



FROM THE QUARTERDECK

OCTOBER 2021



HAPPY FALL

Sailors, with their built-in sense of order, service and discipline, should really be running the world. - Nicholas Monsarrat

Greetings and happy fall! I can attest that our members and guest sailors have clearly demonstrated their ability to right their ships and keep not only order but enjoyment alive in sailing.

We recently wrapped up one of our premier sailing events this past Labor Day weekend, the 27th Annual Stingray Point Regatta. This event is special to me for numerous reasons. I was on the planning and execution team that hosted the very first inaugural event in honor of our recently lost club member, Brenton Halsey Jr. who was taken from us all too soon. FBYC honored this club member via this event for his love of FBYC, Deltaville and the conviviality of sailing companions. He provided joy and happiness to his many friends and acquaintances and we celebrate his passionate embrace of sailing and yacht racing which was an inspiration to his fellow members at the Club. We commemorate and honor his spirit. Truly, isn't his legacy what we all aspire to?

The event was highly supported by Mike Karn (PRO) and his plethora of RC members as well as David and Veronica Hinckle and Paul and Julie Ann Wash for being a sounding board and also supporting the administration of setting up this event and "ground support". Events such as Stingray cannot successfully exist without a volume of volunteers who donate their time and joy of sailing to the many tasks that bring seamless execution to our participants and their guests.

We were so blessed to have so many members, both tenured and recent, support FBYC by stepping in for registration, ticket-taking, bartending, food service, clean-up and most importantly, being a resource for all when needed. What I found most heart-warming and inspiring is the enthusiasm so many volunteers shared in the actual act of being a volunteer. Many shared how much fun it was to join in and by the act of their role—meet new members, reacquaint with old friends and enjoy the camaraderie of sailing (even when on land). This is yet another fantastic testament to what FBYC is based on – a volunteer sailing club which supports and provides for members wishing to enjoy the art of sailing. Please keep this in mind the next time the call to volunteer comes across. You will reap more than you sow. I give a huge shout out to Brian, Eric and Ben for their preparation and support of this event. We are so lucky to have them as part of our FBYC Family.

The Stingray event had many valuable sponsors including **Legend Brewing** (club member Tom Martin), **Evolution Sails** (club member Jerry Latell) and **Chesapeake Boatworks** (club members Rick and Lee Farinholt). These sponsors help us maintain our costs and provide first class events. Please thank them and partake of their services when you can.

Now, there is much sailing still to occur. The Cruising Division has just taken off on their Choptank Cruise and I imagine the adventures and stories will be fantastic. The One Design and Offshore Fleets have commenced their Fall Series and we also have the Laser Masters coming up soon. This year we have been provided great weather on most weekends and let us have confidence that will continue.

We have a new One Design Fleet in the making. Many members took advantage of the Paul Albany/Rob Whittemore demonstration of the up-and-coming Melges 15. I personally enjoyed this boat. More importantly,

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there is one line to raise the chute and pull the pole out simultaneously as well as the reverse for the douse! What an ease this boat is to sail and why can't we replicate this for larger boats, I ask? Word on the street is we are at nearly 10 boat orders by different club members. Do not miss out on an affordable boat that is easy to launch and sail.

Mark your calendars for the Closing Day Regatta and Social Event on Saturday, November 6 as well as the Annual Meeting and Commodore's Ball on Saturday, November 13. More information regarding these heralded events to come. Keep your eye on your email and of course, check out the FBYC website www.fbyc.net for the latest and greatest. We have many more months of sailing and enjoyment to come.

See you at The Club and let's go sailing. ~
Elizabeth Staas, Commodore

FISHING BAY YACHT CLUB - BOARD MEETING
September 9, 2021 – Via Zoom

TREASURER – K. Stuart Gregory:

1. Made final arrangements for loan on Middle Dock project – should be in place approx. Sept 15th
2. Finalized our 2020 tax return
3. Participated in Long Range Planning meeting
4. Addressed numerous payment and reimbursement requests

HOUSE CHAIR – Kenneth Johnson:

August presented a few minor repairs that required attention to ensure reliable usage of our facility, especially event usage.

Please, whether you are a member or staff, remember to notify the house chairman when you notice even minor deficiencies. These small annoyances can metastasize into larger problems and many times are the tip of the iceberg that is a larger underlying issue. Quick and competent attention to these details will provide for smooth sailing during our events.

