



FROM THE QUARTERDECK

APRIL 2022



SPRING IS HERE!

You know, in the last Log, I closed out with the prediction that it would get warmer and I was right on the mark. If only my abilities extended to wind shifts or my NCAA bracket. Well, in sailing, you don't want to leave things to chance. It is

all about the prep and our Club members and staff are getting FBYC ready for an exciting year in 2022.

The new middle dock is moving ahead swiftly thanks to the planning and execution of our Docks Committee and numerous volunteers. The docks are assembled and in place and we had 25+ volunteers come out for the dock workday. Under the direction of Mayo Tabb and Steve Montgomery, they tackled a range of tasks prepping the new electrical/water pedestals for the electrician and installing the plumbing. The group's efforts delivered significant cost savings. Special thanks to Rick Peterson and Jim Poindexter who headed the two plumbing teams that installed 800 feet of PVC pipe with over 150 fittings. There remain several items to address as the dock comes to completion. Power cables are to be pulled and electrical connections completed in the next month. The walkways, landscaping and parking area are being put back in order as work is being wrapped up. Depending on Dominion Energy's final schedule, we expect power to be turned on in May.

As of this writing, almost 70 members are signed up for Spring Clean Up Day. These members will be tackling jobs to prepare the grounds, the junior facilities, and the Club boats for the 2022 season. Also, it is not too late to sign up for the widely acclaimed "Adopt-A-Spot" program. Just contact Steve Montgomery.

All around the Club, preparation for on-water activities are moving ahead. Ruthanna Jenkins and Sharon Bauer organized a very well-attended and insightful afternoon session for those interested in learning more about race committees. The session, Murphy Rules Race Committee Training, was led by John McCarthy. John discussed the different race committee positions, providing both basic direction as well as insight based on years of high-level race management into each role a race committee team member plays with the overall goal of solid race management. For additional race committee skill development, be sure to check out some of the other sessions this month. The Safety and Mark Boat session will use both classroom and on the water training focused on essential skills for boat, race committee and rescue operations. The US Sailing Club Race Officer session is a great opportunity for race committee team members looking to contribute to club racing at a higher level or sharpen their skills as a PRO.

Upcoming opportunities to improve your sailing skills include the three-part ASA instructor-led series on weather as well as the 2022 Crew Training Program. Both offer a combination of classroom and in-person sessions. To kick back with fellow sailors, I hope you take time to enjoy the Deltaville Sock Burn and Oyster Roast and the upcoming FBYC Cruising Division Opening Party.

Preparation for Opening Day, the offshore and one design series are underway. *Mr Roberts*, the junior RIBS and other Club boats are being commissioned and trailers prepped. The registration for junior programs has opened to strong response and the Junior Sailing Program is set for another banner year of strong instruction, coaching and fun for the participants.

The offshore division's plans for the new Cruising Class are coming together starting with Opening Day. The class and courses are specially geared to sailors with boats oriented more towards cruising activities. So, plan to get

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out on the water and enjoy some friendly racing and the camaraderie of fellow sailors.

As Commodore, I have the honor of selecting the class for the Fishing Bay Challenge Trophy which will be awarded at the Annual Awards in November. This year, I would like to recognize the new Cruising Class. There is a lot of excitement about this class and we expect to see many new boats on the course competing for this award. Stay tuned as details for the trophy will be upcoming.

Looking at the preparations underway and the activity and excitement around the upcoming season, it looks like 2022 will be another great year for FBYC. So, get involved today, volunteer for an activity, join your fellow sailors at the Club, get out on the water - and invite a friend to share in the excitement at FBYC.

I look forward to seeing you on the water and around the Club. ~ **Joe Roos, Commodore**

FBYC – BOARD MEETING

March 10, 2022

SECRETARY – Mary Almany ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 27 outstanding renewals, 2nd notices sent February 20th.
- New member sponsors - Thank you! Please check in with those new members and make sure they are finding their place at FBYC. Make them aware of upcoming events.

TREASURER – K. Stuart Gregory & Veronica Hinkle

- Middle Dock Loan
 - The current balance on our line of credit at Chesapeake Bank for the Middle Dock project is approx. \$120,000.
 - Recently, Middle Dock invoices totaling +/- \$94,000 were submitted for payment. These were not put on our line of credit initially.
 - As the Middle Dock project wraps up, we will soon need to decide how much to put on a term loan.
 - Our banker at Chesapeake Bank said it would be no problem to leave a \$100,000 line of credit in place once we convert to a term loan. Along with our minimum cash balance, this should provide us with a meaningful safety net.
- Materials were sent to our CPA at Harris Hardy & Johnstone so she can prepare our 2021 tax return.

- Our insurance bill is expected anytime - a double digit premium increase is likely.
- Paul Wash is working on the new reimbursement system and there will be a walk through soon.
- The treasurers report and summary are posted on-line for March

HISTORIAN – Dr. George W. Burke III

Initiate new displays of FBYC objects collection. My goal is to have these on the walls by opening day.

First priority:

2nd floor of main Clubhouse: West Wall - new “Arts on Fishing Bay” rotating exhibit of marine art by various FBYC artists. Recruitment underway for artists and artisans for upcoming years: commitments for 2022 season secured. East Wall - rotating exhibit to provide context for existing FBYC framed historical photos, approximately half of which remain in displayable condition. 2 exhibits have been created so far and are currently being made ready for presentation by BPSVA. Bar Room Walls - continued use as trophy room. Repair and hang damaged trophies.

Second priority:

1st floor of main Clubhouse: Fireplace Wall - rotating exhibit of appropriately sized images that provide eye-catching depictions relevant to FBYC and/or the sport of sailing- e.g., 1. Donated and signed Barber print “Around the Windward Mark”, depicting identified FBYC racing yachts, circa 1990s. 2. Marine art (donated by Bill Jones) depicting a legacy reproduction of America’s Cup Boat Shamrock II under sail. 3. Framed and enlarged high res. color photo of identified FBYC racing yachts (donated by Mayo Tabb) at the starting line of Down the Bay race circa 2010s. Junior Wall - begin dialogue with input from Junior Division Officers regarding displays.

