Ray Dewrell

The club is open; however, major changes have taken place to minimize risk to those members that are in the high risk category. The club is utilizing their outdoor spaces for meetings and activities. Masks are required entering and leaving. The dining room requires reservations. In the lounge, food must be ordered to get a beverage. Communal items in the dining areas have been replaced with prepackage utensils. Staff are utilized to provide a deep cleaning sterilization to the club.

### **Pensacola Yacht Club:**

Submission by P/C John Matthews

The club is open to members and guests. Guests can pay using a credit card. Masks and social distancing are required while inside the clubhouse. Social distancing is encouraged for outside activities. Boating and docking facilities are available, but there are areas that were damaged during Hurricane Sally that can limit availability for docking. Salvage crews are working to clear these areas.

### **Navy Yacht Club:**

Submission by P/C Bob Sutton

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The club is still closed due to damage from Hurricane Sally. Only essential personnel are allowed access.

## **Southwest Florida**

Compiled by P/C Carole Lick, Platinum Yacht Club

### **Platinum Point Yacht Club:**

Lon Acheson, Commodore

Platinum Point Yacht Club's Board of Directors is in the process of determining its reopening plans for some time in October following the review of a Preparedness document. Out of state members have reported that they are returning to Florida later than usual or not at all. The club is resuming weekly sail racing and monthly destination cruising events with minor adjustments. It has requested input from members on how to modify traditional events to make them "COVID" safe. The popular annual meeting and Christmas Party are likely to take place, but with modifications.

During the summer months, the Quilting Group produced over 2,500 masks that were given to hospitals, shelters, the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office, adult care facilities, churches, and schools. Eight Quilts of Valor were given to veterans in the area.

The PPYC Players recorded their first broadcast of "Old Time Radio" series. Rehearsals are conducted via Zoom. The next production is a program from the old-time mystery series, "The Shadow".

### **Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club:**

Martin Holland, Commodore

The yacht club is open for dining in or take out on a limited basis. They use a fog cleaning equipment for the facility so that members have a safe environment in which to socialize. They do not have plans for events or activities yet. While in this closed state during the summer, they did some redecorating and are anxious for members to see what has

been done when they finally have an opening event. Boating activities do go on and slips are filling back up.

### **Punta Gorda Boat Club:**

Thomas McDonough, Commodore

Punta Gorda Boat Club used the lock down time to undertake both inside and outside major renovations of their clubhouse. They have a new 20-year lease with the city so this timing was helpful. An Open House is scheduled for Oct. 3 for members to see the changes. October 23 marks their 70<sup>th</sup> year and they are planning a gala celebration for 2021 once the restrictions are eased.

## **East Coast Florida**

Submission by P/C Stan Mitchell, Lake Beresford Yacht Club

**Lake Beresford Yacht Club:** Closed at this time.

**Pelican Yacht Club:** Open for full service including the dining room.

**Stuart Corinthian Yacht Club:** Open to members only and not accepting reciprocity.



Contributed by Quartermaster Beverly Plummer

### **FROM THE SHIPS STORE:**

I've certainly missed being able to see everyone this year at the FCA general membership meetings. 2020 has been a different type of year for all of us. I'm ready for the New Year to come and with it a fresh start. With our meetings canceled this year, I haven't been able to share the Ship's Store face to face with the membership. A few sales have trickled in from the FCA website, but it's not the same to me since I like assisting members

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one on one. I do, however have a Ladies top that I'd like to share with you at this time. It's something I bought much earlier this year, but I think you will find it handy for the upcoming seasons. This top, as show in the photos,



is a round neck, 3/4 sleeve French terry garment made of 60% cotton and 40% polyester. It comes in either red or maritime blue (navy) with white anchors throughout. The sizes available are Small, Med, Large & X-large. The price is \$32.00. I do not have many of these to sell since I hoped to show them earlier this year & then place a reorder if they were well received. Unfortunately, the time has passed to be able to get any more, so it will be first come, first served on these. If you are interested in purchasing one please contact me either by email (Bevplum@cox.net) or call me (850-651-3412). Let me know what color and size you'd like. You may want to state your first & second choice if there is one. As always I'm here to help you with your uniform & attire needs.

## The 4 STAR Award Program

Contributed by P/C Kathy Champagne, Chair

### FCA 4 Star Award 2020

As Chairman of the 4 Star Award, I always look forward to reading the inspiring stories of hard working Past Commodores who have stepped up on behalf of their yacht clubs to make a difference.

With nominations closed on September 30, our Committee will review the applications submitted, and make our recommendations to the FCA EXCOM whose decision will be announced at a future date.



### WAVE 2020 NEVER FORGET!

Contributed by P/C Kathy Champagne, Chair

On the date of this writing, 9/11/2020, all Americans are reflecting on the tragic events 19 years ago. Patriotism soared as our best and bravest responded on the rescue mission, and later our military answered the call to protect our Freedom.

