

# The Semaphore

Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club



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## Smooth Sailing



When you read this it will almost be August. Hopefully, the hottest part of the summer will be behind us and cooler days and nights will begin to prevail. Of course cooler nights means that it is much nicer sleeping on a boat, so any cruise, even just a simple overnight, should be very enjoyable.

At the July meeting I gave a State of the Club report. A key point I want to reiterate here is that I hope that by the time committee sign-up sheets are put out in October we have a committee chair for each committee. This means that if you are now a chair you need to decide if you will return in the same position or not. If the answer is no, I hope you will recruit your replacement.

I also talked about the budget changes we have been making. Ideally any event that has revenue, such as a regatta or a dinner, will produce enough income to cover all of its costs including food, awards, centerpieces, the *Semaphore* flyer, if there is one, and other related costs. The Board and I know that this is a challenge and will not necessarily happen overnight, but we are steadily moving in that direction.

We don't have a lot of activities in August, but don't forget the Three Dinner Cruise near the end of the month. Also, Tuesday racing continues. If you have a sail boat, bring it out and see how you do. If you have a power boat, come out, watch for a few minutes, or longer, and enjoy a nice evening trip.

I hope to see you at the regular August meeting, as well as on the water.

Smooth Sailing!

John Jackson, Commodore

## General Meeting July 12, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Commodore Jackson. The membership was led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Prior to the meeting, there was a successful swap meet and nautical crafts sale coordinated by Janet Witherup. Guests were introduced and welcomed. The guests were George Sechrist, Peter and Oriana Zurcher, Paula and Dave Phipps, Karen and Jim Powers, Chuck and Wendy Hutaff, John Shearer and Eia Weiler, and Paul and Deb Mills.

Induction of new members: Louise Knight introduced new members Steve and Leigh Hart and Michael Connolly and Lorrie Stillwagon. Commodore Jackson welcomed them and presented their burgees.

There was a motion to approve the minutes as printed in the *Semaphore* (Giersch/Fortenbaugh). Motion passed.

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

### Committee Reports

Rear Commodore Ritchie Thomson:

The hosts for tonight are Sam and Delle Curry and Elliott and Ina Alterman.

Marine Assistance Committee: Ritchie gave a report on how well the committee has been doing. MAC plans to have cards with the one-call number available as soon as Bill Green is back. The MAC gasoline pump was used to dewater a floating dock and the assistance was much appreciated. MAC has put together an extensive manual on responding to calls for assistance as well as a task force check list that was combined with Doug King's survey.

Vice Commodore:

Commodore Jackson gave the report as Ralph Azersky was absent.

The *Semaphore* deadline is noon on Monday, July 16. The store was not open tonight as there were space constraints due to swap meet. Members were advised to contact Stephanie Davies if there is anything they need.

Commodore John Jackson:

Cruising: George Stateham talked about the success of the 4th of July Cruise and how impressive the New Bern fireworks were. Norm Meissner

## What's Happening

August	Th	02	Wine Tasting.....	1800
	Mo	06	Board Meeting (ac).....	1900
	Tu	07	Fun Racing.....	1700
	Th	09	Yacht Club General Meeting (cc).....	1930
	Fr	10	Education Seminar.....	
	Tu	14	Fun Racing.....	1700
	Tu	21	Fun Racing.....	1700
	Th	23	River Dunes Dinner.....	
	Th-Su	23-26	Three Dinner Cruise.....	
	Tu	28	Fun Racing.....	1700

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

**Deadline for the next issue is noon on Monday, August 13**

Delivery is Saturday, August 25

gave an update on the Cape Lookout Cruise with seven boats leaving Friday. Louise Knight added that Kirk Hathaway had informed her that barnacle growth is especially heavy this year and for boaters to be aware.

Entertainment: Commodore Jackson read a note from Ginger Thompson thanking members who participated in the Boat Bash. He also mentioned that we could use more boats next year. Rose Voss-Litke highlighted upcoming social events and announced that the Fall Appreciation Dinner would be held Wednesday, October 17, at Taberna. Louise Knight discussed the River Dunes dinner and reported that this event is full.

#### Announcements

There were several other announcements by club members.

There was a reminder about the upcoming MS fundraiser and that tickets can be obtained from Lois Matthews or Evelyn Thompson. Kathy Fortenbaugh added to this by explaining the MS bike ride which will be coming up September 8 and 9 and that this is a great community event for which to volunteer.

Joy Thompson explained a new event that is available to club members. She and Mary Jean Tedford have

enjoyed the Wine Tasting at Harbour Pointe Golf Club and thought members might enjoy doing this together. It will be offered to YC members. The date is August 2. Those interested can sign up with Joy or Mary Jean and pay \$5.

Craig Myler gave an update on dredging and was available to answer questions.

Carol Frysiek reported that there will be no dinner this month since there is so much going on.

Old Business: none

New Business: none  
Program

Commodore Jackson presented the program which was the State of the Club. A summary and some of the highlights were:

- The club is doing well financially with excellent cruises, boat participation, social events and community involvement.
- The meeting order was changed this year to have the meeting first and the program second. There was a show of hands that supported continuing this format.
- The current billing methods will continue rather than going to credit card billing which would be more complicated as well as more expensive.
- Starting last year, we started to change the budget process. The budget has been changed to show the expected income and expenses from each committee. The club is not subsidizing all events as many events are self-supporting. This is a fair method as not all members attend all events.
- Committee chairs were encouraged to identify future chairs or stay on as chair. It would be good when sign-up sheets are put out in October if a chair would already have been identified.
- The issue of the Hospitality Committee was addressed. In the past two years Lois and Bill

Andrews have created a “Delicious Dilemma” with wonderful food and presentation at each meeting. Lois and Bill were recognized for an outstanding job, but Lois does not plan to continue as chair. The membership was advised that it was not necessary to continue with this level of food. Lois also mentioned she would be willing to help orient the new chair.

