



FROM THE QUARTERDECK

DECEMBER 2023 - JANUARY 2024



COMMODORE'S ADDRESS

As I step into the role of Commodore, I am filled with a sense of honor and responsibility. I see my role not only as a leader but also as a steward of the club and its rich heritage. This is a responsibility I embrace with great humility and enthusiasm. In this article, I'd like to share my vision for the next year, which includes a near-term focus on evaluating potential areas of capital investment to enhance the membership experience, specifically the Fishing Bay Dock, the Kitchen in the Main Club house, and *Mr. Roberts*.

First and foremost, I want to express my gratitude for the trust and confidence that the members of the Fishing Bay Yacht Club have placed in me. I've been a part of this remarkable community for many years, and I'm deeply committed to the Club's mission to promote the joy of sailing and the camaraderie that comes with it. I view my new role as a privilege and a chance to give back to a Club that has given me so much.

Before discussing some important initiatives for the coming year, I would like to thank Mark Wensell for his service as Commodore. Mark is an outstanding leader and a great friend and he did a wonderful job leading our Club. Special thanks is due to all of those members who served on the Board, chaired events, served on the race committee and volunteered in any capacity. Volunteers are what make our Club work and I am grateful for your efforts.

One of my immediate priorities as Commodore is to continue with Mark Wensell's efforts to form committees to evaluate where we should make capital investments that will enhance the overall membership experience. We want to ensure that our facilities and equipment are

not only well-maintained but also positioned to meet the evolving needs of our members.

The Jackson Creek Dock is a vital part of our Club's infrastructure. It's the heart of our One-Design Sailing, serving as the launch point for boats and a destination for our members. I've seen firsthand the importance of the dock and its role in our daily activities, and I want to make sure it remains a safe, efficient, and welcoming space for all. That's why one of my top priorities is to conduct a thorough evaluation of the dock, including its condition and any potential upgrades or renovations that may be necessary.

The main catering kitchen at the Club is another area that deserves our attention. It's not just a place to prepare meals; it supports all of our key social activities that are a key part of the membership experience. By enhancing this space, we can improve the overall Club experience, whether it's for socials after a race or signature social events. We will be exploring ways to upgrade the kitchen to better serve the needs of our members and users making it more functional and appealing.

Our committee boat is an indispensable part of our sailing activities, facilitating races and events that bring our community together. To ensure the seamless operation of these activities, we'll be evaluating the condition of the committee boat and exploring options for its maintenance or replacement. Our goal is to provide our members with a reliable and efficient boat that meets the high standards they deserve.

In pursuing these initiatives, I strongly believe in a collaborative and a member driven approach. I am working with Mark to form committees dedicated to each of these areas, consisting of members who bring their expertise, passion, and fresh ideas to the table. It's not just about making changes; it's about making informed, strategic decisions that will benefit our entire membership.

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SPECIAL NOTICES

My vision for the Fishing Bay Yacht Club is to preserve our traditions while fostering innovation and improvement. I want our Club to be not just a haven for sailors but a welcoming and inclusive community for anyone who shares a passion for the water. Together, we can sail forward into a bright future, ensuring that the Fishing Bay Yacht Club continues to be a place where members create lifelong memories and strengthen their love for the sea.

As I begin my journey as Commodore, I am excited about the possibilities that lie ahead. With a strong leadership team and the support of our dedicated members, we will work together to make our Club even more extraordinary. I look forward to the challenges and opportunities that await us, and I am committed to serving the best interests of our beloved Fishing Bay Yacht Club.

Thank you for the opportunity to be your Commodore this year - it has been a journey that has greatly deepened my love for this club and my appreciation for the members who make it special.

~ Doug Bendura, Commodore



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**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**



LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Please sign up to help with one of our upcoming regattas or events. *Our Club depends on its members to flourish and grow.* Volunteering is also a great way to meet other members. Please visit this webpage to get a list of volunteering opportunities: <https://www.fbyc.net/members-only/volunteering-fbyc/>



BOARD MINUTES & COMMITTEE REPORTS

We invite you to view the Board Minutes and Committee Reports at the following website as an appendix to this Log:

<https://www.fbyc.net/members-only/board-minutes/>

You're invited

INVITING FRIENDS TO JOIN FBYC JUST GOT EASIER

We've updated our membership application and made it easier than ever to submit. Our new Google Form is online and ready to receive new members. Just send the QR code or link to your friends to apply. It's a great time of year to invite other sailors to get involved with our Club!

For more information about how to join our Club and our application process, please visit:

<https://www.fbyc.net/club/membership/>



Start Your **FBYC** Membership Application Process today!

