

The Semaphore

Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club



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View From The Bridge

We had another great meeting on May 9. As I get more comfortable, the meetings seem to be getting better. By December (the party), it should be fantastic.

Kudos to Mike Connolly for standing up (literally) and describing his ordeal which began on board *Rampant Lion*, captained by Russ Robinson. Mike explained the entire story and personally thanked many members of the Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club by name for all they did to help him out throughout the incident. That showed all of us the true purpose behind the club. It's all fun and games until someone gets hurt. Then we show what we can really do. Best to you, Mike.

Dave Pfefferkorn gave another great presentation, this time about Cape Lookout. That was the first cruise Linda and I took with the Yacht Club. It was unforgettable. If you've never been there, you have to go.

By the time this is published, the Cape Lookout Cruise will be history. The Ocracoke Cruise is scheduled to begin June 5, and there is a Fun Day (shallow draft) cruise to Latham-Whitehurst Park on June 22.

It's time to start thinking about Christmas in July on July 25. The Entertainment Committee is promising us a good time, including a parade and nautical gift exchange.

I am told we are up to 151 pair of flip flops so far. Good job, everyone, and thanks to Joye Moloney for undertaking this project.

Some things that have come up since the meeting: A special thanks to

Skip Hird and Jerry Rezab for working with the POA. The POA and Pake Construction will be replacing the three pilings in Spring Creek. Northwest Creek Marina is also looking into repairing their daymark #3 and the light on 1N. Nothing definite yet, but we're working on it.

Additionally, we discovered that we are a state designated no-wake zone. It extends from the entrance to Northwest Creek, past the marina, and up Spring Creek. It also includes all of the Harbour. It does NOT include the portion of Northwest Creek beyond Spring Creek.

Thanks to the Hospitality Committee as well as the Knights and Bendicksens for setting up a terrific Hospitality spread. Remember we need more hospitality setup volunteers for July through November.

Finally, not that we need to be reminded, but hurricane season starts soon. Make sure your plans and preparations are up to date.

*Until next month,
Ralph Azersky, Commodore*

FHYC General Meeting May 9, 2019

The May General Meeting of the FHYC was called to order by Commodore Ralph Azersky and the membership was led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests were welcomed. There were no new members and membership remains at 178.

The Hospitality hosts for the evening were: Don & Louise Knight and Jon & TJ Bendicksen. Members were reminded that hospitality hosts are needed for July through November and if interested please call Julia Thomson.

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

The program was presented by David Pfefferkorn on the Cape Lookout National Seashore. David and Leigh spent a week last summer working as docents. David presented

What's Happening

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| June | Tu | 4 | Race: Fun Racing |
| | We-Mo | 5-10 | Cruise: Ocracoke |
| | Mo | 10 | Board Meeting (ac)0900 |
| | Tu | 11 | Race: Fun Racing |
| | Th | 13 | General Meeting (cc)1930 |
| | Fr | 14 | Education: Seminar |
| | Tu | 18 | Race: Fun Racing |
| | We | 19 | Yacht Club Dinner |
| | Sa | 22 | Cruise: Latham-Whitehurst |
| | Tu | 25 | Race: Fun Racing |

(cc) = Community Center, (rs) = Red Sail Park, (ac) = Activity Center

Deadline for the next issue is noon on Monday, June 17

Delivery is Saturday, June 29, 2019

the history of the area as well as a beautiful slide show.

Committee Reports:

Rear Commodore: Mark West presented by Ritchie Thomson

Pam Gaskill presented the Medical Minute about the Vial of Life which is a program being promoted by the New Bern Women's Club. The idea is to have medical information easily accessible in case of emergency for first responders. The information is stored in the fridge and a sticker is placed on the door. Packets are available at the POA office or through any member of the Women's Club.

Leigh Pfefferkorn will be presenting this month's Education Seminar on outboard motors. Since there has been little response, she will offer this on a one-to-one basis. This is a critical skill and members are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity.

Vice Commodore: Ritchie Thomson

The *Semaphore* deadline is 1200 Monday, May 13. Public Relations has been busy disseminating information about Yacht Club activities. Bobby Wofford announced that wine

glasses are selling 6 for \$25 and members can still bring in their own shirts and get logos applied.

Commodore: Ralph Azersky

George Stateham gave an extensive report for the Cruising Committee. All that attended the Wine Tasting/Shakedown Cruise reported a wonderful time. There will be an Impromptu Raft-Up Friday, May 10. Dave Pfefferkorn gave a report on the Okracoke/ Okrafolk cruise coming up. There is also a day water activity at Latham-Whitehurst Park on June 22 and all types of boats, including kayaks, are encouraged to attend. More information about the Fourth of July cruise will be upcoming. Phil Katz is leading the cruise to Cape Lookout. As always, information about cruising will be in the Semaphore and on the website.

Ellen McElree gave an update on the Entertainment Committee. She gave a special thanks to Janice Myler and her committee for such a nice Commissioning Day.

