

The Semaphore

Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club



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View From The Bridge

Another meeting is in the books. It is good to see that we have some new prospective members. Now is the time to invite your eligible friends and neighbors to join our fine organization.

We had a very nice presentation by Joe Pica on transiting locks - informative and timely. Dave Pfefferkorn did the Nautical Minute about performing radio checks on the correct frequencies. Remember, Channels 27 and 26, not Channel 16.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the Fourth of July Raft-Up. It will be on our side of the Twin Bridges near the entrance to Duck Creek. This spot was picked to alleviate some of the crazy boat traffic leaving Union Point. Make sure your navigation and anchoring lights are functional.

We have so much more going on. Local Waters Cruise is scheduled for July 19-21. Christmas in July is scheduled for Thursday, July 25, and of course we have the regular schedule of racing. It's not too soon to start thinking about the Poker Run in August which will have two divisions (sail and power). We hope to see everybody out there. The Manteo/Ocracoke cruise is coming up August 19-28. We are looking for a cruise leader for the Bald Head Cruise. This is one of the best cruises we do all year. As much as we would like you to volunteer for cruise leader, we still want you to come. If you would like to learn to be a cruise leader, let us know and we will pair you up with an experienced person. Everyone has

to start somewhere.

As a reminder, the July meeting will include a Nautical Flea Market. The Flea Market will run from 7-8 pm followed by a short business meeting and whatever delightful accoutrements the Hospitality Committee dreams up. As Leigh Pfefferkorn reminded us, the Nautical Flea Market is a good place to pick up your Christmas-in-July presents.

We need hospitality hosts for July through November. Please consider volunteering. Call Ellen McElree 252-631-3416 to get on the list.

Merry Christmas (in July) Everyone!



Ralph Azersky, Commodore

FHYC General Meeting June 13, 2019

The June FHYC General Meeting was called to order at 1930 by Commodore Ralph Azersky and members were led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests were welcomed. There were no new members and membership remains at 3 charter, 3 complementary, and 172 regular for a total of 178.

The hosts for the evening were Skip & Cherylle Hird and Les & Suzanne Pendleton. Volunteers are needed for July through November and a sign-up sheet was available at the meeting.

The minutes were approved as printed in the *Semaphore*. (Jarvis/Robinson)

The Treasurer's Report has been approved by the Board, is available for review, and was accepted by the membership. (Fortenbaugh/Pfefferkorn)

Rear Commodore's Reports:

There is no Education Seminar this month. Seminars will resume in September.

What's Happening

July	Tu	2	Race: Fun Racing
	Th	4	Cruise: Fourth of July Raft-Up
	Mo	8	Board Meeting (ac) 0900
	Tu	9	Race: Fun Racing
	Th	11	General Meeting (cc) 1930
	Tu	16	Race: Fun Racing
	Fr-Su	19-21	Cruise: Local Waters
	Tu	23	Race: Fun Racing
	Th	25	Christmas in July (rs) 1700
	Tu	28	Race: Fun Racing

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

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

Delivery is Saturday, July, 2019

Vice Commodore's Reports

The deadline for the *Semaphore* is 1200 June 17.

At this point the program was presented by Captain Joe Pica who shared many of his adventures cruising the locks. Joe is a sought-after speaker about the lock system and a leader in the Great Loop Cruising Association. We are lucky to have him and his expertise in our club.

The business meeting resumed after the presentation.

Commodore's Reports

Cruising: Norm Meissner encouraged the group to join the cruises and stated that he has been disappointed in the turnout with only three boats showing up for the Cape Lookout Cruise.

The Latham-Whitehurst Small Craft Cruise is June 22 and a sign-up sheet was available at the meeting. Members were encouraged to attend.

George Stateham gave a review of upcoming cruises including the Fireworks Raft-Up, Poker Run, and Manteo-Ocracoke. In order for the Bald Head Island Cruise to happen, a leader is needed.

Entertainment: Suzanne Pendleton introduced Leigh Pfefferkorn who gave a detailed description of the upcoming

“Christmas in July” social event. There will be a Parade of Santas, winners for best dessert and appetizer that follow the nautical theme. A Christmas exchange will follow. Further information will be in the *Semaphore*.

Regatta Committee: Barb Robinson reported on the good turnout for the Oar Race. She encouraged members to continue to submit articles for the *Beacon* and noted that Pam Gaskill, Beacon Editor, has requested that they be in Word format rather than PDF.

Pam Miller announced that the store is open and members were encouraged to see her about any special orders.

David Pfefferkorn presented the Nautical Minute on Automated Radio Checks.

Old Business

The board is still reaching out to all Committee Chairs for assistance in updating the current Policies and Guidelines and asks that chairs contact their bridge member with any changes.

New Business

There will be a Swap Exchange at the July meeting and a short Business Meeting.

