

The Semaphore

Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club



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View From The Bridge

For starters, my sincerest condolences to Ron Helling. Emily was a special person who touched all of us in such a wonderful way. She will be greatly missed.

John Myer's educational seminar on nautical sewing was absolutely fantastic. This man is not only an expert in the field but will set up a couple of machines in his garage for private lessons and use. Maybe we can talk him into an advanced class.

There are some upcoming cruises, and racing continues. Please get involved – the more the merrier.

Of course, no one can ignore the upcoming elections. We are in uncharted waters, so to speak, so we are treading lightly and cautiously. As of this writing we are not sure who will run for Vice Commodore. The floor will reopen for nominations just prior to holding the election. I hope everyone will do the right thing for the club. Heaven knows, I understand personalities, but we must put them aside and elect the best person for the position. Remember, the Bridge and Board work for you. Your vote does count. Be sure to come early next month so we can distribute the ballots efficiently.

Many members have called Vice Commodore Thomson and me regarding the election. Several are unhappy with the way things are playing out. I urge you to bear with

the process, and regardless of the outcome, support the club. We need everyone.

By the time you read this, the Fall Appreciation Dinner will be history. Let's all start thinking about the Holiday Party.

Fall is finally here. Go out and enjoy this beautiful weather.

Ralph Azersky, Commodore

FHYC General Meeting November 10, 2019

The Community Center was ablaze with pink shirts and pink ribbons showing the support of the FHYC for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Lois Andrews presented members with pink ribbons as they arrived for the meeting. The meeting was called to order by Commodore Ralph Azersky at 1930 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and guests were welcomed. Hospitality hosts for the evening were Kate and Greg Castle and Kim and Rob Tarkenton.

Louise Knight introduced new members Peter and Kathy Clay and Kevin Griffin (Larna was not present) and they were presented with their burgees by Commodore Azersky.

Tom and Nina Renner have also been approved for membership and will be introduced at the November meeting. This brings the current membership to two charter, three complimentary, and 175 regular for a total of 180.

The minutes have been printed in the *Semaphore* and were approved (Fortenbaugh/Stevenson).

The Treasurer's Report was approved by the Board and is available on-line.

Committee Reports

Rear Commodore, Mark West

Joel Berberich introduced John Meyer who described his presentation on Marine Stitching tomorrow at 0900. Dave Phipps will be presenting the next education seminar on Friday November 8 at 1300 which will provide members an opportunity to have hands-on experiences with their life jackets and life rafts. It will take place in the Broad Creek Recreation Center pool. A further description will be in the *Semaphore*.

Vice Commodore, Ritchie Thomson

The deadline for the *Semaphore* is Monday October 14 at high noon.

The Board has reviewed and unanimously approved updated

What's Happening

Nov	Th	7 Race: Ensign Race #7/Party	
	Mo	11 Board Meeting (ac).....	0900
	Th	14 General Meeting (cc).....	1930
	Fr	15 Education: Seminar (ac).....	0900
	We	20 Yacht Club Dinner.....	1730

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

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changes in the Constitution and By-Laws. A vote will be brought to the membership at the November meeting. The updated Constitution and By-Laws will be sent out to the membership by email at least 2 weeks prior to the meeting for the vote. A quorum of members must be present (15% of membership, i.e. 27 members) for the vote and one household equals one vote. A two-thirds majority of the votes cast is necessary for adoption.

The committee sign-up sheets are available at this meeting. A chair is needed for Marine Assistance. [Note: PC Doug King signed up for this slot at the meeting.] Norm Meissner will continue to be on the committee, but no longer will serve as chair. A chair is still needed for the Program Committee. Dave Pfefferkorn will continue to be on the committee, but not as chair. Hospitality will have four co-chairs. Bobby Wofford highlighted some of the products available from the store including a beautiful throw which can be ordered.

Thanks to all who signed up, the sheets will be again available for sign-up at the November meeting.

**Commodore, Ralph Azersky
Cruising:**

George Stateham gave an update on the 3-Dinner Cruise coming up which promises to be a wonderful time. Ritchie Thomson talked about the Pamlico Cruise which has four boats going. If anyone else is interested in going by land or by sea they should contact Ritchie. A visit to Pacific Seacraft has been arranged while we are in Washington, NC. Bill Jarvis announced to members that there is a Regional Optimist Dinghy Championship going on this weekend near Minnesott Beach area and urged boaters to be careful of creating wakes in the area.