DOCKS CHAIR – David Hinckle:

We will establish a date in the coming days to inform middle dock tenants when they need to move their boats. We encourage all slip holders to haul their boats out as early as possible to assist with the replacement of the middle dock.

SOCIAL CHAIR – Gary and Karen Akens:

Closing Day Oyster Roast – Saturday, November 6th -

Planning for an oyster roast and chili cook-off. Details being confirmed.

Commodore's Ball – Saturday, November 13th - Final contracts for the Bon Secours Training Center, Jangling Reinharts, and Groovin Gourmet being negotiated and signed.

GROUNDS CHAIR – Steve H. Montgomery:

1. Brian and I have tentatively scheduled the pool closing for September 20th.
2. Dinghy racks have arrived; I will work with the staff on the 17th to install; we will then shuffle everyone around to their final landing place, add name tags, etc.
3. Brian and I met to plan fall activities for Grounds. We will focus on repairing several lawn areas in front of the Club House and beside Fannies'. Will add topsoil, grass seed and a stabilizing fabric and try to get a good stand of grass established this fall. Another focus area will be building up the ground in front of the dinghy rack, per plan, so it can be safely and easily accessed.
4. Started working on the 2022 Ground's budget with Brian...our largest item will be a refresh of the tractor as it is five years old and it's time for some serious preventive maintenance on the engine and hydraulic systems to prevent premature failure.

MEMBER AT LARGE – William H. Schwarzschild, III:

The nominating committee has met and is looking for folks to fill a few open positions and looking at building for the future. Will have the full slate by October board meeting.

LONG RANGE PLANNING – James L. Raper:

The committee is meeting next week on what we need to do to create more sailors.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Veronica Hinckle:

The August transaction detail and treasurers report are posted to the website. Please be on the lookout for the budget requests for 2022.

MEMBERSHIP ENGAGEMENT CHAIR –

Katharine Yudkin: I continue to reach out personally to each newly approved member. I introduce myself as Membership Engagement Chair and offer my assistance in answering any questions or providing information regarding Club activities, events, and volunteer opportunities. I also review each application, paying special attention to sailing and volunteer interests so that I can help make better connections. This month

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I'd like to revisit the Google Form idea to assist in both consolidation and streamlining of member interests and preferences. An update on old business: The topic of the new member social has been sidelined and suggested to be made part of the winter program.

YAM CHAIR – Mary Catherine McAllister:

Corn hole tournament - The YAMs had a great time wrapping up the Stingray Point Regatta with the Annual Corn Hole Tournament. We had 8 teams compete for a grand prize of a bottle of rum. Katie Yudkin and team took home the prize! Everyone had a great time and we look forward to hosting the event in years to come.

VICE COMMODORE – JOSEPH W. ROOS:

Joe summarized the Race Management Committee activities for August:

We have initiated calls between PROs and the advisory group and distributed the PRO tip sheet to PROs for this fall's events.

Racer and RC feedback forms are under development. Committee is working on developing SOP/guidance documents for select event activities and responsibilities/task lists for their positions.

FLEET CAPTAIN – C. Mayo Tabb: The racing season was at its peak in the last month with AOD, Wee Dram and Stingray. I will leave it to the One Design chair to report on AOD but take the time to provide observations on the other two. These two highlight the challenges and changes in direction of the trends in Offshore racing.

The Wee Dram and the Cruising Class at Stingray were an outstanding success and point the way to expand racing. This is the same trend that is emerging in the Northern Bay under the guise of CRCA rating that was also at SBRW. CRCA is anti to what is happening in PHRF. PHRF has the Corinthian Class that is similar to CRCA but simpler. I propose that we drop the non-spin class and non-descript "Cruising" and adapt PHRF Corinthian next year with two additional requirements – Woven Dacron Main and Dacron Roller furling jib based upon CR ratings. Additionally, Code Zero, spinnakers, gennakers would be prohibited. The added requirement for crews to actually sleep on the boats is a great addition to keep out pure racers. The following provides some more thoughts supporting this proposal.

