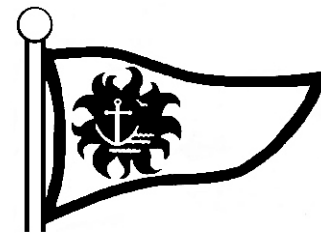


The Semaphore

Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club



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View From The Bridge

Congratulations are in order! We had 5 anniversaries this month, the Wests at 15 years was the big one. Also a shoutout to Kathy Petritsch for being one of the Sun Journal Faces of the Community, being honored with a full page article.

Our Nautical Flea Market went very well with several members participating. From what I could see, people were buying. It was suggested we might do this a little more often.

Vice Commodore Thompson reported on a large donation of books to our library and recommended we stop in and check it out. Our library is located in Room 4 of the Activities Center.

We have several events coming up. The Poker Run on Saturday, August 10, should be a lot of fun for both power and sailboat classes. The Manteo/Ocracoke Cruise starts August 19 for nine wonderful, fun-filled days. There are more cruise events scheduled for September and October, the best months for cruising. Stay tuned for further information.

I have to mention the new cruise event called "On the Hook." It was proposed by Lois Andrews and adopted by the Cruising Committee. It will be six overnight raft-ups, close by for convenience, and will all have a theme. The first one is scheduled for September 14 and 15. The theme will be "Bubbles and Bow Ties." Look elsewhere in the Semaphore for more information, but start thinking about what type of bubbly you'll bring and the requirement to wear a bow tie.

This meeting was intentionally short (thanks to Doug and Kathie King and Deb Mills for working Hospitality)

so next month we will hopefully be back on track. And remember, August "should" be the end of the hot muggy weather so the September and October cruises should be fantastic.

See you all in August.

Ralph Azersky, Commodore

FHYC General Meeting July 11, 2019

The July meeting of the FHYC was called to order at 2000 by Commodore Azersky and members were led in the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting had been preceded by the annual Nautical Swap Meet in the parking lot.

Guests were welcomed and there were no new members. Kathy Fortenbaugh reported that they will be conducting an orientation class shortly for some potential new members. The current membership count is 177 with 172 regular, two charter and three complimentary.

The hosts for the night were Doug & Kathie King and Deb & Paul Mills.

The minutes were accepted as printed in the Semaphore. (Clark/Fortenbaugh).

The Treasurer's Report has been approved by the Board and is available for review. (Hird/Schiller)

Committee Reports:

Rear Commodore Mark West

The Education sessions will resume in September.

Vice-Commodore Ritchie Thomson

The Semaphore deadline is noon July 15 and Jerry Rezab is in charge of distribution. 100 new books have been donated to the library and members are encouraged to take advantage of this. The storekeeper has taken inventory.

Commodore Ralph Azersky

Cruising: Phil Katz gave an update on cruises. Chris Town explained the Local Waters Cruise and six boats have already signed up. Dave Pfefferkorn presented the details about the Manteo/Ocracoke Cruise. Information was also given on the Poker Run, Pamlico and Three Dinner Cruise. As always, information and registration forms are available in the Semaphore, on-line, or by contacting committee members. Lois Andrews announced an exciting new idea in cruising called "On the Hook." This will consist of six overnight raft-ups with themes. The first will be September 14-15 and the theme will be "Bubbles and Bowties" and will be BYOB (sparkling, of

What's Happening

Aug	Mo	5	Board Meeting (ac)	0900
	Tu	6	Race: Fun Racing	
	Th	8	General Meeting (cc)	1930
	Sa	10	Poker Run	
	Tu	13	Race: Fun Racing	
	We	14	Yacht Club Dinner.....	1730
	Mo-We	19-28	Cruise: Manteo/Ocracoke	
	Tu	20	Race: Fun Racing	
	Tu	27	Race: Fun Racing	

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

Deadline for next issue is noon, Monday, August 12, 2019

Delivery is Saturday, August 23, 2019

course) and a hearty appetizer to share that reflects the theme of the bowtie. Information will be in the Semaphore and any questions can be answered by Lois, George, or Phil. Members are encouraged to partake of this creative new adventure in cruising.

Entertainment:

The Nautical/Tropical Christmas in July is coming up July 25 at Red Sail Park hosted by Leigh Pfefferkorn and Gail Albertini. Remember to bring a nautical/tropical appetizer or dessert and a gift for the nautical Christmas exchange.

