



## FROM THE QUARTERDECK

MAY 2012



Much has happened since we last spoke. Crew Training was completed and lots of folks found positions on boats for the spring series. The Racing skippers and the PROs met on March 31st to discuss race format and technique. An orientation to new race management equipment policies and procedure was conducted. The season begins.

Opening Day for the Offshore Fleet took place on April 14th. About twenty five boats participated in a middle distance race around government marks. Thanks to Brooks Zerkel and his race committee for their service. The weather that day was beautiful. Moderate breeze, fair skies and few waves – in other words a perfect race day.

The Blessing of the Fleet Ceremony was conducted by our Chaplin, Doug Anderson at 17:00 hours on that afternoon. We had excellent participation – the crowd extended up the hill from Fannie's House. Musical accompaniment was provided by Mike Dale and Ed O'Connor. Many of us were surprised to discover that Wayland Rennie was attending his fiftieth Blessing of the Fleet Ceremony. The Ceremony was followed by dinner and musical entertainment. Again a great turn out and another successful FBYC event.

The first races of the Spring Series for the Offshore Fleet took place

on Sunday the 15th of April. Three races were sailed in moderate to light winds, sunny skies and comfortable temperatures. Ric and Sharon Bauer and their race committee volunteers achieved many of the goals stated at the meeting on March 31st (i.e. more races and less time between races). This was accomplished by setting two weather marks resulting in differing course lengths and the use of two chase boats. We hope this day will serve as an example for other race committees to follow.

Skippers of both Offshore and One Design Boats, please be aware that leaving the race course without notifying the race committee results in a DSQ in the last race in which you started. This is not a new policy, it was in effect last year as well and is stated in the General Sailing Instructions printed in the Sailing Events Book. We put this policy in place as a safety measure after some unfortunate occurrences in our sport. Race Committees are trying to account for all competitors who check in to race. We thank you for your cooperation.

A sea wall failure has occurred in the cut slip area adjacent to the Mosby property (Ted Bennett's slip). Corrective measures will commence after the completion of the Offshore Spring Series so not to interfere with launching boats. The plan is to replace the wood bulkhead with vinyl to match the rest of our sea wall, and to accomplish this prior to our Annual One Design Regatta, in August.

The launching ramp on the Fishing Bay side of our campus is experiencing some deterioration. The end of the ramp has broken off in several places due to undermining of sand beneath the concrete. This is typically a problem for larger boats, both power and sail, in the haul out mode. Discussions are underway as to the plan for remedial action. If you plan to use the ramp in the launch or retrieval of larger boats, please consider

and alternative approach. I am told that our one design fleet does not encounter this issue.

FBYC continues to have members competing in some of the major sailing events on the East Coast. Glenn Doncaster (*Nanuq*), Clark Dennison (*Pistole*) along with Dennis Hannick (*Goin'*) and Travis Wiesleder (*Melges 20*) took part in Charleston Race Week. Travis achieved a very impressive second in class. Congratulations to them all.

By the time you are reading this, the FBYC sailing season is in full swing. The next big social event will be the Rosegill Picnic on Memorial Day weekend. This event has been well attended in recent years and is a party enjoyed by members of all ages. I hope to see you there.

Wishing you fair winds and following seas.

Alex

### Membership News

**FINAL APPROVAL:**

Mr. & Mrs. Robert J. Fleck  
Col. Gregory A. Watt

**APPLIED FOR MEMBERSHIP:**  
(Recommended for circulation)

Mr. & Mrs. William W. Crump  
Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Mika

**DEATH:**

Mr. William W. Berry

**FBYC BOARD HIGHLIGHTS April 2012**

*Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Commodore Alex Alvis.*

**REAR COMMODORE – JOHN B. WAKE JR.**

**HOUSE** – **Ted Bennett** reported that termites were found around Fannie’s House. All four buildings have been inspected and treated and the buildings will be inspected annually in the future. Some kitchen equipment has arrived and the double refrigerator should arrive in a couple of weeks. Rotation has been fixed in the showers in Fannie’s House so they should now work properly.

**GROUNDS** – **Ken Odell** thanked the volunteers who participated in Spring Clean-Up. The contract with the lawn care company has been renewed for 2012 and service started a few weeks ago. Fresh gravel was added to the parking area and seasonal plantings have been completed. The pool scheduling and maintenance have begun and it will open on schedule.

