

From the Quarterdeck
Jay Buhl, Commodore



Happy New Year!

Both individuals and organizations often begin a new year by establishing goals and objectives to focus on during the upcoming year. During the December board meeting, I introduced Five Key Objectives to focus on this year. I would like to take a minute and share objectives we have for 2005. Some of the objectives carry forward from prior years, some will continue into future years. For those objectives that will spill over into future years, we want to establish continuity as we transition to a new board. We want to ensure work accomplished but not completed is not lost during a

transition period. I plan to refer to these Key Objectives and monitor progress throughout the year. For each of the Key Objectives we will have a Champion who is responsible for its execution. Each objective also has a Timeline. Objectives, Champions, and Timelines have been all established and agreed upon.

2005 Five Key Objectives Club Management & Operations

This objective has three components. The first is personnel, specifically our Deltaville employee(s). We will review dollars spent vs. value members receive. Second, review and update spending controls in all areas of the club with a concentrated focus on problem areas from last year. And third, provide board members with timely and meaningful financial tools so they can effectively manage their areas of responsibility. The Champion is Allan Heyward who plans to have meaningful recommendations in place by March in time for our season when increased spending begins.

Long Range Planning

Two years ago a committee led by Waddy Garrett did significant work developing a ten year plan. Last year we were not able to complete the plan because resources were focused on land acquisition. The plan needs to be updated based on recent changes to the club, it needs to be accepted by the board and published for the membership. The

Champion is Strother Scott, who plans to complete this task by the end of September.

Capital Planning (Five Year Outlook)

Our Club has some significant Capital Expenses on the horizon. The Finance Committee meets each fall, attempts to estimate costs and time horizons for major projects. This year we hope to be a little more scientific in our approach. For example, we need to better understand our bulkhead situation. When will they fail? Is it feasible to repair over stages, or are we forced to repair all at once? When repair is required, will we have the funds allocated, or will we have to borrow? Other significant capital projects include One Design Dock expense and replacement of the Sea Craft. We want a thorough plan focused on managing down our debt and planning for upcoming capital projects. The Champion for this Objective has not yet been finalized, but the timeline has. The Finance Committee will need the information before they begin to meet in the fall.

New Land Development

During 2004, Strother Scott Chaired the Short Range New Land Planning Committee. A significant amount of time, energy and effort was devoted to the plan, which can be found on the web site. The plan is very detailed and has five se-

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Board Meeting Highlights

December 9, 2004

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Commodore Jay Buhl.

REAR COMMODORE-ALLAN HEYWARD

SECRETARY – The following resolutions were presented by the Secretary and approved by the Board:

RESOLUTION to open and inspect the contents of the Safe Deposit Box at First Market Bank.

RESOLUTION to vote into Honor-

ary Membership the Fishing Bay Yacht Club's Deltaville neighbors - Mr. Billy Moseley, Mrs. Edith Moseley, Mr. Edward E. Ralston, and Mr. J. B. Richardson.

RESOLUTION to vote into membership all children who have reached 10 years of age by January 1, 2005.

TREASURER – Paul Howle reported that the term loan for the purchase of the new property was executed with First Market Bank. He urged Board members to watch their budgets closely in 2005.

DOCKS – Ric Bauer has made some minor numbering changes on four slips. He is assessing the cost of moving five pilings and will also look into the dock wiring and possible upgrades to old outlets on the middle and west docks. Club volunteers made minor adjustments and completely serviced the drysail hoist. Ric thanked Brad Ward, Wes Jones and Paul Andersen for their help. Signage for the hoist relating to proper use and specific notification to all small boat owners (under 6,000 lbs.) will be issued.

LONG RANGE PLANNING – Strother Scott presented the Final Short Range Planning Committee Report relating to the use of the new land. The report outlined in detail all of the recommendations, which were then broken down into five Phases. Phase 1 pertained to the preliminary “do-it-ourselves” items; Phase 2 pertained to the major Dirt Contractor items; Phase 3 pertained to landscaping items; Phase 4 pertained to the pool steps and concrete decking; and Phase 5 pertained to improvements to the stable. The committee recommended that the Board authorize getting started on Phase 1 and Phase 2 as soon as possible. With special thanks to Strother for his work chairing the committee and preparing the report, the Board ap-

Membership

RESIGNATIONS:

Mr. & Mrs. William F. Bowie; Mr. & Mrs. Clyde N. Gauldin; Mr. Robert A. Jureit; Mr. & Mrs. Ron Thompson; Mr. & Mrs. Robert C. Wardwell.

proved the committee's recommendation. Allan Heyward then presented the following Resolution, which was seconded by David Hazlehurst and passed by the Board:

RESOLVED: That the Grounds Chair shall, at the direction of the Flag Officers, proceed with the implementation of the recommended Phases 1 and 2 in the report of the Short Range Planning Committee accepted by the Board on December 9, 2004, at such times and in such manner as the Flag in its discretion shall deem financially prudent and calculated to carry out the work within the approved budget for the club's operations and capital expenditures for 2005.

