

The Semaphore

Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club



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July 2016



Wow, we have had a lot of rain. The Chesapeake Cruise has been soaked, the Ocracoke Cruise was canceled because of Tropical Storm Bonnie, and the Overnight canceled because of thunderstorms. This seems to be the year for those impromptu overnights or cruises when a window of good weather appears.

Fun Racing is continuing through the summer. Hopefully the racers will find sun and moderate wind. This is a great way to spend a Tuesday evening, participating or as a spectator.

I understand the Nautical Trivia night at Sunset Grill was a big success with at least 60 people attending. A little competition, great food and lots of comradery. I will post the winners in the August Waypoints.

Boat Bash is this weekend with several yacht club boats primed to take New Neighbors out on the water for a few hours and then enjoy dinner together. Hopefully the weather will cooperate this time. Some of our new members from last year learned of the yacht club through Boat Bash.

July is a quieter month for yacht club activities, although there are still some waypoints to consider. First, the Fireworks Cruise July 3-5 at the New Bern Grand Marina. It was a great event last year and I know it will be a lot of fun again this year. Remember that you need to make your own reservation with the marina for a slip. I have heard that they are filling up quickly. You can also come by car for the potluck and fireworks on the 4th.

As cruise leaders, Don and I need a reservation slip in either case.

A Full Moon Raft-up is scheduled for the 17th. A lot of fun and close to home. Also, a Yacht Club dinner will be held the Wednesday after the General meeting. And for those of you who have been waiting for a cruise, Cape Lookout is always a delightful destination. Guess we will all be watching the weather and hoping that it will cooperate.

For those of you who are traveling to cooler destinations for the summer, have safe travel and we will see you in the fall.

Louise Knight
Commodore

have completed orientation.

Induction of New and Reinstated Members – Lynn Stateham announced that the new member information package is now available on the website. Mark West was thanked by Lynn for undertaking this task. Lynn then introduced new members approved by the Board: Steve Hustad and Anny Chiu sponsored by Gaskills and Fortenbaughs (approved last year), Jerry and Melissa Drake sponsored by Szakmeisters and Eckenroths, and Jim and Jody Fortuna (Jody was absent) sponsored by Davies and Greens. They were welcomed and presented with their burgees by Commodore Knight.

Minutes – A correction was made to the minutes of the May 12 General Meeting: the Education seminar on fiberglass repair was given by Vice Commodore King rather than Rear Commodore Jackson. After this correction, a motion was made and carried to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the May 12, 2016 General Meeting (Fortenbaugh / Mitchell).

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

FHYC General Meeting June 9, 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. Carol Frysiek introduced Norm and Yvonne Meissner. The Meissners were attending their second meeting and

What's Happening

July	Su-Tu	3-5	Cruise: Fireworks
	Tu	5	Race: Fun Racing
	Tu	12	Board Meeting (ac) 0900
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	Th	14	Yacht Club General Meeting (cc) 1930
	Su	17	Full-Moon Raft Up 1800
	Tu	19	Race: Fun Racing
	We	20	Yacht Club Dinner
	Th-Tu	21-26	Cruise: Cape Lookout
	Tu	26	Race: Fun Racing

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

Deadline for next issue is noon, Monday, July 18, 2016

Delivery is Saturday, July 30, 2016

Program – Margie Dunn introduced Scott Lonadier, Production Manager and Roy Brinson, Environmental Health & Safety Department Leader from Weyerhaeuser’s Pulp Mill.

Rear Commodore’s Reports:

Education – Bob Fortenbaugh spoke about the recent, informative visit of 18 members to NOAA which included a weather balloon launch. Saturday, June 18 at 0900 Bill Neilson will present “Rules of the Road: A Review”. Ruthie Levin’s navigation class has been completed. Next program will be a medical program in September presented by Kathie King.

Hospitality – Steve Hustad & Anny Chiu and Joyce & Patrick Moloney are hosts this evening.

Program – Thanks to Margie Dunn for organizing tonight’s program. Next month there will be a program on hurricane preparedness.

