

The Semaphore

Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club



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Last month, snow. This month, hot sunny days and mosquitoes. As boaters, we must be prepared to overcome many challenges; weather is just one item on the list.

Many of us (perhaps most?) have already been cruising, or just out on the river. Commissioning Day is more a ceremony to recognize the passing of time than the day of putting our boats “in commission.” We humbly ask good fortune through having our Blessing Of The Fleet, we memorialize those Yacht Club members who have passed away in the year just gone, we salute our nation, and we honor the Yacht Club's leaders. All these are important and worthwhile, and I thank everyone who joined in the occasion.

The “official” opening of the season may be more of a smile than a formality, but it is true we now begin the organized cruises. The Great Loop Cruisers' Association is visiting New Bern so our own Shakedown Cruise (April 28-30) is shifted to Bridgeton. Being flexible is another challenge we boaters often face! The Shakedown is always a lot of fun and Past Commodore Don Knight has done a great job putting it together. After that is the Local Waters Cruise (May 5-7) which will include a stop at River Dunes.

Another one coming up is the Ocracoke Cruise. Always a great destination, an added attraction is the Ocracoke Folk Festival, which will feature (of course) folk music, bluegrass and jazz, along with arts and crafts, clogging, and (of course) great seafood.

Our organized cruises have been a great Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club tradition, but interest seems to be declining. It's a shame because cruising

in company with friends and neighbors is so much fun. I hope that we'll be able to pull it together. The Chesapeake Cruise has been cancelled and several more of these events are under threat of the axe.

The trip to Pacific Seacraft was a big success. Education Chair Joel Berberich organized this opportunity to see one of the top boat builders. This company was reorganized in the financial scrambling of 2008 and moved to Washington, NC, so don't go thinking you missed a trip to the West Coast. However, those who did not attend did miss seeing Jimmy Buffett's new boat!

Congratulations to Linda Eckenroth and her crew on Red Stripe, who won the Wilkerson Cup. This race was under PHRF with a pursuit start, and the weather was really nice, especially once a little wind showed up. It is not supposed to be a powerboat race but apparently one competitor needs a bigger... no wait, maybe just a better... motor! Make your plans now for the Oar Race coming up on May 20, which will also be run with a pursuit start.

The speaker at our last Yacht Club meeting was Glenn Skinner, a com-

mercial fisherman and a representative of the North Carolina Fisheries Association. After speaking briefly about his long experiences making a living on the water (he started quite young!), he hosted a question-and-answer session that got everyone involved. Questions ranged from the love life of crabs to the best way to maneuver around shrimp trawlers. Next month's program will be “Red Marker Award Runners-Up” which is sure to be enjoyable and educational.

Another highlight of the meeting was our regular feature, the Medical Minute. Ellen Lacey taught us about heat stroke and provided printed cards. The most important thing to remember is that the symptoms of heat stress build up over a couple of hours, including dizziness or headache and nausea, but a critical threshold is crossed when the body stops sweating.

We can expect plenty of hot weather to come, and mosquitoes... I need to finish some regular maintenance on our boat, because we can also expect the sea breeze, and (I hope) plenty of time out on the river.

Doug King, Commodore

What's Happening

May	Tu	2	Race: Fun Racing	
	Th	4	Race: Ensign Race #7	
	Fr-Sun	5-7	Cruise: Local Waters #1	
	Tu	9	Board Meeting (ac)	0830
	Tu	9	Race: Fun Racing	
	Th	11	General Meeting (cc)	1930
	Fr	12	Education: Seminar	
	Tu	16	Race: Fun Racing	
	We	17	Yacht Club Dinner	
	Sa	20	Race: Oar Race	
	Tu	23	Race: Fun Racing	
	Sun	28	Race: Dinghy/Sunfish	
	Mo-We	5/29-6/7	Cruise: Ocracoke Cruise	
	Tu	30	Race: Fun Racing	

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

Deadline for next issue is noon, Monday, May 15, 2017

Delivery is Saturday, May 27, 2017

FHYC General Meeting April 13, 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: John Jackson introduced Adrian & Erin Vergot who were attending their third meeting and Gail Schiller introduced David & Cherie Honigberg.