WEBMASTER – Strother Scott presented a report designed to inform the new Board members how the web site works and how it can be used as a tool in carrying out their job duties.

WINTER PROGRAMS – Cam Hoggan has two winter programs planned. The first program, set for February 4 at St. Christopher's Middle School, features best selling author Dean King. The second program will be held on March 25 as a benefit for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. The speaker will be Gary Jobson.

HISTORIAN – Jere Dennison advised that a group of Danny Austin's friends (“Friends of Dan”) are planning to donate a fitting memorial to him at FBYC. Danny's

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2004

FBYC Officers

Commodore

Jay Buhl

Vice-Commodore

Lud Kimbrough

Rear-Commodore

Alan Heyward

Treasurer

Paul W. Howle, III

Secretary

Steve Gillispie

Log Streamer

Vic DeNunzio



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widow has offered to contribute his extensive collection of sailing books to the club but there is no suitable place at the present time that can serve as a club library. Therefore, Friends of Dan propose a plan to install an appropriate bookcase in the main clubhouse at no cost to the club and identify the location as the "Daniel L. Austin Memorial Library of the Fishing Bay Yacht Club." The proposed location is in the office adjacent to the landing on the second floor. We currently have some books donated by Charlie McDowell and other members have books that they also wish to donate. Only books with marine topics will be accepted. The proposal has the concurrence of the Memorial Committee comprised of the House Chair, Grounds Chair and Historian, and the Board approved a motion to accept the proposal.

VICE COMMODORE – LUD H. KIMBROUGH, III

Lud reported that the role of Operations Manager has been a challenging one and the required job duties have evolved substantially over the past year. The consensus is that there is no way that one employee can handle everything that should be done based on our current facility and property needs. Therefore, the Finance Committee included funds in the 2005 budget to hire a part-time Club Manager. Included in the duties of the Club Manager are overseeing the Operations Manager, managing the club facilities, dealing with visiting guests and coordinating details of major events between Event Chairs and the Operations Manager. Ric Bauer, John Koedel Jr., and Chip Hall, who served on the committee that made this recommendation, have developed a job description. An advertisement for the position will be run in the Deltaville area. A notice will

also appear in the Log and a notice will be sent to members by e-mail.

FLEET CAPTAIN – Elizabeth Staas reported that scheduling of the 2005 Sailing Events is well underway. Tom Roberts has accepted the role of managing the schedule for FBYC and that of the Southern Bay as well. Elizabeth plans to have the completed Sailing Events Book to the publisher by January 23. Elizabeth asked the Board to discuss action for the almost defunct Byte Class because the class no longer meets the requirements to qualify for Active Fleet status. The Board approved a motion to place the Byte Fleet on Probationary status. The Byte Fleet will be notified of this step.

ONE DESIGN DIVISION – Sharon Bauer reported that three of the 2005 Fleet Captains have been picked. FBYC will host John McCarthy for a seminar on racing rules and race management on March 12 in the auditorium of the Mutual Building at 9th and Main in Richmond.

FLEET LT. – Brooks Zerkel advised that *Mr. Roberts* is out of the water.

CBYRA DELEGATE – Tom Roberts attended the CBYRA Annual Meeting at Gibson Island. In the next few weeks, he will go to Rappahannock Yacht Club to coordinate our schedule with theirs and also to Hampton Yacht Club for the same purpose. Tom is Region IV Vice-President of CBYRA.

NEW BUSINESS – Jay Buhl read a thank you card from Wayland Rennie concerning the club's memorial donation to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation in Maggie Rennie's memory.

Jay Buhl presented his five Key Objectives for 2005, some of which will be ongoing in future years (*see* "Message from the Commodore").