Fannies House - No plans for any changes this season.

GROUNDS - Steve Montgomery

- Initiated early spring activities to prepare the campus for opening including stockpiling gravel and mulch.
- Initiated improvements in parking lot for the piers (after the contractor repairs damage). Focus will be on repairing borders along the parking lot that are rotten. (February-March)
- Worked with Dock Committee to arrange sodding the banks between the Docks Parking lot and the water. The effort will be to stabilize the banks, stop the erosion, establish a good grass bed for permanent and improve the attractiveness of the area.
- Spring Clean Up: March 26th 8:30-12:30. Teams will be formed to tackle projects. Board members

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encouraged to participate. Bermuda High/Sock Burning party at Evolution Sails follows in the afternoon.

- Water meter install and hook up (April).
- The walkway between Fannies and the West Dock is in poor repair. Over the years it has been patched and repaired as the underlining support structure (salt treated runners) has deteriorated. I have asked Brian to estimate a cost to replace; we may be able to do sections over time (1-2 yrs. at the most) as funds allow.

VICE COMMODORE –DR. MARK G. WENSELL

- Vice Commodore Mark Wensell and One Design Commander Rick Peterson are working on the event notices, NORs/SIs and resolution of Regatta Network issues.
- Motion to set storage fees for Melges fees equal to current Flying Scot rate of \$25.08/mo. Motion made and Approved.
- Occasionally some equipment, such as trailers, are used by a Club member or another organization to support sailing programs. A short-term equipment use agreement has been developed to address this need.

JUNIOR COMMANDER – Parker Garrett

Optis for Jr Program

- Plan to purchase 6-7 good condition, new Optis and sell 3-4 of our current end-of-life Optis, post-Jr. Week.
- Net cost of approximately \$2,500 in total - requesting vote for Board approval.
- Motion made to purchase the new condition Optis, Motion approved.
- Sailing School starts this summer, our newly hired Waterfront Director, Amanda Almany will be running this along with 1-3 instructors we have signed up for the summer.

Waiting for a final quote on the RIBS. Vote on at April meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

GROUNDS CHAIR – Steve Montgomery

Steve gave an update on the Middle Dock Project

- Completion is in sight!
- Amazing Volunteer Day organized by Mayo Tabb - 20+ volunteers helped install plumbing and electrical pedestals, saving the Club a tremendous amount of labor costs
- Expecting to have an opening announcement sent late

next week as several key construction milestones are completed this week and next

- Planning on a ribbon-cutting ceremony as part of Opening Day

REAR COMMODORE – Doug Bendura

Doug gave an update on the SPIA / FBYC proposed MOU for road upgrade. The MOU is to ensure clarity for both FBYC and SPIA around timing, plan review and expected cost sharing for both initial work and ongoing maintenance. The key points of the MOU were approved by the Board.

Will seek Board approval for execution of project before construction occurs, likely fall of 2022

NEW BUSINESS:

MARKETING – Karen Soule

- FBYC has hired Clara Skeppstrom as our summer communications intern. She is currently a UVA junior studying in Italy. Her experience and writing and photography ability are impressive. Clara's family has a home in Deltaville, so she plans to be available onsite on a regular basis. She will be working an average of 10-12 hours/week. Her objectives are:
 - Support program and event chairs with FB postings, email blasts
 - Develop FBYC Instagram page
 - Reach out to other print/electronic media (e.g., Spin sheet) to enhance Club's reputation as The Source for learning, growing, racing and cruising on the Chesapeake
- The RC Training Sessions are being promoted on several FB pages and Spin sheet
- The Weather for Sailors webinars/classroom sessions are now open
- We will support the Crew Training Sessions with marketing efforts once details are finalized.

Opportunities for Increasing Sailing/Community Presence:

- Enhance relationship with Deltaville Museum
- Continue support of Deltaville Dealer Days May 2-3
- Continue support of Deltaville first responders
- Continue support of local USCG station. Invite them for flare/boat safety demonstration

SOCIAL CHAIR – Diane & Carl Simon

Commodore's Ball net expenses are expected to be \$15k in line with budget: venue \$5k, band \$2.5k, caterer \$15k. The expenses were approved by the Board.

BOARD DIVISION & COMMITTEE REPORTS

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March 10, 2022

HOUSE CHAIR – Brad Miller:

Prior Month Accomplishments:

- Backsplash in Fannie's House completed
- Heat pumps spring checkout
- Exterminator has been at main Club house for mouse sightings

Upcoming Activities:

- East Bath House women sink drain project started.
- Label circuit breaker all electrical panels, started

FLEET CAPTAIN – C. Mayo Tabb:

Prior Month Accomplishments:

Racing

- Introduced Cruising Class with Spin Sheet Article and FBYC version for Log
- Reviewing NOR and SI for Mark
- Safety
- Filled in wedge between ramp edge and seawall with 9 bags concrete to prevent undercutting and safety hazard if someone stepped into hole
- Set up work party to install Power Pedestals and Safety ladders on Middle Dock
- Ordered many small parts required to finish Middle Dock
- Worked with FBYC Staff to provide water hook-up for Middle Dock and repaired electrical conduit for cut slip that will be covered by concrete pad.
- Revised electrical Document on using Power Pedestals and sent to all on Work Party

Upcoming activities:

Racing

- Will work with Mark of reviewing NOR and SI
- Will inventory racing Flags
- Safety
- Will order and install 2 life rings each for the floating Docks and 1 each for the West and FBYC Docks
- Will drill and install ramp with FBYC Staff for Middle Dock
- Will work with FBYC Staff install electrical to cut slip
- Will work with Luxterra to install electrical service to Middle Dock
- Will work with Dominion to turn Power on as soon as Middlesex County signs off on electrical
- Will get ladder installed a dinghy lift so you can exit dinghy when you position it on the lift

