

The Semaphore

Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club



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Snow in March! But it has been a mild winter, and I'll go out on a limb here and say most of us have not used our boats as much as we should. These beautiful sunny days should be a signal: Hey! Stop what you're doing and GO! However I have to admit that I am guilty of letting my boat(s) sit untouched, too.

Past Commodore Karl Mielenhausen and Bill Neilson, both Coast Guard Auxiliarymen, gave an excellent seminar on what we should be doing...not just going out sailing or cruising, but making sure that our crew gain some knowledge and skill while underway. TJ Bendicksen posted photos of the class on our Facebook page. One of the great things about our club is that there are few "boating widows" and most of us enjoy our sport with our families, but few of us take the burden of teaching. Way back when I was in the Navy, training was constant. We can approach it with a lighter spirit and make it fun. Teaching also helps you keep your skills sharp.

Jerry Rezab is working this angle with the Junior ROTC at New Bern High School, a fine group of young people. The NJROTC has a sailing class every semester, and several volunteers from FHYC work on the boats and teach the kids. Recently Jerry was recognized by the Neuse Yacht Racing Association with their Crew of the Year Award, so it works. The other volunteer coaches gain the perspective and optimism of working with young people, and also get out on the water more!

So much stuff goes on at the Club meetings. Mary Grosser presented a

great Medical Minute on emergency contacts, this will be an ongoing feature. The new Wilkerson Cup trophy was displayed, it looks magnificent and should inspire FHYC racers. Have you checked out the Ship's Store? Remember it's not just for window-shopping! Bring your checkbook to the next Club meeting, that's how you get one of those cool shirts and vests (or at least hats) with the boat's name on it!

Coming up is Commissioning Day. This is a grand occasion and is one of FHYC's traditions. We will have a flotilla in formation, the Blessing of the Fleet, a ceremony at the Shoreline, and lunch afterward. Commissioning Day formally marks the season, offers a remembrance, and is enjoyable for all.

We've come back to this theme again—getting out in your boat! Don't miss Commissioning Day but you don't have to wait until afterwards!

Doug King, Commodore

FHYC General Meeting March 9, 2017

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

Welcome - Introduction of Guests: Georgie Jackson introduced Erin and Adrian Vergot who were attending their second meeting. Mary Tedford introduced Chris Town. Joanne & Ed Doughty introduced George and Ann Hall who were attending their second meeting. Don Knight introduced Kirk Hathaway who was attending his first meeting. Lynn Stateham introduced Mike & Jana Kent who were attending their second meeting.

Induction of New Members – Louise Knight introduced new members approved by the Board: Charlie & Kathleen Stoup, sponsored by Geirschs and Moores, and David & Lesa Reeves, sponsored by Litkes and Geirschs. They were welcomed and presented with their burgees by Commodore King.

What's Happening

April Su	2 Race: Dinghy/Sunfish Spring Series.....1400
Tu	4 Race: Fun Racing
Th	6 Race: Ensign Race #3
Fr	7 Education (Pacific Seacraft Tour) reservations required0900
Sa	8 Commissioning Day
Su	9 Race: Wilkerson Cup
Tu	11 Board Meeting (ac)0830
Tu	11 Race: Fun Racing
Th	13 Race: Ensign Race #4
Th	13 General Meeting (cc)1930
Tu	18 Race: Fun Racing
Th	20 Race: Ensign Race #5
Su	23 Race: Dinghy/Sunfish Spring Series.....1400
Tu	25 Race: Fun Racing
Th	27 Race: Ensign Race #6
Fri-Sun	28-30 Cruise: Shakedown

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

Deadline for next issue is noon, Monday, April 17, 2017

Delivery is Saturday, April 29, 2016

Minutes – A motion was made and carried to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the February 9, 2017 General Meeting (Clark/Knight).

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's report for February 2017 has been approved by the Board and is available for review.

Rear Commodore's Report

- Education – On March 10 Bill Neilsen and Karl Mielenhausen will present Suddenly in Command at 0900. Presentation is open to non-members. There is a charge of \$35 for non-yacht club members. Income goes to the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Members will need to wear their name badge for free admission. Prospective members will be given a name tag for free admission. Reminder that the April 7 presentation will be a tour of Pacific Seacraft. Plan is to carpool from the Community Center at 0900. Lunch will follow the tour. A sign-up sheet is available tonight.

