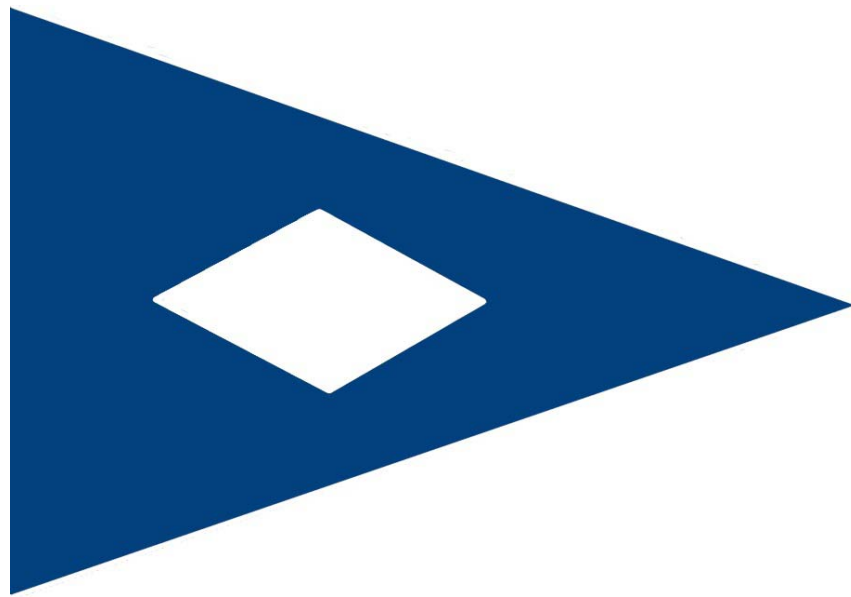




*The
Florida Commodores Journal*

**Halifax River Yacht Club
Hosts FCA Meeting**



Many Thanks to the Halifax River Yacht Club Chapter
for their outstanding support of the
FCA Membership Meeting

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Preserving the Customs and Traditions of Yachting
for future generations



FROM THE HELM

Commodore Tom Reynolds



There have been a lot of things happening since we sent the last issue of the Commodores Journal to you all. First I would like to thank all of you who sent back comments... especially since they were overwhelmingly positive. It sure is nice to get something right. We have only had a few people who have opted to have a hard copy subscription but if you realize that a hard copy is more useful let me (t.reynolds@ieee.org) or V/C John Matthews (johnmatthews@cox.net) know . By the way John is now working with our incoming Editor, PC Tracy Wichmann from Halifax River Yacht Club. John will have more about that later on in this issue.

Our meeting at Halifax River Yacht Club was a great success! Before we got down to business there was time for some fun. Halifax River V/C Wayne Stewart and FCA Fleet Captain John Slattery treated us to a cruise on the Halifax River. “Megalove” was decked out and fully provisioned in fine fashion by Wayne and Eloise and John and Mary Slattery on “Irish Rover” were not to be outdone. We all tried to say that we needed a ride on “the other boat” in order to make a good comparison but the captains were not buying that story. The weather cooperated and the rain started just after we were back. Everyone was really happy and special thanks go to Wayne and John for all their preparation and efforts. By the way, we sailboat people may scoff at bow thruster but we are really jealous! Commodore Bill Masters and HRYC Chapter President made us feel very much at home in their beautiful club – everything was perfect: the food, the beverage, the friends and the weather. What more could you ask for?

I am proud and happy to say that Ft Walton Yacht Club came through with the largest contingent... Thank you to all our FWYC chapter members. That reminds me to again urge all of you who weren't there to make a place in your calendar for at least one meeting in the next six months. October 21 -22 will be the Annual Change of Watch and V/C John Matthews (Pensacola Yacht Club) would like to see you at his installation. If you can't make that, remember that we have the winter meeting at Palm Coast Yacht Club. And the Spring Meeting will be at our NEWEST CHAPTER – PELICAN YACHT CLUB (Ft Pierce).

We are excited to welcome Pelican Yacht Club (Ft Pierce) as our newest chapter. P/C Bill Furst is their Chapter President and Commodore June-Ann DeGraw accepted the Charter on behalf of the Chapter. We have been talking and visiting together for about 6 months and now that they are an FCA Chapter they have offered to host the meeting in April. It promises to be a wonderful time and an opportunity to showcase a great Club. Put 27 -28 April in your plans for the spring. More details will be on the website shortly....

