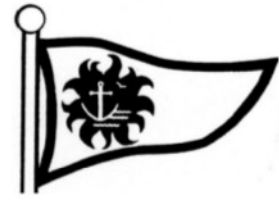


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Smooth Sailing

First, I want to thank all the Commodores who have come before me. They have all done a great job keeping the Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club running smoothly. There have been ups and downs in memberships, finances, and other items, but through it all the club has moved forward and has remained a very active organization.

The behind-the-scenes work in November through January is amazing. Committees are formed and, in many cases, a calendar of events, be it cruises, regattas, or socials, is put together. This is all fed to the Yearbook committee which has the unenviable task of putting it all into one calendar. In addition, the Yearbook committee has to work with the treasurer to make sure names in the roster match those who have paid their dues, and the address, phone numbers, boat names, make, size and other information is correct. What was correct last year is not necessarily what is correct this year. I know more than one member changed boats this past year.

All this and more is done so that with this issue of the *Semaphore* you also receive a membership card, Yearbook, and invitation to the 2018 Commodores' Ball.

The FHYC is a volunteer-driven group - we need you to commit and actively participate to ensure our success. Nothing is perfect but when issues of time and events occur, we know that all members work to address and resolve them. Conflicts get worked out before the calendar is put in the Yearbook and sent to the print-

ers.

I really do want to extend a heartfelt thanks to all members who have worked so hard behind the scenes the past few months to get 2018 off to a fine start. Check the calendar in your new Yearbook. Pull out your desk, wall, or computer calendar right now and mark the activities that you plan on being a part of. You may want to make a little note a week or so before the event so it does not sneak up on you. There is a wonderful variety of cruises, from overnights to 10 – 14 days. There are socials, from the very informal sock burning to the very formal Commodores' Ball. There is racing from Tuesday Fun Races to the Oar Race. I certainly hope to see you at several of the events.

There is one change that I am instituting at the February meeting and beyond. Reports of committees will be first, and the speaker second. There have, in my opinion, been too many meetings where there were a lot of questions left unanswered and the speaker was out the door with no chance for answers. Think of two relatively recent meetings: the person talking about the bombing range, and Mike from Bridgeton Boat Yard. Wouldn't it have been nice if they both would have stayed, joined at the meeting social, and been able to discuss a few points one-on-one. To make this

work, committee reports will need to be brief and to the point. No problem!

I hope that the recent record cold spell here caused no damage to any of your boats or houses.

Finally, let's remember we are a yacht club. It would be wonderful to see all of you on the water, be it a planned event, or just a beautiful day having fun!

*John Y. Jackson,
Commodore*

FHYC General Meeting January 11, 2018

Commodore Doug King called the January meeting to order at 1930 and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Following this, there was a moment of silence in remembrance for two FHYC members who died recently—Sue Gagnon who was an active member since 2013 and Bob Saveland, a member since September 1985.

After welcoming members and guests, Commodore King thanked the membership for being so supportive during his leadership and then called up 2018 Commodore John Jackson and administered the oath of office. Both the new Commodore and the outgoing Commodore were given standing ovations by the membership. Commodore John Jackson then administered the oath of office to new officers and directors:

What's Happening

Feb	Mo 5	Board Meeting.....	1900
	Th 8	General Meeting	1930
	Fr 9	Education: Tour of Beaufort Maritime Museum.....	0830
	Su 11	Bunco Party (CC).....	1700
	We 14	Valentine's Day Luncheon.....	1230

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

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Vice-Commodore Ralph Azersky, Secretary Elaine Berberich and directors Joye Moloney and Joy Thompson. The following are the continuing officers and directors for the 2018 year: Rear Commodore Ritchie Thomson, Returning Treasurer Carol Cavins, Board of Directors Bill Flynn, Darlene Cleveland, and Stephanie Davies. Appreciation was given to retiring members Jan Green, Cheryl Stevenson and Bev Myrseth. The following were also appointed for the 2018 year: Fleet Surgeon Dr. Kathy King, Fleet Chaplain Reverend Dr. Bill Beery, Cruising Captain George Stateham, and Regatta Captain Georgie Jackson.

Introduction of New Members and Guests: Louise Knight introduced and presented membership materials to new members Ted and Beth Warnock. They are sponsored by Ed and Karen Buglovsky and Darlene and Scott Cleveland.

