



*FROM THE QUARTERDECK*

**AUGUST 2018**



### **DOG DAYS OF SUMMER!**

It is hard to believe that summer is almost over. This year, the Fourth of July fell mid-week, and as a result, the annual 4th of July Long Distance Race and Cookout actually occurred on June 30th. The hope was that the schedule shift would help participation. A great time was had by all despite the light air. Congrats to **John and Sharon Wake** for winning the race and the Hicks Trophy, and thanks to Ed and Diane O'Connor for organizing a great cookout which more than made up for a lack of wind!

The YAM Program sponsored the first **movie night** the weekend after July 4th. Fun was had by members of all ages, and the showing was a great success! Thanks to **Blake and Julia Kimbrough and the rest of the YAM Committee** for creating this new fun event. The next movie night has already been scheduled for August 3. The projector will be a great asset for the club in the future, and not just for movie nights. College football after sailing on a fall Saturday, anyone?

As I write this article, everyone is prepping for the **20th Annual Leukemia Cup Regatta**, which should be another great event supporting a great cause! As of the Monday prior to the event, there were 54 boats registered to participate in the regatta. From a fundraising

perspective, the event was roughly 38% ahead of last year at the comparable point. Additionally, we are more than halfway to our goal of raising \$130,000 this year. But the fundraising does not stop at the end of the regatta, so after you read this article, make sure you have done your part to support this great cause.

Please remember that **AOD** and **Stingray Point Regattas** are on the horizon as well, especially AOD, which will only be a few days away by the time you receive this issue of *The Log*. **Becca Doncaster, Massey Whorley**, and their organizing committees have been hard at work preparing these two great events. If you haven't already done so, please make your plans to participate in both of our signature events. Don't have a boat to participate in AOD and/or Stingray Point? Take the opportunity to sign up as a volunteer for either or both events.

Now to a more serious topic, **monitoring your children while at the Club**. Inherent with any yacht club are certain dangers around our facilities. We do get on boats that sail on the water, after all. It is imperative that while on campus we monitor the activities of our children to ensure that they do not get hurt. Over the past few summers, there has been a troubling trend of children being unsupervised at the Club. By way of example, children need to be monitored while on our docks and when swimming off or around them. Additionally, please remember that the lifeguards at the pool ensure safety in and around the pool deck, and are not an alternative babysitting service.

Finally, please remember our ongoing membership recruitment contest. At this year's Commodore's Ball in November, we will be recognizing the members who recruit the most new members to the Club during the year. Gift certificates will be awarded to the top three winners in the contest. **So get out there and recruit new members to our Club!**

~ **Rob Whittemore - Commodore**

## MINUTES - July 2018

**FISHING BAY YACHT CLUB - BOARD MEETING**

July 12, 2018 – Retreat Hospital

**HOUSE CHAIR – Stephen H. Montgomery:****BATH HOUSE UPGRADES:**

We will be concentrating on completing the porch refresh plan going forward. The floor will be finished next and then furnishings redone or replaced. Our progress has been limited by staff resignations; this work is “on the list” when we get to it.

**OTHER:** We awarded a painting contract for exterior work on the Club House and other miscellaneous areas at a very reasonable cost. The roofs on the two walk out porches will be painted as soon as the fiberglass repairman can arrange it. The large grill at the Clubhouse has been replaced. The smaller grill works but needs a new igniter, and will likely be moved to outside the Bath House porch. We have had a nagging condensate drip on the front porch; it was determined one of the AC units upstairs never had the primary and back up condensate lines installed correctly. For a modest amount that is being corrected for a permanent solution.

**SOCIAL CHAIR – Geoff Cahill:** 4th of July Long Distance Race and Family Cookout was well attended despite warm temperatures and light breezes. Craig Wright and his Race Committee team gave the sailors a challenging course followed by a great Awards Ceremony during the cookout. Ed and Diane O’Connor and their cookout crew provided excellent food for close to 100 hungry partygoers including a good number of new members. November 17th is the Commodore’s Ball at the Commonwealth Club. Preliminary arrangements have been made with the venue people and Allene and I are starting to put together our crew of helpers. Allene will be looking for help with flower arrangements that afternoon. I’ll be recruiting help at the Registration Desk and with drink ticket sales.