**LONG RANGE** – **Noel Clinard** now has all of the material representing Lud Kimbrough’s work product for the survey. Strother Scott will help Noel finalize it so that it can be circulated.

**WEB MASTER** – **Strother Scott** reported that Noel Clinard has requested that the NYYC fundraising be placed at the top of the web page. Strother encouraged the various Divisions to write and post articles after their events. Posted articles show up on Facebook and Twitter and that helps build enthusiasm for club activities with FBYC members and prospective members.

**OPERATIONS MANAGER** – **Dixon Cole** advised that rubber strips have been added on the Fishing Bay dock. Mr. Roberts is back in the slip and ready for Opening Day.

**VICE COMMODORE – GEORGE W. BURKE III**

**OFFSHORE DIVISION** – **Mike Chesser** and **Paul Wash** discussed scoring. The laptop program has been updated and it is loaded on Paul’s laptop as well as the laptop at the club.

**JUNIOR DIVISION** – There are 32 signed up for OptiKids and the program is fully staffed. A number of classes for Junior Week have also been closed because they are at capacity. There are 45 coaches, instructors and volunteers committed for the entire week. **Mark Hayes** needs another qualified instructor for Intermediate II and additional parent volunteers. All sailboats to be provided by the club have been secured. There are 13 club or loaned powerboats available and approximately five more are needed. Additional kayaks are also needed. The Laser Race Team Coach, **Gabriel Moran**, has his visa interview at the U.S. Embassy in Guayaquil scheduled for next week. **Alison Lennarz** has completed and presented a draft of a Junior Program Safety Procedures manual to **David Lennarz** and **Mark Hayes** for review. When their review and edits have been completed, the manual will be presented to other club members for their input. The plan is to complete the manual before OptiKids. Two used Optis have been purchased for club use. **Mike Toms** has completed basic cleanup and re-ordering of the Junior Shed, will order parts for the Lasers and Optis this week, and has determined the repairs needed for the 420’s. He will have five Lasers and seven 420’s ready for Junior Week and 20 Optis ready for OptiKids and Junior Week. Mike will attempt to sell the club Mobjack on Craig’s List. Permission has been given to Mike to order seven 420 mast floats. This will help prevent inversion and risks to sailors.

**FLEET LT.** – The boats are ready for Opening Day and race management equipment is in place. David Clark is trying to obtain bags for transporting the equipment and he is still organizing the storage. There are new marks and they should be used. George Burke advised that David conducted a training course for the PRO’s several weeks ago.

**CBYRA DELEGATE** – **Tom Roberts** is ready to do the scoring for high point.

**OLD BUSINESS** – The Community Advisory Board will meet on Friday at the club and **Alex Alvis** will be there to represent the club.

**NEW BUSINESS** – **Alex Alvis** said there is a broken edge on the Fishing Bay Yacht Club ramp. They have a repair in mind but don’t plan to spend the money right now to fix it.

**Alex Alvis** reported that the bulkhead on the FBYC side of the cut slip next to the dry sail lot has failed. He outlined a number of plans for fixing it and asked for input from Long Range Planning. The quickest, least expensive way to fix it is to replace about 35 ft. with wooden bulkhead. A more substantial job would entail replacing the entire length of the bulkhead, about 65 ft., with vinyl. It was pointed out that the entire length of the bulkhead has not failed but if using vinyl replacement, the entire length should be replaced. Several proposals have been obtained from local contractors. It was agreed that permitting should be started immediately, preferably by the contractor chosen for the job. If permits are received in a timely fashion, the work could commence as soon as the Spring Series Offshore season is over. Dixon pointed out that permitting should not take long because it is a maintenance project to replace something in the same footprint. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved a motion that the club replace our side of the bulkhead as quickly as possible with vinyl and a strong tie-back design.

**Noel Clinard** advised that North Point Yacht out of Annapolis would like to bring a J-70 to the club and demonstrate it. It was agreed that a good time for this would be on a day when there is a one design race and the boat could possibly race with the Front Runners.

