

The Semaphore

Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club



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Outgoing Commodore's Update From the Helm

As 2023 draws to a close, we can look back to a remarkably busy year for our club! We began with a comprehensive survey to understand our demographics and the interests of our various constituencies, enabling your Board of Governors to begin making more informed decisions based on your preferences. The information collected in that survey will continue to guide and serve us well into next year.

I'm pleased to say there was something for everyone again this year; a reimagined general meeting structure, social activities, on water activities, educational seminars, medical moments, as well as unique events like the reception for 20 Year Plus members, and Roaring '20s Speakeasy, to name just a few. Who knows; we may have started something with the Bahama's bare boat trip. It filled up so quickly some of us missed it and will have to wait for another opportunity! And after the pandemic years, we've rejoined the Yacht Clubs of America, opening new possibilities for you when you cruise. All in all, a good year.

None of this would have been

possible without those who've stepped up to make it happen! Your Board of Governors spent a fair amount of time keeping us on course; considering and refining policies and procedures, evaluating options and suggestions, and developing schedules. Our committee chairs marshalled the combined efforts of dozens of committee members, and provided the numerous benefits and events we enjoyed as members! To each and every one of you who were a part of this and put the wind in our sails, I'd like to pass along a very personal "thank you", you've made a real difference in the value and experience

our membership provides! I hope you had fun along the way!

As I prepare to leave the helm as commodore, I believe that we remain one of the best yacht clubs on the mid Atlantic Coast! We truly offer something for everyone, no matter where you are on your boating adventure. Your club is strong, resilient, and robust, and ready to change with changing interests and demographics. It's been my privilege, and indeed an honor, to serve as your commodore for 2023! Craig Myler takes the helm January 1st, and he is ideally suited to navigate some of the ongoing challenges we face, as well as,

What's Happening in December 2023 & January 2024?

December	Fr	1	Past Commodore's Food Drive (CC) Angel Tree Drop Off	1100-1500
	Sat	2	Past Commodore's Food Drive (CC) Angel Tree Drop Off	0800 -1200
	Sat-Sat	2-9	FHYC Abacos Cruise	
		2	NYRA Winter Series	1300
		3	FH-POA Christmas Parade	
	Mo	11	Board Meeting (AC2)	1600
	Th	14	Holiday Party at The Pointe	1750
	Sat	16	Lighted Boat Parade and After Party	Sunset 1658
January	Mo	1	New Year's Fun Race	1300
	Mo	8	Board Meeting (AC2)	1600
	Th	11	General Meeting (AC2)	1900
	Tu	30	FHYC 40th Anniversary Cookbook Fund- raising Dinner (CC)	TBD

(cc)=Community Center, (rs)=Red Sail Park, (ac)=Activities Center, (v)=online.

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A digital copy of this issue will be delivered online, on or before November 25, 2023.

lead us as we celebrate the 40 year anniversary of Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club.

As for me, I go to join the esteemed group of past commodores, where I'm told, I'll face an initiation hurdle and must learn the secret password and handshake. I think I'll have my hands full.

Dave Phipps Outgoing Commodore ,



Incoming Commodore's Update "From the Helm"

As 2024 draws near, I anticipate the fun and excitement we are going to have in our 40th year as Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club. It is going to be hard to match the fun we had during the last year. We had so many wonderful times with boat parades, races, cruises, dinners, parties, and meetings that it seems impossible we were able to do that much. But we did.

The club is going to be forty years old on March 8, 2024. There were 36 Charter Members listed in the 1985 FHYC Yearbook. The membership has gone up and down over the years but the club has remained on an even keel to



deliver on the purposes specified in the constitution namely to conduct activities for the pleasure and recreation of the members, to promote yachting, the service of seamanship, social events among its members, and safety on the waterways. It is what we are all about.

As I ready myself to take the helm as commodore, I firmly believe in our purpose and stand ready to work to ensure we meet it. It's about continuing to have fun. Let's get to it.

Craig Myler Incoming Commodore

THANK YOU!!!!