Youth Programs – Georgie Jackson reminded everyone of the youth summer picnic to be held June 26 at Red Sail Park. Deadline for registration is June 20.

Vice Commodore’s Reports:

Storekeeper – Kathy Szakmeister is away and Janet Witherup is operating the store in her absence.

Commodore’s Reports:

Cruise Planning – George Stateham reported. Full moon raft-up scheduled for June 17 needs an anchor boat volunteer. Contact Mark West or George. Boat Bash is fully subscribed, 10 boats are taking 38 guests. Marc Bergmueller organizing 2016 Shrimparoo August 20 at the Toucan Grill after the 3 dinner cruise. \$25 cost for 1 lb of shrimp and side items. Members may attend by car or boat. Boaters will need to make slip reservations. There will be a flyer in the next Semaphore. August 15 is the deadline for sign-up. Fireworks Cruise to the New Bern Grand Marina to be held July 3-5. Make reservations with Marina for slips. There will be a splash on the 3rd, a splash and organized potluck on the 4th followed by fireworks. Let Don Knight know if attending. So far 18-19 boats/30 people have registered. Three Dinner Cruise scheduled for August 18-20. There will be a flyer in the August Semaphore. Registration is limited. Contact George Stateham if interested. Stops will be the Galley Store, River Dunes and Oriental. Shrimparoo is the last night but a separate event.

Entertainment – Karen Meyer reminded everyone the June 15 Wednesday night dinner would be combined with pub night nautical trivia at Sunset Grill in a private room. There will be team participation with rounds of questions between courses. Trophies will be awarded. Cost is \$16.00 plus cash bar. Sixty participants so far. Dress is casual.

Anniversaries - Ed and Jeri O’Dowd, 5 years; Geoff and Rosalie Wood, 10 years; Brian and Sonia Humphrey, 15 years,

Deaths – Janet Plantin died May 14, 2016. A Celebration of Life will be held June 26 at the Community Center.

Commodore’s Announcements: Albermarle Loop Brochures – Mary Hittner has picked them up and they are available to members interested.

Lynn & George Stateham celebrating 54th wedding anniversary tonight.

A motion was made and carried to adjourn the meeting (Fortenbaugh / Knight). The meeting adjourned at 8:39 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Green, Secretary

THREE DINNER CRUISE



This year’s Three Dinner Cruise runs from August 18 to 21. We depart Thursday, 8/18 to the Galley Store Marina in New Bern and will walk to Morgan’s Tavern for dinner. On 8/19 we cruise down the Neuse to River Dunes for dinner and stay overnight. At both of these venues we will order from the full menu.

Saturday, 8/20 we are back up river to Oriental where we will join other FHYC members for Shrimparoo. Remember, you must sign up for Shrimparoo separately from the Three Dinner trip. A flyer is included with this issue of the *Semaphore*.

On Sunday, 8/21 we cruise back to Fairfield Harbour.

Act now! We are limited to 12 people to avoid room set-up charges and/or limited menu choices. We already have ten of those spots filled so there will be no flyer. If you wish to participate, call or email Cruise Leader George Stateham. All contact information is in the Yearbook.

Docking is not required. Anchoring is available at all three locations and all are accessible by land yacht. Just let me know your plans. If docking, I need your boat length and beam for the marina reservations which I will make for all three Marinas

The Captains’ meeting is Monday, 8/15 at 1000 hours, room 2 of the Activity Center.

*George Stateham
Cruise Leader*

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Deadline

Deadline is 1200 the Monday following the Yacht Club Meeting. Please e-mail articles to the address listed below:
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Welcome New Members

Two couples were approved by the Board at its June meeting.

Jerry and Melissa Drake live on Castleton Court and are sponsored by Kathy and Gregg Szakmeister and Linda and Paul Eckenroth. They have a Silverton 39 power boat named *Drakes Dream*. They also have a home in Breckenridge, Colorado, where they spend time in the summer. Jerry will be working on the Marine Assistance Committee, and Melissa on the Storekeeper Committee.