*There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.*

***Funds Needed for Campaign for  
NYYC Event  
by Noel Clinard, Campaign Coordinator***

This is a continuing plea for contributions to the campaign to enter a well prepared crew to fly the FBYC burgee in the 2012 NYYC qualifying series in Newport this September. As published in last month’s Log, the contribution levels are: (1) “Sheet” Level (\$25 to \$99) (Tee Shirt); (2) “Halyard” Level (\$100 to \$299) (Tee Shirt and Hat); (3) “Jib” Level (\$300 to \$499) (Wicking Polo and Hat); (4) “Main” Level (\$500 to \$999) (Henri Lloyd Cipher Vest - Red - and Hat); (5) “Spinnaker” Level \$1,000 or more (Henri Lloyd Cipher Jacket - Red - and Hat).

Please send your contribution to Fishing Bay Yacht Club, P.O. Box 29186, Richmond, VA 23242, Attn: NYYC Campaign, by check payable to “FBYC” with the notation “NYYC Campaign” and submit desired sizes for apparel to me at [nclinard@hunton.com](mailto:nclinard@hunton.com). Thank you for your support.

The current candidates for the final FBYC qualifying team, who will campaign the Sonar Prophet to several major Sonar class regattas this summer are: Blake Kimbrough, Matt Braun, Mike Miller, John Wake, and Parker Garrett.

And, watch for an announcement of a demo of the new J70 at FBYC on a weekend in mid-May!

**MEMBERSHIP/MEMORIAM**

*In Memoriam*  
**William W. Berry**

**5/18/1932 – 4/4/2012**

William W. "Bill" Berry of Richmond passed away on April 4, 2012. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Betsy; his daughter, Elizabeth Preston Blackburn and son-in-law Charles; his son, John W. Berry and daughter-in-law Betsy; his son, William G. Berry; and his grandchildren, Liza and Sarah Blackburn and Witt Berry. Bill was a devoted husband, father and grandfather.



Bill and Betsy joined Fishing Bay Yacht Club in February 1986 not long after purchasing Mystery, a J-40. They had a second home on Cobbs Creek and it was there that they moored their boat.

Bill was born in Norfolk, VA and received a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering from Virginia Military Institute in 1954 and a Master of Commerce degree from the University of Richmond in 1964. He was a registered professional engineer and served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army in Korea.

Bill was a retired chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Dominion Resources, Inc. and Virginia Power. He started in the Norfolk office in 1957 after being discharged from the Army and eventually moved to the Chesterfield Power Station and then to the main office in Richmond. Because of his knowledge of the electric industry, he was sought after as a consultant around the world. He was retired chairman of the board of ISO New England, Inc. and past chairman of the Virginia Business Council, the Virginia Manufacturers Association, and Virginia Foundation for Research and Economic Education, Inc. He served as a member of a number of boards of directors and served on the board of visitors for Virginia Commonwealth University and Virginia Military Institute (as president). He also served on the board of trustees for a number of Virginia organizations. He was Trustee Emeritus of Virginia Commonwealth University School of Engineering Foundation and was on the Advisory Committee for the MIT "Future of

the Electric Grid Study." Bill was active in the Kiwanis Club of Richmond, and he was an elder of First Presbyterian Church.

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to ChildFund, 2821 Emerywood Parkway, Richmond, VA 23294, or to a charity of your choice. Donations may also be made online at <https://www.childfund.org/make-a-donation.aspx>. A funeral service was held on April 7 at First Presbyterian Church, Richmond, VA.

**REQUIESCAT IN PACE**

**Membership News You Can Use**

**By Doug Anderson, Secretary/  
Membership Chair**

Folks of a certain age may remember the old prank of calling the drugstore and asking if they have Prince Albert in a can (punch line: you'd better let him out!). Even if you don't get this juvenile joke, you do understand that things pass away. Our past is vitally important because it got us to the present, but it doesn't take us into the future. What is true for us as individuals is true for us as a group: if we don't do the work of defining our future, we will embody our past.

It is often the case that the actualization of a desired outcome depletes the energy that drove us to realize that dream. Fishing Bay Yacht Club is a realized, actualized dream; so to remain vibrant, we must dream again. Our Club has done this on several occasions in the past. Indeed, our founding as a club was such a dream, as was the Club's relocation to Fishing Bay, and building Fannie's House and the slips on Jackson Creek, building the current clubhouse, and the property purchase which expanded the One Design storage area. And all of our current sailing programs began as desired outcomes that unleashed new energies and attracted new members. Dreamers got us here.

