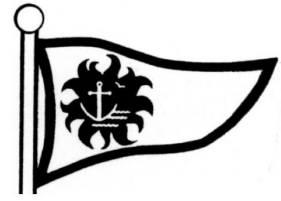


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Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club

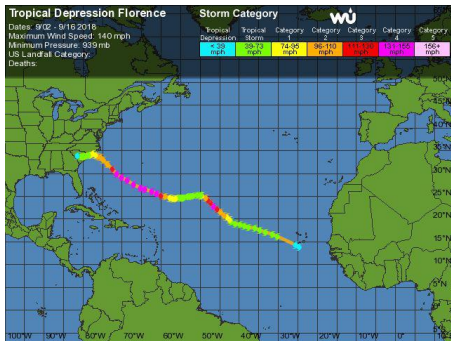


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Smooth Sailing



What a month this has been!

Like many of you when the Governor said there was a “mandatory evacuation”, we fled. When we re-



turned a week after Florence hit, we were amazed to see the stern of one member’s boat sticking straight up in the air just after we came through the gate. It only got worse from there. Boats are supposed to be floating on their lines, not lying on their side like a sick horse. Houses are not supposed to have water marks in the living room, and the list goes on. At the same time many of our members have done remarkable jobs helping others. It seems as though Ed Thompson was everywhere from roof tops to boat slips, while his wife Evelyn cooked meals and let others take showers at their house. Michael Connolly did a great job securing *Georgie Girl* so she

did not suffer more damage. Yes, *Georgie Girl* got hurt, but she is float-



ing and by the time you read this she might have repairs underway. I hope those of you who have damaged boats are able to get them repaired. However, I know more than one boat has been “totaled.” From previous experience I know the pain of that event. If your boat was totaled, you probably have these follow-up questions: Is it now time to go out on other people’s boats (OPB’s)? Do you want to buy a new boat or used boat? What size? Maybe move from motor to sail, or the other direction? Lots of questions, and at the same time it is quite likely that you are dealing with house and car decisions as well. Take your time. All club members are more than willing to provide any help, support, or advice that you want. Please, seek it out. This is not a time to sit alone. The club is moving ahead.

The nominating committee made their presentation at the October meeting and we will have elections

at the November general meeting. There wasn’t an October awards dinner, but the Christmas/Holiday dinner will be held. The 2019 Yearbook will probably come out in February, not January. In short, we are moving forward. If you can’t get out on your boat, take some time, and invite yourself on OPB’s.

Take a break, get refreshed on the water.

Thank you

FYHC would like to thank those members of the club who helped their friends and neighbours during and after hurricane Florence. The help was in many forms such as clearing basements and houses of sodden material, providing accomodation, cooking hot meals, offering hot showers and clothes washing. Also we must not forget those who fixed damaged equipment. We cannot list names but the club wants to express appreciation to everybody concerned.

John Y. Jackson, Commodore

FHYC General Meeting

Thursday October 12, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 1930 by Commodore Jackson and the membership was led in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for Linda Azersky. There are no guests.

What's Happening

November	Th 1	Ensign race	
	Mo 5	Board Meeting.....	1900
	Th 8	General Meeting	1930
		Voting for 2019 Board & Directors	
	Fr 9	Education seminar	
	Th15	Ensign race	1300

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

Deadline for next issue is noon Monday, November 12 2018

Delivery is November, 26, 2018

Louise Knight introduced the following new members: Dave and Paula Phipps (from August), George and Marilyn Sechrist and Jim and Karen Powers. Commodore Jackson welcomed the new members and presented their burgees. Louise Knight announced that the membership is now 202. Three more couples have applied for membership but have not been welcomed yet because they are out of town.

The August minutes were approved as printed in the *Semaphore* (Beery/King). There was no meeting in September because of hurricane Florence. The Treasurer's Report was approved by the board and available for review.

Committee Reports were presented:

Rear Commodore: Ritchie Thomson.

Hospitality: Greg and Kate Castle and Kim Tarkenton were hosts and Arne and Bev Myrseth helped with set-up.

