

# The Semaphore

Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club



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As I sit here in warm, sunny Florida, I think back to several successful events in a busy January. Installation of the new Board occurred without a hitch. The New Member Reception, hosted by the Membership Committee, was attended by many new members and their sponsors. Several committees met to set their waypoints for the year. The Impromptu at Sunrise/Sunset gave members and potential members an opportunity to socialize. There were so many in attendance, you would think they had cabin fever.

The February Education Seminar, presented by Bill Jarvis, was a great opportunity to review or learn rope splicing skills. With Cruising and Regatta Captains already setting waypoints for the upcoming months, it is time to work on your list of boat maintenance and repairs so you will be ready to participate. The annual Sock Burning is planned for March 19 (See the article in this issue). The practice for the Ensign Spring series is scheduled for March 17 and NYRA races are well underway.

I hope you are exploring the new Yearbook and marking your calendars with waypoints for the year. The Yearbook Committee did an excellent job of compiling information for your reference. The cover picture was taken by Lynn Stateham. You each have the opportunity to submit your special photos for consideration for next year's cover. Also, are you aware that the Yearbook is available on the website and can also be downloaded to your smartphone?

You all should have received the beautiful invitation to the Commodores' Ball marking the first waypoint on the social calendar. Here is your chance to wear your finery and enjoy a festive evening at the Flame on March 17. It has always been a great affair and well attended. I look forward to seeing you all there.

*Louise Knight, Commodore*

## FHYC General Meeting February 11, 2016

Vice Commodore Doug King called the meeting to order at 1930 hours and led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Welcome** - Introduction of Guests. Ed Doughty introduced Raye Lynn Fletcher and Doug Longhini (second meeting). Georgie Jackson introduced Sharon and Ryan Stroupe (second meeting). Lee Wilson and Barbara Leavy were introduced by Gregg Szakmeister (first meeting). Russ and Barb Robinson were introduced by Jeff Hallquist (first meeting).

**Induction of New Members** - Lynn Stateham announced new members approved by the Board: Lois and Bill Andrews (sponsored by Knights and Bendicksens), Punk and Joe Pica (sponsored by the Altermans and Azerskys) and Gayle and Jay Spurr

(sponsored by Zeppenfelds and Myrseths). Spurr was in attendance and were welcomed by Lynn, followed by presentation of their club burgee from Vice Commodore King.

**Minutes** - a motion was made and carried to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the January 16, 2016 General Meeting (Jarvis/Curry).

**Treasurer's Report** - The Treasurer's report for January 2016 has been approved by the Board and is available for review. The Treasurer would like to remind all Committee Chairpersons to fill out expense slips properly, and check their math.

**Program** - USCG Chief of Station, Chief Petty Officer Ken Grande was introduced by Bill Flynn. A question and answer session followed his presentation.

### Rear Commodore's Report

**Hospitality** - Barb White and Tom Gunther and Ina and Elliott Alterman are hosts for this evening.

**Education** - Bob Fortenbaugh announced first program of 2016 on How to Splice Line. Presentation by Bill Jarvis to take place Friday, February 12 from 0900-1200 in the Community Center, weather permitting. Next month's topic is Spring Commissioning by Harvey Smith. Ruthie Levin will be teaching her navigation class on the Neuse and Sound. Dates and location

## What's Happening

March Tu	8	Board Meeting.....	0900
Th	10	Yacht Club General Meeting.....	1930
Fr	11	Education: Spring Commissioning (cc) .....	0900
Th	17	Race: Ensign Spring Series Practice	
Th	17	Commodores' Ball .....	1730
Sa	19	Sock Burning (Red Sail Park).....	1400
Th	24	Race: Ensign Spring Series #1	
Th	31	Race: Ensign Spring Series #2	

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

**Deadline for next issue is noon, Monday, March 14, 2016**

Delivery is Saturday, March 19, 2016

for the class to be determined but will consist of two 3-hour sessions.

**Marine Assistance** – Ted Clark reported an incident with a member's sailboat. Between 6 and 7 members of the club worked on the boat until a diver was available to make repairs.

**Program** – Committee leader has been lost. New chair is needed as well as additional members.

**Youth Programs** – Five children and grandchildren of members aged 9-15 living in the Harbour have joined the committee. A summer picnic open to all Fairfield Harbour youth is to be held June 26 at Red Sail Park.

