



Florida Commodores Association FOUNDATION

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“Captivating Rhine” River Cruise September 23-30, 2019 *Don't Delay! Book Today!*

Cruise for fun ... and help the FCA Foundation ... *all at the same time!* What better way to assist the FCAF to raise funds for worthy projects than relaxing and enjoying the sights, sounds and experiences of a European river cruise. For every cabin FCAF books, AmaWaterways gives a portion back to the Foundation. That's what makes the cruise fun for the participants ... and good for FCAF.

The 14-day adventure starts in Amsterdam and gently meanders down the Rhine River to Basel, Switzerland, ending with tours of Lucerne and Zurich. You will experience local cultures, inspiring cuisines, professional entertainment, private tours, scenic beauty and, of course, the best wines and beers of four countries ... Netherlands, Germany, France and Switzerland.

Visit charming old-world towns and cities lined with cobblestone streets offering unique shops and markets, vineyard tours, hilltop castles and so much more!. Brought to you with the great style and meticulous care of AmaWaterways - aboard their very newest vessel, the *MS AmaMora*.

***Now is the time to reserve your cabin!
Sailing dates are September 23-30, 2019.***

2019 is upon us! With only 150 guest accommodations, choice cabins sell out quickly, *so don't delay making your reservations ... do it now!* It's easy to extend your visit as additional land packages are available. Just ask Holly or Joe for details!

Cruise rates start at \$3,899 per person. Airfare is not included but can be arranged along with your booking. Great news ... AmaWaterways offers bookings for solo guests. See the attached brochure for more information and contact FCAF's exclusive travel agents today:

Holly and Joe Serokos

Burnt Store Travel

1302 Islamorada Blvd, Punta Gorda FL 33955

941-661-4452; email: Holly@Burntstoretravel.com

The FCA Foundation needs your help ... couple it with fun!

Chairman's Message

The power of Hurricane Michael and damage to Mexico Beach and surrounding areas in the Florida Panhandle was catastrophic. Our thoughts and prayers are with all those who suffered so much.



P/C Larry Kimmerling

A special thank you to all the volunteers and first responders for their contributions to the recovery effort.

The FCA Foundation is once again supporting the Summer Youth Sailing Grant Program. FCAF will award grants up to \$250 to assist Florida yacht clubs with their 2019 Youth Summer Sailing programs.

When you support these programs you make a significant impact on the very foundation of our clubs and preserve long established sailing customs.

The FCA Foundation continues to strive to serve and support recognized Florida yacht clubs through its mission, and the only way we can continue to provide and expand these programs is through your financial support.

And, what better way to help than to join FCAF's fundraising river cruise, "Captivating Rhine," in September. Don't wait! Make your reservations today! ***See you aboard!***

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FCAF Expands Youth Sailing Grant Program

With the success of the inaugural Youth Sailing Grant program, FCAF announces grants will again be offered in 2019. This year, grant amounts will vary in size according to club need, with a maximum per club of \$250

Youth sailing programs provide a safe environment for youths to experience the excitement and benefits of sailing. FCAF's supports STEM projects (those covering science, technology, engineering, mathematics) and sailing is the perfect integration of all these.

The grants offer scholarships to youths 8-16 with financial need and an interest in sailing. Funds are designated to be used to off-set some or all of the registration cost and course materials. Funding capital equipment and salaries are excluded.

Applications and program details will be mailed in January. If you are a Commodore or Youth Sailing Coordinator or assist with the program, keep watch for this mailing. If not, the application will be available on the FCAF website: www.fcafoundation.org.

Great Scot Regatta Race

In October, a \$300 grant was awarded the Ft. Walton Yacht Club's Junior Program to support participation in the Great Scot Regatta at the Birmingham Sailing Club in Alabama. Participating in local and area racing events is fundamental to competitive sailing and essential training for future Olympians. Congratulations, junior sailors!



Ft Walton YC Jr. Sailing
Great Scot Sailing Team
(l-r) William Wells, George
Hambleton, Ian Hunter

New FCAF Board Member



Associate and Charter Member of the Florida Commodores Association, Beverly Plummer has been elected to the FCA Foundation Board of Directors. She currently serves as FCA's Quartermaster. Beverly brings to the Board an extensive background in store management including direct services as Personal Shopper, and Wardrobe and Fashion Consultant for a variety of retail organizations.

Active in the Chamber of Commerce, she served as President of the Emerald Coast Chapter of the American Business Women's Association. A native of Bucks County, PA, she currently resides in Shalimar, Florida and is a member of the Fort Walton Yacht Club.

PayPal

As an additional option for donations, FCAF has established a PayPal account. This worldwide payment system serves as an online electronic alternative to checks. It is used by thousands of companies and organizations of all types and services.

Many already use PayPal and have an account. If not, note that a personal PayPal account is required to use the services. This is a free service to you as all fees are paid by the organization receiving the funds, in this case the FCAF. Just go to the PayPal website and follow the simple directions to set up an account.

You will find the FCAF Paypal option on the FCAF website. Click on the "Donate" button and follow the guidelines. This is a very safe alternative as the FCAF website – fcafoundation.org - now carries a registered "https" designation, which safeguards email transmissions from nefarious outside sources.



The holidays are truly a special time of the year. Please share the bounty by supporting FCAF's mission ... including the WAVE program for veterans, who have given a part of themselves for us to live free ... youth sailors bent on developing life-long skills that reach far beyond sailing ... and Olympiads whose dedication takes them to the world stage honoring America.

Thank you and Happy Holidays!