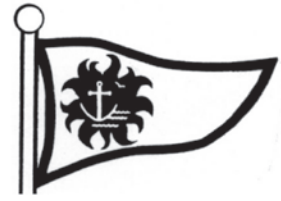


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Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club



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We're approaching the half-way mark in the year and summer is upon us. The weather will bring hot sunny days (hats and sunscreen!), sea breezes and thunderstorms. Hopefully, most of us have already been out on the water, enjoying our boats and our beautiful river.

The Ensign fleet has completed the Spring Racing series. Congrats to the winning crew of *Blue Note*. The *Red Stripe* team placed second. Please see photos on page four. By the time you read this, the Oar Race will already have happened. Tuesday Fun Racing is ongoing and, if you want to crew, there are probably boats wanting more hands on deck. We've also had some raft-ups and cruising events. By my count, if you participated in every on-the-water FHYC event so far this year, you will have spent more than 25 days underway – a significant part of Vice Commodore John Jackson's 100 Days Award.

The Local Waters Cruise, led by Past Commodore Don Knight, experienced some rough weather and changed their plan. But a few boats came out to enjoy the trip and the companionship. Brian Giersch is leading the next organized cruise, May 29 through June 5, to Ocracoke for their Folk Music Festival. Always a great destination, added attractions are the folk music, bluegrass, jazz, arts and crafts, clogging and, of course, great seafood. Another event coming up quickly is the Boat Bash, where we introduce our Fairfield Harbour neighbors to our watery ways. This will be held June 10 and is being coordinated by Past Commodore George Stateham.

The program for our June meeting is a presentation by an NC Marine Police Officer. We had a great program at the May meeting. Past Commodore Ray Gil told us the origins of the Red Marker Award. Bob Petritsch told the story of how he came to be the current owner of the Red Marker Award. Then Bill Green, Elliott Alterman, Henry Litke, Steve & Jenny Dark, Past Commodores George Stateham and Don Knight told brief stories of a marine mishap. This was very entertaining as well as educational. Most of us could tell similar stories, although perhaps not make it sound like so much fun in the telling.

The point of this program was two-fold. First, it shows that the Red Marker Award is all in fun and most of us could have won it at some point and, second, it provides educational examples of mistakes to avoid. A big thank-you goes to all participants and to Cheryl Stevenson for putting photos and summaries on the FHYC Facebook page.

What a great program!

Doug King, Commodore

FHYC General Meeting

May 11, 2017

Commodore Doug King called the meeting to order at 1930 hours and led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome - Introduction of Guests: Bill Davidson introduced Tom Smith, his new neighbor. Don Knight introduced Kirk Hathaway. Kirk was attending his second meeting.

Induction of New Members – Louise Knight introduced new members approved by the Board: Adrian & Erin Vergot, sponsored by Jacksons and Budzynkiewicz. They were welcomed and presented with their burgee by Commodore King.

Minutes – A motion was made and carried to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the April 13, 2017 General Meeting (Knight/Giersch).

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's report for April 2017 has been approved by the Board and is available for review.

Program – Kathie King presented the Red Marker Award Winners and Runners-Up. Ray Gil, the first winner,

What's Happening

Jun	Su	4	Race: Dinghy/Sunfish
	Mo-Mo	5/29-6/5	Cruise: Ocracoke Cruise
	Tu	6	Board Meeting (ac) 0830
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	Th	8	General Meeting (cc) 1930
	Fr	9	Education: Seminar
	Sa	10	Boat Bash
	Su	11	Race: Dinghy/Sunfish
	Tu	13	Race: Fun Racing
	We	14	Yacht Club Dinner
	Tu	20	Race: Fun Racing
	Th-Fr	22-30	Cruise: Sailing the ICW Inlets CANCELLED
	Tu	27	Race: Fun Racing

(cc)=Community Center, (fc)=Fairfield Commons, (ac)=Activities Center

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gave us the history of the Red Marker Award. Presenters included Bob Petritsch, George Stateham, Steve & Jenny Dark, Bill Green, Elliott Alterman, Henry Litke and Don Knight.

Rear Commodore's Report

Hospitality – Litkes and Stevensons are hosts tonight.

Education – Ted Clark will offer one-hour, on the water, individual anchoring/rafting training on Monday, May 15 beginning at 0900. Please contact Ted for a time.

Maintenance – Jerry Rezac reported that one "No Wake" buoy was off-station due to chain wear and tear and that it had floated over to the breakwall at Shoreline. It is now being refurbished and will be reattached. Chain on all buoys will be replaced.

Marine Assistance – Dock box has been relocated to Shoreline Marina. Supplies will be replenished.

Medical Support – Tonight's medical minute: Janet Witherup on "When Cuts Need Stitches". If a wound continues to bleed after 10 minutes of direct pressure; is deep enough to see bone or tissue; is deeper than 1/4" or longer than 3/4"; or doesn't stay closed; stitches are likely needed. Closing a wound keeps infection out and promotes healing. It is recommended that boats have superglue or a sewing kit

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Deadline

Deadline is 1200 the Monday following the Yacht Club Meeting. Please e-mail articles to the address listed below:
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on board.

Vice Commodore's Report

Public Relations – George Stateham spoke about Boat Bash to be held June 10. There were 37 guests last year. This year, only 14 have signed up so far. The deadline is May 27. The hosts choose when and where to go. New Neighbors are the major sponsor. There will be a dinner for Captains and Mates who participate. A sign-up sheet is available this evening.

Semaphore –Deadline for submission for the June issue is Monday, May 15 at noon.

Storekeeper - In response to a member inquiry regarding the club throws, Stephanie brought hers in as a sample. Orders will be taken. The minimum order is 25. The throws sell for \$40 each.