OFFSHORE DIVISION LT. COMMANDER –

Clark Dennison:

Prior Month Accomplishments:

- Setup events in regatta network
- Updated FBYC website with link to RN
- Filled most social positions for 2022

Upcoming activities:

- Complete filling out social positions for 2022
- Modify RN events as needed

OFFSHORE RACE CHAIR - Edward J. O'Connor:

Prior Month Accomplishments:

- Contacted twelve prior year's Pros to determine availability for 2022 season
- Out of 20 race dates, I currently have seven dates covered
- I'm awaiting responses from six members. Since Opening Day is still six weeks out, I'm confident we'll have all races covered

Upcoming activities:

- Continue the process of contacting PRO candidates for outstanding races
- I'll keep the OS Commander and Lt. Commander in the loop if I determine there might be some holes in race coverage
- Sharon Bauer contacted me to discuss the possibility of pairing up this year's RC graduates with PRO's. Sharon is co-running the RC training program and her suggestion is a great opportunity to place the graduates. As we get closer to the training date, I'll provide Sharon with my OS PRO working spreadsheet and we'll work out the 'who calls who' introductions as we proceed.

ONE DESIGN DIVISION COMMANDER –

Richard Peterson:

Prior Month's Accomplishments:

- Completed editing and publishing the One Design Event Descriptions except for the Special events (AOD, Jere Dennison, Women's Clinic and ILCA Masters, these are in process)
- Continued consensus building on the best location for the M-15 Fleet and how many boats could be moved out of the dry sail lot.
- Have edited the One Design GNOR and Sailing Instructions. These are ready for a final review and uploading to Regatta Network. If you have any suggesting for further edits let me know.

Upcoming Activities:

- Audit and inventory all One Design Boats in the in the Dry Sail Lot

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New Melges 15 Parking

- We now have about 6-7 new Melges 15s on site.
- Currently parked on the lawn in front of the main Club house.
- Seems like a good location to me. I'll work with Brian to look at expansion options.

ONE DESIGN DIVISION LT. COMMANDER –

Andrew Spencer:

After a couple of hiccups, registration is once again open and active on Regatta Network. As a reminder, no registration, no score. So please register. Thank you in advance.

I'm also still actively recruiting Social Chairs for many of the one-design race days. If you have any interest in making some one-design sailors' happy post-race, please consider volunteering to be a Social Chair. It's a low bar to clear that pays dividends in gratitude, so please consider it. Email me at spencerab@gmail.com if you have any questions about what's involved or want to sign up.

Now go register for race days (and consider being a Social Chair, too).

ONE DESIGN RACE CHAIR – John Lumsden:

Prior Month Accomplishments:

I am now calling all the members that I had previously emailed. I'm now looking for additional members to possible fill the openings.

Current and Upcoming Activities:

Working with Ruthanna Jenkins to coordinate possible new PROs to the rotation. The race schedule is being updated as these positions are filled.

FLEET LIEUTENANT - Kevin Dougherty Hartz:

We are reviewing and reworking the operational procedures for *Mr. Roberts* and our boats. If anyone who has run any of the boats has suggestions, please let us know. If anyone has repair or improvement items for the boats, please pass those along as well.

Brian and I have been in contact with Ruthanna Jenkins and Arn Manella about their upcoming on the water Race Committee Mark and Safety Boat training April 2 and 3rd. The goal is that *Mr Roberts* the *Parker* and *Wildcat* are all available that weekend.

Mr Roberts: Hauled at Stingray Point Boatworks.

Brian and I met with the yard on *Mr Roberts*. We discovered leaking from fixed windows is causing rot in the portside forward corner of the main cabin right next to flybridge support. The two windows that make up that corner are

going to be removed and recalked. The extent of the rot will be assessed once the windows are removed. Transmission fluid change for both engines has been added during this yard period. Remaining work; bottom paint, replacing portside exhaust hose, and touching up the white paint. Brian plans for Eric and Ben to wash and wax *Mr Roberts* prior to launch. We are scheduled for launch March 31.

Parker: Waiting on ordered parts for Spring Commissioning.

Wildcat: Browns tested the lower unit and found seals not leaking. We will have to continue to monitor the lower unit for any further water intrusion. Once the rest of the parts are in and installed the boat will be returned to the Club.

Whaler: Hauled Cleaned and serviced by our staff

RACE MANAGEMENT CHAIR - Ruthanna M. Jenkins:

Prior Month Accomplishments:

- Put events on website with signup links
- Continued publicizing the three events (thank you Karen Soule)
- When advised that our AOD would host the Flying Scot Atlantic Coast Championship, recruited PRO, CRO/Judge, mark/safety boat coordinator and championship course race committee members
- Secured lodging for CRO trainer; need lodging for personnel for AOD Flying Scot event

Upcoming Activities:

- Facilitate March 19 RC Training in Richmond, April 2-3 Mark/Safety boat training and April 9 Club Race Officer training
- Recruit new RC personnel (at 3/19 and 4/2-3 events)

ADULT SAILING PROGRAM –

Mike S. Toms and Ronald Q. Jenkins:

Prior Month Accomplishments:

- Setup Web page for Clinics in May & July Events
- Held off Sailing school & Club Boat Subscription setup, pending Camp Doc viability
- Set budgets for Club Boat maintenance & Adult Sailing events
- Ordered mooring cover for Club boat
- Checked on Club boats, re-secured covers

Upcoming activities:

- Schedule instructor "best practices" session with Arn Manella
- Revisit Friday fun sail framework/administration (Should it be Saturday?)
- Order much needed mooring cover for *Dawn Treader*

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- Recruit/execute Club Scot maintenance team for 26 March Club Cleanup day
- Continue to support Arn Manella with planning/set up for Safety/Mark Boat Training (First week in April)

CBYRA DELEGATE – Thomas J. Roberts:

I signed up for the Race Committee training on the 19th and agreed to be PRO for Summer Seabreeze and help Blackwell be PRO for the Moonlight regatta. I hope everyone has an AIS and turned on during that race!