The following guests were introduced: Phil Katz and Linda Duncan (2nd meeting), Rick and Darci Critser, Cliff and Pat Learnard, Bill and Julie Madsen, Rob and Kim Tarkenton, Craig and Janice Myler, and Gerry Manfredi and Pat LePera.

A motion was made and passed to

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approve the November minutes as published in the *Semaphore* (Fortenbaugh/Jarvis). The Treasurer's Report ending December 31 has been approved by the Board and is available for review. The 2018 budget was discussed and approved at the January board meeting and available for review on request. At the beginning of this new calendar year, all committees were recognized and plans for the year were outlined.

Rear Commodore's Reports

Education/Program: (now combined) Joel Berberich and Dave Pfefferkorn (co-chairs) outlined programs for the year. The education component will now be held the Friday morning after FHYC meetings in the Activities Center (room 2) or on the water. The Program and the Education components will be integrated. A Nautical Minute will be added to the program which will rotate monthly with the Medical Minute. Hospitality: (Lois Andrews/chair).

Hosts for January were the Matthews, Lindtveits and Edstroms. Maintenance: Jerry Rezab thanked all boaters in advance for safety and alertness. Marine Assistance: Norm Meissner (chair) discussed a new notification system which should be in place shortly. He thanked Bill Jarvis who has helped in getting this working. It will be based on a Google number which can be dialed on cell phones and will keep calling the Marine Assistance Committee (5) members until they get a live answer. Medical Support: Joel and Elaine Berberich (co-chairs). Medical Minutes will alternate with Nautical Minutes.

Vice-Commodore's Reports

Ralph Azersky introduced his committees and chairs; Distribution: Ed Klebaur and Jerry Rezab; History: Jim and Gerry Fleckenstein; Library: Mary Grosser; Public Relations: Maureen Mongan-Smith; *Semaphore*: Lynn Stateham. Lynn reported that 42 people have signed up for internet-only access to the *Semaphore* and encouraged more to do this. The deadline for articles will continue to be the Monday after the general meeting at noon; Storekeeper: Stephanie Davies intro-

duced her committee. The store is a well appreciated addition to every meeting.

Commodore's Reports

Cruising: George Stateham. George outlined an exciting year with cruising starting with sock-burning and ending with the Flotilla in December. Different cruises will be announced during the year and published in the calendar of events; Entertainment: Rose Voss-Litke and her committee have been busy planning wonderful social events during the year with 8 events on the schedule. There will be a Bunco party on February 11 at the Community Center which will be a pot-luck and Bunco-playing event (Google it!) for new and experienced players alike. The Commodores' Ball is coming up on March 15 and will be held at Carolina Colors and catered by the Chelsea; Information Processing: Lloyd Moore and his committee will be doing the "behind the scenes" communication work which makes the club run smoothly; Membership: Louise Knight and Kathy Fortenbaugh reported that there are currently 180 active memberships and orientation sessions will be scheduled as needed;

Regatta: Georgie Jackson highlighted races which will be going on during the year ranging from Sunfish/dinghy races to the Wilkerson cup. Dates will be published in the *Semaphore* and the calendar. Thanks to Georgie for stepping up and assuming this chair; Yacht Club dinners: Cheryl Stevenson announced that the next dinner will be Wednesday, January 17 at 1730 at Morgan's. A Valentine's Day luncheon is planned for February 14 at LaRosa's at 1230. This should be something very special; Yearbook Committee: Commodore Jackson thanked Bill Green and his Yearbook Committee for all their hard work. The yearbooks are done and will be distributed shortly.

Following the committee reports, Commodore Jackson thanked all committee members for their hard work. He also stressed the importance of active involvement in the committees and if a member cannot make a meeting to make sure to let the chair know. Posi-

tions are still available on committees. He also emphasized the fact the we have many social events, but we are ultimately a yacht club and he repeated the 100-day challenge—to go out in your boat 100 days. He also announced that there will be a shift in the format of the meetings. The business meeting will be conducted first followed by the program. This will allow the presenter to remain afterwards to answer questions. Exceptions will be made as necessary.