SPECIAL NOTICES



2024 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Commodore Doug Bendura
Vice Commodore..... Mary Almany
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2024 COORDINATORS

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Kendall Webre, Jennifer Bendura, Caroline Patrick,
Kirsten Gregory, Nancy Harrison, Joe & Wendy Roos

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Fleet Lt. TBD
Race Management..... Gene Kendall, Rick Klein, David Lee, Rick Peterson, Donna Alvis
Protest Chair..... Mayo Tabb, Asst. - Gene Kendall
Trophy Chair Jim Morrison
Adult Sailing..... Ron Jenkins, Joe Roos
CBYRA Delegate..... Thomas J. Roberts, Asst. - Kenney Cobb

OFFSHORE DIVISION Jim Raper, Andrew Spencer

ONE DESIGN DIVISION

ILCA Jon Deutsch
M15 Paul Almany
Flying Scot..... TBD

CRUISING DIVISION Stuart Gregory

JUNIOR DIVISION..... Anton Webre, Ticia Berg, Aaron Suttan, Will Angus



COMMODORE'S BALL



**SIS BOOM BALL!
COMMODORE'S BALL 2023!**

What a great time everyone had at the 2023 Commodore's Ball! We commenced the evening with our FBYC Annual Meeting to provide a year in review of the successes of 2023 and plans for 2024. Then, the very important and honorable exchange of Flag Officer Patches and presentation of our 2023 American and FBYC Flags (which flew over our beloved campus during 2023) to our outgoing Commodore Mark Wensell. The meeting was extremely well attended by over 75—demonstrating positive interests in FBYC Leadership and ongoing management.

We took a different course this year by returning back to the beautiful Country Club of Virginia. We tried something new by switching to Action Stations instead of a plated dinner. This provided many new and different food options to please all palettes while also allowing for much more mingling amongst the guests. Attendees were provided multiple food stations ranging from steak frites, salads galore, pesto and chicken pasta stations, roasted vegetables as well as the well-attended southwest station with seafood, chicken and crispy pork tacos – all made to order!

Our Flag Officers along with the assistance of John Hubbard organized and presented our Annual Awards to Cruising, Junior and Offshore & One-Design Divisions with grace and humor to a very engaged crowd. What fun that was as well as many surprises! Our Annual Awards include not only those earned by success on the race course but also nominations by our membership to call out and honor other successes in race committee, volunteering, and sailing capabilities in all divisions—what a fantastic and accomplished membership we have to be proud of! We thus commenced to dance the night away to one of our favorite bands, *Tidewater Drive*, while fantastic desserts were passed.

All initial responses of success were greatly appreciated. We have set a new bar for a fun and entertaining fancy event to cap off a great year of sailing. Special thanks to Mason and Julie Chapman for sponsoring our event at CCV, Julie Ann Wash for assisting with menu design and decorations supported by Zan Wick and their fantastic floral decorations—what a great team they make! Paul Wash and Rebecca Doncaster were a huge help in getting our table décor unloaded and set up as well. John Hubbard was spot on in assisting to secure the Keeper Trophies and coordinate the display of our beautiful memorialized perpetual trophies. Many hands helped at the registration table and supported Olivia Staas to manage the check-in's as well as ongoing drink ticket sales. Thank you, Nancy Powell, Chris Lindbloom, Kirsten Gregory, Scott & Louise Sirls, Caroline Patrick, and Kim Garrett!! We were so pleased to have all the extra hands available to break down the club-owned décor, perpetuals and load them into vehicles at the end of the evening for safe transport back to FBYC.

Our club is so strong because of the many volunteers that step up to help in small ways and large to make our events such a positive experience and cut down on costs to the membership and club.

Respectfully yours,
Elizabeth Staas, Event Chair



More photos from the Ball on the next two pages.

COMMODORE'S BALL



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CLUB TROPHY WINNERS



2023 FISHING BAY YACHT CLUB TROPHY WINNERS



HENRY E. HUTCHESON, Jr. MEMORIAL TROPHY
Henry Latell



ROBERTS BOWL - Opti: Sebastian Angus; Laser: William Sutton; 420: Justinus Petkauskas (not present) & Madeleine Garrett



L. WOOD BEDELL TROPHY - for Opti - Levi Dalsaso (not present); Laser - Finn McKinster



REID A. DUNN TROPHY- Laser: Noah Wensell, C420: Justinus Petkauskas (not present) & Madeleine Garrett

CLUB TROPHY WINNERS



JUNIOR COMPETITION TROPHY - Opti: Clarke Garrett, Laser: Noah Wensell, C420: Bo Angus

