

The Semaphore

Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club



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Is it almost December? Seems like the Installation of Officers just happened. The year has been filled with many diverse activities thanks to the committee chairs and all those members who have been involved. I hope that each of you can identify at least one activity or event in which you have participated. I know many of you shared a fun evening at the Fall Appreciation Dinner led by Vice Commodore Doug King.

There are a few Waypoints left before we ring in the New Year. Past Commodore Stateham is organizing the annual Food Drive for Religious Community Services December 1-3. Please contribute food or a monetary donation to this worthwhile cause. Next is the Holiday Parade on Sunday, December 4. Always a fun event with both participants and spectators needed. Contact Anita English if you want to be in the parade. Instead of our General meeting on December 8, come join the Holiday Party bearing gifts for the Salvation Army Angels. Thanks to the Entertainment Committee for planning this festive evening. Last on the calendar is the Holiday Flotilla and Chili Party. Hope your voices are ready for singing during the raft-up and later at the party. Contact Neil Ober if your boat will be in the Flotilla and Kathy Petritsch if you are bringing chili.

Remember to turn in your dues and renewal form to Treasurer Cherylle Hird by December 1. Also if you did not sign up for committees at the meeting, it is still not too late to do so before the *Yearbook* goes to press.

Please contact Vice Commodore King to add your name to your favorite committees.

As the year comes to an end, I would like to thank each and every one of you for making my year as Commodore a very rewarding and successful one for the club. I would especially like to thank the 2016 Bridge and Board for their support and those who provided committee leadership and membership during this year. I know that the newly elected 2017 Bridge and Board will continue to lead and guide this wonderful organization with your support.

Lastly, since this is my last column as Commodore, I would like to wish you a very happy holiday season. Please travel safely.

*Louise Knight
Commodore*



General Meeting November 10, 2016

Commodore Louise Knight called the meeting to order at 1930 hours and led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome - Introduction of Guests. Mary Grosser introduced Bill and Sherry Pendleton who were attending their second meeting. Olwen Jarvis introduced George and Barbara Lewis attending their third meeting. Maury Thompson introduced John and Keila Miller attending their first meeting.

Induction of New and Reinstated Members – Lynn Stateham introduced new members approved by the Board: Jerry and Susan Beebe sponsored by Kings and Berberiches (Susan was absent), Peter and Suzanne Budzynkiewicz sponsored by Jacksons and Dalys, and Ellen McElree sponsored by Pfefferkorns and Clarks (Philip Hewett was absent). They were welcomed and presented with their burgees by Commodore Knight.

Minutes – A motion was made and carried to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the October 13, 2016 General Meeting (Fortenbaugh/Pfefferkorn).

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's report for October 2016 has been approved by the Board and is available for review.

Program – Election of Officers for 2017 later in the meeting.

Rear Commodore's Report

What's Happening

Dec	Th-Sa	1-3	Food Drive	
	Su	4	FH Parade.....	1430
	Tu	6	Board Meeting (ac).....	0900
	Th	8	Holiday Party.....	1730
	Sa	10	Holiday Flotilla & Chili Party	
Jan	Su	1	New Year's Day Fun Race	
	Tu	10	Board Meeting (ac).....	0900
	Th	12	General Meeting (cc).....	1930
	We	18	Yacht Club Dinner	

(cc)=Community Center, (fc)=Fairfield Commons, (ac)=Activities Center

Deadline for next issue is noon, Monday, January 16, 2017

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Education – Bob Fortenbaugh announced the final program to be held November 11 at 0900. Fred Cornford has arranged for Alan Arnfast to present on “What to Expect from your Boatyard.” Bob thanked Bill Jarvis, Lloyd Moore, Doug and Kathie King, Ruthie Levin, Joel Berberich, Henry and Rose Litke, and Fred Cornford for serving on this committee.

Hospitality – Bill and Janet Witherup and Dave and Polly Brown are hosts this evening. Joel Berberich was thanked by Rear Commodore Jackson for setting up chairs today after the CPR training.

Maintenance – Jerry Rezac reported that all Spring Creek marks have now been replaced with aluminum, reflective markers and gave thanks especially to the efforts of Ed Grosser and Skip Hird. An additional “No Wake” buoy has been installed.

