

The Semaphore

Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club



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Commodore's Update

I've had opportunities to talk with people who are out "browsing" for real estate in the harbour. The other day I had a chance to talk to a couple who are not retired but are looking for their next move, away from the New Hampshire winters! They asked me if I had a few minutes to answer some questions about Fairfield Harbour. Silly question.

I always have time to talk about the harbour and the yacht club. I explained that we were an inclusive club albeit a social club with a boat problem. The man noticed that in our canal we had power boats and sailboats and wanted to know if there were any issues between power boaters and sailors. I explained that quite a few people in the harbour have both power and sail, Russ and I for one. This couple was in between boats but would be power boaters. They wanted to know if the club did cruises. I told him that we did, and the cruises were open to power and sail. I explained about our social events and that the pandemic didn't slow us down. They didn't seem to have a problem with a lack of a club house. I

also told them that the activities of the club are self-funded. If you participate you pay, meaning you bring a dish to pass or pay for your dinner. They thought the club sounded very friendly. They will not be down here but they know where I live so if they come back down in September, I shall invite them to our General Meeting. I hope they find a lot to build on. The one they were looking at had just sold, bummer.

So, I covered some of our committees last month. We have several committees that you don't normally hear about but are very important to the club. The first one that comes to mind is the **IT committee** headed by Adrian Vergot. They manage our data and the website. Yes, we have a yearbook, but the IT committee keeps our website up-to-date as far as activities and new members, and is more current than the paper yearbook. The next committee is the **Membership Committee** orchestrated by Paula Phipps and Pam Miller. They coordinate club information for new members, set up orientation for new members, and

introduce prospective members to the board for approval. Another committee is the **Regatta Committee** headed by Georgie Jackson. Under this huge umbrella falls Fun Races, Holiday Races, Regattas and Sun Fish races. Her team sets up races, gets PR out about the races, and organizes after race activities. Finally, the **History Committee** headed up by Carol and Marty Cavins. They take all the information generated by the club and digitize it and then maintain it for a proscribed amount of time as laid out in the constitution.

Barb Robinson, Commodore

REARCH FOR THE SKY



What's Happening?

July	Sat	2	Race: Fourth of July	
	Mo	4	Independence Day Raft-up/Anchorage	
	Mo	11	Board Meeting	1600
	Th	14	General Meeting (CC).....	1900
	Fr	15	Education Seminar (AC)	0900
	Mo	18-21	Local Waters Cruise	

(CC)=Community Center, (RS)=Red Sail Park, (AC)=Activity Center

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No Wake Buoy Update

The No Wake buoy at the south end of the Inner Harbour has been refurbished with new decals, reflective tape, anti-fouling paint and a new 3/8 inch chain rode with anchor. The buoy has been relocated closer to #18 Red Day Mark piling to make it more visible for all boaters to see as they enter the Inner Harbour and go around #18. There are three more No Wake buoys that will be pulled for maintenance after the Fourth of July holiday. The plan is to refurbish those three in the same way and put them on station by the end of July.

Remember, as boaters we are all responsible for our boat's wakes to insure there is no damage to our fellow residents' property and boats in slips.



Jerry Rezab, FHYC Maintenance

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No-wake Zones in NW, Spring Creek and the Inner Harbour

The attached chart shows the “no-wake” zones. Unfortunately, it does not cover the NW Creek beyond the turn into Spring Creek. However, boaters in that area still have the normal responsibilities to avoid excessive wake. The rules, in the NC Vessel Operators Guide, are general but in particular:



Spring Creek and northwest Marina no wake zones

- Speed which is excessive under the circumstances, and which endangers persons or property, is one form of reckless operation
- Vessels operated on the waters of this State shall slow to a no-wake speed when passing within 100 feet of a law enforcement vessel that is displaying a flashing blue light unless the vessel is in a narrow channel.
- No person shall operate a personal watercraft on the waters of this State at greater than no-wake speed within 100 feet of an anchored or moored vessel, a dock, pier, swim float, marked swimming area, swimmers, surfers, persons engaged in angling, or any manually operated propelled vessel (except within 50 feet in a narrow channel)
- Safe navigation is very largely a matter of boating courtesy, or the observation of the “golden rule” in marine traffic. Finally, if you are in the “no-wake” zone, it means just that - **No-Wake.**

Ritchie Thomson, Past Commodore



Peace and no wake

Reflections

Sea Fever

*I must go down to the seas again, to the vagrant gypsy life,
To the gull's way and the whale's way where the wind's like
a whetted knife.
And all I ask is a merry yarn from a laughing fellow-rover,
A quiet sleep and a sweet dream when the long trick's over.*

By John Masefield



The Ship

*I march across great waters like a queen,
I whom so many wisdoms helped to make.
Over the uncurdled billows of seas green
I blanch the bubbled highway of my wake.
By me my wandering tenants clasp the hands,
And know the thoughts of men in other lands.*

By John Masefield



ETYSA 2022 In full swing

The Edward Teach Youth Sailing Association is in full swing for the 2022 season. It is wonderful to see all these children aged from 8 to 14 years out on the water learning to sail.

Many of the volunteers who are assisting the professional instructors (aka coaches) are members of FHYC.

Thank you to all the volunteers for doing so. In addition, thank you to all those individual members who have donated so generously to ETYSA.

*Olwen Jarvis, Past Commodore
Ritchie Thomson, Past Commodore*



Mothers/Fathers' Day Fun Race

On Saturday June 18 Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club sponsored a Mother's/Father's Day Regatta. Eight boats participated. The wind was variable, meaning there was wind of 5 knots and there was wind of 15 knots. The direction also changed by 90 degrees more than once.

