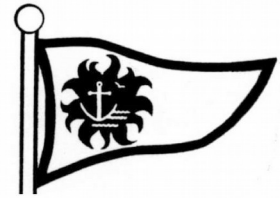


# The Semaphore

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The Three Dinner Cruise and Shrimparoo are now over. The Three Dinner Cruise had a mix of boaters and land yachters. What a great way to cruise without having to cook.

As fall approaches there are many waypoints from which to choose. The yacht club's premier race, the Oar Race, will sail to Oriental on September 3 and the Michelob Ultra Race will return to New Bern on the 4th. Here is your opportunity to get in some long distance racing on Labor Day weekend. For those not involved in the races, an Overnight Cruise is scheduled for the same dates at Cedar Creek. Plan to watch the racers on your way.

Two longer cruises are scheduled this month. The first is an eight-day cruise to Bald Head Island September 11-18. The dates have changed from that published in the Yearbook to allow members to participate in the MS Bike-a-thon. This cruise provides a chance to see some of the sights south of the Neuse River. The second cruise is the annual trip to Ocracoke September 22-27. Fall is always a wonderful time to visit there without the swarm of people.

For those not going on the Bald Head Island cruise, the Full Moon Raft-up will be Tuesday, September 13, starting at 1730 as the daylight hours begin to diminish. The next night, the 14th, is the Yacht Club Dinner, which will be at Water's Edge in River Bend.

Hopefully the fall will bring some better sailing weather – cooler temperatures and adequate but not overbearing winds. Fun Racing continues for another two months. The fall Dinghy/Sunfish race series begins on Sunday, September 11, and continues for several weeks. The Ensign Practice Race is set for Thursday, September 29, with the fall series beginning in October.

Hope to see you at one or more events in this fun packed month.

*Louise Knight  
Commodore*



## General Meeting August 11, 2016

Commodore Louise Knight called the meeting to order at 1930 and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Commodore reminded members to use the microphones and mute cell phones.

**Introduction of Guests:** Leigh Pfefferkorn introduced guests Ellen McElrey and Phil Hewitt; Kathie King introduced Ellen and Fred Lacey; Reiner Zeppenfeld introduced Rick and Pam Miller; Norman Messner introduced his cousin Gerhard Jung; Wayne Fretwell introduced Julie Mincey; and Margaret Rose introduced her granddaughter.

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## What's Happening

September	Sa	3	Oar Race.....
	Sa-Su	3-4	Overnight Cruise.....
	Tu	6	Board Meeting (ac)..... 0900
	Tu	6	Fun Racing.....
	Th	8	Yacht Club General Meeting (cc)..... 1930
	Fr	9	Education Seminar.....
	Su	11	Dinghy/Sunfish Racing.....
	Su-Su	11-18	Bald Head Island Cruise.....
	Tu	13	Fun Racing.....
	Tu	13	Full Moon Raft-up..... 1730
	We	14	Yacht Club Dinner.....
	Su	18	Dinghy/Sunfish Racing.....
	Tu	20	Fun Racing.....
	Th-Tu	22-27	Ocracoke Cruise.....
	Tu	27	Fun Racing.....
	Th	29	Ensign Practice Day.....

(cc) = Community Center (ac) = Activity Center

**Deadline for the next issue is noon on Monday, September 12**

Delivery is Saturday, September 24

**Minutes of July Meeting and Treasurer's Report:** The Commodore called for a motion to dispense with the reading of the July minutes as published in the *Semaphore*. THE MOTION WAS MADE AND CARRIED TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF AND TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE JULY MEETING AS PUBLISHED IN THE *SEMAPHORE*. (T. Clark/B. Jarvis). The treasurer's report has been approved by the Board, with copies available from Treasurer Hird.

**Program:** Margie Dunn introduced Carolyn Fulcher from the Insurance Center, who spoke about the new FEMA flood maps and how they will affect Harbour properties.

**Rear Commodore John Jackson Committee Reports:**

**Education:** The next program will be held in September. Kathie King reported that a first aid program will be held on September 9 and a CPR session in November.

**Marine Assistance:** Ted Clark and Ralph Azersky towed a 26 foot Sea Ray to the launch ramp.

**Program:** Chair Olwen Jarvis reported that next month's program

will be given by Mike Campbell, Regional Education Specialist with the Wildlife Education Division, NC Wildlife Resources Commission, who will speak about snakes, alligators, and other animals found in Eastern North Carolina.