**JUNIOR DIV. CDR. – Mark Wensell:**

- **Opti Kids:** Tim Feehan did an outstanding job leading the class of 14 new sailors and was ably assisted by coaches Trent and Garrett Levy. The class was held over two weekends (June 9/10 and 16/17) in perfect weather conditions. During the 4 ½ day sessions the sailors did a tremendous amount of learning and sailing, as well as enjoying a family ice cream social and picnic lunch. Kudos to Julie-Ann Wash and Joanna Wensell for organizing the social activities.
- **Junior Week:** Occurred on the week of 6/18 – 6/22. Melanie Mason led the effort and was assisted by Julie-Ann Wash, Jennifer Bendura and Joanna Wensell. 45 people volunteered their time for the entire week serving as instructors, coach boat managers, on shore

logistics, first aid and safety boats. Commodore Rob Whittemore hosted a dinner for the full-time volunteers and their families on Sunday night before Junior Week. Nearly 150 juniors participated including CIT’s. Nightly entertainment occurred including DJ/Pool Party and Kona Ice. The week was capped by a family dinner on Thursday night. We also held our first Race Team Seminar to spread the word and answer questions about starting and joining.

- **Development Teams:** Grew to 14 Participants, one of our largest ODT teams ever! Trent and Garrett Levy are coaching this year and due to team growth, we have added Nick Cabell to the coaching staff. All coaches are alumni of our programs. Elizabeth Staas is leading and doing a tremendous job organizing a full season, including six local regattas.
- **Annual Junior Regatta:** Will Angus chaired the event, with PROs Charlie Brewer and Jim Raper running the outer race courses for Red/White/Blue Optis and 420s/Lasers. Trent and Garrett Levy did a great job running the Opti Green course. 123 Sailors participated in the event including a record 28 in the Opti Green Fleet. Will and team ensured sailors were well fed with continental breakfast each day and a wonderful BBQ dinner on Saturday Night.
- **Race Teams:** Three race (420, Laser & Opti) teams made up of 28 sailors began practice on Sat 6/9 and will sail six days a week through 8/14. Our coaches are Alexander Zimmermann, Clari Piran and Mariano Pellegrino and they are assisted by coaches Amanda Albany and Ralph Levy, both Junior Program alumni. The coaching staff’s impressive experience and structured approach is benefiting the program by advancing both our newest sailors and our returning racers. Teams will cumulatively participate in over 20 regattas including; USODA National Championships, CBYRA Junior events and the Hyannis Yacht Club Regatta in Massachusetts. A special thank-you is due to Brian Ankrom and his staff for their tremendous efforts in supporting all these programs.

**REGATTA COMMITTEE – Rebecca Wash and Massey Whorley:** Registration is open for AOD on our website. Tent, stage, fans and lights are reserved for Saturday night of Stingray. Stingray SIs are being finalized and should be on Yacht Scoring by next week. Julie Ann Wash will be handling design and creation of shirts for both AOD and Stingray. She is currently working on ideas. David Hinckle is once again serving as yard boss and is currently recruiting tractor drivers. Response to request for volunteers has been very limited, so we are still looking for volunteers for both events. We need assistance with the following—**AOD:** Lift supervisor,



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Dock supervisor, Trophies, Dinner check-in (tickets), Dinner setup, Dinner service, Party cleanup, Bartender; **Stingray:** Mr. Roberts driver, Crew for gate boat, Trophies, Dinner check-in (tickets), Party cleanup – 2 nights, Bartenders.

