

The Semaphore

Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club



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Commodore's Update

"People like you and I, though mortal of course like everyone else, do not grow old no matter how long we live. What I mean is we never cease to stand like curious children before the great mystery into which we were born." - Albert Einstein

In the spirit of childhood wonder, I want to enthusiastically thank all FHYC members who attended the Commodores' Ball. Surrounded by a multitude of past Commodores and their escorts dressed in finery, this event exuded the essence of a true Republic of Pirates! We carefully planned out a course on the high seas in search of Captain Hook, and acquired the elements necessary to undertake this perilous journey to the shores where he resides. The Entertainment Committee provided us with the perfect backdrop for the planning of this pirate adventure on the high seas, the food was outstanding, the music was lively, the bright work was polished to perfection, and everything was ship shape and Bristol fashion.

We have the pixie dust, our course is plotted toward the second star from the right and then straight on to morning's light... and I BELIEVE that our journey will be a grand one, so JOIN THE ADVENTURE as we sail toward autumn!

Adrian Vergot, Commodore

Labor Day Holiday Fun Race

Early Friday afternoon, the weather forecast said "very light winds". But by dinnertime on Friday when start times and the course were to be announced, the winds were forecasted to be better. The temps

were a little cooler on Saturday too – what a pleasurable sail those racers had! Until the wind died again!

The first boat and skipper to finish was Ed Doughty on Badfish. His silly prize was a package of Twizzlers. The after party was held at Red Sail Park with everyone bringing their own drinks and a snack to share. Second to finish was John Jackson on Georgie Girl, followed closely by Joan Wilson on Latitude Adjustment. Both Badfish and Georgie Girl flew spinnakers, so Latitude Adjustment was the first to finish without flying a spinnaker. Although seven boats started, with the light wind only three finished.

What's Happening

Oct	Su	3	Race: Sunfish.....	1400
	Tu	5	Race: Fun Racing.....	1400
	Th	7	Race: Ensign Race #2.....	1200
	Su	10	Race: Sunfish.....	1400
	Mo	11	Board Meeting (ac).....	1700
	Tu	12	Race: Fun Racing.....	1600
	Th	14	Race: Ensign Race #3.....	1200
	Th	14	General Meeting (cc).....	1900
	Fr	15	Education: (ac).....	1100
	Su	17	Race: Sunfish.....	1400
	Tu	19	Race: Fun Racing.....	1300
	We	20	Shindig (rsp).....	1700
	Th	21	Race: Ensign Race #4.....	1200
	Su	24	Race: Sunfish.....	1400
	Tu	26	Race: Fun Racing.....	1300
	We	27	Fall Appreciation Dinner.....	1400
	Th-Mo	28-11/1	Cruise: Pamlico River	
	Th	28	Race: Ensign Race #5.....	1200
	Sa	30	Race: Halloween Holiday Fun Race with NYRA.TBD	
	Su	31	Race: Sunfish.....	1400

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

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Two safety boats were also out to make sure the racers would be taken care of if they had a problem. No problems arose, but thanks go to Ralph Azersky and Nelson & Darlene Defigueiredo for being on the water and available if necessary.

Georgie Jackson



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THE COMMODORES' BALL (Or maybe it would be more appropriate to say the) "THE COMMODORES HAD A BALL"

On September 2, FHYC hosted its 2021 Commodores' Ball. Honored that night were present Commodore, Adrian Vergot and 2020's past Commodore, Ritchie Thomson. And, what a night it was!



The evening began with cocktails, laughter and lots of photos. To everyone's delight Adrian arrived in all his swashbuckling splendor with the always elegant and lovely Erin Vergot. Adrian amused us all with a tale about Peter Pan and Captain Hook, but of course he put his very own entertaining spin on this timeless classic. Somehow, I think he was able to convince Peter Pan and Captain Hook to: "JOIN THE ADVENTURE"

Commodore Adrian and Erin were the perfect hosts for the evening. Visiting each table and making sure all were greeted and welcomed.

Not to be outdone, Ritchie appeared wearing his kilt and sporran, accompanied by the ever-charming Julia and their children and spouses. Commodore Ritchie reflected on his year during the pandemic but chose to speak only about the positive events that kept the club afloat during the time he likes to refer to as "The Great Lockdown"



John Jackson and Olwen Jarvis were the speakers of the night, John presenting Adrian and Olwen presenting Ritchie. John with his amusing wit and booming voice and Olwen who is renowned for her captivating storytelling, kept us all intrigued as they shared their tales of the Pirate and the Scotsman.

The traditional procession of the past Commodores was a wonderful and joyous sight to behold. As they swept down the center aisle and through the dining room you could feel the pride of all in the room who came to honor these men and women who dedicated so much of their time and talents in building the strong foundation of Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club.

The evening progressed with a wonderful dinner, dancing and best of all seeing old friends. The night ended all too soon but as I left the ballroom, I turned and raised my glass and silently toasted the Commodore: I WISH YOU A FAIR WIND EVER AND ALWAYS. And to the past Commodore: SLAINTE MHATH!

Lois Andrews, Director



Commodores' Ball Centerpieces made by Craig Myler



Yuletide Magic

Be sure to save the date for this year's Holiday Party on Thursday, December 9, at Carolina Colours. Your invitation to this magical event will be attached to next month's *Semaphore*.

Fall Series Sunfish Races



Sunfish races of the fall series started Sunday, September 12 and will continue every Sunday in September and October beginning at 1400 in Fairfield Harbour's inner harbour.

Joan Wilson

Don't Miss It!

October 20 "Shindig"

Red Sail Park at 1700



Fall Appreciation Dinner

The Fall Appreciation Dinner will be Wednesday, October 27 - as noted in the yearbook. It will be held at Harbour Pointe Bar & Grille. Please save the date; we hope to see you there!



The Great Trent River Raft Race

After a hiatus of several years, the Great Trent River Raft Race returned to New Bern this year with four individual contests held on Saturday August 28 off Union Point. It was a glorious day for the races, although a little on the warm side. There were all kinds of human powered vessels from single-person craft to eight-person rafts. We were hoping to see a cardboard raft as promised but sadly, none appeared. Methods of propulsion were generally paddles or paddle wheels, although there was one raft with sculls.

There were numerous safety boats and FHYC provided four, manned by Chris and Buddy Jewell, Kathie and Doug King, Ritchie Thomson, Norm Meissner, and Ralph Azersky. Their main responsibility was to keep spectators off the course, which was easily accomplished as they were not called into action during the event. FHYC had no entrants in the actual race which was disappointing.

Let's do better next year! A skunk-works project has been established to get one or more entrants from FHYC for next year's race. More on this later.

Ritchie Thomson, Past Commodore

