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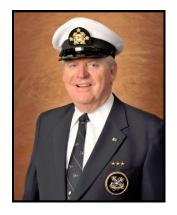
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From the Helm

Commodore Wayne Stewart



Summer is here and we are looking forward to our next meeting at the Clearwater Yacht Club. The Club is located on the beautiful Clearwater Beach adjacent to the Clearwater Pass. P/C Larry and Barbara Kimmerling have planned an exciting weekend for us.

The meeting schedule and the hotel information are posted on the Florida Commodores Association website *www.flcommodores.org*. The meeting will officially kick off on Friday evening by conducting the Sundowner Ceremony at 1745 followed by cocktails and dinner.

In addition to our regular committee reports, on Saturday we have two great speakers planned. State Senator Jack Latvala, Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development will be speaking. The Mayor of Clearwater, George Cretekos, will be with us to introduce Senator Latvala

We also have Captain Curtis Wold, USN (Retired), currently serving as the Branch Chief, Joint Reconnaissance Branch, U.S. Special Operations Command, MacDill Air Force Base. He will give us a U.S. Special Operations Command update, with emphasis on Unmanned Aerial Vehicles.

I would be remiss in not mentioning what a great meeting we had at the Platinum Point Yacht Club. The PPYC is located at the Burnt Store Marina on the east side of Charlotte Harbor. Many thanks to the Platinum Point crew for another great weekend.

Again, we had two speakers. Robert Macomber, an award-winning and internationally recognized author, lecturer, and TV commentator gave a very interesting presentation on naval history and P/C David Wilbur spoke with regards to insurance, specifically as it applies to a private club. If you have not heard Dave's lecture, you are missing a very

informative session.

Communication is always a very large part of any organization and the Florida Commodores Association is no exception. The Executive Committee, in an effort to improve our communication, has elected to take advantage of the expertise of Club Express to help us improve our web site. Club Express will enable each member and chapter to manage their own information as well as share our calendar of events.

Our Web Master Donna Robinson has done a great job managing our website, but this is a very labor-intensive task. Club Express will enable Donna to manage the website in a less intensive manner. Hopefully, we will be able to demonstrate the new website during the summer meeting, Its capabilities are endless. Currently, Vice Commodore Sam Foreman, Secretary Kay Goodman, P/C Tom Reynolds, Web Master Donna Robinson and I are working to bring Club Express online.

Past Commodore Bobby Dewrell has had to resign from his position as Fleet Captain. Bobby needed more time for his professional and personal life. He does hope to resume his place on the executive committee in the future.

Past Commodore Carol Lick from the Platinum Point Yacht Club has agreed to step up and serve as our Fleet Captain. P/C Lick will be sworn in at the Clearwater meeting.

Membership, as well as communications is a large part of any organization. Remember, <u>members recruit members.</u>

There are a lot of potential members out there that have not been approached to join. Please remember, new Bylaw changes allow for current Commodores and Vice Commodores to obtain Individual Memberships and Fleet Captains are eligible for Associate Membership. Let us take advantage of these changes. If you know of any potential members, please bring them into the organization. Applications are available on the website.

We look forward to seeing all of you in Clearwater.

2016 Nominating Committee

It is time again for a Nominating Committee to form in preparation of the FCA Officers Election at the Fall meeting.

First, we have 3 positions to fill on the Nominating Committee. Per our By-Laws, Article VI, SEC-TION 2 – NOMINATING COMMITTEE – This committee shall be composed of the Immediate Past Commodore of FCA, as Chair, and two members-atlarge selected by the immediate Past Commodore and approved by the Executive Committee. This committee shall make its nominations for the offices of Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Fleet Captain, Secretary, and Treasurer, at the Fall Annual Membership Meeting.

We have a proposed change to this committee that has not been voted on as yet. The change adds one more member to the committee and also states that each member be from different yacht clubs. At this time, I am going to ask for 3 volunteers to join me on this committee. If you have an interest in serving on the Nominating Committee, please contact me at junedegraw@att.net or at 772-519-6602. All meetings will be by conference calls so there is no travel requirements.



