

The Semaphore

Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club



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July 2018

Smooth Sailing



July is almost here; the middle of the year. Our upcoming July meeting will have a swap meet from 1830 to 1930 with the general meeting to follow. Part of the general meeting will be a "State of the Club" report: where are we in the middle of the year; what have we accomplished so far; and what do we want to accomplish through the end of the year.

The annual Fourth of July Cruise is departing soon. It is always a great stay at New Bern Grand Marina and a great fireworks display. We also have a Cape Lookout cruise coming up. If you have not been, Cape Lookout is beautiful and generally cooler than Fairfield Harbour, thanks to a welcome sea breeze.

The Joint Task Force on Rapid Response made a wonderful presentation on June 16. Their report was very comprehensive and somewhat sobering. In the near term it is doubtful that emergency response times can be shortened significantly. There were several key take-aways. No matter how warm the water, wear a life jacket. Have a waterproof VHF radio and keep it on a tether so it does not float away. Be aware that the 911 response center does not have marine radio capabilities. You should have received an email with a link to the Task Force report. I hope you opened and read it.

The John Walsh Memorial Oar Race and the Bill Wilkerson Cup Race are now part of 2018 history. There were 16 boats registered for the race and 15 started. Of those, ten were FHYC boats. The Oar and Spinnaker

Class B winner was *Blue Note* sailed by Mark and Mary Hittner; Spinnaker A was won by Buddy Dillinger and crew; Cruising A by Pete and Elaine Fisher and crew; and Cruising B by Mark Harmon. Three out of four classes were won by FHYC boats. I think that may be a record! The Wilkerson Cup was run at the same time as the Oar Race and was won by *Georgie Girl* and crew.

Don't let the heat of July stop you from getting out on the water. This time of year often provides both nice mornings and wonderful evenings. Enjoy!

Smooth Sailing.

John Y. Jackson
Commodore

Connolly and Lorrie Stillwagon, Sandy and Eric Thinguldstad, Steve and Leigh Hart, Paul and Deb Mills, John Shearer and Eia Weiler, Ed and Sue Kelly, Michael Cinque and Vivian Binder.

Louise Knight introduced the following new members and their sponsors:

Eileen and Bob Medvey (from last month), Frank and Karen Bushell, Gerald Manfredi and Patricia LePera, and Ed and Marsha Werneke.

Peter and Kathleen Sansone have been approved for membership and will be welcomed at a future meeting.

Louise presented their welcome packets and Commodore Jackson presented their burgees. There are now a total of 194 members. Thanks to Louise Knight and Kathy Fortenbaugh for doing such a great job with this committee and thanks to all the members for their sponsorships.

The minutes were approved as printed in the *Semaphore*. (Petritsch/King) The Treasurer's report was approved by the board and is available for review.

Rear Commodore's Reports

Hosts for the night were Carol Frysiek, Yvonne Meissner and TJ and Jon Bendicksen.

Friday's educational program on

FHYC General Meeting June 14, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Jackson at 1930. The club was led in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for Frank Albertini, FHYC member, and Bill Parker, former member.

The following guests were welcomed and introduced: Michael

What's Happening

July	Tu-Th	3-5	Cruise: Fourth of July Fireworks
	Mo	9	Board Meeting (ac) 1900
	Tu	10	Race: Fun Racing
	Th	12	General Meeting (cc) 1930
	Fr-Tu	13-17	Cruise: Cape Lookout
	Tu	17	Race: Fun Racing
	Tu	24	Race: Fun Racing
	Tu	31	Race: Fun Racing

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

Deadline for next issue is noon, Monday, July 16, 2018

Delivery is Saturday, July 28, 2018

Womanship has been cancelled due to lack of sign-ups and will be re-scheduled at a later date

Marine Assistance: The emergency number is being changed and members will be informed when it is working correctly. In the meantime, follow the procedure in the yearbook as in the past. When the new number is working, it will be circulated to members. Towing training has been postponed to possibly August.

The Nautical Minute was presented by David Pfefferkorn on nautical flag etiquette and his focus was on the American Ensign.

Maintenance: Nothing to report.

Vice Commodore's Reports

Distribution, History and Library Committees are doing well with nothing to report.

Semaphore: The deadline for submissions is noon on Monday, June 18.

Storekeeper: Chris Davies announced that 13 members would like to buy club throws. They need 12 more to place an order so members were encouraged to buy this attractive throw.

Public Relations and Membership Committees have been collaborating on a new club flyer that will be available to new residents, board members, committee members, etc. This is at the

printer now. Ralph thanked all those who have worked very hard on this project.