Jim and Jody Fortuna live on Crooked Creek Drive and are sponsored by Chris and Stephanie Davies and Bill and Jan Green. They moved here from Richmond, Virginia and have previously belonged to the Sting Ray Yacht Club. Their boat is a Taswell 43 named *Tarantella*. They have both chosen Cruise Planning and Leadership as their committee.

Both couples have extensive cruising and boating experience. Please join me in extending a warm welcome to these new members and introduce yourself at the next meeting or event.

Steve Hustad and Anny Chiu became members in 2015 and have lived between Fairfield Harbour and Fort Wayne, Indiana. They wanted to wait until they were here together to be introduced. They attended the June meeting and in addition to being introduced, worked on the Hospitality Committee.

Do you have friends or neighbors who would like to join FHYC? Now you can download the application package forms from the FHYC website at <http://www.fhyc.us/fhyc/>.

Check out the right-hand column of the first page of the website which explains the process and find the forms under the "Administration" tab. No login is required. It is important to print all of the forms so you will have a complete package.

Thanks to Mark West for publishing this on the website. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Lynn Stateham, Membership



Jerry and Melissa Drake



Jim and Jody Fortuna



Steve Hustad and Anny Chiu receive their Membership Package from Lynn Stateham

FHYC Members in the News

New members (2016) Joe and Punk Pica are among several "Loopers" featured in a May 26 Wall Street Journal article about the Great Loop. This is a circumnavigation of the eastern half of the US via inland rivers, canals, and lakes, totaling more than 6,000 miles. Loopers identify each other by a distinctive white burgee outlining the route. Joe and Punk have earned their Gold Looper burgee three times, with many side trips.

Several FHYC members and former members have completed this trip, including John Brady and Fay Zerbo in the 1990s, Ralph and Linda Azersky who returned to FH in spring 2016, Dave and Polly Brown in 2003/4 and Hardee and Annemarie Gersbach. Doug and I first met the Gersbachs, who were flying their FHYC and Looper burgees, in the Erie Canal when we completed the Great Loop in 2007 and 2008. Without knowing us, Hardee appeared from his boat to help us with lines during a windy and rainy docking. Needless to say, we were startled and delighted to see the FHYC burgee as we docked!

Read the WSJ article at
<http://www.wsj.com/articles/on-the-water-going-around-in-circles-sounds-like-a-plan-1464629037>

Kathie King, Fleet Surgeon

Fun Fair Is Coming!

Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club's Youth Fun Fair is scheduled for June 26 at Red Sail Park. All youth ages 9 to 17 who live in the Harbour are invited. Registration deadline is June 20. Don't be late! Team games 1400 to 1600 pm and an ice cream social at 1600 pm. It's FREE!! All you have to do is call or email me for a registration form by June 20. See you there!

Georgie Jackson, 252-637-9781 or jackson.jy@gmail.com

June Education Report

Eighteen of our members enjoyed an interesting and informative visit to the NOAA facility in Newport on June 2. Joel Berberich did a great job of putting this program together for our members. Those who attended learned a lot about how weather data is assembled, converted into meaningful information and distributed to the public. We also took part in the launch of a weather balloon - their twice-daily responsibility. All-in-all, it was time well spent.

The Education Committee presented its June program, Bill Neilson's, Rules of the Road: a Review, on the eighteenth. We hope we saw y'all there. If not, we'll tell you about it next month!

Ruthie Levin's two-session class on navigation, emphasizing our local and nearby waters and destinations, was completed earlier this month.

The Education Committee does not have programs scheduled for July or August. Our experience has been that too many of our members are putting their boating knowledge to practical good use on the water or are otherwise away from Fairfield Harbour during the summer months. Our next program will be in September. Watch for information in the August Semaphore for information on Kathy King's program on medical information and materials to have on board your boat.

Here are some photos from our NOAA visit. Hope you enjoy and have a great summer on the water!

