

FHYC General Meeting (Virtual)

June 11th, 2020

Commodore Ritchie Thompson called the meeting to order at 19:30 hrs. He welcomed participating members and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence in remembrance of all that passed away in the pandemic and for charter member Virginia (Jinie) Nehring who passed away on April 25th. Dick and Jinie Nehring joined FHYC in 1984 and Dick was the first Commodore.

Graham Jones gave a presentation on “Waterway Guides”. A helpful tool for cruisers covering an area from the Great Lakes to the Bahamas.

Dr. Kathie King gave her updated report on the Covid-19 virus and recommended that the FHYC members act responsibly and follow guidelines for Phase 2 as proposed by the CDC and NC DHHS.

Pam Miller introduced our newest member Joan Wilson. Buddy and Chris Jewell were present attending their second meeting.

Total membership is 160. 156 Regular members, 1 Charter and 3 Complimentary.

Noted was the anniversary of Peggy Doyle – 25 years.

Commodore Thomson requested the May General Meeting minutes to be accepted as published on the FHYC website. (AR/AV) With no objections voiced they are considered accepted.

The May Financial Statements were approved by the Board and can be viewed on the website.

Rear Commodore Barbara Robinson advised members that the Education Committee was sponsoring a video on “How to get the most out of your Sailboat” on June 12th at 9 am. The Maintenance Committee reports that a temporary marker 15 is in place in Spring Creek. An inventory was taken of all items belonging to various Committees. There are plans to establish a committee in 2021 in order to keep the inventory up to date. The old banners have been retrieved from the POA and have been added to our inventory and can be used for various events. She thanked the members who had donated dock boxes and expressed her wish for some more to be donated.

Vice Commodore Adrian Vergot reminded any members who need assistance to access the Digital Semaphore, to contact Larry Knapp. Deadline for the Semaphore is noon next Monday.

The library is now “open” but is locked due to POA/NC DHHS guidelines. A member may use the library by obtaining the key from the POA office.

Phil Katz, chair of the Cruising Committee reported on the following cruises:

Cape Lookout cruise was cut short due to heavy winds.

“Three Dinner Cruise” will be led by George Stateham on June 18 – 21st

“Small Boat Cruise” to Latham Whitehurst Park is scheduled for 27th June with Phil Katz and Ginger Lacy being cruise leaders.

July 4th Anchorage is pending on the fireworks.

The “Local Water Cruise” is scheduled for July 17th – July 21st but needs a cruise leader.

A “Poker Run” is scheduled for Aug. 15th

Manteo Cruise is scheduled for Aug. 17th -26th.

Shakedown and Winetasting will be scheduled for September.

For Entertainment we have the Fall Appreciation dinner on October 13th at the Harbour Pointe Bar and Grill and the “Chili Cook Off” on November 10th at the Community Center.

The Holiday Part/Commissioner’s Ball is set for Dec. 10th.

The Regatta Committee reported the results from the Wilkerson race. Other planned races:

Sunfish racing on June 21st – PRO Joan Wilson

Ensign racing – Mark Hittner will provide updated information later in the summer

Father’s Day Holiday Fun race – Saturday 20th @ 1:00 pm (with social distancing).

A survey was done to get a feel of how many members could not access the digital Semaphore or join the Virtual General Meetings.

Kathie King and a few Board members telephoned 43 members who had joined the FHYC before 2005. From that it was obvious that some are in need of help and we can plan as to who needs a paper copy and who needs more IT assistance. Adrian offered to take care of that issue.

Ritchie is looking for volunteers who might help with getting others on board to be able to join the Virtual General Meetings.

The Senate Bill 796 – Harbour Master/Fairfield Harbour proposal created quite a bit of “flurry”, but generated ideas and proposals with the intent to improve cooperation between FHYC and the Sheriff’s Dept. with actions taken by Ralph Azersky. Dave Phipps and Doug King have offered to look into the feasibility of creating a Harbour Watch program for our area.

FHYC will continue to stay social via Quarantini Cruising on Saturdays. Adrian is hoping to stage the “Kite Flying Day” within the next two weeks and invites the community to join in with a shoreline “Bring your own” picnic.

The Book of the Great Lockdown is in the planning stages with the hope to see it published and for sale in the near future. Pictures, recipes, limericks and histories will be included. Please provide materials to Lois Andrews and Adrian Vergot.

Ritchie opened the “floor” to members. Buddy Jewell said that he was very impressed with the way the Club was staying active.

Meeting adjourned at 20:56 hrs.

Respectfully Submitted

Yvonne Meissner

Secretary