Old Business: None

New Business:

The ad hoc committee for building a boat ramp in Fairfield Harbour was discussed. This is not sponsored by any club but is an ad hoc committee of FH community members. About 50 community members are attending. Doug King and Peter Budzynkiewicz are attending meetings. The club felt strongly that there needs to be at least 5 feet of depth to accommodate all boats. The meeting concluded with Commodore Jackson thanking the members for maintaining the excellent health of the club. Many of the past Commodores were present and were recognized for their service to FHYC.

There was a motion to adjourn at 2030 (Fortenbaugh/Davies)

The next General Meeting will be Thursday February 8 at 1930 at the Community Center.

*Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Berberich, Secretary*

Membership

FHYC welcomes Ted and Beth Warnock. They were approved for membership in November but missed that meeting because they wisely took advantage of decent weather to bring their boat to FH. They moved here from Fairfax, Virginia with their Regal 34' powerboat (*Alive and Well*) and a Hunter 36' sailboat (*Latitude Adjustment*). They have 34 years of sailing experience and 11 years of powerboating experience. Their sponsors are Ed and Karen Buglovsky and Scott and Darlene Cleveland. Ted will be work-

ing on the Maintenance Committee and Beth on the Information Processing and Storekeeper Committees.

*Jenny McDiarmid,
Membership Committee*

Program and Education Committee

The Program and Education Committee will be sponsoring a presentation at the Thursday, February 8 FHYC meeting on “Civil War Ironclads”. We also plan a visit to the North Carolina Maritime Museum in Beaufort on Friday, February 9 with a guided tour from 1000 to 1200 followed by lunch at Clawson’s at 1230. You may either drive there directly or we will leave as a group from the FH Community Center at 0830 to permit carpooling.

*Joel Berberich,
Committee Co-chair*

FHYC Library Update

The Library Committee has completed its annual audit. A new index of all 320 items can be found in the library and sorted by title, author, and category. Over fifty books were donated last year to the library. The library room is now opened each day by the POA. You do not need to get a key anymore. Please try to remember to sign out any books you would like to review at home. The library is located in room 4 in the Activity Center.

We have also added a new section of books that tell boating stories called Stories of the Sea. This section can be found in the middle of the shelves and books do not need to be signed out. Simply take one or leave one as you need.

Remember the library works on the honor system. If you have any books to donate, they can be placed on the bottom shelf in the library. Thanks in advance. If you have any questions, call Mary at 312-495-7349

*Mary Grosser,
Library Committee Chair*

2018 FHYC Cruising Report

This year we have a mix of old favorites and new cruises. We’ll open the season with a sock burning just before the vernal equinox in March and close with the Christmas flotilla. Along the way we have favorites like Ocracoke, Cape Lookout, the Shakedown Cruise and the 4th of July event.

A couple of medium length cruises include a mini-loop through Manteo and Ocracoke and a weeklong trip to Baldhead Island. We have a couple of overnights including a new theme-wine tasting! The local waters cruise this year will be the week after the education local waters program by Karl Mielenhausen.

New this year is a June, one day poker-run so even open boats can participate.

Taking a cue from our impromptu happy hours and raft-ups, we’re keeping some time open for an impromptu cruise or two, depending on conditions and interest.

We do not have a longer event this year. We would like to run a Chesapeake cruise, but don’t have a leader. If you are familiar with the Chesapeake and would like to lead a cruise, just contact Cruising Captain George Stateham. We can probably work the schedule around what works for you.

*George Stateham,
Cruising Committee Chair*

Sail the

Wilkerson Cup

April 15, 2018

Navigate the Marks

Test your sailing Skills

Win the Cup!

More information
to follow

Nautical Nomenclature

Not enough room to swing a cat

It was often thought that anyone who used this term should be reported to the SPCA. The cat we're talking about here is not the friendly family housecat, but the very unfriendly cat'-o-nine-tails.

The latter cat was used as the principal means of punishment in almost every navy in the world in the days of sail. It was made of nine lengths of

cord or rawhide. Each of these was about eighteen inches long and had three knots tied in the end. The nine "tails" were attached to a larger rope, which served as a handle.

Source: *Scuttlebut and other Expressions of Nautical Origin*

Author: Teri Degler



New member Erin Vergot among her sponsors Carol Cavins and Suzanne Budzynkiewicz



New members from 2017 get together to celebrate