We don't have a fleet of Penguins now, and some of our other fleets are going out with the tide. Yacht clubs all across the nation are confronting this same reality; we are not alone. Many clubs are declining, a few are thriving, but most are recognizing that membership growth is the new challenge. We must find innovative ways to share our passion for sailing if we are to have a future as impressive as our past.

You have a stake in how we face this challenge. So, consider yourself officially appointed to the Membership Committee "Advisory Board." Your contribution in shaping a dynamic vision for growth in membership, participation and retention may be the key to our future. Please share your dream with the Membership Committee; it would be a wonderful way for you to be remembered.

Happy sailing, and introduce a friend to the Club!

Prospective Members are encouraged to see membership info on the Club website ([fbyc.net](http://fbyc.net)). In the line under the Logo, see "Club," and in the drop-down menu, "Membership." FBYC welcomes applications for membership. For additional information, please write to the Secretary and Membership Chair Doug Anderson.

**Southern Bay Race Week**

June 1, 2, & 3, 2012 - HAMPTON, VIRGINIA

SBRW wants you! SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK 2012 is well on the way, planning and preparing for the best SBRW ever! Racing for PHRF (spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes), One-Design classes, and a special 2-day at a special price Cruising Fleet package are all set. Along with the racing, there will be plenty of party and socializing opportunities, great entertainment, awards and trophies, food and drink, and more. New for 2012 - Breakfast buffet Shark Races in the regatta headquarters HYC dockside lounge.

Info and details at [www.blacksealcup.com](http://www.blacksealcup.com) or call 757-850-4225.

*Y'all come racin'!*

**SBRW 2012**

May 31 - Welcome, Check-in, Skippers Meeting (evening)

June 1, 2, & 3 - PHRF and One-Design Racing/Parties/Awards

June 2 & 3 - Cruising Class Racing/Parties/Awards

**BEST BANG FOR YOUR RACING BUCK ON THE BAY!**

EARLY BIRD ENTRIES must be received by April 23, 2012:

PHRF and One-Design = \$140

Cruising Fleet = \$ 89

SBRW2011 Returnee Discount = \$ 5

Entries received after April 23, 2012:

PHRF and One-Design = \$150/\$155

Cruising Fleet = \$ 99

SBRW2011 Returnee Discount = \$ 5

**DEADLINE FOR REGULAR**

**ENTRIES IS**

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**23**

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JUNIOR

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## 150 Juniors and Counting!

This summer is shaping up to be one for the record books for Fishing Bay Yacht Club's Junior Sailing Program. Over 150 individual juniors have already signed up to sail in the various programs offered throughout the summer! **There is still space available for juniors from ages 5 to 17, and of course, there is always room for more volunteers.**

Here is the break down:

### Opti Kids:

June 9-10, 16-17

Basic intro to sailing for our youngest sailors; at capacity with 32 juniors, Coach Mark Wensell still needs volunteers willing to help out! Please Contact Mark at [mark.wensell@gmail.com](mailto:mark.wensell@gmail.com).

### Junior Week:

June 18-22

One week long of instruction for juniors of all ages and experience in everything from Optis to J-105s! Currently 114 juniors registered. Space is still available in Intermediate Opti, 420 and Laser. Registration will end May 15th or when these last three classes fill up.

Thank you to the many of you who have already signed up to volunteer your time to make this an amazing week for our juniors. We are still recruiting Volunteers! If you are willing to share your time, or share a small powerboat or kayak for the instructors to use during the week, please contact Mark Hayes at [mhayeslaw@triad.rr.com](mailto:mhayeslaw@triad.rr.com).

### Opti Development Team:

Professional coaching and racing all summer; at capacity with 16 juniors.

### Opti Race Team:

Professional coaching and racing all summer; at capacity with 11 juniors.

### Laser Race Team:

Professional coaching and racing all summer; currently 4 juniors registered, with room for 2 additional. Contact David Lennarz at [fbycjrailing@gmail.com](mailto:fbycjrailing@gmail.com) for additional information.