Since 2012, Wounded American Veterans Event, WAVE, has been our attempt to thank those who have given so much for our country.

Forced to the sidelines by the Pandemic, our NYCP/PYC Committee is making plans to "roll" on 9/11/2021, and it is our hope that other FCA Yacht Clubs join us in honoring our Wounded Veterans and First Responders.

Always remember that:



## FCA Foundation

Contributed by P/C Tom  
Reynolds, Treasurer



The foundation is alive and well. Because of current COVID-19 crisis, programs have been suspended this year. Programs will resume next year. Thank you for your continued support and donations.

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### **Is It Necessary to Winterize Your Yacht in Florida?**

Below are excerpts written by Starboard Yacht and Discover Boating that addresses this inquiry.

“Even though the weather in Florida doesn’t typically get very cold in the winter, you still have to contend with rainy and stormy conditions that can make boating less than enjoyable.

Many boaters choose to store their yachts during the winter months and wait until the weather clears up to begin using them again. Unfortunately, some boat owners don’t realize that they need to take some extra steps to ensure that their yachts can weather the Florida winters. There are important steps that you should take to prepare your yacht, even if temperatures in your region never dip below freezing.

#### **Winter boat damage**

In northern parts of the country, freezing temperatures cause a whole host of problems, one of the most significant being the expansion of water while freezing into ice. Fortunately, Florida yacht owners don’t have much to worry about when it comes to freezing temperatures.

Any time your boat is going to be unused for long periods of time, you need to fog your engine to prevent corrosion. In Florida, where heat and humidity are the norm, the process of corrosion can become accelerated.

It’s typically recommended that you fog your engine if you will not be using your boat for a period of six weeks or more. If you plan on using your boat more frequently than that and you opt to skip engine fogging, you should make sure to minimize the risk of corrosion by starting up your boat on a regular basis during the offseason.

Also, when ethanol fuel is left untouched for months at a time, there is a chance that the ethanol will sink and separate from the rest of the fuel. If this happens, it can lead to engine failure the next time you try to start up your boat. You can avoid this by fueling your yacht with a non-ethanol fuel that isn’t susceptible to separation.

It has been awhile since snow fell for the first time in South Florida, but that doesn’t mean that you don’t need to think about winterization for your yacht. In order to be sure that your boat is ready for the cooler, stormier weather, it’s important that you take preventative maintenance and routine service steps.”

“Ironically it’s water that poses the most danger to your boat during the off-season. Freeze-damage is the biggest potential problem, but water in and on your boat can also promote winter-time mold and mildew growth, and corrosion. So as you consider all of these tasks, remember that your main goal is to keep out water and moisture to the greatest extent possible.

Be sure to concentrate on these systems during the winterization process:

The engine  
Fuel systems  
Plumbing systems  
All other systems that can hold water”

Credits: <https://starboardyacht.com/2017/11/is-it-necessary-to-winterize-your-yacht-in-florida/>

<https://www.discoverboating.com/ownership/storage/winterizing>



## GALLEY BITES



### Mini Sausage Quiche

These are great for an eat-on-the-go breakfast underway as they're easy to hold in just one hand. Add a tossed salad and a glass of white wine, and they make a special brunch for guests. Cut them in quarters and they're the perfect appetizer on a chilly day!

Prep Time 15 mins  
Cook Time 20 mins  
Total Time 35 mins

### Ingredients

- 1 can of 5 refrigerated biscuits
- 9- ounce package precooked sausage crumbles (or ½ pound bulk sausage crumbled and cooked ½ cup shredded Four Cheese blend
- 3 eggs
- ½ cup milk
- 2 tablespoons sliced green onion tops, for garnish

### Instructions

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Grease 10 muffin cups and fill any remaining cups in the pan half full of water so they don't warp. Cut the 5 biscuits (see notes) crosswise to make 10 rounds. Use your fingers or a rolling pin to flatten each one into a circle about 4" in diameter. Place each one in a greased muffin cup so that it comes most of the way up the sides and lightly press it into the pan. Place roughly even portions of the sausage on each piece of dough, then do the same with the cheese.

Mix the eggs and milk together until well blended. Pour the egg mixture over the roll/sausage/cheese in the muffin cups, filling each about ¾ full. Garnish each cup with a few slices of green onion.

Bake for 20 to 22 minutes, until tops are dark golden. Take a fork and slide one of quiches up a bit in the pan – the roll should be golden on the sides, too. Bake a few minutes longer if the roll is not quite done.

Let sit for 2-3 minutes to allow quiches to firm up a bit, then use a fork or spoon to slide each one out of the pan and set it on a plate. Wait another 3 – 4 minutes until cool enough to hold and eat.