YOUNG SALT TROPHY - Wyatt Call

UP AND COMING TROPHY - Parker Edwards



BECCA BOAT TROPHY & CAROLINE COLLINS TROPHY - C420: Madeleine Garrett



OFFSHORE SPRING SERIES

Cruising - David and Veronica Hinckle/*Perseverance*
B/C - Bob and Lisa Fleck/*Mad Hatter*
A - David Clark/*Corryvreckan*

Offshore Distance Series

B/C Brad Miller/*Schiehallion*
A Craig Wright/*Afterthought*

Offshore Fall Series

B/C Bob and Lisa Fleck/*Mad Hatter*
A Glenn and Rebecca Doncaster/*Nanuq*



ONE DESIGN AWARDS



NOTT MEMORIAL - Phil Webb



PATRICK A. GIBSON TROPHY

Ron Jenkins (*Flying Scot*)

BAKER BOWL - Outstanding Flying Scot - Len Gunther

BLANTON BOWL - Outstanding ILCA - Jon Deutsch



OFFSHORE AWARDS

Performance - Brad Miller/*Schiehallion*

Windward Start - David and Veronica Hinckle/*Perseverance*

CLUB TROPHY WINNERS



WAYLAND RENNIE CRUISING TROPHY
Stuart Gregory



SPORTSMANSHIP TROPHY - Holly Sears



ALLEN B. FINE TROPHY - Brian Wheeler



COMMODORES' BOWL - David Tabor
MATTHEW FONTAINE MAURY BOWL
Mayo Tabb

ANNUAL RACE COMMITTEE TROPHY
Mike and Amy Miller



Piankatank Trophy - Elizabeth Staas & Anne Litt



HUBARD TROPHY - Elizabeth Staas



FBYC Caps given in Appreciation for our Regatta PROs

LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD | JUNIORS



LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARDED TO CASE WHITTEMORE

Fishing Bay Yacht Club is proud to confer Life Membership status to Case Whittemore. In November, the FBYC Board voted unanimously to recognize Case's profound impact on our community, honoring his decades of service, skill, and mentorship with this prestigious accolade.

Case joined FBYC in 1979 and swiftly became a cornerstone of the Club. His contribution and achievements make him more than deserving of Life Membership. His roles over the years, including Commodore (1988), One Design Division Commander, Offshore Division Commander, Secretary, and various other positions, have been instrumental in steering the Club to its current esteemed status.

As an avid racer, Case's name is synonymous with excellence in sailing. Many of us remember his travels with his J-29, *Patriot*, to regattas in Florida, Maryland, New York, and other locations. Additionally, over the years, he's won nearly every award in the Club, including the highly revered Matthew Fontaine Maury award in 1995, showcasing his exceptional skill and dedication. His triumphs span various trophies: the Commodore (1980, 1986), Baker (1983-1986, 1993-1995, 1998, 2000), Nott (1998), Hicks (1983-1985, 1991-1994, 1998,

2006), Offshore (2000, 2002), Barber (1998, 2002), Competition (2001, 2002), Sportsmanship (1996), and Halsey (1997, 2001).

Case's impact extends beyond the waters. He has been a role model, generously sharing his knowledge and experience. Mark Wensell's recollection of Case's selfless assistance in rigging his new-to-him J-24, exemplifies Case's character. Mark was a new member and Case took the time to show Mark how to use the crane as they crossed paths for the first time in the yard. His willingness to lend a hand and offer advice has left a lasting imprint on many members.

Case Whittemore's Life Membership is not just a recognition of his past achievements but a celebration of the values he embodies: passion for sailing, commitment to community, and the spirit of sportsmanship. As we honor Case, we also reaffirm these principles that are the bedrock of Fishing Bay Yacht Club.



2024 JUNIOR PROGRAM SAVE THE DATES

OPTI KIDS

June 8-9 and June 15-16



JUNIOR WEEK

June 17 - 21

Registration goes live in February!

CLOSING DAY OYSTER ROAST



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A warm fall day, approximately 280 friends and families, 2000 oysters and tasty shared dishes – this describes this year’s oyster roast. The day started with a light air pursuit race followed by the closing day festivities. The first ever Sailor’s Swap meet was deemed a success as evidenced by the amount of gear that was transferred from one owner to another. The amazing shared dishes made for a close competition. In the Chili/crockpot category there was a 4-way tie among the pots of chili. The winners of this category were Robin Rutski (New England Clam Chowder) and Karen Soule (meatballs). Winners of the savory category were Todd Blekicki (broccoli casserole) and Susan Webb (deviled eggs).

