

*The  
Florida Commodores Journal*



July Meeting at



*Coral Reef Yacht Club*

*Keepers of the Flame*

Preserving the Customs and Traditions of  
Yachting for future generations

## *At the Helm*

Commodore Larry Kimmerling



Greetings from the beautiful Coral Reef Yacht Club in Miami. The Summer Membership meeting at Coral Reef Yacht Club was very productive, well attended with great programs and camaraderie. The CRYC officers and staff were very gracious hosts. The schedule began with the Friday afternoon Executive Committee meeting and review of the proposed changes to the Policy and Procedures Manual. PC Joe Tringali Protocol committee chair, reviewed proposed changes to FCA epaulets and PC John Matthews, By-Laws and Policy Procedure Manual committee chair, reviewed the proposed changes to the PPM. Proposed recommendations were approved by the Executive Committee and the new PPM is available on the FCA website. The Executive Committee appointed the following members and associate members to the FCA Grant program committee: Beverly Plummer, FWYC; Audrey Ottenstein; HRYC; PC Peter Tyson, Pelican Yacht Club and PC Bill Nobles, Pensacola Yacht Club. Application information may be found on the FCA website, or by contacting PC Wayne Stewart at [megalove@aol.com](mailto:megalove@aol.com).

Coral Reef Yacht Club Commodore Larry Reeder was introduced by PC Lou Daniello. Commodore Reeder opened the General Membership meeting by

welcoming FCA members, associates and guests. Commodore Reeder emphasized CRYC's mission "To increase an awareness of and participation in yachting activities", and to serve the CRYC membership. Commodore Reeder was presented a certificate of appreciation from FCA by PC Daniello.



PC Matthews reviewed the proposed bylaw changes, which had been previously communicated to all FCA members. After some discussion, the revised changes were approved. WELCOME SABYC: PC Matthews reported that Saint Andrews Bay Yacht Club, is now an FCA chapter. SABYC recently held an event to benefit Team USA45 Racing. Team USA45 Racing is the Youth America's Cup team selected to represent the USA and Oracle at the first Youth America's Cup, to be held in San Francisco as a part of the 34th America's Cup. **SABYC's own Matthew Whitehead is a member of Team USA45 Racing.** Thank you to PC Jack Kennedy, FCA Ambassador for his dedication and contributions to this effort, and the SABYC officers and members, that we are able to share in supporting Team USA45 sailors in this first ever Youth America's Cup! The WAVE continues to gain momentum towards the August 10, 2013 event date. The upcoming event has achieved the following: \*A proclamation from the Pensacola Mayor, Ashton Hayward.

\* Posting of the event on the Viva Florida 500 website. \*Handicap Sailing presentation by US Paralympian Brad Kendell. Brad and USA team 674 were sponsored by FCA in their 2012 Paralympian Campaign. \*An article in the Pensacola News Journal Homefront; PC Kathy Champagne, WAVE organizer \*Involvement from the Santa Rosa County Sheriffs Marine Division. PC Champagne will be providing additional information on hosting a WAVE Event at your yacht club, at the HRYC October 2013. For additional information, PC Champagne may be reached by e-mail: [kathychampagne@bellsouth.net](mailto:kathychampagne@bellsouth.net)

We were honored to have Jackie and Clay Waddell, parents of sailor Wade Waddell, as guests at the membership meeting.



Jackie is Past Commodore, of the Palm Beach Sailing Club and Jackie and Clay are promoting their son, Wade, in his Olympic endeavor. In 2012 Wade earned a place on the US Youth World Team sailing the 1420 as well as a place on the US Sailing Sperry Top-Sider Olympic Development Team in the 470. His goal is to represent the United States in the Olympics. For more information contact PC Waddell at [waddellja@comcast.net](mailto:waddellja@comcast.net). There is a tax deductible fund set up at the Sailing Foundation of New York, FBO Wade Waddell, P.O. Box 1736, Wallingford, CT 06492 .



