



# Fishing Bay Yacht Club

# The Log



Deltaville, Virginia

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## FROM THE QUARTERDECK

December 2008



As we begin the new year, we have assessed the Club's past performance and future

potential. We are pleased to report that the condition of the FBYC vessel is sound. Although the view astern is clearer than the view forward, we can say, without qualification, that our past leaders have steered a steady course and have made great headway toward our objectives. We should all be grateful for Commodore Ric Bauer's steady hand on the wheel in the past year. But, the horizon is obscured ahead. Many predictions suggest that we batten down the hatches and secure everything below. In the changing of the watch on December 1 both your outgoing and incoming leadership have done precisely that.

Many of us enjoyed a splendid evening of cocktails and dinner in the Virginia Museum Marble Hall, thanks to the efforts of our Social Chair, Michael Calkins. In an awards ceremony planned and executed by our Trophy Chair, Blackwell Nottingham, we honored the accomplishments, and chided with humor the errors, of our offshore and one-design racers, cruisers and juniors, both at home and abroad. We can all be proud of our honored members and the strong traditions

the awards perpetuate. These traditions, with prudent planning, will carry us through the seas ahead.

This Fall, your Finance Committee completed its deliberations, lead by our long term Finance Chair Mason Chapman and Treasurer Chip Hall, along with the incoming and outgoing Flag Officers and several key Division Chairs. The committee reviewed the exceptional financial performance of the club in the year just ending. While based only on projections of year end, the highlights of that review appear very encouraging.

Largely due to healthy membership recruitment under Membership Chair George Burke, and full utilization of boat and other storage facilities managed by our Docks Chair (and incoming Rear Commodore) David Hinckle and One Design Chair (and incoming Docks Chair) Tom O'Connell, the club dues and fees income appears likely to exceed budget by about 7 percent. In a continuing trend, under our Division Commanders, Mike Dale (offshore), Tom O'Connell (one-design), Ed O'Connor (cruising) and Eric Powers (junior), program expenses for club regattas and events and the junior program look like they will be about 25 percent below budget. Club management expenses also came in over 10 percent under budget. Only Club Facilities exceeded budget by about 12 percent, a reflection of the increasing expense of maintaining our improved facilities. We end the year

with a cash balance almost 50 percent higher than budget, giving us a nice bulwark against the unexpected in the coming year.

While capital expenses exceeded budget, we can all enjoy new pilings in Jackson Creek, a new laser Rack, a new seawall and pool steps on the Fishing Bay waterfront, new pool fences, the fabulous pool pavilion (appropriately named "Ric's Place" after its principal creator), two used Optis that will increase the earning potential for the Junior Program, and two new chase boats, the cost for one of which, the Becca Boat, was entirely offset by generous donations.

As a continuation of the self-imposed discipline to de-leverage the Club's finances, we paid both the scheduled principal and the matching additional principal payment, staying on course to retire the debt on the new land by 2011.

Despite the robust financial health of the Club at year end, we are mindful of the events roiling the economy and our members financial lives. Rather than budget for a normal year, in which we would continue program expansions and capital improvements on track with the past, we have decided to curtail any unnecessary program expenses or capital investments for the coming year.

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## FBYC BOARD HIGHLIGHTS November 2008



Ric Bauer  
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Noel Clinard  
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### REAR COMMODORE – C. MAYO TABB, JR.

Mayo reported on the recent PHRF meeting that he and Mike Dale attended and the few changes that will go into effect next year. He will prepare an article for the Log.

### LOG STREAMER –

Jim Morrison advised that he will assist 2009 Log Streamer Ted Bennett in getting the December Log published.

**HOUSE** – Ken Odell has several projects to work on after the first of the year.

**DOCKS** – David Hinckle reported that he met with the Wetlands Board and they have approved the sea wall replacement. The permit, when received, will be good for 18 months. Two other permits that will have to be obtained before any work can be done; however, it has been decided to defer the bulkhead work for now until we have a better idea of how the downturn in the economy is going to affect membership.

**SOCIAL** – Michael Calkins reported that the awards party was very successful and that the slide show of the perpetual trophy recipients put together by Jon Deutsch was a great addition to the ceremony.

**WEBMASTER** – Strother Scott plans to up-

date his web manual to show the changes that he has recently made to the web site so that Board members will be able to use the site more effectively. He has now posted an updated Membership Application on the site.