Each of the Objectives has a Champion for executing the Objective and there is a timeline for each. They are as follows:

- Club Management & Operations/Champion Allan Heyward / Timeline March 2005 & On-going
- Long Range Plan/Champion Strother Scott / Timeline September 2005
- Capital Planning-5-Year Plan/Champion TBD / Timeline June 2005
- New Land Development/Champion Chip Hall / Timeline 2005 – 2006
- Sailing Participation/Champion David Hazlehurst / Timeline 2005 – 2007

There being no additional business, Jay Buhl adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.■

**Letter written to
Commodore John M. Buhl, III
December 12, 2004**

I want to thank you, the Board, and the membership of Fishing Bay Yacht Club for making me an Honorary Member.

I feel strong emotional connections to the club. Some may remember my grandparents, Edith and Beverly Hancock, my Nana and Pop. They were neighbors of the club in the early days and I spent much time with them. My summers were spent running around barefoot on the club grounds and netting crabs from the pilings of the pier. I learned to sail on a leaky wooden Sailfish that I owned with my brother Jimmy. I won one trophy. It was a small plastic cup, sort of beige in color.

Some will remember my father, Marshall Moseley. He was with the club when it was in Urbanna and the Hampton was the boat of choice.

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FBYC History....

The Day Old Dixie Died

Jere Dennison

Not to worry, this is not a Civil War story. Desperately perusing some old Logs for a January topic (I am running out of material, folks, so send me some ideas if you have 'em), I came across the following notice in the October, 1960 Log about Murray Clark's acquisition of one of the Club's most handsome yachts, the Dixie. And she came to a most spectacular end while anchored off the Club later in the decade.

Dixie Finds a Home in Dixie

*Forty-five years ago (circa 1915), Rueben Huiseler, a famous Down East builder watched one of his creations slide down the ways into the waters off Nova Scotia. She was a 42-foot gaff rigged sloop named **Dixie**. It took Murray Clark to bring this long legged (she draws 6 and a half feet) beauty to the land for which she was named.*

As he is in all things, Murray is modest about Dixie, but there's a twinkle in his eye when he says, "She has the 5th highest handicap on the Chesapeake."

And this boat was truly a beauty as I vividly recall: wooden with a low freeboard, long bowsprit, gaff rigged with cotton sails. And fast too: she was purported to have won her class in the Bermuda race sometime back in the 1920s. Accommodations were sparse for a 42-footer for she was designed and built solely for speed and winning races.

Talk about an anachronism. The decade of the 1960s was accentuated by the swift transition from older wooden racing yachts to the mass-produced fiberglass variety. I suppose Murray was swimming against the tide, but he knew a classic when he saw it and couldn't pass up the opportunity to acquire this stunning head-turner. Too bad that she is not still around to compete in the Turkey Shoot Regatta for vintage yachts at the Yankee Point Yacht Club where she would still be a winner.

Later in the decade of the 1960s, she was anchored off the Club facilities on Fishing Bay when disaster struck. While the alcohol stove was cranked up to cook a meal, the fire got out of control and, in spectacular fashion, Fishing Bay filled with black smoke and a bright, orange blaze. Fortunately the crew was able to abandon her without injury while the sirens on the Deltaville Volunteer Fire Department trucks wailed as they rolled down Fishing Bay Road. *Dixie* was pretty much gutted by this conflagration but she didn't sink so was towed away to her ignoble fate.

Recently I ran into Sandy Clark, Murray Clark's son, who promised to provide me with a picture of *Dixie* for Log. I hope he will follow through with his promise, and, if so, I promise to include it in a future issue.■

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Most of you do not know me, or know me as brother of Jack Moseley. Jack was the true sailor. As a kid he crewed for my Dad in the Penguin. Jack won many trophies himself in that Penguin. Later, with Jere Dennison, he had much success in the Jollyboat class. He then turned to cruising. My Mother and I have been much impressed by the support given to us by members of the club at Jack's passing. Jack loved Fishing Bay Yacht Club.

I am pleased to accept the Honorary Membership offered to me. I hope I will get to know more of the individual members as time goes on.

