



# FOUR *Seasons* Yacht Club



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## Newsletter



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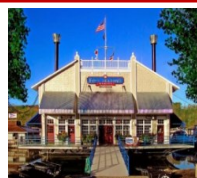
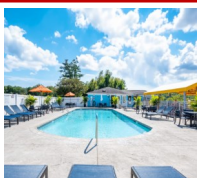
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The Four Seasons Yacht Club (FSYC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to fostering a vibrant and welcoming community of recreational boating enthusiasts and the people who enjoy the laid-back, social lifestyle.

As a **volunteer-driven** club, our members generously contribute their time and energy beyond their daily commitments because we cherish the sense of camaraderie and connection that makes this community so much fun to be a part of. We encourage members to participate actively—whether it's hosting events, sharing expertise, helping clean up, or simply attending to having fun together.

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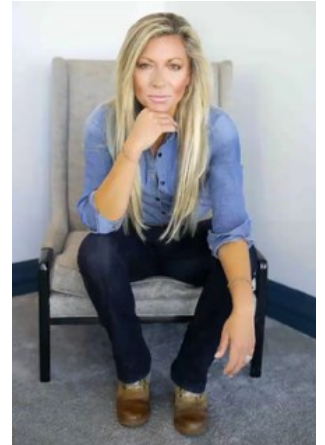


# FROM THE BRIDGE

## Chasta Postler | 2024—2025 Commodore

We survived another Cincinnati winter, and thankfully a mild one! I'm excited for the 2024 boating season and my first year as your Commodore! I've been easing the winter blues by focusing on organizing and preparing for FSYC 2.0. The She-Power is fierce and us amazing women (and a few kind gentlemen) will deliver a season full of epic events.

My number one goal out the gate was streamlining and organizing our communication, while minimizing current cost and time efforts. After hours of research for a free app that keeps social clubs connected, I believe I found it with Spond! We are excited to roll this out and hope you enjoy it, too.



## Past Commodore Mike Swick



It was an honor serving as Commodore the last 2 years. Cathy and I had a blast and met many new friends from all the docks during our time. We look forward to the boating season and being active members. I am also very excited with the new bridge and the positive energy to start the year. Finally, I want to thank everyone who attended the Commodore's Ball for the change of watch ceremony and fantastic celebration.

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the kids everything?  
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Some gifts our families pass on to us aren't measured in dollars. The inheritance discussion can be complicated, but it's needed to reduce conflict, resolve issues and prepare your heirs. My team and I can help you begin a conversation about inheritance planning, family relationships and the responsibilities that come with family wealth.



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# AN EVENING OF ELEGANCE

THE COMMODORE'S BALL | 2024

**T**he **Commodore's Ball** is an biennial gala held to celebrate the Four Seasons Yacht Club members and welcome in our new Bridge for the next two years. We also thank our previous Bridge leadership team for their commitment, time and support to making FSYC an incredible community of boaters. It's a night to celebrate the club's achievements, bond with fellow boaters, and create lasting memories.

Though we typically see each other in shorts or flip flops, the Commodore's Ball is anything but casual. Gentlemen don ties and tuxedos, while ladies grace the occasion in glamorous gowns. The dress code sets the tone for a sophisticated evening, the people are what holds to our motto: We have fun!

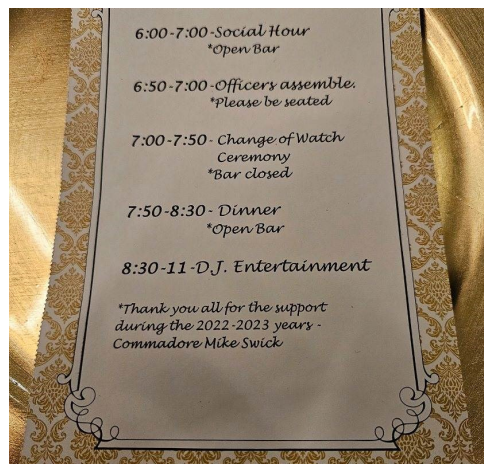
Whether the pre-party in the suite or doing hair and make-up with champagne, members treated themselves to a full day of celebration with

friends. The frigid temperatures outside permeated the hotel, but it didn't take long for the party to heat up.

