

The Windscoop

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Joan Rogers, Commodore

From the desk of the Commodore

Searching for a Few Good Volunteers!

Each of us should be committed to being a volunteer within the North Florida Cruising Club in some capacity. Without volunteers, we would not be where we are today with the North Florida Cruising Club. I had a conversation recently with a couple of people and one person commented that I was just a volunteer versus the other person who donated her service and should have gotten paid by NFCC. Well, I don't know about you but the last time I looked at the definition of a volunteer- "Volunteering is the practice of people working on behalf of others or a particular cause without payment for their time and services. Volunteering is generally intended to promote good or improve human quality of life, but people also volunteer for their own skill development, to meet others, to make contacts for possible employment, to have fun, and a variety of other reasons."

Those of us who wish to devote our time to the North Florida Cruising Club without the possibility of financial compensation are often choosing to do so because we have firm beliefs in the purpose of NFCC. "The purpose of the club is to promote good fellowship and interest in cruising and racing family-type sailboats in the Northeast Florida area."

Jodi Weinbecker (Mojo) was looking for another crew member in August 2001 for the Leukemia Cup Race. She just happened to be sitting at the Epping Forest Bar next to a friend of mine. He overheard her saying that she was looking for another crew member and he gave her my number. Jodi and I spoke and then I joined the Mojo crew that weekend for the Race. I continued to race on Mojo and join North Florida Cruising Club in 2002. The ONLY people that I knew during 2002 at NFCC were the crew from Mojo.

Then as the Slate for the Board was being finalized for 2003, Tom Davis asked me if I would be Secretary. For me, I thought it would be a great way to meet more people who loved to go sailing and to get more involved in the Club activities, and of course, have fun. As many of you know, I don't own a boat. In fact, I never have owned a boat. It's not that I don't want to; I simply don't have the money to do so.

In the course of 9 years that I have been a NFCC member, I have been on the Board 7 years. I was the Hands on the Helm Co-Chairperson in 2005. I have also been the Hands on the Helm Chairperson for '08, and now '10. Now I'm not bragging by any means- my point being that I have met so many people who love sailing. I have learned so much from them, their knowledge and experience in sailing, and have met so many new friends along the way. I even joined up with Bill Reed (he had a Beneteau 39 called C Song) and Doug Rosen for a 16 day trip in the Abacos in 2003. During this trip, I got to know the Whisper crew. Tom Bell and his crew were looking for another crew member and I was looking for a boat to crew competitively on and we hooked up. I've been crewing now on Whisper for 7 years. I don't believe that I would have been as fortunate for these awesome experiences to have happened had I not been on the Board or been more involved with the North Florida Cruising Club. It has been a great way for me to not only meet all of these wonderful people, but a way for me to give back to the Club through my time and services. By joining the club and getting involved these last 9 years, we've all received something back ten-fold.

Now, it is that time again where we will be putting together a Nominating Committee for the 2011 NFCC Board. Guy Anderson, our immediate Past Commodore, will be chairing this committee. Join us at the August General Meeting where we will be looking for volunteers to assist Guy in putting together our 2011 Board. This Nominating Committee will then search for new people to volunteer their time and services to join the Board. At our October General Meeting we will nominate this slate for the 2011 Board. Nominations for members of the Board of Directors will also be made from the floor. Elections will be held in November. My time on the Board will end at the Change of Command in January 2011. When will your time begin?

Joan Rogers, NFCC Commodore

Mark your calendars for upcoming programs:

- **Aug 19th**
NFCC General Meeting at New Orleans Café - The realities of operating marinas in NE Florida
- **September 4th – Rear Commodore's Happy Hour Party – Fernandina Beach**
- **September 4th – 5th TWO races to and from Fernandina Beach**
www.sailjax.com
- **September 24th Annual Hands on the Helm for Hubbard House Events**
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**REAR COMMODORE'S
HAPPY HOUR**

\$15 Food! Beer!
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Wine Available

Indigo Alley Sept. 4th
316 Center Street Fernandina Beach
(Next to O'Kane's Irish Pub)
Fun Starts at 5PM **\$15**

**PLEASE BUY YOUR TICKETS IN ADVANCE AT THE
GENERAL MEETING**



Adam Norwood

From the desk of the Vice Commodore

For my labor, I only get one day off – what a gyp this Labor Day holiday thing is.

Oh well, not to worry, I'll begin on Friday afternoon and sail as crew to Sisters Creek or maybe Morningstar Marina where we can plug in the AC. I'll race to Fernandina on Saturday, then race back to Jax on Sunday. Whoo hoo! That is if I can stay sober enough to grind a winch and pull a sheet.

Hang on there a minute, almost forgot to party hardy in Fernandina on Saturday evening at Indigo Alley. That will be this year's Rear Commodore's "Happy Hour" from 1700 till at least 2000. I hope the rest of you are there to see me don a lampshade or similar. We'll have tickets at this month's general meeting for \$15. Talk/phone/e-mail John Spierre or me about RSVPs. Heavy hors d'oeuvres from Jolly Mon Catering, keg beer, live entertainment, and the whole second floor and deck to ourselves. OK, again... Whoo hoo!... I'm dancin', I'm dancin'...