There was no old or new business. For the Good of the Club:

Commodore Azersky did a rescue on the water last week.

Special recognition was given to Kathy Petritsch who was given a Community Service award and full-page recognition in the Sun Journal. Kathy has volunteered for numerous activities within the Yacht Club and she was recognized for her extensive community service. Congratulations Kathy!

Kathy Fortenbaugh relayed information about charter member Dot Smith passing in Florida.

Several members announced boats for sale.

There was a sign-up sheet for upcoming hospitality hosts that are needed for the rest of the year.

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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

Significant anniversaries included: Randall and Margie Dunn (5), Craig and Lisa Rosindale (5), Brian and Barbarajean O'Flanagan (10) and Mark and Barbara West (15).

There was a motion to adjourn (Clark/Davies) and the meeting was adjourned at 2025 and members enjoyed wonderful food and each other's company at happy hour as well as admiring swap meet finds.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Berberich, Secretary

Poker Run August 10



There is still time to sign up for the Poker Run on August 10. The captains' meeting is Wednesday, August 7 at 1000 hours where we will cover all the details. Briefly, we check in and pay our entry fee in the parking lot of the old clubhouse between 0900 and 1000, run the course any time between 1100 and 1500, and hit the splash in the Community Center at 1700. Payouts will be made there.

I am looking for a couple of volunteers to help set up the Community Center between 1630 and 1700 and one or two people to assist with dealing and record keeping aboard the dealer's boat, *Sunspot Baby*.

If you want to participate in this fun day on the water, complete the entry form which was in the flyer in the last *Semaphore*, or just email me at george@stateham.com with your name, boat name, and sail or power.

George Stateham
Cruising Captain

Kathy Petritsch Named In 52 Faces of Community

Kathy Petritsch was honored by the Sun Journal in the 52 Faces of Community recognition. Kathy and her husband, Bob, have been members of FHYC since 2006.

Most recently she chaired Fairfield Harbour's first Relay for Life event, and earned \$1,000 for the American Cancer Society. She is a helpful, smiling face to all who meet her. Well deserved, Kathy!



Save The Date For The Fall Appreciation Dinner

The Fall Appreciation Dinner will be held on October 16 at the Harbour Pointe Grill.

Please mark your calendar now. It is always a fun evening, one you won't want to miss.

Watch for the flyer in next month's *Semaphore*.
Louise Knight

Bald Head Island Cruise

This year's Bald Head Island Cruise may be cancelled. After several attempts seeking a leader for this cruise, we still have no volunteer. Please check your calendar for September 19 to 28 and contact me if you're available. There is some flexibility on dates. We have a lot of help available to assist with the planning and reservations.

George Stateham
Cruising Captain

Cruising Schedule Uncertainties

The cancellation of the July 4 Fireworks Raft-Up, reminded us of the uncertainties in our plans. After Cruise Leader Steve Hart did all the planning and organizing, we decided to cancel the raft because of a weather threat. Of course, the threat didn't materialize, and it would have been okay. But if a thunderstorm had hit the raft with gusty winds similar to the previous day, it probably would have caused damage to boats and/or people.

Several of our members still took boats up the river for the fireworks and anchored independently. They report having a good night and a great pyrotechnic display.

All our cruise leaders keep a close eye on the weather forecast and rightfully choose to err on the side of safety. Remember, it's better to be in here wishing you were out there than to be out there wishing you were in here.