Over the past half dozen years, we have discussed the issue without resolution at the annual PHRF Delegates Meeting. The key issues are:

1. Dry sailed sports boats win almost always
2. PHRF ratings work well with rating bands of 21 seconds between fast and slow boats. They are OK for 30 second bands and do not work at all for bands near 60 seconds
3. Regardless on the band $\frac{3}{4}$ of the top 3 finishers are in the bottom 25% of the rating band which is especially true of wide bands.
4. There is growing desire for fair racing of "cruising boats"

If we look at the Stingray Regatta in Class 1 the sport boats finished in the five races as 1,2,3;1,2,3;1,3, retired;1,3,7 and 1,2,3. In Class 2 they finished 1,1,1,2,1. In Class 1 the three lowest rated boats at 24,24 and 30 were the sports boats. At Class 2 the sport boat rated 99 with lowest in class at 90. One solution is to create a Sports Boat class which is defined by PHRF but whenever it is mentioned all the Sport Boats say they won't come.

With Class 1 going from 24 to 87 we have a 63 second spread which is too much for fair racing under PHRF as the winners will all be at the bottom of the band as we saw. The band from 78 to 99 would be that ideal 21 second spread which would provide fair rating as experienced in the past at both ScrewPile and SBRW. The question is what do you do to the five boats below 78? We used to have Pursuit at 54 but he no longer comes as he is put with the Sport boats, Afterthought dropped out two years ago after being put with them and with this year's splits Excitation may not return. A very difficult question and there is no easy answer. People think even fleet boat numbers produce good racing but what produces good racing is tight rating bands. Would we be better off having a tight band in 78-99,114-135, 168-183 plus the fast boats at 24-69? I would expect the two slow boats at 60 and 69 would be very unhappy as would the three sports boats. What do they gain from racing in a large fleet as they always end up racing themselves anyway?

OFFSHORE DIV CDR. – Stuart E. Kegan:

Getting ready for the fall series, wrapping up distant series. Big Thank You to Elizabeth Staas and Mike Karn for everything they did for Stingray Regatta this past weekend. Everyone had a great time!

OFFSHORE DIV. RACE CHAIR – Edward O'Connor:

To date, all future OS races have PROs assigned. Current plans are to start up RC engagement again with the Fall Series and I have three members identified as well as an updated list of new members who have expressed interest. Two PROs have attended our new pre-race ZOOM call

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to review a race checklist and to offer any assistance if needed.

ONE DESIGN DIV. CDR. – Richard T. Peterson:

1. All fall One Design Races have PROs assigned
2. All fall One Design Races have Social Chairs assigned.
3. The Greater Richmond Sailing Association has invited the FBYC Flying Scot Fleet to the 2021 Flying Scot Capital District Championship to be held at GRSA October 2nd and 3rd. Please circulate this invitation among your fleet members. Registration for the District Championship is open on Regatta Network and the link for registration is www.regattanetwork.com/event/23230. This information is also available on the GRSA and FSSA websites. Sailing Instructions are planned to be available shortly. As notated in the NOR, please contact Chris with any questions you may have.
4. There are a few boats (3 or 4) that appear to be abandoned. No, or failed covers, standing water, no, or major missing rigging. I will try to identify the boats and work through Donna Mason to contact the owners and determine if they are current on storage fees and their intentions for these boats. Could be future candidates for Club-owned boats, or disposal.

ONE DESIGN DIV. LT. CDR. – Andrew Spencer:

Annual One-Design and the Laser regatta the following weekend highlighted some shortcomings (perhaps quirks are a better descriptor) of Regatta Network that are just part of the software that whoever is scoring will have to deal with. However, I do think there are some points that could be stressed to sailors to avoid the sheer volume of issues.

1. Keep in mind that Regatta Network is scored solely on sail numbers that are used at registration. That means if you sail with a different boat or different sail number (or don't register at all in the first place), you can't be scored. Once one race in a day's series is scored, the only way to go back and add a new registrant (or modify an existing one) for that day is to erase any and all scores for the day and start over. The solution is to figure out some way to enforce registration deadlines, though I'm not sure how best to approach what might seem like a heavy-handed action.
2. Related to the point above, the Regatta Network password has apparently made the rounds to the point that a lot of people know it. I had a Junior at AOD, who will remain nameless, that sailed a different boat than the one under which they'd registered. As a result, they were not scored because the boat number