4 Star Awards—2016

Nomination documents for the sixth annual Four Star Commodores Award have been mailed to all Florida yacht clubs. The deadline for receipt of applications by the Four Star Award Committee is September 30, 2016

Originated in 2011, this program recognizes former Commodores of qualified yacht clubs in the State of Florida who have made contributions to their club beyond the normal duties and responsibilities of Club Commodore. Membership in the Florida Commodores Association is not required, and there is no cost to the club or to their nominee. The award can not be presented posthumously.

Those selected to be Four Star Commodores and

their clubs will be notified in writing prior to November 30, 2016. Each Award winner will receive a memento of their achievement and a special lapel pin. The yacht club of the Four Star Commodore will receive a framed certificate to display the achievement of their Commodore.

Awards will be presented by a member or members of the FCA Executive Committee at a ceremony or event to be selected by the yacht club of the Award recipient.



FCA Foundation Reaches For Its First Goal - \$20,000!

The idea of starting a foundation came from hearing Olympic and Paralympic sailors as guest speakers at FCA meetings. Many members were unaware of what it takes to become an elite, competitive sailor. All speakers had fascinating stories of their personal journeys to become Olympians. Their accounts were so compelling, the hat was passed after each speaker! But such donations were not tax deductible for the donor. Hence, the call for developing FCA's own foundation ... and that call was heard.



Paige Railey

After a couple of years of getting officially organized, the FCA Foundation is now up and running. FCA members now have an option to make donations and have them tax deductible.

At the last FCA meeting at Platinum Point, the Foundation's first fund raising campaign was announced. The Foundation is starting its 2016 Fund-

raising Campaign with a goal of \$20,000. Actually, it's two campaigns running in concert. All FCA chapters statewide are being asked to raise \$10,000 collectively. Individual FCA chapter's goal is \$500 each. All FCA members are urged to support their chapter's effort to raise these funds. The remaining \$10,000 will be sought by the Foundation by targeting outside sources.

Once the funds are raised, there are endless worthwhile projects to support. The Foundation will, however, start by first addressing the support of Florida's Olympic and Paralympic sailors, as 2016 is an Olympic year.

It is hoped that sufficient funds are raised to help Olympians and Paralympians participating in the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games, to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The Olympics run from August 3-21st, with the Paralympic Games following, September 7-18th.



Dr. Rick Doerr (l), Brad Kendell (c), and Hugh Freund (r)

Two sailors FCA has previously supported will be participating: former Olympian Paige Railey of Clearwater will again be racing as a solo sailor in the games, and Brad Kendall, paralympian also from Clearwater. Brad sails with a team of two other sailors. Since Olympic sailing trials continue well into the summer months and there may be other Florida sailors who also qualify, no decision has been made at this writing which sailors will receive FCA Foundations funds.

Even with the above activities, the Foundation will be funding other programs in the future including the WAVE program and youth sailing, so there are many reasons to donate to this campaign. The Foundation can only help members yacht club's activities when sufficient funds are received.

Remember all donations are tax deductible and will support a variety of activities that are vital and important to FCA members clubs. Do help the Foundation make it's chapter's goals.

Your participation in this 2016 Campaign is very much appreciated. For more information, contact FCA Foundation President, P/C Larry Kimmerling at towers12a@aol.com.

You may also send your contribution directly to the FCA Foundation at P.O. Box 1626 in Niceville, FL 32588. Your donation will be acknowledged directly by the Foundation's Treasurer.



As the Florida Commodores Association moved forward with the adoption and promotion of Wounded American Veterans Event - WAVE, a tutorial was created outlining the basic steps in setting up these events for America's disabled war combat veterans.

Given the divergent profiles of Florida yacht clubs, the last and best advice is "Make it your own." There is no better example of this principle than the WAVE 2015 initiated by P/C Rich Oakley and his wife Lynn.

Staged at Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club, and joined by Isles Yacht Club, Platinum Point Yacht Club, Punta Gorda Boat Club and Punta Gorda Sailing Club, this event offered fishing in addition to cruising on sail and power boats.

Marketing was another factor when P/C Oakley recruited, consulting retired commercial graphic designer Ron Norvelle. Norvelle created a burgee design for their "fleet" that is amazingly simple, yet speaks volumes.

In addition, Norvelle created a cap logo that captures the spirit of the event. When asked about his design, Norvelle replied, "When I looked at the four letters, WAVE, the "V" just shouted to me that it had to be RED!"

