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### Upcoming Dates...

#### Fall Meeting

October 21-22.....Pensacola YC

**4 Star Commodore Nomination  
Deadline.....September 30**

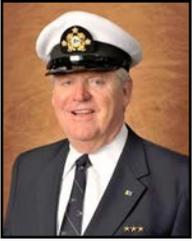
#### Winter Meeting

February 3-4Lake Beresford YC

#### Spring Meeting

April 21-22.....Pelican YC

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# From the Helm

## Commodore Wayne Stewart



Hopefully, by the time you read this a little cooler weather will have arrived. I am certainly glad that our next meeting is in Pensacola. Vice Commodore and Commodore Elect Sam Foreman has promised that we will have some cool weather for our Fall

meeting and Change of Watch.

Our FCA Chapters in Pensacola have always gone overboard to provide us with a great venue and material for our meeting. This meeting will be no different. Plans have been made to have Dr. Kenneth Ford, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Florida Institute for Human & Machine Cognition (IHMC), as one of our guest speakers.

Dr. Ford is the author of hundreds of scientific papers and six books. His research interests include: artificial intelligence, cognitive science, human-centered computing, and entrepreneurship in government and academia. He is one of Florida's four most influential citizens working in academia and I am sure all will enjoy his presentation. Dr. Ford speaks on a level that the layperson can understand.

Our other speaker for the day will be Dennis McKinnon, President of the Satori Foundation. The Pensacola Yacht Club's Satori Foundation has taken children and adults on excursions in Pensacola Bay. The excursion not only introduces the individuals to sailing, but introduces them to science, technology, engineering and mathematics while on the water.

The fall meeting is going to be a great one so please make your plans to attend. Be sure to bring along a large cooler as while you are in Pensacola, a visit to Joe Patti's Seafood Market is a must.

I hope you were able to attend our summer meeting in Clearwater. P/C Larry and Barbara Kimmerling and the Clearwater FCA Chapter planned an outstanding meeting.

Saturday morning began with State Senator Jack Latvala speaking on numerous subjects, most relating to boating and our waters. Jack is Chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development. His other committee assignments are Appropriations, Commerce and Tourism, Governmental Oversight and Accountability, Regulated Industries and Rules.

Jack's speech was well received. He answered all our questions and even though a bit warm during our outside meeting, he was in no hurry to leave our company. If I lived in Clearwater he would get my vote.

During the morning business meeting, we were surprised by a visit from Paralympian Sailor Brad Kendall who FCA has been sponsoring since 2010. He told us of his future plans, which included a trip to Canada to practice with the Canadian sailing team before his departure to Rio for the Paralympic race competition September 7th thru the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Brad had already been to Rio for practice and explained the nuances of the waters that they would be racing in. It is always a pleasure and an inspiration to be with Brad. He has accomplished more with no legs and will do more than most people with two legs. Brad was presented with \$550.00 for his expenses that was raised over the weekend from raffling off a basket of cheer. He also departed with a lot of well wishes.

Several members joined us for the first time in Clearwater. Needless to say there were many from the Clearwater Chapter. Commodore Stan and Cris Mitchell from the Lake Beresford Yacht Club Chapter traveled from Deland to be with us for the first time.

The afternoon speaker was retired Navy Captain Curtis Wold who is now working for the United States Special Operations Command at McDill Air Force Base. Curtis gave us a high level briefing on the types of drones and their capabilities. He also brought one of the drones he works with for all to get a more realistic vision of the size of some.

Vice Commodore Sam Forman and Secretary Kay Goodman joined me in briefing our progress with

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our new web site, Club Express. It would appear that all received it well and I know that Sam, Kay, Donna and I are well pleased with the progress and possibilities it offers. We are in the progress of finalizing the FCA roster for entry into the system. We will be calling on our Chapters for help completing this task.

I would like to encourage more of our Chapters to participate in the WAVE Program. P/C Kathy Champagne has all the information posted on our current website. The Chapters that have participated received a lot of personal satisfaction as well as positive advertising. Our Quartermaster, Beverly Plummer can supply all the needed material for the event. The materials are furnished to your Chapter at our cost. Please consider sponsoring a Wounded American Veterans Event (WAVE).