with which they'd registered was a DNC. I made the announcement that I needed to see the sailor in question so as to fix their scores once this was brought to my attention. Before that could happen, however, said Junior's parent took the initiative to go into Regatta Network and change the scores themselves. The end result was my having to go back and rescore everything, because just inserting one boat into the scoring mix doesn't fix the problem, because the boat that WAS scored originally (which turned out to be DNC) was only moved back a single place, thus throwing off the rest of the scores. PLEASE LET THE SCORER DO HIS OR HER JOB. I understand the desire to ensure the correct scores, and trust me when I tell you that nobody in this position wants to mis-score anybody, let alone a Junior. That's why the scores are preliminary until they are finalized. The only solution I see to this ever happening is changing the RN password every year.

ONE DESIGN DIV. RACE CHR. – John Lumsden:

We have had a change in the PRO for the OD Fall Series race #4. Jim Raper will now be the PRO. The website has been updated to reflect this change.

CRUISING DIV. CDR. – Scott A. Sirles:

In August, the Cruising Division completed the Ditchley Cruise and the Wee Dram race. Thanks to Ron and Ruthanna Jenkins for honchoing the Ditchley Cruise and John Koedel, III for honchoing the Wee Dam race. Our last in the water event is the Choptank River Cruise September 25th through October 3rd.

JUNIOR DIV. CDR. – Jason S. Angus: Fall weekend programs are currently being discussed as well as surveying member interest for participation in winter, spring events. Pro Coach discussions for staffing in 2022 has already started with hope to have staffed by YE.

Planning for 2022 and beyond:

Sailing School model of mini-camps throughout the summer has really taken off. The use of CampDocs for registration has made the logistics significantly easier to run. Board Discussion for the future: Based on this, and the continued gaining interest for Adult Sailing, the Club should consider creating a new position of Waterfront Director. This position would be responsible for running the Sailing School and Adult sailing school. This would most likely positively contribute to revenue to the Club but more importantly broaden the support of people interested in learning to sail. This program now is too much to just add as an additional responsibility for a

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Junior Commander who is running Opti Kids, Junior Week, Development teams (2), Race Teams (3), and summer sailing school. The duties of the Waterfront Director could also have Club Flying Scots rigged and ready for members to sail on the weekends.

Junior Program Equipment:

Rib 1 engine was replaced and is in good working order. Thank you FBYC Board.

Long range plan for junior program should be the following considerations:

1. Consider selling two smaller ribs. These ribs have been problematic and have limited flexibility. Est. \$10-\$12k per rib
2. Consider using money from sale to purchase 1 additional large rib. Larger Ribs have been less problematic.

JUNIOR DIV. LT. CDR. – Mary Almany:

Race and development team members have been notified of upcoming opportunities to sail through the fall and winter and reminded of race team registration for 2022. Discussions are ongoing regarding junior division leadership and sailing clinics.

FLEET LIEUTENANT – Kevin D. Hartz:

- **Mr. Roberts:** A new rechargeable spotlight was added to assist with night navigation. We are beginning the process of reviewing and updating the operations manuals for *Mr. Roberts*.
- **Parker:** Water leak in the house was reported and repairs are underway.

ADULT SAILING PROGRAM –**Mike S. Toms and Ronald Q. Jenkins:**

Our Club Boats are available for racing and day sailing through the end of October. We are doing “lessons learned” exercises and gathering inputs from a variety of sources (including other clubs) to put into the 2022 plan.

Some general ideas:

- Training Sessions have proved popular and will continue.
- The development team parents are a fertile ground for our Sailing School. We should explore a more formal teaming arrangement between Junior & Adult programs.
- We want to formalize training for mark/safety boats to include rescue, towing, and along the lines of the US Sailing Powerboat course.
- There is definitely a demand for Adult Sailing school and Club boats. The challenge is to make it sustainable.

CBYRA DELEGATE – Thomas J. Roberts:

I'll make sure results are directed to the regional scorers. Someone asked how high point is calculated for regattas when the classes are divided differently. A boat's score is based on how many boats they beat/competed against; therefore, the score will follow the boat/skipper rather than the class. It becomes a part of their overall score. Final scores in Region 4 North and South are usually done on PHRF A, B, C and Non-spin. The LeBrot Trophy looks at all scores across the board so it can be won by someone in any class, who sailed a lot and sailed well.