A very special "Thank You" to the volunteers who came to help out at the 2023 Fall RCS/FHYC Clothing Drive: Jeff and Shannon Taylor, Jeff and Betsy Paul, Carrie Miller, Doreen Willcock, Ritchie Thomson, Leigh Hart, Sharon and Lou Nash, Phil and Linda Katz, and Cindy Baker with Bennie.

Another "Thank You" to the residents of Fairfield Harbour who donated enough clothes to fill the truck on Friday, three-quarters full and another truck on Saturday, half full. Many residents dropped off clothing on Friday and when they found out we were going to be there on Saturday, went home to go through their closets again. Also, thank you to the Fairfield Harbour Security Detail for dropping off clothing for the drive.

Many asked when we were going to do this again. The date will be April 5 and 6. One of the volunteers made the comment that with every bag of clothing there is a story and it's true.

Keep us in mind this winter for the Spring Clothing Drive. Again I thank everyone who helped to make this another successful clothing drive.

Barb Robinson Past Commodore,



RCS Crew with FHYC Member Dan Baker and Past Commodore Robinson



And the clothes just kept coming!

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Please email articles to
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Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club General Meeting — November 9, 2023

Every year the Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club elects new officers during their last General Meeting of the year. Next year's officers will be serving during our 40th Anniversary of the club. With that in mind Commodore Dave Phipps and Vice Commodore Craig Myler presented several special events planned for next year.

The first thing that caught everyone's eye was the banner draped across the officer's table at the front of the room. This banner will be used at many events planned through out the year to help celebrate our anniversary.

Commodore Phipps introduced Kati Hughes. She explained why some of the members were wearing aprons! It is to kick off the Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club 40th Anniversary cookbook that will be filled with recipes from our members. The cookbook should be available in April of 2024, our anniversary month. If you have any questions, you can contact Kati Hughes at katihughes@comcast.net.

Other activities coming up:

1. The Past Commodore Food Drive Thursday November 30 11am to 3pm, Friday December 1 11am to 3pm and Saturday December 3 8am to noon. At this time we will also be collecting the toys for the Angel Tree. Linda Lelli had Angels available. If you missed it, there will be Angels available at the POA office. If you wish to help, contact me at [ribaldness@gmail.com](mailto:ribaldi@gmail.com).

2. The Membership renewal deadline is December 1. You can find the link on our website.

3. FHYC will also be participating in the POA Holiday Parade Sunday, December 3rd. Anita English will be organizing this. Contact her at travelto@suddenlink.net. Decorate your carts, cars, dogs, spouse and or towable boats. Bring your horns and noise makers to celebrate the holidays.

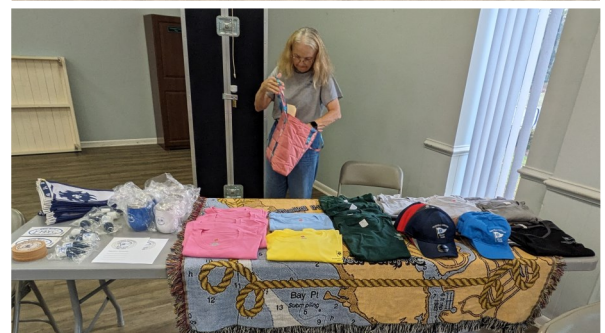
4. FHYC will also be doing the Lighted Flotilla on December 16. Last year was *spectacular!* Phil Katz will be sending out information. John Jackson will also be helping to organize and coordinate this event.

Vice Commodore Craig Myler then spoke to the need for members to sign up for committees to help maintain the club's activities going forward. Vice Commodore Myler then explained that one of the ways we can honor our anniversary will be to have something to wear with the special FHYC logo. These items will be prepaid. Darlene DeFigueiredo, our Ships Store Chair will have some samples at the January General Meeting. These items will be hats, shirts and glasses (drinking not eye).