CBYRA has published their Green book and it is available on line to have on your phone and or computer. Print editions are available, but this publication is almost exclusively for Region 1, 2 and 3. Southern Bay Race Week and Down the Bay are included.

CBYRA Webinars are going strong.

The series of three weather sessions were well attended and very good. Run by Chelsea Carlson, a degreed meteorologist and lifelong sailor who has “tied the knot” between the science of weather and the strategy of sailboat racing.

- Feb 9th – Weather Essentials for Sailors
- Feb 16th – Weather Strategy for Buoy Racing
- Feb 23rd – Weather Strategy for Offshore/Distance Racing

Also Questions on the Ratings Rules on March 3:

Overview of the US Sailing Handicap and Rules Pyramid for new & existing racers with a panel of experts: Matt Gallagher, Chair, US Sailing, Offshore Sailing Committee Nelson Pemberton, Vice President, PHRF of The Chesapeake Sheila McCurdy, Chairperson, Offshore Racing Association.

And one on January 29th - Racing bottom preparation Upcoming is Weather Fundamentals for Race Officers March 22, 2022. There was a separate invitation for this sent to certain Club officers for all the CBYRA clubs. I will reiterate this at the RC training session.

Also coming up or underway is a Gary Jobson Lecture Series:

- March 9th Championship Tactics
- March 16th Team Building
- March 30th Setting up Annual Program
- April 6th Generating Speed

GENERAL MANAGER – Brian Ankrom:

The following tasks have been completed since the last Board Meeting:

Division – Category: Task

Docks - Middle Dock: Construct concrete pad for new dock

Docks - Middle Dock: Repair broken plumbing & abandon Mr. Roberts pump out

Docks - Crane: Spring inspection

Docks - FB Ramp: Seal gap between ramp edge & east groin

Grounds - FB: Road Cut back trees

Grounds - Lawn: Waste Collect remaining leaves, downed limbs, yard trash, & controlled burn

House - Fannie's House: Replace back splash

House - HVAC: Seasonal services

House - Clubhouse: Fire suppression & extinguisher inspection

FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

We invite you to view the February Board meeting minutes as an appendix to this Log:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/14yMrd789gKq0dsXhMvmDga6riKbRWfSb/view?usp=sharing>

OPENING DAY AND BLESSING OF THE FLEET

We welcome all racers, cruisers, their families, and guests to this family-friendly event to kick-start a great year of sailing. A great tradition at Fishing Bay Yacht Club, Opening Day begins with an Offshore Regatta.

0900: **Flag Raising & Skippers Meeting**

1100: **Warning for the first start**

1630: **Ric's Place Bar opens**

1730: **Blessing of the Fleet**

Approximately 1800: Dinner including: **pulled pork and chicken BBQ, mac & cheese, cole slaw and salads, and dessert.**

Dinner Tickets:

\$15/Adult includes 1 drink ticket.

\$5/Age 10 and under.

Dinner registration by Wednesday, April 20 is mandatory.

<https://www.fbyc.net/events/2022/220423-offshore-opening-day/>

MEMBERSHIP



APPROVED FOR MEMBERSHIP

Thomas “Trey” Shehan & Jimmy Vo – Trey and Jimmy are looking for a community of sailors where they can enjoy the social atmosphere and continue to develop their skills.

Trey learned to sail at Community Boating Center in Boston, MA. When he moved back home to Virginia, he fixed up an old Catalina 25 to enjoy on the Rappahannock and Chesapeake Bay, eventually upgrading to a C34. Currently his boat is slipped at Windmill Point, but depending on details and availability he may be interested in relocating. Most of Trey’s experience has been day sailing and short weekend cruises, but he has sailed in several FBYC racing events with David Clark, and found it quite exciting. In doing so, he is struck by what a strong community and friendly group of people we have as members of FBYC.

Trey and Jimmy are looking forward to becoming more involved in the FBYC community through sailing and social activities. They understand the volunteer culture of the club, and the many volunteer opportunities that are available.

Sponsors: David Clark & Mary Almany



APPROVED FOR MEMBERSHIP

Christopher & Elizabeth Johnson – Rockville, Virginia - The Johnsons have had the opportunity to sail with some friends who are members, the Cabells, and helped crew on a race across the bay a few years ago.

Chris would have liked to crew more races, but life at the time didn’t quite allow. In any event, those were great experiences, so for the last few years they have looked at purchasing a sailboat, and recently did just that, a 1979 Tartan 37 that was previously owned by a very nice couple from Kilmarnock and members of Indian Creek Yacht Club. Elizabeth’s grandfather was a very experienced sailor, and her father has spent a lot of time sailing as well. While Chris did not grow up with a great deal of time on the water, they both agree that some of their best memories are those spent on a boat of some kind.

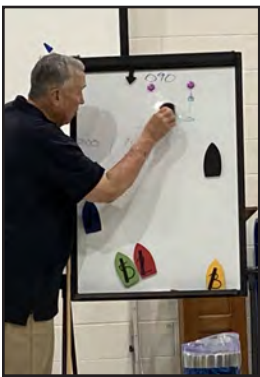
They have two small children, and would like them to have the same great memories, as well as have the opportunity to learn the skill and art of sailing. They still have a lot to learn, and hope that being a part of the club will help them gain some valuable experience. As eager new sailors and a young family with a cruising sailboat, they will make excellent members of the club.

