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Citizens For Florida's Waterways promotes the need for responsible use of Florida's waterways. Our primary objective is to encourage coexistence among recreational and commercial boaters, the marine industry, property owners and the environment. Citizens for Florida's Waterways advocates education in the safe and considerate use of watercraft with respect for the marine environment.

President's Message

HOLIDAY TRADITIONS

My wife just left to rendezvous with her four sisters. This is the 26th year that they have continued their Holiday Tradition - a "Shopping Extravaganza". They literally live at a mall in Orlando for the weekend. Christmas shopping, eating, consuming libations, sleeping, REPEAT. Thinking about how they plan and look forward to their special time together each year made me reflect on the traditions we preserve in our families and communities.

An exciting community Holiday Tradition throughout Florida are the annual Holiday Boat Parades. There are several here in Brevard over the December weekends leading up to Christmas Day. We at CFFW are proud to have sponsored, and organized the parade for two decades of the Merritt Island Christmas Boat Parade and then secured the future of the parade into very responsible and capable hands (<https://www.facebook.com/MIboatparade>). By the time this reaches your inbox, this year's parade will be in the books. Here's a little history and credit to the folks behind this parade, which is well into its fourth decade.

This parade traces back to at least the early 80s. Kenny Buback's family moved to the Sykes Creek

area in '85 and the parade was already an event. Sykes Creek had a different feel in those days. There was a ski jump and slalom course for 3-event waterski tournaments in Kiwanis Basin. Many of the homes that the current parade passes by at the northern reach of the creek did not exist. The early parade route was mostly confined to those that did - Hampton Homes and Catalina Isles. Kenny became the major organizer of the parade a few years after arriving in the area. We founded CFFW in 1994 and Kenny joined and together with George Reynolds (our dearly missed early CFFW President), and additional members Kim Johnson and Gary Haugh, kept the parade going. As the years progressed Kim Johnson became the principal organizer and continued through 2016.

In November of 2017, CFFW solicited the community for new organizers and Aaron Dumont and Kaleb Renneman stepped forward and took over. And boy did they! This is their 5th year and they have taken the parade to a whole new level with nearly 200 boats participating and enumerable homes along the route hosting parties and viewers. Chad Paulsen has joined Aaron and Kaleb the last couple of years

The parade is now a two-night event with a large Captain's Party on the prior Thursday. This used to be a Captain's Meeting where captains registered

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Please Mark Your Calendars!



- » **December 6: Board of Directors Meeting** 6:30 pm
Lighthouse Christian Church on N. Banana River Dr. Open to the public.
- » **December 10: Cocoa Village Holiday Boat Parade** 6pm
Riverfront Park
- » **December 11: Cocoa Beach Christmas Boat Parade**
- » **December 16: Brevard Marine Advisory Council** 6:00 pm
Viera Government Center, Bldg. C, 3rd Floor. Open to the public.
- » **December 16: Merritt Island Christmas Boat Parade Captain's Meeting** 6 pm
Sunset Waterfront Grill and Bar
- » **December 18: 2021 Merritt Island Christmas Boat Parade**
Sykes Creek 6 pm
- » **January 3: Board of Directors Meeting** 6:30 pm
Lighthouse Christian Church on N. Banana River Dr. Open to the public.
- » **January 5: District 2 Dredging Committee Meeting** 6:00 pm
at Kiwanis Island, Merritt Island. Open to the public
- » **January 20: Brevard Marine Advisory Council** 6:00 pm
Viera Government Center, Bldg. C, 3rd Floor. Open to the public.
- » **April 2-3: CFFW 25th Marine Flea Market at Harbor Town Marina**

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When Does Your Membership Expire?
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their boats and got some guidance on participation and competition for best decorated boat(s). Now, the Party is a huge event of its own and includes registration for parade route homeowners for best viewing parties.

I would love to know the earlier history and the people behind the first few years of the parade. If you read this and are aware of any of the early history, please drop me a line (ratkins@cffw.org)

Whatever your Holiday Traditions are at your home and with your families, we at CFFW wish you the Happiest of Holidays and a bright New Year. ❖

The Need for More Speed

Everyone has a “need for speed” at some point, whether it’s that G-force-inducing hole shot or flat-out running speed necessary to beat the competition to that prime fishing hole. Start by keeping your hull and running gear clean and free of growth, which will go a long way toward getting your glide on.

Upgrading your prop is also a relatively inexpensive way to improve your boat’s speed. There are a number of characteristics that determine how a new propeller will perform when installed on a particular boat, however, primary factors to consider are construction material (aluminum versus stainless steel) diameter, pitch angle, and the number of propeller blades.

Aluminum props cost less and are also cheaper to repair or replace if damaged. If you damage an

aluminum prop, you can repair or probably even replace it for less money than it takes to repair a stainless-steel prop.