Entertainment:

Ellen McElree reminded everyone of the Fall Appreciation Dinner this Tuesday (October 15) at Taberna Country Club starting at 1730.

Regatta:

Georgie Jackson asked for members to join the Regatta Committee. Peter Budzynkiewicz relayed that Tuesday Fun Racing starts this next week at 1600. Walt Meyer said that the Ensign is looking for one additional crew and that some other boats would also like crew.

Elaine Berberich presented a Medical Minute on Breast Cancer Awareness.

Unfinished Business:

Commodore Azersky gave an update on working on a discount with New Bern Grande Marina for reciprocity for boaters from YCOA. They are working on giving a discount of \$1 per foot.

We will contribute ¼ of the cost to repair the markers and light from 1N to the NWC Marina. The POA will contribute ¼ and Northwest

Creek Marina ½. Our share will be approximately \$320.

New Business:

Commodore Azersky informed members that FHYC will be purchasing new banners that will be displayed around Fairfield Harbour representing the Yacht Club. Other major clubs such as Garden and Fishing also have banners displayed at different times during the year. This will cost approximately \$1500 and will be budgeted for 2020. We will be working with a designer to formulate a design. Ritchie met with Jennifer Gudaitis for the details and will set up a small committee to make a decision about the design. They will probably be displayed from June to September and will be made of material that should last for a number of years.

John Jackson reported from the Planning Committee recommendations that effective January 2022, all Flag Officers must reside in Fairfield Harbour for the duration of their term. The other major recommendation from the Planning Committee was that a membership shall be awarded to an individual(s) or couple who is a property owner, or condominium owner, or a resident of the Fairfield Harbour development located in New Bern, North Carolina.

John Jackson, chairman of the Nominating Committee, announced the slate of officers for the next year.

They are as follows:

Commodore: Ritchie Thomson,
Vice-Commodore: Mark West,
Rear Commodore: Barb Robinson,
Secretary: Yvonne Meissner,
3 year terms on the Board: Ellen McElree and Elaine Mielenhausen.

John explained that during its work the Nominating Committee had a lengthy discussion regarding the question, "Can a Board member or Flag Officer live outside Fairfield

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Harbour”? The committee discussed this at length and found nothing in the current By-Laws, Constitution, or Policies and Guidelines that prohibit a member or officer from living outside the Harbour. The Nominating Committee was thanked and retired. The committee consisted of John Jackson (chair), Carol Frysiek, Stephanie Davies, Ed Thompson, Don Knight, and Ritchie Thomson. Bev Myrseth had asked who had served on the committee.

Following the presentation of the slate of officers and retiring the Nominating Committee, Commodore Azersky opened the meeting for any nominations from the floor. Leigh Pfefferkorn nominated and presented the qualifications of Bennie

Thompson for Vice-Commodore. Bennie was asked if he agreed to the nomination and he did. Carol Frysiek asked for specifics about the election process.

Prior to the vote held at the November meeting, nominations from the floor will again be solicited. If ballots are necessary, they will be distributed as members walk in for the November meeting and names will be checked off a list of current members. There will be one ballot per membership. Three tellers will be appointed to count ballots.

For the Good of the Club:

Kathie King, Fleet Surgeon, gave an update on the health condition of Emily Helling and a report from her husband Ron. Georgie Jackson

reported on the fact that there has been a great response to hosting Marines for Thanksgiving. Sam Curry reminded residents how to physically place their recycling containers. Skip Hird thanked club members for attending the services for Mary Jean Tedford and expressed thanks from her family. Ralph Azersky invited club members to a Celebration of Life for Linda Azersky to be held at the Community Center on Sunday October 27 from 1300 to 1700.

Significant Anniversaries:

Carol Frysiek and Rick Wheaton—5 years.

Ed and Mary Grosser—5 years.

There was a motion to adjourn at 2045 (Jarvis/Pfefferkorn).

New Members



Peter and Kathy Clay (left) moved here from Swanton, OH. They live on Caracara Dr. They have a 40’ Beneteau sailboat named Gentle Presence and have 35 years of sailing and 25 years of racing experience . They were previously members of the Jolly Roger Sailing Club. Their sponsors are Doug & Kathie King and Bill and Lois Andrews. Peter has selected Cruising Committee and Kathy has selected Distribution Committee. They both have chosen Hospitality Committee.