Commodore's Report

Cruising – Brian Giersch stated there have been few attendees at this year's cruises so far. Don Knight mentioned the Local Waters Cruise where five boats had signed up but weather became an issue. Three boats went to Clubfoot on Sunday. The Shakedown Cruise had 65 attendees, 9 of whom came by boat. The Chesapeake Cruise has been cancelled. Ocracoke Cruise has only 2 boats expressing interest. There is still time to sign up for this event. Sailing the Inlets Cruise scheduled for June has been cancelled. Brian suggested members look at the calendar and get involved.

Yacht Club Dinners - On May 17 the Yacht Club Dinner will be held at 17:30 at O'Town in Oriental. Sign-up sheet is available.

Membership – Louise Knight reported that we currently have 196 members and 3 or 4 prospective members.

Regatta - Mark Hittner reminded everyone of the Oar Race and Beer Stein events. Information is available on Regatta Network.

Programs – Ritchie Thomson reported that on June 8 a Master Officer from NC Marine Police will speak about rules and laws in NC waters. On July 13 FHyc and BSC will have a joint swap meet. In August we will have a speaker from Marine Air Station

Cherry Point.

Old Business

July 13 General Meeting will be held at Blackbeard Sailing Club. There will be a swap meet from 18:30-19:30 followed by the General Meeting and social.

New Business

Don Knight reported they have a new mooring ball as the old one had drifted and needed to be replaced. Kirk Hathaway and Don suggested members check all mooring balls and chains since hurricane season is coming soon.

Registry for Yachting Club of America will be in the Library for all members to access.

A motion was made and carried to adjourn the meeting (Jarvis/Curry). The meeting adjourned at 19:41 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Green, Secretary

New Members

This month FHyc welcomed Adrian and Erin Vergot. They moved here to Stern Court from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and are new to boating. But they are not new to traveling. They have an Airstream trailer which they have used to travel around the country. Because of their love to travel, they decided to try it on the water, buying a 19-foot O'Day named Erin Go Braugh and a 19-foot Whirlwind named Morningstar. Their sponsors are John and Georgie Jackson and Peter and Susan Budzynkiewicz. Adrian will be helping out on the Information Processing Committee and Erin will be helping the Distribution Committee.



Medical Minute:

When Does a Cut Need Stitches?

When it won't stop bleeding after 10 minutes of direct pressure, when you can see bone or tissue, when it's longer than 3/4" and deeper than 1/4".

When the edges don't meet when pressed together, when it's on the hand, finger, joint or face.

Remember: closure should be done within 6-8 hours of the injury!

Janet Witherup
Program Committee

Reminder:

Shrimparoo Saturday, July 22

This year's Shrimparoo will be held on Saturday, July 22 at the Oriental Marina. The flyer and sign-up form will be in next month's *Semaphore*.

If you have any questions, please contact Joy Thompson.

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Saving Sailing: A Book Review

For me, *Saving Sailing* by Nicholas Hayes is a very interesting book - whether you are a sailboat sailor or a powerboat sailor - because we have a responsibility to encourage all kinds of outdoor activities. This is especially true for getting children and young people out there! What better activity is there than sailing?

The book points out our need for family activities. It indicates how our free time is subject to all kinds of pressures, especially electronics such as cell phones and games. It shows how rewarding and lasting the pastime of sailing can be. Involvement in sailing has declined dramatically in recent years.

For anyone with grandchildren or involved in youth sailing programs such as ETYSA or the junior ROTC, this is a quick, easy and informative book for you!

Olwen Jarvis
Past Commodore

Shakedown Cruise: Our After Action Report

It was a beautiful sunny day when 10 boats left Fairfield Harbour and headed for the Bridgeton Harbor Marina for our Shakedown Cruise. There was a little bit of wind but not enough to keep anyone from participating.

We lost one boat on the way due to engine overheating but everybody else made it to the marina without problems. Tom Wynn, the dock master at Bridgeton Harbor Marina, was very generous to us, charging us no fee for docking or for electricity. That sure helped the pocketbook.

That afternoon we had 30 people who joined us from Fairfield for the first splash at about 1630. As usual, everybody brought their best hors d'oeuvre. Following the splash we had a potluck dinner. As usual the food was excellent and most everybody over ate.

The next day began as a beautiful sunny day with a nice breeze; the temperatures were pleasant for this time of the year. At 1700 we had another splash on the dock and those people with last names beginning with N through Z provided us with excellent appetizers. At 1800, the Big Apple catered the evening meal and brought us three different types of sandwiches, ziti, two different types of salad and garlic knots. The food was excellent and the camaraderie was great.

After dinner, the Knights, Clevelands, Andrews, Zeppenfelds, Clarks and Pfefferkorns sat on the dock till about 2200 or 2230 and had an excellent time telling stories.

All in all, it seemed that everyone had a good time and all but one boat operated very well. Each night we had about 50 people participating in the activities.

The Shakedown Cruise always seems to attract a crowd of people who just want to get out of the Harbour for an evening and be on or near the water.

Don and Louise Knight
Cruise Leaders

Sell Your Nautical Items In July

Do you have unwanted boat stuff you'd like to be rid of? Craft or nautical-themed items you'd like to sell?

You'll have your chance prior to our July 13 general meeting which will be held at Blackbeard's clubhouse.

The swap meet/sale will be open to both FHYC and BSC members, and will be held from 1800 to 1930. Further details to follow.

Janet Witherup
Program Committee

FHYC Trivia Night

The second FHYC Nautical Trivia Night will be added to our social calendar on Wednesday, September 20 beginning at 1730 and ending around 2030. This year, the event will be held at the Community Center and will feature a catered meal.

Save the date and come join in the fun. More to follow on this new and fun event.

Karen Meyer



Ensign Spring Series Wrap Up May 4, 2017