Marine Assistance – Bill Jarvis reported the Committee Boat towed a sailboat with engine failure today after the *Ensign* races from marker 6 to Northwest Creek Marina.

Medical Support – Joel Berberich reported that 14 members were certified by the American Heart Association after completing the class held November 10.

Vice Commodore’s Report

(Commodore reported for Doug King)

Distribution – *Semaphore* will be delivered a few days late this month due to Thanksgiving.

Semaphore – Deadline for submissions is Monday, November 14 at noon.

Storekeeper – Roberta Flynn reported that First Aid Books are here and ready for pickup. She also reminded members that wish to order items that Christmas is coming soon.

Committees – Members are encouraged to sign up for the coming year. New members this year are already signed up. Being on a committee last year does not automatically put you on that committee again. Members need to sign up again. Education, Program and Storekeeper committees are in need of members. The Commodore also asked members to consider becoming a committee chair or co-chair. (Please note on sign-up sheet.)

Commodore’s Report

Cruise Planning and Leadership – George Stateham. Cruising is finished for this year. Flyer is out for the Christmas Flotilla. Planning Committee has provided recommendations to the Board. The Past Commodores’ Food Drive will be held December 1-2 from 0900-1500 and December 3 from 0900-noon. The RCS Food Pantry has a grocery store discount so checks made out to RCS will allow them to buy additional food. Vegetables and peanut butter are not needed but easy-to-prepare meals like Spaghettios are helpful.

Entertainment – Anita English: Christmas Parade to be held December 4. FHYC has traditionally had a good showing. Participants needed for banner carriers, floats (cars and/or golf carts), and the kazoo band with tambourines and bells. Chili and soup at Red Sail Park after the parade. Sign up sheet available.

Louise Knight: Holiday Party to be held December 8 at Carolina Colors in place of the General Meeting. There was a flyer in last month’s *Semaphore*. Emily reminded everyone that space is limited to 128 attendees so those wishing to go need to sign up soon.

Kathy Petritsch: Chili Party to be held December 10 after the Flotilla. Decorated boats raft-up in the harbour and then participants return to the Community Center for Chili. Captains’ meeting 1300 on December 10. Tickets are \$1. BYOB. No spicy food. Please label pots, lids, etc. Attendees must either bring chili or be a guest on a boat.

Membership – Lynn Stateham reported 16 couples have joined this year. There is one reinstatement coming up. Two additional members are in the pipeline. If they join, there will be 19 new members for each of 2016 and 2015.

Regatta – Mark Hittner. Survey sent to

racing sailors and meetings held with NYRA and FHYC Boards regarding scheduling of the Oar Race. Suggested moving this event to May. Survey results will be sent out including announcement of a meeting to be held December 1 in the Activity Center at 0900 to discuss and set date and plan racing calendar for 2017. A *Semaphore* article was suggested as well.

Yearbook – Chuck Smith. *Yearbook* will be worked on starting in December. Request mid-December for providing calendar dates. If any member has not received a renewal form, please call Lloyd Moore. A renewal reminder will be sent.

Yacht Club Dinner – Bev Myrseth. To be held next week on November 16 at Thai Thai on Neuse Blvd. Meal will be a buffet. The restaurant will be closing for the yacht club. There is a limit of 65 people. Prizes will be awarded by the restaurant, including gift certificates and wine.

Other – Linda Lelli. Angel Tree for Salvation Army again this year. Information provided includes sizes and age appropriate gift. Salvation Army may help with gift suggestions. Bring gifts to the Christmas Party or to the Library on December 8 in the afternoon. Gifts are to be unwrapped with the code number on each item. Angels will be available after meeting tonight or in the POA library. No information on department store discounts.

Recognition – The following member November anniversary was recognized: Jerry and Mallory Harwood (5 years). December anniversaries recognized were: Jim and Debbie Harris and Paul Schornak (5 years); Bill Davidson, and Jerry and Diane Rezac (10 years); Reiner and Renate Zeppenfeld (15 years).

