

# The Semaphore

Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club



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## Commodore's Update

I hope that you had a safe and enjoyable Fourth of July holiday. I have a couple of quick mentions.

First, many of you traveled by land to visit/celebrate the holiday. While traveling on the highways, you followed the "rules of the road". Many of the driving actions you do are not written down as law but are considered common sense and courtesy. The same goes for actions on the water. There are "rules of the road" on the water as well. One of these actions is activity around a "slow no wake" buoy especially around a vulnerable area like the boat ramp in the Inner Harbour. A large wake can cause rough water around boats that are docked and subsequently cause damage to those boats/docks. If you have friends or family visiting, explain to them about "slow no wake". You have the Neuse River where you can fly. Keep the "slow no wake" areas safe by using common sense and courtesy to those in that area. This also applies to people who are launching their boats. Once you are disconnected

from your trailer, slowly proceed away from the ramp to allow the next boat to launch. The POA has purchased and FHYC has agreed to install and maintain a "no wake" buoy around the launch ramp. Be safe and be aware. On the other hand, if you see someone violating the "slow no wake" policy, report them to the POA.

Second, the Covid virus continues to plague us. As I mentioned in my email to the club, there is no 100% protection BUT there are things that we can do to reduce the severity of the infection. Get vaccinated and boosted, wear a mask, and social distance as best you can.

*Barb Robinson, Commodore*

## REACH FOR THE SKY



## What's Happening?

Aug	Mo	8	Board Meeting .....	1600
	Th	11	General Meeting (CC) .....	1900
	Fr	12	Education Seminar (AC) .....	0900
	Sa	20	Poker Run	
	TBD		Ocracoke Cruise	

(CC)=Community Center, (RS)=Red Sail Park, (AC)=Activity Center  
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 Delivery is Tuesday, August 30, 2022

## NEW MEMBERS

We are excited to introduce our newest members who were presented at our June and July meetings.

### Michael and Kathy Blumenthal

Mike and Kathy are from Napier, Illinois, near Chicago. They now live on Gondolier Drive which they purchased shortly before Hurricane *Florence*.

After months of arranging for repairs, they were able to move here permanently but unfortunately just as Covid hit.



As beginners they have gone to great efforts to learn about boating in our area and have taken advantage of our online seminar to improve their boating skills. Their boat is a 19 ft. Avalon Pontoon.

They come with high recommendations from their neighbors and sponsors Pam and Dick Gaskill and Art Thinguldstad and Deb Swan. Both have elected to serve on the Hospitality Committee.

### Robbie and Phyllis Godwin



Robbie and Phyllis are lifelong New Bern natives and have lived in Fairfield Harbour for over 15 years. Robbie built their home on Chateau Drive.

Phyllis is a recently retired teacher and Robbie a building contractor. Their boat is a 25.6 ft. Carolina Skiff named *The Mary Margaret*. Both are experienced boaters and enjoy the local waters and fishing with friends. When not boating you can also find them on the golf course.

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They come with high recommendations from their neighbors and sponsors, Kevin and Larna Griffin and Marcia and Ed Werneke. Their sponsors say they are kind, generous and conscientious but most of all their good cheer is contagious.

Robbie has selected Marine maintenance and Phyllis has selected Hospitality as their Committees.

### **Stan and Laurie Eakins (Pronounced ā-kinz)**



They currently reside at 39 Gondolier Drive having purchased the Berberich's house but still maintain their home in Greenville.

They started boating as young kids in Alaska and have 50+ years in boating, mostly power boats. Stan has captained boats as small as dinghies up to 52 feet. Presently, they own a 26 ft. Regal power boat aptly named *Sabbatical*.

Both Stan and Laurie have/had careers as professors in the ECU College of Business.

Their Primary sponsors are Doug and Kathie King with Joel and Elaine Berberich serving as secondary sponsors.

Both Stan and Laurie have elected to serve on the Marine Assistance committee.

### **Lincoln Griswold and Lyn Griswold**

They both grew up in Carlsbad, New Mexico and do a great deal of business travel. They eventually settled in New Bern, North Carolina and purchased a home on Bucco Reef after various offers on other houses fell through.

Lincoln has several interests beyond boating including scuba diving and holding pilot and amateur radio operator licenses. He convinced his sister Lyn to join the Yacht Club since she is currently staying with him as she continues working.

Their current boats include a 30 ft. Cape Dory sailboat named *My Land!* and a 20 ft. Shamrock power boat named *Eaglet*.

Their primary sponsors are Craig and Janice Myler with Bill and Lois Andrews serving as secondary sponsors.



Lincoln has selected the Maintenance Committee and given his active work schedule, will join the Ad Hoc Committee.