The Sundown ceremony Saturday evening was beautiful. Great location at the flag pole on the lawn next to Biscayne Bay! PC Joe Tringali gave the thirteen fold flag address to CRYC spectators and CRYC dock master, Carter Meyers in full dress uniform manned the cannon.....great ceremony! A special thank you and appreciation to member-at-large Ingrid Menz and PC Lou Daniello for coordinating an event of this size, location, and significance is difficult to say the least...but Ingrid and Lou with support from the CRYC staff did an outstanding job! The accommodations, meeting facilities, Sundown ceremony, food and entertainment were excellent. The Annual meeting and Change of Watch will be October 25th and 26th, at the Halifax River Yacht Club. This is always a great event and a good time. Check the FCA website to make your reservations as FCA will be celebrating its 5th anniversary as well as Viva Florida 500 during this event. FCA members and Associates should be proud of your contributions, participation and positive impact that you have had on so many youth and young adult sailors, in addition to your own yacht club and the entire yachting community. Well done!

# Our Newest Chapter



## Saint Andrews Bay Yacht Club

[Member Login](#)





## St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club FCA Charter Luncheon

On Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of September 2013 at St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club, twenty five FCA members from four other FCA yacht clubs in the area joined five of the six new members of SABYC for lunch. There were nine members from Bay Point Yacht Club, eight from Ft. Walton Yacht Club, two from Navy Yacht Club, and six from Pensacola Yacht Club. SABYC Commodore A.C. Littleton was honored by the attendance of so many FCA members.

FCA members Jack Kennedy, John Matthews, and Tom Reynolds talked about the history and benefits of the Florida Commodores Association for the new members of SABYC. The new members present from SABYC were Jim Robinson, John Darrah, Deck Hull, Dr. Jim Cook, and AC Littleton. After Club Manager Jay Wallace and his staff served a great lunch, John Matthews presented the new FCA Charter to Commodore Littleton and the meeting adjourned. Good food and good conversation made for a fun afternoon visiting with our newest FCA chapter members.

Commodore Littleton shared with us the fact that this is the eightieth anniversary of St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club. He extended an invitation for FCA Members in the state and from around the South to stop by and visit their beautiful yacht club on St. Andrews Bay either by car or by boat.

St Andrews Bay Yacht Club will host the FCA Winter Meeting February 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Details of the meeting will be presented at the Fall FCA meeting at Halifax River Yacht Club October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> 2013.

## The Ships Store



The Ship's store continues to be successful, thanks to the support from the members. The profits have supported our missions & goals. I have tried to fill the needs of the membership with uniform items & FCA embellished articles. Several years ago I developed the Ship's store boutique which carries one of a kind items to help supplement our profits.

An additional selection of embroidered clothing items is also available. Polo shirts, ball caps, men's woven shirts & blouses for the ladies are just a few things that have been custom ordered with the FCA and club burgees.

Special requests are made from time to time & I try to accommodate them if possible. Recently requested were white cotton parade gloves & men's white dress socks. These items are both now available to members. Order them through the FCA website under Ship's store or email me directly at [Bevplum@cox.net](mailto:Bevplum@cox.net).

I am open for suggestions as to what items you would like to have available in the Ship's store. Contact me with your requests and I will see what I can do.

Beverly Plummer  
Quartermaster, FCA



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NOW AVAILABLE  
FOR ALL YOU BBQ  
CHEFS**

## Nautical Puzzler

What is a “Trade Wind”? Which way does it blow and what causes it?