Program - Janet Witherup from the Program Committee introduced tonight's program: Glen Skinner, a commercial fisherman who recently joined the staff of the NC Fisheries Association, spoke about the shrimping and fishing industry in North Carolina. The NC Fisheries Association is responsible for lobbying, outreach and education activities in the state. Copies of Tradewinds, the publication of the Association are available for interested members.

Induction of New Members – Louise Knight introduced new members approved by the Board: George & Ann Hall, sponsored by Doughtys and Longhinis, Michael & Jana Kent, sponsored by Statehams and Frysiek & Wheaton, and Chris Town, sponsored by Deckert and Frysiek. They were welcomed and presented with their burgees by Commodore King.

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

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's

report for March 2017 has been approved by the Board and is available for review.

Rear Commodore's Report

Education – Joel Berberich commented on the tour of Pacific Seacraft and the invitation attendees received to view Jimmy Buffett's boat. A presentation on anchoring and rafting by Ted Clark is to be confirmed.

Hospitality – Ritchie & Julia Thompson and Joseph & Claudia Indovino are hosts tonight.

Maintenance – Jerry Rezab commented on maintenance of "No Wake" buoys to be undertaken in May and June. Jerry also mentioned a floating log with orange flag outside of NW Creek warning boaters of this hazard.

Marine Assistance – no report.

Medical Support – Tonight's medical minute will be heat stroke versus heat exhaustion by Ellen Lacey.

Vice Commodore's Report

Public Relations – Chris Skrotzky asked for one more volunteer for May to write the June Beacon article. George Stateham spoke about Boat Bash to be held June 10. Boat Bash flyer and article will be in this month's *Semaphore*.

Semaphore – Deadline for submission for the May issue is Monday, April 17 at noon.

Storekeeper – Stephanie Davies reminded everyone of new Yeti type mugs available for \$18 including engraved club burgee and boat name. Order this month and it will be available at next month's meeting. Mugs are available in a variety of colors.

Commodore's Report

Cruising – Dottie Giersch thanked George Stateham for running Commissioning Day activities. Don Knight spoke about Shakedown Cruise as the next event on April 28-29. Members are welcome to come by car. New Bern marinas are full. Tom Wynn of Bridgeton agreed to take all boats at his facility at no cost. Friday night will feature splash and pot luck supper. Saturday night will have a catered meal after the splash. Cost to members is \$10 per person. Splitters will be needed for electrical power. Don Knight suggested a less-expensive source for splitters and shore power cable: ELECORDERSET.COM [later corrected to ELECORDERSET.NET] Next event is local waters cruise to be held May 5-7. Don Knight is organizing. River Dunes will be the location for the first night and then participants will be on the hook at Cedar Creek the next night. Chesapeake Bay

cruise has been cancelled. Ocracoke Cruise will be led by Ted Clark and will include the music festival.

Membership – Louise Knight announced the club currently has 195 members with three more in the pipeline.

Regatta - Paul Eckenroth mentioned racers are well into their season with Wilkerson, Ensign, Dinghy Series and other races completed or ongoing. Mark Hittner mentioned BSC's ETYSA Regatta April 29-30, NYRA's Cinco de Mayo one-design event May 6-7, and the Oar Race coming up May 20. Commodore King will be PRO. The Oar Race finishes in Oriental and there is a NYRA race back to New Bern the next day. The Oar Race is a pursuit start event. The first 20 registrants will receive an Oar Race hat, as will Race Committee members. John Jackson continues to organize the Tuesday Fun Races.

Yacht Club Dinners - Bev Myrseth reported no club dinner in April but May's dinner will be May 17.

Impromptu Happy Hour – Members gave positive feedback on the Golf Club venue.

