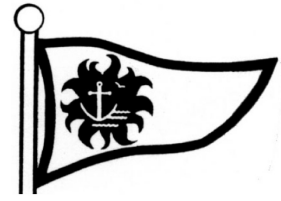


The Semaphore

Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club



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View From The Bridge

It was another great meeting. As I become more comfortable standing in front of the membership, I also become more amazed at what a fantastic group of people we are. While we share a common love of the water and weather here, we bring quite a diverse collection of ideas, opinions, and experiences. The more we share these with each other, the better we become.

Our seven anniversaries this month totaled 155 years. I am not sure if it has any real meaning, but it sure is impressive. As we build the club back to pre-Florence numbers, I hope to see more of these big anniversaries.

Les Pendleton's program was fantastic—he is so knowledgeable and experienced in our local waters (as well as everywhere else). I hope he encouraged us to leave the dock a little more often. Remember, each time you leave the dock you get a little closer to the 100 Day Award.

The calendar is starting to look a lot more nautical than January through March. In April we have twelve races, plus Commissioning Day and Blessing of the Fleet. Last year we had 36 boats participating and I hope we will field a comparable flotilla this year.

By the time this article is published, we will have celebrated another Commodores' Ball. The Entertainment Committee worked long and hard on it and I know it will be a wonderful evening for everyone. Believe me when I say it is very humbling to me and my family.

I hope you enjoyed the Sock Burning on March 23 at Red Sail Park, and remember, it's OK to burn some socks

because if you don't your dryer will eat them anyway. So better to party, right?

I will be up north at the beginning of April for Linda's memorial, so I will be unavailable until the general meeting. Vice Commodore Richie Thomson is on top of everything, so I am not worried. In addition, all the committees are running well, so hopefully you won't even miss me.

Lastly, we had a couple of people approach us to help organize the impromptus. Contact anyone on the Bridge or Entertainment Committee if you are interested. The more volunteers they get, the easier it is for all.

Thank you all for making this such a wonderful club. Let's get out there and put some wakes behind us. As Barb Robinson reminded us, be safe while you are out there.

Ralph Azersky, Commodore

FHYC General Meeting Thursday, March 14, 2019

Commodore Azersky called the meeting to order at 1930 hours, led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance, and guests were welcomed. Hosts for the night were Bob & Eileen Medvey and Carol Frysiek & Rick Wheaton.

Mark West introduced Les Pendleton who presented an informative program entitled *Short and Fun Area Cruises*.

Louise Knight introduced the following new members: Greg & Lorrie Winfrey and David & Judy Landry. They received their membership packets and Commodore Azersky presented them with their burgees. This now brings the membership total to 178, very close to where the club was last year at this time.

The minutes were approved as printed in the *Semaphore* (Davies/King).

What's Happening

Apr	Th 4	Race: Ensign Race #2	
	Su 7	Race: Dinghy/Sunfish	
	Mo 8	Board Meeting.....	0900
	Tu 9	Race: Fun Racing	
	Th 11	Race: Ensign Race #3	
	Th 11	General Meeting.....	1930
	Fr 12	Education: seminar	
	Sa 13	Commissioning Day	
	Su 14	Race: Wilkerson Cup	
	Tu 16	Race: Fun Racing	
	Th 18	Race: Ensign Race #4	
	Tu 23	Race: Fun Racing	
	Th 25	Race: Ensign Race #5	
	Fr-Su 26-28	Cruise: Shakedown Cruise	
	Su 28	Race: Dinghy/Sunfish	
	Tu 30	Race: Fun Racing	

(cc)=Community Center, (rs)=Red Sail park, (ac)=Activities Center

Deadline for next issue is noon, Monday, April 15, 2019

Delivery is Saturday, April 27, 2019

The Treasurer's Report was approved by the board and is available for review. Mark West announced he is hoping to have the first page of the budget on-line shortly.

Committee Reports

Rear Commodore Mark West: Joel Berberich announced that the education program is a towing exercise tomorrow at 1030. Norm Meissner is coordinating the program. Dave Phipps announced that the April education program will be *Normal and Abnormal Situations on the Water* and will be presented Friday, April 12, in Activities Room 2. Mark West stated that the Commissioning Day cannon was missing and Ellen McElree announced that it had been found.