Stainless steel props are more expensive but last longer. They’re stronger and have less flexing, so they hold a truer pitch. This in turn equates to overall better performance and fuel economy. Stainless steel props are the better choice for saltwater and for use with higher power engines.

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Benefits: A clean bottom not only increases speed but improves fuel economy. Selecting the right prop can help improve most any aspect of boat operation, from increased pickup and higher top-end speeds to increased fuel efficiency or better load-carrying performance.

Cost: For trailer boats with unpainted bottoms, maintaining a clean bottom will cost detailing supplies, time, and elbow grease. The cost of a new propeller will vary. Keep in mind, however, that while focusing on one specific characteristic may make sense in some cases, a propeller, which maximizes one desirable attribute, typically does so at the expense of others. You may want a propeller that provides good pickup out of the hole, fuel efficiency at cruising speeds, and maximum performance at top speed, but the only way to maximize each is by carrying three different props! Most boaters will have to find a happy medium, one where a prop improves the characteristic they want, but also delivers good overall performance.

More Planing Efficiency

Planing efficiency means your boat will see increased speed, comfort, and fuel efficiency. Proper boat trim and planing efficiency go hand in hand. Achieving static (nonmoving) trim can be as simple as balancing your boat by distributing weight (e.g., passengers, coolers, portable fuel tanks) to keep the hull floating level.

Achieving stationary trim is one thing, however you'll need to make adjustments while underway to account for speed, water conditions, and

direction of travel (with regard to waves and wind). Smaller boats, for example, will ride bumpier in surface chop if left trimmed at calm-water angles.

Fortunately, trim options for today's boater aren't limited to repositioning big-boned Aunt June in efforts to provide a smoother ride. Tilt and trim controls for outboards and sterndrive units provide an easy touch-of-a-button solution for making those on-the-fly adjustments.

Trim tabs (such as the Bennett SLT Self-Leveling Tabs) and products like the Doel-Fin and the StingRay Classic Hydrofoil Stabilizers are also popular aftermarket installation options to help improve planing efficiency.

Benefits: A properly trimmed boat is safer to operate and provides a more comfortable ride, better speed, and increased fuel economy. Monitor vessel trim throughout the day so you can make adjustments as the contents of fuel tanks and ice chests are used or consumed.

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Cost: Proper stowage of gear and placement of passengers to achieve proper trim and planing cost nothing but a little planning and common sense. The SLT trim tabs cost around \$130 or so (depending on model) while the Doel-Fin and StingRay Classic Hydrofoil Stabilizers can be purchased for less than \$50.

More Fuel Economy

There are a number of easy ways to improve fuel economy, such as staying on top of routine engine maintenance and transferring excess weight ashore. Another easy one is modifying how you operate your boat. For example, reducing the time a planing hull displaces water prior to coming up on plane can also improve fuel economy. That's not to say you should gun the throttle to Warp 8 in order get on a plane quicker though. What we're talking here is bringing the boat up to speed at a quick yet modest, steady, safe pace.

If you want OPEC nation leaders to mutter while shaking their fists at the sky, consider installing a fuel flow meter to accurately monitor engine performance by monitoring fuel consumption. Utilizing fuel line sensors, flow meters measure fuel flow and calculate the amount of fuel consumed by your engine, providing the information in gallons per hour, total gallons consumed, or (if interfaced with a GPS unit) even nautical miles per gallon. Meters range from relatively simple analog units to complex digital display units that can combine flow meter functions with engine hours, tachometer, and display of remaining fuel and estimated range.

Once you establish a fuel consumption baseline for your boat under normal operation, conditions that can decrease fuel efficiency (such as a bent prop, fouled bottom, or clogged fuel injector) become more readily apparent. This allows you to correct problems before they worsen while saving fuel that would otherwise have been wasted prior to discovery.

Benefits: Using less fuel means spending more time on the water for less money. The fuel usage data provided by a fuel flow meter can also help find your boat's operational "sweet spot" by determining the most efficient trim, running speed, and weight distribution. Many boat owners find that simply increasing or decreasing their running speed a few hundred RPM can increase their range by as much as 20%.

Cost: Prices vary based on the installation (type of unit desired, number of engines to be monitored) and how much of a DIYer you are. Depending on the flow meter you purchase, be prepared to cut fuel lines, drill mounting holes for gauges, and run wires. Flow meters have typically used mechanical measurement tools (such as turbine or positive displacement units) in the past to monitor fuel flow. However, many newer units use ultrasonic sensors to transmit flow-rate data, greatly simplifying installation.

That said, a typical install for a twin engine boat can run upward of \$1,200. While that might seem like an expensive proposition at first glance, the savings will add up quickly. ❖

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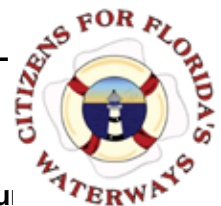
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