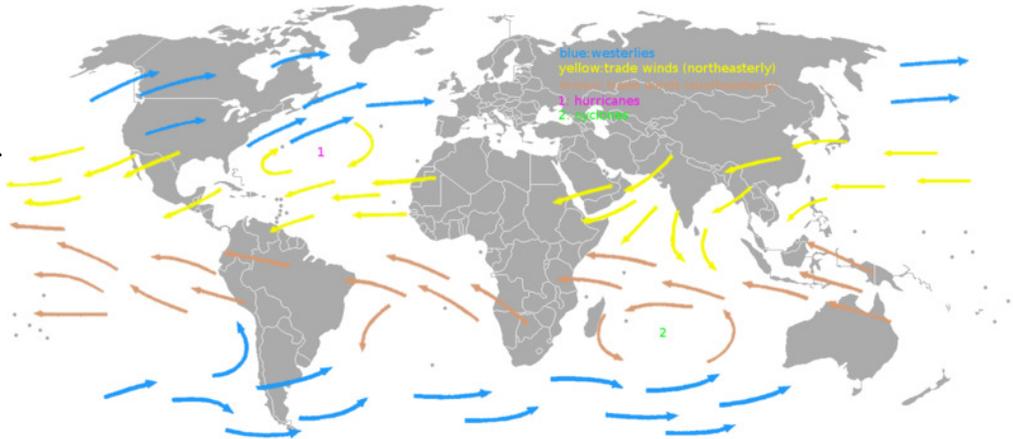
### Answer

The distance around the earth is 24,875 miles. Since the earth rotates once in 24 hours somebody standing on the equator is moving about 1000 miles per hour. Of course somebody at the North pole is not moving at all (just rotating) and if one is a foot from the pole it takes all day to go just 6 feet. Clearly, the surface speed decreases as one moves North or South from the equator.

Consider now a blob of air at the equator being heated up by the sun. Hot air rises from the surface and so cooler air is drawn in from the side. This cooler air is going slower, however, and falls behind objects on the surface. Since the surface of the earth moves toward the East, the air drawn in toward the equator (due to rising air) moves relatively toward the West. Similarly, as blobs of air rise to higher altitudes they spread out to the North and South. After a while they also cool off and descend. But, since they started at the equator, they are moving faster. As they come down they create a Westerly wind. These are known as the Prevailing Westerlys.

Early navigators discovered that when they wanted to sail from Europe to the Americas the wind was blowing smack in their face. (Those old square riggers could not point very high into the wind).

By first sailing South they found they could pick up an Easterly wind off the coast of Africa. On this map, (thanks Wikipedia), the blue lines are the prevailing Westerlies and the Yellow and Brown are the North and South Trade Winds.



### Next Issue's Puzzler

This is not so Nautical but in the context of this puzzler, it is appropriate. What is the origin of the word “Trade”?



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## FCA Area Ambassadors FCA Ambassador Coordinator



### PC John Matthews Pensacola Yacht Club

A recent change to the FCA Bylaws resulted in the Immediate Past Commodore being given the responsibility for the Area 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 the FCA can improve its efforts to attract new members and chapters.

If you are willing to serve as an area Ambassador or assist in this program please contact John. The FCA good people to serve and help FCA expand and improve its membership, programs and activities.

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## FROM THE TREASURER

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From the Treasurers desk,

Does your chapter sponsor Sundowner ceremonies at you club? If not perhaps it time to consider doing so. At my home club we regularly conduct three or four during the course of the year, normally on special dates such as Veterans Day, July fourth etc. When we initially started the turnout of members was rather sparse, but we continued to hold them. As time passed, and the word got out the membership started to come out in increasing numbers to where we now have a respectable showing.



Another thing that you may want to consider, someone in your club is very likely to have a flag that was presented to them as part of a memorial service of a loved one. The use of these flags during a Sundowner ceremony can be a very special tribute to those remembering a family member or a close friend. A note in your club newsletter may very well produce one or more of these.

### MEMBERSHIP

As we come to the close of another year for FCA, our membership numbers remain much the same as 2012

At the close of 2012 we had 208 regular members, 110 Associates for a total of 318 members.

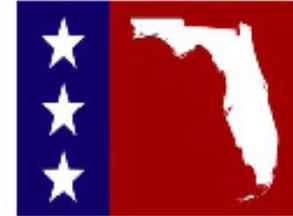
For this year we have 208 regular and 106 associates for 314.

Thank you for your ongoing participation in our fine organization, which is now five years old. Hope to see you at Halifax River Yacht Club in October.

P/C Robert Plummer  
Treasurer



## W.A.V.E. 2013



It all began in 2011 when 6 local Pensacola Yacht Clubs came together to honor the Centennial of Naval Aviation with a celebration intended to be held at the Naval Air Station Pensacola. Initially, the NAS Command had envisioned a large celebration to be held on the Naval Base. However, after much planning, it became very obvious that such a massive celebration was not going to take place for several reasons, the least of which was the money to host the celebration. Following up with a request from the Command for a host, Navy Yacht Club Pensacola and Pensacola Yacht Club formed the nucleus of a planning

group to create the Centennial of Naval Aviation (CoNA) Celebration. Soon, this group was joined by Pensacola Beach Yacht Club, Grand Lagoon Yacht Club, Fort Walton Yacht Club, and the Point Yacht Club from Josephine, Alabama. Several Military affiliated organizations also joined in the event to ensure its success. The CoNA Celebration was

held at Pensacola Yacht Club (PYC), and was extremely successful with over 2500 visitors taking advantage of the event.

