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FROM THE COMMODORE



Commodore Kitch Keitchen

FCYC Best Practices

Over the past two years Michael Travis of Bird Key Yacht Club has done a spectacular job of gathering and organizing our best practices. What was once written down on a bar napkin during cocktail hour is now fully documented and displayed prominently on our website. With Michael's retirement from the project, long term committee member Jeff Skoda, Marathon YC, has taken over. Aided by Vince Pelliccia, Venice Yacht Club, the committee continues to add content. Check it out on the Directors Side of the site.

FCYC Site Access for Club General Managers

We have recently authorized each of our club GMs to obtain their own sign-on to the website. The first GM to gain authorization was Ed Tindall of Venice and the first area he checked out was "Best Practices". To get your GM online contact Communications Co-Chair Rob Matthes robmichele2018@gmail.com.

Resignation of Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club from the Council

Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club has resigned from FCYC effective July 31, 2026. Questions or concerns can be addressed to Commodore Keitchen or any one of the Flag Officers.

Kitch

UPCOMING GENERAL MEETINGS

Naples Sailing and Yacht Club Sept. 11-13, 2026

Coral Ridge Yacht Club Nov. 13-15, 2026

Pensacola Yacht Club Jan. 8-10, 2027

St. Petersburg Yacht Club March 12-14 2027

Captiva Island Yacht Club May 14-16, 2027

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NEWS OF THE DAY

From the first known By-Laws of the Council (April 15, 1967) – “The objects of this Council shall be to encourage yachting, to oppose legislation injurious to yachting, promote legislation beneficial to yachting, to promote reciprocity between qualified yacht clubs and anything incidental thereto.”

Welcome to Our New Directors



From left to right: T. Fred Roche (Coral Ridge Yacht Club), Jon Schmitt (Marco Island Yacht Club), Debra Landesberg (Bird Key Yacht Club), Terry Wright (Isles Yacht Club), Tim Doleman (The Moorings Yacht and Country Club), Gex "Jay" Richardson (Lauderdale Yacht Club),

FCYC Awards at Pelican Isle Yacht Club



P/C Vince Pelliccia and his wife Maria aboard *Fin & Tonic* receiving the award for the Farthest Distance Traveled by Boat from Venice YC.



Receiving the award for the Most Attendees from a Club are Commodore Paul Dupre and Vice Commodore Anita Carbone from Eau Gallie YC

FCYC Awards at The Field Club



Left to right: Bruce Harris, FCYC Fleet Captain, Carl Schultz (St. Charles Yacht Club) Most Miles Traveled Award, Gary Ralph (St. Charles YC), Gary Ralph (St. Charles Yacht Club) Most Boats in Attendance Award



Left to right : Debra Landesberg accepting the Most Attendees Award, Bird Key Yacht Club (+- 51)



CHARTING OUR COURSE

Over the next several editions of the newsletter we will be presenting the history and evolution of FCYC over the years. New members of our member clubs may not be fully aware of our mission and objectives. We hope these short synopses will be of benefit.



Part 1 - The Idea Is Born (1960-1980)

A Vision Takes Shape

In the summer of 1960, a group of forward-thinking yacht club leaders gathered at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club with a shared vision: to bring together the yacht clubs along Florida's west coast in a spirit of co-operation, friendship, and mutual support.

From that gathering, the foundation was laid for what would become the Florida Council of Yacht Clubs (FCYC) — an organization built on the belief that while each club has its own traditions and personality, together they could strengthen the boating community throughout Florida.

The early years were shaped by camaraderie, collaboration, and a commitment to creating lasting relationships among yacht clubs. What began as an idea among a small group of clubs grew into a statewide organization representing thousands of members who share a passion for boating, fellowship and service.



St. Petersburg Yacht Club. Where the vision for FCYC began in August 1960

*Stronger together—
preserving the traditions
of yachting while building
friendships that extend
beyond our docks*

FCYC EXPANSION THROUGH 1979



THE JOURNEY BEGINS: 1960–1980

-  **1960 The Beginning**
The Florida West Coast Yacht Club Council is formed following a historic gathering at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club.
-  **1960s Building the Foundation**
The first member clubs establish traditions of reciprocal relationships, communication, and cooperation.
-  **Late 1960s–1970s Growing Together**
As interest grows, additional yacht clubs begin joining the organization.
-  **1980 A New Era Ahead**
After two decades of growth and success, FCYC enters the next chapter with a stronger identity and a broader vision for the future.

