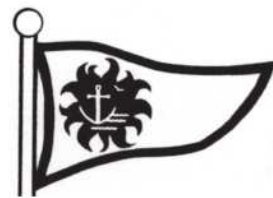


The Semaphore

Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club



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View From The Bridge

Lots of good things happened this month. Congratulations to our newest members, Larry Deglandon and Lyn Hurst.

Many Thanks to:

- Joel Berberich and the Education Committee for the great tours and training they are organizing.

- Ellen McElree and her committee for putting the finishing touches on the Fall Appreciation Dinner. Don't forget, 1730, October 15 at Taberna, if you are not signed up – do it now!

- Dave Pfefferkorn for his Nautical Minute about Port and Starboard. Note to Dave: Poop Deck – Latin for Puppis (stern) which then became old French pupe or poupe, which then became late Middle English poop, and the poop deck forms the roof of the cabin berth in the stern of the ship. Now we know what the poop deck is.

- Lois and Bill Andrews and all their helpers for a spectacular *Bubbles & Bow Ties* event. There were sail boats, power boats and one dinghy (mine).

September to November is a beautiful time to be on the water. Please consider the upcoming Three Dinner Cruise (October 17-20), which is fully subscribed but you can get on a waiting list, and the Pamlico Cruise (October 23 - November 2).

John Jackson reminded us that we need more host homes for the Marines for the Thanksgiving program. Many of us are still unable to host any this year, so I am encouraging all of you to consider hosting one or more at your home. It was always wonderful for Linda and I to share our home, family,

food and a football game with the young men and women who are so far from their families. Please contact the Jacksons or the Schillers to volunteer.

On a more serious note, a reminder that the Nominating Committee will present their slate of nominees at the October meeting. At that time the Committee will be officially thanked and disbanded. Then we will solicit nominations from the floor. At the November meeting floor nominations will again be solicited followed by voting. I want to encourage everyone to attend these meetings, as elections are the bedrock of our organization and I hope to see a large participation.

For any and all who are hoping for the 100 Day Award - get out there and do it! Let Vice Commodore Thomson know so you can be included on the list.

Finally, many folks asked about the cake I provided at the most recent meeting. I can only say thank you to

the Cake Lady at Publix for making my rough idea a finished masterpiece!

Til next month,

Ralph Azersky, Commodore

FHYC General Meeting Thursday, September 12, 2019

The September meeting was called to order at 1930 and the membership was led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Following this there was a moment of silence to recognize the passing of long-time member, Mary Jean Tedford. Her service will be 9/28/2019 at 1300 at the First Presbyterian Church in New Bern and members are encouraged to attend.

Guests were welcomed. Hospitality Hosts were Rose & Henry Litke and Linda Duncan & Phil Katz. There is a need for volunteers to chair the Hospitality Committee as current chairs are taking on other responsibilities within the Club. There was a beautiful (and tasty) cake provided by Commodore Azersky in memory of Hurricane Florence being gone, 9/11, and to honor his wife Linda

What's Happening

Oct	Tu 1	Race: Fun Racing	
	Th 3	Race: Ensign Race #2	
	Su 6	Race: Dinghy/Sunfish	
	Mo 7	Board Meeting.....	0900
	Tu 8	Race: Fun Racing	
	Th 10	Race: Ensign Race #3	
	Th 10	General Meeting.....	1930
	Fr 11	Education: Seminar	
	Su 13	Race: Dinghy/Sunfish	
	Tu 15	Race: Fun Racing	
	We 16	Fall Appreciation Dinner	
	Th 17	Race: Ensign Race #4	
	Th 17-20	Cruise: Three Dinner Cruise	
	Mo 23-11/2	Cruise: Pamlico Cruise	
	Th 24	Race: Ensign Race #5	
	Th 31	Race: Ensign Race #6	

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

Deadline for next issue is noon, Monday, October 14, 2019

Delivery is Saturday, October 26, 2019

who passed away one year ago at this time.

Louise Knight introduced new members Larry Deglandon and Lyn Hurst and their burgees were presented by Commodore Azersky. This brings the current membership to two charter, three complimentary, and 172 regular for a total of 177.

The minutes were approved as printed in *The Semaphore* (Pica/Curry). The Treasurer's Report was approved by the Board and is available for review. The Club appears to be very close to target with the budget so far.

Committee Reports:

Rear Commodore: Mark West

Joel Berberich gave an update on upcoming events presented by the Education Committee. A visit to the National Weather Service is planned for Thursday, September 26, at 1745 including a presentation, tour, and balloon launch at 1900. There is a limit of 20, 13 have already signed up. In October, John Shearer will be presenting *An Introduction to Sewing Marine Canvas*, Friday, October 11, at 0900 in the Activities Center. November 8 Dave Phipps will be presenting a water exercise in getting into a life raft at the Fairfield Harbour Pool (this is a tentative program).

Norm Meissner from the Marine Assistance Committee is satisfied that

the dock box has been moved to a higher location.

Vice Commodore: Ritchie Thomson

The Semaphore deadline is Monday September 16 at 1200. Lynn Stateham is encouraging pictures, articles and all contributions to *The Semaphore*. The Distribution Committee reports that renewal reminders will now be sent via email, with a few exceptions, moving us into the 21st Century. Storekeeper Bobby Wofford showed off the beautiful throw with a Yacht Club design which can be ordered for \$40. Orders for belts will be taken in the future.

Commodore: Ralph Azersky

Committee chairs are encouraged to start thinking about chairs for their committees for 2020.

The Parade of Lights will take place December 14. While there is no chili party owing to Community Center conflicts, an alternative is being considered and Mark West and Ralph Azersky are looking into this.

