

Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club

Education Committee

MAY EDUCATION REPORT

We got rained out by NOAA - does that seem incongruous? NOAA canceled our scheduled trip to their Newport facility because of thunderstorms which were predicted and did occur. We were set up to witness a weather balloon launch, but they needed to reschedule our visit for safety. See the next paragraph for information on our new June program to visit NOAA.

JUNE EDUCATION PROGRAM ONE

We are going to NOAA's Newport facility on June 2nd for a presentation on the NOAA operation, including a tour of their facility at 1730. This will be followed by a weather balloon launch at 1900. The planned guide for our 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 here. Those interested in carpooling should meet at 1630 at the Community Center; otherwise we'll meet at NOAA. We have directions if you would like them.

Joel Berberich, who is managing this program for the FHYC Education Committee, would like you to email or call him so he can manage the number of people, and contact you if we get caught by the weather again. His contact details are: jjberberich@gmail.com or 570-490-2008.

JUNE EDUCATION PROGRAM TWO

On Saturday, June 18th (please note the changed date from our original schedule) our own Bill Neilson will be presenting a program on Rules of the Road: A Review. We will meet at the Community Center from 0900 to 1200 for Bill's presentation. Bill is an officer in the Coast Guard Auxiliary and very knowledgeable. His information and insight can be of great value on our waters, especially in situations such as encountering a barge in-tow on the Intracoastal Waterway.

NAVIGATION CLASS

Ruthie Levin will teach her popular Navigation Class again. The class will teach you how to find your way, wherever you want to go, without fancy chart plotters, GPS, etc. A compass, a chart and a few simple tools are all you need. You will be a better navigator and a more confident boater after Ruthie's class.

Please contact Ruthie ASAP, as she (and her students) are ready to schedule and start the classes. You can reach her at 633-3906.

TOUR OF MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY MOTOR YACHT

A special thank-you to Henry and Rose Litke who arranged tours for us of the Merchant Marine Academy Sailing Foundation's 98-foot motor yacht. Those of us able to attend were lucky and thankful.