Commodore Phipps then came to the election of officers for 2024. The Nominating Committee put forth the Slate of Officers as follows: Rear Commodore - John Jackson, Secretary - Julia Thomson, Director - Peter Clay and Director - Lynn Stateham. After presenting the Slate to the membership, Commodore Phipps asked for nominations from the floor. There were none so the slate was voted on. The vote was unanimous to accept the Slate of Officers as presented. Congratulations to these four elected members. All of these members have put in many hours of service to the club before being chosen. For that, the club thanks them.

I hope everyone has a great holiday season. Stay safe.

Past Commodore Barb Robinson





REMINDER!!!!!!

FHYC Sponsored Past Commodore's
Food Drive and Angel Tree

Thursday, November 30, 11AM — 3PM
Friday, December 1, 11AM — 3PM
Saturday, December 2, 8AM — 12 Noon

At the Community Center — Side Door

RCS (Religious Community Service) will accept any canned or non-perishable food time that are not past their use-by-date.

If you don't have food to donate, they do accept monetary donations. If paying by check, please make the check out to **RCS** and note that it's for the FHYC Food Drive. If you would like to help at the donation drop-off, please contact Barbara Robinson at (715) 781-7737 or ribaldness@gmail.com.

The Salvation Army Angel Tree !!!!!!!

We will be collecting **unwrapped** presents for the Salvation Army Angel Tree at the Community Center on the same day (s) as the food drive. Remember that the **identity code** for the angel must be on all the presents.

If you missed the General meeting, the Angels are available at the P.O.A. office.

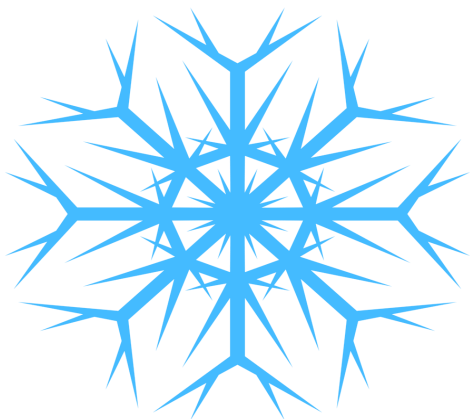
Thank you



*The Salvation
Army Angel Tree*

Open up your pantry and your toy box and make this a really special year for families and kids in our area.

P.S. If you have any moving boxes you would like to get rid of, we could use them for packing up the collected food items. Please contact: Barbara Robinson at (715) 781-7737 or ribaldness@gmail.com



Winter Wonderland Holiday Party

Make this year's FHYC *Winter Wonderland* Holiday Party your main event this December.

The Holiday Party will be held on Thursday, December 14, 2023, at The Pointe Restaurant starting at 5:30pm including a Holiday gift exchange/Grinch game.

Come celebrate the season with your fellow yacht club members!

Kathy Sansone, Entertainment Committee

Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club
"Winter Wonderland"

Thursday, December 14, 2023
 5:30 – 9:30 pm
 at The Pointe Restaurant
 1105 Barkentine Drive

5:30pm - Hors d'oeuvres and Cash Bar
 6:30pm - Dinner

Dinner Choices

Red Snapper, root vegetable, rice pilaf
 Pork Tenderloin w/demi glaze, root vegetable, rice pilaf
 Beef Medallions w/ bourbon sauce, root vegetable, rice pilaf
 Vegetable Stir Fry served over rice, sweet potato, and pineapple casserole
 (All entrees served with Salad, Bread, Choice of Dessert, and Beverage)

Optional holiday gift exchange/Grinch game. Details to follow.

Reservation

Please complete this form and return it with your check (\$45.00 per person) to Kathy Sansone, 6104 Cutlass Ct., by Wed, November 29. Seating is limited to 80 people, so get your reservation in early. Sorry, no refunds after November 29.

