



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

### *Yachting Customs and Courtesies*

#### **Uniforms - Pelican Isle Yacht Club**

“Why a Uniform?”

The maritime heritage and respect for tradition inherent in a yacht club requires the occasional wearing of a uniform. The fact that uniforms are a part of club life does not automatically lead to the conclusion that yacht clubs are in any way connected to the navies of the world....yacht club uniforms ... vary from club to club and region to region. However basic principles remain the same throughout all clubs

Uniforms Must be Uniform!

A club that has a uniform should make every effort to ensure that when it is worn, it is properly worn. The purpose of the uniform is to instill a sense of pride and camaraderie among the club's members.” Yachting Customs and Courtesies, P/C Joseph A. Tringali, J.D. c 2006

Each yacht Club may adopt their own uniform, an example would be:

The Blazer: Navy Blue, single breasted with patch pockets, two or three-button front and three or four buttons on each sleeve, all buttons brass. The official PIYC Blazer Emblem with crossed anchors, burgee, and rank if appropriate\* is sewn on the left breast pocket.

Cap (Cover): Standard naval officer's cap with white cover, black patent leather chin strap, black buttons, two fowl anchor cap device with individual yacht club enameled disc and rank if appropriate\*.

For the Gentlemen:

Trousers: White without cuffs. Plain front preferred

Belt: Plain white web belt with plain brass buckle

Shirt and Tie: Plain long-sleeved white shirt with pointed collar and yacht club tie.

Footwear: White socks and shoes.

For the women:

Skirt or Slacks: White straight or A-line style skirt of approximate knee length or white straight leg slacks with no cuffs

Blouse and Scarf: Plain white blouse, either short or long sleeves with a pointed collar worn open with yacht club scarf tied loosely under the collar of blouse.

Footwear: White shoes

Service or Summer Uniform (optional):

For the Gentlemen: Removes the blazer and tie and changes the shirt to a white short-sleeved, open collar shirt with epaulets and yacht club soft shoulder boards with crossed fowl anchors, burgee and rank if appropriate\*.

For the Women: Removes the blazer, skirt, blouse and scarf and adds white trousers without cuffs, plain front preferred, and a white short-sleeved open collar shirt with epaulets and yacht club soft shoulder boards with crossed fowl anchors, burgee and rank if appropriate\*. Either a skirt or slacks may be worn.