

The Semaphore

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View From The Bridge

Wow! 2018 will go down in the record books on many different levels: as a nation, a state, a community, and on a personal level. I think Past Commodore Jackson summed it up pretty well in his December-January column so I am not going to relive it.

We are starting out this year with the same number of members as January 2018. So, even though we lost many members we CAN rebuild if we all work at it.

Our first meeting of 2019 went well, considering how new I am to taking the reins. I do want to apologize to the four returning board members for not properly recognizing them. They are Stephanie Davies, Carol Frysiek, Joye Moloney, and Joy Thompson.

All the committees are enthusiastically embracing the can-do attitude that is enveloping Fairfield Harbour. The Wednesday Night Dinner at Sake was maxed out in a couple of days. The Cruising and Entertainment Committees have some great events in store for us. Our goal this year, as in the past, will be "Something for Everyone."

I want to remind everyone that we (the Bridge and Board) are here for you. Please feel free to let us know not only what we are doing right or wrong, but what you would like to see from your Club. I consider the privilege of serving as Commodore of the Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club to be a great honor.

I wish Linda was here to stand by my side to keep me focused but I know she is watching over me. Our members' current abilities to go boating may be a little compromised right now, but we are all moving in the right direction.

I hope to see you on the water or at the next FHYC event.

Ralph Azersky, Commodore

FHYC General Meeting January 10, 2019

The January 2019 meeting of the FHYC was called to order by Commodore John Jackson at 1935. He led club members in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for Ellen Ringle.

Guests were welcomed and introduced. Commodore Jackson thanked the following outgoing officers/directors: Darlene Cleveland, Bill Flynn and Carol Cavins. He also thanked his wife, Georgie Jackson. Commodore Jackson then installed 2019 Commodore Ralph Azersky.

Upon his installation, Commodore Azersky thanked outgoing Commodore Jackson as well as presented him with a gavel plaque. Commodore Azersky also installed Commodore Jackson as Past-Commodore.

The following new officers and directors were installed: Vice Commodore Ritchie Thomson, Rear Commodore Mark West, Treasurer Sherry Pendleton, and Directors Lois Andrews and David Pfefferkorn. The following officers were appointed: Fleet Surgeon Dr. Kathie King and Fleet Chaplain Dr. Bill Beery. George Stateham, Cruising Captain and Georgie Jackson, Regatta Captain were also appointed. All past commodores were recognized. The 17 committee chairs for 2019 were announced. At

that point, the change of watch was complete.

There were no new members, but an orientation session is planned for later this month. It was noted that the starting membership this year is approximately the same as January 2018 in spite of Hurricane Florence.

The minutes were approved as posted in the *Semaphore* (Pfefferkorn-Fortenbaugh). The Treasurer's Report has been approved by the Board and is available for review. It was announced that the Treasurer's Report, as well as the budget, will be on-line in a condensed one-page version to allow for greater transparency of how funds are being spent.

Committee Reports:

Rear Commodore Mark West

Julia Thomson announced that the hosts for the evening were Doug and Kathie King, Kate and Greg Castle, and Pat Lepera. Joel Berberich outlined Education Seminars for the coming year. Elaine Berberich gave an update on the Medical Support Committee. David Pfefferkorn announced that the program for the February meeting will be "New Products from West Marine." Norm Meissner gave a detailed description of a rescue at sea for an engine malfunction and thanked Bill Pendleton and 401K for helping with the situation. Skip Hird from the Maintenance Committee told membership about the markers that were down.

What's Happening

Feb	Mo	11	Board Meeting (ac)	0900
	Th	14	General Meeting (cc)	1930
	Fr	15	Education: First Aid (ac)	0900
	We	20	Yacht Club Dinner	

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

Deadline for next issue is noon, Monday, February 18, 2019

Delivery is Saturday, February 23, 2019

**Vice Commodore
Ritchie Thomson**

The number of books in the library has increased and use of the library was encouraged. The *Semaphore* deadline is noon January 14, 2019. There still is a need for more editors for the *Semaphore* and work is being done on a new template in Microsoft Word which should make editing easier.

It will be a busy month for the Distribution Committee distributing the *Semaphore*, the Yearbook, the Commodore’s Ball invitation and 2019 membership cards. There is a transition meeting planned for the History Committee. Bobby Wofford will do a presentation next month on what is available at the Ship’s Store. Barb Robinson from the Public Relations Committee encouraged members to utilize her for publicity for their events.

Commodore Ralph Azersky

Bill Green showed a copy of the Yearbook which will be distributed shortly. Thanks to all those who helped with doing such a great job.

Kathy Fortenbaugh announced that there had been 20 new members last year and that a new member reception is planned for Tuesday, January 15.

George Stateham relayed the information that the schedule has been done for next year, but warned that the cruises announced in the Yearbook may

change due to the fact that many marinas were compromised from Hurricane Florence.

Ellen McElree and Rose Voss-Litke gave reports for the Entertainment Committee. Ellen reported that the committee had met in December and that many events are planned for 2019. She said that Bunco Night would probably be cancelled due to lack of available rooms. Rose announced a “Save the Date” for the Commodores’ Ball Thursday, March 21, 2019, at Carolina Colours.

Old Business:

The budget was discussed earlier in the meeting.

New Business:

Commodore Azersky explained that the demographics of Fairfield Harbour may be changing due to the housing situation after Hurricane Florence. For example, there may be some long-term rentals that may be good members of the Yacht Club, but could not join under present rules. The Planning Committee will be charged with exploring and evaluating this situation.