**ADULT SAILING PROGRAM – Karen Soule:** FBYC now owns three Flying Scots. Buck and Maxine Brewer donated *Dawn Treader* (#3798) and former FBYC members, Marshall and Beth Orr, along with Debbie Cycotte, have donated *Rivodance* (#5206). Ron Jenkins has done tremendous work surveying these two additional boats, cleaning and refurbishing them. Three one-design boats gives FBYC many opportunities for instruction, racing and most importantly, attracting new members. So far, FBYC financial investment in this effort is dollar-positive—the \$100 annual usage fee has covered any ancillary costs.

Sign-ups are underway for the bus trip to the Annapolis Boat Show, VIP Day Thursday, October 4.

Our FBYC 3rd Annual Women's Sailing Weekend, September 22-23 will have five cruising boats participating with approximately 25 women on board.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Commodore Robert Whittemore reported the FBYC Ramp is in final detail of drawings to submit for Permit Application. The work on the Ramp will be done over the winter.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Rob Whittemore reported that concerns have been raised about children jumping off the pilings at the FBYC Dock. He noted that he will address this issue in his August Log Article. He also noted we will consider appropriate language modifications to the Club Rules. Parents need to monitor their children at all times while on the premises.

Commodore Robert Whittemore received a phone call from the Stove Point Homeowners Association addressing repairs that need to be done on the private road along Fishing Bay. The Homeowners Association is also looking into the flooding of the road as well, would like to include FBYC in the discussion. The board is exploring this.

**NOTICE TO FBYC MEMBERSHIP**

The FBYC Nominating Committee is soliciting nominations for the 2019 Board of Trustees. If you wish to nominate a Club member or serve yourself, please contact Member-at-Large and Chair of the Nominating Committee David Lennarz at [dlennarz@gmail.com](mailto:dlennarz@gmail.com) or 1-757-876-0992. The deadline for submitting nominations is September 15th.

**SAVE THE DATE!  
STATE OF THE CLUB  
MID-YEAR MEETING**

Join Commodore Rob Whittemore, Vice Commodore Paul Wash, Rear Commodore Tracy Schwarzschild, Finance Chair Veronica Hinckle, and Secretary and Membership Chair Joe Roos for an informal meeting on Monday, September 3rd (Labor Day), from 10-11 am upstairs in the main Club House. Our Agenda will include:

- Club Management
- Membership Status
- Financial Update
- Fishing Bay Boat Ramp
- Summary / Q&A



**FBYC SHIP'S STORE GETS NEW  
DISPLAY CASE**

Co-chairs of the FBYC Ship's Store, Debbie Cycotte and Janet Moyers, are thrilled to announce the addition of a new, much larger display case. Once it is outfitted with a lock, we will display all of our merchandise with pricing and be ready to fulfill all your FBYC shopping needs.

Stay tuned, as we will also have monthly specials and a laminated catalog available so we can place special orders for you! Let us know other suggestions for items to stock.

Supplement your FBYC merchandise and wear it often! It increases FBYC's visibility and generates interest. Thank you for your support of the Ship's Store.

IN MEMORIAM

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**Robert R. Rock**

*November 15, 1933 - June 16, 2018*

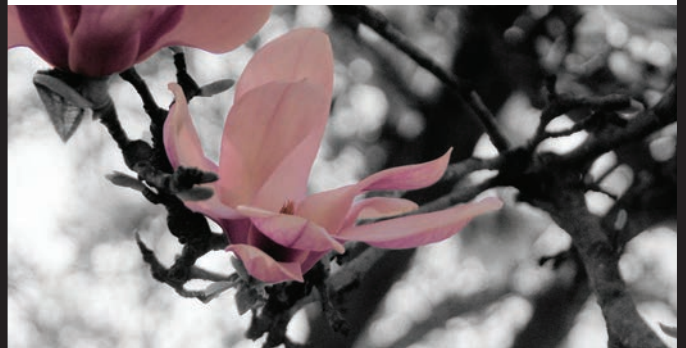


**Robert R. Rock**, 84, patriarch of a loving family, an accomplished sailor, long-time coach and football official, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, on June 16, 2018. Born in Baltimore, he lived in Ruxton, Maryland, graduating from Loyola-Blakefield. He was an immensely proud graduate of Villanova University, having earned a degree in mechanical engineering. Upon graduation, he was commissioned as an ensign in the U.S. Navy and served as a Naval flight officer, retiring as a Lieutenant Commander.

