

# The Semaphore

Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club



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As June is approaching, the boating season is well underway. The weather cooperated and the Ensign and Sunfish/Dinghy sailors have completed their spring series, although in a much abbreviated form. The Fun Racing group will continue through the summer and fall.

The first Overnight Cruise turned out to be a day anchorage in Hancock Creek with a wonderful sail back up the river for the sail boaters. The Blue Angels provided some entertainment and the company was great, however predicted rain put a damper on the overnight part. Hopefully the Overnight Cruise scheduled in June will actually overnight.

After a month of planning, the Chesapeake Cruise is well underway with 11 boats participating. As is often the case, not all the boats left on the scheduled departure date. In fact, on May 8 one boat was already in the Chesapeake waiting for everyone to get there. Other boats are still installing new equipment and will head out later in the month. I understand that the waypoints selected for the trip varied from boat to boat.

A small number of sailors chose the Where the Wind Blows Cruise. With the weather patterns in North

Carolina, fair weather is not guaranteed but the cruise started with sunshine.

The program by retired Cunningham Bridge Tender John Shikoluk gave us insight into the many steps for opening a bridge and included some helpful pointers to assist us in cruising later this year.

The May Education road trip to the NOAA weather station was rescheduled because of weather, thunderstorms to be exact. This may give you the opportunity to select that waypoint on June 2. Also, I hope you plan to attend the Education program on Saturday, June 18 by Bill Neilson on Rules of the Road.

Although the Ocracoke Cruise begins in May, it extends through the first week in June to coincide with the Ocracoke Music Festival. It is a great waypoint. If you want to use the Federal Dock, it is advisable to get there early.

Other waypoints for June include the Moonlight Raft-up and the Yacht Club Dinner. This month the dinner will be at Sunset Grill with a bonus trivia night, so review your nautical terms. Working in teams will add to the fun.

The final boating event of the month is Boat Bash. Yacht club members host Fairfield Harbour new neighbors for an afternoon on the water. I encourage you to fill out the flyer in the May Semaphore or contact George Stateham. It is a great opportunity to share the local waters with others and make new friends.

Lastly, the Fireworks Cruise to the New Bern Grand Marina will be here before you know it. Boat captains must reserve their own slip. Space is limited so if you are considering that waypoint, make that call now.

*Louise Knight  
Commodore*

## What's Happening

June	Th	2	Education: NOAA Trip
	Sa-Su	4-5	Cruise: Overnight
	Tu	7	Board Meeting (ac) ..... 0900
	Tu	7	Race: Fun Racing
	Th	9	Yacht Club General Meeting (cc) ..... 1930
	Tu	14	Race: Fun Racing
	We	15	Yacht Club Dinner
	Fr	17	Full Moon Raft-Up ..... 1800
	Sa	18	Education: Rules of the Road (cc) ..... 0900
	Tu	21	Race: Fun Racing
	Sa	25	Boat Bash
	Su	26	Youth: Fun Olympics (Red Sail Park)
	Tu	28	Race: Fun Racing

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

**Deadline for next issue is noon, Monday, June 13, 2016**

Delivery is Saturday, June 25, 2016

## FHYC General Meeting May 12, 2016

Commodore Louise Knight called the meeting to order at 1930 hours and led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Welcome** - Introduction of Guests. George Stateham introduced Norman Meissner. This is his first meeting. Jim & Jody Fortuna, attending their second meeting, were introduced by Chris Davies. Jerry & Melissa Drake, attending their second meeting, were introduced by Kathy Szakmeister. The Drakes have completed orientation. Don Knight introduced the wife of tonight's speaker, Jean Shikoluk.

**Induction of New Members** – Lynn Stateham announced new members approved by the Board: Gayle & Frank Albertini sponsored by Stevensons and Knights. They were welcomed and presented with their burgee by Commodore Knight.

**Minutes** - a motion was made and carried to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the

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### **Semaphore**

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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)

April 14, 2016 General Meeting (Knight/Fortenbaugh).

