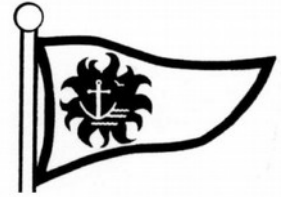


The Semaphore

Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club



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October 2017



Is it still summer? We have a welcome break in the heat but it's still hurricane season, and we hope to continue our good luck with weather. It looks like we're getting a break between hurricanes for the Ocracoke Cruise led by Ritchie Thomson.

Cape Lookout also beckons. Fred Lacey is going to lead an FHYC cruise starting September 30. Bring a few carrots to feed the wild horses on Shackleford Banks! Other activities are continuing with the Ensign fall series about to start, Dinghy Racing on the creek, and Tuesday Fun Racing is in full swing. It's easy, just show up at Northwest Creek Marker #1 on Tuesday afternoons!

Kathie and I have been taking advantage of the weather in our own way, working on our boat. This is partly catch-up for chores not done already, and partly trying to get ahead so that we can join in more cruises later. One of the additions/upgrades we are making will be an AIS system, which we learned about through the club.

Next month we'll have the Fall Appreciation Dinner, which is coming up fast, on October 18. Look for the flyer and please come for a night of fun, good food, and recognition.

In fact we have so many activities that we could not schedule an Impromptu Social this month. These are always a favorite of mine and I am sorry it is off the table.

At our September club meeting, Mike Webber of Bridgeton Boat Works gave a presentation on his boat yard, the improvements they have made, the work they carry out, and some good advice on

how to succeed with your boat in the haul-out and the boatyard environment.

At the September meeting, we also had a brief discussion of the club finances and gave the news that dues have been raised to \$55 for next year. This decision was not made lightly. I am a believer in "open books" and have discussed the finances generally with the membership a few times this year. I have also met with interested members for more detail. I am glad to see that most FHYC members consider the Club to be a good bargain.

It's true that we have a lot to offer. This is because our members bring a lot to the table! Planning and carrying out club activities is part of the fun, so let me beat the drum again for our committees. The Program Committee has done a great job this year, so has the Education Committee, chaired by Joel Berberich, and the Hospitality Committee, chaired by Lois Andrews. For that

matter, it's almost unfair to single any one out for praise because ALL the club's committees have done very well. If you get involved too, next year will be even better!

Douglas King, Commodore

General Meeting September 14, 2017

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

Program - Ritchie Thomson introduced Mike Webber from Bridgeton Boat Works.

Welcome - Introduction of Guests: Sam Curry introduced Joe McCollum, who was attending his second meeting. Joe has also attended Orientation. Fred Lacey introduced his friend John from Edenton, who is helping him with his deck. Ed Webber introduced his new

What's Happening

October	Tu	3	Fun Racing.....
	Th	5	Ensign Race #1.....
	Su	8	Dinghy/Sunfish Race.....
	Tu	10	Board Meeting (ac)..... 0830
	Tu	10	Fun Racing.....
	Th	12	Ensign Race #2.....
	Th	12	Yacht Club General Meeting (cc)..... 1930
	Fr	13	Education Seminar.....
	Su	15	Dinghy/Sunfish Racing.....
	Tu	17	Fun Racing.....
	We	18	Fall Appreciation Dinner.....
	Th-Sa	10/19-11/1	Albemarle Loop Cruise.....
	Th	19	Ensign Race #3.....
	Su	22	Dinghy/Sunfish Racing.....
	Th	26	Ensign Race #4.....

(cc) = Community Center (ac) = Activity Center

Deadline for the next issue is noon on Monday, October 16

Delivery is Saturday, October 28

neighbor, Guy Gregg. Ed Buglovsky introduced Ted & Beth Wornock, who were attending their second meeting.

Induction of New Members - Louise Knight introduced the new members approved by the Board: Bobby & Jeri Wofford, sponsored by the Clevelands and Andrews, and Jeff & Charlene Opal, sponsored by the Hirds and Grossers. (Jeff Opal was out of town and was not able to make the meeting. However, Charlene was present.) 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 August 10, 2017, General Meeting (Knight/Fortenbaugh).

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

Rear Commodore's Report

Education - There is no Education program this Friday. Joel Berberich reminded everyone of the upcoming CPR class on November 9. In October, Ritchie Thomson will present Keeping Safe on Your Boat. Julia Thomson will present Seamanship for Women, possibly on the water, in November.

Hospitality - Hosts for tonight are

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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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Sam & Delle Curry, Norm Meissner and Carol Frysiek.

Marine Assistance - Purchase of an emergency pump has been authorized.

Medical Support - Medical Minute: Burns. Prevention is the key. Surface area as well as depth are important risk factors. Minor burns can be self-treated with cooling, cleaning, pain medication and possibly application of a dry dressing. Moderate or major burns require emergency care.

Distribution - Doing a wonderful job.

Semaphore - Deadline for submission for the October issue is Monday, September 18, at noon.