Old Business – Ruthie Levin reminded everyone of the 22 years she has been teaching her Navigation Course. Although she no longer has a boat she is willing to continue with her course.

New Business – Election of Officers. The following slate was presented:

Bridge

Commodore: Doug King

Vice Commodore: John Jackson

Rear Commodore: Ralph Azersky

Treasurer: Carol Cavins

Secretary: Jan Green (second one-year term)

Board Directors New: Stephanie Davies, Carol Frysiek

Directors Returning: Cheryl Stevenson, Beverly Myrseth, Darlene Cleveland, Bill Flynn

Members were asked if there were any additional nominations from the floor.

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Deadline

Deadline is 1200 the Monday following the Yacht Club Meeting. Please e-mail articles to the address listed below:

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None were made and the nominations were closed. A motion was made and carried to accept the slate of officers by acclamation (Jarvis/Giersch).

Presentation of Awards (those not presented at the Fall Appreciation Dinner):

Shotgun Award: Darlene Cleveland

Long Distance Sailing Award: Richie and Julia Thomson; Ralph and Linda Azersky (already received)

Spotlight Award: Joe and Punk Pica (not in attendance)

Maury Thompson reported on his attendance today at the Bankruptcy Court. He confirmed Jack Shaw is out. The motion is not yet signed but the Judge is in favour. The property is being sold to the POA for \$2.75 million. Do not yet know if Maury's Group or a bank will fund.

New Bern Christmas Flotilla – Don Simpson will be participating. He would like others to join in. Date for the Flotilla is December 3. A flyer is available.

Mallory Harwood announced that the Craven Community Concert Band will play a free concert at Grover C. Fields school at 1900 on November 29.

A motion was made and carried to adjourn the meeting (Jarvis/Flynn). The meeting adjourned at 2037 hours.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jan Green
Secretary*

Christmas Flotilla and Chili Party Reminder

Saturday, December 10 is the annual Flotilla and Chili Party. Decorate your boat as much as you like, inviting friends to join, and register for the Flotilla and Chili Party to follow. Registration forms are in last month's *Semaphore* or on the website. A Captains' meeting on Saturday at 1300 hours will cover Raft-up details. Captains will get \$1 tickets for the Chili Party for crew and guests. Chili, cornbread and dessert cooks will deliver their dishes between 1400 and 1500 and also pick up two tickets for themselves. No tickets will be sold at the door. The Raft-up will begin at 1600 hours and Caroling will begin at 1700. The Parade should begin about 1730. Then to the Community Center where doors will open at 1830 and chili served beginning at 1900. This is a BYOB event. The club will supply everything else.

Contact Neil Ober at 633-5143 for any Flotilla details or Kathy Petritsch at 876-3002 or Kathy Travis at 288-4570 for Chili details.

Neil Ober

Welcome New Members

Three new member couples joined FHYC in November:

Jerry and Susan Beebe live on Santa Lucia Road, and are sponsored by Doug and Kathie King and Joel and Elaine Berberich. They moved here from Las Vegas and have a Bayliner Trophy boat. They are jumping right into things, having attended Boat Bash on Doug and Kathie's boat and the October Impromptu Happy Hour.

Peter and Suzanne Budzynkiewicz live on Stern Court and are sponsored by John and Georgie Jackson and Mike and Peggy Daly. They are experienced sailors and have a 22' O'Day named *Solitude*. They moved here from Sandwich, MA.

Phil Hewett and Ellen McElree have a 28' Albin Tournament Express named *Bones* and have relocated from Annapolis, MD where they were members of the No Name Yacht Club. They are sponsored by David and Leigh Pfefferkorn and Ted and Kate Clark. We enjoyed meeting Ellen while we were on the Bald Head Island Cruise.

Please join me in extending a warm welcome to these new members, and introduce yourself at the next meeting or event.