For the Good of the Club

Thanks to Joye Moloney for organizing Flip Flops for Fun which donated 161 pairs to RCS—a great success!

The POA Annual Meeting will be June 26 and there will be news about the new launch ramp along with other improvements for Fairfield Harbour. The membership was encouraged to attend.

There will be a Yacht Club dinner Wednesday, June 19 at Captain Ratty’s beginning at 1715 which will include appetizers and buffet for \$25.

Lynn Stateham encouraged members to use their reciprocal Yacht Club card as they travel. She and George had a wonderful time at the San Diego Yacht Club on their recent travels.

Anniversaries

Ten Years: Bill Coxe & Pat Mora-Coxe and Skip & Cherylle Hird.

The meeting was adjourned at 2030. (Jarvis/Schiller) Members enjoyed a wonderful Happy Hour and each other’s company.

*Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Berberich, Secretary*

Local Waters Cruise On the Neuse

The cruising season is now well underway, with both the Cape Lookout and Ocracoke cruises already history. For those of you who are newer to the area, or simply enjoy the river, think about joining us for the Local Waters Cruise. In the Neuse River basin, there are many fine anchorages and marinas worthy of a visit. These include Lower Broad Creek / River Dunes Marina and South River.

The planned itinerary will be agreed at the skippers’ meeting in Activity Center Room 3 at 0900 on Tuesday, July 16. Participants, skippers and admirals are welcome to attend. We shall try to accommodate the wishes of both those who want to enjoy the peace and tranquility of anchoring out and those who prefer the services of a marina. In the fine tradition of FHYC, nightly “splashes” and frequent BBQs are mandatory.

For those who are without a boat, or would prefer company, we shall try to accommodate them on another participating boat. Please indicate this on the sign-up sheet that accompanies this newsletter.

The cruise will be led by Chris Town and Ritchie Thomson. This will be Chris’ first “Cruise on the Neuse”.

Chris Town

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Deadline

Deadline is 1200 the Monday following the meeting. Please e-mail articles to the address listed below:
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Poker Run

On August 10, 2019 join in FHYC's Poker Run for a fun day on the water followed by a good splash. We have different routes for power and sail fleets to reduce congestion and give the sailors a shorter distance. The power distance will be approximately 12 nautical miles and the sail about 8. See the flyer with this issue of the *Semaphore* for more details.

Entry fee will be \$5.00, all of which will be in the pot for winners. The best hand overall will receive 50% of the pot with the best remaining hand for power and sail receiving 25% each. Payout and the splash will be at the Community Center beginning at 1700.

You won't have to approach another boat or object to get your cards. Boats will check in by VHF at each point and the dealer will tell you what card you have drawn. Those cards will be given to each skipper at the splash.

Much more information will be available at the Captains' meeting in room 2 of the Activity Center on August 7 at 1000 hours.

George Stateham, Cruising Captain

What's In a Name?

Here's a wonderful old chart showing the coasts of North Carolina and Virginia. It's dated February 1862.

Do you notice anything different? The body of water into which the Neuse empties, is identified as Pamplico Sound. Today we call it Pamlico Sound. Whatever happened to the missing "p"?

Here are some other interesting things you might want to know about the Sound, as reported in *Wikipedia*, that online know-it-all.