Olwen Jarvis thanked Commodore Jackson for taking the time and making the effort to put this report together and also recognized what a good job he is doing as Commodore.

Commodore Jackson’s entire report will be available in the archives as recorded by the Historian

Mike and Peggy Daly have a 15th anniversary with the club. It was also announced that this will be the last meeting for Brian and Dottie Giersch as they are moving to Pennsylvania. They will be missed.

Bob Petritsch announced that pickup racing will continue on Tuesday evenings. Ritchie Thomson gave special thanks to Janet Witherup for organizing the swap meet.

There was a motion to adjourn (Jarvis/Davies). Motion passed.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Elaine Berberich, Secretary*

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### Three Dinner Cruise

It might be a little confusing with the blend of an Entertainment Committee dinner at River Dunes and the remaining two nights of the Three Dinner Cruise. The second and third nights are now fully reserved. Those are in Beaufort at Clawson’s and in Oriental at the Toucan Grill.

However, as most boaters know, stuff happens and we may get a cancellation. If you would like to be on a waiting list in case we have an opening, please email me at [george@stateham.com](mailto:george@stateham.com).

*George Stateham*

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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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## Three Mistakes Boaters Don't Want to Make with a DSC Radio

### Mistake #1: Relying on an old VHF radio to signal that you are in distress

If you are using a VHF radio that was manufactured more than 15 years ago, you're relying on old technology. Today's DSC-VHF radios have new lifesaving features, most importantly a distress button that can hail a mayday and relay your position to rescue authorities — all at the push of one little red (distress) button on the face of the radio. BoatUS has some help to set up your new DSC-VHF radio at:

[BoatUS.com/SettingUpDSCRadio](http://BoatUS.com/SettingUpDSCRadio).

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### Mistake #3: Not reading the owner's manual that came with your radio and familiarizing yourself with your radio's features

Your DSC-VHF radio manual contains a ton of great information about the features of your radio and how to install it. If your radio is not properly installed or not connected to your boat's GPS or chart-plotter, you're shortchanging yourself and perhaps unknowingly putting yourself and your crew in danger if there is a delay in transmission and emergency response

*(Article courtesy of BoatU.S.)*

## Flip Flops

Thank you for your kind support of Flip Flops for Fun. Fifty-three pairs were donated and happily received by RCS. I'm hopeful that this will become an annual FHYC summer event.

*Joye Moloney*

## ATTENTION ALL ONE-DESIGN SAILORS!

### BLACKBEARD, UNION BANK ONE-DESIGN REGATTA August 25-26, 2018

This Regatta is open to **all** one-design mono-hulled sailboats. Come out and enjoy the fun and the competition! The Blackbeard Sailing Club is hosting the event at their Club House in Fairfield Harbour NC.

Deadline for Pre-registration is August 19, before 8pm. You can pre-register online at [RegattaNetwork/event/17004](http://RegattaNetwork/event/17004). Both the NOR and Registration form can be found there.

The Pre-registration fee is \$40 which includes 2 meals on Saturday evening. US Sailing members can deduct \$5.00 and must provide their member number. The Registration form and the NOR are both on the Regatta Network website.

Late registration starts at 8pm August 19 and runs through to 8am August 25 (race day).

Late registration penalty fee is \$10.

If you need lodging, a place to dock your boat, help with local transportation, go to the NOR on the Regatta Network site, [www.regattanetwork.com](http://www.regattanetwork.com). If you still have questions contact Bill Jarvis at [bjarvis1@suddenlink.net](mailto:bjarvis1@suddenlink.net)

## New Members

Steve and Leigh Hart moved here from Chapel Hill, NC, even though Steve continues to work a couple of days a week there. They live on Trade Winds Road and have several years of sailing experience. They have a 40-foot Hinkley B-40 sailboat named *Graca*. Their sponsors are Ritchie and Julia Thomson and Bill and Olwen Jarvis. Both of them have chosen the Cruising and the Distribution Committees.

Michael Connolly and Lorrie Stillwagon moved here from Arcadia, MI, and Fort Myers, FL. They live on Caracara Drive. Michael has 10 years of power boating, 58 years of sailboating, and 22 years of racing experience. Both Michael and Lorrie were previous members of the Fort Myers Sailing Club. They have a 15-foot Whitby Albacore sailboat and a 23-foot Seafarer Kestral named *Tammy Norie*. In 2001 Michael won the Buccaneer North American Championship Regatta as crew and in 2002 placed second in the Mutineer North American Championship Regatta as Skipper. Their sponsors are Norm and Yvonne Meissner and Skip and Cherylle Hird. Michael has chosen the Marine Assistance and Yearbook Committees. Lorrie selected the Hospitality Committee.



*Steve and Leigh Hart*



*Lorrie Stillwagon and Michael Connolly*



## FHYC Fourth of July Cruise



## July Yacht Club Dinner