CLUBS ADMITTED 1968–1979 (In Order of Admission)

1968	Coral Ridge Yacht Club	<i>Ft. Lauderdale</i>
1971	Naples Sailing & Yacht Club	<i>Naples</i>
1973	Halifax River Yacht Club	<i>Daytona Beach</i>
1975	Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club*	<i>Port Charlotte</i>
1976	Carlouel Beach & Yacht Club	<i>Clearwater</i>
1976	Isles Yacht Club	<i>Punta Gorda</i>
1977	Smyrna Yacht Club	<i>New Smyrna Beach</i>
1978	Royal Palm Yacht & Country Club*	<i>Boca Raton</i>
1979	Lauderdale Yacht Club	<i>Ft. Lauderdale</i>

**No longer in Council.*

DID YOU KNOW?

A Name Reflecting a Growing Vision

The organization originally began as the:

Florida West Coast Yacht Club Council

As membership expanded and the organization's reach grew beyond its original west coast roots, the name evolved to better represent the broader community of member clubs.

The organization became the:

Florida Council of Yacht Clubs

A name that reflects not only where the Council began, but the statewide family of clubs it represents today.

HISTORIC SIDEBAR

From Local Beginnings to a Statewide Legacy

The early leaders of FCYC recognized something important:

While every yacht club has its own traditions, burgee, and history—the bonds created through shared experiences and friendships are what make the boating community special.

The foundation established in 1960 continues to guide FCYC today.



THE ORIGINAL 13 CHARTER CLUBS

The founding clubs that helped bring the FCYC vision to life.

-  Bird Key Yacht Club
-  Bradenton Yacht Club
-  Clearwater Yacht Club
-  Davis Island Yacht Club
-  The Field Club
-  Naples Yacht Club
-  Pass-A-Grille Yacht Club
-  Royal Palm Yacht Club*
-  St. Petersburg Yacht Club
-  Sarasota Yacht Club
-  Tampa Yacht & Country Club
-  Tarpon Springs Yacht Club
-  Venice Yacht Club

**No longer in Council.*

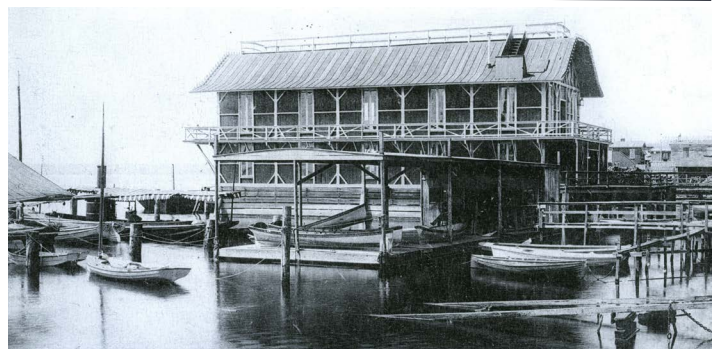
Continue the Voyage...

Coming next issue

Part 2 - Building the Foundation (1980--2000)
The story continues as FCYC grows, strengthens its relationships and expands its role in Florida's boating community.



HISTORY & HERITAGE The Florida Yacht Club was organized in 1876 for the purpose of promoting yachting and social enjoyment. At the time, Jacksonville was the East coast's southernmost center of winter social activities and recreation, attracting affluent families to the area by rail and water. Jacksonville, with the St. Johns river, rail connections, and grand hotels was a natural vacation destination for businessmen of the Industrial Revolution. The first meeting of the Club's members was held on April 28th, 1877 and William B. Astor, Jr. was elected Commodore. A lifetime membership fee of thirty-five dollars was also established.