George Stateham
Cruising Captain



*Many new books at
the FHYC Library
Room 4 of the Activities Center*

SAVE THE DATE FOR

Bubbles & Bowties

Overnight themed
Raft-Up

Sept. 14, 5pm
Goose Creek

Watch for details
in the next
Semaphore

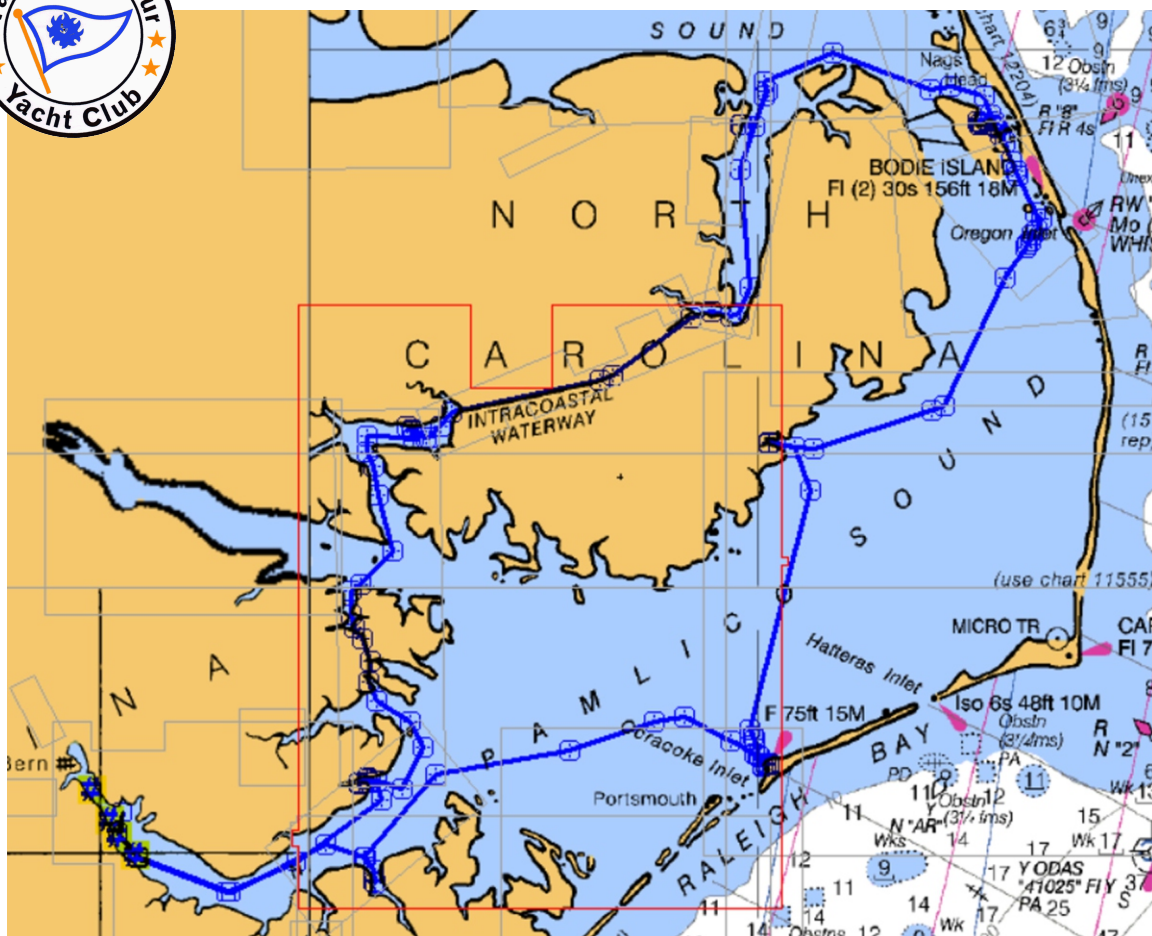
RSVP: bill.lois@gmail.com



*Sailors on the dock at Latham Whitehurst Park
Shallow Water Day Cruise June 22*



Manteo/Ocracoke Cruise August 19-28



On this cruise we will take in both Manteo and Ocracoke. This will be the second year for this cruise and it is structured to accommodate both sail and power boats, giving you the chance to see beautiful North Carolina from the water.

There will be dockage/anchorages at River Dunes, a pig roast at Dowry Creek Marina, on to the Alligator River Marina, and then to Manteo.

We'll have two days in Manteo at the Waterfront Marina. Manteo has some great sites to see. Then we're off to Big Trout Marina in Engelhard before reaching Ocracoke for two days at the Anchorage Inn Marina.

When we leave Ocracoke, we will go to the beautiful anchorage at South River, then home to Fairfield Harbour.

This will be an enjoyable experience for all involved. We encourage new members to join us in cruising some of our state. We are planning splashes, potluck dinners, and fun entertainment.

In late August the weather is usually a pretty good time for a cruise. Please come along and join us.

Your Cruise Leaders
Don and Louise Knight
David and Leigh Pfefferkorn