Following the completion of the CoNA Celebration, Navy Yacht Club Pensacola (NYCP) Commodore Kathy Champagne, along with several other yacht club members, thought it



would be a great idea to find a way to honor our veterans who were returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. It was suggested that such an event needed to focus on a specific group of veterans so the idea of honoring "wounded warriors" was selected. Following an attempt to solicit assistance from the Wounded Warriors Organization proved to be virtually impossible, Commodore Champagne formed a small group of NYCP members to plan and develop an appropriate event to honor veterans with a "Day on the Bay." It was soon decided that the honor should go to wounded veterans. The name of the event became the Wounded American Veterans Event or W.A.V.E. (W.A.V.E. 2012) as it is commonly now known.

The first event held at Fort Walton Yacht Club was hosted by the Fort Walton Yacht Club Chapter of the Florida Commodores Association and supported by the PYC Chapter of FCA and the NYCP Chapter of FCA in addition to that provided by Pensacola Beach Yacht Club, Grand Lagoon Yacht Club, and the Point Yacht Club. Even though the weather was not favorable for the event, it nevertheless was a success and the decision was made to continue the event annually.

Planning proceeded under the watchful eyes of now NYCP Past Commodore Kathy Champagne (a recent FCA 4 Star Commodore Awardee) and a select group of people from the sponsoring yacht clubs including the Immediate Past Commodore of the Florida Commodores Association and NYCP Fleet Captain, John Matthews; Fort Walton Yacht Club Fleet Captain John Farris; and PYC Fleet Captain Bob Sutton. The result was that W.A.V.E. 2013 became a reality with an opportunity for the public to show their appreciation to the armed forces and for soldiers to temporarily forget the



hardships they've suffered. The City of Pensacola was selected as the site for the event and the place was Plaza de Luna Park, overlooking Pensacola Bay to the south and having immediate access to a marina and slips to be used for boarding the boats used to take the veterans on a cruise on the bay. Marina Management Corporation, the owner of Palafox Pier Marina, provided slips at no cost to support W.A.V.E 2013. Over 34 sponsors contributed financial or in-kind support to the event. The Mayor of Pensacola, Ashton Hayward, inked a Proclamation in support of the event. City Councilman P. C. Wu is shown giving the Proclamation to PYC Commodore Susan McKinnon at the beginning of the celebration. The Escambia County Board of Commissioners also commemorated the event with a Proclamation.



Fifty-nine veterans registered. Twenty-nine veterans spent the day cruising on Pensacola Bay, enjoying the sparkling water and the balmy summer breeze. And even with the sun beating down like a hammer, U.S. Air Force veteran of 10 years service, Capt. Giselle Hartl remarked that it still was far better than being in a desert overseas. "It's nice to be in the water," she observed. "In Iraq or Afghanistan, you may not see water for months and months. It's difficult to know how to thank all the military veterans who have risked life and limb in service of our country, but a free day of sailing, BBQ, live music and prize raffles isn't a bad place to start."



Saturday morning during W.A.V.E. at Palafox Pier, six yacht clubs and 14 local boat captains offered just that. The boaters spent about two hours on the water and then returned to shore for hot dogs, hamburgers and homemade chocolate chip cookies.

Jim Henkel, an Army veteran who was wounded in the Vietnam War, attended the event with his 26-year-old son, James, a civilian who uses a wheelchair. Henkel said both of them enjoy sailing, but that their injuries and time constraints make it very difficult for them to go boating. "That's what made it so wonderful today," he said. "Having been off the water for a few years, it was nice to get back out there."



The veterans also heard a presentation from 32-year-old Brad Kendell, a US Paralympic sailor and member of the US Sonar Sailing Team, who stressed the importance of living to the fullest no matter what life throws at you. Kendell lost both of his legs, his father, and a friend in a private plane crash 10 years ago. "They invited me to let everyone know that you can get back out there," he said in his speech. "Getting back to life is what this is all about." Army Veteran Jim Henkel and his son really took this advice to heart and are planning to continue their sailing experiences. Pictured to the left is PYC Commodore Susan McKinnon, Brad Kendell, and NYCP P/C Kathy Champagne presenting the W.A.V.E. 2013 Burgee to Brad, thanking him for his support.