#### **Commodore's Report**

**Cruise Planning** – George Stateham introduced Dottie Giersch to discuss the Chesapeake Cruise. There are 10-12 boats signed up. Captains' meeting will be held mid-March. Where the Wind Blows Cruise will be rescheduled as Clarks will be joining this cruise. April 9 is Commissioning Day. Flyer and sign-up sheets will be available in the March *Semaphore*. August 6 Shrimparoo will be rescheduled to August 20 due to a conflict with the OYC Regatta. Three Dinner Cruise is also affected. There will be a notice in the *Semaphore* and an email blast.

**Entertainment** – Delle Curry reminded everyone the invitation to the Commodores' Ball was included with the February *Semaphore*. Responses are

required by March 9. Clear or silver glass candle holder donations are needed. Reservations are requested as soon as possible. Commissioning Day is the next event.

**Membership** – Lynn Stateham reported that three new members joined this month and four additional applications are in process. There are currently 190 members.

**Regatta** – Upcoming Wilkerson Cup, April 10; Tuesday Fun Races begin April 5. Walt Meyer reported Dark Side members are Fleet Captains for Ensigns this year. Racing will take place in March and April. Chase boats are needed.

**Yearbook** – Chuck Smith reported collating error in some *Yearbooks*. Members may swap *Yearbooks* if necessary by contacting Chuck.

**Yacht Club Dinners** – Cheryl Stevenson announced that next Wednesday's (February 17) dinner is at Annabelle's. Limited to 50. Sign up sheet available.

**Recognition** – Anniversaries with club reported: Jackie Moniak – 25 years.

**In Memoriam** – Ruth Mitchell and Beverley Costa.

**New Business** – Bill Jarvis received email inviting FHYC to participate in US Coast Guard grant project focused on establishing a national standard for recreational boating instruction and skills assessment. Purpose is to provide new Sail National Validation Program (NVP) event to test current draft of a new sailing standard for on-water skills-based instruction. The event will be hosted by YMCA Camp Sea Gull and Seafarer on April 4-9. Certified sailing instructors and competent powerboat operators are needed, as well as beginner sailors. Volunteers do not need to participate all 5 days although April 4 is mandatory. Meals will be provided. Contact Bill Jarvis if interested. Ina Alterman announced a special treat for this evening thanks to Hospitality chair, Carol Frysiek.

A motion was made and carried to adjourn the meeting (Mielenhausen/ Jarvis). The meeting adjourned at 2042 hours.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Jan Green, Secretary*

## **March Program Marine VHF Radio by Wayne Estabrooks**

Wayne is the retired Director of Transmission Engineering for UNC TV. He has spent his life working in the technical side of radio and television. He is a ham radio operator. Wayne and his wife Janet, live at Pamlico Plantation in Washington, NC. They sail a 34ft Hunter sailboat.

The talk will discuss some of the advanced uses and issues with marine VHF radio for the recreational boater.

*Olwen Jarvis, Program Committee*

## **Kids' Fun Olympics**

'FHYC and the Youth Committee are hosting a Fun Olympics afternoon on Sunday, June 26 for any and all children ages 9-17 in the Harbour. This includes our 5 FHYC kids, any grandchildren who might be visiting, and any non-Yacht Club children living in the Harbour. Events will run from 1400-1700 at Red Sail Park.

The Youth Committee has planned several games/contests for the afternoon. Events will end with an ice cream social. It'll be a great way to meet new friends, make your own sundaes, and have a splashing good time!

Contact Georgie Jackson if you have questions or for information about registration.

[jackson.jy@gmail.com](mailto:jackson.jy@gmail.com)

or 637-9781

*Georgie Jackson, Youth Committee*



## **Commodores' Ball**

The FHYC Commodores' Ball will take place Thursday, March 17.

Deadline for reservations is March 9. Sign up with your invitation or use the online form on the FHYC website.

Come and Celebrate the Knight with your fellow FHYC members!