We have had many inquiries with regards to our Leadership Seminar and are planning on having the event early in 2017. In the past, we found November very desirable, but too busy a month to schedule effectively.

Please make your plans now to join me in Pensacola at the Pensacola Yacht Club on October 21 and 22 for the Fall meeting. I am most sure that you will have a great time. The information for the event is posted on the website.

See you there!

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## **Onward To Pensacola**

Vice Commodore Sam Foreman

First, I want to thank the Clearwater Yacht Club for putting on a great meeting last July. The members and staff were friendly, engaging, and fun! All of us in attendance had a great time.

Coming up October 21-22 is the Fall Meeting/Change of Watch at the Pensacola Yacht Club and all of us here are excited. We hope to entice as many of you as possible to come visit us and we know you will enjoy your stay.

I'm grateful to P/C Matthews for putting together this event with input from the PYC Chapter of the

FCA. Look for the Days Inn hotel information, registration form, and schedule in this issue. The Days Inn General Manager, Marty Longworth, is a sweetheart. She and her husband were members of PYC and avid sailors but, his medical expenses caused them to drop out. They are still big fans of PYC and sailing. We hope to welcome them back one day.

The Days Inn is close to downtown Pensacola with shops, restaurants, and bars. There is an outfit called Gopher Carts that will pick you up in street legal golf carts at the hotel and take you anywhere downtown free of charge. You only need to tip the driver. Gopher Carts makes their money selling advertising space on their carts. Their phone number is 850-792-6565. Computer address is [www.gophercarts.com](http://www.gophercarts.com).

I mentioned during the Clearwater meeting about a unique 15-room hotel in the middle of downtown Pensacola called the New World Inn. It is pricey, at \$169.00 per night but, all of their rooms are decorated differently using antiques. Many celebrities visiting Pensacola have stayed there. It has two floors and no elevator, only stairs. The Gopher Carts mentioned above is also available to squire you around. At this writing only October 21 is open as there is a wedding party occupying them that weekend but, Michele at the front desk tells me there are always cancellations at these events. New World Inn's phone number is 850-432-4111. Their computer address is [www.skopelosatnewworld.com](http://www.skopelosatnewworld.com). Click on the tab New World Inn at the top of the page.

What to do in Pensacola? Everyone knows about the Museum of Naval Aviation. There is enough there to keep you occupied a couple days. Being the home of the Blue Angels you could watch them practice Wednesday, October 19. The bleachers set up to watch them is within walking distance of the museum.

In 1559 Tristan de Luna established a short lived settlement at Pensacola Bay. It was the first multi-year settlement in the continental United States but was abandoned after two years because a number of calamities including a hurricane. If you enjoy history we are positively steeped in it. Listed below are some other activities you could consider during your stay.

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If you bring up [www.historicpensacola.org](http://www.historicpensacola.org) that would be a good start to see what is offered.

We have a number of forts but the biggest and most well known is Fort Pickens. It was completed in 1834 and remained in service until 1947. It is another reason to visit Pensacola Beach, just hang a right at Ft. Pickens road and drive all the way to the end. Since it is part of the National Park Service, they will be extracting a fee from you along the way.

We listed a possible visit to the downtown farmers market for the Associate Members during the Saturday business meeting. It has become a special event, but as you can see, there are many other things to do as well. It could be that you and yours might want to turn your visit to Pensacola for a meeting into a vacation.

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## 2016 Foundation Fundraising Project a



## FCA Foundation Update

### Success!

P/C Carole Lick

Just a few short months ago, the FCA Foundation initiated it's inaugural fundraising campaign.

The vision was to raise \$20,000 with a two-fold goal of \$10,000 each to support U.S. Olympic and Paralympic sailors in the upcoming games in Rio de Janeiro, as well as support for the Foundation itself.

The Foundation extends sincere thanks and deep appreciation to all who gave so generously to this campaign. We are grateful for your support. While the original goal was not met, the Foundation believes the campaign - *for a first-time event* - can be considered a success.

FCA's member chapters were asked to raise \$500 and more per chapter utilizing whatever method would work for their group. Support materials - brochures, a Power Point presentation and donor cards - were prepared by P/C Mary Slattery and made available. A supply of these remain and can be used for upcoming fundraising events.