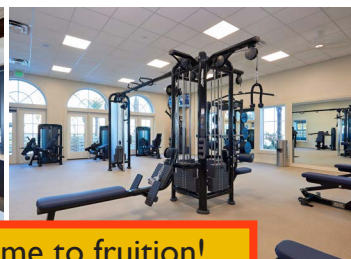
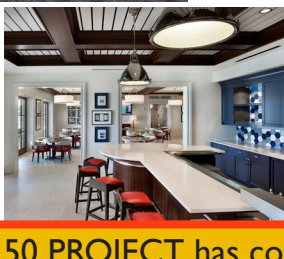
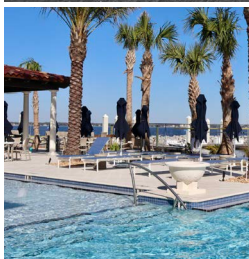
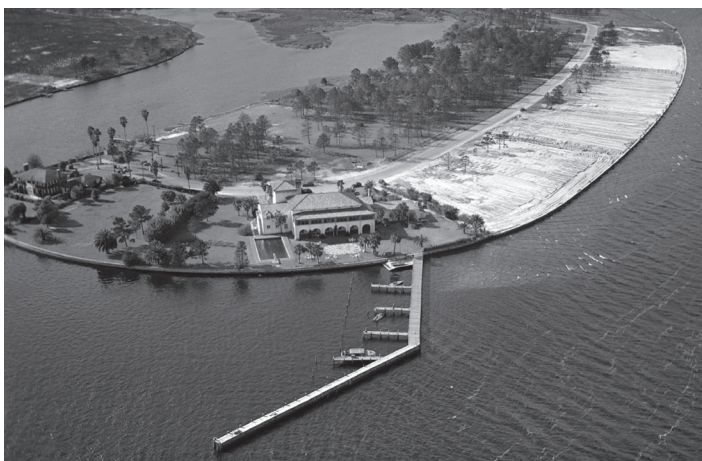
The first clubhouse was located at the foot of Market Street in downtown Jacksonville and was elegantly designed as a Swiss Chalet. The Club was considered one of the finest buildings of its day, with a ball-room, ladies card room on the land side and men's meeting rooms on the river side. Open porches circled the second floor and a captain's walk was on the roof. Member's boats were stored below as well as at the Club's docks to the East and West. The Club became known at once for its Christmas Ball, cotillions, social affairs and Ladies day.



The original Club burned in the great fire of 1901. After this tragedy, the Club took up temporary quarters in the 500 block of Riverside Avenue while the search for a new permanent site began. A gift of attractive property on the south side of the mouth of Willow Branch Creek ended the search. On November 28th, 1907, Thanksgiving Day, a formal re-opening of the Club was celebrated with a cotillion.



Over the next 20 years, the Club's membership continued to grow and the need for considerable expansion became necessary. A beautiful waterfront property in the Ortega neighborhood was gifted and a new, larger clubhouse was opened and celebrated with a regatta and dance on April 21, 1928. Since that time, the growing membership has been accommodated by the addition of elegant dining rooms, extensive full-service kitchen facilities, two marinas, 10 lighted Har-Tru tennis courts, 4 Pickleball Courts, Fitness Center, a dedicated Sailing Center and a riverfront resort-style swimming complex.



FYCI50 PROJECT has come to fruition!

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

September 11-13, 2026



THE NAPLES SAILING AND YACHT CLUB

896 River Point Drive Naples, FL 34102
(239) 774-0424

Membership@thensyc.com
<https://www.thensyc.com>

EVENT REGISTRATION

To help us prepare for your visit and ensure a seamless experience, we kindly ask that all Clubs complete the required online **Event Registration** **deadline of August 21, 2026.** Cancellations no later than September 4.

[Press this BUTTON to register the Event Registration Form for dining, excursions and arriving by boat](#)

Friday Schedule September 11, 2026

3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Check-in at Clubhouse Lobby

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Welcome Reception at
Lighthouse Lounge

7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Dinner Buffet
Main Dining Room

Friday Night Dining Buffet & Live Entertainment

Salad Station



New York Strip Carving Station
Blackened Mahi, Chicken and
Coconut Curry, Roasted
Potatoes, Grilled Asparagus



Dessert
Cookies, Brownies, Soft Serve

\$45++ Per Person

Saturday Schedule, Sept. 12th

8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Registration and Continental Breakfast
Lighthouse Lounge

10:00 - 12:00 p.m. Registration

9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Meetings & Day Outings

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Lunch Buffet

1:00 - 2:15 p.m. Directors Meeting

2:30 - 3:15 p.m. Guest Speaker

3:15 - 4:00 p.m. General Meeting

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Cocktails

7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Dinner/entertainment

Saturday Dinner Dance

6:00 p.m.

Bayside/Main Dining Room

Salad

Roasted Beef Tenderloin & Butter Poached

Lobster Tail with Buerre Monte

Mushroom Risotto

Aparagus Bundle & Sunburst Squash

Apple Tartene and Cinamon Gelato

\$65++ Per Person

Sunday Breakfast Buffet

10:00 - 1:30 p.m.

Eggs Benedict, Quiche, Waffles, Om-
lets, Ham, Bacon, Sausage, Assorted
Pasteries

\$26.95++ Per Person

SATURDAY MORNING EXCURSIONS

Naples Trolley Tour

www.naplestrolleytours.com

Tickets \$36

Pick your start time - 8:30, 9:30 or 10:30



ACTIVITIES at PELICAN ISLE YACHT CLUB



The council's May meeting was hosted by Pelican Isle in north Naples over the weekend of May 15th - 17th. Friday's evening event featured an authentic Italian buffet with a chef attended pasta station. Saturday morning activities included choices of a backwater cruise aboard the pelican shuttle, guided kayak outing or a bocce clinic. All three events proved to be very popular and well attended.

