

The Semaphore

Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club



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Commodore's Update From the Helm

With the summer boating season in full swing, your club stands ready to help you get the most out of your limited leisure time! Be sure to look over the calendar in this issue to plan your activities!

If you missed the May General Membership meeting, you missed an engaging account of a 5-month trip on the Down East Cruise Loop through a portion of the Canadian Maritimes, presented by our own Melissa Drake. She and her husband Jerry sailed their 39 ft. Silverton, "Drakes Dream" some 4,500 miles, consuming some 2,200 gallons of diesel fuel, in spectacularly beautiful but remote stretches of coastline.

We were able to vicariously relive some of that fascinating journey as Melissa shared some highlights, a few perils, and some humor along the way.

In mid-May, the first cruise of the season took eight boats to Oriental for a short shakedown over a delightful weather window with sunny skies and calm seas. Shirtsleeve temperatures and gentle breezes made for the perfect environment for a game of nautical trivia and a potluck supper, followed by a wine tasting and fresh boiled

shrimp dinner the second day. Kudos to Cruising committee chair Phil Katz for his work in organizing a great trip!

If you're interested in the ever-popular raft ups, mark your calendar for a full moon raft up in the inner harbor Thursday, June 1! BYOB and a snack to share. Contact John Jackson for details.

You won't want to miss our Roaring 20's Speakeasy on Saturday, June 3 at the Community Center. Bring your own sarsaparilla, root beer, or grape juice, and a snack to share! Period dress is a plus but not required. You'll need to have the "secret password" to get in the door, so watch your email! There'll also be a little live music and a short but fascinating presentation on Prohibition and bootlegging along the East coast. If you're interested in one of the most popular cruises, set aside June 12 through June 15 for the Cape Lookout

cruise! Long a favorite of many in the club, this is a shorter cruise with spectacular scenery in a protected anchorage. Contact Ritchie Thomson for further details.

In our ongoing membership recruitment, we're preparing for an "Open Boat Show" for residents of Fairfield Harbour, on Saturday, June 17. We'll be providing short boat rides around the inner harbor along with club membership information at the inner harbor launch ramp. Please help spread the word and look for more information via email.

There's something for everyone as summer begins at Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club.... Join the adventure!

Dave Phipps, Commodore

What's Happening in June

June 2023	Th	1	Full Moon Raft Up	1700
	Sun	4	Sunfish Race	1400
	Mo	5	Board Meeting (AC2)	1600
	Th	8	General Meeting (CC)	1900
	Fr	9	Education: Panel discussion titled "Tide, current and wind considerations for local cruise planning" (AC2)	0900
	Su	11	Sunfish Race	1400
	Mo	12-15	Cape Lookout Cruise	
	Su	18	Sunfish Race	1400
	Sa	24	Shallow Draft Day cruise or Drive to Latham Whitehurst Park	
	Su	25	Sunfish Race	1400

(cc)=Community Center, (rs)=Red Sail Park, (ac)=Activities Center, (v)=online.

Deadline for next issue is noon, Monday, June 12, 2023.

A digital copy will be delivered online, on or before July 1, 2023.

Program for the June meeting

The Topic will be Coastal Rowing and the *St. Ayles* Skiff, presented by Past Commodore Ritchie Thomson.

In this day and age, things can be very contentious and depressing. Coastal rowing takes us back to the simpler times without the internal combustion engine, electronics, screens or indeed plastics.

The *St. Ayles* skiff is a wooden boat built by boating clubs or individuals, with a crew of four plus a cox. It started in Scotland and has spread as far as the USA, Australia, and New Zealand.

Ritchie will show skiffs in action and give a history of its current status.

