



# Florida Commodores Association FOUNDATION

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## FCAF Awards 2019 Youth Sailing Grants

***Congratulations to: Coral Ridge Yacht Club Sailing & Water Sports Foundation, Ft. Walton Yacht Club, Key Biscayne Yacht Club, Navy Yacht Club of Pensacola, Pensacola Yacht Club, St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club and the Venice Youth Boating Association of the Venice Yacht Club!*** These seven clubs have been awarded a FCA Foundation 2019 Youth Sailing Grant of \$250 each.

Awarded in April, each club received a \$250 grant to offer full or partial scholarships to youths ages 8-16 in financial need, who have a keen interest in sailing but could otherwise not participate.

While the total 2019 grants exceeded the originally planned \$1,500, an increase of \$500 over 2018, the FCAF Directors found all applications compelling and awarded each club the maximum allowed. In addition to supporting clubs youth sailing programs, these grants create increased awareness for both the FCAF and the FCA.

As many know, St. Andrews Bay Yacht Club, a FCA member chapter, was devastated by Hurricane Michael last year. To support the club's rebuilding efforts, the Foundation has awarded their Summer Sailing School a one-time grant of \$1,000. The donation, without restrictions, is given to aid in the restoration of their sailing school activities.



## Chairman's Message

***Time to celebrate!*** This year the FCA Foundation celebrates its fifth anniversary!

A lot has happened since that first organizing meeting in May of 2014. Board members – past and present - have volunteered many hours to establish this Foundation as a

viable entity. I'd like to thank all of them for their time and service, but nothing could have been accomplished without your support! *Thank you!*

It's been a fast five years. Highlighted here are some of the accomplishments to date.

- ◆ Establish FCAF website:  
[www.fcfoundation.org](http://www.fcfoundation.org)
- ◆ Established the Foundation's bi-annual *Newsletter*
- ◆ Supported Florida U.S. Olympic sailors: Women's Laser Radials in the 2012 and 2016 Olympics.
- ◆ Supported Florida U.S. Paralympic sailors in the 2012 and 2016 Olympics. *Team USA 1* won Silver in 2016 in Rio de Janeiro
- ◆ Established the Florida Youth Sailing Grant Program – awards in 2018 and 2019
- ◆ On-going support of FCA's Wounded American Veteran Event program - *WAVE*
- ◆ Established an Amazon *Smile.com* account as an additional support vehicle
- ◆ Established a PayPal account to accept donations by credit cards
- ◆ Organized the Rhine River fundraiser cruise slated for September 23-29, 2019

The Olympic sailors and Paralympic sailors continue to sail competitively and "pay it forward" by



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## Anniversary continued:

working with youth and disabled youth sailing programs.

The Youth Sailing Grant Program has generated interest both inside and outside the FCA organization. Therefore, the grant award amount was increased in 2019 to \$1,500. As previously stated, a total of \$1,750 was the final award amount as it was believed FCAF should support each club applying.

Amazon's *Smile.com* program allows on-line shoppers to conveniently make contributions to the FCAF by simply identifying the Florida Commodores Association Foundation as the charity of choice. There is no charge to you. It's an Amazon charitable program. It's easy to set up ... and easy to use! So ... please do!

The mission of the FCAF remains the same: *Working to ensure the future of yacht club and sailing opportunities through educational and charitable programs.*

This FCA Foundation would not exist without your participation and financial support. A gift of any size will support and strengthen the outreach programs that affect the lives of so many.

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## Fundraising—A Job for All

With the Foundation celebrating its fifth anniversary, the question has been raised about FCAF seeking outside funding. We all read about foundations and non-profits receiving large monetary gifts, donations of physical items or buildings from corporations or philanthropic organizations. What does it take for FCAF to be a recipient?

During the last five years, some investigation and review of this type of support has been done. There remains a lot more to do.

The good news is it appears funding could be available to the FCAF within the scope of some set guidelines. The bad news ... this research is both time consuming and labor intensive; the very reason foundations have professional fundraisers. Since everyone on the FCAF Board is a volunteer, addressing this issue has been a challenge. What is known is that large donors seek specific information - some easily provided; some not so much, which places FCAF on somewhat shaky ground.

The question philanthropic groups want to know is: *how much support the group's foundation receives from its membership.* The theory being that if the organization's members won't or don't support their own foundation, why should they?

While FCAF has many generous members this represents only a very small percentage of the overall FCA membership

As FCAF moves forward, a key component for growth will depend upon increasing the member-donor support levels. The goal will be to achieve 100%-member participation ... *every year!*

Take a moment to review the "Donor" page on the FCAF website ([www.fcfoundation.org](http://www.fcfoundation.org)) or refer to the enclosed donation card. You will find a donation level to suit all ... starting with Sustaining Member at the \$25-\$99 range. Every donation, small or large, will count in the member participation percentage ... *so, make this an annual donation.*

The FCA Foundation will continue its good works for as long as funding keeps flowing. The road to success is very clear: FCAF will pursue bigger and better funding sources, but success depends on you – *the member* – and your generous annual support.

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## PayPal

FCAF has established a PayPal account. This worldwide payment system is used by thousands of companies, organizations and purchasers alike. Many already have a PayPal account, but if you don't, it is ***not*** required when donating to a charity. Just Google PayPal's website and follow the directions to make a donation.

The FCAF PayPal option has been added to the FCAF website. Click on the "Donate" button, then click onto the PayPal symbol and it takes you directly into the their site. Be assured there is an extra safeguard here, as [www.fcfoundation.org](http://www.fcfoundation.org) now carries a registered "https" designation, which safeguards email transmissions from nefarious outside sources. *Check it out with a donation, today!*