Saturday's directors meeting featured two guest speakers. Justin Paulauskis, Pelican Isle Waterfront Coordinator gave an overview of the Cocohatchee Estuary that surrounds the club. This was followed by a unique presentation by the Collier Mosquito Control District with their helicopter making a landing in the club parking lot.

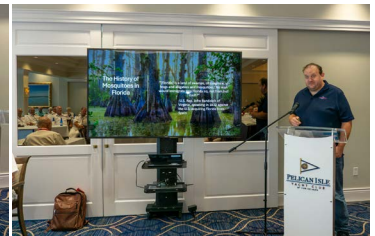
Saturday's evening events were kicked off with a moving flag ceremony performed by the local IOBG chapter. The Fleet Captains presented awards to Eau Gallie Yacht Club for the most in attendance and to Venice Yacht Club for the boat traveling the longest distance.



The Blue Gavel chapter conducting evening colors.



A successful meeting with a good attendance..



Two outstanding presentations regarding the Cocohatchee Estuary and the Collier County Mosquito Control District.



Commodore Keitchen with Tom Septembre and R/C Peter Lackman



Regina Moran, Kim Keitchen and Ellen Ramsey-Williams



Enjoying the day on the patio awaiting the evening colors.



Old Glory being properly retired for the evening



Lynn Reynolds, Sharon Jones and Anita Clark



P/C Chris Jones, Colleen Jones and Laurie Lackman



Joe and Martha Mench



Commodore Jeff Carr, Pelican Isles Yacht Club



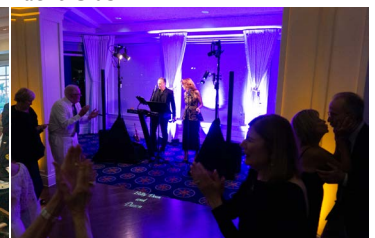
A table of dignitaries



Be sure to carry your Challenge Coin

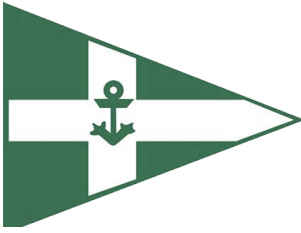


A marvelous dining experience.



Dancing with Billie Dean and Dawn

ACTIVITIES at THE FIELD CLUB



A Brief History: Stanley Field, nephew of Chicago merchant Marshall Field, was part of one of America's most prominent families of the early twentieth century. Drawn to the natural beauty of Florida's Gulf Coast, he chose Sarasota as the site for his winter residence and in 1925 began construction of a grand Mediterranean-style home called Wealaka, meaning "Laughing Waters." More than three decades later, when Mr. Field decided to sell the property, he made a remarkable decision that would shape the Club's future. Rather than allowing the estate to be divided for commercial development, he insisted that the property be sold only to an organization that would preserve it for club use. Recognizing a rare opportunity, a group of local families joined together to purchase the estate and establish a club centered on family life and shared experiences.

Guests enjoyed a variety of delicacies on Friday evening with the main attraction being a pig roast. Unique and lively entertainment was provided by one of the best steel drum players most of the attendees had ever enjoyed.

The Saturday morning field trip featured a bus trip to the Ringling Circus Museum located on Sarasota Bay alongside of "Ca' d'Zan" the former estate of John and Mabel Ringling. Saturday's Directors Meeting featured a "best practices" presentation on managing the clubs accounts receivables policies. The days guest speaker was the renowned Dr. Michael P. Crosby, PHD, FLS - President & CEO, MOTE Marine Laboratory & Aquarium. Saturday evening awards went to two vessels from St. Charles Yacht Club which had the most vessels and traveled the farthest.

As a side note, this event established a new attendance record with a total of 181 including 52 from neighboring Bird Key, 46 from Bradenton and 24 from Isles.



The beautiful Field Club



Friday Dinner was delish



Shredded pork-Yum



Back for seconds?



On the way to the Circus museum



A fantastic model of a complete circus



A warm reception in the foyer



Working away, again.



Superb presentation by the president of the MOTE Marine Lab & Aquarium



Social Hour



Commodore talk



Bird Key celebrating their 52 member attendees



Fine dining at its best



Dancing in what was the Field Family living room

FCYC ATHLETIC INTER-CLUB COMPETITION

4th Annual Inter-Club Bocce Tourney Teams: Men's, Women's or Mixed Doubles

Thursday, Nov. 12, 2026 9am-4pm Isles Yacht Club

Information and registration forms for the upcoming Florida Council of Yacht Clubs Inter-club Bocce tournament are found at this link: The FCYC Inter-club Bocce Competition is open to members of any of the 35 member clubs of the Florida Council of Yacht Clubs. Participants must be full members of their respective clubs as well as being 25 years or older to take part in this event.