**FINANCE** – Mason Chapman presented the 2009 budget that he and his Finance Committee (Flag Officers, incoming Rear Commodore, incoming Junior Division Commander, Long Range Planning Chair, Treasurer and Strother Scott) prepared. Mason advised that the club is in good financial condition at the present time and is expected to have a cash balance going into the 2009 fiscal year, which begins December 1, 2008. Mason attributes this to good management of the club's resources by the Board. The club has been able to make the required monthly payments on the Note as well as pay additional amounts toward the principal. The only major repair work planned at this time is the bulkhead replacement and that project has been deferred for the time being. There will be no increase in initiation, dues and fees for 2009. Mason discussed different scenarios based on the percentage of resignations we may have in 2009 and how they will affect the operation of the club. He also discussed the cash flow priorities, which are to (1) make scheduled debt payments, (2) fund emergency capital expenses, (3) fund operating expenses, (4) make additional principal payments on debt to meet the 7-year repayment commitment, and (5) fund discretionary capital expenses. The Budget to be approved by the Board does not include capital expenses because those are voted on by the Board as they arise. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved the Operating Budget for 2009 as recommended by the Finance Committee.

### VICE COMMODORE – R. NOEL CLINARD

**ONE DESIGN DIVISION** – Tom O'Connell reported that an analysis about participation of the one design fleets shows that two fleets, Mobjack and Laser, did not meet the requirements as set forth for active fleet

status. The Mobjack fleet has not met the requirements for a number of years. Laser sailors seem to be participating in "away" events but are not racing in enough club events. The recommendation that these two fleets be put on probation was accepted by the Board and the Fleet Captains of both fleets will be advised.

**CRUISING DIVISION** – Ed O'Connor reported that about 30 people attended the end-of-the-year get together on Wilton Creek. They also held a mini-award ceremony.

**JUNIOR DIVISION** – Eric Powers thanked the Board members for their help in his three years as Junior Division Commander. Noel Clinard reported that Becca Boat has been modified so that it can be put in the water by hoist because some clubs the juniors visit do not have a ramp that can be used.

### OTHER BUSINESS

Ric Bauer welcomed several members of the 2009 Board who were in attendance. After having Board members introduce themselves and advise their 2008 and 2009 jobs, Ric reported that David Hazlehurst will be going off the Board after serving consecutively since 1998. He came up through the ranks to become Commodore and then Member-at-Large. He stayed on for three more years as Participation Chair and worked with Strother Scott to develop an online method of tracking members' involvement/volunteerism in club events.

Mayo Tabb advised that he will set up the first meeting to begin work on the 2009 sailing events schedule.

Ric Bauer reported that he had hoped to have policy guidelines concerning member use of the club for private events ready to publish in one of the annual books; however, because this has not been accomplished, Flag Officers will have to make decisions about allowing private events until guidelines can be established.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.



EVENTS

**2008 PERPETUAL TROPHY WINNERS**



**Commodore's Bowl** - awarded on an alternating year basis to the outstanding skipper in Offshore and One-Design events for the year based on performance and participation – **Michael B. Miller**



**Blanton Bowl** - awarded to the Laser skipper with the highest standing in Sanctioned Regattas and intra-Club races – **Jonathan M. Deutsch**



**Roberts Bowl** - awarded to the Junior sailor who has shown the most interest in sailing as evidenced by enthusiasm, improvement in sailing techniques, awareness of the rules of water safety, and cooperation with the members of the Junior Activities program – **Erin Jacob**



**Nott Memorial Trophy** - awarded to the Flying Scot finishing the greatest number of FBYC sponsored Flying Scot events during the calendar year – **Sea Gull**, Skipper **Philip H. Webb**



**Reid A. Dunn Trophy** - awarded to the member of the Junior Program between the ages of 14 and 18 who has demonstrated outstanding sailing abilities by placing highest in FBYC races during the regular racing season – **Ben Buhl**



**L. Wood Bedell Trophy** - awarded to the FBYC sailor under the age of 14 who is the highest finisher in FBYC races during the regular season – **Austin Powers**



**Piankatank Trophy** - awarded to the skipper who most exemplifies the principle that "all is not lost until the boat sinks" – **Paul T. Cross, III**