Commodore's Reports

Cruising: Don Knight reported that the Wine Tasting Cruise was a great success. He encouraged members to come to the Fourth of July cruise. There are already 12 boats and 35 people signed up. Norm Meissner announced that the Cape Lookout Cruise will start Friday, July 13. Flyers will be in the *Semaphore*.

Entertainment: Rose Voss-Litke said the Scavenger Hunt had been postponed and a new date will be decided later. She then called on Louise Knight to talk about River Dunes dinner scheduled for August 23. This dinner, while a part of the Three Dinner Cruise that is being organized by the Cruising Committee, is a separate event. As such, it has a separate flyer that will be in the July *Semaphore*. If you wish to attend the dinner at River Dunes, either by boat or land yacht, please fill out the flyer and return it to Louise Knight no later than August 8. A flyer for the Three Dinner Cruise will be in the August *Semaphore*.

Delle Curry encouraged members to participate in the Boat Bash where club members take new residents on their boats. Currently 13 boats have signed up and there are 45 people that want to go. George Stateham will match riders with a boat.

Louise Knight announced that the River Dunes dinner has been moved to August 23rd in hopes of better weather. Louise needs reservations by August 8.

Regatta: Georgie Jackson announced the winners of the Wilkerson Cup and the Oar Race. The Wilkerson Cup winners were John Jackson, Ed Thompson and Skip Hird. Skip's award was accepted by Mary Jean Tedford. There were 16 boats registered for the Oar Race and the results were: Cruising A—Pete Fisher and crew; Cruising B—Mark Hansen and crew; Spinnaker A—Buddy Dillinger and crew; and Spinnaker B and overall winners, Mark and Mary Hittner.

A special thanks to Doug King for

laying out the course and all those who participated.

Old Business

Barb Robinson reminded everyone of the Joint Task Force report which will be presented this Saturday at the Community Center and will include timely recommendations for the boating community.

New Business

Carol Frysiek announced that there will be a club dinner on Wednesday June 20 at La Casetta for \$20 per person.

John Jackson encouraged committee members to turn in requests for funds and receipts to Carol Cavins in a timely manner each month.

There will be a Swap Meet next month before the general meeting.

Program: David Pfefferkorn introduced the speakers for the evening: Ed and Sue Kelly. They gave a presentation on their extensive boating adventures, including a circumnavigation of Europe aboard their 40 ft. Catamaran *Angel Louise*. They have spoken to many groups about their voyages.

Anniversaries: Commodore Jackson recognized the anniversaries of Robert Coats and Brian and Dottie Giersch for 15 years.

There was a motion to adjourn at 2110 (Stateham/Curry) after which members enjoyed a delightful "Night in Tuscany" coordinated by Lois Andrews and the hospitality hosts.

*Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Berberich, Secretary*

Buy and Sell July 12 Come Early!

A swap meet and nautical sale will precede the July general meeting at the Community Center. The sale will run from 1830 to 1930. Members are invited to sell boating items from their cars. Tables will also be set up inside for nautical crafts. Contact Janet Witherup at jwitherup@suddenlink.net to reserve a table.

*Janet Witherup
Program Committee*

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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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Welcome New Members

The yacht club inducted three couples as new members at the June meeting. A fourth couple was approved, but they were unavailable for induction at the meeting. These couples were inducted:

Bob and Eileen Medvey moved here from Stamford, CT. They live on Caracara on the Birdland side. They have 14 years of power boating experience and previously belonged to the Halloween Yacht Club, which of course had an orange burgee with a black shadow of a witch riding a broomstick. They have a Robalo 25' powerboat that is unnamed. Their sponsors are Carol Frysiek and Rick Wheaton and Ginger & Maury Thompson. Both Bob and Eileen have chosen the Hospitality Committee.

Frank and Karen Bushell initially lived on Nautilus Court and then moved to Osprey Court. Before that, they lived in Olympia, Washington. They have ten years of powerboating and three years of sailing experience and own a 21.5-foot Catalina sailboat named *Aloha*, which they bought from Dave Ritter. Their sponsors are Bill and Ellen Beery and George and Lynn Stateham. Frank has chosen the Distribution and the Library and Medical Assistance Committees. Both of them have joined the Hospitality Committee.

Jerry Manfredi and Pat LePera moved here from Port Jefferson, NY. They now live on Cassowary Lane, but for the past 12 years lived on Cardinal Drive. They have 40 years of powerboating and sailing experience and own a 25-foot O'Day sailboat soon to-be-named *Breezin* and a 19-foot Carolina Skiff powerboat. Their sponsors are Lindy and Carol Lindtveit and Bill and Lois Andrews. Jerry has chosen the Maintenance and the Marine Assistance Committees and Pat has selected the Hospitality Committee.