We would really like to see at least one representative (President or member) from each chapter at our upcoming meetings. Talk it up and see what you can do.

P/C Phyllis Seaton is working hard to fill our Ambassadors throughout Florida. We have several in the panhandle but not many clubs. The eastern, middle and south Florida regions need some of you to visit clubs, talk with members, help recruit new members and chapters. I wish we could offer you great salary and benefits but that's not the case. So, if you don't mind a little hard work and an opportunity to meet and work with Clubs in your area drop Phyllis an email (phyllis4@cox.net).

Make a plan ... come to a meeting

Tour and Briefing on the National Flight Academy Naval Air Station Pensacola

Inspiring and educating future generations of leaders in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math

To accomplish this the best next generation game on the planet has been created with the use of world-class technology and the wonder of flight. The National Flight Academy teaches the principles of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) with an immersive, hands-on approach that reaches far beyond the traditional academic experience. Students in 7th- 12th grades spend 5 ½ days undergoing an intensive course that combines classroom fundamentals with virtual reality. In this high-tech adventure like no other, students—dubbed Aviators—join a squadron and immediately begin planning and executing missions based on real-world events.

Fast-paced, aviation-based missions challenge and inspire the Aviators on a wide range of topics, from basic three-dimensional physics and motion to more advanced concepts of aeronautical engineering and propulsion systems. These missions all play into enhancing the Aviators' education, ultimately enriching their understanding of STEM principles.



Addressing the challenges in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Education

According to experts ranging from White House advisors to national leaders in education, the state of math and science instruction in the United States is in crisis. Statistics prove the skills of American students in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) are declining in relation to students from other industrialized nations. Ignorance of STEM concepts inhibits the talent development required to lead in the technology-rich twenty-first century.

Quite simply, the National Flight Academy (NFA) is designed to help address these serious concerns of declining STEM scores and standards in our country. In order to address this challenge, we must first inspire our youth's interest in science and math related fields. The National Flight Academy accomplishes this by using the intrinsic motivation of flight!

Our immersive simulated environment, coupled with the most revolutionary methods in instruction, will foster cooperative learning and a desire to learn and pursue now the math and sciences that open the doors to the careers of tomorrow. This vision for today's youth and tomorrow's leaders is the guiding purpose of the National Flight Academy.

FCA Supports our Olympic Hopefuls

Update on Zach and Paige Railey in their quest to go to the 2012 Olympics.

July 31-Aug. 13th they both qualified for the one spot allotted to each country in the test Olympic event being held at the Olympic venue Portland, Great Britain. Paige won the gold at the Volvo Youth Sailing ISAF Youth Worlds Championship in Busan, Korea. Paige will then go to the Pan Am Games in Oct being held in Mexico.

Next stop for both is Worlds being held in Perth, Australia Dec. 3-18th Some exciting news for Zach...he has been offered a position on an America Cup boat...if all goes according to plan, he will be signed on with the Spanish Team Green Challenge for the 34th Americas Cup in San Francisco, and will be sailing on the new AC45 boat.

If you wish to keep informed on Zach and Paige, Zach's website is www.zach2012.com and www.americascup.com, and Paige's website is www.paigerailey.com. For any monetary support their websites give information regarding that.



Brad Kendell: Brad has just returned from Hyeres, France and his team came away with the Semaine Olympique Regatta Bronze medal. He participated in the Sail for Gold in Weymouth, England at the National Sailing Academy (venue for the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics in June and came in 5th place.



IFDS World Championships/Country Qualifier for Paralympics at Weymouth/Portland National Sailing Academy placed 6th and helped to qualify the United States.

January 2012 is going to be an important month as Brad will be competing in two major regattas to pick the team to represent the US in the Paralympics. The first one is the IFDS World Championships in Punta Gorda Florida January 7-15th 2012. This event is the 2012 International Assoc. of Disabled sailing World Championships. The next one will be the Miami OCR. For additional information go to the www.teamusa674.com website. All donations for Brad can be sent to the Sailing Foundation of New York, P.O. Box 267, Cos Cob, NY 06807. And all contributions to these sailors are tax deductible.

IN MEMORIUM



Commodore Ronald F. Richards (1944-2011) our immediate Past Commodore died suddenly May 11, 2011. Ron was a native of Birmingham, Alabama and a graduate of the University of Alabama. He served as Commodore Pensacola Yacht Club (2000 and 2001); Commodore Gulf Yachting Association (2008); and Commodore Florida Commodores Association (2010). He was both a Charter Member of FCA and the International Commodores Association.