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's report for April 2016 has been approved by the Board and is available for review.

**Program** - Past Commodore Knight introduced our speaker: retired New Bern-Cunningham Bridge Tender John Shikoluk.

#### **Rear Commodore's Reports:**

**Education** – Bob Fortenbaugh spoke. Rear Commodore Jackson presented a good program on fiberglass repair to a full room. NOAA trip cancelled because of weather but has been rescheduled for Thursday, June 2. Interested members are asked to gather at the Community Center parking lot for carpool assignments. Cars will leave at 1630. Balloon launch will take place at 1900. Email Joel Berberich if interested. Two trips will be arranged if numbers warrant. Bill Neilson will present Rules of the Road on June 18 at 0900 in the Community Center. Thanks to Litkes for arranging visit to the Coast Guard Vessel. Ruthie Levin reminded members to contact her if interested in her navigation course.

**Hospitality** – Bob & Kathy Petritsch and Bill & Jean Edstrom are hosts this evening.

**Maintenance** – Jerry Rezab has cleaned the banners. Marker 12 will be replaced.

**Program** – Working on a program on shipwrecks. No program identified for next month yet.

**Youth Programs** – A summer picnic open to all Fairfield Harbour youth 9-17 living in the harbour, or children and grandchildren of members will be held June 26 at Red Sail Park. Contact Georgie Jackson to volunteer or participate. Need 10 or more registrations

before June 20 or event will be cancelled.

#### **Commodore's Reports:**

**Cruise Planning** – Ted Clark reminded all of the Where the Wind Blows cruise starting Saturday. Currently 4 boats are participating. Karl Mielenhausen leading first trip to Ocracoke for the Ocracoke Music Festival the first weekend in June. Plan is to leave Tuesday or Wednesday to get spots at the Federal Dock. Captains' Meeting will be held at 0900 on May 27. Folding bikes suggested for Ocracoke, with lights for after dark. Marc Bergmueller will lead July 4 Fireworks cruise to New Bern Grand Marina. There are 25 spots available. A splash will be held July 3 and a splash followed by a potluck on July 4. Fifty-amp service is provided so bring adapter if needed. There will be a flyer in the June Semaphore. Reservations with a two-night prepaid minimum must be made through the marina. Mark West will lead Full Moon Raft-up on May 19 at 1800. Email blast will be sent. Mark also leading the Overnight Cruise Saturday June 4-June 5. Location to be determined. Boat Bash scheduled for June 25. Three boats signed up so far to take 10 new neighbors out on the water. George Stateham asked for additional participants.

**Entertainment** – Karen Meyer reminded everyone the June 15 Wednesday night dinner would be combined with pub night trivia at Sunset Grill. There will be team participation with rounds of questions between courses. Trophies will be awarded. Cost is \$16.00 plus cash bar.

**Yacht Club Dinners** – This month's dinner is at Musashi's organized by Darlene Cleveland. Sign up sheet available.

**Impromptu Happy Hour** – The

Commodore hoped everyone enjoyed Tuesday's event.

**Recognition** – Hardy & Annemarie Gersbach celebrating 15 years.

**Deaths** – Dave Bechtold, a Charter Member, passed away 4/23/16.

**New Business:**

Bob Mitchell acknowledged Bill Beery, Fleet Chaplain, for help during a difficult time. Celebration of Life for Ruth Mitchell will be held June 4 from 1400 to 1600 at the Recreation Center.

Mary Ann Ober thanked everyone for contributions for the flower wreath for Memorial Day Ceremony at the National Cemetery. Live flower wreath will be returned to the 911 memorial at Fairfield Harbour.

Olwen Jarvis mentioned Simon Spalding will be at the New Bern Library on Saturday at 1400 to present Food at Sea. Samples and singing will be included in the program.

Ted Clark introduced Les Pendleton's new book which is out today.

A motion was made and carried to adjourn the meeting (Jarvis/Jarvis). The meeting adjourned at 2030 hours.

