



Fleet News



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With the return of our winter residents, and in conjunction with the tree-lighting ceremony immediately afterwards, our December's Boaters' meeting was successful and well-attended. After the ceremony, all of the upstairs dining rooms, including the bar, were nearly full, as many members stayed for dinner.

Last month we had several very successful and fun-filled cruises. First, came the Bimini Basin raft-up, led by the Roushes and Tapkens. After that was the Venice-Sarasota cruise, led by the Ferrys. All of these cruise leaders were recognized for their outstanding contributions during the Boaters' Meeting.

The most significant event in November was the Fleet Review, held on November 15, organized and led by Vice



Membership Renewal

With the new year, is it time to renew your membership? RPYC has a discount program for Boat U.S. membership. Membership renewals should be \$15 for our club members.

Commodore, Herb Schneider, and orchestrated by Parade Marshal, Len Zych. This year was different in that the Fleet Review was separate from our Change of Watch so that our Snowbirds could attend, as well as to allow for better odds of good weather. All of these changes proved to be on target, as the marina was full. We couldn't have asked for better weather. Because of the excellent results this year, we plan to do the same next year.

This Fleet Review was successful because of the contributions of a number of Royal Palm members who took part as boat captains, handling administrative tasks, as well as ceremonial assignments. Not

least were the contributions of the Royal Palm staff, who made this well-orchestrated event run smoothly. For those who were not able to attend this year, I highly recommend you plan ahead for next year, because it is a most impressive event.

By now I know that everyone is very well aware of the "Friends and Family" new membership program which is currently beginning for January. This is a good time to beef up our membership roster for the future, so don't let this opportunity to include your friends and family in our club pass. I have found that by bringing prospects to our exciting Boaters' Meetings is a good way to introduce them to the fun of our club and make them want to be a part of it. As you know, guests are always welcome.



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