



Florida Yacht Club

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The Florida Yacht Club is located in the historic Ortega neighborhood, with a view of the city's skyline. We are near the Naval Air Station and only ten minutes from the Jaguars' stadium in downtown Jacksonville. Guests can stay overnight at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Jacksonville, which was the site of the original FYC clubhouse. During the Great Fire of 1901, panicked residents fled to the FYC docks to escape the flames but became trapped. This tragic event, known as the Market Street Horror, is marked with a 40' commemorative monument.



History

Following the Civil War, William Backhouse Astor, Jr. was one of the many wealthy northerners who sought winter refuge in Florida. He sailed from New York and lived aboard his yacht, *Ambassadors*. This prompted him to found The Florida Yacht Club in downtown Jacksonville in 1876. Astor believed the Club's location on the St. Johns River was ideal for yachting and social activities, and he was chosen the Club's first Commodore. When the original clubhouse burned down in the Great Fire of 1901, FYC found temporary quarters. With membership growing, the Club moved to our current location at in 1928.



Marinas

We have two impressive marinas. The St. Johns River marina has a rock jetty, a floating dock with both 30-amp and 50-amp service, and an in-slip, pump-out system. The Pirate's Cove marina has a private boat ramp, trailer parking, mechanical lift, and dry storage. FCYC members traveling by boat can contact our dockmaster for a reservation.



Activities

When The Florida Yacht Club began, yachting and social activities were the primary focus, but over time, swimming, tennis, fitness, and pickleball were added. Each year, the Club hosts a number of regattas, fishing tournaments, races, and cruises, along with our popular Youth Sailing Programs.