Sponsors: John Cabell & Mary Almany

RACE MANAGEMENT



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What a great turnout at the **Murphy Rules Committee Seminar** in Richmond on March 19th! We were at capacity for the venue. John McCarthy gave us the *nuts and bolts* tips for successfully handling the various roles on both the signal boat and the support boats. He had answers to every question and shared tips learned from his vast

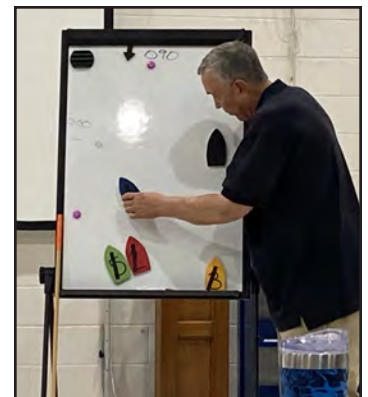
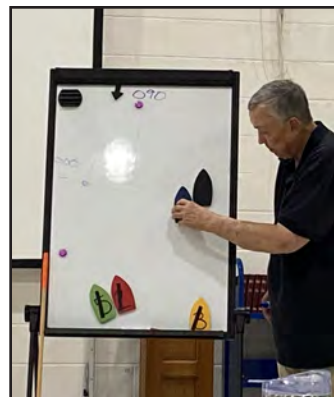
experience running everything from a club race to an International championship regatta. Sharon Bauer set up the venue and presented wind sticks and reciprocal charts for use on the race course. We hope to see all of the attendees serving on race committees this summer. We are pleased that John has agreed to be PRO for the Flying Scot Atlantic Coast Championship we are hosting this August.

Our next race management course, **Safety and Mark Boat Training**, is on **April 2 and 3** at the Club. You will practice on the club's boats that are used for club events. Snacks and lunches will be provided each day. Signup is on the club website. This course will make you a more confident and competent power boat handler and a real asset to our race committees.

The pinnacle of race management at our club is the Principle Race Officer, the one in charge of every race committee member and the conduct of the race. You are encouraged to attend the one day classroom course to become a **US Sailing Club Race Officer** at Fishing Bay on **April 9** from 8am until 5pm. Your instructor, Jerry Thompson, is a well known PRO who has handled many high profile events. He is a key part of our race committee team for the Flying Scot Atlantic Coast Championship that

is being held at Fishing Bay this year. Since US Sailing is the authority for this course, the signup link on the Fishing Bay events page will lead you to the US Sailing site to enroll. Lunch and snacks at the breaks will be provided. US Sailing charges a fee for enrollment. Let me know if you have difficulty enrolling.

If you would like to support race management at Fishing Bay Yacht Club, please contact me at ruthannaj35@gmail.com or 434-825-5743. We'd love to have you on the team.



RACING



FBYC'S NEW CRUISING CLASS

FBYC will offer starts in our races for the new PHRF of the Chesapeake Bay Cruising Class (CC) to provide more effectively fun racing for the typical cruising sailing yachts enrolled in the Club. This class is aimed specifically at cruising sailors and a less than 'race optimized' yacht. The intent for PHRF cruising class is to create starts for mini-distance races around government marks with predominantly reaching legs rather than the windward-leeward buoy races desired by racing classes. This new class enables fair competition among like yachts in the configuration typically used by Cruisers and distinctly different from Racers.

To kick off this new 2022 offering, PHRF of Chesapeake is offering 1 year certificates at no cost to both new and current certificate holders with phrfchesbay.org open now for applications. We encourage interested sailors to obtain the PHRF Certificate, however, FBYC will also be offering a provisional rating for boats that have not received the PHRF Certificate and wish to compete.

At the foundation are the existing PHRF rules, regulations and ratings that have been developed and continually refined, specific to the Chesapeake Bay and its prevailing conditions, over the past 50 years. There are three tenets behind the new Cruising Class.

First, many handicap systems rely on extensive, complex and expensive measurements and a magnitude of other credits to determine a handicap. PHRF believes that the ratio of a yacht's sail area to her displacement is the most significant determining attribute distinguishing a racing yacht from a cruising yacht. To be eligible for the Cruising Class a yacht must have an actual upwind (full main and genoa) Sail Area to Displacement (SA/D) ratio of less than 22 based upon actual genoa size (LP) declared. Most references on SA/D use a 100% sized jib but this allows

a loophole for yachts utilizing larger headsails. For the Cruising Class we will use the actual certificate disclosed headsail size to determine this critical ratio.

Second, the Cruising Class will limit a yacht's sail material to be: woven Dacron, Dacron/Spectra blend and laminated Dacron/polyester with woven or non-woven skins on both sides. For the class Non-Spinnaker rating (CCNS) a yacht is limited to 3 sails; Main, a jib less than 109% and a jib larger than 109%. The Cruising Class Spinnaker rating (CCS) does not limit sails that can be used, including: drifter; Code Zero; Asymmetrical, symmetrical, and cruising spinnakers.

Third, when a Cruising Class yacht competes, she must do so in a cruising configuration as disclosed on her certificate. The maximum crew is limited to the number of berths installed with cushions in place while racing. Fuel and water tanks and all cushions, doors, stoves, heads etc. must be in their normal state.

Yachts may carry both a Cruising Class certificate and a regular Class or ODR certificate. She may race in a Class or ODR configuration with multiple genoas up to 155%, carbon or Kevlar sails and a full race crew on her race certificate in one series and the same yacht with her Cruising Class disclosed suit of sails may race with family and friends using for example a roller furling Dacron genoa. In fact, we truly hope this occurs often on the bay. Yachts near the 22 Sail area/displacement limit, may find that with a 155% genoa they are over the limit but if she utilizes a smaller genoa or jib, that she will measure below the 22 limit.

If a yacht fails to meet one of the qualifying ratios, then a Cruising Class Certificate will not be issued. If it qualifies, a skipper can print out the pdf version of the yacht's certificate, it will show the four critical sail area to displacement ratios.

The Cruising Class certificate is easily recognized on the PHRF valid list and certificates as it will say "Cruising" as the "Rating Type".