Ed and Marcia Werneke moved here from Jarrettsville, MD, and now live on Chateau Drive. They have 15 years of powerboating experience and own a 21-foot Hydra-Sports powerboat. Their sponsors are George and Lynn Stateham and Joe and Karen McCollum. Ed has chosen the Maintenance Committee, Marcia has chosen the Storekeeper Committee, and both have chosen the Hospitality Committee.

Jenny McDiarmid

Joint Task Force on Rapid Response

On Saturday, June 16, the Joint Task Force, set up by Commodores John Jackson of FHYC and Mike Foster of BSC, presented their report on emergency water rescue in Fairfield Harbour waters. Approximately 70 people were in attendance. FHYC Vice Commodore Ralph Azersky laid out the Task Force's recommendations. The Task Force spoke with everyone involved in your recent near miss: the crew of *Mutiny*, New Bern Fire Rescue, Tri-Community VFD, Buzzy Morris, the good samaritan who initiated the rescue with his 911 call, the Fairfield Harbour POA, County and State officials and the crew of the rescue boats.

The Task Force broke down their informative report into lessons learned, communications, education, facilities and resources.

A link to the PowerPoint presentation has been emailed to all members of FHYC. If you did not receive the link or need it again, please contact me at ribaldness@gmail.com or 715-781-7737.

The Task Force's recommendations have been made. It is now up to FHYC, BSC and the POA and others in the community to create an organization that ensures the response time to water emergencies is as short as possible. This will not happen without the people stepping up to volunteer. Please step up and say, "Yes, I'll help."

The next rescue could be yours!

Barb Robinson



Bob and Eileen Medvey



Frank and Karen Bushell



Pat LePera and Jerry Manfredi



Marcia and Ed Werneke

Fourth of July Cruise

The Fourth of July Cruise is right around the corner. At the time of this writing we have 35 people signed up and 12 boats in slips. There are 15 slips available now and the Dockmaster will tell me on June 15 if more are available. I will assign spaces on a first-received basis.

The New Bern Grand Marina requires a two-night stay and there will no refunds as this is a very popular event. The captains' meeting is Monday, July 2 at 1000 in the Activities Building, Room 2. Please put your reservation slips in Don & Louise Knight's brown box at 2214 Caracara Drive by July 1. Be sure to indicate what you will bring for the potluck on your registration form. The form is available on the FHYC website.

Don & Louise Knight

Cape Lookout Cruise

The Cape Lookout Cruise runs from Friday, July 13 to Tuesday, July 17. We will leave Fairfield Harbour on Friday heading for an anchorage in Cedar Creek. We plan to arrive Saturday at Cape Lookout for two nights. We'll explore the unspoiled beaches and visit the museum and lighthouse and we plan to have a fire on the beach with hot dogs and s'mores as we watch the sun go down.

We will leave Monday with an anchorage in South River to return to Fairfield Harbour Tuesday.

The detailed itinerary and other details and reservation form are on the flyer included in this issue of the *Semaphore*. Please return your reservation forms to Phil Katz at 5006 Plymouth Ct. The Captains' Meeting will be held at 1000 on Tuesday, July 10 in the Activities Center, Room 1.

If you have questions, please contact Phil Katz at katzduncan84@gmail.com or 252-631-1018.

*Norm Meissner and Phil Katz
Co-Leaders*

River Dunes Dinner Change of Date

The date of the River Dunes Dinner has been changed to August 23, 2018. This is the first leg of the Three Dinner Cruise, which will run from August 23 to August 26. Please update your calendars.

You may come by boat or car. If you are planning to participate in the Three Dinner Cruise, you will also need to turn in a cruise reservation to George Stateham. That flyer will be in the August *Semaphore*.

We will have a splash beginning at 1600 by the fire pit. Bring your favorite light appetizer and BYOB. Dinner will be at 1800 in River Dunes' main dining room. Dinner will be a seafood event with four meal choices. See the flyer in this *Semaphore* for more details and a sign-up form. All meals are \$27.50 per person, all inclusive. The deadline for dinner reservations is August 8. Space is limited to 30 people, so get your reservation in early. Please send your reservation slip and check to Louise Knight at 2214 Caracara Drive.

Louise Knight

2018 Oar and Wilkerson Races



*Oar Cruising A Winner:
One Time*



*Oar Cruising B Winner:
Promocean*



Oar Overall Winner: Blue Note



*Oar Spin A Winner:
Turbulence*



*Oar Spin B Winner:
Blue Note*



Wilkerson Second Place: Dutch Wind



Wilkerson First Place: Georgie Girl



Wilkerson Third Place: Annie Bell