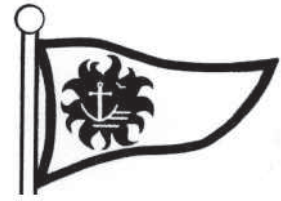


# The Semaphore

Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club



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As my watch begins, let's look back at the activities that ended 2015. The Food Drive brought in 2,500 pounds of food and \$650 for RCS. Thanks to Jim Florence, standing in for Jim Fleckenstein, for coordinating this effort, and to the multitude of volunteers who assisted in collection. The sun warmed those who represented the Yacht Club either walking or riding in the Christmas parade. The Holiday Party Committee, led by Kate Clark, created a festive event with a super DJ who kept the dance floor filled most of the evening. The tree was surrounded by many gifts for the Salvation Army Angel Tree Program organized by Linda Lelli. I'm sure there were many happy children's faces on Christmas as a result of members' generosity. The Christmas Flotilla of brightly lit boats, also blessed with warm weather, had a large audience ashore to hear the caroling. The Community Center was bursting at the seams with the varieties of chili and soups and festive participants. Thanks to Neil Ober, Flotilla organizer, and Kathy Petritsch, who coordinated the Chili Party.

You may have noticed that I picked *Waypoints* as the heading for the Commodore's column. Wikipedia calls waypoints destinations, fixed locations along a planned course or points of reference as we navigate. I would like to consider waypoints as guides to activities within the Yacht Club as well as specific latitude and longitude coordinates to use as we cruise or race. The graphic was designed by Mike Daly, so a big thanks to him.

Several waypoints have passed. The officers for 2016 were installed at the January meeting. The 2016 budget has been approved. A reception was held at Jarvis' home for 2015 new members with their sponsors and returning members. We are happy to have them aboard. Several applicants are considering membership this year.

The Board and committees have been working hard to plan a fantastic year. With the arrival of the new *Yearbook*, I hope that you have a chance to review the calendar and select some waypoints and destinations for the year. There are many opportunities both on and off the water with some of them new and many of them repeated. I hope you find activities that are of interest to you so that everyone is involved.

*Louise Knight, Commodore*

## FHYC General Meeting January 14, 2016

Outgoing Commodore George Stateham called the meeting to order at 1930 hours and led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting program was installation of 2016 officers.

Commodore George Stateham installed Louise Knight as Commodore for 2016.

After commenting on George's service to the club, Commodore Louise Knight installed George Stateham as

Past Commodore and presented him with his new gold name badge, burgee and gavel. George commented on his past year as Commodore and thanked those who served with him on the Board. He also thanked Lynn Stateham for her support and help.

Commodore Knight then installed the following officers and directors: Vice Commodore, Doug King; Rear Commodore, John Jackson; Secretary, Jan Green; returning Treasurer, Cherylle Hird; and new Directors Darlene Cleveland and Bill Flynn. After recognizing returning Directors Bev Myrseth (absent), Cheryl Stevenson, Ted Clark, and Ed Klebaur (absent), the Bridge and Board were sworn in. The Commodore then appointed Fleet Surgeon, Dr. Kathie King; Fleet Chaplain, Reverend Dr. Bill Beery, Cruising Captain, George Stateham; and Regatta Captain, Mark Hittner (absent). New name badges, crests, and burgees were presented. All Past Commodores were asked to stand and be recognized for their service.

The 2016 committee chairs were introduced: George Stateham, Ed Klebaur, Bob Fortenbaugh, Delle Curry, Gerry Fleckenstein, Jim Fleckenstein, Carol Frysiek, Lloyd Moore, Mary Grosser, Jerry Rezab, Ted Clark, Joel Berberich, Lynn Stateham, George Stateham, Benny Thomson, Walt Meyer, Neil Ober, Elliott Alterman, Kathy Szakmeister, Chuck Smith, and Georgie Jackson. Those in attendance stood and

## What's Happening

Feb	Tu	9	Board Meeting (ac).....	0900
	Th	11	General Meeting (cc).....	1930
	Fr	12	Education Seminar - Splicing (cc).....	0900
	We	17	Yacht Club Dinner	

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

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were recognized by Commodore Knight.