Sincerely, Billy Moseley■

Search for Club Manager to Begin

Submitted by Ric Bauer

We are looking for a Club Manager as the following ad describes:

"Manager for Sailing Facility: Responsible for supervision of all buildings, facilities, docks, equipment, personnel, and control of costs within budget. Good communication skills and customer service required. Part-time position, hours flexible, minimum 20 hours/week, average 30 hours including some weekends seasonally. Salary with benefits based on experience. Send resume via Email to ces.blueskies@mindspring.com or via FAX to 804-644-0872. "

Note to Members:

This ad will appear in the Southside Sentinell, Rappahannock Record, and Gloucester Gazette in January. You can help. If you know of a candidate who might be interested, please have them contact Ric Bauer by e-mail or FAX with their resume.■

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 quential phases. The Finance Committee developed a budget approved by the Board which allows the SRP Plan to be executed over a two year time period, progression subject to Flag approval. Phase 1 includes many "do it yourself" projects with minimal expense to the Club. Phase 2 involves greater expense to the club but will not be executed until the 2005 revenue picture becomes clear. Chip Hall will Champion the execution of the phased plan during 2005 and 2006.

Sailing Participation

How do we increase participation from FBYC members? A review of our scheduling format, major events, and Junior Programs should be prepared and analyzed. This objective should remain for FBYC well into the future. David Hazlehurst will focus on club participation for the next two years, and make a recommendation how we maintain focus into the future.

This all seems like a lot of work and it is. The good news is there are many people eager to get started, a lot of work is already done or is underway in several areas, and a lot of work will carry forward into the future.

One Hundred and Thirteen Days until OPENING DAY! ■



SCHOONER VIRGINIA LAUNCHED

The schooner Virginia was launched and christened on Friday, December 10th in Norfolk.

A heart warming presence among the notables attending was **Gary Jobson**, one of the special invited guests at the christening. Also, adding special words and thoughts at the christening was **Bill Pinkney**, former Master of the Amistad America. There were several local racers at the christening Friday, including, but not limited to, **Larry Bryant, Don Wade, Ben Cuker, and Thom Thornton**. And, of course **Governor Mark Warner** and his wife, **Lisa Collis**, who actually christened the Virginia, were top officials in attendance. ■

The Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008

David Hazlehurst

Membership in USSA, the US Sailing Association, offers a choice of a current Rule Book or a copy of Safety Recommendations for Cruising Boats. Details on membership, including the annual cost can be found on www.ussailing.org. Along with a membership card applicants usually receive a credit of \$25 or more for purchases at West Marine, and a discount on registration fees at most regattas. Both the December Log and the December 13 issue of Southern Bay Racing News you can use that is posted each week on the club web site contain information on Rules Seminars that are being sponsored by clubs on the Southern Bay early in 2005. You can also buy a Rule Book from US Sailing without joining the Association, but with or without the membership it is good practice to have a rule book if you plan to race. ■

HOW ARE THE SOUTHERN BAY YOUNG'UNS DOING?

McCarthy

Preliminary CBYRA High Point Standings for Juniors are posted at www.cbyra.org Among those listed

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JUNIOR WEEK 2005 SCHEDULE

Again in 2005, late public school closings will delay the dates of Junior Week. According to our research, all regional public schools except the City of Richmond will close by Friday, June 17, allowing Junior Week to commence on Monday, June 20. However, the City of Richmond does not close until Tuesday, June 21. The Junior Division is not currently aware of any City of Richmond public school participants in Junior Week and no persons have responded to Noel Clinard's numerous emails seeking identification of such students. Accordingly, it is likely that Junior Week will begin Monday June 20. Consider this a last call for the identification of any students affected by a commencement of Junior Week on Monday June 20, 2005 (with the usual weekends preceding for Opti Kids and Race Team). Please email nclinard@hunton.com or call 804 788 8594.

FBYC REVDEZVOUS in MAINE

JULY, 2005

A number of our members have expressed an interest in cruising to Maine next summer.

While it is nearly impossible to arrange a complete schedule for several boats, a rendezvous for a couple of days could be possible at a convenient location.

If you plan to cruise to Maine next summer and would be interested in an FBYC Rendezvous please contact Vic DeNunzio.