The course went from 1N to 19, then up the river to 22, over to 26, back down to 19 and finished at 1N.

Thank you to Tom and Anna Pederson on *Zero Assets*, who served as the safety boat, watched the start line, and took the finish times.

Results:

1. Partrick Walsh: *Sea-N-Double* 14:57:38
2. John Jackson: *Georgie Girl* 15:16:15
3. Paul Mills: *Vertical Wing* 15:19:13
4. Blake Sohn: *Long Shot* 15:19:28
5. George Story: *City Girl* 15:31:56
6. Peter Budzynkiewicz: *Wicked Good* 15:25:01
7. Joan Wilson: *Latitude Adjustment* 15:31:03
8. Mike Shetter: *Plymouth* 15:42:32



Georgie Girl
Wing-on-wing



Wicked Good

There was an after race party at the home of John and Georgie Jackson. George Story and Peter Budzynkiewicz won the drawings for boats that finished the race. A good time was had by all.



George Story



Peter Budzynkiewicz

Vendée Arctique

The Vendée Arctique –is the first qualifying race for the Vendée Globe 2024. Four other races will allow candidates for the Vendée Globe to qualify:

1. Route du Rhum-Destination Guadeloupe (November 2022)
2. Return solo race of the Transat Jacques Vabre Normandie Le Havre (November 2023)
3. Transat CIC Brest United States (May 2024)
4. New York – Vendée (July 2024).

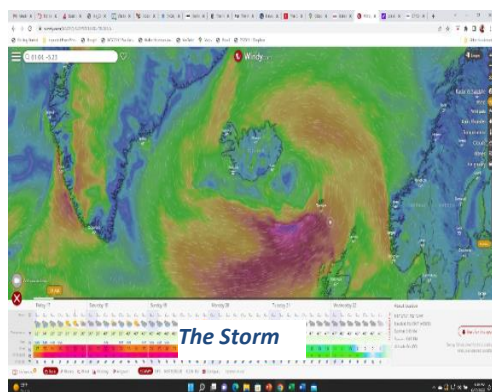
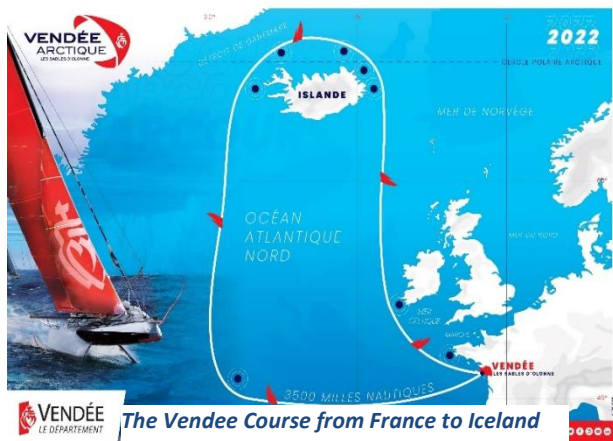
The Vendée Arctique is now finished. Twenty-five boats and their solo sailors headed off on a course which was to be about 3,500 nautical miles. On this race the solo skippers headed northwards towards the Arctic Circle. The plan was that they would round Iceland before heading back to France.

The boats got off to a fine start on June 12 and were making good progress. However, mother nature decided not to cooperate, and a huge depression formed over Iceland. The organizers made the decision to finish the race after they had passed the first virtual gate southeast of Iceland.

This enabled boats to take shelter until the worst of the weather had passed. In all 20 of the 25 boats made it through the gate and 5 withdrew. Conditions were extremely severe. Damage to sails and equipment were the reasons for withdrawal.

One boat withdrew experiencing 45 knots of wind with the possibility of 60 knots. Another reported” I have three reefs in the mainsail and, for the first time in my life as a sailor, I’ve put on the storm jib.” Yet another lost her mainsail and is now trying to make it back to France without the main.

In summary, there was a lot of damage, but all sailors survived. This is a compliment to the sailors and the boats, both of whom took a huge pounding



The winner

Names of the Moon

I am sure there are many boaters who love to anchor out in a quiet creek on a moonlit night. We certainly used to do this on a regular basis either solo or as part of a FHYC moonlight raft-up in the Inner Harbour.

I have always found the stories behind the names of the Moons interesting. Full moon names date back to Native Americans of the northern United States. Tribes kept track of the seasons by giving names to each recurring moon. There were variations in the Moon names but in general the names used by the Algonquin and the tribes around Lake Superior were the same. European settlers followed that custom and created some of their own names.

Full Strawberry Moon is the name used for June since June has a relatively short season for picking strawberries. This name was used by all the Algonquin peoples. In Europe the Moon is called the Rose Moon...roses bloom in June in much of Europe.

The July Moon is called the Full Buck Moon. This was normally the month when buck deer began to show the velvet on their new horns. It was also often referred to as the Full Thunder Moon. Thunderstorms are most frequent in July. Yet another name for this month's Moon was the Full Hay Moon....the reason being obvious!

Looking ahead to August this month's moon was referred to as the Full Sturgeon Moon. The fishing tribes gave credit to this Moon since the very large sturgeon of the Great Lakes were most readily caught in August. A few tribes knew the August Moon as the Full Red Moon because, as the Moon rises, it appears reddish through the sultry haze of August. It was also called the Green Corn Moon or the Grain moon.

Strawberry Moon – June



Buck Moon - July



Sturgeon Moon - August



Olwen Jarvis, Past Commodore