GENERAL MANAGER – Brian Ankrom:

Division – Category: Task

Adult Sailing - RVA: Rebuild trailer

Docks - Middle Dock: Replace dock lights

Fleet - Mr. Roberts: Repair window leaks

Fleet - Mr. Roberts: Replace spotlight

Fleet - Mr. Roberts: Replace anchor shackle

Grounds - Parking Lots: Repair Jackson Creek parking lot light

Grounds - Water Plant: Well pump electrical repairs

Grounds - Water Plant: Replace well water meter

Grounds - Water Plant: Backwash reverse osmosis filters

Juniors - Becca Boat: Replace garboard plug & deck scuppers

Offshore - Regatta: Prepare for & reset after regatta

One-Design - Regatta: Prepare for & reset after regatta

Social - Equipment: Repair second kegerator

OLD BUSINESS:

Rear Commodore Mark Wensell gave a status report update of the Docks Phase 2:

Recent Milestones Achieved:

- Attended the Virginia Marine Resource Commission hearing on August 24th. FBYC was represented by Mark Wensell, Elizabeth Staas and Mayo Tabb. We were supported at the hearing by our engineering firm, Bay Design Group and represented by our attorney from Kaufman and Canoles.
- Our permit application has been fully approved by VMRC and is in process of being issued and paid for. We expect to have it in hand shortly.

Next Steps:

- Finalize communications to slip holders and the Club on the upcoming construction plan's milestones and timelines.
- Execution of loan documents with Chesapeake Bank to finance the project.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fishing Bay Yacht Club Financial Statements As of August 31, 2021		
Revenue*		
Dues and Initiation Fee		\$ 386,416.47
Rental		227,399.90
Miscellaneous Income		<u>1,710.00</u>
Total		615,526.37
Expenses		
Club Facilities Expenses:		89,694.63
Club Management Expenses		220,467.10
Club Program Expenses		4,098.57
Total		314,260.30
Capital Expenditures		
Docks		198,596.50
Other Capital		<u>30,802.80</u>
Net YTD Income		<u>\$ 71,866.77</u>
*Revenue is for all of 2021		



**CHANGES IN THE
DINGHY RACK POLICIES**

All dinghies, kayaks and boards are to have a FBYC sticker on them, and the member will be assigned a specific space. Name plates will be provided so others are aware of who is renting the space regardless of the presence of a dinghy or kayak. The Ground Chair has been assigned the responsibility of managing the Dinghy Rack in conjunction with the Executive Secretary and General Manager. Changes will be phased in over the next few months.

SAVE THE DATE



Commodore's Ball
Saturday, November 13

5:30

Annual Meeting

6:00 - 7:00

Cocktail Hour

7:00 - 8:30

*Family-style sit-down Dinner catered by
Groovin Gourmet*

8:00 - 8:30

Awards presentation during dessert

*Music and Dancing by The Jangling Reinharts
throughout the evening*

11:00

Event ends

Bon Secours Training Center

2401 West Leigh Street

Richmond, VA

Free parking on-site

Tickets available

Early bird discount price before November 1
\$75 per adult, \$35 per teen, \$15 per child

Visit www.fbyc.net for more details.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / MEMBERSHIP



ANNAPOLIS BOAT SHOW FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15

After a two-year hiatus, the Chesapeake's "Fall Rite of Passage" is back on and you're invited!

We've all struggled with how to live, sail and stay healthy during this time of Covid. And there's no better way to keep our "heads-out-of-the-boat" than to visit the Annapolis Boat show this month. Numerous members have expressed interest in driving up together on **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15** for a one-day, up and back excursion.

We'll be leaving from:

**Barnes and Noble Bookstore
9850 Brook Rd, Glen Allen, VA**

at 7 AM SHARP and returning to Richmond, planning to arrive back around **10 PM**.

Anyone wishing to either join the car caravan or car pool can meet up with others in the store's parking lot. We'll also plan on a meet-up at the show before we return home.

Outdoor activities for fully-vaccinated individuals are the safest way to navigate these turbulent times.

So we expect anyone joining other members to be fully-vaccinated and bring a mask in case you want to explore down below one of those boats you've been dreaming about for years.