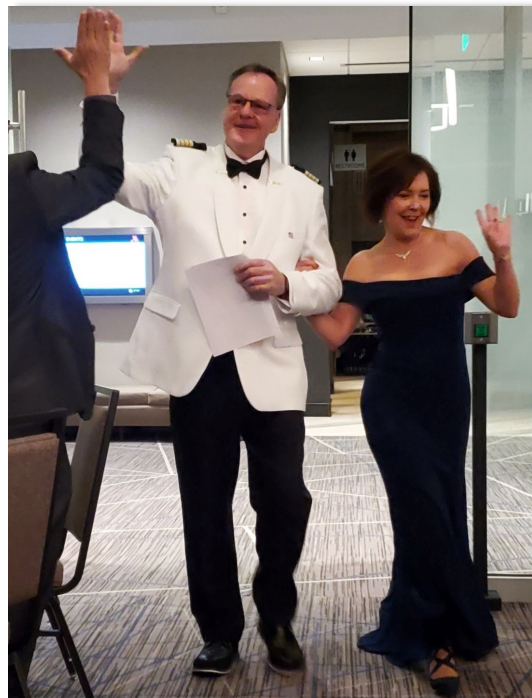
The buffet dinner was in abundance and seconds (sometimes thirds) were had. Dessert, coffee and cocktails kept the energy up as the lights went down on the dance floor.

The formal event ended late evening, but the party continued back in the Presidential Suite. Drinks and conversations continued to flow like the Ohio River into the early morning hours.

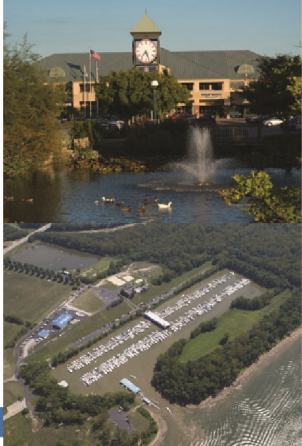
The Commodore's Ball isn't just a party; it's a celebration of passion, community, and the allure of the water we all share. Until our next ball in January 2026, we bridge the gap to the grand event with seeing each other on the docks, anchored out, by the pool and over a drink or donuts. Flip flops and shorts encouraged!











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# CHANGING OF THE WATCH

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## FSYC Welcomes the New Bridge



The highlight of the evening is the ceremony to relieve the outgoing Bridge of duties and swear in the newly elected Bridge to lead the club for the next two years. Chasta is sworn in as the new Commodore by outgoing Commodore Mick Swick. Pictured below are Vice Commodore Julia Nolan, Rear Commodore Lori Haines, Secretary Lisa Linfert, and Treasurer Mike Haines. Fleet Captain Bill Jordan not pictured.









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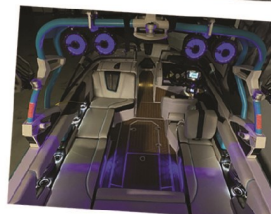
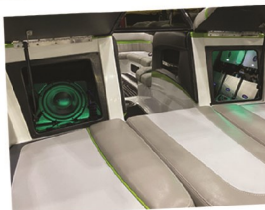


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# MODERN MEMBERSHIP

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**E**xciting news, FSYC! After a lot of research to find a modern and cost-effective way to stay connected, we're thrilled to announce the transition of member communications to Spond.

Spond is designed for keeping social clubs connected and free to use. With Spond, you can tailor your own experience with the following options:

- See the season's upcoming events
- Set up text or email notifications for upcoming events
- RSVP to events and see who else will attend
- Volunteer for set up or clean up to help out the event hosts
- Share pictures and send messages
- Pay FSYC membership dues
- Update your information in case you buy

that new boat or move docks



- Control the availability of your contact information to other members

We have been working to get members transitioned to Spond over the last few weeks, so keep an eye out for notifications and next steps if you haven't already signed up. We will no longer be using Constant Contact emails to communicate going forward.

## Have questions or need help getting set up?

Email [commodore.fsysc@gmail.com](mailto:commodore.fsysc@gmail.com) or [fsycmembership@gmail.com](mailto:fsycmembership@gmail.com) for assistance!

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## Get Ready to Renew

The new season starts June 1

**T**he FSYC season runs from June 1 through May 31, so we are ramping up for renewals. We encourage returning members to renew early so we have a better idea of the season's budget and how many events we can host with great food, beverages and prizes.

New membership cards for returning members will be available soon, and we've got plenty of card stock to make new ones at the club house as we welcome new members to FSYC!

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# ONCE IN A LIFETIME VIEW

## Boating Safety During the Eclipse on the Ohio River

**I**t was 1806 when the last solar eclipse passed by Cincinnati. On **April 8**, a **total solar eclipse** will grace the skies, casting a shadow across the region and the Ohio River or nearby lakes may give one of the most remarkable views.

If you're planning to witness the **2024 solar eclipse** from the Ohio River, here are some tips to ensure a memorable and safe experience:

**Location Matters:** Choose a spot on the Ohio River where you can have an **unobstructed view of the sky**. Avoid areas with excessive light pollution. Being on the water allows you to enjoy unobstructed panoramic views of the

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eclipse, but check river quality and speed!

