

FHYC General Meeting (Virtual)

July 9th, 2020

Commodore Ritchie Thomson called the meeting to order at 19:30 hrs. There were 49 virtual attendees. He welcomed participating members and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for those who have died in the current pandemic.

Kathy Langley the Neuse River Keeper, informed us on the state of the Neuse River. She explained the various non treated run offs flowing into and effecting our river's water quality. It was a superb presentation.

Ralph Azersky introduced his new neighbors the Underhills from England for their first meeting with the Club.

Dr. Kathie King gave an update on the Covid-19 situation and her recommendations and guidelines for FHYC. "Stay masked! Keep your distance. "

We currently have 160 members. 156 Regular, 1 Charter and 3 Complimentary members.

We welcomed our newest members Buddy and Chris Jewell as well as our second newest member Joan Wilson. Joan has purchased a 36' Hunter and hopes to be able to sail her single handed in the near future.

Last month's GM minutes were published on the FHYC website. With no objections they are accepted as published. The Financial Statements through June 30th, 2020 were approved by the Board and are published on the website.

Our Rear Commodore, Barbara Robinson, reported that the Program Committee has plans set for upcoming General Meeting programs. Presentation for August – "Insurance", September "NC Wildlife Commission" and October – "NOAA".

Also in October, the Committee chairs will present a guide to their positions prior to chair sign up for 2021. Sign- ups will take place at the October and November meetings (or virtually if needed).

David Phipp's educational presentation on Electrical Systems on Boats, will be on July 10th at 9am.

A list of FHYC Inventory was taken and is 98% accurate. Plans are to institute a new committee for 2021 to liaison between the various committees and the Board. M.A.C. had one event which the Greens responded to.

Vice Commodore Adrian Vergot urged more members to share their experiences through writing articles for the Semaphore. Submissions have a deadline of Monday at noon.

Commodore Ritchie Thomson stated that cruising events this past month were all very successful; the Three Dinner Cruise, the Shallow Water Cruise with 10 boats and 27 members, and the 8 boats on the hook for July 4th Fireworks. John Jackson will lead the day sailing of Local Waters on July 17th – 21st. Phil Katz has plans for a Poker Run planned for August but will not take place due to social distancing restrictions. Don Knight plans a Wine Tasting event on September 18th and 19th.

Georgie gave the members the results of the Sunfish Spring Series and the Holiday Fun Race. Ensign races have not been planned at this stage. The Holiday Fun Race had no wind to speak of and had no winners. For more race information members may call Ed Thompson or Peter Budzynkiewicz.

For Entertainment, there are plans for the fall but whether they will materialize is dubious.

The survey taken in May determined that we have a few members needing a paper copy of the Semaphore. VC Vergot has donated a printer to assist in printing these. In addition, individual support for those that need assistance to access the virtual meetings by a group of volunteers. Thanks were expressed to all those who participated in this exercise.

Quarantinis will continue on Saturdays. Kite Flying Impromptu was a welcome diversion. There was a good turnout on and off the water. Winners of various categories were announced. The Book of the Great Lockdown is being worked on with a "Photos of the Month" competition ongoing. A Design your own Mask competition is being planned.

John Jackson said he was sad to announce that Walt and Karen Meyer are leaving the area and are moving north.

Motion to adjourn (WJ/CT) at 20:57 hrs.

Respectively submitted

Yvonne Meissner

Secretary