[BOCCE TOURNEY REGISTRATION LINK](#)

Registration begins on Wednesday, August 5, 2026, and will close on Friday, October 30, 2026.

In order to register for this event, go to page 4 of the attachment, complete the registration form, scan it and send it as an attachment to an email to rpeterston3606@yahoo.com.

You can enter up to three teams from your club. There are no divisions for the bocce tournament. All teams



will compete against other teams regardless of make-up of their team.

Upon receipt of the registrations, invoices will be sent out and payment must be received on the due date listed on the invoice.

Payment can be made by sending two checks for \$40 each or one check for \$80. Please make checks payable to "Florida Council of Yacht Clubs."

All payments must be mailed to Bob Peterson, 3606 Bonaire Court, Punta Gorda, FL 33950.

Once all payments have been received, pairings and times will be made and notices sent to all participants along with additional information re: area hotels, etc.

Great News: Golf Is Back—Get Ready

Sunday and Monday, Oct. 11 & 12, 2026 St Andrews South Golf Club, Punta Gorda, Florida

The upcoming Florida Council of Yacht Club's Golf tournament is scheduled for Sunday and Monday, October 11 & 12, 2026, at the beautiful facilities of the St Andrews South Golf Club located in Punta Gorda, Florida.

The FCYC Inter-club Golf tournament is open to members of any of the 36 FCYC member clubs. Participants must be full members of their respective clubs and at least 25 years of age or older to take part in this event.

As in previous years, there will be three divisions: Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles, and Mixed Doubles. So, begin to find your partner for one of these divisions.

Registration begins on Monday, August 3, and will close on Friday, October 2.

If you have any questions or desire any additional information, please contact Bob Peterson either by email (rpeterston3606@yahoo.com) or by phone: 941.626.9134.

So, mark your calendars, identify teams at your club who can participate and get ready for two fun days of golf on October 11 & 12, 2026.

Mah Jongg Is Coming Back in 2027

April 10, 2027—More Info to Follow

The next FCYC Mah Jongg tournament has been scheduled for Saturday, April 10, 2027, to be held at the Smyrna Yacht Club located at New Smyrna Beach, Florida.

This past April 18, 2026, Tampa Yacht & Country Club hosted this event where 64 members from eleven FCYC clubs participated and played 4 rounds of 16 games from 9am-3pm.

So, mark your calendars and start rounding up members from your club to come to participate in this event.

More information will be forthcoming as we get closer to the date of the event.

If you have any questions or desire any additional information, please contact Bob Peterson either by email rpeterston3606@yahoo.com or by phone: 941.626.9134.

FCYC ATHLETIC INTER-CLUB COMPETITION

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4th Annual FCYC Inter-Club Competition East Coast Pickleball Tournament

Play will take place on Nov. 7, 2026 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Halifax River Yacht Club in Daytona Beach, FL.
Conditions of play:

- Open to FCYC East Coast members, age 25 and older.
- Team Registration is "First come First served."
- Each Club is guaranteed a minimum of one team registration.



Registration:

- Opens: Friday, August 28, 2026, 9:00 a.m.
- Closes: Friday, October 23, 2026, 3:00 p.m.
- Tournament date: Saturday, November 7, 2026. Sign in 0800, Start 0900.
- "King of Court Format" three game minimum. Number of games dependent on number of teams in division. Example: 8 Teams, 6 games for Gold, 7 for silver and bronze.
- Use the QR code or click the link to register.
- Select register as a Team then select your division.
- Team Registration is "First Come First Served."
- Entry fee: \$80 per team.
- FCYC will send payment instructions and invoices after registration.
- Maximum of 8 teams per division.
- Walk-ins are welcome at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
- Waitlist has priority.

[Click here to Register](#)

4th Annual FCYC Inter-Club Competition West Coast Pickleball Tournament

Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles & Mixed Doubles

Maximum 24 teams

November 14, 2026; 9 am-5 pm

Bradenton Yacht Club, Palmetto, Florida

The West Coast Pickleball registration information and forms will not be available until Friday, August 28.

FCYC Tennis Tournament Tennis

Men's Doubles, Women's Doubles & Mixed Doubles

Maximum 18 teams

Friday, November 13, 2026, 9am-5pm

Tampa Yacht & Country Club, Tampa, Florida

[LINK TO TENNIS REGISTRATION](#)



FCYC Fishing Tournament

The inaugural FCYC Fishing Tournament is scheduled for the entire month of April, 2027. Participants can use any of the waters within the State of Florida. There will be a number of eligible species of fish to be caught and those who catch the longest (not heaviest) fish will win that particular species event.