In the picture on the right is Navy Captain (Retired and Veteran) Whit Johnson, a member of NYCP and the FCA Chapter, serving drinks to the veterans. Over 40 members each from Pensacola Yacht Club and Navy Yacht Club Pensacola volunteered to serve during this year's event. "We would like to see the W.A.V.E. continue to roll throughout the state of Florida with each chapter of FCA sponsoring a similar event," said Kathy Champagne.

Photo credits go to: Julie Connerley, John Matthews, and John Blackie

Recent News about the WAVE:

Brad Kendell in Ireland with his WAVE Burgee.







**FCA**

**Upcoming Events 2013**

**FCA 5th Anniversary Celebration,  
Annual Meeting and Change of Watch  
October 25-26, 2013  
Halifax River Yacht Club, Daytona Beach Fl.**

**Third Academy of Yachting Officers and Professionals  
November 21-23, 2013  
Pelican Yacht Club, Fort Pierce Fl.**

**Did You Know?**

**"Florida Commodores Association is now on Facebook. Please search "Florida Commodores Association" on FB and then "like" us. You may contribute comments and photos to our page. Share your Chapter activities with us."**

# Join us for Three Anniversaries!

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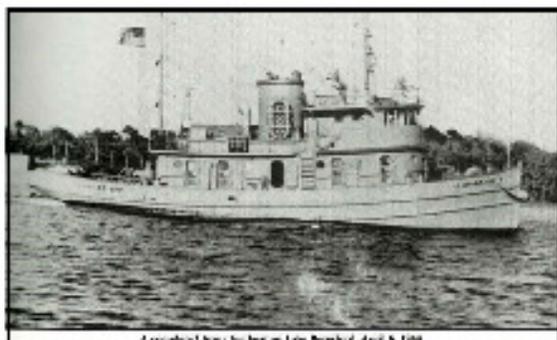


## 5th Anniversary

In December, 2008, at the Cabot Lodge in Gainesville, a new organization was conceived by representatives from a handful of Florida yacht clubs who had a vision and developed a mission statement. In short order, Articles of Incorporation, By-

laws and identification standards were developed and the Florida Commodores Association came into being! Be part of the celebration at our Anniversary Meeting and Change of Watch.

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## 70th Anniversary

It was 1943 and the United States was engaged in WWII. The Army (yes - the Army) needed tugboats (yes - tugboats.) More than 700 tugboats were built by a dozen companies around the country. The Beresford Boat Works in DeLand, Florida, employed 300 people building

tugs for the Army some of which saw service during the D-Day invasion. A few of those tugs are still in service and one local historian is trying to return one to its birthplace. One of our programs will bring this piece of the Florida maritime history to life.

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## 500th Anniversary

Archaeological research indicates that Florida has been inhabited for at least 14,000 years. Current historical records document native Indians living here since the 16th century. However, it was on April 2, 1513 that Juan Ponce de Leon, leading an expedition of three ships and 200 men, landed on what they thought was an island. Because of the lush landscape, they named their new discovery *La Florida*. The purpose of his voyage was to find the "Fountain of Youth." (Instead he found the birthplace of FCA!) A lot has happened over the past

500 years and we will hear a program that will relate some of the more interesting aspects of our history with a special slant on the marine history of Florida.



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# Florida Commodores Association

*Fifth Anniversary Celebration  
and Change of Watch Ceremony*



**Halifax River Yacht Club  
Daytona Beach, Florida  
October 25 - 26, 2013**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter/Yacht Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Regular Member                       Associate Member                       Guest

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

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee:	# Persons	Total
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\$10.00 per person payable with Registration	_____	_____
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Please make check payable to "FCA" and mail before October 15, 2013 to  
P/C Wayne Stewart, 9212 Cypress Cove Drive, Orlando, FL 32819

<u>Friday, October 25</u>	# Persons
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Seafood Buffet - \$34.00 inclusive	_____
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Saturday, October 26

Lunch - Deli Lunch Buffet - \$16.00 inclusive	_____
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Dinner - \$31.00 inclusive - please make selections

Filet Mignon with a merlot demi-glaze and garlic whipped potatoes \_\_\_\_\_

Grouper Oscar topped with crabmeat and rice \_\_\_\_\_

Sicilian Chicken topped w/peppers/artichokes & garlic whipped potatoes \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Meal charges may be paid by cash, check or credit card or charged to your FCYC club.