- Hospitality – Pendletons and Altermans are hosts tonight.

- Maintenance – no activity.

- Marine Assistance – no activity. Permission has been received to relocate dock box to Shoreline Marina.

- Medical Support – Tonight's medical minute will be Emergency Contacts by Mary Grosser. April's presentation will be heat stroke versus heat exhaustion by Ellen Lacey.

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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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Vice Commodore's Report

- Public Relations – Articles beyond the Semaphore should be sent to Dottie Giersch for March.

- Semaphore –Deadline for submission for the April issue is Monday, March 13 at noon.

- Storekeeper – Karen Hallquist outlined new merchandise available. Prices include embroidery of FHYC logo and boat name. New Clark Mountain insulated cups at \$18 also includes logo and boat name.

Commodore's Report

- Cruising – Brian Giersch reported. No Impromptu planned at this time. The next event is the Sock Burning. Bob Petritsch confirmed the event is BYOB at 1500 at Red Sail Park on March 18. Commissioning Day will be held in April. A flyer will be sent out asking for participants in the parade. Don Knight reminded members the Shakedown Cruise is April 28 at BridgePointe Marina from Friday to Sunday. Friday night there is a pot luck dinner. Big Apple will cater dinner on Saturday. The Captains' meeting is Thursday, April 27 at 1000. All reservations should go to Don Knight. Land yachts are welcome. Chesapeake Bay Cruise needs a leader. South Carolina Eclipse Cruise in late August also needs a cruise leader. Ritchie Thomson will lead the second Ocracoke Cruise. Leader is needed for the second Cape Lookout Cruise. The Inlet Cruise needs participants. There will be a flyer in the next *Semaphore*.

- Entertainment – Rose Litke reminded all that the Commodores' Ball is the next event. Delle Curry confirmed timing on March 16: 1730 cash bar opens, 1830 for the Commodores' Parade with dinner at 1915. Band finishes at 2230. Roberta Flynn confirmed Commissioning Day luncheon will be held in the Community Center. Cow Café is catering. Extra sign-up flyers are available this evening.

- Regatta – John Jackson reported for Paul Eckenroth. Tuesday Fun Racing is beginning April 4. The Wilkerson Race has a new traveling trophy that the winner keeps for one year. John mentioned that after the Richardson Cup on the Great Lakes, the

winner fills the cup with their favorite beverage, has a drink, and then passes the cup onto the crew followed by subsequent finishers. John suggested this for the Wilkerson cup. The Wilkerson Race is a pursuit start. Commissioning Day boat parade was mentioned and it was stated that club members own approximately 180 boats so members were encouraged to join in. Ensign racing begins next week. Jerry Rezab mentioned that sunfish and dinghy races are starting April 2. NOR, registration and sailing instructions are on the club's website. Volunteers are needed for mark set-ups.

- Membership – Louise Knight stated there are currently 192 members and 6 applications in process. There will be an Orientation later this month.

- Impromptu Happy Hour – Sunrise/Sunset Restaurant has closed. A new venue is being investigated. Lew Travis has made arrangements with Harbour Pointe Golf Club for the next event.

Old Business –

- Vote on the change to the Constitution and By-laws. This change is proposed by our Planning Committee, and is intended to more closely reflect the way we do things now. Proposal: Article VI determines officer duties and currently states "The Commodore is ex-officio a member of all committees of the Club except the Nomination Committee." The proposed change is to remove the words "except the Nomination Committee." Article VII covers committees and currently states "Chairpersons for all committees, except the Nomination Committee, will be appointed by the Commodore." The proposed change states "Chairpersons for all committees, except the Nomination Committee, will be appointed by the Bridge Liaison with the approval of the incoming Commodore." A motion was made and carried that these changes be adopted (Giersch/Clark).

New Business –

- Recognition of Emily Helling. Commodore displayed newspaper article about Emily. Commodore also commented on the amount of volunteer work done by residents of Fairfield Harbour.