### Notes

*\*Don't buy a roll of biscuits and use them full thickness – there won't be room for anything else in the muffin cups!*

**Variations:** Instead of the sausage and Four Cheese blend, try other precooked meat and cheese combos – or vegetarian combos – such as:

Diced ham and shredded Swiss cheese

Crumbled bacon and shredded Swiss, Parmesan or Gruyere cheese

Crumbled ground beef with taco seasoning and shredded cheddar – garnish with chopped tomato (great as an appetizer)

Diced artichokes with shredded Parmesan

... or your own favorite quiche combination! You can also make them without cheese for anyone with an intolerance.

## Nutrition Facts

Mini Sausage Quiche

Amount Per Serving

**Calories** 437Calories from Fat 279

**% Daily Value\***

**Fat** 31g**48%**

Saturated Fat 11g**55%**

**Cholesterol** 210mg**70%**

**Sodium** 831mg**35%**

**Potassium** 302mg**9%**

**Carbohydrates** 18g**6%**

Fiber 0g**0%**

Sugar 2g**2%**

**Protein** 18g**36%**

**Vitamin A** 465IU**9%**

**Vitamin C** 1mg**1%**

**Calcium** 176mg**18%**

**Iron** 2.3mg**13%**

Credits: <https://theboatgalley.com/mini-sausage-quiches/>



## The USN PEACOCK

Submitted by P/C Jack Kennedy, Commodore

When I was in the Navy, the one article of clothing that represented USA sailors worldwide was the Navy peacoat. Below you will find an article from an unknown author relating his impressions of this famous article of clothing.

“In Washington DC, they have a wonderful marble and granite plaza honoring the United States Navy. Every man or woman who served this nation in a naval uniform, owes it to himself or herself to visit this memorial and take their families. It honors all naval service and any red-blooded American blue-jacket or officer will feel the gentle warmth of pride his or her service is honored within this truly magical place.

The focal point of this memorial is a bronze statue of a lone American sailor. No crow on his sleeve tells you that he is non-rated. And, there are further indications that suggest maybe, once upon a time, the sculptor himself may have once been an E-3 white hat. The lad has his collar turned up and his hands in his pockets which is a major viola-

tion of the “No hands in peacoat pockets” policy.

In the days long ago, a Navy specification Peacoat weighed about the same as a flat car-load of cinder blocks. When it rained, it absorbed water until your spine warped, your shins cracked and your ankles split.

Five minutes standing in the rain waiting on a bus and you felt like you were piggy-backing the Statue of Liberty. It had that wet wool smell, times three.

You know how heavy a late '50's Peacoat was? Well, they had little metal chains sewn in the back of the collar to hang them up by. In the old days, Peacoat buttons and grocery cart wheels were interchangeable. The gear issued by the U.S. Navy was tough. Peacoats came with wide, heavy collars. In a cold, hard wind, you could turn that wide collar up to cover your neck and it was like poking your head in a tank turret.

The things were warm, but I never thought they were long enough. Standing out in the wind in those 'big-legged britches' (bell bottoms), the wind whistled up your cuffs and took away body warmth like a thief. But, they were perfect to pull over you for a blanket when sleeping on a bus or a bus terminal bench. Every sailor remembers stretching out on one of those oak bus station pews with his white hat over his face, his head up against his bag and covered with his Peacoat. \

Peacoats were lined with quilted satin or rayon. I never realized it at the time, but sleeping on bus seats and station benches would be the closest I would ever get to sleeping on satin sheets.”

Credits: <http://www.usshancockcv19.com>

## Just A Little Humor



**What do you do with a sick boat?**  
Take it to the doc.

**A dentist opened an office on a boat. What was the boat's name?**  
The Tooth Ferry

**Give a man a fish and he'll eat for a day.**  
Teach a man to fish and he'll sit in a boat and drink beer all day.

**I started a successful boat building business in the attic of my house.**  
Sails are going through the roof!

**How do you make luxury yacht charters look younger?**  
Boat-Tox.

**How many boaters does it take to change a lightbulb?**  
None, because the right size bulb isn't on board, the local marine supply store doesn't carry that brand, and the mail-order house has them on back-order.

**What's the world's most efficient bilge pump?**  
A scared man with a bucket.

**A very nervous first-time crew member says to the skipper,**

**"Do boats like this sink very often?"**

"Not too often," replied the skipper. "Usually it's only the once."

**When do you know you are getting a good deal on a boat?**  
When there's a sail on it.

**What detergent do sailors use?**  
Tide.

**Where do zombies like to go sailing?**  
The Dead Sea.

**What does the term BOAT stand for?**  
Bring out another thousand.

Credits: <https://www.godownsize.com/33-hilarious-boat-jokes/>



Credit: <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/510947520198154824/>