Name: _____

Check One Entrée and One Dessert:

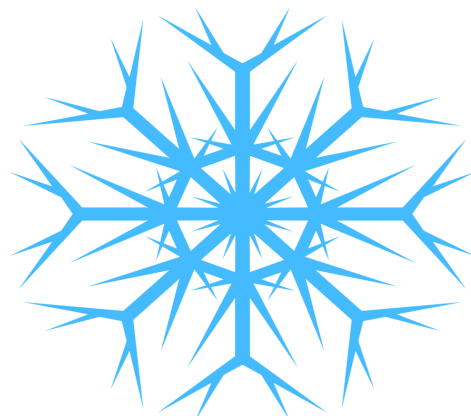
Red Snapper Pork Beef Vegetarian
 Chocolate Cake Pecan Pie

Name: _____

Check One Entrée and One Dessert:

Red Snapper Pork Beef Vegetarian
 Chocolate Cake Pecan Pie

I have enclosed a check for \$ _____ payable to FHYC
 I have paid online



*Don't let the Grinch spoil
the party!*



FAIRFIELD HARBOUR YACHT CLUB Announces A Holiday Parade Of December 16, 2023 Guidelines and Procedures

To all members of the FHYC and non-members who are residents of Fairfield Harbour. Decorate your boat with lights for the holidays and join us on Saturday December 16, for a Holiday Parade in the Inner Harbour after sunset along the Shoreline. See attached guidelines and procedures for the parade or come to the Inner Harbour and bring chairs to sit by the Shoreline to enjoy the lighted boats passing by while singing Christmas carols.

All boats participating in the parade must fill out the form below and return it to the FHYC. Non-member participants will then be sent a waiver to sign and return to FHYC.

Captain's Name _____	Email _____
Boat Length _____	
Power __ Sail __ Kayak __ Paddleboat __ Canoe __ Dinghy __ w/outboard __	
Return the form to John Jackson at 1210 Pelican Dr. or email Jackson.JY@gmail.com By Monday December 11, 2023.	

- 1) All boats participating in the FHYC Lighted Boat Parade must be registered with FHYC by providing the following information: BOAT NAME, CAPTAIN'S NAME, CELL, EMAIL, TYPE OF BOAT (POWER, SAIL, KAYAK, PADDLE BOAT, CANOE, DINGHY).
- 2) All boats participating in the FHYC Lighted Boat parade shall be equipped with the appropriate navigation lights and shall display the navigation lights between sunset and sunrise as specified on pages 10 and 11 in the North Carolina Vessel Operator's Guide NC Wildlife Resources Commission. www.ncwildlife.org, This includes exceptions as discussed in the Guide.
- 3) All non-members of the FHYC participating in the Lighted Boat Parade shall be residents of Fairfield Harbour and must sign a waiver, which is like the waiver non-member sailboat captains sign to participate in FHYC races.
- 4) The parade boats will be divided into 4 groups: SAILBOATS, POWER BOATS. DINGHIES WITH OUTBOARDS, UNPOWERED VESSELS (canoes, paddle boats, kayaks, unpowered dinghies).
- 5) Sail boats will be the first group in the parade, powerboats the second group, dinghies with outboards the third group and unpowered boats will be the fourth group.
- 6) There will be a lead boat for each group, and your boat's position behind the lead boat will be assigned to you based on the size of your boat with larger boats first.
- 7) On December 16th the parade boats will assemble along Northwest Creek by your group's lead boat in your designated position. You must be in position in your group by sunset (1658hrs) 4:58pm with your navigation lights on.

Guidelines and Procedures (Continued)

- 8) Parade boats will monitor VHF channel 69 for instructions. The sound of our cannon along with VHF channel 69 radio instructions will announce the start of the parade down Spring Creek. Probably around 1730hrs (5:30pm). Continue to monitor VHF channel 69 for further instructions.
- 9) Stay in line in your designated position, turn on your parade lights, maintain a safe distance from the boat in front of you, avoid rubber necking.
- 10) As you exit Spring Creek to enter the inner harbor, the parade will follow a counterclockwise circle by the boat ramp, marina and around the periphery of the shoreline to starboard back towards Spring Creek. The parade will circle the inner harbor twice. Upon reaching Spring Creek after the 2nd time turn off your parade lights.
- 11) Depending on where your dockage is, either continue into Spring Creek to exit the inner harbor or continue around in a counterclockwise circle until you can exit to your dockage safely. If Parade boats are still entering from Spring Creek, do not cut into that line, you must exit into Spring Creek and re-enter the inner harbor from end of the line. Be aware of boats behind you.



