



## **District 8 - Florida International Order of the Blue Gavel**

### *Yachting Customs and Courtesies*

#### **Commodore's Ball Script - Venice Yacht Club**

Please be at the club no later than 4:45 PM for pictures.

Lobby Receiving Line: Beginning at 5:45 PM the receiving line will end approximately 6:15 PM. Receiving line will consist of the immediate Past Commodore, Commodore, Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore.

Hostess will ring chimes at approximately 6:45 PM. Guests shall proceed to seating. Head table will gather and line up in the corridor outside GM's office.

Gen. Manager will ask members and guests to be seated and will introduce the Master of Ceremonies, and his wife . They will walk in and take their place at the head table.

Introductions: Master of Ceremonies will introduce the head table. They will be announced and will walk in proceed to their place at the head table where they will remain standing while all others are introduced.

#### Order of introductions

Fleet Chaplin:

Fleet Surgeon:

Fleet Captain-Sail:

Fleet Captain-Power:

Secretary:

Rear Commodore:

Vice Commodore:

Past Commodore:

Commodore:

Pledge of Allegiance: Master of Ceremonies will introduce Master Gunnery Sergeant to present the colors and will ask all to please rise. Master of Ceremonies will lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Master of Ceremonies will introduce singer to sing God Bless America.

Invocation: Master of Ceremonies will ask Reverend to give the invocation.

Recognition of Past Commodores: Master of Ceremonies will introduce the members of the Blue gavel present and their wives/husbands – asking that they remain standing and hold applause until all are recognized. (Attach list)

Dinner Toasts: Master of Ceremonies will ask Immediate Past Commodore to offer a toast to the Commodore. Commodore will then offer a toast to Immediate Past Commodore.

Master of Ceremonies will announce "Please enjoy dinner and we will be back during dessert!" Proceed with dinner.

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After Dinner: Master of Ceremonies will call up Immediate Past Commodore to present the flag to the Commodore. The Commodore will then present the flag and plaque of appreciation to the Immediate Past Commodore.

Presentation of Flags: Master of Ceremonies will ask each flag officer to approach the podium where the Commodore will present their flag and shake hands and pose for photo.

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Fleet Captain-Power:

Secretary:

Rear Commodore:

Vice Commodore:

Recognition of Directors: Commodore will then recognize and introduce Board of Directors, asking them to stand, remain standing and hold applause until all are announced. Insert names here...

The Commodore will introduce his/her family and make closing remarks.

The Commodore will offer a closing toast and thanks to the Committees.

The Commodore will ask Fleet Chaplain to give the benediction.

Master of Ceremonies will announce that the Commodore and his wife/her husband will take to the dance floor and dance their first dance. Master of Ceremonies will invite members to join the Commodore in their first dance.

End of scheduled activities – dance to follow.