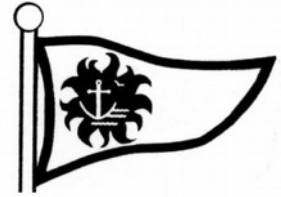


# The Semaphore

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## Smooth Sailing

What a year! First, thanks to all of you who have helped make this a smooth year: to committee chairs, committee members, others who have stepped in when needed, etc. I could not have had a successful year as Commodore without the support all of you provided.

The year started, as most do, with committees up and running on schedule. The Entertainment Committee put on a wonderful Commodores' Ball. Lots of cruising and other events were planned. Shortly after that the year certainly provided more challenges than any of us anticipated. A boat sunk in an Ensign race. The Wilkerson Cup was canceled because of bad weather, and was then combined with the Oar Race. That worked better than we thought it might. The Cruising Committee planned a Poker Run. There was a date conflict so it got moved to September, then Florence arrived. No Poker Run. Maybe next year?

Of course Florence impacted all of us. Some lost a boat, others have boats that need repairs. Several others lost their house or car. Of course in some instances, it was boat, car, and house. As I write this, your boats are hopefully being repaired or waiting for one of the boat yards to begin repairs. Cars have been towed away. Houses are

in the same state as boats: some almost totally repaired, others just starting.

At the same time, many of you had no damage. That does not mean that you totally escaped. Those of you with no or little damage certainly jumped in to help neighbors. You checked houses and boat lines, or helped cook and/or serve meals. In fact some of you delivered meals. Others opened your doors to those of us who did not have a place to stay. In short, it has been a scary but inspiring experience for everyone.

Through all this all of you have been amazing. An impromptu has

been held, and we will celebrate at the Christmas Party, with the Angel Tree component as well. In short, although Florence was a major disruption, all of you have jumped in to help fellow yacht club members and all neighbors in the community to recover. It certainly brings out the real meaning of Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Again, thanks to all of you. My year could not have been successful without the support I received from all of you. I hope all of you have smooth sailing wherever you go in your travels.

Smooth Sailing

John Y. Jackson, Commodore



*Wishing everyone  
a happy and prosperous  
New Year!*



## What's Happening

December	Th-Sa	06-08	Food Drive.....
	Mo	10	Board Meeting (ac)..... 1900
	Th	13	Holiday Party.....
<b>2019</b>			
January	Tu	01	Fun Racing.....
	Mo	07	Board Meeting (ac)..... 0900
	Th	10	General Meeting (cc)..... 1930
	We	16	Yacht Club Dinner.....

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

**Deadline for the next issue is noon on Monday, January 14**

Delivery is Saturday, November 24

## General Meeting July 12, 2018

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

Guests were introduced and welcomed.

Louise Knight welcomed the following new members: Deb & Paul Mills, Eia Weiler & John Shearer, and Sandy & Eric Thingulstad. Commodore Jackson presented them with their burgees. Louise Knight announced that current club membership is 202.

The October minutes were approved as printed in the *Semaphore* (Jarvis/Gil). The Treasurer's Report was approved by the board and is available for review.

### Committee Reports

Rear Commodore: Ritchie Thomson

The hosts for tonight were Ray Bauer, Keith Gewain, and Bev and Arne Myrseth.

The one-call number cards are available from Bill Green. The Nautical Minute will resume in January alternating with the Medical Minute.

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#### Deadline

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Vice Commodore: Ralph Azersky  
The *Semaphore* deadline is noon Monday, November 12. Lynn Stateham announced that she is seeking an editor for the *Semaphore*. Please contact her if interested.

Mary Grosser announced that the yacht club library now has almost 400 books.

Jim and Gerry Fleckenstein were thanked for their hard work on the History Committee these past years. Carol and Marty Cavins will be assuming leadership of this committee.

Commodore: John Jackson

Rose Voss-Litke gave a report for the Entertainment Committee and introduced Chris Skrotsky who gave information on the December Holiday Party, which will be held Thursday, December 13. The registration deadline is December 3. There will not be open seating and members can register as a table or an individual and seats will be assigned. Linda Lelli described the Christmas Angel Gift program. Members were able select children to sponsor after the meeting or later at the POA Library.

John Jackson announced the Chili Party was canceled by the Board. This was done because the flotilla is not being held this year due to significant boat damage of many members.

George Stateham described the Cruising program and encouraged members to join the committee.

Carol Frysiek announced that the November yacht club dinner will be Wednesday, November 14, at 1730 at Paula's Restaurant.