Email: vdenuzio@erols.com or

Cell phone 804-512-0110. ■

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Day	Date	Offshore	One Design	Junior	Cruising	Notes	
Sat	Apr-2	Spring Clean-up Day	Spring Clean-up Day	Spring Clean-up Day	Spring Clean-up Day		
Sat	Apr-9	Crew Training					
Sat	Apr-16	Tune-up Race/Crew Training					
Sun	Apr-17	RC/Mr Roberts Training	RC/Mr Roberts Training				
Sat	Apr-23	Opening Day Regatta	Opening Day	Opening Day	Opening Day	LOW???	
Sun	Apr-24	Spring Series				Full Moon	
Fri	Apr-29					AYC NOOD	
Sat	Apr-30		Spring Series			AYC NOOD	
Sun	May-1	Spring Series				AYC NOOD	
Sun	May-8	Mothers Day	Mothers Day	Mothers Day	Mothers Day	Mothers Day	
Sat	May-14	Spring Series					
Sun	May-15		Spring Series				
Sat	May-21	Spring Series					
Sun	May-22		Spring Series			Full Moon 5/23	
Sat	May-28	Long Dist Series - Urbanna			FBYC to Rosegill		
Sun	May-29	RRYC Race(s)			Corrotoman Raft-up	Party at RRYC	
Mon	May-30	Memorial Day			Cruise Home	Memorial Day	
Fri	Jun-2					Black Seal Cup/CBYRA RW	Last of School - Private Schools
Sat	Jun-4		Spring Series			Black Seal Cup/CBYRA RW	SAT Tests
Sun	Jun-5	RC/Mr Roberts Training	RC/Mr Roberts Training			Black Seal Cup/CBYRA RW	
Sat	Jun-11		Spring Series	Opti Kids/Jr. Race Team		Harborfest	ACT
Sun	Jun-12	June Races		Opti Kids		Harborfest	
Sat	Jun-18			Opti Kids		Annapolis Newport Start 6/1???	
Sun	Jun-19	Fathers Day	Father's Day	Opti Kids/Jr. Race Team	Father's Day	Father's Day	
Mon-Fri	Jun 20-24	Junior Week	Junior Week	Junior Week	Junior Week	Full Moon 6/22	
Thur	Jun-23			Leukemia Sail-a-thon			
Sat	Jun-25			Junior Regatta		PBC-Cock Island Race	
Sun	Jun-26		Team Race ??				
Fri	Jul-1			HYC Junior Regatta			
Sat	Jul-2			Junior Race Team		HYC Annual OD Regatta	
Sun	Jul-3					HYC Annual OD Regatta	
Mon	Jul-4		Long Distance Race				
Tue	Jul-5			Annapolis YC Jr.Regatta ?			
Fri	Jul-8	Leukemia Reception					
Sat	Jul-9	Volvo Leukemia Cup		Bay Open/Jr Fest	Volvo Leukemia Cup		
Sun	Jul-10	Volvo Leukemia Cup		Bay Open/Jr Fest			
Fri	Jul-15					Overnight sail/race to Solomons	
Sat	Jul-16		Summer Seabreeze (3 pm)	Junior Race Team			
Sun	Jul-17	Screwpile Sun 17-Tue 19				Screwpile Sun 17-Tue 19	
Fri	Jul-22					Full Moon 7/21	
Sat	Jul-23	Long Dist -Moonlight Rgata.		Junior Race Team			
Sun	Jul-24		Team Race#2(away or home)			NY&CC USODA Nat'ls begin	
Fri	Jul-29					NY&CC USODA Nat'ls end	
Sat	Jul-30	Point to Point	Summer Seabreeze (3 pm)	Bay Open/Jr Fest		BBSA One Design	
Sun	Jul-31	Point to Point Return					
Tue	Aug-2			Junior Regatta (or Thur)			
Sat	Aug-6	Cruise Regatta			Cruise Regatta	WRYC Gov. Cup (One Design)	
Sun	Aug-7		Women's 420s (can move)			WRYC Gov. Cup (One Design)	
Tue	Aug-9						
Thur	Aug-11						
Sat	Aug-13		66th Annual Regatta	66th Annual Regatta		Oxford Regatta	
Sun	Aug-14		66th Annual Regatta	66th Annual Regatta		Oxford Regatta	
Fri	Aug-19					Mobjack Nationals	
Sat	Aug-20	J-24 Match/ Long Dist- Smith Pt				Mobjack Nationals	
Sun	Aug-21			Dog Days Junior		Mobjack Nationals Full Moon	
Sat	Aug-27						
Sun	Aug-28		Fall Series				
Fri	Sep-2	Stingray Point Regatta			Stingray Point Regatta	NY&CC Junior Regatta	
Sat	Sep-3	Stingray Point Regatta			Stingray Point Regatta	Annapolis Race Week/NY&CC Annual	
Sun	Sep-4	Stingray Point Regatta			Stingray Point Regatta	Annapolis Race Week	
Mon	Sep-5					Annapolis Race Week	
Sat	Sep-10		Laser Masters			Selby Bay Silver Piper - FS	
Sun	Sep-11		Laser Masters			Selby Bay Silver Piper - FS	
Sat	Sep-17	Long Dist Series - Wolf Trap				Full Moon	
Sun	Sep-18		Fall Series				
Sat	Sep-24		Flying Scot ACC Regatta			SMSA Small Boat	
Sun	Sep-25	Fall Series	Flying Scot ACC Regatta			SMSA Small Boat	
Fri	Sep-30					Turkey Shoot Hospice Regatta	
Sat	Oct-1		Fall Series		Full Moon 9/28	Turkey Shoot Hospice Regatta	VISA Small Boat Regatta
Sun	Oct-2	Fall Series				Turkey Shoot Hospice Regatta	VISA Small Boat Regatta
Fri	Oct-7					Annapolis Boat Show	
Sat	Oct-8		Indian Summer	Indian Summer		Annapolis Boat Show	
Sun	Oct-9		Indian Summer	Indian Summer		Annapolis Boat Show	
Fri	Oct-14	J-29 Invitational					
Sat	Oct-15	J-29 Inv/Fall Series-Med					
Sun	Oct-16	J-29 Invitational				Full Moon 10/17	
Sat	Oct-22	Fall Series					
Sun	Oct-23		Fall Series				
Fri	Oct-28						
Sat	Oct-29	Staggered Start Race	Annual Party	Annual Party	Staggered Start Race-Annual Party		
Sun	Oct-30						
Mon	Oct-31	Halloween	Halloween	Halloween	Halloween	Halloween	
Sat	Nov-5					Oyster Festival - Urbanna	
Sun	Nov-6	Frostbite					
Sat	Nov-12	Frostbite					
Sun	Nov-13					Full Moon 11/15	

