



**FROM THE QUARTERDECK**

**OCTOBER 2023**



## THE HOMEWARD LEG

The best time of the year to sail the Chesapeake Bay is upon us - great breeze, cooler temperatures and “warm enough” water combine for many stellar sailing experiences for all! We are entering the home stretch of the season with a tremendous number of memorable events ahead to close out the year.

We started September with a well-attended and highly-competitive Stingray Point Regatta. This signature event is always one of the most exceptional of the year and is a highlight of the Southern Bay racing calendar. This year was no exception, with another year-over-year increase in boats competing on the water and a fantastic social - there was simply no more fun place to be in Virginia than FBYC on Labor Day weekend!

With a strong turnout of 24 boats competing in four fleets of PHRF Spinnaker racing, *Cheeky Monkey* skippered by Paul Wash took home the Halsey Trophy this year.

We again found new excitement building in our offshore program with the advent of our Cruising Class course, with a strong showing of 13 boats and *Dianthus*, skippered by David Tabor, was recognized for winning the Dick Cole Trophy.

Many kudos go out to Event Chair Glenn Doncaster and Event Social Chair Elizabeth Staas, their committee and volunteers, for a terrific and well-run regatta. Thanks also goes to PROs Lud Kimbrough and Donna Alvis and their RC teams, who did a fantastic job running both courses with aplomb in very shifty conditions.

With the Fall Series in Offshore and One Design upcoming, the racing calendar is full of great opportunities to enjoy

racing at FBYC. Our Cruising division also has a perfect October weekend trip planned to Urbanna to sample oysters and wine!

In addition to our own events, FBYC members are also planning to attend some important events this fall, including the fantastic Turkey Shoot Regatta at Rappahannock River Yacht Club and the Annapolis Sailboat Show.

I have to take a moment and acknowledge the amazing efforts of our operations staff, General Manager Brian Ankrom and Club Custodian Ben Boone. Not only do they manage all of the day-to-day operations at the Club, they also tackle the unexpected challenges that inevitably arise as we put on major events or deal with adverse weather like the recent Tropical Storm Ophelia. They are the key reason as to why our club runs so smoothly on gameday - thank you both for making this year so memorable.

I'd also like everyone to make special note of the upcoming **Closing Day Regatta** and **Oyster Roast at FBYC** on October 28<sup>th</sup> and the **Commodore's Ball** at the Country Club of Virginia on November 11<sup>th</sup>. You asked and we listened - both events will be social-focused, with less emphasis on the pomp and circumstance and more on the dancing and merrymaking! The incredible band “Tidewater Drive” will be making its first appearance at the Ball and is simply an experience not to be missed. Details will be out soon, but please hold the dates!

The seasons may change but there is something special in each for everyone at FBYC - see you on the water soon!

**~ Mark Wensell, Commodore**



SOCIAL



### 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/>



Would you like to feature an article or share a story in **The Log**? Please email **Julie Chapman** at [chapman.julie3@gmail.com](mailto:chapman.julie3@gmail.com)

*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!



### Closing Day Social: Saturday, October 28 IT'S TIME FOR OYSTERS!

Last year's Closing Day event was so successful, we are doing it again with some improvements!

Start time is between 14:00 (whenever the boats get back) but no later than 15:00. It will end at approximately 19:00.

In memory of Dick Cole, (past commodore who passed away this year) the Cole family is making a contribution to the Club for the oysters this year. Thanks to their support we are able to keep the cost to \$5.00/person. Dick always supported FBYC racing and social events. His presence around the oyster table will be missed!

#### PROCESS

- Oysters:** roasted, steamed or raw dumped on tables outside.
- Claim your bragging rights:** Bring your favorite dish. Competition was so fierce last year, we've decided to add appetizers as a category to go along with categories of chilis, savories, and desserts. We will also be going 2 deep. (2 awards per category). Your dish should be enough to feed 6-8 people.
- Cost:** \$5.00/person for adults (kids are free) and your shared dish.
- Register on Regatta network.** (Event. Closing Day. regatta network, go to the store and enter) *Racers, you will need to register for both the race and the social.*
- On arrival, check in your dish** to share and receive your wrist bands that give access to oysters, food, and drinks.