### Private Coaching Sessions with Professional Coaches:

Private lessons will be offered Monday through Wednesday throughout the summer, and Thursday through Sunday as their schedule allows, by the ODT coaches utilizing the Club's Optis, Lasers and 420s. Lessons are open to all juniors, members and non-members, and will be customized to fit the needs of the individual. The lessons are designed to fit every junior, from

a 5 year old being exposed to sailing for the first time, to experienced racers seeking to fine tune their techniques on Optis, Lasers or 420s. Group discounts will apply. Contact David Lennarz at [fbycjrailing@gmail.com](mailto:fbycjrailing@gmail.com) for rates and to schedule lessons.

### Commonwealth of Virginia Junior Championship Regatta:

June 23-24

Registration is now open on line for all juniors. Classes will include Opti, Laser and 420. In addition, we will host a Green Fleet Clinic and separate Green Fleet which will race just off our dock on Fishing Bay. This event will attract visiting sailors from the entire Chesapeake Bay area and surrounding states. Event Chairs SB and Jef Londrey are planning nightly entertainment and great trophies! Contact them at [londreydds@aol.com](mailto:londreydds@aol.com) to volunteer.

Please visit our website at [www.fbyc.net](http://www.fbyc.net) for a full description and dates for all our club's junior offerings, and to register.



Junior Week

## The Windmills are coming! By Miles Booth

There were a lot of Windmills at Fishing Bay in the 1960s and 70s. I will bet there still are a lot of them sitting in back yards and barns around the area. In 1969, FBYC hosted the Windmill Class International Championship with a huge fleet, many of which were Fishing Bay boats. In 2013, the Windmill Class will hold its National Championship Regatta at FBYC. It would be great if our club could muster a class for one design racing this summer so we would have a fleet of Windmills ready to represent the host club next year. So drag out those old boats and put the children, grandchildren or a geezer in a Mill.

JUNIOR/RACING

## *Hannah Steadman Top American 2012 Magic Marine Easter Regatta*

Hannah Steadman's stellar performance at the Southeast Regional Championships last October in Naples Florida earned her a spot on the team representing the United States of America at the 2012 Magic Marine Easter Regatta in Lake Braassemmermeer, Holland. This was an international event where the competitors had to qualify at their national level before they were eligible for this competition. There were 270 boats from thirteen different countries participating in this regatta, and the competition was stiff. Hannah shared that there were over 100 black flags handed out over the course of the four day event. Clear evidence of a very aggressive fleet on the start line.

Hannah reported highlights from the regatta were finishing sixth in race six and moving up to 31st in the standings and making the gold division. Check out this photo of Hannah with all those other Optis behind her. In the end Hannah finished 66th out of 270 boats and was the top American in the event! In Hannah's words "Overall, it was an amazing experience with outstanding coaches. I thoroughly enjoyed getting to know my fellow U.S. teammates, as well as making friends with kids from all over the world."

Hannah has literally raced all over the world representing the USA and FBYC. We are looking forward to having her here closer to home this summer and watching her race all over the Chesapeake Bay.



Hannah Steadman - Top American in Holland

## *Gary Jobson to Appear at Leukemia Cup*

The 14th Annual Southern Chesapeake Leukemia Cup Regatta takes place over the weekend of July 6-8 in Deltaville. The host, Stingray Point Marina, and sponsors, Stingray Harbour and Fishing Bay Yacht Clubs, will be joined this year by a new supporting sponsor, Wilton Creek Cruising Club.

But the big news is that the National Chairman of the Leukemia Cup Regattas and author/media commentator, Gary Jobson, will appear on Friday night of the event at Stingray Point Marina to entertain us in his inimitable breezy style with past, present, and future happenings in the exciting world of sailing.

The Leukemia Cup kicks-off Regatta Weekend on Friday evening, July 6, with a new format offering beverages and heavy hors d'oeuvres before Gary will address an enthusiastic crowd of sailors, crews, and those from the general public who are invited to attend. You don't need to register your yacht in the Regatta or even own a boat to feel welcome at this event.

The warm-up on Friday will prelude the Regatta racing activities to be officiated by the Fishing Bay Yacht Club on Saturday & Sunday, July 7- 8, and the Gala and popular Leukemia Cup Auction on Saturday evening, July 7, at Stingray Point Marina. Please note the move of the Auction to the evening of the Saturday Gala from Friday night when it has traditionally been held in the past.