Maintenance: The Spring Creek #5 piling has been knocked down. A temporary green floating mark is in place. Extreme caution should be exercised while navigating Spring Creek.

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Marine Assistance: The one-call number to call for assistance is (252-649-3744) and is active. Bill Green has cards if members need them. The towing exercise went very well even though it was hot. Thanks to Karl Mielenhausen and Bill Flynn for the briefing and to *Sugar Magnolia*, *Seaquel* and *Henery* for towing and being towed. There was one call-out incident in August when a boat sank at the dock. The boat was de-watered and refloated. It appears that a component of the speed-sensor paddlewheel had failed and the paddlewheel plug popped into the boat. The boat belonged to a non-member. The contents of the MAC dock box were removed and survived Florence unscathed.

Vice Commodore: Ralph Azersky Bobby Wofford is storekeeper tonight. The deadline for the *Semaphore* is noon Monday October 15.

Commodore: John Jackson

Entertainment: Rose Voss Litke reported that the Fall Appreciation Dinner was canceled because of the aftermath of hurricane Florence. There is a club dinner on Wednesday, 17 at Famous restaurant at 5:30 pm and a sign-up sheet is available. The Holiday Party will be Thursday December 13. The tentative plan is to have a chili party on Saturday December 15 with a modified flotilla.

Nominating Committee Report: Doug King introduced the following nominations for next year:

Rear Commodore: Mark West

Treasurer: Sherry Pendleton

Board of Directors: Lois Andrews and David Pfefferkorn

Commodore: Ralph Azersky (rising from Vice Commodore)

Vice Commodore: Ritchie Thomson (rising from Rear Commodore)

Secretary: Elaine Berberich

Continuing Directors: Carol Frysiek, Stephanie Davies, Joy Thompson, and Joye Moloney

Additional nominations can be presented before the November meeting. The Nominating Committee was thanked for their hard work and the committee was retired.

The Yearbook will be available in February rather than January due to the

storm delay. The dues sheet will be in the next *Semaphore* with the final date for dues being 12/28/2018.

New Business: Commodore Jackson reminded the membership to sign up for committees on the sign-up sheets which were available.

Programs/Education: There will be no programs, education or nautical minute presentations for October.

Awards Presentation: Vice Commodore Ralph Azersky presented the following awards:

100 Day Cruising Awards: Dave and Leigh Pfefferkorn, Jim and Jody Fortuna, Scott and Darlene Cleveland, Bev and Arne Myrseth

Coordinating the Christmas Chili Party: Kathy Petritsch

Dredging Project Coordinator: Craig Myler

Medical Minute Starter: Joel Berberich

Exceptional work on Marine Assistance: Norm Meissner and Bill Green

Helping with Sunken Boats, including an Ensign: Kirk Hathaway

Outstanding Membership Development: Louise Knight and Kathy Fortenbaugh

Keeping the Markers in Place: Skip Hird

Bobber Award: John Jackson, Mark Hallquist, Russ Robinson, Doug Longhini

Red Marker: Ken Morrison

Ron and Emily Helling were recognized for being active members for 30 years. Ralph pointed out that pearls were the stone for 30 years and presented Emily with a strand of pearls, which just happened to be her favorite gem. Congratulations to the Hellings!

Commodore Jackson presented the following awards:

Carol Cavins (and Marty) for doing such an outstanding job as treasurer

Lois and Bill Andrews for amazing hospitality over the past 2 years

Ed Thompson (and Evelyn) for going above and beyond to assist everyone during hurricane Florence

There was a motion to adjourn (Jarvis/King). After the meeting the members who came out on a windy, rainy night after hurricane Michael enjoyed pizza and each others company.

