

The Semaphore

Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club



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Smooth Sailing



So far we have been fortunate that there have been no named storms in the area. Yesterday (Friday August 10), I read that the National Weather Service has lowered their estimate for named storms this summer/fall. Of course, as I write this I know that there are four weeks between the time it is written and the time you read it, so perhaps I will wind up being all wet in regards to the above statement. Speaking of all wet, July certainly turned into a month that kept many of us at the dock. Too many thunderstorms. Lots of plain old rain, and occasionally lots of wind. It certainly was not a good month to be on the water. However, the Cape Lookout Cruise found the right gap and the participants had a wonderful time. I hope the same can be said for the Three Dinner Cruise.

September usually brings cooler temperatures and less humidity. In short, it is normally a fine time to be on the water. If you look at the Club's calendar you will notice lots of on-the-water activities in September: Sunfish dinghy racing, a cruise to Manteo and Ocracoke, Tuesday Fun Races, and Ensigns have their practice race before the fall Ensign series begins. If that is not enough, there is also a Poker Run on September 29.

On shore, during September, please consider stepping up and volunteering to be chair of one of our many committees for 2019. If you are interested, let the current chair or the liaison for that committee know before mid-September. Sign-up sheets will be available at the October meeting, and I hope when they are put out each committee already has a chair.

The nominating committee is busy building a slate for next year. If you know of someone, including yourself, who you think would be an excellent member of the Club's Board, feel free to contact Past Commodore Doug King.

I hope to see you on the water.

John Jackson, Commodore

FHYC General Meeting August 9, 2018

The August meeting of the FHYC was called to order at 1930 by Commodore John Jackson and members were led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following guests were welcomed and introduced: Jim and Karen Powers, George and Marilyn Sechrist, Greg and Lorrie Winfrey, Eia Weiler, Mary Beth and Frank Tietgens, and Sandy and Eric Thinguldstad.

Kathy Fortenbaugh presented Pete and Kathy Sansone with their membership packet and Commodore Jackson welcomed them as members

and presented their burgee. Kathy announced that Paula and Dave Phipps and Deb and Paul Mills had been approved as members and will be presented at a later date since both are in the process of bringing their boats to Fairfield Harbour.

There was a motion to approve the July minutes as printed in the *Semaphore* (King/Fortenbaugh).

There was no Treasurer's Report since Carol Cavins is out of town.

Committee Reports:

Rear Commodore Ritchie Thomson:

Rear Commodore Ritchie Thompson is out of town.

The hosts for tonight are Mike and Jana Kent and Marcia and Ed Werneke.

Marine Assistance: The new emergency number (MAC) will be printed very soon and members were instructed to delete previous numbers. Bill Green presented new number stickers and cards for distribution at the meeting and explained that the committee is hopeful that this new

What's Happening

September	Su	2	Race: Dinghy/Sunfish
	Tu	4	Race: Fun Racing
	Th	6	Wine Tasting (Harbour Pointe Clubhouse).....1800
	Su	9	Race: Dinghy/Sunfish
	Mo	10	Board Meeting (ac).....1900
	Tu	11	Race: Fun Racing
	Th	13	General Meeting (cc).....1930
	Fr	14	Education: Seminar
	Su	16	Race: Dinghy/Sunfish
	Mo-We	17-26	Cruise: Manteo/Ocracoke
	Tu	18	Race: Fun Racing
	We	19	Yacht Club Dinner
	Su	23	Race: Dinghy/Sunfish
	Tu	25	Race: Fun Racing
	Th	27	Race: Ensign Practice
	Sa	29	Poker Run
	Su	30	Race: Dinghy/Sunfish

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

Deadline for next issue is noon, Monday, September 17, 2018

Delivery is Saturday, September 29, 2018

number will work well; but if the number is not working to always call the numbers as printed in the Yearbook. Thanks to the committee for all their hard work.

Vice Commodore: Ralph Azersky

The *Semaphore* deadline is Monday, August 13 at noon.

Bobby Wofford is running the store tonight.

All of the other committees are working well.

Ralph encouraged committee chairs to know their budget numbers and plans for next year so the Board can begin working on them in September. Chairs are encouraged to let the Board know if they want to continue as chair or can recommend future chairs.

Commodore: John Jackson

Cruising: George Stateham gave an extensive report on cruising events. He reported that the Cape Lookout Cruise was a great success. The Three-Dinner Cruise that is coming up is full. The other upcoming events are the First FHYC Poker Run, the Manteo-Ocracoke Cruise, and the Bald Head Island Cruise. Information and registration flyers for these events will be in the next *Semaphore*. Henry Litke provided additional information on the Bald Head Island Cruise. George asked for a volunteer to be a drop off point for the Poker Run since he will be involved with another cruise. Rose Voss-Litke

reported that the River Dunes dinner is also full.

