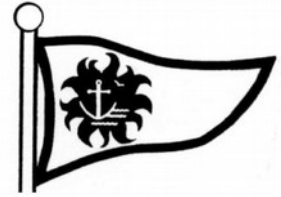


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Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club



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This summer has not been ideal for boating. We've been more in danger from the rain than from any hazards of the sea! But FHYC has had a number of successful events and I hope you've participated in a few.

The Impromptu Raft-Ups have gone great, with shared snacks and beautiful sunsets. We have the procedure for rafting alongside in the back of the Yearbook. It's easy to follow and Skip Hird presides over these events to keep crew and boats safe. Some members even join in by dinghy! The Shrimparoo in Oriental was the climax of the Three Dinner Cruise led by Past Commodore George Stateham. It was a great time and the "pound apiece" of shrimp not only fed us dinner but provided a nice cocktail lunch the next day. Kathie and I went on the whole cruise. Yes, it was hot, BUT we had a great time. For us it was a nice brief revisit of "the cruising life", and for newer boat owners it would be a good introduction.

Speaking of which, some of us have already cruised to Ocracoke this year, and we all have another chance to go. Ritchie Thomson is leading an FHYC cruise to Ocracoke on September 22. And how about Cape Lookout? It's a beautiful and unique part of our local coast, a boating and cruising favorite for many good reasons. Fred Lacey is going to lead an FHYC cruise starting September 30. Bring a few carrots to feed the wild horses on Shackleford Banks!

For racers, our neighbor, Blackbeard Sailing Club, is holding their annual One-Design Regatta on August 26 and 27. Tuesday Fun Racing has resumed; we've had a dozen boats out there in the past. It's easy. Just show up at Northwest Creek Marker #1 on Tuesday afternoons!

It has been hot, very hot, and the river temperature is above average too. This is contributing to an unprecedented growth of barnacles and mussels. One of the tasks of keeping our boats running well is to make sure that propellers, rudders, and sea intakes, are clear of marine growth. Fortunately, the mussels are pretty soft and scrape off easily, but they are also growing back quickly and no known bottom coating seems to prevent them. If we hear of a formulation that works, we'll pass it on for the good the club.

Our social activities continue with the upcoming Trivia Night on September 20. Show what you know! The Fall Appreciation Dinner is coming up fast, on October 18. Please keep in touch so that the Yacht Club Dinners, the Impromptu Socials, and the Raft-Ups don't pass you by.

At our August club meeting, we had several guests. I'm glad to see members bringing friends, neighbors, and visiting family, and I hope that they enjoyed the meeting. It is important to be welcoming! The presentation was about the

Marine Corps bombing ranges in our area, with an interesting talk about military aviation in general and some great photos. The presenter, LtCol (ret) Ken Cobb, is a former pilot for our now-vanished local rescue helicopter, PEDRO. Many of the members wanted to hear more about that subject. It's important to remember that our military is not some distant hero-image in the media, it's the people who live here and practice hard, and take risks just for training. These practice areas are within our local boating waters and we need to remember that, too. It's obvious that some boaters either don't have charts or never bother to look at them. I was glad that nobody in FHYC fell into this category.

This is a good time to bring back the old slogan "All this doesn't happen by itself!" It's true of the Marine Corps and it's true of our club. Many of you have already been part of planning and carrying out club activities, participating in the various committees. The Program Committee has done a great job this year, as has the Education Committee

What's Happening

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| September | Tu | 5 | Fun Racing..... |
| | Tu-Fr | 5-8 | Local Waters Cruise..... |
| | Tu | 12 | Board Meeting (ac)..... 0830 |
| | Tu | 12 | Fun Racing..... |
| | Th | 14 | Yacht Club General Meeting (cc)..... 1930 |
| | Fr | 15 | Education Seminar..... |
| | Su | 17 | Dinghy/Sunfish Racing..... |
| | Tu | 19 | Fun Racing..... |
| | We | 20 | Trivia Night..... 1730 |
| | Sa-Sa | 23-30 | Ocracoke Cruise..... |
| | Su | 24 | Dinghy/Sunfish Racing..... |
| | Tu | 26 | Fun Racing..... |
| | Sa-We | 9/30-10-/4 | Cape Lookout Cruise..... |

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

Deadline for the next issue is noon on Monday, September 18

Delivery is Saturday, September 30

(chaired by Joel Berberich), and the Hospitality Committee (chaired by Lois Andrews). For that matter, it's almost unfair to single any out for praise because ALL the club's committees have done very well. Now, think how good it could be next year if you get involved too!

Douglas King, Commodore

General Meeting August 10, 2017

Commodore Doug King called the meeting to order at 1933 and led members in the Pledge of Allegiance. He reminded members to turn off all electronic devices and wait for the mike when speaking.