Spring Creek Yacht Club
Come join the fun

Parade of Lights After Party

Saturday, December 16, 2023



Begins following the Parade of Lights
@ the Community Center

RSVP to Janice at 443-299-8916
(Just so we have a head count)

What to bring:

- A dessert to share! (Prizes for the best desserts)
- BYOB! Eggnog and champagne punch will be provided by the Club

All Yacht Club members are invited to attend whether you are a member or not.

2023-24 NYRA Winter Series Regatta

Why don't FHYC boats race?

Last year in the Halloween Race sponsored by NYRA, the *Rampant Lion* won the Navigator Class – an old Tartan 37 with an “experienced” crew. **She was the only boat from FHYC.**

Fast forward to this year. This year the *Rampant Lion* was not able to compete, but *Georgie Girl*, a nearly 50 year old Tartan 34 from FHYC went out. Skipper John Jackson, Russ Robinson at helm, Dan Baker, Ritchie Thomson, Mark McSalyer and Kathy (first time on a sailboat for Kathy) went out in light winds.

There were 3 different classes of boats with *Georgie Girl* in the Navigator's class. *Georgie Girl* came in first ahead of *Vertical Wing* by about 30 seconds on corrected time.

Below are the statistics from the November 11 regatta, the 2nd event in the winter series, showing all the classes. *Georgie Girl* was 1st in the Navigator Class. **She was the only boat from FHYC.**

We would love to have **MORE FHYC** boats out there in the next six races of the NYRA Winter Series.



Spinnaker A(PHRF under 123) (3 boats)

Pos	Sail	Boat	Rating	Skipper	Yacht Club	1	2	3	7	8	9	Total	Pos
1	32729	Badfish	114	Ed Doughty	BSC	1	[2]	2	1	1	1	6	1
2	30881	Anathema	111	Tom Mcknight	NYRA, BSC	[2]	1	1	2	2	2	8	2
3	83309	Water Phantom	120	Charles Nelson	BSC/NYRA	[3]	3	3	3	3	3	15	3

Series Standing - 6 races scored

Spinnaker C(PHRF over 192)(3 boats)

Pos	Sail	Boat	Rating	Skipper	Yacht Club	1	2	3	7	8	9	Total	Pos
1	585	Red Stripe	168	Buddy Dillinger	BSC	[2]	1	2	1	1	1	6	1
2	1493	Blue Note	264	Mark Hittner MARK BRENNESHOLTZ	BSC	1	2	1	[4/ DNC	4/ DNC	4/ DNC	12	2
3	566	Charisma	198	Pete Thorn	BSC	3	[4/ DNF	4/ DNF	4/ DNC	4/ DNC	4/ DNC	19	3

Series Standing - 6 races scored

Navigation Class (7boats)

Pos	Sail	Boat	Rating	Skipper	Yacht Club	1	2	Total	Pos	Se-
1	11127	Georgie Girl	192	John Jackson [1]	FHYC	2	1	3	1	
2	3700	Vertical wing	114	Paul Mills [3]	Blackbeard Sailing Club	3	2	5	2	
3	52462	Mighty Fine 2.0	123	Arch Altman [3]	Blackbeard	5	3	8	3	
4	298	Methuselah	153	Scott Huddle [2]	BSC	1	8/ DNC	9	4	
5	360	Latitude Adjustment	156	Clifford Lennox [2]	Blackbeard Sailing Club	6	4	10	5	
6	514	Next Hitch	129	Mark Hansen [3]	Blackbeard Sailing Club	4	8/ DNC	12	6	
7	126	Erin Jane	150	Ken Gasch [2]	Blackbeard	8/ DNC	7	15	7	

Congratulations to Al Lang for finishing in first place!