Vigor's Interdenominational Boat Denaming Ceremony

A denaming ceremony should consist of five parts: an invocation, an expression of gratitude, a supplication, a re-dedication and a libation.

First, you must remove all physical traces of the boat's old name. Take the old logbook ashore, along with any other papers that bear the old name. Check for offending books and charts with the name inscribed. Be ruthless. Sand away the old name from the lifebuoys, transom, topside, dinghy, and oars. Yes, sand it away. Painting over is not good enough. You are dealing with gods here, you understand, not mere dumb mortals. If the old name is carved or etched, try to remove it or, at the very minimum, fill it in with putty and then paint over. And don't place the new name anywhere on the boat before the denaming ceremony is carried out. That's just tempting fate.

How you conduct the ceremony depends entirely on you. If you are the theatrical type, and enjoy appearing in public in your yacht club blazer and skipper's cap, you can read it with flair on the foredeck before a gathering of distinguished guests. But if you find this whole business faintly silly and embarrassing, and only go along with it because you're scared to death of what might happen if you don't, you can skulk down below and mumble it on your own. That's perfectly okay. The main thing is that you carry it out. The words must be spoken.

The last part of the ceremony, the libation, must be performed at the bow, just as it is in a naming ceremony. There are two things to watch out for here. Don't use cheap-cheap champagne, and don't try to keep any for yourself. Buy a second bottle if you want some. Use a brew that's reasonably expensive, based on your ability to pay, and pour the whole lot on the boat. One of the things the gods of the sea despise most is meanness; so don't try to do this bit on the cheap.

What sort of time period should elapse between this denaming ceremony and a new naming ceremony? There's no fixed time. You can do the renaming right after the denaming, or you can wait at least 24 hours to give any lingering demons a chance to clear out.

Vigor's Denaming Ceremony

"In the name of all who have sailed aboard this ship in the past, and in the name of all who may sail aboard her in the future, we invoke the ancient gods of the wind and the sea to favor us with their blessing today. "Mighty Neptune, king of all that moves in or on the waves; and mighty Aeolus (pronounced EE-oh-lus), guardian of the winds and all that blows before them,

"We offer you our thanks for the protection you have afforded this vessel in the past. We voice our gratitude that she has always found shelter from tempest and storm and enjoyed safe passage to port.

"Now, wherefore we submit this supplication, that the name whereby this vessel has hitherto been known [*name of your boat*], be struck and removed from your records.

"Further, we ask that when she is again presented for blessing with another name, she shall be recognized and shall be accorded once again the selfsame privileges she previously enjoyed.

"In return for which, we re-dedicate this vessel to your domain in full knowledge that she shall be subject as always to the immutable laws of the gods of the wind and the sea.

"In consequence whereof, and in good faith, we seal this pact with a libation offered according to the hallowed ritual of the sea."