**Matthew Fontaine Maury Bowl** - awarded for outstanding contributions to FBYC – **Richard A. Bauer, Jr. & Lud H. Kimbrough, III**



**Patrick A. Gibson Memorial Trophy** - awarded to the one-design class showing the highest level of participation in Club events during the sailing season – **Front Runner Class**, Fleet Captain **Christopher E. Rouzie** (accepted by **Bill Spencer**)



**Offshore Division Championship Trophy** - awarded to the skipper of the outstanding Offshore Division yacht having the best high point score in FBYC-sponsored events – **Jerry Latell**, skipper of **Boomerang**



**Windward Start Trophy** - awarded to the PHRF B yacht with the best score in the Fall Series – **Elancer**, Skipper **David S. Hinckle**



**Allen B. Fine Trophy** - awarded to the outstanding crewman of a FBYC yacht – **Ed Walker** crewing on **Wavelength**



**Young Salt Trophy** - awarded to the Junior FBYC Optimist sailor having the highest overall standing in Club Junior Regattas – **Conrad Roos**



**Caroline Collins Trophy** - awarded to the young lady having the highest standing in the FBYC Junior Regattas – **Madeleine Alderman**

## EVENTS

**2008 PERPETUAL TROPHY WINNERS**

**Sportsmanship Trophy** - awarded to the Offshore Division skipper who displays the best sportsmanship in the regular racing season – **George W. Burke, III**



**Junior Competition Trophy** - awarded to the Junior skipper (or skippers) who has most successfully represented FBYC in sailboat racing events conducted by other yacht clubs or associations during the regular racing season – **Kyle Swenson**



**Fishing Bay Challenge Bowl (Commodore designates each year)** – awarded to second place skipper of the PHRF Fleet with the greatest increase in participation for the Spring, Fall and Long Distance Series combined races – **Michael W. Dale**



**Annual Race Committee Trophy** - awarded to the FBYC member who has made the greatest contribution to race committee work – **Richard G. Klein**



**Up and Coming Trophy** - awarded to a young sailor who has shown great promise on and around the racecourse – **Hannah Steadman & Claire Lennarz**

**Henry E. Hutcheson, Jr. Memorial Trophy** - awarded to the Optimist skipper with the highest standing in Sanctioned Regattas and intra-club races – **Alex Jacob**

**Baker Bowl** - presented to the Mobjack skipper with the highest standing in Sanctioned Regattas and intra-Club races – **Not Awarded in 2008**

**Hicks Trophy** - awarded to the winner of the FBYC's one-design long distance race – **Lee M. Farinholt**

**Potts Southern Bay Challenge Cup** – awarded to the team of boats having the lowest total points during the Stingray Point Regatta – **Fishing Bay Yacht Club**

**Performance Trophy** - awarded to the FBYC yacht finishing the greatest number of Club-sponsored PHRF races – **Double Eagle**, Skipper **J. Samuel Mitchener, III**

**Chesapeake Laser Masters Championship Trophy** – awarded to the winner of a series of races in Lasers sailed by persons 35 years of age or older – **Had Brick, Island Heights YC**

**Competition Trophy** - awarded to the skipper who has most successfully represented FBYC in sailboat racing events conducted by other yacht clubs during the past year – **Travis B. Weisleder**

**Barber Trophy** - awarded to the MORC and J-24 skippers who beat the most competitors during the regular racing season – **Not Awarded in 2008**

**Hubard Trophy** - awarded to the outstanding woman sailor of FBYC – **Carolyn J. Schott**

**Brenton S. Halsey, Jr. Memorial Trophy** – awarded to the winner of the Stingray Point Regatta – **Jerry Latell (FBYC)**

**Wayland W. Rennie Cruising Trophy** - awarded to a FBYC member in recognition of outstanding contributions to the Cruising Division – **Samuel M. & Nancy Stoakley**

**Becca Boat Trophy** – awarded to the FBYC junior who most exemplifies Becca's devotion to FBYC (Rebecca Clary Harris, a former FBYC junior) – **Kendall Swenson**



**Continued from the Quarter-deck...**

While we have prudently budgeted a small amount for those capital expenses that always seem to come unexpectedly, we have otherwise restrained capital and program spending plans for the coming year. Specifically, we have postponed the last third of the Jackson Creek bulkhead replacement which was already permitted by the wetlands authorities. Similarly, we have declined an opportunity to bid on a very prestigious one-design national event this year (while reserving the option for the following year). We will again co-host the Leukemia Cup regatta at FBYC, but limited to the same modest level of support as last year.