Vice Commodore Ritchie Thomson: The *Semaphore* deadline is noon on Monday, March 18. Chuck Smith was thanked for doing a great job on his first time editing the *Semaphore*. Lynn Stateham is sending out an email on how to prepare articles for the *Semaphore*. Barb Robinson announced that publicity articles have been in the *Beacon* as well as the *Semaphore*. She reminded members that the Public Relations Committee does not create events, but reports on them.

Commodore Ralph Azersky: Commodore Azersky recognized Lew & Kathy Travis on the outstanding job they have done with Impromptu So-

cial events over the past six years and presented them with a gift certificate to the Cypress Hall restaurant. Someone is now needed to take over these socials which have become a very popular event.

George Stateham announced events for the upcoming cruising season. Saturday, March 23, will be the annual Sock Burning at Red Sail Park at 1500. Participants are asked to bring a light snack, desired beverage, and socks to burn. Commissioning Day and the Blessing of the Fleet will be Saturday, April 13. There will be information in the *Semaphore* as well as a sign-up sheet for the picnic to follow. The date of the Three-Dinner Cruise will be changed owing to a conflict with *Mum Fes*t. The Wine Cruise and the Shake-down Cruise have combined this year owing to the fact that not as many marinas are available. Jon Bendicksen gave updated information on this event. Phil Katz gave information about the Cape Lookout Cruise. All cruising information will be in the *Semaphore*.

Ellen McElree announced that the Commodores' Ball is completely full and everyone can look forward to having a wonderful time. She also explained to new members that it is an annual event honoring the current and past Commodores. Janice Myler notified members who plan to attend the Commissioning Day picnic that Louise needs a response by April 5. Barb Robinson gave the Regatta Committee report in place of Georgie Jackson. She reported that there is now a safety box as well as a dock box which was donated by Ritchie Thomson. The Wilkerson Cup information is in the *Semaphore*. There is a format change for the Wilkerson Cup this year that allows boats other than FHYC to participate. Anyone living in Fairfield Harbour or having a boat here may participate. However, the Wilkerson Cup will only be given to a member of FHYC. Peter Budzynkiewicz announced that he and Ed Thompson will be heading up the Tuesday Fun Racing. Jerry Rezab is in charge of the Dinghy Series.

Bobby Wofford announced that the

store will continue to promote FHYC in the community. A special promotion for a month will permit members who bring their own shirt to get a logo put on for \$10. Contact Bobby about this offer.

There was no Old Business.

New Business:

Joye Moloney highlighted the FHYC program Flip-Flops for Fun. There is a lot of outreach to needy families during the winter months. This program is designed for members to contribute flip-flops during the warmer months. Flip-flops, in all sizes from small children to adults, can be brought to the FHYC meetings and will be given to RCS. Joye will also be collecting them at her house. This was done last year and very well received by RCS.

Commodore Azersky announced that in addition to Boats Bought and Sold, he is adding a short portion of the meeting called "For the Good of the Club" where an announcement can be made about anything that might be of interest to members.

Announcements: Karl Mielenhausen was named Coast Guard Auxiliary Member of the Year.

Louise Knight announced that if anyone needs a new name tag to see her.

Ivor Elliker is recovering from hip replacement and a card was brought for members to sign.

Patrick Moloney gave an update on bridge closures.

Michael Connolly wrote and read an "Ode to Georgie Girl."

Significant progress is being made for a boat launch which will be located where the old tennis courts were at Shoreline.

The following membership anniversaries were announced including those of three charter members:

Alan and Mary Harrop (5); Dave & Toni Smith (5); Elliott & Ina Alterman (15); Ray & Cecily Gil (25); Charles & Ruth Dettor (35); Jinie Nehring (35); and Dorothy Smith (35).

There was a motion to adjourn at 2035 (Fortenbaugh/Curry).

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Berberich

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Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club



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Deadline

Deadline is 1200 the Monday following the meeting. Please e-mail articles to the address listed below: fhycsemaphore@gmail.com

New Members

Our March meeting has brought two experienced sailing and power boating couples to our membership rolls! We are excited that they chose to join our vibrant club just in time for our busy spring season.