Christening Ceremony

After a boat is denamed, you simply need to rename it using the traditional christening ceremony, preferably with Queen Elizabeth breaking a bottle of champagne on the bow, and saying the words: "I name this ship [*new name of your boat*] and may she bring fair winds and good fortune to all who sail on her."

Alternate Christening Ceremony

Someone with a strong voice, preferably who can impersonate Richard Burton, starts off by saying: "For thousands of years, we have gone to sea. We have crafted vessels to carry us and we have called them by name. These ships will nurture and care for us through perilous seas, and so we affectionately call them "she." To them we toast, and ask to celebrate [*new name of your boat*]." Then everybody raises their glass filled with champagne or your favorite non-

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FBYC Winter Program #1

Speaker: Dean King

Author of 9 books, including:

Patrick O'Brian: A Life Revealed

Skeletons on the Zahara: A True Story of Survival



FBYC is pleased to host best selling author Dean King as speaker for the first FBYC Winter Program to be held at 7:30 PM on Friday, February 4, 2005 at St. Christopher's Middle School.

In his 20 Aubrey-Maturin novels, Patrick O'Brian single-handedly reinvented the historical naval novel, bringing new acclaim and millions of readers to the genre. Dean King will give an overview of this renowned nautical series, discuss the writing of his companion book to the series, and relate how he happened to end up in Ireland and France tracking down the life story of this unusual and ingenious raconteur of sea tales. Included in his anecdotes will be Dean's experience sailing from New York to Bermuda on board *HMS Rose*, the square-rigged ship that played the *Surprise* in the Russell Crowe/Peter Weir production of the film *Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World*.



While researching his O'Brian companion books in the New York Yacht Club Library, Dean King discovered the memoir of Connecticut Captain James Riley. In 1815 Riley and his crew shipwrecked on the west coast of Africa and then endured one of the epic struggles of survivals of all times, on the Sahara. The memoir is the basis of King's book *Skeletons on the Zahara*, a national bestseller that is being developed as a feature film by Dreamworks, Steven Spielberg's company. King will show a 12-minute documentary of his Land Rover-assisted camel trek in the footsteps of Riley on the coast of Western Sahara.



Topics

- Overview of Patrick O'Brian and his best selling nautical series.
- Sailing to Bermuda on *HMS Rose*, the square-rigger that played *Surprise* in the Russell Crowe film *Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World*.
- Discussion of Dean King's most recent book *Skeletons on the Zahara*, a national bestseller now being developed as a feature film by Dreamworks.



Date: February 4, 2005;

Time: 7:30 PM;

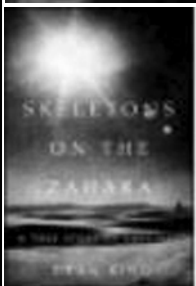
Place: St. Christopher's Middle School Auditorium; (Corner of Henri Road and Fergusson Lane)

Cost: FBYC Members: \$12.00;

Non-members: \$15.00;

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Winter Program #2: Gary Jobson

Cam Hoggan and Judy Buis

On March 25, 2005 FBYC will sponsor a benefit for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. The speaker will be Gary Jobson, world class sailor, television commentator and author. Gary will speak on the Athens Olympics; the America's Cup; Polar Sailing (Antarctica, Arctic and Cape Horn); Round the World Racing; and Speed Records.

Details of this event will appear in the February Log. ☐

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 at the top of their fleets are homies Brett Baker and Michael Brown (HYC) - 2nd in 420s; Taylor Gray (HYC) - 8th in 420s; Alex O'Toole (FBYC) - 11th in 420s; Drew Johnson (NYCC) - 1st in Lasers; and, in the top 20 of the Opti Fleet are 5th Sam Stokes (NYCC); 10th Gordon Wolcott (NYCC); 15th Chris Klevan. Kudos to all who qualified for CBYRA High Point competition and to all who raced this summer.☐

(Boat Denaming; Continued from page 7)
 alcoholic beverage and shouts, "TO THE SAILORS OF OLD – TO [new name of your boat]." Everybody takes a sip.

Continue reading. "The moods of the sea are many, from tranquil to violent. We ask that this ship be given the strength to carry on. The keel is strong and she keeps out the pressures of the sea." Again the

glasses are raised, and the assemblage shouts, "TO THE SEA – TO THE SAILORS OF OLD – TO THE SEA!" and everybody takes another sip.