*Karen Meyer,  
Entertainment Committee*

*The*

### **Semaphore**

*Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club*



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#### **Deadline**

Deadline is 1200 the Monday following the Yacht Club Meeting. Please e-mail articles to the address listed below:  
[fhycsemaphore@gmail.com](mailto:fhycsemaphore@gmail.com)

## Date Change for Shrimparoo and Three Dinner Cruise

Due to a schedule conflict in Oriental, Shrimparoo and the Three Dinner Cruise have been moved out two weeks. The dates are now:

- **Shrimparoo August 20**

- **Three Dinner Cruise August 18-21**

Please make these changes in your *Yearbook* and personal calendars.

Shrimparoo will also serve as the Yacht Club dinner for August.

*George Stateham, Fleet Captain*

## Commissioning Day Ceremonies

FHYC has many activities on and off the water throughout the year, but the Blessing of the Fleet and Commissioning Day ceremonies are arguably our most important rites. They will occur April 9 which is prior to the April General Meeting so you will find the flyer and signup sheet in this month's *Semaphore*.

It's time to get our boats ready for the official opening of the season. It's the perfect way to kick it off, and I certainly feel more secure with the blessing the boat receives.

*George Stateham, Fleet Captain*

## Tuesday Fun Racing

It seems early to be writing about Tuesday Fun Racing, but this is just to alert any and all of you who are interested that the first Tuesday Fun Race of the season will be Tuesday, April 5. We are starting early this year so that we will have one race prior to the Club's Wilkerson Cup Regatta, which will be held Sunday, April 10.

You may want to consider the April 5 race a chance to tune up your boat, make sure everything works, etc. prior to the Wilkerson. Watch this spot next month for complete information on Tuesday Racing, and the Wilkerson Cup.

*John Jackson*

*Tuesday Racing Coordinator*



## Sock Burning Party

The earth has circled around the sun once more, bringing us back to the position where the sun's rays cross the equator on their way north. Known as the vernal equinox, it gives us one more reason to PARTY. To celebrate this occasion, sailors world wide burn their socks. Winter is over, spring is here, let's celebrate.

This will be our third annual sock burning party so meet us at Red Sail Park at 1400 hours on Saturday, March 19. Bring your beverage of choice and a snack to share.

I recommend you wear a pair of shoes you will be comfortable wearing without socks. You'll be going home sockless. We had a good turnout last year and I hope this gathering will get larger each and every year.

*Bob Petritsh*

## Save the Date: BridgePointe Shakedown Cruise

Each year the club has a traditional Shakedown Cruise and again this year we go to the BridgePointe Marina. This is the first cruise of the new season. The cruise is scheduled for Friday, April 15 through Sunday, April 17. It will give you the opportunity to knock off the winter dust and get your systems operating again. Dock space will be available on a limited basis. You can also motor over by car, which is perfectly acceptable.

For complete details, see the flyer in this *Semaphore*.

Your cruise leaders are Don & Louise Knight. The Captains' meeting will be held Thursday April 14 in the Activities Bldg. Room 2 starting at 1000 hours (that's 10:00 am for you non-nautical persons).

*Don & Louise Knight*

## "Piccolo is Sinking!"

The very worst thing a sailor can hear is "Man overboard !" The second worst to hear is "The boat is sinking !"

On Wednesday January 20 I heard "The boat is sinking. Call our Marine Assistance!" I immediately started calling. With all possible speed our members responded to the call and came to our aid in saving the sailboat *Piccolo*. Ted Clark was first on the scene with his own high volume pump. He was quickly followed by Bill Green with a pump from Blackbeard's Sailing Club and thirdly Walt Meyer came with the FHYC pump from NW Creek Marina. Kirk Hathaway, the diver, responded and spent several hours in the water using bungs and underwater cement to fill the hole that had been caused by a line around the prop and the prop shaft and strut being thrust into the stern of the boat. Mike Foster and Ritchie Thomson assisted with recovery of the boat and the delivery by Towboat US to Sailcraft, where she now sits on the hard awaiting damage assessment and repairs.

The ladies helped too with moral support, shopping for supplies, and providing dinner!

You cannot believe how much water can flood a boat, with a hole a foot under the water, eight inches by three inches. It took only twenty seconds for the floorboards to become awash!

We are most grateful for the help, support and concern everyone showed.

Thank you, *Olwen and Bill Jarvis*.