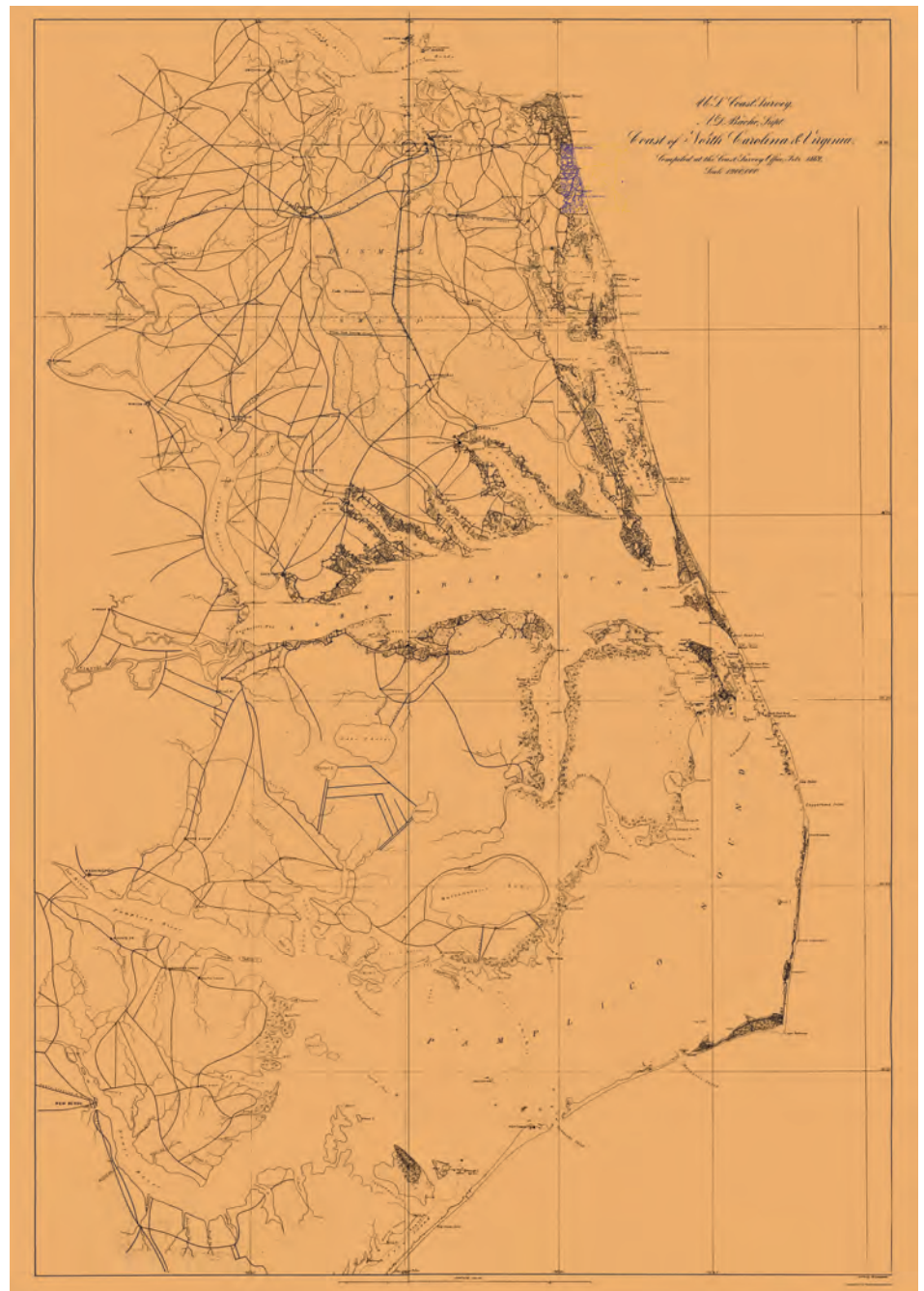
In March of 1524, Italian Explorer Giovanni da Verrazzano crossed the Atlantic and arrived at a rather wide part of the Outer Banks. He marched across the barrier island and spotted Pamlico Sound. He thought he had reached the Pacific Ocean!

Pamlico Sound was named for the Pamlico Native American tribe that lived along the Sound's mainland banks. They were referred to as the Pamouik by the Raleigh expeditions in 1584.

Three locations on the Outer Banks between Cape Hatteras and Cape Fear were once under serious consideration by the US Atomic Energy Commission as atomic bomb test sites during the late 1940s and early 1950s.

In 1987, Congress declared Albemarle and Pamlico Sounds an "estuary of national significance".

The economic impact of tourism to the Albemarle-Pamlico Sound area exceeds \$1.3 billion annually!



FHYC Cape Lookout Cruise

May 13 to May 17, 2019

On Monday, May 13 three boats left Fairfield Harbour and headed down the Neuse towards their Cedar Creek anchorage off Adam's Creek. Phil Katz, Linda Duncan and their parrot, Monet, arrived around noon in their power vessel *Arawak*. Norm and Yvonne Meissner with their dog, Scout, arrived shortly after in *Agustus Maan*. Later that afternoon, Ted and Beth Warnock arrived in their sailing vessel *Latitude Adjustment* just as the torrential rains subsided. We all enjoyed a beautiful sunset and a calm night on anchor.

Tuesday the three boats headed for Cape Lookout with fair currents and calm seas. We saw feeding dolphin and diving pelicans in Core Creek and observed wild horses along the sandy shores of Shackleford Banks. All was well as we anchored in Cape Lookout bight, but the wind and seas kicked up later in the day and resulted in a sleepless night on anchor. Evidently, the Meissner's dinghy could not sleep either and decided to go ashore, dodging the shrimp boats that night.

On Wednesday when Scout awoke with no dinghy to go ashore, there was concern regarding the dog's comfort, so Phil and Norm went on a retrieval mission to get the dinghy and Scout was happy again. Late that afternoon, the cruisers went ashore to enjoy a splash with appetizers, a cookout and S'mores for dessert.

On Thursday, *Arawak* and *Latitude Adjustment* headed out of the bight into four- to six-foot seas for about seven nautical miles towards Beaufort Inlet. Once inside, they had fair currents all the way up to the Neuse River where headed straight for Fairfield Harbour. *Agustus Maan* decided to avoid the heavy seas and stayed in the Bight until the weather calmed down. They arrived safely in Fairfield Harbour on Sunday.

Phil Katz and Linda Duncan