Cruising: Although the cruising season is winding down, George Stateham announced new events coming up. Lois Andrews gave an update on Bubbles and Bowties and currently ten boats and 30 people are planning on going and looking forward to wonderful food, bubbly, and entertainment.

The Three Dinner Cruise is coming up October 17 thru 20. Flyers are available online and George will be sending out an email blast. Ritchie Thomson will be leading the Pamlico Cruise October 21 thru 31. George Stateham reminded members that information on rafting up etiquette can be found in the Yearbook.

Entertainment:

Ellen McElree reminded members about the Fall Appreciation Dinner which will be held October 15 at Taberna. Deb Stone announced that the next Yacht Club dinner will be held at Arturo's Mexican Restaurant at 1730 including special prices on margaritas.

Regatta: John Jackson announced that the engraved tags from recent winners are up to date to be placed on the plaques.

Dave Pfefferkorn presented the Nautical Minute which was on the ori-

gins of nautical terms.

Unfinished Business:

The updated Policies and Guidelines have been completed and voted on by the Board. Vice Commodore Thomson did a fabulous job on keeping us all on track. The reserve was set at \$8,000 which is approximately three months of operating expenses and can be changed as conditions dictate.

There had been previous discussion about boaters seeking reciprocity through Yacht Club of America. Discussions have occurred with New Bern Grande Marina. If we are contacted by a member of YCOA seeking reciprocity, we will attempt to offer them an anchorage/volunteer dock in FFH or refer them to New Bern Grande Marina who will honor the request with reduced dockage fees.

New Business:

Carol Frysiek presented information on helping out in the Bahamas since many FHYC members have cruised there many times and felt so welcomed by the boating community and the people. She brought information about the World Central Kitchen spearheaded by Chef Jose Andres as a charity which is reputable and provides immediate food to those in need.

Marsha Werneke is also collecting items to give to those in need in Ocracoke through Neuse Realty and items can be dropped off there. Karl Mielenhausen stated that two other organizations that will be helping with hurricane relief are the Ocracoke Foundation and the Outer Banks Foundation. Kathie King pointed out that NC Baptists on Mission is a wonderful charity and will be working in Ocracoke. Members are encouraged to give to any or all charities.

For the Good of the Club:

John Jackson encouraged members to think about hosting Marines for Thanksgiving. The Jacksons and the Schillers are in charge and can be contacted for more information.

Kathie King gave information about the Climate Awareness Forum that will be held from 1800-2000 Wednesday, September 18, in the Fairfield Harbour Community Center.

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*New Members: Lyn Hurst and
Larry Deglandon*

Craig Myler gave an update on dredging and encouraged the Club to continue to research ways to provide boating reciprocity. The program was presented by Dave Pfefferkorn because the Elizabeth City Coast Guard had to cancel owing to their heavy involvement in providing relief to the Bahamas and Ocracoke. Using information from the Coast Guard, Dave gave an informative slide show about what the Coast Guard does in this area and the latest in helicopters and aircraft.

There was a motion to adjourn at 2040 (Pica/Mitchell) and members enjoyed the rest of the evening.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Berberich.

Manteo-Ocracoke Cruise

On Monday, August 19, 5 members of FHYC (Katz/Duncan, Pfefferkorns, Knights, Statehams, and Zeppenfelds) started out on the Manteo-Ocracoke cruise. The first night we spent in River Dunes. A splash/captains meeting was held to discuss the next day's run to Dowry Creek. Wow - going around Maw Point was a real pleasure - almost no wind or wave action. We arrived at Dowry Creek to find the new owners have redone the marina. After another splash, the marina owners held a pig-

pickin' dinner for all. It was \$10 - a real bargain. The plan was to stay there for 2 days and enjoy the pool. The second night we looked at the weather in Manteo and Ocracoke. The forecast was not good. After having dessert on Pamlico Star (Klondike bars), we decided to stay a third night at Dowry hoping the weather would change.

The next day the Zeppenfelds had to return to New Bern. The day was spent in the pool relaxing and looking at the weather. The Statehams left for Belhaven Marina. That evening, after the Captains meeting, we decided that the weather said to go to Oriental. We met at The Tavern at Jack's Neck in Belhaven for dinner. The food was great and we got a great tour of the new Steak Room and Oyster Bar they will be opening soon.

The next morning the 3 boats at Dowry talked and decided that if it were to rain while we were at Oriental we might as well go all the way home. The Statehams decided to stay another day in Belhaven. The trip home was uneventful. The wind was 10-15 but out of the SW so going across the Pamlico River and around

Maw Point and up the Neuse was okay.

On any cruise you have to watch the weather as it does get in the way of all the plans that were made. When the predictions were 80-90% rain for the next three days, plans change. Much fun was had by all, even though it was a short trip.

*Don & Louise Knight
Dave & Leigh Pfefferkorn*

Annual Food Drive

Mark your calendar, December 5 - 7 will be the Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club's annual food drive. The drive benefits New Bern's Religious Community Services (RCS). As always, it is the first Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of December. If you would like to volunteer to help any day please contact John Y. Jackson, jackson.jy@gmail.com or 252-637-9781. Of course, the biggest help is a contribution of food, or a monetary donation to RCS.

John Jackson, Past Commodore



*Cake contributed by Commodore Ralph Azersky in memory of
the victims of 9/11 and Hurricane Florence,
and the passing of Linda Azersky*



Bubbles & Bow Ties, the first "On the Hook" overnight themed raft-up was a smashing success. Kudos to Lois and Bill Andrews and their helpers

