



Florida Commodores Association FOUNDATION

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Chairman's Message

Thank you for your continued support and donations to the FCA Foundation. It is through your generosity FCAF was honored to award Youth



P/C Larry Kimmerling

Sailing Grants to three FCA affiliated yacht clubs.

The FCAF believes our youth play a major role in society and our country's future. Supporting youth sailing is in keeping with our commitment to make a difference. Such programs provide the excitement and experience of sailing coupled with learning critically important skills that lead to lifelong success. I just know all those benefiting from these grants would say a big "thank you" to you for this opportunity.

We continue to encourage you to support the Foundation through *AmazonSmile*. The Foundation regularly receives benefits from this program. Think *AmazonSmile* whenever you shop online.

My wife, Barbara, and I are looking forward to the FCAF Rhine River Cruise in September 2019. Seems like a long way off, but cabins are already being reserved, so RSVP early. We would love to have you join us!

Rhine River Cruise for Fun and Funds

The FCA Foundation is pleased to announce a fundraising European river cruise aboard AmaWaterways, the *MS AmaMora*.

The planned dates are *September 23-30, 2019*. The "Captivating Rhine" cruise travels the Rhine River from Amsterdam down to Basel. A popular itinerary, it offers charming vistas and unparalleled river scenery, coupled with great land tours.

This FCAF cruise — for the enjoyment of FCA members, their families, friends and other cruising enthusiasts — will raise funds for FCAF's many projects.

The Rhine River showcases vineyard-clad hills, castles from long ago, and fabled towns, some lost in time. AmaWaterways dining is ranked among the very best. Taste locally-inspired cuisine, fine wines, specialty beers, wonderful sweet treats as you travel through the Netherlands, Germany, France, and Switzerland.

The *AmaMora*—with a 2019 launch date!—is brand new and will accommodate a very comfortable 150 guests. All cabins have river views with a variety of cabin styles to meet your expectations. To extend this 7-night cruise, additional land packages are available.

The enclosed AmaWaterways brochure gives you all the details. Cruise rates start at \$3,899 per person. Airfare is not included. For upgrades, single/solo rates or other information, contact the FCAF agent shown below. ***With only 150 guests aboard, cabins will sell out quickly. Don't delay your booking!***

All FCAF fundraiser bookings are being handled exclusively by

Holly and Joe Serokos

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You may also contact Carol Lick, FCAF Cruise Representative, at lickc@msu.edu or at: 734-945-3938.

***Join us for the "Captivating Rhine" river cruise
September 23-30, 2019
and help raise funds for the FCA Foundation!***

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2018 Youth Sailing Grants

As the school season closes, yacht clubs spring into action and start organizing their youth sailing programs. These programs provide a safe environment to experience the excitement and benefits of sailing, learning important technical skills and the development of self-reliance and discipline. Such behaviors, acquired while sailing, can lead to lifelong successes.

To this end, the Foundation recognizes youth sailing as a fundamental element of its funding program.



FCAF Chairman, P/C Larry Kimmerling, (top c) with Davis Island Youth Sailing students and Instructor, Greta Brooks after Youth Sailing Grant check presentation. Top left: Dean Toro, Johnny Joyner, Chairman Kimmerling, Ryan Gray, Greta Brooks, Garrett Brooks; front: Pharaoh Tyehimba (l) and Nicky Joyner.



Youth Sailing Grant check was presented to Robert Harrison (c), President of the Emerald Coast Sailing Association, and Ft. Walton's Commodore, Faye Black (r), by FCAF Treasurer, Dr. Tom Reynolds. (l)

To encourage the continued development – or even brand-new programs – the Foundation announced the 2018 Youth Sailing Grants in early Spring.

FCA affiliated chapters were sent an announcement with an application and grant guidelines. Three grants of \$250 each were awarded in June.

Congratulations to: *Davis Island Yacht Club (Tampa), the Emerald Coast Sailing Association (Ft. Walton) and Halifax River Yacht Club (Daytona Beach).*



Youth Sailing Grant check presented to Halifax River Commodore, Dave Huff (l), and Jerry Janaro, (r) Youth Sailing Coordinator by FCAF Secretary, Mary Slattery (c)



P/C Jeff Brooks of Bay Point Yacht Club Elected to FCAF Board

R. Jeffrey Brooks, Past Commodore of the Bay Point Yacht Club, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the FCA Foundation. P/C Brooks also serves as Rear Commodore of the FCA. He served Bay Point as Fleet Captain, Treasurer, Rear Commodore, Vice Commodore and Commodore in 2012. He is also a member of the St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club, where he served as an alternate Director to the Florida Council of Yacht Clubs.

P/C Brooks brings extensive experience to the Board in financial services and banking industry from the states of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Louisiana and Arizona. A decorated veteran, P/C Brooks attended Officers Candidate School and was commissioned as an Armor Officer. The Board of Directors welcomes P/C Jeff Brooks.