Such prudence in spending and investment permits us to keep your costs of membership and fees for use of club facilities flat for the coming year. Accordingly, I am pleased to report that there will be no increases this year in dues, initiation fees, slip rentals, dry sail rentals, small boat parking or locker fees.

There should be no diminution in your enjoyment of our great club and programs. Indeed, we hope you will regard the club as a peaceful and protected anchorage from the troubled waters. We will do everything possible to reward you with fulfillment, companionship and learning in the art of sailing, all in the beautiful surroundings of your club.

**Noel Clinard**  
**Commodore**



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## Membership Update

**APPLIED FOR MEMBERSHIP:** The Membership Committee recommended that this applicant be placed into circulation: **Mr. Mark A. Stephens**, 7004 Tulane Avenue, Richmond, VA 23226. Mark had quite a bit of sailing experience while in college. He was on the Christopher Newport University Varsity Sailing Team and later served as president of the James Madison University Sailing Club. He has been crewing on Alex Alvis' Chilcoat since 2005 and has crewed since 2007 for Matt Braun on his Front Runner, NoGoTippy. Mark has now entered into a partnership agreement with Bill Spencer and will eventually become the sole owner of Red Dog, also a Front Runner. He is committed to becoming an active member of FBYC through offshore and one design racing, volunteerism and attracting other young sailors to the club. Sponsors: Alexander Alvis; Matthew J. Braun.

## New PHRF Changes

On November 8 the PHRF Delegates Meeting was held in Annapolis. PHRF of the Chesapeake membership has held constant representing nearly 1100 boat and has emerged as the PHRF Region that most others around the country look to for leadership. FBYC has the 4th largest fleet with 46 boats holding certificates. The PHRF ratings for Key West are in large part run by PHRF of the Chesapeake. The major PHRF rating areas have all agreed to standardize the J-35 rating at 72 in an attempt to bring ratings across the country more into alignment. There is a growing interest in Europe and South America in PHRF as dissatisfaction grows with IMS and IRC as the designers continue to design boats that “beat” the rule and make older boats obsolete. Europe has used Time on Time instead of the Time on Distance that PHRF uses. The Time on Time is easier for the race committee as they don’t have to accurately measure the distance and usually produces a closer spread in the finishing positions. Several of the large regattas were rescored with Time on Time and there was very little difference with most of the changes being in places 3 to 6 with the change typically being one position. PHRF of the Chesapeake and CBYRA allow Time on Time scoring and have the conversion formulas for the ratings. PHRF would like to see local races try this for a regatta and I would like to see it tried next year at FBYC. The most likely candidate would be one of the Long Distance races or the entire Series.

The biggest changes were fine tuning of the new safety regu-

lations and allowing for new classes of boats. PHRF now has three classes – Open waters of the Bay (4P), Rivers (5P) and protected Creeks (6P). The 6P is for self righting and draining sports boats. Open boats where the cockpit drains directly into the bilge still cannot be rated by PHRF. PHRF requires that the interior be capable during rough conditions of being closed off so that if a wave were to break over the cockpit the resulting water could drain overboard without entering the interior of the boat. The waters we sail in are considered “open waters of the” so only class 4P is allowed unless the specific race instruction allow the other classes. Previously races sanctioned for CBYRA High Point required 4P so all FBYC races have been 4P. CBYRA now allows the local race instruction to specifically allow 5P and 6P and still be eligible for High Point. Due to the potential for dangerous condition to develop in our race areas I believe we should retain the requirement for 4P only. However if you have a strong opinion on this please contact me as we will be writing our race instructions over the next several months.

The biggest change incurred in the lifeline/pulpit area of the regulations. The biggest impact was the re-introduction of the “grandfather clause” for boats built before 1980 if equipped with the factory installed lifeline configuration are considered to meet the 4P without having to replace their lifelines with ones conforming to the latest 4P technical specifications. The 4P lifeline requirements are also required for the 5P and 6P

classes. Since many of these boats come with the factory supplied lifelines that do not meet the 4P lifeline requirements these boats can race in the 4P,5P or 6P classes as determined by the rest of the equipment standards if the entire crew wears USCG approved flotation devices at all times and clipped on safety harnesses at night.

