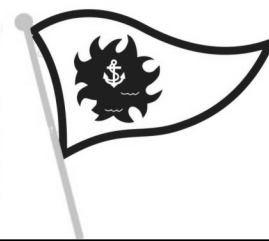


The Semaphore

Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club



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View From The Bridge

Hopefully this summer heat wave will end soon. September promises to be a beautiful time of the year. Unfortunately, this September brings some not-so-great memories for many of us. If someone told me it would take over a year to get our homes repaired, I would have doubted them, but here we are still forging ahead.

For starters, I want to give a big shout out to George and Lynn Stateham for organizing and running the Poker Run. We had about 17 boats and 9 guests. Thankfully, Bill and Lois stayed on board the dealer boat, Sunspot Baby to officiate and minimize the chaos. Even the late afternoon thunderstorms couldn't ruin it. Winds were a bit light, but otherwise the weather was great. Congratulations to Georgie Jackson for having the overall best hand, winning almost \$70 which she plans to put toward a 50th wedding anniversary for her and John.

Thanks to Dave Pfefferkorn for another great and interesting presentation, this time about the Albemarle Loop.

Unfortunately we couldn't find a cruise captain for the Bald Head Cruise, resulting in cancellation of the event. It's really too bad because it is a great cruise.

Elaine Berberich gave a very informative talk on the new Shingles vaccinations and how important it is to look into getting them.

Remember to change the date and venue for October's Fall Appreciation Dinner. It is now October 15 at Taberna.

(See the flyer in this *Semaphore*).

We had a lively discussion about how to offer reciprocity to other yacht clubs. Please bring any suggestions to an officer or director on how best to accomplish it. Lastly, don't forget that Bubbles and Bow Ties, the first "On the Hook" event is coming up on September 14. (See the flyer in this *Semaphore*.)

Fair winds and following seas.

Ralph Azersky, Commodore

FHYC General Meeting

August 8, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 1930 by Commodore Azersky and the membership was led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Guests were introduced and welcomed. Hospitality hosts for the evening were Elaine and Joel Berberich and Carol and Lindy Lindtveit.

There were no new members so membership remains at 177 with two

charter, 3 complimentary, and 172 regular. Louise Knight reported that there are several members in the process of joining and there will be an orientation for them later this month. The minutes have been printed in the *Semaphore* and were approved (Knight/Curry).

The Treasurer's report has been approved by the Board and is available to be viewed on-line in a one page format. We appear to be on target with the budget at this point.

Committee Reports

Rear Commodore: Mark West

Joel Berberich gave a preview of upcoming education events which include a tentative trip Thursday September 26 to the National Weather Service in Newport, NC for presentation and weather balloon launch. There will be a scheduled presentation Friday, October 11, by John Meyer on "An Introduction to Sewing Marine Canvas."

What's Happening

Sep	Tu	3	Fun Racing
	Su	8	Dinghy Racing
	Mo	9	Board Meeting (ac)..... 0900
	Tu	10	Fun Racing
	Th	12	General Meeting (cc) 1930
	Tu	15	Dinghy Racing
	Tu	17	Fun Racing
	Su	22	Dinghy Racing
	Tu	24	Fun Racing
	Th	26	Ensign Racing
	Th	26	Visit to National Weather Service
	Su	29	Dinghy Racing

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

Deadline for next issue is noon, Monday, September 16, 2019

Delivery is Saturday, September 28th, 2019

Vice-Commodore: Ritchie Thomson

The *Semaphore* deadline is high noon August 12 and Jerry Rezab is in charge of distribution.

There will be an article in the Beacon about the successful "Christmas in July." Pictures were provided by Pam Gaskill. Doug King is also working on an article.

Bobby Wofford offered and demonstrated some unbreakable wine glasses from the Ship's Store.

Commodore: Ralph Azersky

Crusing: There are several cruise opportunities coming up. John and Georgie Jackson are planning on going to the Chesapeake and invited anyone interested to join them. Don Knight gave a report on the upcoming Manteo/Okracoke cruise. George Stateham announced that there are now 17 boats participating in the Poker Run on Saturday. The Bald Head Cruise was cancelled because of lack of a leader. Lois Andrews outlined the new event in the "On the Hook" series which is "Bubbles and Bowties." Those attending this one night event need to wear a bowtie and the appetizer should match the theme of the bowtie. There will be a flyer with the

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Deadline

Deadline is 1200 the Monday following the Yacht Club Meeting. Please email articles to the address listed below:
fhycsemaphore@gmail.com

Semaphore to sign up for this event which will be September 14 at Goose Creek at 1700. Lois will try to plan one more for this year and then they will start again in April.

Entertainment:

Louise Knight gave an update on the Fall Appreciation Dinner which will be held at Taberna because of the uncertainty of Harbour Pointe being open. The date is Tuesday October 15. Ritchie Thomson reminded members to submit nominations for awards, which can be serious appreciation or just silly.

The Red Marker award (aka biggest boo-boo) is still awaiting more nominations.

Regatta:

Georgie Jackson announced that the dingy races will start September 8. Jackie Moniak will be unable to be the PRO so the committee is looking for a replacement and if anyone is interested they can call Jerry Rezab. Dave Whitney will be in charge of the Ensign races over at Blackbeard and they will start September 26 at 1300 and will occur each following Thursday for about six weeks.

Medical Minute:

Elaine Berberich presented the medical minute on the Shingles vaccine.

Unfinished Business: (this term now replaces Old Business)

The Board is in the process of revising the Policies and Guidelines and will be working on the Constitution and Bylaws next month. All committee input has been greatly appreciated. The revisions should make the documents simpler and easy to read.