He began his storied coaching career in Towson, Maryland, with the Rodger's Forge Reds. In 1968, he moved to Richmond as Branch Manager for American Air Filter. In 1969, he was the first Head Football Coach at St. Edward; during his time there his winning percentage was .950. For nearly 20 years, he served as player-manager of the St. Edward men's softball team. A legendary coach in the Benedictine Middies program, he enjoyed seeing and being recognized by his former players, many of whom went on to play at the college level. He was an official of the Virginia High School League, officiating football for over 20 years. A past Commodore of Fishing Bay Yacht Club, he raced fast boats (*Shamrock I and II*) and not so fast (*Valiant*) with many dedicated, loyal crew members.

He was a parishioner of St. Edward Catholic Church for 50 years. He was predeceased by his parents, Leo Peter and Catherine Robertson Rock; and his daughter, Meg Rock. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Rock; his son, Robert R. Rock Jr. (Lisa) of Jacksonville, Florida; and his grandchildren, Timothy Rock of Tallahassee, Tess Rock of New York City, Hank Reidy and Robert Reidy, both of Richmond. Donations can be made in his memory to the Benedictine Educational Foundation-Coaches Fund, 12829 River Road, Richmond, Virginia 23238. **REQUIESCAT IN PACE**

IN MEMORIAM



**Thomas F. O'Connell**

*July 16, 1949 - June 8, 2018*



**Thomas Francis O'Connell**, 68, of Richmond, passed away peacefully on June 8, 2018. He was born on July 16, 1949 in Queens, New York. He was preceded in death by his father, Thomas F. O'Connell Sr. He is survived by his loving wife Susan O'Connell, his son Thomas O'Connell and his wife Jennifer; daughter Erin and her husband Michael Frank; daughter Kristina and her husband Mac Hill; and five grandchildren Kylee, Ryan, Brendan, Alice and Peter; two brothers Daniel and Martin, and a sister Ann Marie. He is also survived by his mother Catherine O'Connell Fisher, and her husband Thomas J. Fisher, and many loving nieces and nephews.

Tom was a U.S. Army veteran who served in Vietnam and was decorated multiple times for valor. He worked as a Certified Public Accountant and Controller and retired in 2016. Tom was an avid sailor in New York on Long Island Sound and on the Great South Bay before moving to Richmond with his family in 1994. He soon found his way to Fishing Bay, where he joined FBYC in 1997. He was active in one-design racing, served on the Board under several Commodores, and enjoyed racing his Pearson in invitational regattas with his family as crew.

Tom will be remembered by all who knew him for his kindness, humor and grace.  
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NEW MEMBERS

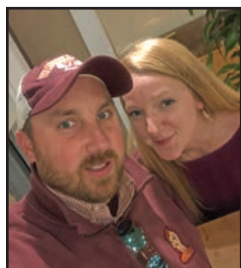
**TOP SPONSOR AWARD**

Bringing new members into FBYC is one of the most important things we, as members, can do in order to ensure the continued vitality of the Club we love. In recognition of this essential contribution, we will be giving special acknowledgement of new member sponsors at the Commodore's Ball. To spur the competitive spirit in us all, we will also be awarding the top sponsor with a \$250 gift card to APS. We will consider sponsors for new members who filed their application between Dec. 1, 2017, and Nov. 1, 2018.

If you have someone in mind as a prospective member, there are a number of great events coming up that really showcase the sailing and community at FBYC.