Stored energy is now allowed to move centerboards, keels and for electric winches and similar devices. However the use of any stored energy device must be declared on the rating application/renewal and may result in a reduction in rating as determined by the Board of Handicappers. An on board engine meeting USCG regulations with 2 hours of fuel is now required for 4P so boats can return from open to protected waters on their own if they can’t use their sails.

A new “Cruising Class” division was introduced for boats at least 4 years old, crew maximum to be the number of permanent bunks installed, one new sail per year, wet sailed and other aspects that are typical of dual purpose boats that people actually can live on. It will be up to the local race organizers to add the class to the traditional Spin A, Spin B/C and non-spin classes we have today.

If you have any questions please call me at 804 690 3540.

Mayo Tabb

FBYC PHRF Delegate



## PROGRAM UPDATES

## FBYC and AYC go to ACC's held in Brandt Beach NJ.

Three FBYC Opti Race Team Sailors joined the AYC team and Juan Carlos, current AYC coach and former FBYC coach, for the Atlantic Coast Optimist Championship's held at Brant Beach Yacht Club, NJ. The teams practiced on Friday and raced 10 races Saturday and Sunday under near perfect conditions if you like wind 7-12 knots, sun and 65 degree weather. The regatta was very well attended with 262 sailors in the championship fleet. Ian Stokes from Norfolk YCC coached by David Tunnicliff, brother of Anna Tunnicliff Olympic Sailor, placed first overall.

NAME	CLUB	PLACE
Ian Stokes	NYCC	1
Granger Anderson	NYCC	39
Sammy Stagg	AYC	48
Ben Buhl	FBYC	53
Hawk Harrison	AYC	54
Patrick Floyd	AYC	57
Kendal Swenson	FBYC	96
Erin Jacobs	FBYC	127

## US National Team

Ben Buhl practiced with the US National Team in Stamford CT for three days in November, yes school was missed. Upcoming US Team practices for Ben Buhl

and Austin Powers will be held at Stamford YC in May 2009. Nine at Ft Laurdale Yacht Club in FBYC Sailors have qualified for January, and Lake Lanier near Team Trials. Atlanta in March. USODA Jay Buhl, Junior Commander Team Trials will be held at

### IN MEMORIAM ALICIA T. ARCHER 6/29/37 – 11/19/08

Mrs. Alicia T. Archer, 7501 John Tyler Memorial Highway, Charles City, VA 23030, wife of William W. Archer III, died on November 19, 2008. In addition to her husband, Alicia is survived by her sons, Archer H. Ruffin Jr. and Timothy W. Ruffin of Charles City County; stepsons, Guy H. Archer of Moscow, Russia and Lindsay P. Archer of Shasta, CA; five grandchildren; and her Scottie dog, Traveler. She was predeceased by her youngest son, Michael Q. Ruffin. Upon the death of Alicia's first husband, Archer H. Ruffin, she took over management of the Ruffin family farm, Evelynnton Farms in Charles City County. She received many awards for conservation and timber management during the years she managed the business. In April 1986, after turning the operation of the farm over to her two sons, Alicia and Bill joined Fishing Bay Yacht Club. They had sailed often with friends who were Fishing Bay members and decided to apply for their own membership. Their first boat was an Allied Seawind 32. From about 1989 through 1998, they sailed Won Ton I, a Cheoy Lee 41. They then purchased Whitecaps, a Bristol 47 that they sailed until it was sold this year. Bill said that the adjacent slipholders probably breathed a sigh of relief when Alicia brought the boat in to the dock because she could back the boat into their slip better than he could and probably better than any other female sailor in the club. They were very active in the cruising group at Fishing Bay. Over a 21-year span, they cruised from Nova Scotia to the Caribbean, often with fellow cruisers from Fishing Bay Yacht Club. In addition to sailing and just being on the water, Alicia also enjoyed hunting and fishing. A funeral service was held on November 24 at Westover Church in Charles City County. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Alicia's favorite charity, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (attn: Memorial Department), 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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### **Wilton Creek Cruise and Party**

October 18 – 19 was the date for the Wilton Creek Cruise and Party. Many cruisers had made plans to sail up the beautiful Piankatanak River to share an evening of good food, good wine and great friends. However, Mother Nature had other plans. She decided this would be a great time to blow up a 30-knot breeze and show off her clouds from her palate of grays. But, cruisers do not let Mother Nature interfere with having a wonderful evening. So, they resorted to land cruising vehicles to reach the party.