Although Norvelle created his designs for CHYC, he has graciously agreed to the formal adoption and trademarking by the FCA. Currently these burgees and caps are marketed by the FCA Ships Store at cost for yacht clubs staging WAVE events.

Norvelle has asked for no compensation for his designs, and in so doing, reflects personally the spirit of WAVE.

Bylaw Change Proposed

Proposed change to FCA Bylaws to be voted on at the General Meeting at Clearwater Yacht Club, July 22, 2016

Currently reads:

ARTICLE VI – STANDING COMMITTEES

SECTION 2 – NOMINATING COMMITTEE – This committee shall be composed of the immediate Past Commodore of FCA, as Chair, and two members-at-large selected by the immediate Past Commodore and approved by the Executive Committee. This committee shall make its nominations for the offices of Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Fleet Captain, Secretary, and Treasurer, at the Fall Annual Membership Meeting.

Recommended Change: in RED

ARTICLE VI – STANDING COMMITTEES

SECTION 2 – NOMINATING COMMITTEE – This committee shall be composed of the immediate Past Commodore of FCA, as Chair, and two (delete) four (add) members-at-large selected by the immediate Past Commodore and approved by the Executive Committee. (add) No two members can be from the same yacht club or FCA Chapter. This committee shall make its nominations for the offices of Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Fleet Captain, Secretary, and Treasurer, at the Fall Annual Membership Meeting.



The Rio 2016 Olympic Games are scheduled for Aug. 3rd - 21st., and US Sailing team member Paige Railey, Clearwater, Fl., will be representing the USA in the Women's Laser Radial Class.

The Rio 2016 Paralympic Games are scheduled for Sept. 7 - 18th, and US Sailing Paralympic Team USA1 will be representing the USA in the Sonar Class. Team USA 1 members are; Brad Kendell, Tampa Fl., Rick Doerr, Clifton, N. J. and Hugh Freund, South Freeport, Maine.

The Florida Commodores Association has been a proud sponsor of US Sailing Olympic/Paralympic team members since 2010!

Just Released

TEAM USA WINS SONAR WORLD TITLE AT PARAWORLD SAILING CHAMPIONSHIP

Team USA 1 won the gold medal in the sonar class at the 2016 Para World Sailing Championship Saturday, May 28, 2016 in the waters off Medemblik, Netherlands, less than 4 months ahead of the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games.

The head of the class for the United States since the London 2012 Games, they have garnered medals at some of the world's most competitive adaptive sailing events. In the past seven years the trio has won five medals at the world cup event in Miami, and in 2015 they received the Sunbrella Golden Torch Award, presented to the top performing boat at the Miami event. It marked the first time Paralympic-class athletes received the award in the regatta's 26 year history.

They won a bronze medal one month ago at the world cup race in Hyeres, France, where they also earned their starting spot in Rio. A veteran of 16 years on the national team and the 2007 world-champion in the Sonar class, Doerr will compete at the Paralympics for a second time after making his debut at the Beijing 2008 Games. Freund and Kendell will make their Paralympic debut.

Club Notes

Platinum Point Yacht Club WAVE – In its 2nd Year in SW Florida

The Wounded American Veterans had a beautiful day on Charlotte Harbor sponsored by five local yacht clubs: Platinum Point Yacht Club, Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club, Isles Yacht Club, Punta Gorda Boat Club, and Punta Gorda Sailing Club. Twice as many disabled veterans participated this year as last with the help of CJ Metcalf, a local liaison with several of the veteran organizations. There were four Purple Heart recipients among the group with one having received three Purple Hearts, two Bronze Stars and a Silver Star!

The WAVE organizers plan to participate in the Veterans Day Parade in November. A day on the water for WAVE will again take place in April of 2017.

Platinum Point Yacht Club Foundation Completed First Year

The Burnt Store – Platinum Point Yacht Club Charitable Boating Foundation's purpose is to foster, promote and educate the community in the art and skills of boating with an emphasis on youth, the disabled, veterans and others.

Funds are being raised in a variety of ways including donations from Platinum Point Yacht Club member Graham Seggers eBook, the history of "Burnt Store". The community in which Platinum Point Yacht Club resides, Burnt Store Marina, and several others in the surrounding area using the Burnt Store name, is the subject of mysterious and legendary stories. For more information go to wheredowelive.com

The Foundations's primary 2015-16 projects were on the water boating experiences for youth ages 6-16. Platinum Point Yacht Club volunteer captains provided a day of sailing and power boating experiences, divided by lunch, and followed by an ice cream social at the end of an exhilarating and quite windy day. Most of the kids had never been on any kind of boat, but early hesitations were quickly changed to big smiles and a few queasy stomachs. The youth came from Punta Gorda's Make It Count

Sports and the Boys and Girls Club of Port Charlotte.