Mark your calendars. Participants will have the entire month of April to participate in this tournament and can use any of the waters within the State of Florida in which to catch their fish, so there is not excuse for not participating.

More information will be forthcoming as we get closer to the date of the event.

FOUNDERS FURY

A STORY BY CARL SCHULTZ

Why would a 74-year-old man singlehandedly embark on an adventure to visit 13 FCYC clubs in less than a month? During hurricane season? Especially if he didn't even have a boat?

Why, indeed. Boating has become expensive, and ten years ago I sold my beautiful 45' Sea Ray. However, because St. Charles has a club boat, Charlie's Girl has been my salvation. In fact, many people when they join St. Charles, will say the opportunity to use Charlie's Girl is a reason they joined. Our Club's boat is 21 feet long, with a 150 HP outboard, an open bow, will seat



The author, single handing.

FOUNDERS FURY

A STORY BY CARL SCHULTZ (CONT. FROM PG. 9)

up to six or eight, and will cruise at over 20 knots, or 25 mph. She rents for \$130 for a full day, plus gas.

Why go for an award? Why not? The FCYC presents an award at the March meeting for any club member who has visited 13 FCYC clubs by boat in one calendar year. Now that I'm the Treasurer of the FCYC, I thought I should do something supportive of the Council. Something like winning an award in St. Charles' honor. I looked at the map of FCYC clubs and counted 13 clubs between Marco Island, and Bradenton. So, could I drive a 21' open bow boat 180 miles north in 6 days? Well, one thing was for sure, this was an adventure that my wife had no interest in. I ran this trip solo.

I had the boat trailered from St. Charles down to Marco Island, and back to St. Charles from Bradenton.

The boat trip itself was nearly perfect. Monday night was spent on Marco Island, and by sunrise I was off to Naples, via the intercoastal waterway. Early morning departures were the key to success. That allowed the extra time needed for drone photography, and adjusting for weather. Almost all navigation was line-of-sight coastal navigation. The 60-mile run from Marco YC, stopping at Naples YC, Naples Sailing and Yacht Club, Pelican Isle YC, and St. Charles YC took me from 8:30 to 3:30.

I took Charlie's Girl up the Matlacha channel between Cape Coral and Pine Island to get signatures from the dockmasters at Charlotte Harbor YC and Isles YC. That was an 80-mile adventure. I left at sunrise and was back before noon. On June 28th, because I had rented the boat, I drove Charlie's Girl the 20 miles out to Captiva Island YC, to check that club off my list.

After taking Wednesday off at home, I resumed my adventure at 7:15am. Thursday, July 16. Weather tracking warned of rough seas and 9 knts on the nose. I went out at Redfish Pass and quickly realized that I needed to duck back in at Boca Grande... a wise choice. Arrive in Venice by 11 am, and the Field Club by noon. A total of 71 miles.

The Field Club was hosting the July FCYC meeting, so Charlie's Girl was tied to her docks for three nights, while we stayed at an Air B&B. On Friday Ken Gummels, Past FCYC Commodore John Timmel, and I took her over to Bird Key YC and Sarasota YC to get those dockmaster signatures.

Sunday was the day I needed to get 27 miles north to Bradenton YC, my 13th Club for the Founders Club Award. This last leg made with P/C John Timmel, who is a retired harbor pilot for Tampa Bay. We calculated if we left Sarasota at 9 am we'd miss the storm that would hit Sarasota at 10 am. And we'd get to Bradenton just before a storm predicted to hit there at 11:15. It was not easy. We got the boat out of the water and sent down the road 10 minutes before the next storm hit. Perfect timing. A perfect end. Carl & Dana, John & Marguerite Timmel, and Paul & Carmen Stamm (Director for BYC) all celebrated with a great Bradenton YC Sunday Brunch, watching it rain and storm outside.

I cannot thank St. Charles Yacht Club enough for allowing me to take one of their assets on an adventure like this. Thank you FCYC for offering me both the opportunity to win an award, and a three-day party at The Field Club. You don't need to own a boat to enjoy visiting FCYC Clubs and you might even win an Award.



Carl, and his good friend and boating cohort, John Timmel, FCYC P/C, at destination at The Field Club



Carl is a multitasker. He is driving his boat and flying his drone at the same time.