**Vice Commodore Doug King Committee Reports:**

**Public Relations:** Ellen Ringle has sent articles to the *Beacon*.

**Semaphore:** Members were reminded that the deadline for the *Semaphore* is next Monday, August 15, at noon.

**Commodore Louise Knight Committee Reports:**

**Cruising:** George Stateham reported on the Three Dinner Cruise, to be held from August 18-21; Marc Bergmueller reported on the Shrimp-aroo, scheduled for August 20; Mark West spoke regarding the next Raft-up on August 15 and the Overnight Cruise on Labor Day weekend. Don Knight reported on the upcoming Bald Head Island Cruise, to be held September 11-18. The second cruise to Ocracoke is scheduled for September 22-27.

**Information Processing:** Mark West apologized for an e-mail sent in error to club members when he was transitioning information to the club's new website.

**Membership:** Chair Lynn Stateham reported that the club has ten new members this year. A new members' orientation is being scheduled August 15 at Jarvis' house.

**Yacht Club Dinners:** There is no August dinner. Darlene Cleveland reported that the September dinner will be held at the Water's Edge in River Bend.

**Anniversary Recognitions:** Commodore Knight congratulated Len and Dee Dricks for twenty years; Jim and Mary Florence and Bob and Kathy Petritsch for ten years, and Dick and Pam Gaskill for five years.

**Hospitality:** Rear Commodore John Jackson thanked the evening's

hosts, Neil and Mary Ann Ober and Randall and Margie Dunn for their work.

**Commodore's Announcements:** A U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Navigating Local Waters session is scheduled for August 27, from 9 – 12, at Mount Olive University.

**For the Good of the Club:** Kate Clark explained to the membership the "Sponsor an Acre LLC" which is trying to raise funds for the purchase of the Harbour amenities. Maury Thompson, representing the "Investment LLP", spoke regarding this group's effort to raise funds through investments also for the purchase of the Harbour amenities. Cherylle Hird announced that free magazines and circus tickets were on the board table. Maury Thompson announced that there are two vacancies on the POA's Property Control Committee.

**Adjournment:** A MOTION WAS MADE AND CARRIED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 1035. (D. Knight/O. Jarvis)

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara West  
Secretary Pro-tem

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**September Program**

Mike Campbell, who is the Regional Education Specialist with the Wildlife Education Division, NC Wildlife Resources Commission, will be our speaker. Mike will be informing us about wildlife in the Harbour, all of which were here before we were! He will tell us about snakes, alligators, and bears in particular. We have had numerous accounts of snakes in and around boats and of alligators in our creeks and bears in our yards. Be informed and prepared in how to deal with these animals. Be assured Mike will NOT be bringing live specimens.

Olwen Jarvis  
Past Commodore

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**Deadline**

Deadline is 1200 the Monday following the Yacht Club Meeting. Please e-mail articles to the address listed below:  
[fhycsemaphore@gmail.com](mailto:fhycsemaphore@gmail.com)

## Full Moon Raft-up

The next Full Moon Raft-up is scheduled for Tuesday, September 13, beginning at 1730 in the Inner Harbour. Remember to bring an appetizer to share and the beverage of your choice.

If you plan on attending the raft-up, please send an email to Mark West at:

mark@ontheboat.us

Everyone who registers for the raft-up will be informed of any last minute changes should weather be a problem.

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## Education Report

Your Education Committee continues in Summer Break mode. This includes preparations for our return to Active Programming mode for our September program.

On Friday, September 9, the morning after our September meeting, our Fleet Surgeon and wife of our Vice Commodore, Kathie King, will present a program on Medical Preparation for Cruising and Use of First Aid Kits. Please come to the Community Center at 0900 on that Friday morning to gain information everyone hopes to not need on taking care of medical issues that might present themselves while we're out on our boats traveling or visiting up and down our cruising waters, or racing, or fishing, or whatever floats your boat. This program could prove to be vital to you.

Also, for anyone who feels the need for improving or brushing up on his or her navigation skills, Ruthie Levin has offered to provide another class on navigation for those who missed out on her earlier class. This program will be scheduled by you and Ruthie and whoever else wants to attend at a mutually convenient time. Call Ruthie for more information and to work out a convenient time to take advantage of this opportunity.

*Bob Fortenbaugh*  
*Education Committee Chair*



## Fall Appreciation Dinner

The Fall Appreciation Dinner will be held on Thursday, October 20, at Taberna Country Club. Come enjoy dinner and fellowship and see what interesting awards Vice Commodore Doug King will bestow on our members! Look for the flyer in this issue and get your reservation in before October 10.