- Invite them to join you for the AOD party on August 11. This dinner and party is for all club members and their guests. But as an aside, if you always wanted to race in AOD and don't have a boat, you may wish to talk with Karen Soule about one of the FBYC Flying Scots.
- See if they would like to crew in the Stingray Point Regatta, which begins August 31. Boats are always looking for crew. Bring them to the Regatta party - great food, drinks, entertainment, and people on the shores of Fishing Bay.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**



**Chad DeHaven - Winchester VA:**

Chad has been crewing on Mayo Tabb's boat *Excitation* for the last two years in the FBYC offshore series and distance races and has really enjoyed the experience. This past fall he purchased a 19' Front Runner and would like to sail with the

One Design group to improve his sailing skills. *Sponsors: Mayo Tabb and Mark & Melissa Stephens*

**Michael and Penny Kucera - Richmond VA:** Michael was raised in Wake, VA in Middlesex County with the Rappahannock River sailing a small Zuma and a Hobie



Cat. After graduating from VCU, he helped his friends sail their 1943 wooden ketch *Gaucha* from the Severn River to St. Bart's in the French West Indies. It was a 14-day experience that he will never forget. Michael and Penny and two beautiful young daughters (ages 1.5 and 3.5) have numerous friends and neighbors who are already members of FBYC and look forward to the camaraderie that will ensue. As the new owner of Norton Yachts, he would like to get more involved with the local sailing community and learn more about sailboat racing specifically. *Sponsors: Rob Whittemore and John Koedel III*



**Frank and Sarah West - Cobbs Creek VA:**

The Wests' children participated in Junior Week last year and enjoyed being at the club immensely. They live on the Piankatank River and would enjoy coming to the club by

boat. Frank and Sarah hope their children will continue to love the bay and become sailors with the help of FBYC! *Sponsors: Rick Klein and Neena Rodgers*



**Mark and Andrea Crews - Charlottesville VA:**

Marks first sailing experience was around 40 years ago when he and a childhood friend went sailing on Buggs Island Lake. In the ensuing years

he sailed and raced in several different boats. After a hiatus to start a family, Mark and Andrea returned to the sport when they moved to Lake of the Woods where he participated in the local sailing club racing Flying Scots. He has always dreamed of sailing around the Chesapeake and last April, decided to move his Catalina 28 from Smith Mt Lake to Deltaville. During this past Summer and Fall Mark participated in racing at Fishing Bay with Bob and Lisa Fleck as well as the Wolf Trap race with Paul Wash. The Crews look forward to joining FBYC and enjoying the social and racing aspects, the club facilities and a real chance to get to know the other club members. *Sponsors: Bob and Lisa Fleck and Paul and Julie Ann Wash*



## CRUISING

## WELCOME ABOARD! (THE BUS, THAT IS)



Want to get your boat envy elevated? Or maybe you need to purchase that needed equipment at reduced boat show prices? How about just spending a day with your fellow FBYC members “simply messing about in boats?”

If you answered “yes” to any of those questions, then be sure to reserve a space on the FBYC coach bus which will be traveling to the Annapolis Boat Show on **Thursday, October 4, 2018**. Thursday is VIP Day and is one of the best days to visit the show—there are smaller crowds and more time to walk the decks and visit vendors. The bus (complete with coffee and bagels in the morning) will leave from a central location in Richmond at 7 am. We’ll arrive at the show when it opens around 10 am. We’ll then return the same day—tired and sunburned, but loving our existing boats even more—around 6 pm.

Cost is \$35 a person for transportation. Boat show admittance tickets are also \$35 and can be purchased at the gate or online. You can reserve your seat for our journey at [www.FBYC.net](http://www.FBYC.net). Click on “Social” and scroll down to the “Annapolis Boat Show Bus Trip” link and sign up. And keep a look out for a special program or event that we’ll be offering to those fellow land cruisers.