Introduction of Guests – Skip Hird introduced Charlene Opel (2nd meeting) and Joe & Karen McCollum. Ed Doughty introduced Joe & Karen Powers (2nd meeting). Dave Smith introduced Susan Bowlanger. Bobby Wofford introduced himself (3rd meeting) and said that he has gone to the orientation program. Ed Buglovsky introduced Ted & Beth Warnock.

Program–Kathie King introduced Ken Cobb, Range Officer from the US Marine Corp Operations at Cherry

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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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Point, who presented information about local bombing sites and the potential danger to pleasure boaters.

New Members–Kirk Hathaway and Jane Burian (sponsored by Knights/Myrseths) were inducted. Membership Chair Louise Knight presented them with their name tags and information packet, while Commodore King presented them with their burgee.

Secretary's Report–A motion was made and seconded (T. Clark/B. Fortenbaugh) to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the July General Meeting. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report–The report was reviewed by the Board and is available for review.

Rear Commodore's Report–Ralph Azersky

Education–Joel Berberich announced that there is no meeting tomorrow. CPR course will be offered in fall.

Hospitality–The Maloneys and Milers are hosting the meeting tonight.

Maintenance–Jerry Rezac announced that marker #3 by Spring Creek and Northwest Creek will be temporarily removed. When replaced, it will be more visible. No other reports of needed repairs.

Marine Assistance–On July 22, Miller/Pendleton assisted Dennis Howard and his grounded vessel.

Medical Minute–Kathie King spoke about stroke symptoms and the importance of getting treatment within an hour of their onset. The 3 (4) words to remember are face, arm, speech (and time).

Program–The September program is Mike from Bridgeton Marina. October program is Dennis Howard on his private boating experience to Cuba.

Other–Diver Kirk Hathaway cautioned boat owners to be aware of the condition of their vessel and not to start engines that haven't been cleaned within the last five to six weeks. A June attack of barnacles and mussels has caused a build-up of growth.

Vice Commodore's Report – John Jackson

Public Relations–Let Chris Skrotsky know if you have articles for the Beacon.

Semaphore–Deadline for articles is Monday.

Commodore's Report–Doug King

Cruise Planning–Fred Lacey reported that he was organizing the September 30 to October 4 Cape Lookout cruise. Ritchie Thomson is leading the Ocracoke Cruise, September 22 to 27.

Entertainment–Rose Voss-Litke announced that Trivia Night is September 20. The Fall Appreciation Dinner is October 18. Joy Thompson thanked all involved in planning the Shrimparoo.

Regatta–Tuesday racing is ongoing. Bill Jarvis announced that online registration is available for the small boat regatta August 26 – 27. Doug Longhini said that ensign racing would be in September and October.

Yacht Club Dinners–Bev Myrseth announced that dinner on August 16 will be at 1730 at Thai Thai's. A buffet and prizes are offered.

Informal Raft-Up–Skip Hird reported that on August 2 about 35 people enjoyed a lovely evening.

Commodore's Announcements:

A donation to the USCG Auxiliary was approved by the Board. A private donation was also made by a member of FHYC.

Former member Glenna Davis has died.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 2047 (B. Jarvis/O. Jarvis).

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Mora-Coxe
Temporary Secretary

Trivia Reminder

Time to get your reservations in for the Trivia Night on Wednesday, September 20, beginning at 1730 at the Community Center. With a limit of 72 people this year, you don't want to miss out on all the great food and fun. This is a fantastic opportunity to get to know the members of FHYC. The flyer is available on line or was part of the August *Semaphore*.

Hope to see you there!

Karen Meyer

Three Dinners

or

How Not to Complete a Cruise

The FHYC Three Dinner Cruise is always fun, and this year was no exception. We had a new destination and ate out three nights in a row. We wear nicer clothing and have less food preparation and provisioning. Two of the three destinations had swimming pools. What's not to like?

This year we began at Galley Stores and Marina in New Bern. After a light splash on the dock (no one fell in, that's FHYC talk for happy hour), we walked to Morgan's to enjoy their delicious menu. The weather was fine and afterward we sat on our dock and listened to the band at the Persimmons deck.

The next destination was Grace Harbor, the Marina at River Dunes. Their upscale amenities and refreshing pool are always inviting and the floating docks are a plus. We ate in the main dining room, and we all enjoyed a kangaroo dinner. That is no typo, folks.

Then we were on to meet up with the rest of FHYC at the fabulous Shrimparoo feast organized by the Entertainment Committee at the Oriental Marina. The pool was open there and we had some discount tickets for our first two beverages at the Tiki Bar. As usual, this is the best peel and eat dinner anywhere in our area including one pound of succulent shrimp per person. Some of the attendees had arrived as part of the Parrothead Regatta earlier that day.