**Eclipse Path:** The Ohio River offers a unique perspective for viewing the celestial event, with the best views heading down river.

- **Partial Eclipse Start:** The moon will begin to pass in front of the sun at **1:53 p.m.**
- **Totality:** The most awe-inspiring moment will occur from **3:08 to 3:19 p.m.**, when the moon completely obscures the sun, plunging the area into temporary darkness.
- **Path Across Ohio:** The eclipse's path will cut a swath from **southwest to northeast Ohio**, touching cities along the way.
- **Duration in Cincinnati:** In Cincinnati, you'll experience a **partial eclipse** around **3:09 p.m.**

#### Safety Gear and Navigation Tools:

- **Invest in certified eclipse viewing glasses** to protect your vision while observing the sun.
- Ensure your boat is equipped with all necessary safety gear, especially during low-light conditions.
- **Running lights** are required for all boats, and **anchor lights** are necessary for power-driven boats and sailboats at anchor.

Be safe and enjoy the celestial spectacle!





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# RAMPING UP FOR THE SEASON



**Julia Nolan | D-85**  
*Vice Commodore*

I'm moving from Membership to Vice Commodore, and I can't wait to see everyone at the marina. My primary focus is the newsletter, so I'll be working to make sure you enjoy the content. I welcome suggestions and submissions!



**Lori Haines | B-70**  
*Rear Commodore*

I am thrilled to be the new FSYC Rear Commodore. My vision is to bring people together from all the docks with a wide variety of events beginning in March. Club events have a budget set aside, so we invite you to help host an event, volunteer to set up/clean up, or suggest a new idea.



**Lisa Linfert | A-16**  
*Secretary*

This is my first time as Secretary and my first position on the Bridge. I'm excited to be more involved in the club and help out with the monthly board meetings.



**Bill Jordan | B-78**  
*Fleet Captain*

I'm starting as Fleet Captain, but I'm no stranger to coordinating activities on the water. We will start the spring off with Boater's U and Coast Guard inspections.

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**Mike Haines | B-70**  
*Treasurer*

I'm returning as club Treasurer for another season. I look forward to making sure our members get a great value out of FSYC events and keeping an eye on weathering unplanned expenses for the club.



**Gary Smiga | B-61**  
*Quartermaster*

This is my 3<sup>rd</sup> year as Quartermaster, and my role is to keep the clubhouse stocked with supplies for coffee and donuts, monthly board meetings, and our social events. We've got new refrigerator at the club house this season. Let me know if something is lacking!



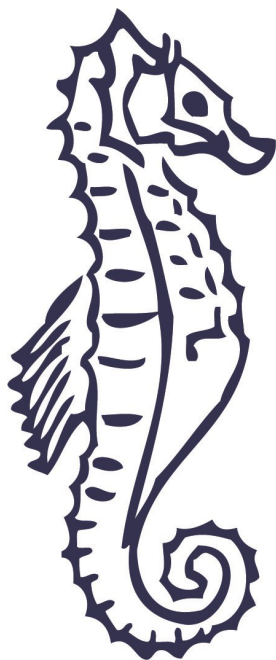
**Rachel Tanner | A-68**  
*Membership*

I'm working on updating membership materials and renewals as the starting point for my new role. I'll be seeing everyone on the docks and can't wait to get new members connected with FSYC.



**David Frey | D-89**  
*Webmaster*

I'm getting the website updated to go along with Spond as our new member database and app to stay more connected. You can always check out the site for pictures and upcoming events.



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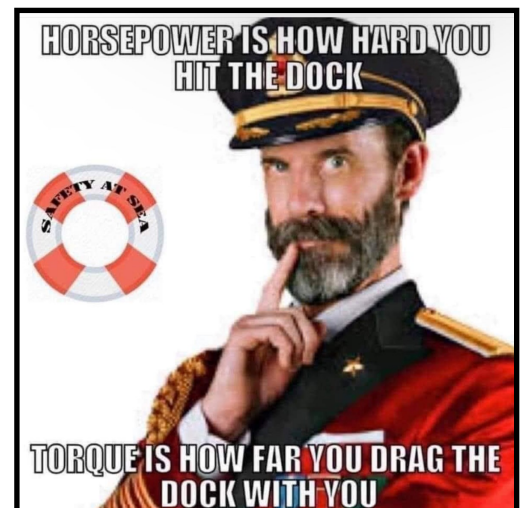


# MADNESS AT THE MARINA

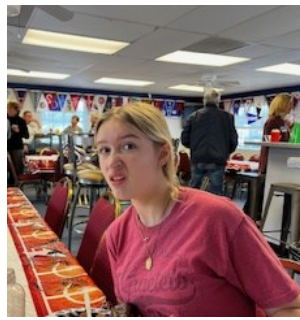
The FSYC Clubhouse was packed just like stands for the Dayton v Arizona clash in an electrifying round of 32 showdown! As always, there was an abundance of food and conversation with friends who may not have seen each other in months (or last seen in formal wear).