**When you see our new members on the water and around Fairfield Harbour, please give them a warm FHYC welcome!**

*Pam Miller, Membership Co-Chair*

## **Cruising Update**

### **JUNE 13 CAPE LOOKOUT CRUISE:**

Five boats headed for an anchorage in Adams Creek with plans to continue the next day to Cape Lookout. However, they were plagued with weather and small craft warnings, so the five boats went in three different directions.

Two boats headed home, two boats headed for South River and returned home on the third day, and one boat headed for Beaufort and made it to Cape Lookout on the third day.

The prize goes to Vince and Patty Trovato on sailing vessel *Footloose*. Later, that week the group met at the Cruise Leaders Steve and Leigh Hart's residence to enjoy a splash and hot dogs and burgers that were planned for the cruise.



**JUNE 25 SMALL BOAT/SHALLOW DRAFT CRUISE TO LATHAM WHITEHURST PARK:**



One of the traditional cruises in recent years has been the Thin-Water Cruise up Upper Broad Creek to the docks at Latham-Whitehurst Park. The distance is relatively short at about 6nm. Navigation is simple; turn left at 1N go up past Blackbeard Sailing Club and keep going up the creek. There is one oxbow with a shallow water cut off which is navigable in a dinghy with care. After passing the launch at Lee's Landing the creek divides. Take the left-hand branch and continue up the creek.

The scenery is very fine and totally different from sailing out on the Neuse. It consists of grasses and reeds with pine and bald cypress stands behind. The depths in the creek are good although the creek is narrow, and you need to stay alert and in the center.

One pontoon boat, one power boat, one PWC, and half-a-dozen dinghies traveled up to the docks with about 20 hardy sailors aboard. At the docks, most people retired to the pergola to get some shade while we had our picnic.



The weather, for late June, could not have been better with sun, temperatures in the high 80's, and relatively low humidity. There was a little wind especially when we returned down to the lower reaches of Broad Creek. The afternoon sea breeze, which can blow at this time of year,

did not really kick in. Amazingly, there were no bugs. All returned safely with no incidents.

It was an excellent cruise and enjoyed by all.

*Ritchie Thomson, Past Commodore*

**JULY 4 RAFTUP:**

Five boats headed to an anchorage near the mouth of Duck Creek on the Neuse River to watch the Fourth of July fireworks. Four boats rafted and returned to Fairfield Harbour after the fireworks and one boat, *SunSpot Baby*, anchored out overnight.



**CRUISING EVENTS COMING SOON:**

The Poker run on Saturday August 20 lead by George Stateham.

*Phil Katz, Cruise Committee Chair*



**WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF A CRUISE LEADER FOR THE OCRACOKE CRUISE IN AUGUST.**

**“July”  
by George Meredith**

Blue July, bright July,  
Month of storms and gorgeous blue,  
Violet lightnings o'er thy sky,  
Heavy falls of drenching dew.  
Summer crown!

## Golden Globe Race

Long-distance single-handed sailing has its beginnings in the nineteenth century, when a number of sailors made notable single-handed crossings of the Atlantic. The first single-handed circumnavigation of the world was made by Joshua Slocum, between 1895 and 1898. His book makes fascinating reading. Many sailors have since followed in his wake, completing leisurely circumnavigations with numerous stopovers. However, the first person to tackle a single-handed circumnavigation as a speed challenge was Francis Chichester, who, in 1960, had won the inaugural Observer Single-handed Trans-Atlantic Race.

In 1969, Robin Knox-Johnston was the first sailor to sail around the world, non-stop and without assistance. It took him 312 days, alone against the elements. In 2019, Jean-Luc Van Den Heede repeated the feat in 211 days. Inspired by the first single-handed round the world race in 1968, the Golden Globe Race, a single-handed race with no assistance, no GPS or electronics on board, will set off from Les Sables d'Olonne, France on the 4 September. Eighteen sailors representing 11 nationalities are taking part in this series.

Among them is Frenchman Damien Guillou, who worked as part of the Vendée Globe team of Jean Le Cam in 2016 and Kevin Escoffier in 2020. He will be sailing on the PRB Sailing Team, the two-time Vendée Globe winning sponsor. There is also the Indian skipper Abhilash Tomy. Originally from Mumbai, he is one of the most prominent sailors in India. During the 2018 Golden Globe Race, after 83 days at sea, Abhilash Tomy was injured and had to be rescued thousands of kilometers from Australia. He is taking his revenge on this rerun.



*Robin Knox-Johnston's boat Suhaili*

All the boats competing are 32–36-foot monohulls, built before 1988, whose technical characteristics are in line with the *Suhaili*, on which Sir Robin Knox-Johnston won the event in 1969. The only concession is the presence on board of new safety equipment, including a secure survival bag containing geo-locating communication equipment, which can be activated in case of absolute necessity, as well as a makeshift rigging in case the skippers dismast. Only sextants, compasses and charts allowed.

*Ritchie Thomson, Past Commodore*