Storekeeper - Items are displayed for viewing and purchase.

Commodore's Report

Cruising - Brian Giersch reported. Don Knight confirmed Local Waters Cruise leaves tomorrow with 5 or 6 boats signed up. It was noted that there have been disappointing turnouts for cruises this year. Brian thanked Ritchie Thomson for taking over leadership of two fall cruises. The Ocracoke Cruise is scheduled for September 22-27 led by Ritchie Thomson. A skippers' meeting will be held next Tuesday. The Cape Lookout Cruise, scheduled for September 30-October 4, will be led by Fred Lacey. A sign-up sheet will be available soon. Let Fred know if you are planning to participate and the skippers' meeting will be set up. There is no planned cruise to Annapolis. The Albemarle Loop Cruise is coming up in October led by Ritchie Thomson. The date for this event was changed so as not to conflict with the Fall Appreciation Dinner. Short days of cruising are planned.

Entertainment - Rose Litke reminded members that next week is Trivia Night. Karen Meyer reminded everyone of the event and that it is a social event, not a "tryout for Jeopardy," so it should be a fun evening starting at 1730. Catering by Posh Palate (formerly Sweet Pea). Rose Litke introduced Pam Gaskill to discuss the Fall Appreciation Dinner scheduled for October 18. Reservations are due by October 9. Sign-up flyer was included in the last *Sema-*

phore and is also available on-line. Suggestions for awards can be given to John Jackson.

Membership - Louise Knight reported that we currently have 200 members with an additional two or three prospects.

Yacht Club Dinners - Bev Myrseth noted that Trivia Night next week is this month's event.

Impromptu Happy Hour - There will not be an impromptu this month due to the number of other activities.

Other Reports - The Commodore announced the Board has carefully looked at club finances and has determined dues must be raised to cover the many expenses which cannot be covered by event fees. Net balances have been decreasing over the past 4 years and this dues increase will put the club on sound financial footing for the future. New dues will be \$55.00 per year. It was asked how much money the club did have on hand. The Commodore stated the amount is in the low teens but has been decreasing.

Past Commodore's Report

Nominating Committee has met and includes John Jackson, Darlene Cleveland, Skip Hird and Olwen Jarvis. Volunteers for open positions should see Louise Knight or another member of the Nominating Committee. The slate will be available at the next meeting.

Other Business

Ed Klebaur stated that membership renewal documents for next year will go out with the upcoming *Semaphore*. There are two changes to the form: the new fee and a request for members to choose how they would like to have their *Semaphore* delivered (brown box or email).

Walt Meyer has recently purchased a new boat called Pied de Mer. Bob Petritsch bought 1 ¼ boats - a kayak and the Ensign *Red Stripe*.

Members will be asked to sign-up for committees next month.

A motion was made and carried to adjourn the meeting (Giersch/Davies). The meeting adjourned at 2053.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Green, Secretary

Cape Lookout Cruise

Missed earlier opportunities to get out to this pristine location? Never been there before? First time and would like the company of others to help get there with confidence? Got some time for a few days of fun and nature's treats? Then mark your calendar for Saturday, September 30, through Wednesday, October 4 and let's go to Cape Lookout!

Worried about Fall temperatures? Remember the ocean temps will still be warm, giving you comfortable days AND nights! And sea breezes will keep the afternoon thunderstorms inland!

As we anticipate dates and put them on our own calendars, be mindful that allowances should be made for 'weather days' and a watchful eye must be attentive to nor'easters and tropical depressions.

Itinerary: Saturday - Depart Fairfield Harbour, run down Adams Creek and anchor in Town Creek (if you're not going all the way); Sunday Morning - Time the departure to catch the slack current in the Beaufort Inlet, then sail off to the Cape Lookout Bight and start exploring; Sunday and Monday - Continue exploring; Tuesday - Depart for Cedar Creek for an overnight anchorage (unless you're going all the way); Wednesday - Return home.

Social Considerations: Plan for afternoon socials on the beach...bring beach chairs; Plan an evening bonfire?...everyone bring some firewood...hot chocolate? hot dogs? marshmallows? Smoores? Fred Lacey wants to get an afternoon of 'offshore' fishing!

Skippers' Meeting: Wednesday, September 27, 1000, Activity Building Room 3. Details such as slack current times will be shared.

Contact Fred Lacy (flacey@suddenlink.net-emailed preferred.) for more information.

Cape Lookout is always a beautiful destination. Plan to come if you have never been there!

Fred Lacey



Save the Dates!

Holiday Party

Thursday, December 14th, 1730

Dining and Dancing at Carolina Colours

Bring your gifts for the Salvation Army Angel Tree
Watch for the Flyer in the November Semaphore

Christmas Flotilla and Chili Party

Saturday, December 9

New Members

This month we welcomed two new couples to the FHYC family.