Lynn Stateham, Membership



Membership Chair Lynn Stateham introducing New Members and Sponsors at the November Meeting

NOVEMBER EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

On Friday, November 11, Fred Cornford provided our members with a program presented by Alan Arnfast of Sailcraft Boatyard in Oriental. Mr. Arnfast gave our members a deep understanding of how and why a boat yard provides boat owners with increased durability, reliability and safety to their boat, crew and passengers when on the water. He gave us all several hand-held examples of equipment and fittings found on boats they have worked on, that showed us all how age, wear and tear and the boating environment can and do result in broken components that cause serious failures to rigging, systems and boats and their passengers. In particular, we learned how the transition from bronze to stainless rigging and fittings has produced the need for more vigilance by boaters as components age and become more subject to sudden and maybe serious failure. These concerns extend also to things like underwater fittings, electrical fittings and components and wiring. Alan also spent a good deal of time explaining how a good yard takes precautions, time and effort in providing their services, i.e. safe usage of jack stands. All in all, it was a valuable program with a lot of good information for our members.

THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS FOR LEADING OUR PROGRAMS

Thank you to the following members of our club for providing the programs we have been able to give this year:

Bill Jarvis	Lloyd Moore	Doug King
Bill Neilson	Kathy King	Ruth Levin
Joel Berberich	Fred Cornford	Henry and Rose Litke

These people, and the other members that they engaged to assist them, are the reason the Education Committee was able to provide the programs they did this year. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Bob Fortenbaugh, Chairman



**Washington, NC Cruise
21-28 October**

This is a report on the “Flexibility Cruise” to Little Washington. Everything went very well and the cruise was enjoyed by all who participated. It was both a pleasurable and educational event. Here are some interesting notes we would like to share with you:

Facts and Figures

Vessels involved – 15 planned; two unfortunately had to divert to Oriental for repairs; one by-passed Oriental and went directly to Washington. Nine boats made it to Belhaven and eight to Pamlico Plantation.

Weather – excellent, warm by day (70’s) and cool by night for sleeping. Rainfall – zero!

Wind – northerly flow, sometimes strong (20+ knots).

Places visited – Lower Broad Creek, Belhaven (River Forest Marina), Washington City Docks, Pamlico Plantation Yacht Club and Club Foot Creek. We skipped South River and the Bath Public Docks.

Paid dockage during trip for *Vital Spark* – two nights.

Fuel used (*Vital Spark*) – 15.1 gallons.

High Points

Docks at River Forrest and Washington: both well run, well equipped, helpful, and friendly.

Splashes at various locations (although more is always better).

Making new friends and renewing old friendships.

Sunsets and sunrises at Lower Broad Creek.

Sailing down the Pungo at 7 knots with 20 knots of wind on the tail and sailing wing-on-wing down the Bay River to Lower Broad Creek.

Dinners – especially at Spoon River in Belhaven where we were graced by the attendance of our esteemed Commodore (and spouse)

The Estuarium in Washington – the story of North Carolina’s many estuaries and sounds is beautifully told.

Visit to Pacific Seacraft which was arranged at short notice by the Mayor of

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Washington (Mac Hodges). A man with influence. We saw Jimmy Buffet’s fancy sailboat or toy, which ever you prefer, currently under construction.

Visit to Pamlico Plantation Yacht Club was excellent. We were treated to a BBQ by the members. The hospitality was superb and we were able to present a FHYC burgee to the PLYC Commodore. We hope we will be able to reciprocate at Fairfield Harbour with a BBQ at Red Sail Park.

No calls to TowBoatUS. Everyone getting home safe and sound.

Next Year – the Albemarle Loop perhaps in October?

Richie Thomson



FHYC Awards Presented

Led by Pam Gaskill and Kathy Fortenbaugh, the ladies of the Entertainment Committee put together a first-rate occasion. After a delicious dinner, the award-giving commenced. Most were light-hearted, but the accomplishments were serious.

For example, Lynn Stateham has led the growth of the Club as Membership Chair. If you pay any attention to trends in other clubs around the country, most are struggling to keep members. In a similar vein, Lloyd Moore has worked long and hard to bring us into the Computer Age, which will bootstrap accomplishments in better management and easier access to info.

We award trophies to race-winners, but many Club members enjoy afternoons on the river or cruising with no thought of any recognition. So this year, we recognized some of the accomplished cruisers with ‘Long Distance Awards’ in the categories of ‘Power’ given to Ralph and Linda Azersky for their Great Loop cruise and ‘Sail’ given to Ritchie and Julia Thomson for their sea-rambling from Florida to Maine.