Old Business -

Bill Flynn asked for show of hands for interest in new kayak launch within the harbour. Existing ramp is being used by people from outside the harbour and is causing parking and other problems. POA would pay for relocation of kayak ramp.

Medical Minute by Ellen Lacey. Heat exhaustion comes from working and sweating when outside. Symptoms include cold and clammy skin. During a heat stroke, the face turns beet red, body temperature rises as high as 104 degrees and the brain tells the body to stop sweating. Heat stroke needs a call to 911 and a trip to the hospital. Prevention includes wearing light colored clothing, elevated hats so air can circulate, loose clothing, 5-7 ounces of water every 15 minutes, no caffeine and no alcohol when working in sun. Information cards are available for members.

New Business -

Joe Pica commented on the fine presentation tonight and asked if the club should contact Governor regarding fishing industry lobbying. Suggested that individual contact would be more appropriate.

A motion was made and carried to adjourn the meeting (Flynn/Jarvis). The meeting adjourned at 2050 hours.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jan Green, Secretary*

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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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Introducing the New Oar Race (and free caps)

The Oar Race has changed this year. Instead of Labor Day weekend the Oar Race will be sailed on Saturday, May 20 and it will be a low stress pursuit start. If your boat needs a PHRF rating contact Bill Jarvis ASAP and he will assign you a FHYC rating free of charge. That rating will be good for all FHYC events.

Please register now and get your crew lined up before someone else grabs them. Then pay your fee at the skippers' meeting and pick up your Oar Race cap. If you don't show at the skippers' meeting, we will scratch you from the starting list and you owe us nothing (and we don't owe you a cap). Your early registration makes planning and organizing easier for the race committee. Information is on the FHYC website and registration is online at www.regarranetwork.com/event/13892

NYRA will be holding their Beer Stein Race on Sunday, May 21 if you want to race on the way back home. Information on the NYRA race will be broadcast via email as soon as it becomes available.

Mark Hittner, Regatta Committee

Boat Bash

Boat Bash, now under the auspices of the Public Relations Committee, is scheduled for Saturday, June 10. This event is a great way to meet new residents of the Harbour and have a nice day on the water. It also promotes the club and attracts new members. See the flyer in this *Semaphore* or email the following information no later than May 27, to george@stateham.com: your name, boat name, boat length, sail or power, and how many guests you can accommodate. We will match you up with guests.

The time and place of departure, route planned, and length of time aboard are up to you. We ask that no alcohol be consumed while aboard. A light dinner for guests and boat crew (captain and mate) hosted by New Neighbors and FHYC is planned for the early evening.

Past Commodore George Stateham

Wilkerson Memorial Regatta



Red Stripe Skipper Linda Eckenroth with Crew Arne Myrseth and Paul Eckenroth

The weather was clear, with temps in the mid 70s and the wind showed up. It was truly a perfect day for sailing. We had ten boats racing in three classes.

Non-Spin:	Mark and Mary Hittner Ed Doughty, Doug Longhini Andrew McCrocklin Buddy Dillinger	Baggywrinkle Super Bueno Team Elite Turbulence
Cruising:	Russ Robinson John Jackson Ed Thompson Fred Lacey	Rampant Lion Georgie Girl Dutch Wind Dharma
Ensign:	Ed Klebaur Linda Eckenroth	Anasazi Chief Red Stripe

The race was 7.5 nautical miles. New for this year was the use of government marks for the race course and pursuit starts.

Winners: Non-Spin, Super Bueno; Cruising, Dutch Wind; Ensign, Red Stripe

Overall Winner, Red Stripe

Paul Eckenroth, Regatta Chair

Ocracoke Festival 2017 Cruise May 29-June 6

Every year on the first weekend of June Ocracoke hosts the Ocracoke Festival. To quote the website, "The celebration features musicians, artisans, and characters of Ocracoke Island and beyond who come together for one incredible weekend of performances and fun!"