Bobby and Jeri Wofford moved here from Charlotte and share a house on Bucco Reef Drive with Bobby's dad, who joined earlier this year. They come with many years of boating experience: 20 in power, 37 in sail, and 10 in racing. They have a Beneteau 33' sailboat named *Grovely Barch*. (You'll have to ask them about the story behind the name.) Their sponsors are Scott and Darlene Cleveland and Bill and Lois Andrews. Bobby has chosen the Storekeeper and Information Processing Committees and Jeri has chosen the Distribution Committee.

Jeff and Charlene Opel moved to Mona Passage Court from Annapolis, Maryland. Jeff has been sailing since he was six years old and has done various kinds of racing. Charlene, at one time, owned her own boat. But now they own a 20' Cuddy Cabin power boat that is not named. Their sponsors are neighbors Skip and Cherylle Hird and Ed and Mary Grosser. Jeff has chosen the Regatta Committee and Charlene has selected the Distribution and Hospitality Committees.

Jenny McDiarmid

Recent New Member Photos



Jeri & Bobby Wofford



Ellen McElree & Phil Hewett



Tom Smith



Charlene Opel (Jeff not shown)

Medical Minute: Stroke

Impending or evolving stroke should be treated with the urgency of a heart attack: a stroke is a "brain attack." Your role in detecting stroke is the most important step in the American Heart Association's Chain of Survival.

Remember the acronym FAST: Face droop (ask your friend to smile); Arm weakness (ask for extended arms to test resistance to downward pressure); Speech difficulty (ask your friend to say "you can't teach an old dog new tricks"); and Time - get your friend to medical care as soon as possible.

Most strokes are ischemic (87%) and are treated with "clot-busters." Hospitals have strict guidelines for time to exam (10 minutes), CT scan (25 minutes), and initiation of therapy (1 hour from arrival to ED); the fibrinolytic must be given within 3 hours from onset of symptoms, so don't delay at home! If a stroke is hemorrhagic, a neurosurgeon will become involved.

Several FHYC members can testify that following this advice is worthwhile. Remember to act FAST!

Kathie King

Last Call for Awards

It is not too late! If you know someone who should be recognized at this year's Fall Appreciation Dinner, let me know now. The Dinner is October 18, so time is critical. Also, did you spend 100 days on your boat this year? If so, let me know, there is an award waiting for you.

John Jackson

Committee Sign-Up

At the October General meeting there will be sign-up sheets for all committees. If for some reason you are unable to attend the meeting please send me an email, jackson.jy@gmail.com telling me which committee you would like to serve on in 2018.

Remember, the Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club functions only as well as all of its members. We have had a great past and I am sure we will have a great present and future with your help on one or more committees.

John Jackson

Albemarle Loop Cruise 2017

Following our successful late season cruise to the Pamlico River last year, we are planning a cruise to the Albemarle Sound for this fall. Please note that the dates shown in the FHYC calendar have been modified to allow members to attend the Fall Appreciation Dinner on Wednesday, October 18, before departing the following morning. Now you have no excuse for not attending!

We plan to leave Fairfield Harbour on Thursday, October 19, gathering in either Lower Broad Creek or South River, depending on the winds, weather and what people want. On the morning of Friday, October 20, we plan to head up through the Bay River and over to Belhaven. We will then proceed gently northwards through the Pungo - Alligator canal and up into the Albemarle Sound. In the Sound we will have the opportunity to visit among other places:

Albemarle Plantation

Edenton

Columbia

Manteo (possibly returning via the Pamlico Sound and Ocracoke)

Every marina in the Albemarle Loop group offers at least 48 hours of FREE slip rental, fresh water, and pump outs where available. For details see their website at <http://www.albemarleloop.com/index.html>. There are also many opportunities to anchor out.

This is a great opportunity to follow in the footsteps of America's first English settlers.

The specific destinations for each day will be decided by group consensus on a day-by-day basis. It may mean moving on or staying put to wait for weather to pass or just to hang out for a day. You are welcome to join for part or all of the cruise as you wish. A SPLASH at the docks or on a boat is a must each day! There are many restaurants to visit in the various ports.

Ritchie Thomson

Local Waters Cruise

The Local Waters cruise finally came to fruition. No rain or hurricanes predicted. On Friday, September 16, five boats departed the Harbour for South Creek as the first stop. The river was flat as a pancake making it a great ride down to the creek. There was a splash on Friday aboard the Myrseths' boat. Just as the splash began a sixth boat arrived, as Past Commodore Skrotsky brought

Navicula down to join us. There was much the discussion as to where we should go the next day as Sunday had a forecast of rain (80%) and winds predicted in the 15 to 30 knot category. It was decided that Goose Creek seemed to offer a much better anchorage and is close to home if the weather as predicted happened. The weather on Saturday was holding so a splash on *Feline Purr-Fect* was in order to end the day. The overnight winds were mild and the temperatures in the 60s which made it very comfortable sleeping. The next morning with the rain already at Beaufort it was decided the best move was to go home. It was an excellent cruise and as usual much fun was had by all.

Don and Louise Knight