Commodore Knight asked for guests to be introduced. Elliott Alterman introduced Joe and Kathy Pica who were attending their second meeting. Don Knight introduced Bill and Lois Andrews, also attending their second meeting. Reiner Zeppenfeld introduced Jay and Gayle Spurr attending their third meeting. Joanne and Ed Doughty introduced Doug Longhini and Raye Lynn Fletcher to their first meeting. Lynn Stateham reported that Joe and Kathy and Bill and Lois will attend Orientation next Wednesday.

Induction of new and reinstated members – Membership cards will be distributed to the new members with their *Yearbook* and *Semaphore*. The following new members and sponsors were invited to the front of the room for induction: Jon and TJ Bendickson, sponsored by the Kings and Bergmuellers; Ray and Andrea Bauer sponsored by the Kings and Gewains; and Ritchie and Julia Thomson sponsored by the Jarvises and Litkes. Al and Edith Merino were reinstated. They were previous members of the club from 1993-2001. Burgees were presented by the Commodore as she welcomed all to the Club.

Minutes: A motion was made,

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Deadline is 1200 the Monday following the Yacht Club Meeting. Please e-mail articles to the address listed below:  
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seconded, and carried to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the November 12, 2015 general meeting (Jarvis/Fortenbaugh).

The Treasurer's report for December, 2015, has been approved by the Board and is available for review. The 2016 budget has been approved by the Board and is available for review.

Rear Commodore's Reports: Education: Bob Fortenbaugh announced that Bill Jarvis will offer a hands-on demonstration and instruction on splicing lines to be held Friday after the February meeting at 0900 in the Community Center. Further details will be available in the next *Semaphore*. Bob then outlined the education programs for the rest of the year.

Hospitality: The Gewains and Flynns are hosts for this evening. Maintenance: Jerry Rezab thanked everyone for careful navigation in Spring Creek. Reflective material has been applied to plaques and numbers for easier night navigation. Youth Programs: Georgie is still looking for youth members to join the committee.

Vice Commodore's Reports: *Semaphore*: Elliott Alterman reported Board approval for extra pages when needed for additional text and photographs, particularly larger pictures from events such as the Commodores' Ball. Additional article ideas include: What's Behind the Name – an explanation of unique boat names, and course and book reviews of nautical interest. Members are invited to suggest and submit topics of interest. The *Semaphore* deadline is noon on the Monday after the general meeting. Library: Doug King mentioned the library and quality of material available. Public Relations: Neil Ober reported that his committee was fully staffed. Monthly *Beacon* articles will be written. Storekeeper: Kathy Szakmeister introduced the item of the month, fleece sweat-shirts. Orders for belts will be placed soon but additional orders are needed to meet the minimum.

Commodore's Reports: Entertainment: Delle Curry announced that there will be a meeting Monday at 1000 hours at the Activity Center. Others are welcome to attend. The Commodores'

Ball invitation will be delivered with the next *Semaphore*. Cruise Planning: George Stateham and Brian Giersch reported that 9 to 11 boats will be going on the Chesapeake cruise. A planning meeting will be held in March in order to adequately prepare. Don Knight mentioned the Shakedown cruise. Details will be in next month's *Semaphore*. Membership: Lynn Stateham reported that 2015 saw 17 new members and 2 reinstatements. Six applications are currently in process. The New Member reception will be held Tuesday, January 19. The Orientation meeting will be held next Wednesday, January 20.

*Yearbook*: The Commodore reported that the *Yearbook* is at the printer and will be distributed with the *Semaphore*. Yacht Club Dinners: Cheryl Stevenson announced that next Wednesday's dinner at Harvey Mansion will have the Early Bird Special at a cost of \$15.95. Choices and the sign-up sheet are available. Attendance is limited to 40. Impromptu Happy Hour: The Commodore reported that Lew Travis will once again organize these events for 2016.