To obtain a Cruising Class certificate a skipper can go to www.phrfchesbay.org and select "Apply for a Handicap Certificate" and complete the requested information. If a Club member is unsure of the data needed, they can contact either of the two Handicapper Board members who are at FBYC, Mayo Tabb or Jim Raper.

ONE DESIGN

Hello One-design racers. Spring has sprung! The signs are everywhere! We recently had the annual spring clean-up of the FBYC grounds, blooms are sprouting, and the temps are moderating. Spring in Virginia is a beautiful sight! While we are not racing just yet, there is a lot of preparation activity underway. For example:

I heard a rumor that FBYC will be hosting the Atlantic Coast & Capitol District Championships at our AOD in August 2022. Stay tuned for a formal announcement. Lots of other race committee training is happening. Ruthanna & Sharon Bauer arranged a Race Committee training session in Richmond, led by John McCarthy, our lead US sailing RC trainer for the Southern Bay. They had a great turnout. Check the events calendar for more information on more RC training opportunities.

The first of the Melges 15s have arrived (Fleet Captain Paul Almany), and it looks like we'll have about 11 new boats. This will be a new One Design Fleet that is currently being set up. We are in the process of preparing a parking spot for this fleet on the west end of the Flying Scot dry lot.

This month we will do a re-shuffle of the Scots and other miscellaneous boats stored there. In order to help with that effort (thanks to Brian and his crew!), we ask all owners that as you start your own spring boat cleaning, please pay attention to the following and check the link to the Dinghy and small boat Parking Rules:

<https://www.fbyc.net/visitor/rules/>

- Apply the required Club stickers on each boat
- Make sure that all trailer tires are properly inflated
- Make sure that all covers are in good shape (repaired as needed) and are secured
- Make sure all rigging is secured

Check your calendars, set your schedules, and please consider volunteering for either a Social Chair position or to serve on a Race Committee (or two!). Both are great and fun ways to be part of the action!

Thank you for your help in advance in helping us improve the way the One-Design dry storage lot functions and looks. See you on the race course soon!



ONE-DESIGN REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Registration for One-Design racing is open and ready to accept your information at fbyc.net. An important note to remember as you register and race throughout the season: You are scored by **sail number** and nothing else. **If you register "TBD" or, alternatively, register under one sail number and race under a different one, YOU WILL NOT BE SCORED.**

Also, if you do not register by the time scoring has started, **YOU WILL NOT BE SCORED.**

This will be the policy for the duration of the 2022 season for ALL One-Design events, including AOD.

These new guidelines are being put in place due to the fact that our scoring software is not set up to allow for late arrivals to just be inserted into the existing scoring. Instead, when someone new is added, all races to that point have to be re-scored. This new policy is in place to alleviate delays and confusion in scoring, so please be aware and register the boat you're sailing and sail the boat you registered.

Finally, we are actively looking for members who are willing to serve as Social Chairs for One-Design races. For those who have never done it, being a Social Chair is really not that hard. Some beer, some soft drinks, and a couple of snack food-type offerings is really all you need. More than that, and you'll be on your way to legendary status.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer to be a Social Chair, please email Andrew Spencer with your preferred date at spencerab@gmail.com.

RACING



**MELGES 15 WINTER SERIES REGATTA
IN SARASOTA, FLORIDA
BY WALKER ANGUS AND MASON CHAPMAN**

A wave crashed onto the side of the boat, and Sarasota, Florida's brisk winter water drenched my crew and I. After our mediocre start, we were forced to find clear air by tacking out immediately. I searched, looking up the course and praying to find some wind between the line of boats crossing our bow. Looking over my shoulder I saw it. The upper right-hand side of the racecourse was consumed by dark water and fast-moving ripples. We knew this could only mean one thing, wind. But as always, the rest of the fleet didn't cooperate. Looking back at the rest of the fleet, we heard the boat before we saw it. A shout of "Starboard!" alerted us to the boat bearing down on us. A quick tack avoided contact and kept up our speed, but we had to get to the right side of the racecourse. I knew it was the only way to gain on the boats ahead of us. We quickly maneuvered through the fleet, taking sterns as long as we made it closer to the windy right side of the course. With a sudden tension in the main sheet and a jolt of speed, I knew I had found the wind. The wind pushed us into the top twenty while rounding the windward mark. Slowly picking off the boats ahead of us, we chose a lower pointing angle and struggled to keep the same speed. We found ourselves crossing the finish line with only 13 boats ahead of us.

The Melges 15 Winter Series Event Two was held at Sarasota Sailing Squadron, in Sarasota, Florida. The sailing center is surrounded by beautiful blue water, with friendly members like you would expect at a Fishing Bay regatta. The event had a range of ages from early teens to Old Salts. The level at the top of the fleet was high,

led by Olympic hopeful Harry Melges IV. But the majority of the fleet were more casual racers, enjoying the high performance and easy-to-learn style of the boat. With 60 boats on the line at every start, it was no small regatta. My family, the Chapmans, and the Wensells came into the event with high hopes but worried about how we would adjust to the new boat. None of us were familiar with the skiff style of the boat, and the asymmetrical spinnaker was nothing like the symmetrical spin Mason and I were used to on a C420. But with some practice and advice from friendly experts in the boatyard, we were quickly able to sail the boat fast.

During the two-day regatta, there were some light winds - think of Fishing Bay in July - but it was still very exciting. One of our biggest takeaways is how fun the boat feels. Fast even in light air, and never sluggish, the Melges 15 is a great boat even when it isn't in the high winds it was built for. The boat has plenty of space, and, although I managed to fall out in the first race, we thought it was the most comfortable dinghy we had ever sailed. The rigging takes some time to understand, but once you get the rig set up once or twice it becomes a seamless process. The tuning was very forgiving, our settings were the base numbers in the tuning guide but our speed was good throughout fluctuations in breeze. The event was a lot of fun both on and off the water. We are all looking forward to traveling to more official Melges events as well as racing them at Fishing Bay.