Respectfully submitted, *Jan Green, Secretary*

### Membership

Frank and Gayle Albertini are the eighth couple to join FHYC in 2016. They live on Crooked Creek Drive and have been in Fairfield Harbour since 2000. They are sponsored by Cheryl and Dave Stevenson and Louise and Don Knight.

Frank and Gayle have extensive cruising experience, previously on a Gulfstar Hirsch 45 and now they have a 35' Bayliner named Phoenix and a 19' bowrider. Their former yacht club was Liberty Sailing Club in Philadelphia.

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

*Lynn Stateham, Membership*



### Boat Bash Reminder

Boat Bash is scheduled for Saturday, June 25. FHYC members volunteer to host New Neighbors for an afternoon on their boat. New Neighbors are residents of the community for no more than two years. Time of departure and itinerary are at your discretion.

Send your name, your boat name, and how many guests you can accommodate to George Stateham, [george@stateham.com](mailto:george@stateham.com) or put it in our brown box at 902 Nautilus Ct. The flyer with additional information was in the May Semaphore.

At the time of this writing we have only five boats accommodating a total of 18 guests. Our target is to take 40 or more guests so we're not quite half way there. The sign-up deadline is June 11.

*George Stateham*

### Nautical Trivia Night

Don't forget to make your reservations for our fun nautical trivia night. This new event will be part of our June Wednesday dinner. This month the club will be eating at Sunset Italian Grill. If you have lost your flyer please check our website or contact Karen Meyer at [meyerkj@gmail.com](mailto:meyerkj@gmail.com) or 637-3015. I hope to see you on Wednesday, June 15 at 1730.

*Karen Meyer*

## July 4, 2016 Fireworks

It's off to the New Bern Grand Marina again this year for the festivities. It was a great event last year; the weather was great, and we had front row seats to the fireworks show. The NB Grand is excited to have us come again this year. For those boating to this event here are the particulars. If you are a BoatUS member, the cost is \$1.25 per foot, otherwise it's \$1.50 per foot, with a two night minimum although you do get a free night after the event. Electricity is mainly 50 amp service and the cost is \$6 per night, 30 amp is \$4 per night. Let the Marina know if you have a splitter as that may make a difference as to where you will be docked. You must make your own reservations as this is a prepaid event. You must also register with us so we know how many are coming.

Priority will be for the first 25 that sign up. You may also come by car so please let us know if you are attending by land yacht. The event will have arm bands to get on the dock.

Each night there will be a splash on the dock. Please bring a light appetizer and your own beverage. The first night dinner will be on your own. The second night we will have a potluck dinner on the dock. Louise and Patty will coordinate the dishes so we have a good variety.

This event draws many responses so make sure you get your reservation to either Marc or Don quickly as we only have 25 dock spaces.

*Marc & Patty Bergmueller  
Don & Louise Knight*

## BoatUS: A Reminder

If you are paying more than \$15.00 per year for your membership to BoatUS, you are paying too much. FHYC is a Cooperating Group with BoatUS. If you are a member of BoatUS and are not getting the discount when you renew your membership, use the group code GA80955Y. Likewise, if you are not a member of BoatUS but are a member of FHYC and want to join BoatUS, use the same group code for your discount.

As a member of BoatUS you receive a boating magazine that always has one or more useful articles. You are also eligible to purchase towing insurance and/or regular boat insurance through them, and receive other member benefits.

*John Jackson*

### **FHYC's Fun Fair Is Coming!**

**Registration deadline is  
June 20th.**

**Don't be late!**

**Call or email me at:**

**jackson.jy@gmail.com  
or  
637-9781**

***Georgie Jackson***

**Come Join Us in FHYC's**

## **Fun Olympics**

**June 26th 2:00 – 5:00 pm**

**Red Sail Park**

**Ages 9 - 17**

**Team Contests & Ice Cream Social**

**Contact Georgie Jackson for registration forms:  
637-9781 or jackson.jy@gmail.com**