*Pam Gaskill and Kathy Fortenbaugh*  
Fall Appreciation Dinner Co-chairs



## September Overnight Cruise

An overnight cruise is scheduled for Saturday, September 3. Cruisers will raft-up in the vicinity of the starting line for the John Walsh Memorial Oar Race. The first race begins at 1100. Once all of the classes have started, the raft will break and cruisers will work their way down river—taking care not to interfere with the racing fleet—and stand by in the vicinity of the finish line. Following the race, the cruisers will move to Cedar Creek to spend a night at anchor after enjoying a splash on one of the boats. Watch for details on the broadcast email system.

*Mark West*

## CPR Class Scheduled

Are you prepared if someone needs CPR on your vessel? The FHYC has been sponsoring American Heart Association Heartsaver training for several years. This certification is valid for two years. This course will be offered on Thursday, November 10, at 1300 at the Community Center, which is the same date as the regularly scheduled FHYC meeting. The course will be presented by Glenna Moore, who has been the previous instructor. The text for the course is the new (July 1, 2016) Heartsaver First Aid/CPR/AED manual by Louis Gonzalez. A limited number of texts will be available for borrowing from the FHYC. The course fee is \$50 of which \$15 is subsidized by the FHYC. More details about signing up for the course will be provided later.

*Joel Berberich*

## Ocracoke Cruise September 22 to 27

Ocracoke is typically our most popular cruising destination and we expect this year to be no different. For details see the flyer in this issue of the *Semaphore*. Those of you who missed the spring cruise to attend the music festival because of weather, here is your chance to get even.

Remember that if you have your National Parks seniors' card, you receive a 50% discount at the park docks, so take your card with you. If you're over 62 and don't have one, they're easy to get by mail and information on the process is readily available on line. You can also buy them at any National Park (Havelock) or even the Ocracoke docks.

Cruise leaders are Paul and Linda Eckenroth, so sign up and join in the fun.

*George Stateham  
Cruising Captain*

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## Membership Update

So far this year we have welcomed ten new member couples, and we have four more couples in the process of joining FHYC.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor or know of someone who would like to join, I always have application packages at the general meetings or you can call me and I'll get one to you.

Additionally, the entire application package is on the website. Please be sure to download all the forms so you will have a complete set, then let me or one of the other members of the Committee know that you have done this so we can help you with the process.

Thank you!

*Lynn Stateham  
Membership*



## Your Past Commodores and A Little History

I spoke at length with Marion Goodmen who shared the following information with me regarding the history of this event.

Back in 1993 Commodore Frank Goodmen and Bob Wolf, commodore in 1989, had a wonderful idea. Why not celebrate the commodores who give a very full year of service to our Yacht club? They planned to organize a cocktail and dinner party, and so Frank held the first of these wonderful gatherings. This gathering was scheduled for the first weekend in November or the first weekend in February, but it was left to the discretion of the commodore. Winter uniform has always been the dress code for the evening.

This celebration has continued. Now, five years after being commodore one organizes the party for the past commodores and their guests. We broke with tradition by holding my party in August. I requested summer uniform. Your wonderful PC's all arrived complete with navy blazers, white shirts and shoes, and ties! We happily abandoned our blazers immediately since the temperature was close to 94 degrees! After cocktails at our home, we went to the Chelsea for a wonderful catered dinner. Marion Goodmen, Ken and Jan Dunn, Paul and Pat Martin and Walt Chaiko, you were missed!

Tom Lelli recognized those PC's who were deceased.

*Commodore Olwen Jarvis  
Past Commodore*

## Bald Head Island Cruise

Bald Head Island is located at convergence of the Cape Fear Inlet and the Gulf Stream. Renowned for its sea turtle nesting beaches it is primarily a resort destination, although a few full time residents are lucky enough to live there. Accessible only by water, there are few cars; everyone gets around by golf cart or bicycle. Both are available to rent on the island.

FHYC is running a cruise to this wonderful destination. We depart September 11, and return one week later on September 18. Check the flyer in this issue of the *Semaphore* for more information and to reserve a spot. We have reservations for ten boats at the marina on the island as well as at all stops along the way. Planned daily distances are short enough that even relatively slow boats can participate without pushing.

Please notice the dates are slightly different than listed in the *Yearbook*. The cruise was rescheduled to accommodate our members who volunteer for the Bike MS Ride.

*George Stateham  
Co-Leader*