For more information on any of these activities please contact P/C Carole Lick, Platinum Point Yacht Club at licke@msu.edu



So What's Your Chapter Doing?

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 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.

Another function ideally suited for Past Commodores to run is the Sundowners Ceremony. FCA can supply you with all you need to know about this ceremony. The Sundowner 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.

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 Thanksgiv-

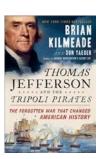
ing or other times of the year. How about collecting personal care/comfort items for our troops in the war zone.

How about your Chapter developing 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 worthwhile club activities - if so, please let us know so we can share your contribution with other Chapters.

Does your club have news to share with other FCA Chapters? Sharing ideas and successes is an important aspect of how we can make all clubs stronger!

Book Review



Thomas Jefferson and the Tripoli Pirates

Brian Kilmeade and Don Yaeger

(Available in hardcover, paperback, NOOK, Kindle and audio formats.)

Most people today believe the beginning of hostilities between the United States and Muslim terrorists started on September 11, 2001. Some will go back a little earlier and recall the bombing of the Marine barracks in Beirut (1983), the bombing of the World Trade Center (1993), or the attack on the U.S.S. Cole (2000). In fact, the start of hostilities began when George Washington was President and continued during the term of John Adams.

Tripoli, Algiers, Tunis and Morocco were seizing the ships of not only the United States but also those of Great Britain, France and other major powers. The crews of the seized ships were pressed into slavery and the cargo enriched the leaders of these countries and was shared with the rulers of the Ottoman Empire. Amazingly, all the major world powers of the time elected to pay tribute to these rogue countries to exempt their ships from seizure.

The United States, under the presidency of Thomas Jefferson, was alone in electing not to pay tribute and standup to these terrorists of the day. This was an extremely daring step for a fledgling country with very limited finances and essentially no navy!

This is much more than the story of how the United States fought it's first war as an independent nation but brings to life the story of the foundation of the U.S. Navy and the Marine Corps. Through the chronology of the war we learn the details of fierce fighting between ships and hand to hand on the decks of those ships.

We learn of the leadership of Edward Preble and the heroics of Stephen Decatur on the sea. The story of William Eaton leading an seemingly impossible march across the North African desert with a small band of Marines is the origin of the line in the Marine Corps Hymn, "From the halls of Montezuma to the shores of Tripoli, we fight our country's battles in the air, on land, and sea."

In the end the United States won the war (or perhaps the first round, considering where we are today.) In addition, this war enabled the United States to take on Great Britain in the War of 1812 and was the start of the making of a world superpower.

You don't need to be a military expert to enjoy this book. It's an exciting and quick read but is well documented if you want to do more research or read more about this chapter in United States history.

Book Reviews Wanted-

It would be nice to make book reviews a regular part of the Commodores Journal. If you have read a book you feel would be of interest to our readers, write up a brief review and send it to me at jamslats@aol.com. The only requirement is that the book is still in print and available.









Clearwater Yacht Club

Florida Commodores Association Summer Meeting Registration Form July 22-23



Name:			
Chapter/Yacht Club:			
Member Number: (FCYC clubs)	Non-FCYC Club members will be asked for a credit card at registration		
Associate Member:	Guest:		
Home Address:			
Preferred Phone:	Email:		
Please return Registration Form by June 30, 2016: Mail to Clearwater Yacht Club, 830 S. Bayway Blvd fax to: 727-447-5135 or send via email to <u>tishwold</u>	, Clearwater, FL	33767 Attn: PC Tish	
Schedule of Events:			
Friday, July 22, 2016			
1000 FCA Foundation BoD Meeting (CYC Board F	Room)	as invited	
1200 Women Commodore's Luncheon (order fro	om menu, indivi	dual checks)	# Attending
1500 – FCA Executive Committee Meeting (CYC Bo	ard Room)	as invited	
1745 – Sundown Ceremony (CYC Tiki Deck)			# Attending
1830 – Dinner – CYC Taver Bayly Dining Room (ord Live music and dancing, as every Fr	# Attending		
Saturday, July 23, 2016			
0815 – Registration and Sponsored Continental Breakfast (CYC Dry Dock)			# Attending
0900 – Morning Speaker (CYC Tiki Deck)	# Attending		
1000 – FCA Summer Membership Meeting session	(CYC Taver Bay	ly Main Dining Room)	# Attending
1215 – Luncheon (CYC Taver Bayly Dining Room)		\$15 per person	# Attending
1315 – FCA Summer Membership Meetings and Sp	oeaker (CYC Tav	er Bayly Dining Room)	# Attending
1900 – Dinner Dance (CYC Taver Bayly Main Dining seafood buffet dinner Live music and dancing	g Room)	\$39.95 per person	# Attending