Ron is survived by his wife of 33 years, Innes Comer Smith. Professionally, he was a Certified Financial Planner. In addition to his yachting activities, Ron was very active in Rotary and had served as District Governor, Rotary International, 2008-2009.

Ron was a lifetime sailor and active member of the Regatta Al Sol Race Committee, the biannual race from Pensacola to Isla Mujeres, Mexico. Recently, Ron had become an avid RVer, taking his Land Yacht to several FCA meetings around the state. The members of Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club can attest to this.

To honor his memory and accomplishments, the Pensacola Yacht Club Board of Directors and the Pensacola Chapter of the FCA have jointly established the Commodore Ronald F. Richards Memorial Trophy as a perpetual trophy for the winner of Class A of the West Florida Ocean Racing Circuit (WFORC) which is a GYA Sanctioned Event hosted annually by Pensacola Yacht Club.





**Florida Commodores Association
Registration Form
Membership Meeting and Change of Watch
October 21-22, 2011
Pensacola Yacht Club**



Name(s): _____

Chapter/Yacht Club: _____ FCYC# _____

- Regular Member Associate Member Guest

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Registration Fee:	# Persons	Total
\$10.00 per person payable with Registration	_____	_____

Please make check payable to "FCA" and mail to:
P/C Bill Nobles , C/o Pensacola Yacht Club, P. O. Box 989, Pensacola, Fl. 32595
before October 12, 2011

Friday, October 21 **# Persons**

Order from Dinner Menu _____

Saturday, October 22

Lunch - Deli Lunch Buffet - \$16.00 inclusive _____

Dinner - \$35.00 inclusive - please make selections

SALAD: Baby Spinach, Crispy Artichokes, and Fennel
with a Creamy Tarragon Vinaigrette
ENTRÉE SELECTION:

- Grilled Yellow Fin Grouper topped with a Dijon Sherry Sauce
served w/Baby Vegetable Medley and Sundried Tomato Risotto _____
- New Zealand Rack of Lamb served with a Merlot Rosemary Jus, Mint Jelly
and Baby Vegetable Medley and Sundried Tomato Risotto _____
- Airline Chicken Breast topped w/Roasted Red Pepper Coulis
and Baby Vegetable Medley and Sundried Tomato Risotto _____

DESSERT: Decadent Chocolate Cake w/ Chantilly Cream Sauce.

Note: Meal charges may be paid by cash, check or billed to your home Club account through Florida Council of Yacht Clubs.



Florida Commodores Association

Past, Present and Future Commodores



**Membership Meeting
and Change of Watch
October 21-22, 2011**

Pensacola Yacht Club

Schedule of Events

Friday, October 21, 2011

1600 FCA Executive Committee Meeting - PYC Board Room
1800 – 1900 Cocktails Happy Hour – Casual Attire - Ballroom B
1900 ‘til Friday Night Menu and entertainment – Ballroom A

Saturday, October 22, 2011

0830 – 0930 Registration – Pensacola Yacht Club – Ballroom Foyer
Beverage Service and Continental Breakfast – Ballroom B
0930 – 1200 Annual Membership Meeting (Uniform C, white shirt, epaulets, white trousers/skirt,
white belt, white shoes) – Ballroom B
1200 – 1330 Buffet Lunch – Ballroom A
Guest Speaker TBD
1330 - 1400 Travel to Naval Air Station Pensacola
1400 – 1600 Tour and Briefing on National Flight Academy
1630 Return to Hotel
1800 Cocktails – Lounge – (Uniform B- Blue Blazer, FCA or Club Tie, white trousers,
white belt, white shoes)
1830 Sundowner Ceremony (Uniform B with Cover)
1900 Plated/served dinner – music for dancing
Change of Watch Ceremony: FCA Officers for 2012

Sunday, October 23, 2011

1100 PYC Menu Service



**Burgee Exchange
is one of the benefits
of attending an
FCA Membership
Meeting**



**FCA Change of Watch
Hotel Information
October 21-22, 2011
Pensacola, FL**

**Call soon to get the discounted rate as shown at the bottom of this page.
Located 2 miles from Pensacola Yacht Club.**

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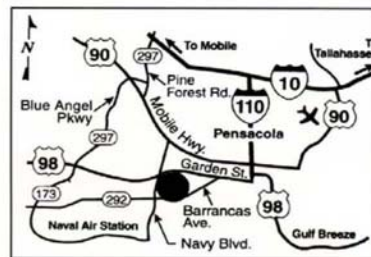
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- Complete kitchens with utensils
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- Close to Pensacola Beach & Perdido Key
- Convenient to Navy Base, Naval Aviation Museum, Historic Downtown Pensacola