· Boat Bash is coming up. Commodore asked members to think about introducing new neighbours to our waters and club.

· Circus tickets – see the Commodore for free child admission tickets.

Program –

· Karl Mielenhausen and Bill Neilsen presented introduction to Suddenly in Command. Members were asked to enter the number for the Coast Guard at Hobucken into their phones (252-745-3131).

Announcements –

· Georgie Jackson mentioned that Jerry Rezab received the “Crew Member of the Year” award at the NYRA Commodores’ Ball.

· Benny Thompson mentioned that a former boater friend has several items for sale and interested members could see him for details.

A motion was made and carried to adjourn the meeting (Clark/Jarvis). The meeting adjourned at 2043 hours.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jan Green, Secretary*



Sunfish and Dinghy Racing

**April 2, 23; May 28; June 4, 11;
September 17, 24; October 8, 15, 22**

Races will be held in Northwest Creek in the vicinity of the mouth of Spring Creek. Sunfish and other dinghies (tenders) will sail as classes if there are 3 or more boats per class. There also will be an open class competition for small boats which do not constitute a one design class. Starting time for the first race each day will be 1400.

Sailing and registration instructions are available on the FHYC website listed under tab “Racing.” Spectators are welcome and encouraged to watch the races from the comfort of Bill and Olwen Jarvis’ dock.

If you have questions, 636-5919 or geraldrezab@suddenlink.net

*Jerry Rezab
Sunfish & Dinghy Fleet Captain*



Charlie Stoup (Kathleen not shown)



David and Lesa Reeves

Welcome New Members

FHYC welcomes new members Charlie and Kathleen Stoup, from Carlisle, PA. They are currently members of the Baltimore Yacht club and have a 41-foot Sea Ray named Buckeye (yes, there's an Ohio connection), still in Baltimore. They have a small boat here. Charlie sings with the Southern Gentlemen chorus and also is in the choir at Christ Church. Kathleen will be traveling between PA and New Bern for a while. Their sponsors are Brian and Dottie Giersch and Lloyd and Jane Moore and they will be on the Education and Hospitality committees.

FHYC also welcomes David and Lesa Reeves, from Hayesville, NC (and previously from FL). They are extremely experienced boaters with over 50 years of experience. Not only that, David admits to having owned at least 49 boats! Right now they have a 32-foot Nimble named Maranatha and a Carolina Skiff. Their sponsors are Henry and Rose Litke and Brian and Dottie Giersch. Happily, with all that experience, they will be working on the Marine Assistance as well as the Distribution committees.

Jenny McDiarmid, Membership Committee

Pacific Seacraft Tour April 7

The Education Committee is sponsoring a tour of Pacific Seacraft in Washington, NC on April 7. Please note this is the Friday prior to the FHYC meeting to avoid conflict with Good Friday and Pesach (Passover). Pacific Seacraft is an award winning manufacturer of ocean going sailboats, specializing in fiberglass monohull cruising boats. Their sailboats have been featured in both volumes of Ferenc Máté's The World's Best Sailboats and Fortune Magazine twice selected Pacific Seacraft as a producer of America's 100 best products.

We plan to carpool from FHCC at 0900, due to limited parking. Photography is prohibited on the tour. Following the tour, you may purchase items from their store; credit cards are accepted. We have reservations at 1200 at Down on Mainstreet restaurant ordering off the menu. Text 570-490-2008 or email jjberberich@gmail.com, preferably by March 31 if you did not sign up at the FHYC meeting, including name and number for tour and lunch.

Joel Berberich, Education Chair

Wilkerson Cup Race April 9

The Wilkerson Cup Race will take place on Sunday, April 9.

Stress-free pursuit starts are a change this year. Additionally a beautiful new “annual hold” trophy will be awarded to the overall winner.

If your boat needs a PHRF rating, please call Bill Jarvis at 637-7748.

Further details are contained in the Notice of Race posted on the website. This is FHYC's own race. Get your boat ready for a good time on the water.