It looked gorgeous, but only a single guest was willing to brave the chill and sit outside. Arizona won the game (making Tom and Tracy happy), and the Crawfords covered the first half and final squares! Brian and Jennifer Newton won the "Take a Shot" basket, with Stella walking away with the basket with chocolate and spa supplies (the wine will be returned).

Huge thanks to the Maylebens and the Smigas for hosting a slam dunk party!







Join Us  
May 4th for  
our next  
event!



The Postlers and the Freys are hosting a Derby Party at the FSYC Clubhouse. This event is open to current and prospective members, so please encourage boat neighbors or potential social members to see how We Have Fun!



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# EVENT CALENDAR

Here is the proposed calendar of events for the 2024 FSYC season! Remember to check the FSYC Spond app for current information, what to bring and set reminders.

## JANUARY

**Event:** The Commodore's Ball  
**Details:** 1/20 @ Marriott Rivercenter  
**Host:** The FSYC Bridge

## FEBRUARY

**Event:** Karaoke at Lebo's Bar  
**Details:** 2/24 @ 9 p.m.  
**Host:** Postlers

## MARCH

**Event:** March Madness @ FSYC  
**Details:** 3/23 from 11-3  
**Host:** Maylebens and Smigas

## APRIL

**Event:** Boat wrap recycling available  
**Details:** Dumpster available from 4/15—5/15; instructions on page 17

## MAY

**Event:** Derby Party @ FSYC  
**Details:** 5/4 from 4:30-7:30; open to current and prospective members  
**Host:** Postlers and Freys

**Service:** Coast Guard boat inspections available 5/18 and 25 from 9-3

**Event:** Progressive Dock Hop Dinner  
**Details:** 5/25 from 5:30-10  
**Host:** TBD; host needed per dock

## JUNE

**Service:** Coast Guard boat inspections available 6/8 from 9-3

**Event:** Boozy Brunch @ FSYC  
**Details:** 6/9 from 10 - 1  
**Host:** Postlers

**Event:** Euchre Tournament @ FSYC  
**Details:** 6/15 from 6-9  
**Host:** Trames

**Event:** Fishing Tournament @ FSYC  
**Details:** 6/22; time TBD  
**Host:** Hedricks and Haines

**Service:** Blessing of the Fleet  
**Details:** 6/23 from 12-1 on the water  
**Host:** Jordans and Baehrs

**Event:** Golf Scramble Tournament  
**Details:** 6/29 from 12-4 @ California  
**Host:** Smigas

**Event:** Club Dinner & Golf Awards  
**Details:** 6/29 from 5-9 @ FSYC  
**Host:** TBD; volunteers needed

## JULY

**Event:** Wine Down @ FSYC  
**Details:** 7/12 from 7-9  
**Host:** TBD; volunteers needed

**Event:** Dock Dinner @ FSYC  
**Details:** 7/20; time and details TBD  
**Host:** TBD; volunteers needed

**Event:** Bourbon Tasting @ FSYC  
**Details:** 7/27 from 6-9  
**Host:** Trames

## AUGUST

**Travel:** Groups may raft up for New Richmond Days (August 2-4)

**Travel:** Groups may raft up at Smuggler's Cove (August 8-11)

**Service:** Boater's University @ FSYC on 8/10 at 10 a.m.

**Event:** Parking Lot/After Party @ Pool  
**Details:** 8/24; time and details TBD  
**Host:** TBD; volunteers needed

## SEPTEMBER

**Travel:** Groups may raft up downtown for Labor Day fireworks (Sept 1-2)

**Event:** Euchre Tournament @ FSYC  
**Details:** 9/7 from 6-9  
**Host:** Trames

**Event:** Pirates Ball @ FSYC  
**Details:** 7/28 from 6-9  
**Host:** Sagester/Compton

## OCTOBER

**Event:** Pup Pool Party  
**Details:** 10/5; time and details TBD  
**Host:** Crawford

*More to come!*

## NOV/DEC

*More to come!*



Join us every Saturday morning from May through September for coffee and donuts at the clubhouse (8:30 - 10)

Have an idea for an event or want to volunteer to host or help out? Contact Lori Haines at RearCommodore.FSYC@gmail.com.



FSYC Member meetings are the second Saturday of the month beginning in May. Join us at 10 for a mimosa or bloody Mary!