The variety of methods used for fundraising by the chapters were both creative and inspiring – everything from “passing the hat” to more formalized approaches. In a very short amount of time, \$7,000 was raised. Congratulations to the following Chapters!

**Bay Point Yacht Club**  
**Clearwater Yacht Club**  
**Pensacola Yacht Club**  
**Platinum Point Yacht Club**  
**Halifax River Yacht Club**  
**Panama City Yacht Club**  
**Pelican Yacht Club**  
**Fort Walton Yacht Club**  
**Lake Beresford Yacht Club**  
**Navy Yacht Club Pensacola**  
**Palm Beach Yacht Club**  
**Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club**  
**Coquina Coast Chapter**

The Foundation also raised an additional \$6,500 toward its goal of \$10,000 for sustaining funds. Once the \$10,000 goal is achieved, the Foundation will begin responding to funding requests by individuals and clubs.

At the General Meeting in Clearwater last month, the Chapter members were treated to a surprise visit by Brad Kendell, the Paralympic sailor, who FCA has supported in the past. He was home briefly from training, having just flown in from Rio the night before. What a wonderful and special opportunity it was, particularly for those who had never met him before, to meet and hear him speak. He brought tears and cheers to the entire group when he appeared in his wheelchair, knowing he took time to come to say hello and thank the FCA members.

U.S. Olympic and Paralympic sailors from Florida - previously supported by FCA - were once again funded for their competitions in Rio de Janeiro in August and September. Brad and his partners will be racing in September after qualifying earlier this summer. Paige Railey, a U.S. Olympic sailor, competed in August. FCA is proud of all the Florida Olympians.

As a result of effective communications efforts, contacts directly with other sailing organizations, the

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sailors themselves and their families, the FCA Foundation has begun to build brand awareness. This is just the beginning of what is hoped to be a long and fruitful relationship to support and promote yacht club events and sailing activities on the waterways of Florida.

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## Olympic Sailing Update

P/C Larry Kimmerling

Those attending the 2016 Summer FCA Membership meeting at the Clearwater Yacht Club were honored to have US Sailing Paralympian team member, Brad Kendell, present Team USA 1's thoughts on their preparation and the honor and excitement of representing the USA in the upcoming 2016 Paralympic Games in Rio.

Brad had just returned from Team USA 1's training sessions in Rio. Brad noted the area was beautiful, especially Sugarloaf mountain. The waters they trained and sailed in were great, but currents and wind will be challenging - but Team USA 1 is prepared and excited to compete. Team USA 1 - Brad Kendell, Rick Doerr, and Hugh Freund - won the gold medal in the Sonar class at the 2016 Paralympic World Sailing Championships in Medemblik, Netherlands. They won a Bronze medal at the World Cup Race in Hyeres, France and a trip to the 2016 Rio games.

After Team USA 1's last training session, in Nova Scotia, they will depart August 30th to Rio and the opening Paralympic Game Ceremonies on September 7th.

We are always honored and appreciate having Brad attend the FCA sessions and have him share his thoughts and perspectives on the difficult and competitive road to the Olympics.

Brad brings a strong work ethic and commitment to his Paralympic dream and is an inspiration to all those who have had the opportunity to know and follow him and Sonar Team USA 1 in their run for the gold.

Brad expressed his and Team USA 1's thanks and appreciation for the financial assistance, friendship and strong support throughout this journey.

I would like to say thanks to Brad and express the appreciation of the FCA members who had heard so much about you and were so thrilled to meet you.

The 2016 Paralympic Games have not been held at this writing these games will be held September 7-18th. You may follow Sonar Team USA 1 and these games on [www.paralympic.org/Rio-2016](http://www.paralympic.org/Rio-2016) or [www.teamusa.org/US-Paralympics.aspx](http://www.teamusa.org/US-Paralympics.aspx)

The 2016 Rio Olympics were held August 3-21st. The US qualified in the Women's Laser Radial for the medal race and our sailor Paige Railey qualified for that event. The venue presented many challenges among which were currents, wind shifts and light-to-moderate air and consequently the US did not qualify for a medal.



## Ships Store

Quartermaster Beverly Plummer

The Ship's Store Boutique will be displayed during the Fall General Membership meeting at Pensacola Yacht Club. Some new items include Columbia



brand shirts for men along with several other similar looking brands. Available in short or long sleeves these shirts are embroidered with a circular FCA logo.