Thinking all was well, and knowing that all of the guest would be arriving safely by land, Joe and I began early that Saturday morning with a trip to the Coves clubhouse to bake the pies for dessert that evening. The oven had not completed it's preheat cycle when much to my chagrin, the electricity went out! Time for "Plan B". We packed up and started for FBYC kitchen and its "non-electric" oven. That was when we discovered that an

accident had occurred within sight of the entrance to the Coves and that Route 3 to Deltaville was CLOSED! Soooooo- we took the long way around by way of Glens and Saluda.

Fast-forward to 4:30 that afternoon when the power was restored and preparations were in full swing. Thanks to the willing hands of Ed and Diane O'Connor and Ric and Sharon Bauer we were ready for the party to begin on time. Approximately 40 cruisers enjoyed the wonderful hors d'oeuvres brought by everyone and a dinner menu of she crab soup, shrimp and chicken pasta with pink sauce, toss salad, bread, apple pie a la mode and brownies.

During dessert, Ed O'Connor recapped the sailing events and excitement of the year and made several award presentations. Ed noted that the 2008 Cruising Division Awards were based on 'half truths, rumors, innuendo and questionable observations'. See the

award descriptions and winners in the December LOG.

The evening did not conclude without another little moment of excitement. Ed had picked up the microphone to begin his presentations when the lights flickered. We thought someone had used the light switch to get our attention for Ed. They flickered again as we all laughed and turn towards our speaker. They flicked a third time and ---- went out. I was searching my mind for a light source other than our table candles and having no success. Thankfully, the lights did come back on and we continued with the program.

Everyone had a great time sharing stories from the sailing season and joking about the events of the day. We are looking forward to another year of great times in 2009.

- Carolyn Schott



## How the Opti was Created

### Jere Dennison

I confess that your Historian had been completely ignorant of the fascinating and humble origins of the ubiquitous Optimist Pram (a/k/a the Opti). The Opti is FBYC's primary junior trainer and numbers in the hundreds of thousands around the world. I dare say that most internationally renowned sailors today first learned to sail in the little Opti.

Thanks to member Barbara Rennie of Heathsville, the scales have fallen from my eyes. Recently I received a note from her, accompanied by a 1990 newspaper clipping from the St. Petersburg Times discovered in one of her Mother's books. Barbara grew up in Dunedin, Florida where the first builder/designer, Clark Mills, lived. If you were not aware that the Opti was originally conceived as a nautical version of a Soap Box Derby racer and was named for the Clearwater Optimist Club that commissioned the boat in 1947, then you should find the following (slightly abbreviated) reprinted article highly informative and entertaining.

#### Boat Builder Put Thousands on Water

By Teresa Burney

St. Petersburg Times Staff Writer

July 9, 1990

Clearwater - Clark Mills thinks it's funny that his most famous sailboat design looks a bit like a float-



Clark Mills sits on Sand Key with one of his Optimist prams, designed in the '40s to cost under \$50. Times photo — RICH THOMPSON

ing horse. All that high-tech stuff has people wore out. They want to sail in a horse trough now," the 76-year-old retired boat builder said, chuckling.

Mills had no idea more than 40 years ago when he started sketching a design for a child's sailboat that one day his blunt-nosed creation would be floating by the thousands in the waters of the world. Thousands of people have learned to sail in the little boat.

It all started because Clearwater has no hills and the Optimist Club wasn't having much luck with its Soap Box Derby racing cars. Then one day, some-

time around 1947, Clifford Anderson McKay made a speech at the club about juvenile delinquency. He proposed another solution to keep Clearwater's youngsters out of trouble – a kind of Soap Box Derby on the water, recalled Ann Garris, McKay's daughter.

He took his idea to Mills, a well-known boat builder in Clearwater. He asked Mills to design a small sailboat for youngsters that would be light, stable and simple. They wanted something that a child and father could build in the garage.

The catch was it had to cost less than \$50. "Everything was over \$50, even back then," Mills said. So he started drawing and calculating. He drew some little skiffs with pointy noses, but every time the cost of building one was higher than \$50. Finally he cut off the pointy bow and managed to cut the cost down to just under \$50.