Leigh Pfefferkorn told the membership about a fun event happening Thursday, July 25 which will be a Nautical Christmas at Red Sail Park. Save the date for this great event which will include a fun parade and a nautical gift exchange. Much more information to follow. Gayle Albertini gave more information and said that a flyer will be coming.

Thanks to the Vergots and the Budzynkiewiczs for a wonderful Impromptu at Red Sail Park.

Georgie Jackson gave an update on the Wilkerson Cup and presented the awards. There were twice as many boats as attended last year. Chris Davies was 1st in the Cruising Class, Mark Thompson from Blackbeard was 1st overall. Ed Thompson on *Dutch Wind* was the first FHYC vessel to cross the finish line and received the Wilkerson Cup. Special thanks to Bill Green and Mark Hittner who were on the committee boat. Information about the Oar Race has been distributed through many sources.

Old Business:

Joye Moloney announced that we already have 138 flip flops to donate to RCS which is much better than last year. They can be dropped off at the POA office or her house. Thanks to everyone for donating to this valuable project.

The Board will be reaching out to all Committee Chairs for assistance in updating the current policies and procedures. The email will come from the secretary and will include copies of policies and procedures along with a copy which can be edited. Look for this email—do not put it into spam. We welcome your additions and corrections.

New Business:

Commodore Azersky pointed out how helpful it was to have Kathie King as Fleet Surgeon being utilized for guidance when a member suffers a serious illness or accident and we should be doing this in the future.

Gerry Manfredi mentioned that there was a problem with the light 1N at the entrance to NW Creek. This is maintained by NW Creek Marina and not by the Yacht Club. This was given clarification in that the pilings are maintained by the POA and the club has taken up the responsibilities of the markers. Ralph will clarify this in the future.

Members shared information on boats that were bought and sold.

For the Good of the Club:

It was stressed that we all need to be watching wakes in the Harbour, Spring Creek, and in front of NW Creek Marina. The NC Wildlife Resources will be patrolling the Harbour more in the future. Ralph gave the name of NC Wildlife Resources Officer David Midgette (1-252-435-4381) that he had corresponded with and this will be distributed to the membership in a blast email. He could be called in cases of rule infractions, help, or questions. Olwen Jarvis stressed that if an infrac-

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Deadline

Deadline is 1200 the Monday following the meeting. Please e-mail articles to the address listed below: fhycsemaphore@gmail.com

tion occurred they would need photographic evidence and the boat number.

We are still awaiting official notification from the POA Board regarding the new launch ramp and details are still being worked out. The POA will do a presentation at the Yacht Club when there are more details.

Deb Stone announced that there will be a club dinner at Mayo's Restaurant, Wednesday, May 15 at 1730.

Michael Connolly clarified information about his recent incident and thanked those that helped him including members and neighbors and recognized them by having them stand. As Commodore Azersky eloquently stated "this is what having this club is all about!"

Lloyd Moore gave out flyers and information about the Emergency Response Team (CERT) and stated they need new members and a reorganization meeting will be held May 23. For further information contact Lloyd.

The meeting was adjourned at 0845(Jarvis/Fortenbaugh).

*Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Berberich*

Cruising Update

The Ocracoke Music Festival: This cruise is scheduled for June 5 to 10. Cruise leader David Pfefferkorn has sent a flyer by email blast to all members. The flyer should also be on the website soon. This is always a fun event and Ocracoke is invariably a great destination.

Contact Dave Pfefferkorn at LPassage@gmail.com or (252) 229-7245.

Latham - Whitehurst: Scheduled for June 22 is a "shallow draft" day on the water at Latham - Whitehurst Park. Plan to arrive about 1100 and bring a picnic lunch. There are a lot of options depending on your vessel and personal preferences. A fast dinghy could leave from home, motor around to Broad Creek, and up to the park.

If you have a slower dinghy you might anchor the big boat part way up Broad Creek and motor from there.

If you are paddling or rowing you could do the same.

If that is a bit too much, maybe put

in at Lee's Landing and have a short paddle from there.

Of course, coming by land yacht has advantages and offers a nice walk in a forest path from the parking lot to the creek.

Contact Norm Meissner at srqvon1@gmail.com or (941) 920-0132 if you plan to attend.

Fourth of July Raft-Up: Since there are so many marinas that are full as a result of Hurricane Florence, we have decided to have a raft-up and splash for the fireworks. There is no flyer because there are not a lot of planned activities. We will have a sign-up sheet at the next regular meeting so we can get an idea of how many people would be interested in doing this. This has been done in the past and there has been good participation.

More information to follow and we hope to see you at one or all of these fun events!

*George Stateham
Cruising Captain*

SAVE THE DATE FOR A
NAUTICAL TROPICAL
*Christmas
in July*

JULY 25, 5-9PM - RED SAIL PARK

CONTESTS, GAMES AND FUN!

- Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus parade
- Nautical Christmas Swap
- Appetizer theme contest

**WATCH FOR RSVP
FLYER IN NEXT
SEMAPHORE ISSUE.**



**Commodore Azersky on
Mazel Tug for
Commisioning Day**

**Wine Tasting
on the
Oriental Shakedown
Cruise**



**A Recent Raft-Up
on the
Inner Harbour**