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FLORIDA COMMODORES ASSOCIATION

JULY 22-23, 2016

All events held at Clearwater Yacht Club 830 S. Bayway Blvd Clearwater, FL 33767



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Dress: Friday – Sundown Ceremony – Uniform Class C, Shorts optional, no covers Saturday – Uniform Class C, Shorts optional, no covers

Friday, July 22, 2016

- 1000 FCA Foundation BoD Meeting (as invited)
- 1200 Women Commodore's Luncheon (order from the menu, individual checks)
- 1500 FCA Executive Committee Meeting (as invited)
- 1745 Sundown Ceremony followed by brief cocktail hour (CYC Tiki)
- 1830 Dinner (order from the menu, individual checks) CYC Taver Bayly Main Dining Room Live music and dancing, as every Friday evening at CYC

Saturday, July 23, 2016

- 0815 Registration and Continental Breakfast Dry Dock -
 - Breakfast sponsored by MarineMax and Tom George Yacht Group (pending)
- 0850 Introductions of Speaker George Cretekos, Mayor of Clearwater
- 0900 Speaker CYC Tiki Deck
 - Invited: **State Senator Jack Latvala**, Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation,
 Tourism, and Economic Development (public will be invited with special emphasis on
 other local water affiliated organizations (CYC membership, Clearwater Community
 Sailing Center, Dunedin Boat Club, local US Coast Guard Auxillary, Power Squadron, etc)
- 1000 FCA Summer Membership Meeting CYC Taver Bayly Main Dining Room
- 1215 Lunch in the Main Dining Room. (\$15 per person)
 - Menu: Taco Bar, with Tortilla Soup, Flan and Sopapillas
- 1315 FCA Summer Membership Meeting conclude CYC Taver Bayly Main Dining Room
 - Speaker CAPT Curtis A. Wold, USN (Retired), currently serving as the
 - Branch Chief, Joint Reconnaissance Branch, U.S. Special Operations Command, MacDill AFB U.S. Special Operations Command update, with emphasis on Unmanned Aerial Vehicles
- 1415 Break for the afternoon all are invited to enjoy Clearwater area activities, or lounge by the CYC pool and enjoy the Tiki bar.
- 1900 Dinner with live entertainment. CYC Taver Bayly Main Dining Room (\$39.95 per person)

 Special seafood buffet, live music and dancing

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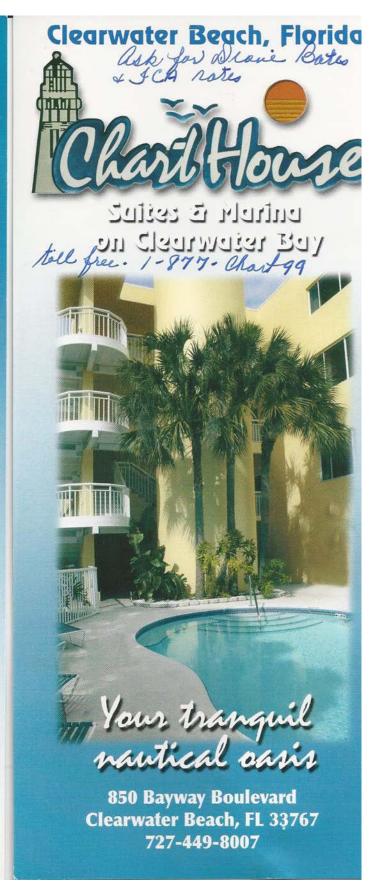


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