Well, maybe not literally dancing, but similar. The cool thing is that the whole of Fernandina will be available after our event where the race trophy flags will be handed out. Take your winning banners with you to a late dinner and make the waiters figure out what they are in order to get their tip. Additional note: some of the racers that usually turn around and go straight home will actually have to come into Fernandina for the night. (You know who you are – and so do I.) It will be nice to make fun of their poor performance to their faces for a change. He he.

This is going to be a big weekend. Don't miss out, even if you have to drive a car, god forbid.

PS. I sold Amanda Rhos. I'm crying, I'm cheering, I'm crying, I'm cheering...

The hardest part of sailing is leaving the house.
Adam Norwood, Vice Commodore

**Don't miss it, Saturday, Sept. 4th,
Fernandina Beach, FL**



2009 Hubbard House Festivities at the Rudder Club

**13th Annual Hands on the Helm for
Hubbard House**

Our 39th Annual NFCC Women's Regatta and 13th Annual Hands on the Helm for Hubbard House is approaching quickly. Believe it or not by the time you read this article it will already be the middle of August. We will have just over a month left before this event takes place and we still have a lot to do for this event. We STILL need Raffle prizes - donated items from businesses around the Jacksonville area- for the Friday night Party.

Need to get some walking exercise? Have I got an opportunity for you! I need volunteers to hit the pavement to acquire about raffle prizes such as weekend get away packages, restaurant gift certificates, BOAT GEAR, art work, dive classes, rounds of golf, you name it...

The more we have the better chance you will have at the party to win something nice for you or- as some people who have won in the past- great Holiday gifts for their loved ones. (continued)

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Hubbard House (continued)

Terrance and Linda Sullivan are busy working with volunteers building our dinghy for this event, as well. Remember ALL of the proceeds will be going to Hubbard House.

New this year, register your boat in our **Special Advanced Registration** by August 27th, and your boat name will be included on the back of the 2010 Limited Edition Hands on the Helm t-shirt. The registration fee is \$35.00.

From August 28th until Friday, September 24th, it is \$35.00 and the Late Registration on Saturday, September 25th is \$40.00.

To order your 2010 Limited Special Edition Hands on the Helm t-shirt, go to www.coralreefsailing.net/handsonthehelm. Pre-order your t-shirt(s) by September 9th to ensure pickup on Friday night, September 24th. If you want your order delivered to your home address, there will be a shipping charge.

These Limited Edition t-shirts MAY NOT be available on Friday night, September 24th, so be sure and order your t-shirt now!

In addition, order your dinner tickets in advanced, too - \$10.00 per adult if received BEFORE September 23rd. On Friday night, dinner tickets will be \$12.00.

Festivities will kick-off at 6:00 pm Friday, September 24th with registration, dinner, and live music by Bofus followed by raffles and the Grand Prize- your very own hand-made fiberglass dinghy. This dinghy will be built by our very own NFCC members and Terrance and Linda Sullivan from William Henry Boat Shop.

Saturday, September 25th will include late registration of \$40.00 which will be from 12:30pm-1:30pm. The skipper's meeting will be at 1400 followed by the warning signal for the First Class at 1455. The start of the race will be at 1500. We will be having 3 All-Female Classes (Spin, Non-Spin, and Cruiser) and 3 Mixed-Classes (Spin, Non-Spin, and Cruiser). Remember in the Mixed Class, it must be a maximum of 50/50. Winners will be announced after the race!

So, bring your boat (or come by land!), your crew, your wallets with cash...that is the real green bills and checks are good, too. Make them payable to the: North Florida Cruising Club. We can't accept credit cards or debit cards. Remember ALL proceeds from this event will go to Hubbard House in support of their mission- to make "Every relationship violence-free".

We need EVERY woman - here's your chance to grab the helm. If you need crew, or have a boat available for women to race, please contact Joan Rogers, Chairman. Let's make the Hands on the Helm for Hubbard House Regatta, the BEST Regatta, yet!

Hubbard House Wish List:

- Household linens (new or gently used towels, blankets, pillows, etc.)
- Personal hygiene products (shampoo, toothbrushes, deodorant, etc.)
- Female hygiene products
- Diapers
- Underwear (women's and children's)
- Children's items
- Kitchen items (pots and pans, dinnerware, etc.)
- Office and school supplies
- Laundry items (detergent, softener, etc.)
- Toilet paper and paper towels
- Used cell phones
- Non-perishable food items
 - Instant Mashed Potatoes
 - Instant Rice
 - Juice
 - Dinner Rolls (off the shelf)
 - Canned Fruit
 - Canned Vegetables
 - Crackers
 - Cereal/Cereal Bars
 - Peanut Butter
 - Jelly
 - White Sugar
 - Instant Tea/Kool-Aid
 - Canned meats and fish
 - Condiments (ketchup, mayo, mustard)
 - Ready-made meals (stew, ravioli, mac-n-cheese)
 - Long Storage Milk (evaporated or dry)
 - Any other non-perishable food item
- Gift cards for purchase of perishable food items

Annual Carter Pool Party Summer Bash



This year's event was threatened by Mother Nature, but few people took notice. Over thirty people attended an afternoon of great food and camaraderie at Dale & Leslie Carter's home in Mandarin. Many attendees took to the pool on what turned out to be a hot, steamy, August afternoon. The rain did not deter us from swimming. (But the occasional lightning did tend to drive us out of the pool for short spells.)

Our gracious hosts provided excellent food, conversation and facilities. If you were unable to attend this year's event, make plans to do so in 2011.