Check out the show's website to buy your tickets early if you wish:

<https://www.annapolisboatshows.com/united-states-sailboat-show/>

No sign-ups are necessary; just show up at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore at 7 AM and look for the FBYC burgee flying!



APPROVED FOR MEMBERSHIP

Austin Mill & Spencer Gervasoni – Greenwood, Virginia - Austin is a long-time visitor to Deltaville and loves to sail and wishes to do it more, both competitively and for leisure. He knows many members at FBYC and would love to start actively participating in YAM events. Austin has raced lasers in college, competed in FBYC opens and Royal Canadian YC opens. He has crewed multiple times and recently on cruising class boats and several years ago on J70's. Austin has already contributed as a volunteer for several Regattas on FBYC Race Committee. Austin and Spencer are excited to join FBYC and improve their sailing skills and knowledge and take advantage of the club's many racing opportunities and club facilities.
Sponsors: Blakely Kimbrough & Katie Durham



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A big **THANK YOU** to these sponsors for the 27th Annual Stingray Point Regatta!



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ONE DESIGN FALL SERIES





Congratulations to Bob and Lisa Fleck and their *Mad Hatter* crew for placing second in the US Sailing Offshore Championship in Annapolis. Racing on Navy 44's, they were up against the nation's top keelboat racers and narrowly missed first place. You continue to put FBYC on the map and make us all proud. Racing with Bob and Lisa Fleck were David Puckett, Mark Crews, Sloan Burns, Chuck O'Malley, Rand Burgess and Academy midshipman Cade Gelhar.

Read more about the event at ussailing.org:
<https://tinyurl.com/4jnf6hf5>



Dianne Simons aboard *Sonas Passport 47*



Carl Simons aboard *Sonas Passport 47*

ADULT SAILING AND NON-RACING OPTIONS

The Adult Sailing division has had an interesting year, exploring new options and ways to get more sailors on the water. We hope to build on our 2021 experience to expand training, social sailing, and individual day sailing options for our members.

It has become increasingly apparent that there is an abundant demand for non-racing sailing options.

While we will continue to include racing in our priorities, we will offer an expanded slate of simple fun on the water activities. Perhaps awaken your inner pirate with water canons and a beach bonfire?

The following comes from Diane Simon, a multi-year club Flying Scot program subscriber:

Diane and Carl Simon normally sail on their *Passport 47 Sonas* (Irish for "Happiness"). Many weekends, their kids Kate (17) and Nick (15) would rather hang out at the Club than go out gunk-holing so *Sonas* becomes a floating hotel. Diane and Carl take the opportunity to utilize one of the club-owned Flying Scots for a fun day sail. Diane says, "It is super-convenient. Brian or Eric launch and retrieve the boat for us. All we have to do is put the sails and covers on and off. We were not small boat sailors but with a few pointers, we found that we were able to sail the Scots easily. These little boats are great for light wind days. We pack a lunch and a few beverages and go exploring in places that are too shallow for *Sonas*. The Scots are the best bargain at the Club. For only \$100 per year you can enjoy many lovely days under sail. Thanks to Ron and everyone else for making this option available."

CRUISING



**8TH WEE DRAM CRUISE /
RACE A HUGE SUCCESS!
BY JOHN KOEDEL**

This “score your own time” event was attended by 18 boats and about 40 people. Seven boats made the journey to Cape Chares under sail the whole way with the rest succumbing to the iron lung. *Bolero* took first place with the best time of just under 3 hours, corrected. Congratulations to Chris Lindbloom and Nancy Powell. I will send them my planning materials to help them plan the event next year :).

At 5:30pm, on Saturday, a social event was held on the T-head. Each boat brought food to share and a bottle of scotch for tasting. After 18 samplings of scotch, votes were tallied and *Corryvreckan* won. The scotch, not the boat. The town was pretty much open and enjoyed by all.

History

One Friday night, old salts oozed from the planks in the bilge to puddle on the poop deck of Fannie’s House. A

bottle came out and yarns began to be spun, reflecting on point-to-point races of yesteryear. In those days, the crew slept aboard. Claim your spot between ribs in the hold or a bunched-up blooper on deck. Remember the blooper? Wake to find your elbow a structural part of a spider web, cast between it, a stanchion, and a lifeline. Finish the other half of your beer and prepare for the return trip.