Sunday, after a muffin breakfast at The Bean, we were the last to leave the harbor and head home. Just outside the breakwater, *Sunspot Baby's* engine died and all attempts to restart failed! The hook went down quickly, with a southish wind that could otherwise have carried us onto the breakwater. Commodore Doug and Fleet Surgeon Kathie King had departed 30 minutes ahead of us, but they turned *Sugar Magnolia* around and headed post haste to lend assistance. After a rocky



Fall Appreciation Dinner is coming soon!
Wednesday, October 18 – Taberna Country Club
Look for the flyer in this *Semaphore*

New Members

This month the Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club is proud to welcome Kirk Hathaway and Jane Burian as new members. Previously from Lancaster, Ohio, Kirk and Jane live both in Youngsville, North Carolina, and in Fairfield Harbour on Gondolier Drive. Jane is still working in Youngsville. Many of you know that Kirk works also, cleaning the bottom of your boats. They have 20 years of sailing and five years of racing experience. They own a 34-foot Westerly Seahawk sailboat named *Boundary* and are also members of Blackbeard Sailing Club. Their sponsors are Don and Louise Knight and Arne and Beverly Myrseth. Kirk will be working with the Education Committee and Jane will be working with the Hospitality Committee. Welcome, Kirk and Jane! We are certainly pleased to have you aboard.

Jenny McDiarmid



FHYC Members Enjoying the 2017 Shrimaroo!

start with TowBoat/US, Doug and Kathie were almost to the point at Oriental when we were taken under tow. They once again headed for home.

It being Sunday (Nothing ever breaks on a weekday.), we were stashed in the haul out slip. Doug and Kathie graciously came back to Oriental in their SUV, loaded us, dog and gear on board, and we were headed home in their land yacht.

FHYC has given us wonderful friends who always seem to be willing to lend a hand. A big thank you to Doug and Kathie for your concern and for helping us. How lucky we are to live in this community.

Lynn and George Stateham

Ocracoke Cruise Saturday, September 23 to Saturday, September 30 (or thereabouts)

Come and join us on our fall cruise to Ocracoke and experience the delights and fleshpots on this delightful island. Explore the beaches or have a trip over to Portsmouth across the other side of Ocracoke Inlet. Portsmouth is reputed to be the only ghost town on the East Coast of the United States.

We plan to leave Fairfield Harbour on Saturday, September 23, gathering in either Lower Broad Creek or South River, depending on the winds, weather and group consensus. On Sunday morning we plan to leave early for Ocracoke, arriving mid to late afternoon. This should provide plenty of time for smaller boats to travel the approximately 38 nautical miles from South River to Silver Lake.

For those of you who can travel the distance from Fairfield Harbour in one day, we'll meet you in Silver Lake. We can tie up at the Federal Docks. If they are crowded we may need to raft up. Remember to bring your Golden Age Passport, should you have one, to get reduced dockage rates. The alternative is to anchor out in Silver Lake or to go to the few other commercial docks available. We'll play it by ear when we get there. Departure from Ocracoke will be entirely up to you.

A splash at the docks or on a boat is a must each day! If the restaurants aren't too crowded, there's always that choice as well. A captains meeting will be held in the Activities Building, Room 3, on September 19 at 0930.

Return the enclosed flier to Ritchie Thomson to confirm you are coming. Contact Ritchie by phone at 919-967-9036 or by email (rthomson@walkerthomson.com) for further information.



Past Commodores Meet

In what has become an annual tradition, the FHYC Past Commodores recently gathered for cocktails followed by dinner at The Chelsea. The group was delighted to have Marion Goodman (and her daughter Katherine) joining from New Hampshire, as well as Jan and Ken Dunn who came down from their home in Williamsburg. Although she is certainly no stranger to the group, Louise Knight was welcomed as our most immediate Past Commodore.

*Karl Mielenhausen
Past Commodore*



Sunfish and Dinghy Races September 17, 24 and October 8, 15, 22

The final races of the 2017 series resume in September. In addition to the Sunfish, all other sailing dinghies/tenders 13 feet and under are welcome and encouraged to participate. There are three short races for each scheduled race date, weather conditions permitting. Races will be held in safety of Northwest Creek waters in the vicinity of the mouth of Spring Creek. Sunfish and other dinghies (tenders) will sail as classes if there are three or more boats per class. There also will be an open class competition for small boats which do not constitute a one design class. Starting time for the first race each day will be 1400. Sailing and registration instructions are available on the FHYC website, listed under the "Racing" tab. Spectators are welcome and encouraged to watch the races from the comfort of Bill and Olwen Jarvis' dock at 5620 Gondolier Dr. So bring out your Sunfish, Optimist, El Toro, Puffer, etc. and join in on a Sunday afternoon of racing. Questions? Call Jerry Rezab: 636-5919 or geraldrezab@yahoo.com.