**The Fleet’s Expanding!** Thanks to the generous donations of FBYC members, we now have THREE Flying Scots that are available for all members to use whenever they wish. Buck and Maxine Brewer and former members Marshall and Beth Orr (with Debbie Cycotte) have graciously given FBYC their Scots.

Our hope is to have both of these “new” boats ready for members to sail, race and enjoy by August 1. Ron Jenkins has done tremendous work to make sure these boats are fully equipped and clean. With three boats available, we can have one boat for racing, one for instruction and one for cruising. **Thank you, Ron!**

Remember, the \$100 annual cost for unlimited family usage is waived for new members. Members can reserve a Flying Scot simply by going to our website. Click on the “Sailing” tab and then “Adult Sailing.” The reservation form and all our sailing guidelines are readily available.

**Then go sailing!**



**CAPTAIN’S CHOICE CRUISE**  
**JULY 6-8, 2018**  
**JANE AND GORDON CUTLER**

On the evening of July 6—as Tropical Depression 3 (later Tropical Storm Chris) moved up the East Coast, causing cancellation of the Seabreeze Regatta, and as the Young Adult Members gathered for movie night on the clubhouse porch—the Cruising Group, representing 12 boats and 36 crew and guests, met upstairs for a pre-cruise dinner. Special attendees included former FBYC “First Ladies” Connie Garrett and Myra Bennett, and Nancy and Sam Stoakley—who for many years cruised their beloved *Reflections*—sailing with George and Francis Sadler. Also attending were Scott and Louisa Sirles, who have just returned *Joyful* in good repair, and Stella and Charlie Jones, with *Nugget* repaired from hail damage over the winter. With help from Brian and crew setting up tables, members contributing food and table decorations, and Jane providing main dishes, a fine time was had by all. The fleet had hoped that the forecast winds would be safely manageable for a cruise up the Rappahannock to Yankee Point, but Saturday arrived with 25-30 knot NE winds pinning many boats in their slips, and leaving slips and sailing around Stingray Point did not seem prudent under the conditions. Nonetheless, *Tender Mercies*, *Miss Kate*, and *Jabberwock* (leaving from Broad Creek) made the sail to Yankee Point Marina, which proved to be a pleasant reach once safely in the river. Riding with the Sakowskis were friends Bill and Jane Ranson, and with the Grays were Andy Soyars and Steve and Margaret Montgomery. By evening, the winds had moderated and most of the planned attendees arrived by car to enjoy appetizers together under clear skies and dinner at Windows on the Water.

Sunday arrived with bright sunshine, low temperature and humidity, and 15-22 knot NE winds, which allowed

for a single port tack on a close reach down the Rappahannock—just over 2 hours from Yankee Point Marina to Stingray Point Light. While we relearned that nature has the upper hand in the cooperative venture between sailors and nature, it was, all in all, a lovely weekend with a great group of friends brought together by their love of sailing.

## THE LEGEND OF STINGRAY POINT REVISITED

BY GEORGE BURKE, FBYC HISTORIAN

All of you know the story well. America's first hero, Captain John Smith, leads a series of expeditions from Jamestown to explore the shores of the Chesapeake. In the spring of 1608, his shallop runs aground in eelgrass on a shoal at the southern point of the Rappahannock. A migratory school of Cownose Rays are spotted feeding in the grasses, and Smith, in his zeal, spears one with the point of his sword, incurring an intolerably painful arm wound from the animal's poisonous tail.

Then the story becomes enchanting. Nearby Native Americans, observing the captain's distress, come to the rescue by transporting him to the north point of the Rappahannock, where they administer a curative poultice from the magical mud of a nearby creek, thereafter called "Antipoison Creek." Smith is cured, subsequently eats the stingray, and names the site of the incident "Stingray Point." By explaining geography, making history more palpable, depicting a harmonious episode between two cultures, even invoking a hint of animism, the story is charming on many levels. But is it true? Multiple sources, including Walter Cronkite's *Around America*, Dozier's *Waterway Guide*, and Wikipedia's article on Stingray Point, Virginia, tell the above version.