On that night, the Founding Fathers of David Clark, Brad Miller, Eric Powers, and myself decided to recreate this event, and the Wee Dram was born. After 8 years, now look at it. When was the last time 18 boats went on a cruise together, or when was the last time a single offshore fleet put that many on the line? Quite a thing. Yo Ho!

Sailed:

Bolero, Ishky Baha, Mad Hatter, Rhapsody, Wendas, Catitude, Split Decision.

Burned Fuel:

Anastasia, Blue Note, Corryvreckan, Moodsway, Perseverance, Red Sky, Schiehallion, Second Wind, Wings, C’mon Wind.

Honorable Mention:

Traveller II – engine problems. Attended by car.



Sunday Thunderhead. Ditchley Cruise
Photo by Stuart Gregory

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Lawrence Cove on Dividing Creek, Anchorage for Ditchley Cider Works - Photo by Chris Lindbloom

DITCHLEY CRUISE GREAT FOOD AND AN ENTERTAINING THUNDERSTORM BY RON JENKINS

Seven boats and three wheeled vehicles (AKA cars) with some 26 souls on board converged on Ditchley Cider Works (DCW) on August 13. Hardcore sailors tacked halfway to Tangier Island to lay the Dividing Creek entrance mark and claim bragging rights of purity. Less traditional skippers plotted a rhumb line and used internal combustion technology to arrive earlier in the afternoon.

Venture anchored directly north of the dinghy dock and led the way ashore. We made the short stroll past the apple orchards and fields to a comfortable tented dining area between the tasting room and main house/kitchen. Our hosts, Cathy, Paul, and Pam, greeted and served us royally. A herd of Galloway cattle provided entertainment and photo opportunities as we enjoyed a relaxed social with wine and estate-produced cider. We toured the main house and had drinks and a sumptuous dinner in a beautifully restful venue.

Boats attending were *Bolero* (Lindblooms), *C'Mon Wind* (Gregory), *Adelie* (Szumski), *Joyful* (Sirles), *Renaissance* (Long), *Tender Mercies* (Cutler), *Venture* (Swartzchild) and *Swim Call* (Thompson). Attending by car were Kings, O'Connors and the Galloways.

Those who departed early had docked in time to enjoy the thunderstorm with winds, rain, and reduced visibility from Jackson Creek. They radioed warnings to those who had a relaxed morning in Lawrence Cove and/or went ashore for a stroll around the grounds.

The later crowd enjoyed the marvels of modern technology to, as Jimmy Buffet so rightly puts it, "keep it between the navigational buoys".



Test pilots: Noah Wensell and Joe Roos

MELGES M15

On Saturday September 11, Hardy Peters of East Coast Sailboats delivered a Melges M15 demo boat to FBYC. After a brief rigging overview, sailors took to the water to give this new boat a spin and by all accounts the reviews were positive as further indicated by the smiles.

As a result, 10 boats have already been ordered for spring delivery. Clearly the boat's characteristics of minimal rigging time (<15 mins), dolly launch, comfort, stability, and excitement for all ages have resonated with racers and non-racers alike at FBYC and across the country as evidenced by the growing fleets.

For more information about the boat, please contact Paul Almany or see the Melges website <https://melges.com/melges-15/> for details.



CLUB PHOTOS



WHERE ARE OUR FAVORITE PICTURES?

Over the past several months you may have noticed that the walls of our main clubhouse seem a little bare. Some of you have expressed concern about the fate of the Club's photos and memorabilia, some of which have been hanging for twenty years.

Not to worry! Nothing bad has happened to any of your old favorites. They are intact and receiving a much needed temporary vacation from the ravages of prolonged UV exposure, excess humidity, and widely ranging ambient temperatures.

We had hoped to be able to restore or replace some of the most faded images by reprinting them from the FBYC Google storage cloud, but, alas, many of those archived images lack the pixel count to be enlarged to the size of our originals.

In the future, most of these cherished FBYC images will reappear on our walls on a rotating basis, either as well rested originals or new reproductions.

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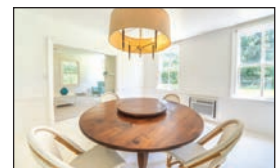
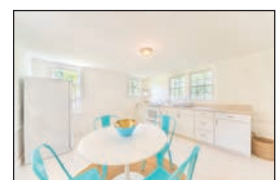
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