<h1>SUNFISH</h1>		Date:	PLACEMENT				SCORING								
			10/29/2023										Spring	Fall	2023
			# of Races	Race #				Race #				2023	2023		
Competitor	Sail #	Races	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	Total	Total	Total		
Lang, Al	3696	34	2	2	1	3	5	4	5	3	53	71	124		
Sechrist, George	367	35	1	5	3	2	6	1	3	4	33	75	108		
Frank, Eric	32	32	3	1	4	1	4	5	2	5	46	56	102		
Rezab, Jerry	850	28	4	3	2	4	3	3	4	2	13	34	47		
Moore, DJ	24	8									17	0	17		
Schmidt, Randy	PWB	11	5	4	5	5	2	2	1	1	11	6	17		
Story, George	RWB	5									7	0	7		
Hanselman, David	4839	5	DNF	DNC	DNC	DNC	0	DNC	DNC	DNC	0	7	7		
Thompson, Ed	14	3									7	0	7		
Humphries, Izzy	Org/Wht	4									4	0	4		

Above are the 2023 final results. Many thanks to our racers, race committee, and spectators, and especially to Jerry Rezab for his years of devotion to the Sunfish!!!

Contributed by Joan Wilson





FAIRFIELD HARBOUR YACHT CLUB



40 Year Anniversary Cookbook *Celebrating 40 Years of Camaraderie and Fellowship Since 1984*

Exciting News!

In 2024 our organization will celebrate its 40th Anniversary! Through the years our members have served up delicious fare on boats, beaches and in fancy dining halls, and what better tribute than a celebration cookbook to showcase some of these recipes in a keepsake book. As a fundraiser, we are at work on a high-quality piece with a publication target of early spring. The cost will be approximately \$30, and will have a sturdy hidden binder cover and photographs of many of the selected recipes. We hope you will join us in this endeavor by submitting your favorites and by pre-ordering books for you and your friends and family.

If you would like to submit a recipe, we are already selecting content, so please send a few of your favorites to Sharon Nash at: sharonbethnash@gmail.com or Lynn Stateham at lynn@stateham.com.

We only need the name of your recipe at this time to get an idea of the content. Also, please include the story of your recipe and why you like it. To give you some ideas, did you serve it at a yacht club event? Is it a family recipe handed down from your grandmother, or something that you served aboard your boat, or that you make for special occasions?

To pre-order a book, please email Erin Vergot at pghlass@yahoo.com with your information and how many books you might be interested in purchasing. There is no obligation but this information will help us determine how many books to order.

Please make the subject of your emails "Cookbook." Thank you for your input!

Kati Hughes

Maintaining Your Boating Skills Over The Winter

For most of us, winter usually means fewer days on the water. Holidays and weather frequently steal some time from our preferred avocation. If you're like many of us, your boating skills may suffer from a lack of recent experience, resulting in a sort of learning curve when we venture out again in the spring.

But the winter season also affords us an opportunity to go back to basics, to review what we may have once understood, but have forgotten, or not used. It's a wonderful chance to study a half dozen subjects at our leisure on a cloudy day, with a warm beverage at our side. And the best news of all is that you don't have to go far to find the right materials to make this happen. We have several training seminars from the educational committee right on our website at fhyc.us!

To access these courses, sign in to the "members only" section of the website with the user name and password shown in back pages of your Yearbook. Once in the members only section, hover your mouse over the far left icon labeled "Seminars". A new pop up menu appears; scroll down to the very bottom of that menu and click on "Education Committee Presentations." Another menu will appear just to the right with several topics; click on the program you're interested in, and then use the arrow at the top right of your screen to maximize the window. From here, use your arrow buttons to click through the PDF presentations.

Among the courses for boat operators, you'll find "Inland Rules of the Road", "Handling Abnormal and Emergencies on the Water", and "Use of the VHF Radio". Each of these provides a thorough but applicable review for the recreational boater. More courses are being added every year; take advantage of these well done resources and be better prepared for your next adventure!

Dave Phipps, Commodore



Commodores and spouses 2023



Save the Date

**The 2024
Commodores' Ball**

Thursday, March 21, 2024
at Carolina Colours