The desserts were scrumptious with the winners being Amelia Arthur (raisin bread pudding) and Debbie Johnson (apple pecan cake). The oyster eaters were treated to delicious oysters harvested Friday afternoon from Gwynn’s Island. It took us less than an hour and a half to make quick work of the 2000. The sale of vintage bottomless beer glasses and swap meet contributions, netted over a \$100 donation to the local rescue squad. The day ended with the presentation of Off-Shore awards.

This is truly a Club-wide/FBYC Community event. It is what makes this day so unique and special. Everyone is an active participant. On behalf of the volunteers (Mark Bellino, Becky Dale, Dennis Hannick, Debbie Johnson, Chris Lindstrom, Cheryl Naetzker, Irina Neverova, Bill Prior, Clair Prior, Nancy Powell, Karen Soule, John Koedel and Alex Alvis) we thank all who participated for making this such an enjoyable day.

Donna Alvis



ADULT SAILING

Healy Creek Day Sail



ADULT SAILING

Mark your Calendars: Here are the 2024 Adult Sailing offerings (in Club & Privately owned boats, Melges welcome too)

- Sat. Jun 1 – Sailing Festival
- Sat Jun 29 – Adult Sail Rally #1
- Sat/Sun Jul. 27/28 - Women’s Sail Clinic
- Sat Aug 17 - Adult Sail Rally #2

Extra Credit: March 24 - Spring Cleanup/Club boat Workday (meet friends, learn the Club boat “ropes”)

Individual Private Lessons w/Summer Coaches: (Mid June thru Early August)

Our Women’s Sail Clinic takes place later in the summer. The last few years this event has been such a success. These women sailors and many other Adult Sailing participants have asked for more opportunities to race at FBYC. Therefore, we have added a 2nd Adult Sailing Rally on Saturday August 17th.

Our Focus: More Sailing, less talk, Great Food:

- Short Chalk talks—efficient & to the point (real learning is on the water)
- Enhance enjoyment of the most beautiful sailing waters and secret beaches in the Chesapeake watershed
- Awesome on-board coaching for those who need it (minimal yelling from a coach boat)
- Unbelievable Food at our Socials

All 2024 Events will offer separate **Racing Basics** instruction—Modeled after the Women’s Clinic offering. Lots of starts, mark roundings, and short “races” will get you ready for Club Racing. Family & friend teams (Adult + Junior) especially encouraged.

Most events will include **Capsize recovery** instruction. Main points: Support Masthead (prevent boat turtling), Clear lines, Righting the boat (with crew weight or with support boat help), Getting back on board - Scoop least athletic crew into cockpit as boat rights, additional crew boards later.

Who Should Attend Training Events: Members, non-members. Adults: please bring older juniors/offspring. Sailing is a multi-generational family sport—let’s continue to encourage that tradition at FBYC!



Iron Point Cruisers

ADULT SAILING



Dedicated Instructor-Iron Point



Iron Point Beach



Women's Sailing Clinic



**Happy Holidays
from all of us at
Fishing Bay Yacht Club.**

***Let's go sailing
again next year!***

FBYC TRADEWINDS

ONLINE CLASSIFIEDS:

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

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 3 Bdrm Townhouse waterfront condo, 3BR w/ 2 Qns, and 2 Singles or Qn, 2 ½ baths, fully equipped, CATV, Wifi, Pool, Tennis Ct; \$1200/wk. Contact Noel Clinard 804-338-4066.

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: Family Tides. Entire home across from J&W conveniently located just minutes from FBYC. Master BR first floor and open floor plan LR/DR. Dormitory-style BR upstairs, sleeps 4, plus second full bathroom. Wifi and Cable TV. Perfect for your family of 6! Plenty of parking for your boat and cars. Visit us at <https://www.airbnb.com/h/StayAtFamilyTides> or Contact Mark Crews: Mark@CodeShoppe.Net (540) 840-3404

FOR SALE: Achilles Dexplorer 4-6 person inflatable dinghy with a hard floor, roll up with carrying case, paddles pump etc. A Mercury 9.9HP short shaft OB comes with it. All in good working order. \$1700 OBO. Will deliver and pics available. Jim Cobb 804.306.6839 jcobb.bay@gmail.com

Need a place to stay in Deltaville over the winter months—working on your boat?

Short Term Lease – 3 Bedroom Apartment in Deltaville. On Fishing Bay, fully furnished, sheets/towels as well as utilities and WiFi included. October – May. Please contact Elizabeth Staas with inquiries. estaas@comcast.net or 804-337-3694.





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