Paul Eckenroth, Regatta Chair

Emergency Information

911 - Call First

FH Gate 252-636-5566

Sheriff, Craven County 252-636-6620

ncddc.noaa.gov/NEWIS:

(Multiple Numbers Updated Yearly)

US Coast Guard Hobucken 252-745-3131

VHF Channel 16

Challenge:

Set up emergency contacts on your phone

**Remember to use the hands free feature
on your phone when you
are in an emergency situation.**

Be safe! the Medical Committee



FHYC 2017 Commissioning Day

Is your boat registered for the Parade of Boats and Blessing of the Fleet, kicking off the events of Commissioning Day?

With 180 vessels in our club, this could be the largest parade in years!

Complete the Commissioning Day flyer included in this *Semaphore*. Decorate your boat, and join in the festivities!

Brian Giersch, Cruising Chair

AED Donated and Relocated

At the recommendation of the Medical Support Committee, the Board approved the donation and relocation of the Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) to Northwest Creek Marina. It has been housed in the FH Guard Shack but has not been signed out in over three years. It is expected that the device can better serve the boating community and FHYC members at the new location.

Joel Berberich, Medical Support Chair



Books Ahoy!

Three noteworthy books are in the photo, a beautiful photo book, a navigation book, and a cruising book about European adventures. Please also check out the photo albums featuring FHYC history.

The library is located in room 4 at the Activity Center. Get a key from the POA building or security after hours. Please sign out your books on the papers to the right of the shelves on the wall. Then return them to the area to the left of the shelves.

Any book donations are welcomed. You can leave them in room 4 and they will be added to our inventory.

The library committee hopes you find the books helpful and entertaining. Call Mary Grosser at 312-485-7349 with questions. *Library Committee*



Even Experienced Boaters Need A Vessel Safety Check!

The most cautious boaters can sometimes experience unexpected problems on the water. That's why the U.S. Coast Guard recommends that all recreational boaters, including personal watercraft and paddle sport users, take advantage of the free Vessel Safety Check program every year.

The courtesy Vessel Safety Check (VSC) is performed at your boat—whether in a slip, at the launch ramp, or in your driveway at a mutually convenient time by a certified Vessel Examiner, and usually takes 30 to 45 minutes, depending on the size of your boat.

Boats that pass the examination are awarded a distinctive VSC Decal that alerts the Coast Guard and other law-enforcement agencies that your boat was found to be in full compliance with all Federal and State boating laws. Frequently, such agencies will not detain or board boats displaying a current-year decal that are otherwise operating safely.

If your boat does not pass, no report is filed. Instead, you are provided a written report that aids you in correcting any discrepancies noted. Often, a quick trip to the local marine chandlery is all that is necessary to obtain missing safety items and easily pass a re-inspection. And if you show your examiner-signed VSC report, you may receive a discount on your missing or discrepant items.

To make an appointment for a VSC contact one of the following: Lloyd Moore, George Maravelas, Karl Mielenhausen or Bill Neilson, or go to <http://cgaux.org/vsc/>.

*Past Commodore
Karl Mielenhausen*

BridgePointe Shakedown Cruise April 28 - 30

Each year the club has a traditional Shakedown Cruise and again this year we are going to the BridgePointe Marina. This first cruise of the new season will give you the opportunity to knock off the winter dust and get your systems operating again if you haven't done so already. Dock space is available on a limited basis at special pricing with spaces given to those with any special needs first and then in order of sign up. Motoring over by car is perfectly acceptable. Please do not call the marina and make your own reservations. The dockmaster wants a list from me.

The festivities begin with a Friday splash (1630) followed by a potluck dinner on the dock (1800). We will work out what to bring for the potluck. Please bring your own choice of beverage.

Saturday we will have a lite splash on the dock starting at 1630 followed by a catered dinner by Big Apple. To reduce the amount of appetizers we are designating only N-Z bring those delicious morsels. Bring your own beverage. We will provide ice, cups, and napkins. Details will be given at the Captains' meeting on April 27 at 1000.

Your cruise leaders are Don & Louise Knight. The Captains' meeting will be held Thursday April 27 in the Activities Building room 2 starting at 1000 hours (that's 10:00 AM for you non-nautical persons). Have questions? Call Don or Louise Knight at 514-0614.

Don & Louise Knight