However, the only eyewitness account of the episode, that of Captain John Smith, is recounted in his journal published in London in 1612 under the title *The General Historie of Virginia, New England, the Summer Isles*. That work tells a different tale. Smith describes his distress over the wound with the following: "Yet it pleased God by a precious oyle Doctor Russell at the first applyed to it when he sounded with a probe this tormenting paine was so well assuaged that he (Smith) eate of the fish to his supper....". There is no mention of Indians to the rescue, magical poultices, or a journey to a creek. As happens so often, a doctor has spoiled the story. The version we tell appears to be what today we know as FAKE NEWS.

How, then, did Antipoison Creek become part of the legend? Lancaster County's *Record Book*, which dates back to the 1600s, contains an early reference to "Nantepoison Neck," restated in other entries as "Nantepoizen," "Nantypoyson," and even "Nanty Rorson." What were the origins of these names? Were they corruptions of a Native American term? The name of a local settler misspelled, as so often occurred in those days? Who knows? What we do know is that "Antipoison" did not appear in the record until the 19th century.

S-o-o-o, how did Nantepoizen become Antipoison? Your historian prefers the whimsical explanation proffered in a *Rappahnnock Record* editorial addressing the same question in 1967: "Like an old worn coin, the name was passed around until one of its letters got rubbed off and then.... Picture a group of long-ago Virginia Gentlemen seated before the commanding windows of the Westmoreland Club in Richmond, and one of them says, 'Tom, you're from Lancaster. What've you got in that far-off spot anyway?' The one addressed, State Senator Tom Downing (who served in the late 19th and early 20th century), squints judiciously into his tall frosty glass and begins ex tempore, 'What've we got?' He pauses, letting his silence sharpen attention. He turns his glass to catch the sunset glow, raises it, lowers it, smiles, 'We've got sir, the everlasting honor of saving the life of the fearless Englishman to whom every Virginian pays allegiance, Captain John Smith!'

Most myths are true on some level, even if untrue literally. Perhaps that is the justification for most who like to tell the charming "fake news" version of the legend rather than the one supported by the facts. But your historian also prefers the fake news version, and will continue shamelessly to tell it to visitors, because nothing should stand in the way of a good story.



## SAILING'S LEGACY

In the July edition of the Log there was an announcement that the Legacy of Sail Regatta, originally the Geezer Regatta, will now become the Jere Dennison Legacy Regatta to be held on August 25. With the name change, there is also a new competition category, the Vintage Skipper award.

## ADULT SAILING / JUNIOR / YOUNG ADULT MEMBERS

The genesis of the event was primarily Jere's idea. As he looked around the One Design fleets and saw ancient mariners beginning to recede, he conceived of a way to keep them in the game by creating a competition open only to skippers 60 or older, i.e. "geezers". Jere earned the naming rights for this regatta the honest way, by eventually becoming a geezer himself. But his lasting contributions started long before that, beginning in 1955 with his exploits as a junior racer, continuing with his long tenure on the FBYC Board including becoming our youngest Commodore in 1975, and culminating in his service as our gifted Club Historian for 15 years. From Jolly Boats to Lasers to Mobjacks to Scots, there was hardly a One Design that Jere didn't skipper or crew over those years. No one more than Jere understood that sailing is a lifelong adventure for all ages and an ancient legacy to be passed from generation to generation.

## JUNIORS SAILING ABROAD BY JORDAN BENDURA

This winter while in Argentina sailing in a "once in a lifetime event," I was offered another opportunity that I could not resist. In fact, it's one that I don't think any sailor could. I received a text from a friend of mine, Jackson Montague, asking me if I'd be interested in being his crew on a 29er in Kiel Week in Kiel, Germany. How could I pass that offer up? I immediately asked my dad, who pointed out that "I was already on a once in a lifetime trip," and what was I thinking? Fortunately for me, after a lot of discussion (and a little begging) he agreed to let me go.

