



District 8 - Florida International Order of the Blue Gavel

Yachting Customs and Courtesies

Commodore's Ball - Pelican Isle Yacht Club

The Commodore's Ball is an annual gala dinner-dance held in honor of the current Commodore. The "ball" is a purely social function and the program, if any, should be kept to an absolute minimum.

Uniforms

Current flag officers and all past commodores will wear their formal uniform as outlined in "Yacht Club Attire and Insignia".

Entrance March (Grand March)

The Commodore's Ball shall begin with a formal entrance or "Grand March" of officers and spouses. This is an opportunity for the members to recognize and thank the people who are responsible for the Club for the year. Current flag officers and spouses gather in the front hall in reverse order of precedents. The line is arranged as follows:

Rear Commodore, Vice Commodore, Commodore

All caps are carried under the left arm. Women regardless whether in uniform or not are on the right arm of the men.

(Script is attached)

Master of Ceremonies Script For the Entrance March Commodore's Ball

Name here, GM will introduce the evening's Master of Ceremonies, _____.

Master of Ceremony: "Ladies and Gentlemen, may I have your attention while I present the officers of the (name of yacht Club) for the year _____"

"Rear Commodore _____ and his wife or her husband _____"

"Vice Commodore _____ and his wife or her husband _____"

"Ladies and Gentlemen, please rise and welcome your Commodore _____ and his wife or her husband _____."

"Ladies and Gentlemen, please continue to stand for a brief invocation by _____"

(Invocation)

"Ladies and Gentlemen, please be seated."