Larry Deglandon and Lyn Hurst (right) moved here from High Point, NC. They live on Trade Winds Rd. and have a 19’ Sea Fox powerboat without a name. They have five years of powerboat experience and a minor amount of sailing experience. Their sponsors are Cherylle and Skip Hird and Kim and Rob Tarkenton. Larry has chosen Maintenance and Marine Assistance Committees and Lyn has selected Entertainment and Library Committees.

*Louise Knight and Kathy Fortenbaugh,
Membership Committee*

Holiday Party

Make this year's FHYC Holiday Party the main event in your **December to Remember**. Look for the flyer in this edition of the *Semaphore*. The Holiday Party will be held on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at Carolina Colours Pavilion starting at 1730. Then around 1800, the Salvation Army will be picking up the toys and gifts that our club members donate every year. That highlight will be only the beginning, for there shall be **Dining! Music! Dancing! Merriment! Friends! and Fun!**

*Chris Skrotsky,
Entertainment Committee*

December Food Drive

The 2019 Food Drive for the Benefit of New Bern Religious Community Services will be held December 5, 6, and 7.

Contributions of food or money will be made at the Community Center between the hours of 11 to 3 on Thursday and Friday, and 8 to 3 on Saturday.

Volunteers are needed for two-hour shifts all days. To volunteer, contact John Y. Jackson, 252-637-9781 or Jackson.jy@gmail.com.

John Jackson, Past Commodore

Dirk VanZyverden

Dirk VanZyverden passed away peacefully October 1. Dirk and Tini VanZyverden built their home on Cassowary Lane where they lived for about 27 years before returning to their native Netherlands in 2007. There they lived in the city of Leiden where they were near Dirk's three daughters, Jeanine, Elisabeth, and Juliette. They were very active in the FHYH Yacht Club and Dirk was an excellent sailor and sailboat racer.



Education Committee

Dave Phipps will be leading a Water Safety Exercise on Friday November 8 at the Broad Creek Recreation Center Pool at 1300. This is the Friday prior to the November general meeting. This will be a simple opportunity to experience the use of your own life vest while in the protected water of a pool and to practice entry into a life raft. There are a few guidelines: (1) although there will be individuals to help you, you are responsible for your own safety; (2) wear your swim suit with a t-shirt or heavier cover for warmth; (3) bring your own fitted life vest; (4) there will be someone to assist entry into the life raft, but you will need some strength to climb aboard. Weather conditions permitting, this exercise will be conducted in the deep end of the outdoor pool; the heated indoor pool will be used as back-up. The exercise should take about 30 minutes. Please contact Dave to sign up: davidmhipps@cs.com.

Report from the Nominating Committee

At the October general meeting the nominating committee, chaired by Past Commodore John Jackson, with Don Knight, Carol Frysiek, Stephanie Davies, Ed Thompson, and Ritchie Thomson, presented the following slate:

- Commodore: Ritchie Thomson
- Vice Commodore: Mark West
- Rear Commodore: Barbara Robinson
- Secretary: Yvonne Meissner
- Three year term on the Board:
Elaine Mielenhausen and
Ellen McElree

As always the Commodore then called for any nominations from the floor: Leigh Pfefferkorn nominated Benny Thompson for the position of Vice Commodore.

On Friday, Mark West sent an email to all FHYC members saying he was withdrawing his name for consideration as Vice Commodore.

This leaves the slate as above with the exception of Benny Thompson as Vice Commodore instead of Mark West.

The slate will be voted on at the November general meeting. At that time it will also be possible to nominate someone from the floor for any of the above positions.

John Jackson, Past Commodore



NW Creek ATONs

I confirmed with David Emblar, the marina manager at Northwest Creek Marina that the ATONs (Aids to Navigation) coming into Northwest Creek from the Neuse River have been reset or replaced. The light on 1N has been installed and is operational with a green four-second flash.

Richie Thomson, Vice Commodore

Emily Helling

Emily Helling died peacefully Friday morning October 11 with Ron and her good friend and neighbor Kathy Petritsch at her side. Ron will have a celebration of Emily's life at a later date. He appreciated the kind communications with him over the past few days. We will all remember her many contributions to our community and miss the cheer that she brought to every occasion.