Program: Joel Berberich introduced Mary Willis who is the Business Manager with the NC Ferry Division. Mary gave an excellent presentation and an overview of the ferry system in North Carolina.

Kathie King presented the Medical Minute on the recognition and prevention of tick-borne diseases.

Joy Thompson announced that the August wine tasting was a great success and another will be held September 6 and will be \$10 to include wine tasting and appetizer pairings.

Old Business: Commodore Jackson encouraged committee chairs to identify who is going to be the chair for the next year.

New Business: There was no new business.

Commodore Jackson recognized a 5-year anniversary for Wayne Fretwell and Elaine Lechter and a 30-year anniversary for Emily and Ron Helling.

There was a motion to adjourn (Jarvis/Hird)

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Berberich, Secretary

Bald Head Island Cruise

The last cruise of the season is to Bald Head Island. Located at the convergence of the Cape Fear Inlet and the Gulf Stream and renowned for its sea turtle nesting beaches, it is primarily a resort destination, although a few lucky residents are full time. Accessible only by water, there are few cars; everyone uses golf carts or bicycles. Both are available to rent on the island.

FHYC's cruise departs October 3, and returns one week later on October 10. Check the flyer in this issue of the *Semaphore* for more information and to reserve a spot. We'll have reservations for ten boats at the marina on the island and all stops along the way. Planned daily distances are short enough that even relatively slow boats can participate without pushing.

Please notice the dates are slightly different than listed in the Yearbook due to scheduling conflicts. Come enjoy this late season cruise in what should be cooler weather.

Henry Litke, Cruise Leader



Save the Date
The Fall
Appreciation Dinner
is coming soon!
Wednesday, October 17
Taberna Country Club

Look for the flyer in the next
Semaphore



Sunfish & Dinghy Races

September 2,9,16,23 & 30

The last 5 scheduled race dates of the 2018 season for the Sunfish and Dinghies are just around the corner. Enjoy a Sunday afternoon of racing on the safety of Northwest Creek without dealing with the strong winds and waves of the Neuse River. So, get your boats out, dust them off and get ready for another series of Fall racing. This series for the Sunfish and Dinghies is open to all Fairfield Harbour residents. They do not have to be a member of FHYC to enjoy the fun, competition and comradery of racing. If you know that any of your neighbors have a Sunfish or dinghy, invite them to join the Sunday afternoon races. The Notice of Races and the Sailing Instructions are on FHYC's website (www.fhyc.us) under Racing. For additional information contact:

Jerry Rezac 252 636 5919
or geraldrezab@yahoo.com
See you on the water!

IN MEMORIAM

Marion Goodmen passed away August 5. Her husband, Frank Goodmen, was Commodore of FHYC in 1993. They joined FHYC in September, 1986. Marion remained a member after Frank's death, and continued to attend the annual Commodores' Ball.

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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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New Members



Pete and Kathy Sansone

Pete & Kathy Sansone moved here from Rockville Centre, Long Island, NY, and now live on Cutlass Court. They have 50 years of powerboating experience and own two boats: a 24-foot Lyman powerboat named *Osprey* and a 43-foot Hatteras powerboat named *Mental Therapy*. Their sponsors are Herm & Gail Schiller and Lindy & Carol Lindtveit. Pete has chosen the Maintenance and the Marine Assistance Committees and Kathy has chosen the Distribution, Entertainment, and Storekeeper Committees.

Jenny McDiarmid,
Membership Committee



WINE TASTING

FHYC members enjoyed a wine tasting at Harbour Pointe on August 2, where we tasted featured wines and enjoyed the pairings while having a little fun close to home. Another wine tasting is scheduled for September 6.



LOOKING BACK AT CAPE LOOKOUT

On Friday, July 13, six boats left Fairfield Harbour heading down the Neuse for Adams Creek. We met at a peaceful anchorage on Cedar Creek just off Adams Creek. After a splash hosted by Steve and Leigh Hart on their Hinkley sailboat, *Graca*, we were rewarded with a beautiful sunset.

We weighed anchor on Saturday morning for a fair current down Adams Creek, through the Beaufort Inlet, then along Shackleford Banks into the Cape Lookout Bight. Ted and Beth Warnock's sailboat, *Latitude Adjustment*, took off from Fairfield Harbour to do a straight shot to join us at Cape Lookout. On the way they were able to capture a photo of the wild horses on Shackleford Banks. Our splash Saturday evening was hosted by Norm and Yvonne Meisner on their sailboat *MacGyver's Ride*. Another beautiful sunset silhouetted Ritchie and Julia Thomson's sailboat, *Vital Spark*, shown above.