Continue. "Today we come to name this lady [new name of your boat], and send her to sea to be cared for, and to care for the [name of your family] family. We ask the sailors of old and the mood of God that is the sea to accept [new name of your boat] as her name, to help her through her passages, and allow her to return with her crew safely." Again, with the raising of the glasses, "TO THE SEA – TO THE SAILORS BEFORE US – TO [new name of your boat]." A last, a long sip by all.

Now pour champagne over the bow to appease King Neptune, and lay a branch of green leaves on the deck to ensure safe returns. (Breaking the bottle across her prow is optional

for a recreational vessel, and should be done only if all safety precautions have been taken, and after the bottle has been properly scored for a clean break).


What in the world does all this have to do with boating safety? Well, I guess it all depends on how superstitious you are. And there's no endeavor that carries with it more superstition than that of going off to sea.☐



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WOLF TRAP RACE
Jan Monnier-"White Knuckles"



January 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 New Year's Day
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 Board Meeting	14	15
16	17 Key West Race Week	18 Key West Race Week	19 Key West Race Week	20 Key West Race Week	21 Key West Race Week	22 Key West Race Week
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For Sale: Hobie 16, yellow hulls, very good sails, trailer, good condition \$1,350.00. Call Brad Davis 804-213-0052, brunner105@aol.com

For Sale: Bertram 28 Flying Bridge Sports Fisherman, late model 1984, repowered with fuel injection engines, three gas tanks, new canvas and enclosure, cleanest and best maintained bertram on the bay, fully equipped, located in Deltaville,\$49,500, Auzzie Jackson, 804/740-6828, auzville2@msn.com

For Sale: New Boat Lift—Will mount to any 2 pier poles, easy to install. Handles up to a 23' boat, 3,000 lb. capacity. Operates on 110 power. Optional stainless steel tracks. \$2,000.00. Call Arthur Wilton 804-776-7211, nwind@inna.net

For Sale: Front Runner. \$6,000. Excellent condition. Contact Bill Spencer at (804) 740-7913 or spencer.bill@comcast.net.

For Sale: 130l Windsurfer, FANATIC RABBIT With adjustable wishbone,3.4,4.5,5.7 meter sails lightly used. \$275. Call Art Backstrom 804-272-3444

For Sale: 1.) 16 Shenandoah canoe, good condition, \$375.00 2.) 1 byte with trailer; good condition, \$750.00. Contact Willard Strickland 804-288-4036

Wanted: Schooner sailors. This is your chance to sail a 75-foot gaff-rigged schooner. Sign up for a day, an overnight, or as long as you'd like. Contact Jeff Thomas at 804-288-2858 or at thomasjb@mindspring.com.

For Rent: Small 1 bedroom bungalow apartment.\$300 per week or \$600 per month. Call Paul Howle. Cell: 804-240-7933.

For Sale : Cruisair portable boat air conditioner. Fits in hatch.; used less than a dozen times. Like new. \$300.00 dollars. West Marine 7 1/2' red rubber inflatable with folding plywood floor and motor mount rated at two h.p.. Lightly used; still in great shape: \$100.00 dollars. Contact Bob Graham @ 804-282-7407 evenings.

For Sale: J/29. 1983, Flag blue hull. Fractional rig, outboard.Excellent condition. This boat is race-ready and has been dry-sailed for the last 4 years. 2003 North sails and 2001 Quantum sails. Carbon fiber spin pole, new standing rigging 2003, two outboards, and much more. With Triad dual-axle

trailer. \$29,500.Can handle delivery. Call Sam Marshall (H) 225 635-4812, (C) 408 315-4442.

Babysitters: Babysitters available in the Deltaville area. Experienced & responsible 16 year old twin girls-Sophie & Peyton Curdts. Call 804-776-9589. Parents: Bill & Blair Curdts.

Wanted: Used JY15 & Used Laser. Trip Davis at trip.davis@trx.com or 404-307-7400.

FOR SALE: Deeded timeshare in Williamsburg at Powhatan Plantation. This is a four bedroom, four bath, sleeps twelve, lockoff unit (unit 301, C &D). Week 18 (1-8 May 2005) is available time. This resort is affiliated with RCI. Annual maintenance fees are approximately \$765 and usage starts next year 2005. With the lockoff feature you are able to bank your four bedroom unit for 2 two bedroom units with RCI. You can split your vacation into two different weeks. All reasonable offers will be considered. Please contact Frank Murphy at (757) 489-7456. ■



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