David & Judy Landry moved to Fairfield Harbour from Hingham, MA. They live on Cutlass Court and have a 45' Jeanneau sailboat named *Escape*. Dave and Judy have 31 years of sailing experience and were previously members of the East Passage Yachting Center in Portsmouth, RI. Their sponsors are Phil Hewitt & Ellen McElree and Peter & Kathy Sansone. They have chosen Information Processing and Storekeeper for their committees.



Greg & Lorrie Winfrey live on Port Royal Court. Their hometown is Summerville, SC but they also lived near Annapolis, MD for many years. For the last 16 years, they have been living on their boat, cruising the northeast, the Pacific Coast and Mexico, including the Bay of Cortez. Their boat was a 44' trawler named *Miss Scarlet*. She decided to become a land yacht during Florence, choosing a yard in the historic district of New Bern. Her story was

reported on the national news. Now the Winfreys have a 34' Californian powerboat named *Island Girl*. They have 19 years of power boating and 25 years of sailing experience. Greg has chosen Information Processing and Maintenance Committees and Lorrie has chosen Distribution. Their sponsors are Ed & Karen Buglovsky and Scott & Darlene Cleveland.

Please welcome them aboard when you see them at our next meeting, on the water or at other club activities.

*Pamela Miller,
Membership*

Emergency Rescue Box

Thanks to Ritchie Thomson, the Regatta Committee now has a place to store all the accoutrements for their races and the Emergency Rescue Box that will accompany any of the race mark boats. It's not quite ready for prime time but when it is, race personnel will be able to stop at the box and pick up their necessary equipment and head out for a race. The box will be secured with a combination lock. Each mark boat will be given that combination. Equipment will then be returned to the box and locked up after the race.

The Emergency Rescue Box was one of the suggestions of the Joint Task Force, recommending that certain water rescue supplies such as blankets and dry clothing, be kept on one of the boats during a race. Blackbeard Sailing Club has a similar box for races sponsored by them as well. This was a sailing community effort and is much appreciated by the boaters in our area.

*Barbara Robinson,
Regatta Committee*

Blessing of the Fleet

There is still time to participate in the April 13 Blessing of the Fleet. Please complete the signup form or email me at george@stateham.com. Tell me your boat name and any FHYC Officers, Directors or past Commodores you will have aboard.

Why do I need to know who is aboard? Because following the Cruise Leader in the boat parade come the Commodore and other officers, then

the Directors, then past Commodores. The rest of the fleet follows them.

After what Hurricane Florence did to many of our boats, I feel sure they could benefit from a blessing. Refer to the flyer in the March Semaphore available on the web site for details.

*George Stateham,
Cruising Captain*

Handling Emergencies

The Education Committee will be hosting an interactive pre-season seminar to refresh our memories and review the handling of emergencies and abnormal situations on the water, Friday, April 12, at 0900 in Activity Room 2. You'll have the opportunity to think through responses to fires, grounding, hull damage, flooding, and abandon ship procedures. Dave Phipps will facilitate this review based on procedures recommended by the USCG and other authoritative sources. This is a great way to prepare yourself, your boat, and your crew for the upcoming season!

*David Phipps,
Education Committee*

Lessons Learned

This March 22 will mark a year since the sinking of the ensign, Mutiny, in the Neuse River putting the four crew members in the water. Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club and Blackbeard Sailing Club formed a Task Force to look at lessons learned and to address inadequacies in water rescue procedures in our area. If you would like a copy of the full report, please contact me and I will email you a copy: ribaldness@gmail.com.

The purpose of this article is to remind people about steps they can take to have a safe outing on our waterways. The following are just a few of the lessons learned and apply to any size or type of boat, sail or power.

Anytime you are on the water, wear your PFD. Stowing it neatly on the boat and "out of the way" while out on the water isn't going to help you if you find yourself in the water and your PFD is on the boat.

It is the responsibility of the skip-

per to make sure all people on board know where the MOB (Man Over Board) button is. They should also know where the marine radio is and how to use it in case of an emergency.

Along with wearing the PFD, everyone on board should carry appropriate waterproof, accessible signal devices tethered to their person. Something as simple as a whistle helps.