New members in October

Dave and Paula Phipps are from Milwaukee, WI. Several years ago they bought a home on Cutlass Court, next to Bob Mitchell, but moved here from Hawaii only recently. They previously



belonged to the Milwaukee Yacht Club and have 31 years of powerboat experience. They have a 36' Grand Banks Europa powerboat named *Grand Finale*. Their sponsors are Bob Mitchell and Ray and Cecily Gil. Both Dave and Paula have chosen the Hospitality Committee. Also, Dave has chosen the Program and Education Committees and Paula has selected the Semaphore Committee.



George and Marilyn Sechrist moved here from Oriental, and previously Syracuse, and now live on Black Swan Road. They previously belonged to Red Jacket Yacht Club and have 50 years of powerboat, 60 years of sailing, and 55 years of racing experience. They have a 20' Grady White powerboat named *Clewless* and a Sunfish. Their sponsors are Bill and Lois Andrews and Jerry Rezab. George has chosen Marine Assistance and Regatta committees and Marilyn has chosen Distribution.

Jim and Karen Powers live on



Jewel Court. Jim moved here from Victor, NY, and Karen is still working full time at the University of Rochester Medical Center. They are new to boating and have a 21' Godfrey Hurricane 217 powerboat named *No Clue*. Their sponsors are Wayne Massetti and Kay Wertz and Ed and Joanne Doughty. Jim will be working on the Public Relations and *Semaphore* Committees.

What Hurricane?

Ensigns are Back to Racing!

After a two week postponement, the Ensign Fall Series began last Thursday on a perfect sailing day. Four storm survivors came out (*Zip*, *Red Stripe*, *Raptor* and *Blue Note*) and we expect *Iduna* to join for the second date. *Mutiny* was a little scratched up when she decided to sail off the trailer into the corner of the Blackbeard Sailing Club gate. And *Darkside's* crew is a little pre-occupied right now.

Bill Green and crew, with assistance from Doug Longhini and Ed Doughty in the safety boat, set the normal 2 mile course in a fresh NNE breeze and got the first sequence going. As we were jockeying for the start, it became obvious that the signal boat was dragging anchor. "Sail On" said Captain Green even though the line had changed almost 90 degrees from square. Sail on we did. *Blue Note* and *Stripe* tacked over and starting together on port, with *Blue Note* slightly ahead. She never lost the lead and ended up legging out on a wind shift near the windward mark.



The second race (with the signal boat firmly anchored this time) had *Red Stripe* in the lead at the start, and she never surrendered it. She took advantage of a strong wind change just before the gun. The third race saw

Blue Note in the lead until the leeward mark, inside *Zip* and *Red Stripe*. But an awkward spinnaker drop and lighter air together with a helming error caused *Blue Note* to touch the mark. Both *Stripe* and *Zip* passed while we were doing our 360 and finished ahead. *Raptor* was close a few times on the day and is getting better with every race. The Ensign Fall Series continues every Thursday at 1300 through November 15. One-design racing is a hoot, and it was good to get out on the water after dreary weeks of cleanup.

Mark Brennesholtz

Humor for Captains

Once upon a time there was a famous sea captain. This captain was very successful at what he did; for years he guided merchant ships all over the world. Never did stormy seas or pirates get the best of him. He was admired by his crew and fellow captains. However, there was one thing different about this captain. Every morning he went through a strange ritual. He would lock himself in his captain's quarters and open a small safe. In the safe was an envelope with a piece of paper inside. He would stare at the paper for a minute, and then lock it back up. After, he would go about his daily duties. For years this went on and his crew became very curious. Was it a treasure map? Was it a letter from a long lost love? Everyone speculated about the contents of the strange envelope. One day the captain died at sea. After consigning the body to the deep, the first mate led the entire crew into the captain's quarters. He opened the safe, got the envelope, opened it and... The first mate turned pale and showed the paper to the others. Four words were on the paper, two on two lines: *Port Left, Starboard Right*

Have Fun! Be a *Semaphore* Editor!

The *Semaphore* Committee is looking for one or two more editors. Knowledge of publishing software is a plus.

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Hurricane Florence - what a Mess!



*Helm: Hurricane at 35 N 75 W
Batten down the hatches
Head for 40 N 70W
Aye Aye! Captain*