Once I returned from my trip, Jackson and I began practicing. We practiced every weekend we could leading up to the event. We even got the opportunity to sail in Miami for a weekend with a coach. That weekend helped us a lot and we both gained confidence in our skills. We went back to Fishing Bay and raced in the Opening Day race and placed first overall. With Jackson's excellent driving skills and sailing ability, I was feeling good going into Kiel. We had no expectations of winning; this trip was all about the experience. Of course, we wanted to sail the best that we could, but realistically we didn't have the time in the boat to win.

We left for Germany on June 9th. Jackson's mom flew with us all the way to Hamburg, where Jackson and I left her and went on our own by bus to Kiel. We met the host family we were staying with and got acclimated to the area. The next day we woke up early and went to Holger Jess' workshop, where we got to see how boats are

fixed and also helped to unload two shipping containers of boats. That afternoon we picked up our boat and got to go sailing. I took one step into the water there and realized it was going to be a long week if I didn't get some warmer clothes. So I went into the very large race village and got some warmer sailing attire.

We practiced and explored the town for the next few days until it was time to race. The regatta started with a day unlike I've ever seen. We launched and got to the race course. Once there, we attempted to start a race, but the wind shifted. Then a few moments later, we were hit with a hailstorm bringing 30+ knots of wind. We survived the storm but it killed the wind, so sailing had to be abandoned for the day. The next few days brought good wind and good racing. Jackson and I sailed well together and had a blast, although the results didn't show it. The Montagues met us for the last few days of the regatta, and the last night we joined them and Tomas Dietrich and his skipper for dinner at their hotel, where we watched some fireworks to end the trip.

All around this trip was one of the best that I have ever been on, and I was able to learn a lot as a sailor and also as a person by experiencing a new culture. I am sure the same goes for Jackson, as he made the whole trip possible and made it a blast.

### FIRST EVER MOVIE NIGHT A BIG HIT!

The YAM's first ever Movie Night drew a huge crowd with over 40 members of all ages! The Sandlot cranked up at 8:45 pm, and we saw members of all ages joining in the fun. Wet weather kept us from being outside on the lawn, but thanks to our perfectly sized front porch we set up under cover and enjoyed zero mosquitos. Attendees brought their own snacks and drinks, and the YAMs surprised everyone with fresh popcorn and a build-your-own-candy bar, complemented by a few sodas and waters for all to share.

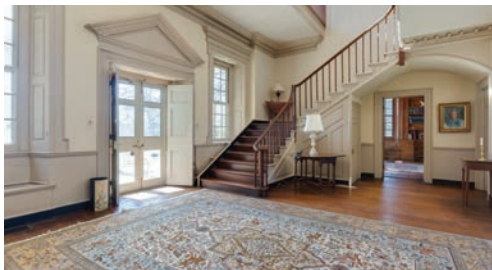
This is certain to become a new tradition for us all to enjoy at the club for years to come; **mark your calendar now for Friday, August 3rd**, which is when we fire up another great film at the Club. Big thanks to our YAM Committee for helping organize and execute this fun new event; and thanks as always to club manager, Brian Ankrom, for helping organize and set up!





## DYMER HALL

An extremely well-built home overlooking wonderful Dymer Creek. The home is of brick construction with a copper roof, and enjoys a picturesque waterfront setting, spacious rooms, handsome woodwork, and views in all directions. There are 6 bedrooms, 5 full baths, and 3 half-baths. A gourmet's dream kitchen includes a large gas range and spacious island for meal prep. Amenities on the grounds include an in-ground pool, pool house(1 BR & 2 full baths), rip-rapped shoreline, two piers, boat house with two boat lifts and apartment above, 3 pole sheds, 1.5 story detached garage with apartment above, and majestic grounds with mature landscaping and trees. This estate boasts exceptional quality and detail throughout. MLS 564321. \$6,500,000.



## FAIRFIELD

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