FCYC CLUB PROFILE

FCYC is working to insure all club members have a good understanding of our 35 member clubs. In this issue please get acquainted with the *Naples Sailing and Yacht Club* below. Expect to see other club profiles in future FCYC Newsletters.

Club Profile: The Naples Sailing and Yacht Club



Phone: (239) 774-0424
Email: Info@thensyc.com
Address: 896 River Point Drive
 Naples, Florida 34102
Website: www.thensyc.com



WELCOME ABOARD!

Welcome to The Naples Sailing and Yacht Club! We're delighted you've chosen to visit our esteemed Club through the reciprocity of the Florida Council of Yacht Clubs. Whether you arrive by boat or car, rest assured you'll find our Club to be a warm and engaging environment. Situated at the northern tip of Naples Bay, our address is 896 River Point Drive Naples, FL 34102.

A RICH HISTORY

Founded in 1964 as the Naples Sailing Club by Jack Messmer, our first Commodore, NSYC began with eighteen passionate sailing enthusiasts united in their dedication to promoting sailboat racing and regattas in Naples. Over the years, our Club has flourished, welcoming powerboat enthusiasts since 1967. Today, we proudly boast our third Clubhouse, completed in 2005. For a deeper dive into our rich history, visit [Our Club](#) page on our website.

HOSPITALITY AT ITS FINEST

Visitors from FCYC Clubs find The Naples Sailing and Yacht Club an exceptional destination, conveniently located near downtown Naples. Nearby accommodations within a mile include [The Inn on 5th](#) and the [Hyatt House, Fifth Avenue South](#) offers an array of fine dining experiences, including [Ocean Prime](#) and [Sails](#). However, we must note, while these are excellent options, we recommend them only when our own exceptional kitchen staff is taking a well-deserved break!

MARINA EXCELLENCE

NSYC boasts a top-notch marina with seventy-five concrete floating dock slips, including three reserved for our reciprocity visitors from FCYC Clubs. Directions for arriving by boat can be found on the [FCYC Cruising Guide](#) page or on the NSYC website under the [Visitor Information](#) tab. One special advantage of arriving by boat is the opportunity to join our fabulous Wednesday evening Surf and Turf Buffets, a popular favorite among NSYC Members. We also offer a special [Yacht Basin Catering Menu](#) for take-out food on your boat during local excursions. Please ensure reservations are made in advance, and our Dockmaster is reachable on VHF channel 16. [Click here to read our Yacht Basin Brochure!](#)

Reservations: Call/Text (239) 774-0424 | Reservations@thensyc.com
Dockmaster: Call/Text (239-821-6329) | Dockmaster@thensyc.com

SPECTACULAR VIEWS

What sets The Naples Sailing and Yacht Club apart among FCYC Clubs? The answer lies in the breathtaking views. Nestled along the picturesque Naples Bay, our Club offers three interior formal dining rooms and a casual Lighthouse Lounge on the second level, complemented by a beautiful bar and terraces, all affording stunning vistas of our marina and Naples Bay. Use your reciprocal privileges by contacting our Member Services Coordinator by calling or texting (239) 774-0424 or email Reservations@thensyc.com.

The Naples Sailing and Yacht Club
Where Friendship Meets The Water™

BEST PRACTICES

The concept of Best Practices originated under Commodore Ray Williams during the 2024-2025 year. The idea is to have our 35 member clubs submit policies, procedures, concepts, actions and practices that may be of value to our other member clubs. We will be sharing these great ideas in our newsletter for your consideration.



Tarpon Springs Yacht Club encourages payment of member monthly billings by automatic electronic withdrawal from member's "on-file" banking account. This includes clubhouse and marina use. This program has a 80+% participation rate.



FLORIDA LEGISLATION

One of the FCYC key mission issues is the monitoring of legislation that affects boating, navigation and club management. When the Executive Committee believes impending legislation may affect member clubs we engage our attorneys in Tallahassee to respond to the potential risk. For full details on these bills, visit flsenate.gov and enter the bill number in the "Go to Bill" tab.

HB 1103–Local Administration of Vessel Restrictions
4/20/26–Approved by the Governor; Chapter 2026-36
Effective Date: July 1, 2026 [link to bill details](#)

This bill likely has the greatest impact on FCYC members. As a result of the passage of this legislation, yacht clubs should expect to see more local involvement in boating enforcement, particularly in areas experiencing conflicts over anchoring or derelict vessels. It also creates opportunities for clubs to work with local governments as new ordinances are developed.