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- Swimming Pool
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- Cable Television
HBO, CNN, ESPN
- Complete Kitchens
Cookware, Dinnerware, Microwave, Refrigerator, 2 Top Burner Stove, Coffee Maker, Iron & Ironing Board
- Free local phone calls
- Free domestic long distance
- High Speed Internet
- No Lease Agreements
- Extended Stay Discounts
(Daily and Weekly Rates Available)
- Voice mail & Dataports
- No Pets Allowed

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NOTE: To make reservations and get the \$75.00 room rate you must tell the receptionist you are with **Pensacola Yacht Club** for the Florida Commodores Association Meeting. Please call 850-453-4140 to make your reservations for the Change of Watch and Annual Meeting.



INTERNATIONAL COMMODORES ASSOCIATION

News for ICA Members

ICA Establishes Yachting Academy

By P/C Joseph A. Tringali, SFICA

The International Commodores Association will present its inaugural Academy of Yachting Officers and Professionals at the Wyndham Resort in Orlando, Florida early next year on February 23, 24 and 25, 2012.

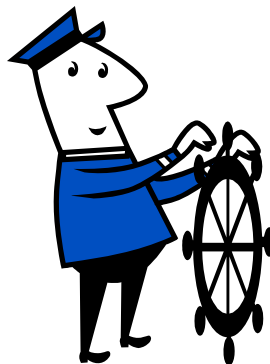


The Academy is a two-and-a-half day, total immersion, knowledge-sharing experience with special high-quality presentations on club traditions including the founding of yacht clubs and United States Power Squadrons, rules for meetings, uniform attire, leadership, insurance, storm preparedness, understanding financial statements, and much more.

The Academy provides "must have" training for club professionals as well as officers of yacht clubs and yachting associations. The Saturday presentation, "You, Your Club and The Law," is itself worth the cost of the weekend. It is the most comprehensive program of its kind covering taxes, contract and tort liability of members and officers, discrimination, liquor liability, and recent state and federal legislation including financial regulation, environmental protection, indoor smoking, and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Registration is only \$159 for the full weekend, including all course material, a Thursday night "Meet and Greet" and a Saturday evening banquet at which diplomas will be presented and graduates will be welcomed as Fellows of the Association.

You and your club will be receiving more information on "More info - Academy - Orlando" in the near future, both by surface mail and email. Please be on the lookout for it. For now, please save the dates: February 23, 24 and 25, 2012.



THE NEWEST FCA CHAPTER

Pelican Yacht Club
Fort Pierce, Florida



Pelican Yacht Club Commodore June-Ann Fox and the Club house and marina.

The Pelican Yacht Club is one of the premier sport fishing clubs in the United States. Situated on the Fort Pierce Inlet, we boast a wide, deep, safe, straight forward, inlet just minutes from the fishing grounds in the Gulf Stream. In addition to the deep sea fishing, we also have the inland waters of the Indian River Estuary. Our location is close to perfection

for sport fishing enthusiasts.

At the end of World War II, a group of forward thinking men purchased our property from the U.S. Naval Department and created the Pelican Yacht Club. During the war, the island including our club property, was owned by the Naval Department and used to develop and train the Navy Seals for the D-Day Invasion. We at PYC are very proud of our heritage.

As the club grew, so did our facility, adding docks, pool, enlarging our clubhouse, adding banquet facilities, health club and our Sea Scout building. At present we are a year round facility with a staff of 50 full time personnel. The PYC is the foremost location for most events in St. Lucie County. We are very fortunate that even in this current down economy; we are growing in membership and able to continue to improve the club's facility.

The first week in January every year the PYC hosts the *Pelican Yacht Club Invitational Billfish Tournament*. 2012 will be the 31st year for this annual event. During the week, we welcome boats from all over Florida and from as far away as Texas, the Carolinas and Rhode Island. Last year the first day of fishing saw 146 sailfish released from the 28 boats that fished that day. Fishing is not the only draw to this tournament. Our staff out does themselves. Captains and Anglers start each day at 6 AM with a full breakfast buffet and finishing the long day of fishing with an outstanding dinner buffet.