Olwen Jarvis, Past Commodore



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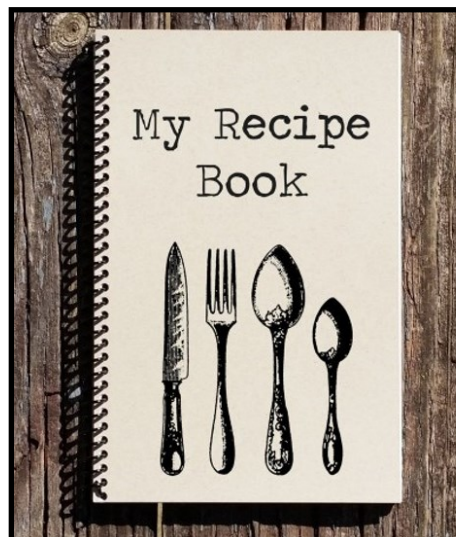
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Deadline

The deadline for receiving articles is 1200 noon on the Monday following the General meeting.

Please email articles to:

fhycsemaphore@gmail.com



Looking for a *volunteer project manager* to:

- Collect and collate our member's best recipes
- Work with the Board to develop concept
- Please contact Dave Phipps

FHYC 2023 MAY GENERAL MEETING

New members Dan and Cindy Baker. were introduced and welcomed.

Sam Curry and Peter Budzynkiewicz introduced guests. The program for the evening was “The Down East Cruise Loop” presented by Melissa Drake. It was 4895 miles aboard *Drake's Dream* through the Maritime Provinces. Very interesting and good information for someone who is thinking about doing the same.

Yachting Club of America membership cards are now available. If you weren't at the meeting, contact the Membership Committee for your card. One card per membership.

We are looking for additional volunteers to host kids from Boys and Girls Club of America visiting the Harbour on June 23. If you are interested contact Steven Mink or Commodore Dave Phipps.

The FHYC Board listens to its membership and two suggestions have come up:

1. Several people have asked about doing a Membership Cookbook, highlighting various dishes served at some of our BYOB events. We are looking for someone willing to collect and collate the recipes. Contact Commodore Dave Phipps if you would like to do this.
2. The Board has also heard requests for a Membership Photo directory. Vice Commodore Craig Myler has agreed to take on this endeavor but would like some help. Please contact him if you can assist.

For more information about activities in the club, go to the website: www.fhyc.us or you can contact any of the Board members.

Barbara Robinson, Past Commodore



Dan and Cindy Baker



Commodore Dave Phipps



Melissa Drake



Hospitality Committee



Member

DIRECTORY

Looking for a volunteer to help develop a membership photo directory

- Will work with the board to design and pull together an online directory
- Contact Craig Myler if interested

Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club Cinco de Mayo '23



Some Gringos Showed Up



Pablo the Piñata Hung Out with Us

The Fairfield Yacht Club held its second annual Cinco de Mayo festival at Red Sail Park on May 5, 2023. Over 50 members and guests attended and enjoyed a variety of delicious Mexican and non-Mexican food including tacos, enchiladas, chili rellenos, salsa, and tres leches cake. Margaritas were the favored drink of the day and Pablo the Piñata was 'opened' in the traditional fashion. The weather was pleasant and company delightful. Attendees were very happy with the festive atmosphere created by the Entertainment Committee and all had a wonderful time. Muchas Gracias' to Shannon Taylor (who headed up this event), Anita English, Antonella Tripiciano, Brenda Singh, Kathy Sansone, Jeff Taylor, Marcello Alvarado, and Craig Myler for all their hard work. Congratulations to Renate Zeppenfeld for breaking the piñata and winning the candy. 'Hasta luego'.

Janice Myler, Entertainment Committee Chair



Margaritas Were the Drink of the Day



Lots of Good Food



Pass the Salsa Please



Say Queso



Even Pablo Went Home Happy

2023 FHYC Shakedown Cruise/Wine Tasting and Shrimparoo

This past weekend FHYC, coordinated by Phil Katz, had its Shakedown Cruise down to Oriental. Two boats were unable to sail down but the captains did a land cruise instead to enjoy the activities.

On Friday night there was a pot-luck and a Marine Trivia contest. George and Lynn Stateham were the winners of the Trivia Contest. On Saturday Phil organized a Wine tasting contest where each team was given small samples of wine which we were supposed to identify. There were two white wines and two red wines. The team that had the most correct answers was Team Myler (guess we now know the wine connoisseurs in FHYC!)