### Old Business

Sign-up sheets for next year's committees were available for members. If you are a chair, please make sure that the appropriate liaison is informed of budget requests for 2019. The proposed budget is still under review. The Yearbook will come out a month later due to missed meetings.

The sailing equipment used for the Youth Sailing Program had significant storm damage. Doug King and Jerry

Rezab have done a wonderful job with this program and were thanked. There is no official word on whether this program will continue.

### New Business

Mark West announced that as of tonight's meeting 88 members have renewed. The renewal form in the *Semaphore* should be used for renewal and anyone who does not have a form should contact him. The final membership roster is needed before printing the Yearbook and finalizing the budget.

The Fairfield Harbour Christmas Parade will be held December 2. Commodore Jackson asked for volunteers to help coordinate the Club's participation in the parade. Unless someone volunteers, the club may not be represented.

Kathie King and Michael Kent were recognized for completing the comprehensive training and qualification process and are now certified as Coast Guard Auxiliary crew.

At the last meeting, the Nominating Committee presented the following candidates:

Ralph Azersky – Commodore  
Ritchie Thomson–Vice Commodore  
Mark West–Rear Commodore  
Sherry Pendleton–Treasurer  
Lois Andrews and David Pfefferkorn–Board of Directors (three-year term)

Commodore Jackson asked for nominations from the floor. Since there were none, a motion was made and approved to close nominations (Fortenbaugh/Jarvis). A second motion was made and approved to accept the slate (Fortenbaugh/King). A third motion was made to elect the slate as nominated (Jarvis/McDiarmid). The motion passed and the nominees were approved by the membership. The new Board/Bridge will be inducted at the January meeting. Commodore Jackson thanked retiring Board/Bridge members Carol Cavins, Darlene Cleveland, and Bill Flynn.

The following anniversaries were announced:

Five years: Bill & Jan Green and Art Thingulstad & Deb Swan.

Ten years: Bryan & Connie Brown, Buddy & Margie Dillinger, Michael & Ann McDougall, Becky & Gary Nohr, and Ginny & Al Springer.

Fifteen years: Kate & Ted Clark and Richard & Linda Tobacco.

A special acknowledgement and thanks were given to Past Commodore Bernie and Nancy Teubert who will be moving to Salt Lake City to be closer to their family. They would have been members for 25 years in January. They have made many contributions to the club including leading cruises for 15 years. Bernie and Ruth Levin have moved to Chicago where they will be in assisted living.

Tonight, was Lois (and of course Bill) Andrews' last hospitality event. Making the night special was recognition of Linda Azersky by Ralph Azersky and his family. His son was in attendance and the club remembered Linda by sharing a piece of birthday cake in her honor.

Carol Cavins announced the Fairfield Harbour Craft Fair this Saturday.

Doug King announced the Past Commodores' Food Drive coming up December 6, 7, and 8.

Since there will no meeting in December, Commodore Jackson thanked everyone for their participation and help this past year.

There was a motion to adjourn that passed (Jarvis/ Fortenbaugh).

Respectfully submitted,  
*Elaine Berberich, Secretary*



## New Members



Paul & Deb Mills moved here from New Bern, where they restored a home in the historic district and now live on Bucco Reef. They have several years of sailing experience and currently belong to Blackbeard Sailing Club. They just purchased a Tartan 3700 sailboat and also have a 33' Caliber sailboat named *Brisa*. Their sponsors are Doug & Kathie

King and Jerry Allen. Both Paul and Deb have chosen the Hospitality and the Entertainment Committees.

John Shearer and Eia Weiler moved here from Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and now live on Pelican Drive. John has 40 years of sailing and two years of racing experience. They have a 44' Wellington sailboat named *Wonder*. Their sponsors are Carol Frysiek & Rick Wheaton and Rosie & Geoff Woods. John and Eia have picked the Entertainment Committee and Eia has picked the Hospitality Committee.



Eric and Sandy Thingulstad moved here from suburbs of Columbus, Ohio, and now live on Caracara Drive. They have a 24' 9" Sea Hunt powerboat. Eric has been powerboating since he was seven, and Sandy has been boating since they met. Their sponsors are Carol Frysiek and Dave & Cheryl Stevenson. Eric has chosen the Information Processing Committee and Sandy has selected the Membership Committee.

*Jenny McDiarmid*

## Year in Review – 2018



January – Passing the Gavel



February – Bunco Party



March – Commodores' Ball



April – Commissioning Day



May – Oar Race



June – Impromptu Raft-up



July – Cape Lookout Cruise



August – Fun Racing (before the start)



September – Sunfish Racing



October – Florence Clean-up



November – Lois!

Pictured are just a few of the activities organized by the Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club during 2018.