CRUISING / ADULT SAILING



ADULT SAILING

The Adult Sailing Division is putting final touches on this year's offerings. We are rapidly becoming the go-to place to learn/improve sailing, fun on the water (and party) skills.

Here is a top-level summary:

The Club Flying Scot Program Annual cost is \$100 (returning members), \$0/ (first year members), for a season's subscription. Subscribers have unlimited (first come basis) access to 4 Club-maintained 19-foot one design sloops for personal day sailing or to use in club events. Boats available May 1 through October 31. Staff launch with club tractor available, self-launch w/POV if you can demonstrate required skills.

Sign Up Genius links to purchase subscriptions and reserve boats will be found on the Club Flying Scot webpage (hopefully soon):

<https://www.fbyc.net/sailing/adult-sailing/>

Sailing Festival, Clinics, Fun Sails

(all are learning opportunities), found on FBYC events webpage:

<https://www.fbyc.net/events/?division=onedesign>

- **April 2-3:** Safety and Mark Boat Training
- **May 14:** Club Boat and Adult Sailing Festival
- **July 2:** Adult Fun Sail
- **July 20-31:** Women's Clinic
- **August 12:** Racing Rules Clinic w/Jerry Thompson (Amazing US Sailing Instructor, Judge, PRO)
- Informal "pickup" sailing on Select Fridays or Saturdays (will post details soon)
- **Club Regattas**

Summer Adult Sailing School (on weekends for 6 weeks after Junior Week) This is a joint venture with our highly successful Junior Sailing School. Signup links will be posted on the Club Flying Scot webpage: <https://www.fbyc.net/sailing/adult-sailing/> The service will be available for both members and non-members at \$100 per session, up to 2 students per session. This includes a boat and an Instructor. **Yes—unbelievable price point—only at FBYC.**

NOTE 1: Thanks to Geoff Cahill, Chris & Ashley Hinkle, Holly Sears, Jim Lutton, Pierre Morrell, Marc Konesco, Mark Crews, Arn Manella & Andrew Spencer for March 26 work - four boats are ready to sail.

NOTE 2: We send out periodic emails to our Club Boat Subscribers & Supporters. To get on this list, email ronj1790@gmail.com.



Photo by Ann Gray

APRIL CRUISING REPORT

We begin our cruising season with the annual Opening Cruiser's Party upstairs in the main clubhouse on April 8th at 6:00 PM. Beer, wine, and snacks are provided. If you would like to attend, please sign up for the event on the club website. We have seven in-water events scheduled this year.

See the Events page on the FBYC website for details.

Laser Overall

1. Henry Allgeier - HYC
2. Reed McAllister - FBYC
3. Josh Bendura - FBYC
4. Henry Ciszewski - FBYC
5. Jack Grace - SSA
6. Samuel De Los Reyes - SSA
7. Christopher Draper - SSA
8. Alders Kulynych-Irvin - SSA

C420 Overall

1. Walker Angus/ Mason Chapman - FBYC
2. Skylor Sweet/ Ava Arepally - NERYC/TAYC
3. William Harding/ Ava Farley - SSA
4. Luca DeSimone/ Sofia Forsberg - AYC
5. Parker Herman/ Gavin Fretz - SSA

JUNIORS



Logan Hayes racing in the 2021 Summer Seabreeze Regatta.

CALLING ALL JUNIORS!

This spring and early summer the Junior Division is offering multiple opportunities for high level coaching at our club!

It will be a wonderful opportunity to develop racing skills with experts before the summer season. Coaching is offered for intermediate through advanced racing in Optis, Lasers and C420s. All 2022 Junior Week participants registered for Intermediate through Advanced Classes; as well as all Summer Development and Race Team members, are encouraged to attend. Details on each clinic and registration links are below. The sessions will be led by experienced coaches with assistants as needed. Please email juniors@fbyc.net with questions.

- **Spring Opti, Laser & C420 Clinic**-April 15, 16 & 17; led by professional sailor and FBYC Head Coach Tommy Dietrich. For intermediate to advanced racers. **Registration:** <http://app.campdoc.com/register/fbyc>
- **Spring Laser Clinic**-May 28 & 29; led by National Champion and Olympic sailor Sarah Lihan. For advanced ILCA sailors. Contact Mark Hayes for additional information and to register.
- **Opti Racing Clinic**-June 4 & 5; led by Bo Angus, National Opti Team member. For intermediate to advanced Opti sailors. **Registration:** <https://www.fbyc.net/events/2022/220604-junior-opti-preseason-clinic-with-bo-angus/>

Other Spring Opportunities:

- May 14-15 - Jerry Latell is coordinating a trip to the **Wind & Waves Regatta** to the Outer Banks of NC. Register on their website and also let Jerry Latell (jerry@latellsails.com) know you are interested as he can possibly coordinate some coaching and trailers.
- June 11-18 - *Practices with our summer coaches.* More to come on this. **This is included free when you join one of the teams.** Other racers who are signed up for Junior Week can also join for \$40 per day or \$190 for the 8 days (you don't have to come everyday).



Boyd Bragg representing the USA in an international Regatta.



FBYC Head Coach Tommy Dietrich coaching FBYC juniors at Opti Nationals.

JUNIORS



REGISTRATION FOR 2022 SUMMER JUNIOR PROGRAMS

FULL IN SOME GROUPS, FILLING IN OTHERS
 Register at: <http://app.campdoc.com/register/fbyc>

Space is limited and there is a waitlist in many of our classes. The desire for folks to get out on the water and learn is exciting for sure. We are thrilled with the programs we are planning, especially the race teams and Spring programs including clinics with top coaches.

For the teams, we have top professional coaches like Tommy Dietrich, Tom Pellejero and Rachid Dalibalta all coming along with amazing coaches from Fishing Bay that will be helping with the Race and Development Teams. These teams give you flexible access to sailing coaching all summer, and even some before Junior Week.