Friday Reservations:

Tour The Casements

Will participate                       Willing to drive                      # in party \_\_\_\_\_

Cocktail Cruise

Will participate                      # in party \_\_\_\_\_



# Florida Commodores Association

Past, Present and Future Commodores

## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Change of Watch October 25 - 26, 2013



**Halifax River Yacht Club**  
331 South Beach Street, Daytona Beach, FL 32014  
386-255-7459

### Schedule of Events

#### **Friday, October 25, 2013** (yacht club casual attire)

- 1000 - 1500 Tour *The Casements* (see attached)
- 1300 - 1500 FCA Executive Committee Meeting, HRYC Board Room
- 1530 - 1700 Cruise on the Halifax River (see attached)
- 1700 - 1830 Registration
- 1700 Cocktails - Seafood Buffet is available until 2200

#### **Saturday, October 26, 2013**

- 0800 - 0900 Registration and Coffee Service
- 0900 - 1130 Membership Meeting  
Uniform C (White shirt w/epaulets, white trousers/skirt and white shoes)
- 1200 - 1300 Buffet Lunch
- 1300 - 1400 Speaker - Professor Joe Vetter - Florida - 500 Years of History (see attached)
- 1400 - 1500 Membership Meeting continues  
Speaker - Dan Friend - Tugboats - From DeLand to the D-Day Beaches (see attached)
- 1730 Cocktails
- 1830 Sundowner Ceremony - HRYC flagpole  
Uniform B (Blue blazer, white shirt, FCA tie, white trousers/skirt, white shoes and white socks, uniform hat)
- 1900 Cocktails
- 1930 Dinner and Change of Watch

#### **Sunday, October 27, 2013**

- 1030 - 1400 Brunch available

Please note: Valet parking will be available. Additional parking is available in the HRYC facilities and lot across the street from the Club.

## *A Friday Filled with Fun and Good Food!*

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### **Tour *The Casements* and Lunch**

Located on the eastern bank of the Halifax River, *The Casements* was built in the early 1900's as a retirement home for a clergyman and his wife. John D. Rockefeller purchased it in 1918 and lived in the house during the winters until his death there at the age of ninety-seven. While a resident of Ormond Beach, "Neighbor John," as he preferred to be called, enjoyed taking part in community activities: playing golf, participating in the sing-along at the Ormond Hotel each Sunday, and entertaining friends such as Thomas Edison, Henry Ford and Harvey Firestone. A big event each year was the Christmas party he hosted for friends, a tradition carried on to this day by *The Casements* Guild.

*The Casements*, named for the large hand-cut casement windows that adorn the mansion, has been beautifully restored. Set on the shore of the Halifax River, and just two blocks from the Atlantic Ocean, the late John D. Rockefeller's winter home is known as "The Jewel of Ormond Beach."

*The Casements'* property was originally nine acres that stretched east from the Halifax River to the present day Halifax Drive, with a private trail and right-of-way to the Atlantic Ocean. Rockefeller employed a Swedish landscape designer to develop the gardens to his own specifications. Extensive renovations were done in 2009 to recreate the Rockefeller Gardens. A promenade along the river entices people to stroll.

There is no charge for admission to the mansion but donations are requested. The tour will depart from the Bahama House at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will be at Las Bistro, a 1924 historic Sears & Roebuck home. Depending on the weather we can enjoy the shade of the Magnolia trees in the garden patio or dine in one of the cozy dining rooms.

Please indicate on your reservation form if you wish to participate and if you would be willing to drive.

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### **Cocktail Cruise on the Halifax River**

Several members of Halifax River Yacht Club have made their boats available for an afternoon cruise on the beautiful Halifax River.

The cruise will depart the Club at 3:30 p.m. and return by 5:00 p.m. If you wish to participate please indicate on your reservation form.

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**HRYC Seafood Buffet** - the perfect way to end the day! Drink and dine at the beautiful Halifax River Yacht Club.



# CORAL REEF YACHT CLUB

