

May 2016
Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club Education Committee Announcements

APRIL EDUCATION REPORT

Lloyd Moore put on a great Flare Shoot at and with our friends at Blackbeard Sailing Club, on April 2. The morning rain stopped exactly in time for the Shoot to star. Both clubs had good turnouts of their members, and the members were able to learn valuable lessons about what flares do and don't do (like stay visible for a long time), as well as how to dispose of their out-of-date flares. Thanks also to the Coast Guard and the Fire Department (Bill Flynn and Karl Mielenhausen) for their assistance and participation.

All in all, it was a valuable and productive program for and by both clubs and their members. Vice Commodore Doug King gave an excellent demonstration-workshop program on fiberglass repair for our members on April 15 at the Community Center. Attendees were shown how to use the fabrics and materials that constitute fiberglass, to create and recreate and repair parts of their boats in need of improvement, from rebedding a stripped screw to stopping a leak around a window or fitting to creating a sun and/or water covering for a dinghy or boat. Questions were many and answers were as complete and detailed as they needed to be. All in all it was three hours (that continued out into the parking lot after the program) well spent in considering how to best fix and improve our boats.

MAY EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Education Committee has planned an educational visit to the National Weather Service/National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on Thursday, May 5. A presentation regarding the NWS and a tour of the facility at 1730 will be followed by a weather balloon launch at 1900. Our planned guide for the visit is Ms. Lara Pagano. The NWS is located at 533 Roberts Road in Newport, just off Route 70, and about a 50 minute drive from Fairfield Harbour. Those interested in carpooling should meet at 1630 in the Community Center parking lot; others can meet directly at NOAA. They can accommodate 20-25 attendees and, based on recent head count, we should be within that range. Those interested in learning more may want to view www.nhc.noaa.gov or www.nhs.gov. Any questions, please call Joel Berberich at 570 490 2008.

NAVIGATION CLASS

Ruthie Levin will be hosting a two-session class on navigation of our waters, this month and/or next with the dates for the classes set by the attendees to schedule the sessions around the attendees' calendars.

Please call Ruthie, at 633 3906, to sign up.