



District 8 - Florida International Order of the Blue Gavel

Yachting Customs and Courtesies

Change of Watch Ceremonies - Pelican Isle Yacht Club

The General Manager introduces himself and says:

"I would like to introduce the evening's Master of Ceremonies, Mr. _____."

The Master of Ceremonies (_____) asks the members and guests to be seated at their designated seat in the dining room. A table for 8 is being reserved for the Flag Officers.

The officers and their spouses are assembled just outside the dining room, in reverse order of precedence.

"Ladies and Gentlemen, may I have your attention while I present the Past Commodores in attendance and the officers of the (name) Yacht Club." "Past Commodore Name and his wife Name" 1 Bell; "Past Commodore Name and his wife Name" 1 Bell;...until all attending Past Commodores are introduced.

Rear Commodore: _____ and his wife, _____

Vice Commodore: _____ and his wife, _____

After the Vice Commodore and his spouse are seated the Master of Ceremonies says, "Ladies and Gentlemen, please rise for our Commodore _____ and his wife _____." 2 bells

Past Commodore - _____ who will deliver the invocation" _____'s delivery of the invocation shall be followed by Posting of the Colors

"Ladies and gentlemen, please remain standing for the "Posting of the colors" by the High School Color Guard under the direction of Name"

After the color guard exit:

"Ladies and gentlemen, before we enjoy this meal and each other's company, let us bow our heads for a moment of silence and offer thanks, each in our own way, for our many gifts."

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Dinner...

Following dinner the change of command takes place, as follows.

The Master of Ceremonies asks for the attention of the assembled members and guests and makes a few brief remarks about the reason for the gathering.

“Ladies and Gentlemen, the Change of Watch marks the Change of Command to the newly elected Commodore and his bridge and also serves to introduce the other newly elected Officers and Directors.

The Master of Ceremonies then introduces the current (outgoing) Commodore, “Ladies and Gentlemen may I present our Commodore _____.”

_____ responds with prepared brief remarks, and then introduces the new Commodore _____. _____ will also present the new Commodore with the Commodore’s flag and insignia.

The new Commodore will make a few brief remarks and make a presentation (a gift) to the outgoing Commodore in behalf of the Club. He will also hand him the 3 silver stars and the Past Commodores flag. The outgoing Commodore will then return to his seat.

The new Commodore will then introduce the newly elected officers and asks them to step forward, “For this ceremony please wear your caps.

Vice Commodore _____, Rear Commodore _____, Secretary _____,

Fleet Captains, Etc...

The new Commodore then presents the appropriate flag and insignia of office to each of the newly elected officers. Following the presentation of the last flag, the new Commodore will return to the podium and the new Vice Commodore, _____ will give the command, “HAND, SALUTE.”

The newly installed officers salute and the Commodore returns the salute and the officers return to their seats.

The new Commodore then introduces the Board of Directors,

_____, _____, _____,

_____, _____, _____.

The new Commodore makes brief closing remarks and ends the ceremonies.

Let’s dance!