The Commodore announced member anniversaries with the club: Bill and Olwen Jarvis, 15 years; and Bob and Ruth Mitchell, 20 years. The Food Drive and Angel Tree were a big success in December, and the Flotilla and Holiday Party were well attended. Organizers for those events were Kate Clark, Neil Ober, and Kathy Petritsch. FHYC was well represented in the Christmas parade.

In Memoriam: The Commodore announced the passing of Dick Van Niel, on January 6, 2016 and Rose Robinson on January 8, 2016. Rose was a member from 1989 to 2005. Her husband Don was 1996 Commodore.

Old Business - None.

New Business - Bill Jarvis reported on the US Sailing Association presentation at Blackbeard Sailing Club of the *Hanson Lifesaving Awards* to the club's Marine Assistance Committee. The Szakmeisters (*Szakattack*), among others, were honored for their efforts. The Commodore announced that mem-



bership cards will be distributed with the *Semaphore*. Yearbooks and invitations to the Commodores' Ball will also be included. Contact Jerry Rezab if not received by early February.

A motion was made and carried to adjourn the meeting (Jarvis/Giersch). The meeting adjourned at 2020 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jan Green, Secretary*

## New Members

The Membership Committee welcomed 19 new members (17 regular and 2 reinstated) in 2015, who, with their sponsors, were invited to a wine and dessert reception with the Bridge and the Committee at the home of Bill and Olwen Jarvis on January 19. This made for a lively group of 65 people.

In December, a number of residents were approved for membership, many of you may know them already. Al and



Edith Merino were members from November of 1993 through 2001. They live on Gondolier Drive and now have an O'Day 322 sailboat named *Princess*. They were approved for reinstatement at the December Board meeting.

Ray and Andrea Bauer moved here from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. They live on Gondolier Drive and have a Mainship 35 (very similar to the West's boat) named *Celebration*. Their sponsors are Doug and Kathie King, and Keith and Linda Gewain.

Jon and Theresa (TJ) Bendicksen also moved here from Pennsylvania (Gibsonia) and also live on Gondolier Drive. They have a 31' Sea Ray named *Time Away*. Their sponsors are Doug and Kathie King, and Marc and Patty Bergmueller. TJ is active in the Coast



Guard Auxiliary.

Ritchie and Julia Thomson moved here from Chapel Hill and live on Plymouth Court. Some of you may know them through Blackbeard Sailing Club. Their sponsors are Olwen and Bill Jarvis and Henry and Rose Litke. They have a Caliber 39 named *Vital Spark*.

Please join me in extending a warm welcome to these new members.

We began this new year with six prospective members in process and are looking forward to another banner year. Please consider becoming a sponsor this year and get to know some of these enthusiastic and friendly people. Get in touch with me or anyone on the Membership Committee if you are interested. Our contact information is in the new *Yearbook*.

*Lynn Stateham,*

*Membership Committee Chair*

## Books Ahoy!

Do you love seeing old photographs? In the FHYC library, you can



*New members and sponsors: Doug King, Kathie King, Al Merino, Edith Merino, Commodore Louise Knight, Ray Bauer, Andrea Bauer (hidden), Lynn Stateham, Jon Bendicksen, Theresa (TJ) Bendicksen, Bill Jarvis, Olwen Jarvis, Julia Thomson, Ritchie Thomson, Rose Voss-Litke and Henry Litke.*

find and explore multiple albums of pictures of the Yacht Club past events. Come take a look! The Yacht Club library is located in the Activity Center in room 4. It is open the same hours as the POA office. Just stop by their office and get the key for room 4. We have also added several donated books to our shelves this year from our members for your pleasure and enjoyment.