Semaphore Editor Elliott Alterman’s work has been recognized with the first ‘Thankless-No-More Award.’ Few members have worked on as many projects, or volunteered as consistently as Mark and Barbara West, who received the ‘Tirelessly Toiling Award.’ Another ongoing labor is the Yearbook, an outstanding resource we all depend on; in recognition of this, Chuck Smith was declared ‘Man of the Year(book).’

Lew and Kathy Travis have managed the Impromptu get-togethers for at least a couple of years; these have been among our best attended events- obviously a good idea, obviously well executed. Together they received the ‘Spur-Of-The-Moment Award’ which came with a pair of real spurs!

Louise Knight presented the Commodore’s Award to Past Commodore Olwen Jarvis, in recognition of her ongoing commitment and continuing work for the benefit of FHYC.

Doug King

Racing News and Results

Sunfish 2016 Race Results

The Sunfish 2016 Spring and Fall race series were plagued with adverse weather conditions of storms, high winds, cold temps, rain, and personal racer family commitments which resulted in only three Spring races and six Fall races. This may sound as if Sunfish sailors are fair weather racers but not true. They are competitive and hardy even though they do not have the dry and comfortable cockpit of an Ensign. Of the five Sunfish sailors registered, the race results are as follows:

First Place: Eric Frank

Second Place: Al Muenster

Most Improved award to Suzy Cruzfar for her finishes in the last three races of fourth, third, and second.

Jerry Rezab



Last Resort overtaking Georgie Girl during a Tuesday Fun Race

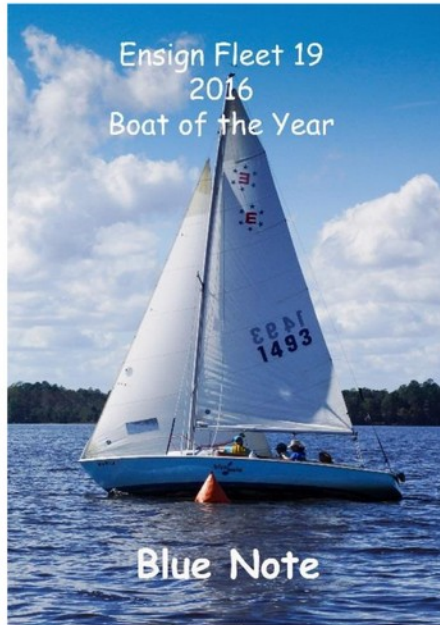
Oar Race Meeting

The Regatta Committee will have an open meeting at 0900, Thursday, December 1, in Room 2 of the Activity Building. PHRF racers are encouraged to attend to discuss the date and format of the Oar Race and the possibility of changing the Wilkerson Race to an "open" race. Time permitting, any other racing issues will be addressed in this 50-minute meeting. The Annual Ensign Meeting will follow at 1000.

Mark Hittner, Regatta Captain



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Ensign Fleet 19 Season Concludes

Blue Note continued its dominance on the race course by finishing first in 12 of the 18 races in the Fall Series, winning not only that series, but earning the coveted 2016 Boat of the Year Award. *Blue Note* is helmed by Mark Brennessoltz with Mary and Mark Hittner and Jerry Rezab as crew. Jenny Dark substituted twice this Fall.

Second-place honors for the Fall Series went to *Red Stripe* (Paul Eckenroth, Buddy Dillinger, Drew McCrocklin, and Bob Petritsch) and the third-place finisher was *Zip* (Bill Kirsch, Dave Brookman, Jim Hartmeyer, and Jerry Buckman). A total of seven Ensigns participated.

The Fleet Captains would like to thank all the folks who helped as Race Committee and by providing committee boats and chase boats throughout the year. A special thanks goes out to our Principal Race Officer, Bill Jarvis.

Karl Mielenhausen



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New Year's Day Fun Race

Captain Johnny says.....Watch your email for details about a Special Edition of Tuesday Fun Racing on New Year's Day.

Special Regatta Report