The Regatta will offer exciting races, fun, good food, and the live music of Premiere. Leading up to the Regatta, sailors and their crews raise funds for the Society to compete for prizes and a "Fantasy Sail" with Gary Jobson.

Registration for the Regatta is now available online at [www.leukemicup.org/va](http://www.leukemicup.org/va). All entries are due before Thursday, July 5, 2011 at 1200. Registrations received by June 15 will receive a \$25 discount and ensure that the name of your yacht is printed on the official Regatta t-shirt. A portion of the registration fee will be tax- deductible.

There will be PHRF Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Divisions, a J105 Division, a Classic Division for boats designed prior to 1975, and a Cruising Division for a more casual racing format. Skippers don't even need an official PHRF rating to participate in the Classic and Cruising Divisions. Just supply your boat's specifications, and a temporary rating will be assigned for the series. It's easy to do, and it's all online at [www.leukemicup.org/va](http://www.leukemicup.org/va).

The Southern Chesapeake Leukemia Cup Regatta has raised over \$2 million for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society since the Regatta's inception and is typically honored as one of the top Leukemia Cup fundraisers in the nation each year. The Society is appreciative for the Regatta participants, contributors, volunteers, and especially the many sponsors who have made this event so successful in the past.

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society is grateful for the support of SunTrust Bank which repeats as a Presenting Sponsor for the 2012 Regatta. All proceeds from Regatta events assist the Society in its mission: to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. For more information on The Leukemia Cup Regatta activities, contact Debbie Bridwell, Senior Campaign Manager, 804-673-5690 or [Debbie.Bridwell@lls.org](mailto:Debbie.Bridwell@lls.org) or visit [www.leukemicup.org/va](http://www.leukemicup.org/va).

## *Art on Fishing Bay Cancelled*

It is with great regret that the Leukemia Cup Committee has decided to cancel Art on Fishing Bay this year scheduled on Friday, June 8, at the FBYC clubhouse. This decision was a difficult and disappointing one for us to make. The Committee would like to extend its sincerest appreciation to the many loyal exhibitors and patrons of this event in the past. However the reality is that the interest in this event has waned over the past few years, and the Committee felt like it would be more productive to concentrate its efforts instead on activities over Regatta Weekend, July 6 - 8. We hope all of you will join us over this weekend to celebrate the 14th year of the Southern Chesapeake Leukemia Cup.

**RACING**



Wavelength Approaches a Government Mark - Opening Day 2012



Action at the Windward Mark



PHRF A Fleet Start, April 15, 2012



Nice Race, Bob!

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**CRUZIN CORNER**

***Join the Parade!***

***by George Sadler, Cruising Division, Lt. Commander***

The cruisers of FBYC are going to join an international flotilla for this year's bicentennial of the War of 1812. OpSail and the U.S. Navy are collecting the largest fleet of tall ships and international navy vessels ever gathered, for OpSail 2012. OpSail 2012 Virginia is teaming with Norfolk Harborfest to schedule events during the ship gathering, including opportunities to visit the ships, to enjoy live musical performances, to view fireworks, and to watch three Parades of Sail.

Participants in the FBYC Southern Bay Cruise are planning to watch the Sea and Air Parade on Wednesday, June 6, to join the Harborfest Parade of Sail on Friday, June 8 and to proceed with the fleet in a colossal parade up the Chesapeake Bay, leaving Norfolk on Tuesday, June 12. While participating in Harborfest, from the 8th to the 11th, the FBYC participants will have the option of docking on floating docks with walking access to all of the events, or to anchor across the river in the Hospital Point anchorage, in addition to possibly squeezing into one of the local marinas. On the way into and out of the Norfolk harbor, we are planning to gather at Norfolk Yacht and Country Club and at Hampton Yacht Club, respectively.

The parade route up the Bay will commence with leaving Norfolk on the Elizabeth River in the morning, traveling past Fort Monroe in Hampton, and then proceeding up the Bay. The fleet will maintain a speed of six knots, passing Smith Point at the mouth of the Potomac River around sunset on Tuesday, the 12th. Cruisers who choose not to travel as far as the Potomac may turn up the York River for one last night together at York River Yacht Haven. Others from FBYC are encouraged to join in the Parade by sailing with the fleet as it makes its way northward. This certainly is a unique opportunity to see firsthand a mighty collection of tall ships under sail.