If you take medications you should carry a list of medications and their dosage in a waterproof bag so it's available to emergency personnel should it be needed during a rescue.

Below is a reference to an article I read about the Chicago/Mackinaw race on Lake Michigan. It shows that even with very experienced sailors, weather can become a very dangerous and immediate factor. Happy Boating.

<http://sailingmagazine.net/article-permalink-1919.html>

Barb Robinson

Shakedown and Wine Tasting Cruise

When Hurricane Florence visited us, we didn't know then it would cause a lack of space at local marinas. So, we decided to combine these two cruises for one weekend in Oriental. The Shakedown Cruise will give everyone a chance to try their boat for maybe the first time this year. Shake the winter off the boat and get on the water again. We are going to the Oriental Marina and Inn this year. We leave Fairfield Harbour on Friday, May 3 and return on Sunday, May 5. At this time all slips have been reserved.

On Friday, May 3, we will kick off the festivities with a Splash at 1630 followed by a potluck dinner at approximately 1800 on the third deck at the marina.

Last year, we had a fun event guessing different types of wine at a wine tasting. That wine tasting event during a cruise was a huge hit, so we decided to try that again as a specific part of the cruise. On Saturday May 4, at approximately 1630, there will be a wine tasting on the third deck at the marina. There will be six covered bottles of wine to taste. Your job is to

determine what kind of wine is in each bottle. The winner will receive a prize for the contest.

The Wine Tasting will be followed at 1830 with a dinner at the Toucan Grill specially prepared by the Chef. The dinners served last year were outstanding.

If you have not secured a slip, then please consider anchoring in the harbor and utilizing the dinghy docks or driving to the marina to take part in the festivities. Rooms are still available at the inn for those wishing to spend the night. A tent will be provided for outdoor activities if it looks like rain.

Please forward the potluck dinner sign-up, and registration card/check for \$10/person for wine tasting and \$35/person for dinner at the Toucan Grill to Don & Louise Knight at 224 Caracara Drive or Jon & TJ Bendicksen at 5502 Gondolier Drive. Any questions? Call 514-0614 or 649-1061. The captains' meeting will be on Tuesday, April 30 at 0930 in room 2 of the Activities Building

*Don and Louise Knight
Jon and TJ Bendicksen,
Cruise Leaders*

Race Management Seminar

On March 9, Charlie Nelson and Blackbeard Sailing Club (BSC) hosted a Race Management Seminar at BSC's Clubhouse. Participants came from BSC, FHYC, and Oriental Yacht Club (OYC). It began at 1130 with Bill Jarvis as principal instructor.

The seminar began with a power point presentation that described mark boats and signal (committee) boats, their necessary equipment, and responsibilities on race day. Bill also used a "Sailing Instructions" handout, explaining all the pertinent information that can be found therein. Race flags were also discussed. After the inside instruction was finished, the 42 participants broke for lunch of 9 delicious Big Apple pizzas, beer, soda and assorted cookies. Networking among the yacht club members occurred during the lunch.

Later everyone moved outside on BSC's grounds and broke into mini

groups for hands-on practice time. Instructors for the 4 small groups were from BSC and FHYC. Practice covered proper mark placement: how to set a mark, how to measure distance from the signal boat to where the mark is placed and inflating/deflating marks. The seminar ended mid-afternoon.

We anticipate that this seminar will make it easier to recruit more mark and signal boats for races, whether it's one race you can help with or the whole series. We'd love to hear from you! For more information about upcoming races, call: FHYC: Jerry Rezac (Sunfish/Dinghy) 876-2170; Georgie Jackson (Wilkerson Cup & Oar Race) 637-9781; BSC: Dave Whitney (Ensigns) 671-3669.

*Georgie Jackson,
FHYC Regatta Chair*

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR

**SCRAPE THE BARNACLES OFF
YOUR HULL**

**WASH DOWN YOUR DECKS
HOIST YOUR SAILS**

And

**COME RACE THE
WILKERSON CUP RACE
APRIL 14, 2019**

**THE COURSE IS SET
ALL WE NEED IS YOU!**

Registration information is
on the FHYC Website