New Business:

The Board has made the decision to raise dues to \$65 for next year. There were some questions about the \$5000 in reserve. It was explained that this was needed in case of emergencies and was required by the Policies and Guidelines. This may be reviewed at a

later date. Ritchie explained that we were not always sure what funds committees required and Mark West explained that the membership may not be as high this year which would affect the budget. Commodore Azersky assured the membership that there will be no change in services.

New Bern Sports is closing and it was advised that any committees who used their services in the past should take a thumb drive to retain any important information.

For the Good of the Club:

There was a lengthy discussion on what Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club should offer to other boaters desiring reciprocity from other Yacht Clubs in the country. Among ideas suggested were dockage, guest membership at the Recreation Center, offering use of members docks or working out something with the New Bern Grand Marina. This is an item that will be discussed in the future.

Ed Thompson made the membership aware of the MS fundraiser August 27.

Craig Myler updated the membership on dredging. Skip Hird gave information about the stakes in Spring Creek. Kirk Hathaway explained the increase in barnacles on boats as being a result of Hurricane Florence. Deb Stone announced that there will be a club dinner at the Chelsea Wednesday August 14 at 1730 and ordering will be off the menu.

Dave Pfefferkorn presented an informative program on cruising the Albemarle Loop and the Outer Banks.

There was a motion to adjourn (Curry/Thompson) at 20.43 and members enjoyed wonderful food and each others' company.

Poker Run Fun

Fifteen boats and 27 poker hands made for a fun filled day on the water. Even when the dealers were so busy they could hardly keep up, everyone had great attitudes and a good time. A splash was planned at the Community Center, but there was no power. We quickly posted a sign on the door and moved to the cart barn.

Poker runs are typically land based events where participants pick up cards along the way, but we adapted the idea so

that boats didn't have to physically pick up cards. Rather they hailed the dealing boat at each waypoint, a card was drawn for them, they were told what it was, and it was then placed in an envelope which they retrieved at the splash. We could do some fine tuning on the procedure but there were a lot of happy faces at the splash, especially on the winners.

A special thanks to Bill and Lois Andrews, without their able assistance, chaos could have ensued. We referred to them as the accounting firm of "Andrews and Andrews" to ensure that there was no favoritism in card draws, but they did so much more.

George Stateham, Cruising Captain



Education - Save the Dates

The Education Committee is organizing a presentation including weather balloon launch at the National Weather Service in Newport NC on Thursday September 26 at 1700. An email will be sent later for sign up and trip details. This presentation is in place of Friday September 13 presentation.

The presentation for Friday, October 11 is "An Introduction to Sewing Marine Canvas" by John Myer.

Cruising - Save the Date

October 23 to Saturday November 2

The dates of the Pamlico Cruise are different from those listed in the Yearbook. They have been changed to accommodate other events.

We plan to cruise the Pamlico River and visit:

Lower Broad Creek or South River near the mouth of the Neuse

Belhaven on the Pungo River with several good restaurants including the "farm-to-fork style restaurant" of Spoon River. There are several good marinas here.

Bath which is the oldest town in NC and was the first capital of NC. With the option of using the free dock or of anchoring.

Washington which has both free dockage and paying docks with facilities.

Pamlico Plantation to see our friends in the Yacht Club.

Days are getting short by these dates and the weather can be wonderful and occasionally not so good. We shall plan accordingly to suit both 'stinkpotters' and 'ragtoppers'.

This is our last long cruise of the year, please plan to come for either part or the whole cruise.

Keep a lookout for more information in next month's *Semaphore*.

Ritchie Thomson, Vice Commadore

Change of day !!!!!

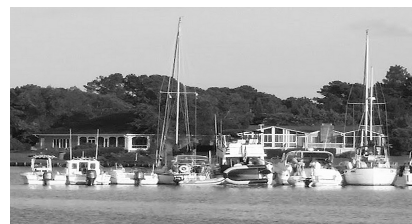
The 2019 Fall Appreciation Dinner will be held at Taberna Country Club again this year with Vice Commadore Ritchie Thomson as the emcee. What a great way to spend a fun evening with friends and reflect on this season of boating as it is drawing to a close. The date has been changed. It is Tuesday, October 15 at 17.30. See the flyer in this *Semaphore* for further details. It may seem early to send in your reservation, however seating is limited to 90 people. Make your plans now so you won't miss out.

Louise Knight, Past Commadore



Raft up

On the evening of Monday 12 August, nine boats and two dinghies rafted up in the Inner Harbour. There was a beautiful sunset and a full moon.



The Three Dinner Cruise

This event is scheduled for October 17 to 20. There is no flyer because four of our six spots filled immediately. Two spots remain open to be filled on a first-come basis.

There is, however, a problem at this time. The legacy of hurricane Florence lingers and no downtown marina can commit to reserve slips for six boats. We are on our waiting list with both and are considering other options.

More information to follow.

George Stateham, Cruising Captain

Condolences

We were all saddened by the news of the passing of Bob Hart.

Bob and Jean Hart joined the Yacht club in 1989. Bob was affectionately known as Captain Sauerkraut. He was a past Commander of the Bush River Power Squadron in Maryland. He was a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary in New Bern. Bob and Jean sailed in the Chesapeake before retiring to Fairfield where they enjoyed sailing and participating in many Yacht Club functions. They were in charge of the planning of the Shrimp-a-roo in Oriental every fall for more than six years.

We send our condolences to his wife Jean and his family.

Olwen Jarvis, Past Commadore

Choose a boat for your next Cruise

