

The Semaphore

Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club



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Smooth Sailing



I am writing this on a beautiful day in early May. We had planned to go sailing this afternoon but mowing, rewiring a boat light, and other chores, took longer than expected. We hope to get out tomorrow.

I just learned that one of our members was on his foredeck this afternoon, taking down the sail, when the boat accidentally jibed. He was hit in the head with the boom and knocked overboard. It only takes a split second for something to go wrong and have a crew member, or more, in the water. Trust me, I know more about this than I want to. Fortunately, his crew threw him a life ring. He grabbed it and a passing power boat pulled him out of the water. At the same time, his boat went aground. The boat that pulled him out then towed him to deeper water.

Please, no matter what type of boat you are on, when leaving the cockpit wear your life jacket. No matter how well you can swim, or what the water temperature is, it only takes a split second to go overboard. In July we will have a full report from the Joint Task Force regarding response times when there is an accident. From what I have been told however, their preliminary findings make it hard to believe that response times will be reduced significantly. In the meantime, practice a person overboard drill. Remember, a hat tossed overboard in a drill is a heck of a lot easier to get back on board than a person. Do you have an easily accessible ladder for the person to climb up? If the person is knocked out, how will you get him or her on board? Think all of this

through as you practice. Time on the water should be fun. Don't let lack of planning spoil it.

A big thanks goes to Past Commodore and Cruising Captain George Stateham and Bill Witherup for rescheduling the Poker Run, originally scheduled for Saturday, July 16. At the April FHYC meeting, it was pointed out that the Entertainment Committee had already put out a flyer for a Scavenger Hunt to be held on the same day. Fearing that the same people would want to take part in both, George and Bill are looking for an alternative date, still to be determined. Both events sound like a lot of fun. No boat is necessary for the Scavenger Hunt. Small power boats are perfect for the Poker Run and there will be a separate course for sail boats.

There are always items that are too soon or too late for this column. For instance, the Oar Race, and make-up Wilkerson Cup, are scheduled for May 20. It's too late to remind people to register but also too soon for the winners to be announced. Next month you will be able to read the results.

The Membership Committee,

chaired by Past Commodore Louise Knight and Kathie Fortenbaugh, are doing a great job. Our membership is now at 190. At the last meeting, we had at least 3 couples who were attending their second meeting.

Past Commodore King and his Planning Committee have reviewed the questionnaire that was distributed and have made some recommendations for action to the board. The Joint Task Force on rapid response will have a report at the July meeting.

In short, we are all keeping busy. I thank all of you for the work you are doing to keep FHYC a dynamic, active organization.

I hope to see you on the water!

John Y. Jackson
Commodore

FHYC General Meeting May 10, 2018

The May meeting was called to order by Commodore Jackson at 1930 and the membership was led in the Pledge of Allegiance. There was a moment of silence for Joe Hack who died May 5, 2018. A reception in his

What's Happening

June	Su	3	Race: Dinghy/Sunfish
	Tu	5	Race: Fun Racing
	Sa-Su	9-10	Cruise: Wine Tasting
	Mo	11	Board Meeting (ac) 1900
	Tu	12	Race: Fun Racing
	Th	14	General Meeting (cc) 1930
	Fr	15	Education: Seminar
	Sa	16	Scavenger Hunt
	Tu	19	Race: Fun Racing
	We	20	Yacht Club Dinner
	Su	24	Boat Bash
	Tu	26	Race: Fun Racing

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

Deadline for next issue is noon, Monday, June 18, 2018

Delivery is Saturday, June 30, 2018

honor will be held Monday, May 21 from 1300 to 1500 at 5418 Trade Winds Drive.

The following guests were introduced and welcomed: Pat LePera and Jerry Manfredi, Pete and Kathy Sansone, Steve Hart, Karen and Frank Bushell, and Ed and Marcia Werneke.

Greg and Kate Castle were inducted as new members. Louise Knight presented them with their membership packets and Commodore Jackson welcomed them and presented their burgees. Robert and Eileen Medvey were approved for membership but are out of town and will be inducted at a future meeting.

The minutes of the April meeting were approved as printed in the *Semaphore*. (Jarvis/Fortenbaugh)

The Treasurer's Report has been approved by the board and is available for review.

Past Commodore Doug King gave a synopsis of the Planning Committee Survey results. He commented that more than half were returned by electronic means. The board will follow up on this survey and develop action plans. He thanked everyone who returned the survey.

The following Committees gave their reports.

Rear Commodore Reports

Hospitality: The hosts for tonight were the Beerys and the Moores. The theme was Cinco de Mayo, designed by Lois Andrews.

Education: Friday's educational program will be an expansion of last year's program on prevention rather than reaction. It will be presented by Ritchie Thomson and Joel Berberich on May 11 at 0900 in Room 2 of the Activities Center.

