

FHYC General Meeting January 9, 2020

Commodore Ralph Azersky called the meeting to order at 1930 hours and led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by a moment of silence in remembrance of passed members Emily Helling, Peggy Daly and Fred Cornford.

The change of watch ceremony was held. Inducted were Commodore Ritchie Thomson, Vice Commodore Adrian Vergot, Rear Commodore Barbara Robinson, and Secretary Yvonne Meissner. Ritchie Thomson thanked Past Commodore Azersky for his services and presented him with a gift. Also presented were new Directors Elaine Mielenhausen and Ellen McElree. The returning Treasurer, Board Members, Fleet Surgeon, and Fleet Chaplain were recognized. The new Cruising Captain, Phil Katz, was presented with his flag, and the returning Regatta Captain was recognized. Committee chairs were introduced.

Guests were welcomed. Kim Tarkenton introduced Jim and Amanda Dobson. Ellen Beery introduced Mary and Al Lang. Rose and Kevin MacNeal, sponsored by Ralph Azersky and Karl and Elaine Mielenhausen were also introduced. Paula Phipps introduced new members: Greg and Chris Bryon (Hird/Grosser) and Mike and Vicki Shetter. They were welcomed and given their burgees by Commodore Thomson.

Commodore Thomson noted that we now have 152 regular members, two charter, and three complimentary. Twenty-seven members did not renew. We did not have a December meeting. Minutes of the November General Meeting were published in the Semaphore. A motion was brought forward to dispense with the reading of the November minutes and to approve the minutes as published. Approved (Bill Jarvis/Barbara Lewis.)

Treasurer's Report: Sherry Pendleton reported on fiscal year ending December 31, 2019. This was approved by the Board at their January 6, 2020 meeting, has been published on the FHYC website, and is available for review.

Rear Commodore's Report: Barbara Robinson thanked the hospitality co-hosts for the evening, Leigh and Steve Hart and Tom and Nina Renner.

Programs: John Jackson reported that his committee has various programs planned for this year. Three will cover club history, one will showcase members' boats, and one will cover the status of water quality on the Neuse River. Other programs will cover insurance, and boating and the law. Medical or Nautical Moments will continue.

Education: Dave Phipps has developed nine programs covering CPR recertification, rules of the road for both power and sail, how to get better sailing performance, life jackets, introduction to sewing canvas, flares, handling emergencies, women at the helm, and electrical wiring.

Marine Assistance: Doug King reported that he has plans to keep the Committee ready to assist with non-emergency requests in 2020. Doug asked that knowledgeable members step up and volunteer to pass on their skills.

Medical Support: Education will address the topics of burns and first aid kits.

Vice Commodore's Report: Adrian Vergot introduced chairs for Storekeeper, Julia Thomson, and for Yearbook and Semaphore, Bill Green. A show of hands was requested to get a feeling for how many members use electronic delivery of the Semaphore. The goal is to encourage more members to use this mode of distribution. An online Semaphore would allow more content, including articles and photos on recent and up-coming events. Julia Thomson requested that

members let her know what they would like to see in the FHYC Store. Vice Commodore Vergot reminded members that the FHYC Library is there for our use and enjoyment, and that the Semaphore deadline is noon on Monday after the General Meeting.

Commodore's Report: Ritchie Thomson introduced chairs for Cruising, Phil Katz; Entertainment, Janice Myler and Lois Andrews; Regatta, Georgie Jackson; and Yacht Club Dinners, Deb Stone.

Phil Katz has 14 activities scheduled as listed in the Yearbook. New ideas include a small cruise to Trent / Brices Creek or Oriental to enjoy the Front Porch Music Festival. The On the Hook raft-up was very successful. Next date in April is to be announced.

Entertainment: Janice Myler has planned a Bunko Party in February and the Commodores' Ball in March. The Fall Appreciation Dinner is slated for October, and a Chili Cook-Off for November.

Regatta: Georgie Jackson reported that the Dinghy/Sunfish Spring Series will run from April 5 to June 21. Jerry Rezab is the contact person. Ensigns will be racing from March 26 to May 7 with Mark Hittner as the contact person. The Wilkerson Race is April 25 and the Oar Race is May 16. Committee boats, crew, a PRO, and more are needed for both races. A fun Kayak Race is planned for May in the Inner Harbour. Fun Races will continue through the winter. They had a great turnout with at least 12 boats on New Year's Day. Georgie encouraged all boaters to come out onto the water.

FHYC Dinners: Deb Stone reminded all to sign up for the January 16 dinner at Texas Steakhouse at 5:30 pm.

Commodore Thomson noted that the general health of the Club is strong and that we are looking forward to an exciting 2020. He announced that Bill Jarvis will receive the prestigious John B. Bonds service award and congratulated him on that achievement. He also congratulated Bernie and Nancy Teubert on 25 years with FHYC.

There was a request from the floor to reinstate impromptus in their previous format. This will be taken under advisement.

A motion to adjourn was made at 2100. (Jarvis/Lewis) The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted
Yvonne Meissner, Secretary