Canvas tote bags have been requested and I finally have a selection of two sizes. Medium and large totes with a zipper closure or open tops are in stock.



*Ships Store, continued*

I purchased these in a close out sale so there are several one of a kind color choices. "First come, first served! For an additional fee you may have yours embroidered with the FCA logo, your initials or even your boat's name. The possibilities are endless. Let me help you personalize one for you or as a gift.

For the bargain hunters in the group, I will have several items reduced for clearance sales. It's time to turn over some of the older merchandise for something new.

Uniform items will be offered at this meeting and they are always available through the website. Contact me and I'll be happy to fill your order.

Hope to see you all in October.



## FCA Historian

Dr. Lynne W. Reynolds

The summary of the history of this organization is not meant to take the role of a "corporate history": that is the Secretary's purview. Recording of the major activities of the organization are primarily available in the FLORIDA COMMODORES JOURNAL, in pictures and publications, and in the handouts at each general meeting. Those have been collected throughout the year.

An outline of areas of interest was developed as a guide for recording the organization's history. It was used for the first time in 2015, as you saw at the last meeting, and will be available for your perusal at the 2016 Change of Watch in Pensacola. At that time, there will also be a display of pictures, documents, publications and so on, dating back to the inception of the FCA. Be sure to look for it at that meeting in October.

Please note that, if you have pictures or other materials that you feel would be of interest to those reading about our activities, please let me know or send them to me. Many thanks for your interest in this project.

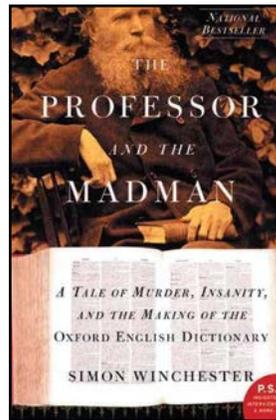
## Joseph M. "Joe" King



Joe King, 75, of New Port Richey, died peacefully July 5, 2016 after battling cancer courageously for a year. Joe, a Charter Member of FCA, was a Past Commodore of the Gulf Harbors Yacht Club in New Port

Richey and was a Past President of District 8 of

## Book Review



### The Professor and the Madman

**Simon Winchester**

(Available in hardcover, paperback, Kindle and audio format.)

In April 1878, James Murray, a teacher at Mill Hill School in London, was invited to Oxford to meet with the Delegates of the Oxford University Press, to consider his taking on the job of editor of a new dictionary of the English language and to capture all the words then existing in the English speaking world in all their various all their different meanings.

By the following March, a formal agreement was reached that Murray was to edit a new English Dictionary. The project was expected to take ten years to complete and be some 7,000 pages divided into four volumes. In fact, when the final results were published in 1928, it ran to twelve volumes, with 414,825 words defined and 1,827,306 citations employed to illustrate their meanings.

In order to insure that all the words in the English language were included, Murray advertised for

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volunteers around the world. These volunteers would be given assignments of what books and periodicals they were to read and extract words and show how the word was used in context.

One volunteer, William Minor, was the most prolific contributor to the project, reading not only the books assigned him but also obtaining and dissecting hundreds of books on his own. For over twenty years, Murray and Minor corresponded about the project. Many times during those two decades, Murray invited Minor to visit him at Oxford but, Minor declined each invitation.

Finally Murray took it upon himself to visit Minor, only to find that he was an inmate of the Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum. As it turns out, Minor was an American surgeon that served in the Union Army during the Civil War and in a fit of insanity, killed a man in London.

After that meeting the two developed a friendship and Murray often visited Minor in Broadmoor. Unfortunately, neither Murray nor Minor lived to see the completion of the Oxford English Dictionary.

Not only does this book relate the story of the two major contributors to the universally accepted primary dictionary of the English language but it offers a fascinating look as to how the dictionary entries were compiled before computers existed.

### Book Reviews Wanted - or Not

As I published in past issues, 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](mailto:jamslats@aol.com). The only requirement is that the book is still in print and available.

However, if you feel this should not be part of the Commodores Journal, please let me know or if you have any suggestions of what other items would be of interest please pass them along.