Sunday was full of sunshine with swimming, shelling, beachcombing, and just relaxing at anchor. As the tide came in toward evening, we all dinghied ashore with our beach chairs, coolers, and firewood to enjoy a splash followed by everybody cooking hot dogs and roasting marshmallows for s'mores around the campfire. Soon the rising tide encroached us on all sides, putting out the fire, and we all scrambled for our dinghies to get back to our boats in the dark.

The next morning the seven boats left Cape Lookout Bight at various times for a fair current back to the Neuse. In addition to the boats already mentioned the cruisers also included Phil Katz and Linda Duncan's powerboat, *Arawak*, Jerry Reznab's sailboat, *Windy City*, and Art Thinguldstad and Deb Swan's sailboat, *Feather*.

With threatening weather some boats headed back to Fairfield Harbour Monday, but *MacGyver's Ride* and *Latitude Adjustment* headed for the South River to anchor another night. They explored the old 1810 cemetery and had a quiet night. They left on Tuesday escorted by dolphins and had a rough sail back to Fairfield Harbour. But remember, smooth seas make poor sailors! A great time was had by all!

Norm Meisner and Phil Katz

For more photos of this cruise, visit the FHYC Facebook Page



FHYC POKER RUN - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Poker Run! September 29! This is a great chance to get out on the water, play a game, enjoy a nice splash, and maybe win a few dollars. Check in at the parking lot of the old club house on Pelican between 0900 and 1000 to pay the \$5 entry fee and draw your first card. You will receive an envelope to keep that card and record the other cards you're dealt during the run.

This is an event for all, from trailer sailor to blue water keel boat, and outboard runabout to big trawler. Assuming the weather gods are kind, it's an easy day on the water with a little added interest.

As you reach each designated waypoint, you will hail the dealer on VHF and report your location. The dealer will draw a card and tell you what it is. Both you and the dealer will record the card. We will use a blue deck for power boats and a red deck for sailors. If we have a lot entries we will use multiple decks. No jokers or wild cards are in the decks.

Run anytime between 1100 and 1500 hours. Check in by radio with the dealer when you start. The sail course is about 8 nm and the power 12 so there is plenty of time to navigate the course at a leisurely speed. We suggest you bring your lunch and have a relaxing day on the water.

The splash and payoff will be at Red Sail Park at 1500, so there is time to dock or haul the boat, freshen up, and complete preparation of your delicious treat for the heavy BYOB splash. At the splash we will deal two more cards from each deck "face up" for red or blue hands to use. From the seven cards, 5 you were dealt and the two common cards from your deck, you will select your best 5-card hand.

There will be three payouts. The boat with the best hand overall will get one half of the total pot. The best remaining blue and red hands will split the other half of the pot.

It's not as complicated as it sounds. See the flyer and signup form in this *Semaphore* for more information. The Captains' Meeting is in room #2 at the Activity Center Thursday, September 27, at 1000 hours. PC George Stateham



CALL 252-649-3744 FOR MARINE ASSISTANCE

The Marine Assistance Committee (MAC) has re-launched their "One Call" service for FHYC members, with a new phone number and a robust protocol for handling requests for assistance. The obvious questions are, "When should I use the One Call service?" and "What happens when I place a call to it?" The first question is best answered by referring to the MAC's mission which reads as follows:

The members of the Marine Assistance Committee (MAC) are volunteers who have offered to assist the FHYC membership in non-life-threatening situations. MAC members are usually available to offer assistance to fellow members who are experiencing a mechanical problem, are aground or who experience similar issues. It is unreasonable to ask them for assistance

that should be provided by a professional towing service or to travel more than five miles from the Harbour.

To answer to the second question, here's a brief summary of the actions that take place when a call is made to the One Call service.

To request assistance, an FHYC member should call 252-649-3744. This call goes to an automated system that will simultaneously ring the cell phones of six MAC members who are designated as Team Leads. The first Team Lead to answer is connected directly to the caller and becomes Incident Commander, taking charge of that request.

The Incident Commander contacts other members of the full MAC team and assembles the manpower and

equipment needed to respond effectively. The Incident Commander will also maintain contact with the member requesting assistance and will oversee the response through completion. As a fallback, in the event that a Team Lead is not able to answer the call in real time, the caller is asked to leave a voice message detailing their request. The system then transcribes the voice message left by the caller and emails it to all MAC Team Leads for action and follow-up.

Wallet cards with the new number were provided at the August general meeting. In case you missed that meeting or did not pick up a card, we've reproduced it here so you can cut it out and save it.

Marine Assistance Committee



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252-649-3744

If your boat is in danger of sinking or you have an injured person aboard, call the Coast Guard on your VHF radio.

"Mayday. Mayday. Mayday."