Mills built his creation in his tin-roofed shop in Dunedin and took it out to the dock at the end of Haven Street. He sailed around in it for about five minutes, then turned the tiller over to McKay's son, Clifford Anderson McKay Jr.

McKay Jr., who was about 12 then, remembers the day. "There was a little breeze blowing," McKay said. "It was delightful."

Mills gave the Optimist Club the boat plans and McKay Sr. started selling the idea of fleets of the little boats for youngster to other Optimist Clubs. "He went all over the state selling others on the idea of having a pram fleet," Mrs. Garris said. Now the boat can be found all over the world, not only in Optimist-sponsored programs. Even adults sail them.

Famous sailors, such as Allison Jolly, a local woman who won an Olympic gold medal in Seoul in 1988 said she learned to sail in an Optimist pram in St. Petersburg. A Soviet sailor who recently stopped in Pinellas County during a race around the world said he learned how to sail on an Optimist pram.

Maybe not, but Mills is certainly proud of the little boat, not because he thinks it's such a good design, but because it has given so many children joy. "They have such a good time that I am pretty happy that I had a part in it," Mills said. "Just 'cause they look stupid don't mean nothin'. It sails like a dream".

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## FBYC STORE Holiday Openings

The FBYC Store will be open for your holiday shopping convenience in December at Noel Clinard's home, by appointment, until the Clinard horde arrives for the holidays. Call Noel at **804 788 8594 (O) or 804 338 4066 (C)** for appointment or email Noel at [nclinard@hunton.com](mailto:nclinard@hunton.com). Orders can be taken by telephone and pickup or mail delivery arranged at slight additional cost.

Appropriate holiday gift items are available at substantially reduced prices, including long ties (bows are sold out), 12 oz. and 16 oz. Tervis Tumblers, belts, caps, polos, cups, wicking shirts for adults and juniors, and numerous other items. All products bear the FBYC Burgee Logo. All proceeds of sales support Club programs.

The postings on the FBYC Website are currently obsolete in both inventory and pricing, so please disregard them. The on line store information will be refreshed next year.

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**For Rent:** Chesapeake Watch Townhouse. Two/three BR, 2 Bath, Kitchen. Decks off Kitchen and MBR. Three miles from club. \$1000/WEEK. No pets. Tom Ministri.

[tministri@cox.net](mailto:tministri@cox.net).

**For Sale:** J24 US3208. Race ready. New running rigging. Two suits of sails. Includes new 2006 Triad trailer with torflex suspension, free backing brakes, and other premium upgrades. \$9900.00. Contact Brad Squires 757-229-6939

[bsquires@squiresgourmet.com](mailto:bsquires@squiresgourmet.com).

**For Sale:** Honda 5 HP 4-stroke outboard motor. Practically brand new with Less than 25 running hours. \$1125.00. Contact Brad Squires 757-229-693

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See [www.lionswhelp.com](http://www.lionswhelp.com) for details. FBYC members get a 25% discount. Contact Jeff Thomas (804-288-2858).

**For Rent:** Waterfront townhouse condo w/3 BR in Jackson Creek Harbor, fully equipped, sleeps 8, \$800 per month plus utilities and \$75 cleaning fee, September to May. Contact: 804 788 8594 or [nclinard@hunton.com](mailto:nclinard@hunton.com)

**For Sale** (2 boats): 18ft. Hobie Cat. Trailer included. \$2,650.00. For Sale: Byte Sailboat. Great shape! \$1,750.00. Call Arthur Wilton 776-7211 cell 804-815-9233.

**For Sale:** J24. Completely race ready. Full keel job including hard epoxy bottom, template keel and rudder job and top deck restored in 2002, dyform wire shrouds with calibrated turnbuckles with quick adjust wrench, Max J headstay, thru bar spreader, minimum length mast, Carl's custom tiller, 8:1 outhaul system, 8:1 cascade vang,

new running rigging, stereo, new battery, sail comp with remote countdown timer, new genoa, all other sail in average condition. Asking \$12,999 Contact Jason Angus at [jangus@catalyst121.com](mailto:jangus@catalyst121.com) or 804-363-2102.