Deb Stone announced that there will be a Yacht Club dinner next Wednesday, January 16, 2019, at 1730 at the Sake Hibachi Sushi & Bar.

The following significant anniversaries were recognized:

Jeff and Susan Frank—5 years.

Bernie and Nancy Teubert—25 years. They have moved to Salt Lake City to be closer to family and will be missed by many in Fairfield Harbour and the Yacht Club.

There was a motion to adjourn (Fortenbaugh/Town) and the meeting was adjourned at 2045.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Berberich, Secretary



Weather Unkind to Ensigns

Our gal Florence caused cancellation of the first two Fall Ensign race dates and just plain nasty weather caused cancellation of the last three. The two dates in the middle were very nice however, and were a break from cleanup and reconstruction. Five Ensigns made it to the line, three of them for all six races, plus *Raptor* and *Iduna* for one day each.

At the end of six races (the whole Fall season), there was a three-way tie for first. Bill Kirsch in *Zip*, Drew McCrocklin, Buddy Dillinger, Bob Petritsch, and Paul Eckenroth in *Red Stripe*, and Mark Brennesholtz, Jerry Reزاب, and Mark and Mary Hittner in *Blue Note* all finished with two firsts, two seconds and two thirds! It’s a lousy way to end the season and the year, but on the second tie breaker, *Blue Note* won the Fall Series by taking first in the last race. *Zip* was second, and *Red Stripe* was third.

To top it off, *Blue Note* was also the 2018 Fleet 19 champion by virtue of winning the Spring Series by two points in the last race. The Ensign fleet is really competitive.

Susan and Drew McCrocklin hosted the awards social for 40 sailors in the Blackbeard clubhouse with beer, wine and (mostly cold - no power yet) heavy munchies.

Awards were presented (including to George Sechrist for top Sunfish). The intrepid RC work of Bill (PRO) and Jan Green, Jackie Moniak, Sue McCrocklin, and Doug Longhini made the Fall races possible. Ensign Fleet 19 promises no hurricanes for the Spring Series 2019 beginning in late March. Let’s get back to at least seven on the water.

Mark Brennesholtz

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Deadline

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Education: First Aid

The initial presentation for 2019 of the FHYC Education Committee is “First Aid” by Fleet Surgeon, Dr. Kathie King. Learn what you need to do for first aid emergencies and what you need on your boat. Please attend on Friday, February 15 at 0900, POA Activities Center Room 2.

Save the Date for the Commodores' Ball March 21 2019

The Commodores' Ball will take place Thursday, March 21 at Carolina Colours starting at 1730 for cocktails.

This annual event honors our current Commodore, Ralph Azersky, along with all the Past Commodores in attendance.

Watch for your invitation to be included with delivery of the 2019 FHYC Yearbook with this *Semaphore*.

This special occasion offers the perfect opportunity to dress up, enjoy fine food, and dance the night away with your yacht club friends. You are welcome to plan with your friends to put together a table of up to 10 so you can sit together. The Chelsea will cater a delicious full dinner with your choice of entrée and include dessert. Tom's Tunes will provide the music for your listening and dancing enjoyment. Seating is limited so RSVP early and plan to be there for the fun!

The Entertainment Committee



Change to Cruising Schedule

Due to limited marina capacity resulting from Hurricane Florence we must change the date for the Shakedown Cruise. It has been rescheduled from the planned April 26-28 and combined with the Wine Tasting Cruise to Oriental on May 3-5. Watch the *Semaphore* for more details in the coming months.

George Stateham Cruising Captain



San Juan 21 Racing - January, 2019

Welcome to Racing with FHYC

Sailboats are already starting their preparation for this year's racing season. If you are an owner of an Ensign, you'll be glad to hear that the fleet will start their spring season on March 28. Every Thursday they'll be out on the river through May 9. Call Dave Whitney 252-671-3669 for details.

Sunfish and dinghy racing will start right off Jarvis' dock with Jackie Moniak as PRO. Plan on watching them every Sunday afternoon, April 7 – May 26 at 1:00 pm out on Broad Creek. Call George Sechrist 252-249-3264 for details.

Tuesday Fun Racing has evolved into a year-round impromptu event, depending on wind and weather. Ed Thompson 609-685-4732 and Peter Budzynkiewicz 508-360-3684 are sharing the responsibilities. If your name is not on the contact list or for

more information, call either Ed or Peter. Unlike many of the races there is no fee to race. Just come on out and enjoy your time on the water.

The Wilkerson Cup is a tradition in Fairfield Harbour. It always occurs the day after Commissioning Day. We begin our official boating season on April 14 with a pursuit start for Fairfield Harbour boats. Registration is required. Call Georgie Jackson 252-637-9781 for more information.

On May 18, we commemorate the successful evacuation of Dunkirk in 1940 with the John Walsh Memorial Oar Race. Our perpetual trophy is an oar that was actually used in that historic event. Registration is required for this distance race. The race is open to all sailors. Call Georgie Jackson 252-637-9781 for information. We'll see you out on the water! *Regatta Committee*



Change of Watch Ceremony - Installation of Officers 2019

Photos by Emily Helling



New Member Wine and Dessert Reception

On January 15, 2019, a reception was held for all the members who joined Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club in 2018. There were 20 new members last year (One couple or one single equals one member). The Membership Committee, the Primary Sponsors of the new members and the Bridge joined in celebrating these new members. A lively group of 49 people attended the event at the Community Center

Louise Knight and Kathy Fortenbaugh,