Summary of Key changes:

- Local governments receive expanded authority to enforce certain boating laws after approval by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC).
- Counties and municipalities may authorize local code enforcement officers (not just FWC or marine patrol) to:
- Enforce vessels that are at risk of becoming derelict
- Enforce long-term anchoring permit requirements
- Issue uniform boating citations for these violations.
- Local governments may establish expanded boat-

ing-restricted areas near blind corners or hazardous waterway intersections to improve navigation safety, subject to FWC approval.

- Revises provisions involving anchoring limitation areas in Key West.

HB 797 – Nonprofit Corporations

Approved by the Governor; Chapter No. 2026-168 Effective Date: July 1, 2026 [Link to bill details-HB797](#)

Nonprofit Governance: The Legislature enacted CS/CS/HB 797, a comprehensive update to Florida's Nonprofit Corporation Act. The law modernizes nonprofit governance by revising meeting procedures, remote participation, proxy voting, board governance, fiduciary duties, recordkeeping, and other corporate requirements. Club officers and boards should review their bylaws and governance practices to ensure they remain consistent with the updated law. bill modernizes the law governing how nonprofit organizations operate. It comprehensively updates Florida's Nonprofit Corporation Act by incorporating many provisions from the Model Nonprofit Corporation Act and aligning it with the Florida Business Corporation Act. The bill became effective July 1, 2026.

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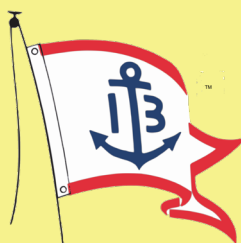
HYPERLINKS TO FCYC BOATING INFORMATION AND U.S. COAST GUARD SAFETY INFORMATION

FCYC CRUISING LOG

MAP OF MEMBER CLUBS

US COAST GUARD
BOATING SAFETY

DOCK-TO-DOCK
DISTANCES



US COAST GUARD
FLOAT PLAN

**LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS
FOR SOUTHEAST DISTRICT**

08/05/2026

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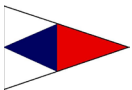
MEMBER CLUB INFO and UPDATES



Bird Key YC: Bird Key Yacht Club is now fully underway for construction of the new Clubhouse. During this time, *there are no onsite facilities for reciprocal boaters, including fuel, but dockage is available.* We are taking down our fuel system during construction out of an abundance of caution. Even without a clubhouse, we are still offering our members, and FCYC members, access to all of our off-property events throughout Sarasota.



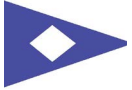
Bradenton YC: *The clubhouse is closed from Sept. 8-21 for annual maintenance.* Docks are available.



Davis Island YC: *Closed for summer maintenance starting July 20th.* Following recent hurricanes, we are currently rebuilding one of our three docks. This major repair project is underway. We will have no transient slips available through the end of 2026. We appreciate your understanding during this reconstruction period.



Eau Gallie YC: *Main clubhouse closed July 27–August 7 for kitchen maintenance.* The harbor Grill remains open.



Halifax River YC: *Annual clubhouse closure planned for early September,* however the docks remain available. A new waterfront event venue is under construction. Effective August 1, transient fuel purchases require credit card payment; reciprocal food and beverage charges continue through member clubs.



Harbor Ridge YC: *Docks are closed for approximately another year.* Dining and golf are available. The clubhouse will soon be renovating much of the facility.



Marco Island YC: *Will be closed the month of September.*



Moorings Yacht & CC: *The docks are in the final stages of a dock replacement project. Until complete, docking is not available.* The project is expected to finish in the fall, Please call ahead for availability. Over the next 14+ months, the club will be installing a kitchen renovation, constructing a new outdoor Bar & Grille, and enhancements to the locker rooms, pro shop, and Yacht Club Captain's Lounge. The Club remains open; however, access to certain facilities may be limited or unavailable. Dining reservations are required. Call at least seven days in advance for reservations. The club is closed during the summer on Mondays through October. *The annual maintenance shutdown is scheduled from Sept. 8-14.*



Naples Yacht Club: Adding new docks started in March with no date for completion. There will have 70 slips. The club house is open.



Pelican Isle YC: *Clubhouse closed July 27 – August 11 for annual maintenance.* Marina, docks, and pool remain open.



Sarasota YC: The marina project will run May-December. Club refresh, but still open.



St. Petersburg YC: *Annual maintenance closure July 20 – 31.*



St. Charles YC: *Remodeling the interior from April through November.* The docks remain open and outdoor dining is available. The club should be fully open around Christmas.



Tarpon Springs YC: *will be closed August 1-14 for club maintenance;* also upgrading the kitchen.



Venice Yacht Club: *The club will be closed from September 8 - 21.* Docks are open with fuel and ice from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



Vero Beach YC: *Docks closed at least until January.* The clubhouse remains open.