Next came the Shrimparoo. Each of us got a bucket of shrimp along with two sides. Everybody concentrated on enjoying their shrimp so no pictures were taken.

Mother Nature had been calling for a chance of thunderstorms but the weather turned out perfect. Oriental Inn and Marina did a great job both with the food and their service.

A big Thank You to Phil Katz for organizing the event.

Barbara Robinson, Past Commodore



Pictures by Russ Robinson



Golden Globe Race – Supplement

Abhilash Tomy, the former Indian navy commander, arrived second in Les Sables d'Olonne. The Indian skipper completed his circumnavigation of the “GLOBE” at 6:46am on Saturday, 29 April 2023 taking second place in the Golden Globe Race after 236 days, 14 hours and 46 minutes at sea. Finishing after Kirsten Neuschäfer, Tomy achieved an outstanding result four years after being seriously injured when he last ran the race. He is the first Indian sailor to race non-stop solo around the world.



Abhilash's life resembles the type of novel much loved by sailors; this round-the-world voyage demonstrates a will stronger than anything else, of an ability to fight and resist. During Abhilash's 2018 attempt, the former Indian navy commander was forced to pull out due to a storm that severely damaged his boat, and seriously injured him 2000 nautical miles off the Australian coast. Rescued and airlifted out of the water, he underwent back surgery, but he never gave up on his dream of sailing around the world. Finishing in second place is a just reward and cements his standing among the most daring sailors in ocean racing.

The final competitor in the “GLOBE” rankings, Michael Guggenberger of Austria on NURI finished 3rd across the line with provisional time of 249 days, 17 hours, 42 minutes, and 24 seconds. He was the last ranked sailor in the Golden Globe out of the 16 entrants who started.

That leaves just one competitor out there. He is Jeremy Bagshaw of South Africa. He made a stop for assistance so is out of the Golden Globe Race rankings, but he is second in the Chichester class where one

The East Coast Loop a different kind of trip from the Golden Globe!



FHYC Members Bill and Julie Madsen held a leaving dock party to say goodbye to their friends and showcase their boat *Jubilee*. We all hope they have a wonderful trip.

Racing

- ODC
- BSC
- NYRA
- FHYC

- BTS
- PSC
- Other

- S – Sunfish
- E – Ensign
- F – Fun
- H – Holiday

- AC – Activity Center
- CC – Community Center
- RS – Red Sail Park
- CB – Pelican Cart Barn
- IH – Inner Harbour



June 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29 Memorial Day	30	31	1 RAFT-UP Full Strawberry Moon Raft Up TBA @ IH	2 ODC Dragon's Breathe Regatta Full Strawberry Moon	3 ODC Dragon's Breathe Regatta Impromptu Prohibition/Speakeasy 1700-1900@CC
4 ODC Dragon's Breathe Regatta FHYC and BSC Sunfish Racing	5 Board FHYC	6 Fun Race	7	8 General Meeting 1900 @ CC Program: Coastal Rowing & the St. Ayles skiff by Ritchie Thomson	9 Education Seminar: Cruise Planning 0900-1200 @ AC2	10 BSC Summer One-Design Regatta
11 FHYC and BSC Sunfish Racing	12 Semaphore Deadline 1200noon FHYC CRUISE Cape Lookout	13 Fun Race FHYC CRUISE Cape Lookout	14 Dinner Out @ Doubletree 1730 FHYC CRUISE Cape Lookout	15 FHYC CRUISE Cape Lookout	16	17 PSC Open Boat Membership Drive
18 Father's Day FHYC and BSC Sunfish Racing	19 Juneteenth	20 Fun Race	21 Summer Solstice 1058 EST	22	23	24 FHYC CRUISE Shallow Draft Day Cruise
25 FHYC and BSC Sunfish Racing 12 JAN 23	26	27 Fun Race	28	29	30	1 BTS Flounder Fest Regatta