2011 has been an outstanding year for us as we welcomed the addition of the Miami Beach Rod and Reel Club to the PYC. Now named the Pelican Rod and Reel Club, we are welcoming both members and non-members alike to join. All who join start at the beginning as a Novice and work their way up to a Master Angler. With bi-weekly meetings and monthly outings, we feel this is going to add greatly to our membership and club experience. The comradeship and competitive spirit of the old Miami Rod and Reel is alive and well at the PYC.

When traveling by boat or car in our area we would love to welcome you to our club. We are open for lunch and dinner Wednesday thru Sunday and our docks are open 7 days a week all year long. Stop by for a visit, you will be very glad you did.



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FCA Area Ambassadors



FCA Ambassador Coordinator PC Phyllis Seaton Fort Walton Yacht Club

PC Phyllis Seaton, Fort Walton Yacht Club Chapter, has agreed to serve as FCA Ambassador Coordinator. She will be working to better define and implement the Ambassador Program. The vision is that the Ambassadors, in addition to identifying and working with potential new chapters, will work with Chapter Presidents and enhance communications with FCA. We need your ideas, input and inventiveness on how to improve attracting new members and chapters.

If you are willing to serve as an area Ambassador please contact Phyllis. She is looking for good people to serve and help FCA expand and improve its programs and activities.

PC Phyllis Seaton Telephone: 850-651-0105

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ANNOUNCING THE NEW FCA COMMODORE'S JOURNAL EDITOR

Welcome
Past Commodore Tracy Wichmann
Halifax River Yacht Club Chapter

The Florida Commodore's Association Recognition Contest Number 3

The FCA Recognition Contest is still underway. Each time the *Journal* is published, there will be a new photograph included that will challenge the membership's knowledge of the FCA membership including full and associate members. You will be asked to identify each person in a picture with their complete name, their membership category and their FCA Chapter. **There have been no winners to date.**

You are requested to send your answer to VC John Matthews, 5119 Chandelle Drive, Pensacola, FL 32507 or email the answer to johnmatthews@cox.net. A deadline for submitting entries for this photo is **September 15, 2011**

The winner will receive a \$50.00 Gift Card to a local store in the winner's area of residence.

Specific Rules for the Contest:

1. No one in the picture published for the contest is permitted to enter the contest.
2. If the picture is taken from a specific chapter, no one that is a member of the chapter will be permitted to enter the contest.
3. If more than one correct entry is submitted, a drawing from the number of correct entries will be held at the very next FCA membership meeting to determine the winner.
4. Entries submitted or received 24 hours after the published deadline will not be accepted.



DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES September 15, 2011



NEWS FROM THE FCA QUARTERMASTER:

One of the simplest ways to spread the word about the Florida Commodores Association is by wearing the FCA logo. By showing the logo we have an automatic conversation piece to inform people why we exist. Something as simple as a lapel pin, a decal on your car window or boat or wearing a polo shirt to a club event can get the conversation going.

The Ship's store can supply you with, not only uniform items but casual apparel & other unique items. The best time to shop is at a General Membership meeting, especially the Change of Watch. The selection of items is at their peak where you can see different sizes & colors of items in person.

The FCA website is the place to shop between meetings. Here you will find uniform items; burgees & table flags & a selection of FCA personalized items. The website also has a direct link to me where you can request merchandise or inquire about items.

Some of the newest items available are the FCA logo decals. These come either inside mount or outside mount for just \$5.00. They are perfect on car windows, boats & even on a window at your club.

Ladies, the little cooler tote bags have been a huge hit. These canvas bags look like a small purse but they also have an aluminum foil insulated interior. They will hold a six-pack or lunch perfectly while being smart enough to carry as a casual bag. I think they make a great gift item & had several personalized with monograms. Let me work with you to get a jump start on your Holiday gift list.

For the Men, I now have a great polo shirt with a POCKET for those of you that have to carry 2 pairs of glasses & whatnot. It comes in 8 different colors & in adult sizes XS – 6XL.

Lastly, for those of you that can't pass up a sale, I have reduced the price of the 12-pack coolers. These collapsible nylon coolers sold for \$20.00 are now \$15.00 & come in red, gold or royal. I don't have many so it's first come, first served.

Beverly Plummer
Quartermaster, FCA

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