To read more about our junior programs, visit:
<https://www.fbyc.net/junior-sailing/register-now/>



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SPRING CLEANUP



SPRING CLEANUP, A HUGE SUCCESS!

Steve Montgomery led a large and energetic group of FBYC members including new members and juniors to ready the club for another great season on Saturday, March 26th. Special shout out to Carl and Diane Simon for coordinating a well-earned lunch for all.



SOCK BURN 2022



FBYC proudly helped sponsor **Deltaville's 5th annual Oyster Roast and Sock Burn** at Evolution Loft on March 26th.

There were oysters, barbeque, beer, music....and socks to burn!



MIDDLE DOCK UPDATE



Many Hands = Light Work!

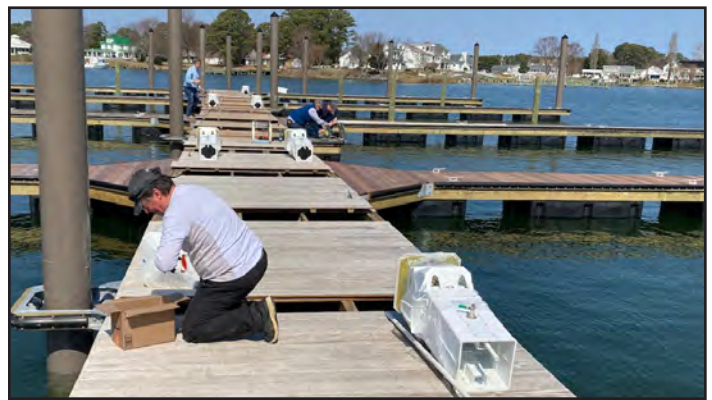
As the long awaited Middle Dock project nears completion, on a beautiful March Saturday, a team of over 25 FBYC volunteers led and organized by Mayo Tabb made a major contribution of time, skill and experience to the club.

This team of talented members tackled a series of efforts, including configuring and mounting all of the pedestals and then plumbing the water service to each one. Even the dock safety ladders were mounted and ready for use.

All this effort saved the club a considerable amount of expense and time versus contracting out the work. But just as importantly, we were able to complete all this prerequisite work in advance of the scheduled commercial electricians efforts, which keeps us on track for opening this spring.

As a club, we are very fortunate to have a group of such skilled volunteers contributing to the project. This spirit of volunteerism and ownership is what makes us special as a club! **Thanks to everyone who volunteered!**

I'm sure the entire club will be impressed with the quality of the outcome of the finished dock as well. It will be a great asset to the club for many years to come. **We hope to see everyone at Opening Day for the ribbon cutting!**



FBYC TRADEWINDS

ONLINE CLASSIFIEDS:

www.fbyc.net/classifieds/ or go to Webtools then Classifieds to view or place an online classified ad.

FOR SALE: 7x14 Enclosed Trailer with ramp door. Set up to store and transport 420s and Lasers. Extra height, ladder rack, and spare. \$3,900.
Email mark.wensell@gmail.com.

FOR SALE: Mercury Outboards for Sale. Both are like new or very low hours. Maintained by Sword's Marine. 5 HP 2015 & 6 HP 2021. Asking \$1,600 for each. Richard Rodgers 804-436-5295 or 804-776-9143. Lives just down the road from the Club.

FOR SALE: Slide Moor Boat Docking System for boats up to 35 ft 18 in slides & 8 ft rails. Boat floats up and down with tide. No line adjustment required. Mounts on two pilings. Costs \$1,998.00 plus tax. Asking \$1,500. Richard Rodgers 804-436-5295

FOR SALE: 5 HP Mercury, 4 stroke, long shaft outboard motor with fuel tank and dolly \$525.
Contact: jim.snowa@gmail.com

FOR RENT: Spacious Stove Point cottage on Fishing Bay. 4 BR, 3 full baths, plus detached guest house with bedroom and full bath. Pool and new dock, magnificent sunsets! \$1800/wk, plus \$100 cleaning fee; \$6500/month. Contact Nancy Potts: 860-767-2991 (home), 860-395-6451 (cell), email: nancy.potts48@gmail.com

FOR RENT: Jackson Creek Harbour Condo for Rent - 1st Floor Flat (All one level), 2 bedrooms-large King and Twins/2 baths; Open kitchen, living room and dining room; Screened-in porch with views of Jackson Creek. Pool and Dock slip included; \$1100/week May-September. Perfect for 2 adults and 2 kids. 5 people max. vickieblanchard@comcast.net

FOR RENT: Jackson Creek Harbour Condo for Rent - 3 Bdrm Townhouse waterfront condo, 2 Qns, 4 Bunks, 2 1/2 baths, fully equipped, CATV, Wifi, Pool, Tennis Ct; \$1100/wk. Noel Clinard 804-338-4066.

FOR RENT: Main House at Rosegill. FOR RENT: Main House at Rosegill. 5 BR house on large farm at Urbanna with pool, dock, beach and great walks. High speed internet. Four night minimum rentals through VRBO at www.vrbo.com/833711 or call Strother Scott 804-405-5999

FOR RENT: Waterfront Property Overlooking the Chesapeake Bay and Piankatank River. Magnificent views! Located near Stingray Point on a private 1-acre lot with a sandy beach and a dock. 4 Bedrooms, 1 full bath. 2 bedrooms with King beds, 1 bedroom with 2 bunk beds. Guest house with 2-twin beds. Living room, laundry room and newly renovated, state of the art kitchen. Access to 2 kayaks, a Sunfish sailboat, life jackets and 3 crab traps. Deck with grill and picnic table. Clean linens provided, W/D, heat/air-conditioning, Wi-Fi, cable. \$2,300/week. \$300 deposit. \$125 cleaning fee. Please contact Greg Ullmann 410-207-7751 (cell) or gregullmann@yahoo.com.

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