Marine Assistance: Don Knight gave a summation of how well the Marine Assistance Committee (MAC) works when he described the *Loose Chicken* incident. Thanks to all who helped. He stressed that the MAC provides help within 5 miles of Fairfield Harbour. Ritchie Thomson explained that the Google single call out number is not working and members should rely on the previous method as described in the Yearbook until further notice.

Program: Janet Witherup gave information about the swap meet coming up in July. This will also include arts and crafts with a nautical theme. More information will be forthcoming.

Medical Minute: Elaine Berberich presented information on mosquitoes. A nautical minute will be presented next month.

Vice-Commodore's Reports

Library and History: These committees are working well.

PR: This committee continues to do an excellent job. Barb Robinson has had several articles published in the Beacon and the Sun Journal. PR is working with membership to update the membership flyer.

Semaphore: The deadline for submissions is at noon, Monday, May 14.

Ship's Store: The store is open and Carol Cavins modeled the new hat that is available.

Commodore's Reports

Cruising: George Stateham reported that 36 boats participated in Commissioning Day and thanked all who attended. George thanked Don Knight who organized the Shakedown Cruise with more than 40 for dinner.

The Airshow overnight had 6 boats. The Cruising Committee encouraged more small boat participation. Bill Witherup announced the Poker Run on Saturday June 16 with a post-event party in the Cart Barn. Ritchie Thomson outlined the Local Waters Cruise. Dave Pfefferkorn gave details of the Okrafolk Cruise. Don Knight announced the Wine Tasting and the Fourth of July Fireworks Cruises. As always, information on cruises is available in the Yearbook and on the FHYC web page or from committee chairs.

Entertainment: Dottie Giersch gave information on the Scavenger Hunt, coming up on Saturday, June 16. This is land-based and members will search for clues around the Harbour. There will be a BYO happy hour and dinner to follow at Red Sail park for a cost of \$10 per person.

Regatta: Georgie Jackson stated that the last day to register for the Oar Race is Wednesday, May 16. Since the Wilkerson Cup was cancelled due to weather, there will be a "race within a race" for the four boats that registered and the winner will claim the Wilkerson Cup for this year. There is one more day of Sunfish Dinghy racing. The Ensign races are done for the spring. The Boat Bash is scheduled for June 24 and is presented jointly by the PR Committee and New Neighbors. It is a good way to get your boat out on the water and, at the same time, introduce new neighbors to boating in the Harbour.

Yacht Club Dinner: The dinner will be held Wednesday, May 16 at the Sake Grill. Carol Frysiek announced that a sign-up sheet was available.

Old Business

There were 30 pairs of flip-flops collected for RCS. If any members would still like to contribute they can contact Joye Moloney.

New Business

Kathie King extended invitations on upcoming events provided by the Coast Guard Auxiliary. National Safe Boating Week, May 19-25, is observed by the US Coast Guard and its federal, state, and local safe boating partners.

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Deadline

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

Programs are planned. Kathie will send out a detailed email on these informative events.

Program

Dave Pfefferkorn gave a PowerPoint presentation on *Pamlico Star's* four-month northern journey and was thanked by the club for this excellent presentation.

Commodore Jackson asked the membership to announce any boats bought or sold. There were no significant May anniversaries. In January, Peter Pagnutti celebrated his 25 years as a club member. In February, 15-year anniversaries were celebrated by Ed Weber and Angela Marchesi and by Charley Ward and Janet Lee.

The meeting was adjourned at 2045. (Fortenbaugh/King)

*Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Berberich, Secretary*

Poker Run Rescheduled

The Cruising Committee is re-scheduling the June mixed power and sail Poker Run to later in the boating season. Details to follow shortly. Meanwhile, thanks to all those members who showed initial support and interest.

*Bill Witherup
Cruising Committee*

June Education Seminar

Womanship Series: Start and Run Your Outboard



Learn how to start small outboard engines by yourself!

In-the-water dinghy experience. Professional advice available.

Friday, June 15

0900 - 1200 at the Cart Barn

RSVP to Leigh Pfefferkorn by text at 252-617-5994 or by email at lpassage@gmail.com. Please include your name and phone number. Deadline Wednesday, June 13. Men are welcome!

Leigh Pfefferkorn

Ensign Spring Series Wrap-Up

May 3 was a beautiful day for racing as the seven-boat Ensign fleet jockeyed for final positions on the Spring Series score sheet. At the end of the day, three boats held their place. Among them were Blue Note and Red Stripe, who had been neck and neck throughout the series. The final race determined that Blue Note was the series winner over Red Stripe by three boat lengths.

The fleet and race committee wrapped up the day with a picnic at Red Sail Park sharing food, drink, laughs and lies.

“Well done!” racers and committee.

Mark Hittner



Blue Note
(Photo by John Jackson)



Red Stripe
(Photo by John Jackson)



Jackie, Linda and Steph on the job.
(Photo by George Sechrist)



The dedicated Race Committee.
(Photo by John Jackson)

Help Wanted

Word has it that two members of the Ensign Race Committee Boat are retiring this Spring. No experience necessary. Jackie will train you. You get to watch the Ensign Fleet race up close and not have to actually race!