## Hanson Awards to Flying Scot Rescuers

Here is a link to the press release from US Sailing covering the award of the Hanson rescue medal to those that helped save lives on Saturday, Sept 12, 2015 when a microburst hit a fleet of sailors racing out of Blackbeard Sailing Club. It mentions very favorably FHYC's Marine Assistance Committee who participated. See also October 2015 *Semaphore*.

[www.ussailing.org/flyingscotrescuemedals/](http://www.ussailing.org/flyingscotrescuemedals/)

*Bill Jarvis*



Vice Commodore Doug King, Lynn Stateham, Gayle and Jay Spurr, and Reiner Zeppenfeld

## Welcome New Members

The following new members were approved at the Board's February meeting:

**Bill and Lois Andrews** live on Felucca Court and are sponsored by Don and Louise Knight and Jon and TJ Bendicksen. Their boat is a 21 foot power boat named *Glass Cutter*, and they moved here from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Lois' brother is Ray Bauer, who became an FHYC member in 2015.

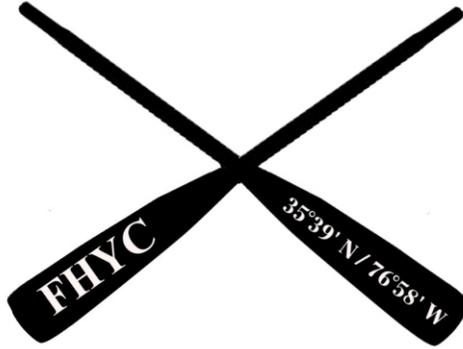
**Joe and Kathy (Punk) Pica** have lived aboard for a number of years and recently moved ashore. They are sponsored by Elliott and Ina Alterman and Ralph and Linda Azersky. They have a Great Harbour 37 named *Carolyn Ann*. Joe and Punk have extensive cruising and boating experience, having done the Great Loop three plus times and many other places as well.

**Jay and Gayle Spurr** live on Bracken Fern Drive and are sponsored by Reiner and Renate Zeppenfeld and Arne and Beverly Myrseth. They have a 23 foot Grady White named *Gayle Force*. Jay is retired from the Navy and Gayle has a business in marketing, public relations, and special events.

Please join me in extending a warm welcome to these new members, and introduce yourselves to them at the next meeting or event.

*Lynn Stateham, Membership*

## Commissioning Day Luncheon



What do Dr. Seuss and Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club have in common...you well may ask? No it's not "Green Eggs and Ham!"

Take a look at the flyer for this year's Commissioning Day in this *Semaphore* and you will understand! The theme for the luncheon is "Oh the Places We'll Go." Be sure to mark your calendar now for Saturday, April 9. Following the Parade of Boats, Flag Raising Ceremony, and Blessing of the Fleet at the Shoreline, there will be a luncheon at the Community Center at 1200. The Moo Cafe will cater the event.

Be sure to return your reservations and join us to share "All the Places We'll Go!"

*Olwen Jarvis*



## Spring Sunfish and Dinghy Races

April 3 and 17  
May 1, 8, 15 and 22

Spring is not too far around the corner. It's time for us to start thinking about Sunfish & Dinghy racing. Races will be held again on Northwest Creek in the vicinity of the mouth of Spring Creek. Sunfish and other dinghies (tenders) will sail as classes if there are 3 or more boats per class. There also will be an open class competition for small boats that do not constitute a one-design class. Starting time for the first race each day will be 1400. Sailing and registration instructions are available on the FHYC website listed under the tab "Racing." Spectators are welcome and encouraged to watch the races from the comfort of Bill and Olwen Jarvis' dock.

If you have questions, call Jerry Rezab, 636-5919, or email:

[geraldrezab@yahoo.com](mailto:geraldrezab@yahoo.com)

*Jerry Rezab*



## Chesapeake Bay Cruise



Calling all captains and crew who may be interested in going on the Chesapeake Bay Cruise. There will be a "captains" meeting on **Wednesday, March 16 at 1000 (10 am) in room 2 of the Activities Building**. The cruise is planning to leave Fairfield Harbour on May 8. However, some people are leaving earlier and some may leave later. Information will be shared on routes, marinas, grocery shopping, laundry facilities, and means of keeping in touch.

Even if you have not made a final decision about participating in the cruise, feel free to join us for what will be a worthwhile discussion.

*Brian and Dottie Giersch*