## Deadline Looming for Nominations

The deadline for receipt of applications by the Four Star Award Committee is September 30, 2016. Forms are available at: <http://www.flcommodores.org/four-star-commodore-nomination-forms-and-guidelines.html>

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.

### Words to Live By -

*If at first you don't succeed - don't take up sky diving!*

### Help Wanted -

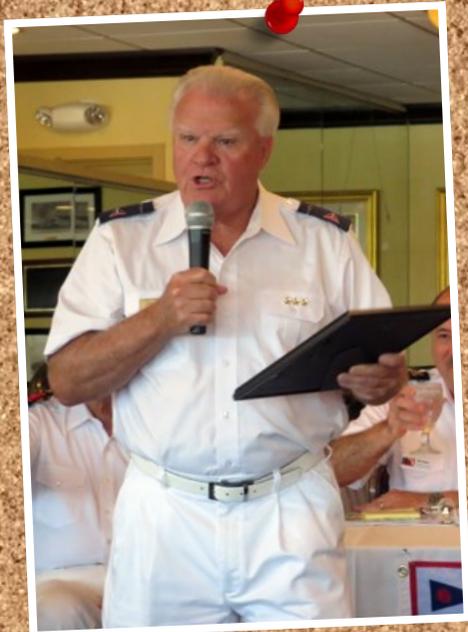
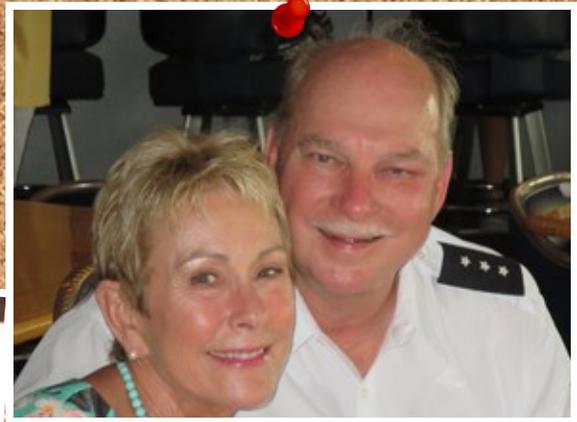
Reporters and photographers to provide information about club, chapter and member projects, programs and accomplishments.

Positions provide no pay and no benefits, flexible hours and an opportunity to work with an overbearing, driving and demanding publisher/ editor.

Apply to John Slattery at: [jamslats@aol.com](mailto:jamslats@aol.com)



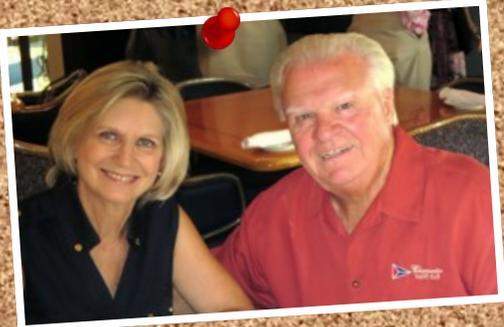
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## Florida Commodores Association 2016 Fall Meeting and Change of Watch Schedule of Events

### Friday, October 21

- 1430 FCA Foundation Board Meeting.....Lighthouse Room  
1530 FCA Executive Board Meeting.....Board Room  
1700- 1900 Happy Hour .....Grill and Bar Room  
1830 Sundowners Ceremony - Class B Uniform with Cover (Blue Blazer. White Shirt & trousers/skirt, tie, white belt and white shoes)  
1900 Dinner and Dancing..... Ball Room B

### Saturday, October 22

- 0830 Continental Breakfast .....Ball Room B  
0900-1100 Associate Members .....Downtown Farmers Market  
0900-0930 Registration.....Ball Room Entrance Foyer  
0930-1030 Fall Membership Meeting - Class C Uniform (White shirt and trousers/skirt, epaulets, white belt and white shoes)  
1030-1045 Break  
1045-1200 "Satori Foundation" presented by Denis McKinnon, President  
1200-1300 Buffet Luncheon  
1330-1430 The Latest News on Robotics and Human Interface – Ken Ford, Founder and President, Institute of Human Machine Cognition.

Adjourn

- 1800 Cocktails .....Grill and Bar Room  
1900 Dinner, Change of Watch Ceremony and Dancing.....Ballroom A  
(Class B and Cocktail attire)





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