Call Jackie Moniak at 252-633-4335 or Jerry Rezab at 252-636-5919 to get more information or to sign up

Boat Bash Scheduled for June 24

Boat Bash, a joint activity of Fairfield Harbour New Neighbors and FHYC's Public Relations Committee, is scheduled for Sunday, June 24.

This event is a great way to meet new residents of the Harbour and have a nice day on the water. It also promotes our club and attracts new members. Please register using the flyer in this issue of the *Semaphore* or email the following information, no later than June 10, to george@stateham.com: your name, boat name, boat length, sail or power and the number of guests you can accommodate. We will match you up with guests.

The time and place of departure, planned route 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 First Officer) will be hosted by New Neighbors and FHYC and is planned for the early evening.

George Stateham

Welcome New Members

Greg and Kate Castle moved here from Green Township, NJ and now live on Tartan Court. They have 10 years of power boating experience and own a 24' Sea Ray. It is currently called *The Boat* because it has not been named.

You may recognize Kate because she is the full-time receptionist at the POA office.

Bill and Lois Andrews and Bill and Sherry Pendleton are their sponsors.

Greg has chosen the Maintenance and Marine Assistance Committees, and Kate has chosen the Hospitality Committee.

Jenny McDiarmid



Wine Tasting Cruise: Saturday, June 9 and Sunday, June 10

Several years ago, we had a fun wine tasting on a cruise. It was a huge hit, so we have decided to try it again as a cruise theme. We will leave the Harbour on Saturday, June 9 and travel to the Oriental Harbor Marina. At approximately 1600, there will be a splash and the wine tasting, followed by a dinner at 1800.

There will be six covered bottles of wine to taste. Your job is to determine which kind of wine is in each bottle. The winner will receive a prize.

Please bring a light appetizer for the splash. Following the tasting, we will go to the Toucan Grill for dinner. Slips at the marina are \$1.90 per foot including electricity. For reservations, call Tom, the Dockmaster, at 252-249-1818. Of course, you can drive down if you wish.

Please forward the registration and your check for \$5 per person to Don and Louise Knight at 2214 Caracara Dr. by Wednesday, June 6. If you have any questions, call us at 252-514-0614. The captains' meeting is Wednesday, June 6 at 1000 in Room 2 of the Activities Building.

*Don and Louise Knight
Cruise Leaders*

July 3, 4, and 5 Fireworks Cruise

Once again, it's off to the New Bern Grand Marina for this year's Fourth of July festivities. It was a great event last year, with front row seats for the fireworks. Slips at the Grand Marina will be \$1.25 per foot - based on slip size, not boat length. Electricity, mainly 50 amp service, is \$6 per night. There are a few 30 amp slips at \$4 per night. If you can take 30 amp service, it may make a difference as to where you will be docked.

The New Bern Grand Marina is saving 15 slips for us. The first 15 members who return their reservation slips to us will be on the confirmed list. Others will be put on a waiting list. Please do not contact the marina for a slip. We'll provide our list to the Dockmaster at the appropriate time and I will let you know when you should contact the marina to pay for your slip. There is a two-night, pre-paid minimum for this event. No refunds will be given, even if you do not attend.

If you choose to come by car, please make sure you send us a reservation form. Armbands will be required to get on the dock, for boaters and for those attending by car. Each night there will be a splash on the dock. Please bring a light appetizer and your own beverage. Dinner will be on your own the first night. The second night we will have a potluck dinner on the dock. We will coordinate the dishes to ensure we have a good variety.

Because we only have 15 dock spaces and this is typically a well-attended event, make sure you get your reservation to us quickly. As always, if you have questions call us at 252-514-0614.

Don & Louise Knight

Shakedown Cruise Report

The 2018 Shakedown Cruise, the first cruise of the year, was held April 20 to 22 at Bridgeton Harbor Marina. What a great start to the boating season! We had 17 boats in attendance and there were 50 people for the dinner on Saturday night. Some drove up and joined the boaters both nights for the event. The only problem we encountered was the wind. It did blow but fortunately, the wind died each evening so boats were fairly stable through the night.

Friday night we had a well-attended splash on the dock with an excellent array of food choices including great desserts. The food prepared by each participant was delicious. Moore's BBQ catered the Saturday dinner with a menu of pulled pork, fried and roasted chicken, cole slaw, potato salad, hush puppies and drinks. Great fun was had by all.

This is the second year we have gone to Bridgeton Harbor Marina. Tom Wynn, Dockmaster, has been a great host.

Don & Louise Knight

July Sale and Swap

July's program will be a nautical sale and swap preceding the general meeting.

This is your chance to sell those unwanted boating items or nautical related crafts.

More information will be provided.

*Janet Witherup
Program Committee*

Scavenger Hunt Reminder



Join Us Saturday, June 16 for the FHYC Scavenger Hunt. The registration deadline is June 1. Please visit the website for more details.