For more details contact George and Frances Sadler or check out the three websites: [www.opsailvirginia.com](http://www.opsailvirginia.com), [www.opsail.com](http://www.opsail.com) and [www.starspangled200.org](http://www.starspangled200.org).



***Rosegill Cruise***

We will start our weekend off with a dinner on Friday night at the club, complete with karaoke, so bring your voices and something to drink! The latter helps a lot! The cruise chair will provide the main dish and participants will bring a side dish to share. You will be contacted to bring a salad, veggie, or desert. BYOB.

If you prefer to dock on Saturday rather than drop the hook at Rosegill, Urbanna Town Marina is a good choice. They have 15 transient slips with 30 and 50 amp service. \$1.50 per foot. A dinghy dock is available. Call 804 758-5440 to make your own reservation.

On Sunday afternoon we will head over to Yankee Point on Myer Creek off the Corrottoman River (37 41.6N, 76 29.4W). You can drop the hook or dock at the marina. \$1.40 a foot with free plug-in. They have a new restaurant upstairs where the yacht club used to be. Check it out by clicking here. Please contact us if you desire to dock so we can provide an accurate count, otherwise we will assume that you will anchor out. We will have cocktails as a group prior to dinner. Please bring an hors d'oeuvre to share.

We are looking forward to a fun weekend!

Dan and Barbara Lindsey  
952 90-4250

***Family Picnic at  
Rosegill Farm  
Saturday May 26th***

Cruisers, racers, power boaters, juniors and pool fanatics, bring your blankets and lawn chairs and get ready to bring in summer with a bang at Rosegill Farm. FBYC will host an awesome family picnic for all members and guests of the club. We plan to have a great picnic dinner, refreshments, music and lots of fun for juniors. This year we will feature Chris Stanley and Sky Run. This band plays a great mix of music that all should enjoy! So mark your calendars now to come out and enjoy this great event with family and friends at Rosegill Farm!

- 5:00 PM-6:00 PM: Cocktails and Refreshments**
- 6:00 PM-9:00 PM: Music and fun for juniors**
- 6:00PM: Picnic Dinner on the lawn Catered by White House Catering**  
(please remember to bring your blankets and chairs)

**Menu (Preliminary)**

- Classic Garden Salad
- Peeled and Spiced Jumbo Shrimp
- Steamed in Ale and Served with Sweet Vinegar Cocktail Sauce
- Fried Chicken Breast Strips
- Cheeseburger sliders
- Crab Cake Sliders
- Summer Pasta Salad
- Sweet Vinegar Slaw
- Assorted Brownies and Cookies

**COST:**

- Club Members \$25
- Non-Club Adults \$30
- Teenagers \$10
- Children 12 and under \$5
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## The New J-70 Speedster The Inside Scoop By Blake Kimbrough

Recently on a typical April, fog-laden Saturday morning in Newport I packed my sailing bag and headed up to Bristol, RI. Agenda for the day included a private tour, led by Jeff Johnstone, of the factory and build process for the new J-70 'Speedster,' and later sneaking onto the prototype hull #1 for a test sail. The J-70 is J-Boats' most recent installment and much hyped design representing their first new small keelboat one-design in 18 years (since the J-80 from the early 90s). She's a 22.75ft asymmetrical keelboat sporting a trailer-launch able lifting bulb keel with an all carbon, deck-stepped masthead rig with furling jib.



J-70 planing downward

To paraphrase Jeff's words, the concept of the design is to have a high-performance one design sportboat that also touts being easy to control with comfortable layout. He wants it all...on one hand to see adrenalin-junky racers like myself duking it out in major keelboat regattas, and then on the other hand to see a family of four out pleasure cruising on a Sunday afternoon. This seemed a tall order in my book – who's ever heard-of AND seen a boat that actually pulled off being both sporty and family-friendly? I was skeptical, to say the least, but then we rigged up and I took the helm...