*Mary Grosser,*

*Library Committee Chair*

## Local Knowledge Seminar

As every boater knows, obtaining local knowledge is an important part of a safe and enjoyable boating experience. In this educational seminar presented by the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, you will receive detailed information about the Neuse River and adjoining waters. You will learn the locations and features of many popular anchorages, marinas, and boatyards in the Neuse and Pamlico River basins, as well as the ICW to Morehead City/Beaufort and on to beautiful Cape Lookout.

When: Saturday, March 12, 0900 to 1200. Where: Fairfield Harbour Community Center.

Cost is \$5 (additional household members are free) which includes a CD packed with useful information. For more information and to register call: Karl Mielenhausen: 252-638-1433 or go to:

[http://cgaux.org/boatinged/class\\_finder/](http://cgaux.org/boatinged/class_finder/)

*Karl Mielenhausen,*

*Cruise Planning Committee*

## Chesapeake Bay Cruise

This posting is intended for all skippers who: (1) have been to the Chesapeake Bay and are contemplating a return trip; (2) have not been to the Chesapeake and might find comfort in planning and participating in a cruise accompanied by other boats; (3) have participated in Bernie Teubert's annual North or South cruises and are seeking a comparable experience.

This year's FHYC spring cruise to the Chesapeake Bay could be just what you are looking for!! In the past there

have been two different types of events: marina hopping on a fixed schedule; and, gunkholing via a flexible, "where the wind is blowing," schedule. This season both interests can be accommodated.

We can head north on the ICW as a flotilla and include the possibility of several marina stops...and/or anchorages...before reaching Mile Zero. The trip north requires a minimum of four days...plus weather allowances.

Once on the Bay we can break into smaller groups for marina hopping and/or gunkholing and reunite at designated spots around the Bay and again for the return trip. Time allocated to exploring the Bay will be determined by each boat. A few weeks on the Bay will guarantee lovely marinas, ports of call and many quiet, protected anchorages.

Traveling with a group of folks familiar with the ICW and the Chesapeake will guarantee that "local" knowledge is always available for planning laundry, groceries, repairs, sightseeing, etc. The company of other crews also provides comfort and support in the event of breakdown, malfunctions, etc. Not to mention the socializing opportunities that would be found within a flotilla.

To make it even more interesting,

there are two routes on the ICW that lead to/from the Bay...we could explore both! North via one, south via the other. Details will be worked out by the group several weeks in advance of departure.

This posting is being sent well in advance of the first *Semaphore* article to permit unhurried decision making, calendar adjustments, etc. Give it some thought! Be brave and clear your calendar from May 8 into early June. It's an experience that you will enjoy immensely!

*Brian Giersch, Cruise Leader*

## Coast Guard Talk

For our February meeting we are pleased to have the Officer-in-Charge of the Coast Guard station at Hobucken, Chief Grande. He will present an overview of the Coast Guard and their responsibilities. The Chief will also cover what the Coast Guard does in and around the Pamlico Sound and the Neuse River for our protection and assistance. He will also talk about the boarding process the Coast Guard uses and what your responsibilities are in the event that happens to you. At the end of his talk he will entertain questions.

*Don Knight, Program Committee*

## Weekend Overnight Cruises

Here is your chance to get the boat out on the water and enjoy FHYC camaraderie.

Many members have commitments through the work week and can't participate in many cruises. Others don't want to be out for several nights for other reasons. To better serve them, we are reinstating weekend overnight cruises. Even if you aren't one of the above, it's a wonderful weekend on the water.

These cruises involve anchoring and/or docking at destinations within an easy day's sail of the Harbour. The format will be similar to our full moon raft-ups in that there will be no flyer or sign-up sheet required. Participants will merely email the cruise leader with their intent to participate.

These cruises will be listed in the *Yearbook* calendar, the *Semaphore What's Happening* list; announcements will be made at monthly meetings, and an email blast will go out from the cruise leader before each event. Announcements and emails will include the intended destination.

*George Stateham,  
Cruise Planning Committee Chair*



*The Holiday Party 2015*