**For Sale:** "Queen Mary," 36 ft. Alden Trawler, traditional all wood cabin, teak decks, berths and baths fore and aft, wonderful, comfortable, handsome yacht for cruising down the river in style. See at Urbanna Harbor, slip 34, or call Chip and Mary Buxton @ (804) 758-3287.

**For Sale:** \$10k worth of J24 sails for only \$5k, plus receive a free boat! Sails and boat are in great condition. Contact Keith at 804-514-4397 or [keith@deltavilleboatyard.com](mailto:keith@deltavilleboatyard.com)

**For Sale:** 1981 Beneteau First 33 "Sur Le Vent" Racer/Cruiser. 15 HP Yanmar diesel. New Navman Instruments. Propane stove. New batteries and overhauled electrical system. New portlights. Interior renovated over last 5 years. New prop, prop shaft, and strut. New Awlgrip on hull. Set of 6 sails plus spinnaker and pole. Many extras. \$26,500 Call Paul 804-683-9647 or [pauldbeck@verizon.net](mailto:pauldbeck@verizon.net).

**For Sale:** 1996 Freedom 24 Bill Tripp design racer (est. phrf 170)/thin water cruiser (1'9"-6'). Ramp launch, Triad trailer, electric retractable keel, kick-up rudder. Carbon fiber mast and bowsprit, UK large roach main and self-tacking jib, roller furling, asymmetric spinnaker. 2005 Honda 9.9, electric start/trim w/under 20 hrs. Deltaville, VA. Major refurbish '05. Bargain at \$29,500. Contact Yachtworld for details or Norman Camp, 804-285-0931.

**For Sale:** 1982 Columbia 8.3 "Free Enterprise" owner seeks a member to buy 1/2 share in partnership in the boat. 27 ft. sloop on the W. Pier. Roomiest 27 ft. boat around. Asking \$5,000. Call Ric Anderson 804 814-5866 or Eliot Norman 804 721-7851.

**For Sale:** J24. 1984. Racing and cruising sails. \$6,500. Contact Corell Moore, 804-282-5916 or [corellm@verizon.net](mailto:corellm@verizon.net).

**For Sale:** LIFESLING 2 man overboard system. Brand New. Box never opened. Sells for \$109.99 at West Marine. Yours for \$95.00. Contact: Larry Cohen 804-694-7746

**For Sale:** 1 slightly used Henri Lloyd dinghy suit, size women's small. \$20 1 used Force 10 marine stove, 3 burner oven with broiler.

Stove has new burners and new broiler element, works great. Needs cosmetic spiffing up! \$500 obo. Call/email Nica or Jeremy Waters, 434 295-1016 or email [sailingbeagles@gmx.net](mailto:sailingbeagles@gmx.net)

**For Sale:** Flying Scot 2004, Excellent condition, Black Hull with red cove stripe and white bottom. Fully race equipped by Harry Carpenter of Flying Scot, Inc. Includes 2 sets of sails (North & Gus), hull and top canvas, trailer. Asking \$13,995, offers encouraged. Contact Art Radtke (757) 560-4640 or e-mail [art@teammimbus.com](mailto:art@teammimbus.com).

**For Sale:** Front Runner #123. Rarely used in excellent condition. Measured minimum class weight, vacuum-bag construction. \$4,000. Call Bob Kates at 804-776-6950 or 804-832-1615 cell.

**For Sale:** 30' Etchells 22. A gentleman's one design or daysailer. Blue hull, in good condition. \$5000 Call Bob Kates 804-776-6950.

**For Sale:** J24, 1979. Needs work and TLC. \$1900, free slip until 6-09 on Fishing Bay. Call Gene Ruark 804-337-7913.

**For rent:** jackson creek - three bedroom rancher off fishing bay road, walk to fbyc, pier/slip, huge deck, available immediately for six month lease. \$795 month. Ken odell owner/agent 804-241-6080 or [odellken@aol.com](mailto:odellken@aol.com)

**For Sale:** Flying Scot #4903 (1993). Well maintained white hull with blue stripe. Came with "standard racing package" from the factory. 2 suits of North Sails (one has been used less than 10 times)- 1 new North spinnaker. '04 Aluminum trailer and Sailor's Tailor cover. Ready to competitively race! Asking \$8,500. Contact Jan Monnier 804.748.6305 or [monnierj@comcast.net](mailto:monnierj@comcast.net).



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