Joining me aboard were J-Boats' Newport yacht broker Tim Kohl, and my girlfriend Julia – together collective a mere 480lbs crew weight (rumor has it the class weight restriction will be around 605-635lbs). The first thing we noticed was how incredibly stable a platform she was at the dock – little/no rocking or wobble as we boarded. The cockpit was BIG, clean and orderly. All control lines feed logically back with no unnecessary clutter, and we had sails-up/wheels-up from the dock within just 5 minutes.

Conditions for the day were southerly breeze of 10-12 knots building to 15-18knots, with relatively calm seas thanks to inbound current. Our morning fog burnt off once we set sail and the sun shined peaked through to send several 'winks' during our 2 hour sail (clearly premeditated/ordered-up by Jeff & Tim ;-)

Upwind she practically drives herself. Once our sail trim was close to correct the helm was incredibly well balanced, with little to no weather helm despite our light crew weight. Hiking was actually comfortable...yes crews, you just read that correctly...hiking is comfortable! The lifeline and deck were specially designed to offer options of 'legs-in' or 'legs-out' crew positions. While legs-in, the deck provides a full length, perfectly-positioned cockpit pedestal for solid footing; and the lifeline becomes a comfortable lower backrest & support (imagine sailing upwind in a 'chaise-lounge' of sorts). Legs-out hiking is also straightforward, regulated by the tightness of the lifelines the class intends to keep crew 'buns on the deck' (unlike the painful 'hanging the crew out to dry style' hiking in other sportboats...amen to no more hipbone bruises!)

Downwind is where our hair really blew back. As soon as the kite filled it was as if Scotty just beamed us up into warp-speed. Now please indulge me with a quick favor - PAUSE for a moment. Think back on the last time you had following seas and your boat was really moving...What was going through your mind? You were probably looking back at 1) the puffs, 2) your competition and 3) the waves...trying to 1) stay in maximize breeze, 2)

position appropriately against other boats, and 3) waiting for that huge wave to catch you for that perfect ... OK, so you're in the zone and with me now? Time to level-set...#1 and #2 still apply, but forget #3 on the J-70. It ain't about looking back to surf a wave on this boat...it's all about how you're gonna JUMP the waves ahead of you!

While in the groove we easily saw 15+ knots of boatspeed, and the boat still felt like a totally in-control freight train on rails. Sets, douses and gybes were simple and straightforward, easily manageable by just a driver and one crew. Admittedly we spun out a couple times when testing her angles off the breeze, but believe it or not she was very civilized on her ear. Thanks to the substantial cockpit footing, while on our side we were literally all just standing there (with huge smiles) talking calmly through how to get back on track to jumping more waves.

As our time on the water came to an end it was clear none of us wanted to go in. Word on the street is that J-70s have north of 100 hulls on order; with a significant concentration in the Chesapeake Bay area (Annapolis will have the first and largest fleet next year). Initially, major class regattas will almost all be on the east coast across all major events including venues such as Key West, St Pete, Charleston, Annapolis and Newport.

Now why in the world did I just write this article? Simply put – it's awesome, I've got one on order, as do the Prophet syndicate and Craig Wright, and we want you to drink the J-70 kool-aid. If you are in the market for something new, thinking it's time to get into a here & now class, or deliberating with friends the idea of a partnership in a boat - please seriously consider this boat and let's build a fleet!!!

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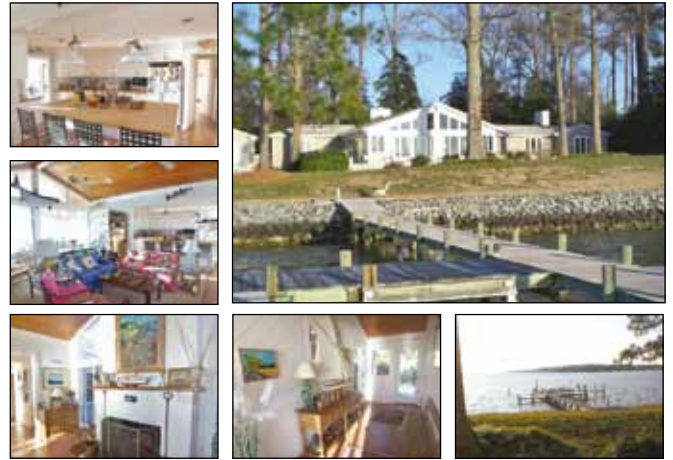
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