The weekend starts on Friday evening with The Taste of Ocracoke. On Saturday there are shows throughout the day at several venues in the area. Vendors with local food and artisans with beautiful crafts are spotted through the area. On Sunday there will be a church service and an early afternoon gospel sing that's always fun.

The cost for the weekend is \$25, paid through the purchase of a general admission button. This year they are selling "Ocrabucks" as an additional

fund raiser. Each buck can be purchased for \$1 and is redeemable in the local stores and restaurants through Monday.

We are planning on leaving Fairfield Harbour on Monday, May 29, spending the night in either Lower Broad Creek or South River and arriving in Ocracoke on Tuesday. How long you want to stay after the Sunday is up to you. Usually by Monday it's time to move on and head back to the Neuse.

If you haven't been to an Ocracoke Festival it's an experience you shouldn't miss.

For more information, see the flyer in this *Semaphore*.

Cruise Leaders Ted and Kate Clark

Welcome New Members



George and Ann Hall



Mike and Jana Kent



Chris Town

FHYC welcomes George and Ann Hall, who moved here from Apex, North Carolina and now live on Barkentine Drive. They have been and still are members of Blackbeard Sailing Club and have over 40 years of sailing experience! Currently they have a 31-foot Tartan named *Talisman* and a 16-foot 9-inch O'Day named *Never Land*. Their sponsors are Ed and Joanne Doughty and Doug and Raye Lynn Longhini. Both George and Ann will be joining the Distribution and Hospitality Committees and Ann has also volunteered to serve on the Membership and Entertainment Committees.

FHYC also welcomes Mike and Jana Kent from Columbus, Ohio. They currently reside on Caracara Drive and have a 34 foot O'Day named *Jana Leigh*. With four years of power boating, 10 years of sailing, and three years of racing experience, they will fit right in! Their sponsors are George and Lynn Stateham and Carol Frysiek and Rick Wheaton. They have both joined the Hospitality Committee and Mike has also joined the Maintenance Committee and Jana joined the Yearbook Committee.

And, FHYC welcomes Chris Town to the yacht club. He hails from Montgomery Village, Maryland, but is originally from Yorkshire. He lives on Cardinal Drive where he keeps his 21-foot Carolina Skiff (with no name), and he brings his more than 20 years of sailing, 10 years of power boating, and one-two years of racing experience to the club. His sponsors are Mary Deckert and Carol Frysiek. Chris has chosen to join the Education, Information Processing, and the Marine Assistance

Local Waters Cruise

May 5-7

Recently the club held a Local Waters seminar to help newer and older members learn about the local waters we have in Eastern North Carolina. Now is the time to get on the water to see some of these great boating places. We plan to leave here on Friday, May 5 and cruise the first day to Lower Broad Creek. There we will either anchor out or go into a great marina at River Dunes. There is also a great restaurant there but again we must make reservations. Please indicate your interest on the registration form. The cost at the marina is \$1.90/ft for the dock and \$5 for 30 amp or \$10 for 50 amp service. I will make all reservations for the dock. There will be a splash on the dock at River dunes starting at 1700.

The next day we will go to Cedar Creek which is off Adams Creek in the ICW. We will spend the night there on the hook. A splash will be held on a boat to be designated. Then on Sunday we will head back to Fairfield Harbour. We hope that you will come with us for a great weekend. Any questions? Please call us at 514-0614.

Don and Louise Knight, Cruise Leaders

100-Day Award

April is almost over. We are about halfway to the FHYC annual Fall Appreciation Dinner and the awards accompanying that event. At the last one it was announced that this year there will be a new award, 100 days on the boat. I know a few of you have already passed this, or are quite close. When you get to 100 days, let me know. 100 days are days away from your dock.

Also, if you know of someone who should be recognized at the dinner don't hesitate to let me know anytime. Don't wait until the last minute. Thanks.

Vice Commodore John Y. Jackson



On Friday, April 7, 29 individuals attended the FHYC trip to Pacific Seacraft. The boat in background is being built for Jimmy Buffett.