The Club is providing oysters, hot dogs, beer, wine and non-alcoholic drinks.

**Racers** - volunteers will be available to collect and tend to your shared dishes before the race.

Questions or concerns or to volunteer, contact **Donna Alvis** ([donnaalvis@comcast.net](mailto:donnaalvis@comcast.net)) or 804-370-6669.

## SAVE THE DATE



## APPROVED FOR MEMBERSHIP SEPTEMBER 2023



**George & Georgette Brauburger** – George and Georgette are well acquainted with Stove Point. George's grandfather built the first home there! George has served on the Stove Point Improvement Association Board and has many friends who are FBYC members. George and Georgette have been active boaters for years and George has sailed previously.

The Brauburger's grandchildren have visited and been to junior camps at the Club and enjoyed their sailing experiences. One granddaughter is fast becoming an expert in knots! The Brauburgers look forward to many more summers with their family and grandchildren and hope to share their love of the water and sailing and boating with them through FBYC and our programs.



## Commodore's Ball

Saturday, November 11

Annual Commodores Ball,  
Meeting, and Awards!

We are returning to The Country Club of Virginia with a new focus based on our member's feedback.

More fun, brief awards ceremony and dancing the night away.

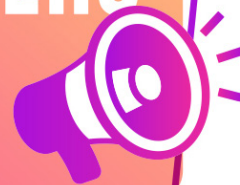
We are navigating a more engaged atmosphere, starting a bit later, to allow for ease to mingle and mix with friends, family, crew and make new friends.

*You spoke and we listened!*

We will share the details and schedule in early October so you can reserve a spot for our Annual Commodores Ball! Brighter and Better than Ever!

*Dressy Cocktail Attire is encouraged.*

# 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/>

**NOMINATIONS**



**CALL FOR THE 2023  
AWARD NOMINATIONS**

The Trophy Committee will receive nominations until October 15<sup>th</sup> for the following perpetual trophies to be awarded for this year's Annual Awards:

**COMPETITION TROPHY**

Presented in 1982 by former Commodore Beverley L. Crump, this is a perpetual award to recognize the skipper or skippers (who must be members of FBYC) of a yacht or yachts enrolled in the Club Register, who have most successfully represented FBYC in sailboat racing events conducted by other yacht clubs or associations during the past year. Such events may be either one-design or offshore and specifically shall include Chesapeake Bay events, and events with area, regional, national and international competition. This trophy is intended to recognize the unusual and outstanding efforts by FBYC members, the character of the event or events entered, the quality of the competition, the extent of the effort involved for the FBYC member and the participation of all Club members shall be considered as well as the member's performance of such event or events.

**COMMODORES BOWL**

The Commodores Bowl shall be awarded to the skipper, who is a member of Fishing Bay Yacht Club, for their outstanding achievements in the world of sailing which includes racing, endurance events and accomplishments in voyaging. Selection for this award should consider the quality of events, the rarity of the achievement, and performance in FBYC and non-FBYC events. The selection of the recipient of this trophy shall be determined by the Commodore. The Commodore may appoint a committee to determine the winner of the trophy.

**PIANKATANK TROPHY**

Recognizes the FBYC skipper who most exemplifies the principle that "all is not lost until the boat sinks."

**MATTHEW FONTAINE MAURY BOWL**

Recognizes a member of FBYC for an outstanding contribution to sailing at Fishing Bay Yacht Club.

**COMPETITION TROPHY**

Recognizes a member of FBYC who is the skipper of an enrolled offshore or one design boat and who most successfully represented FBYC in sailboat racing events conducted by other yacht clubs or associations during the past year. Nominations should consider the character (local, regional, national) of events entered and the quality of competition as well as the member's performance.

**ALLEN B. FINE TROPHY**

Recognizes the outstanding crewperson of an FBYC enrolled yacht. Any skipper who is a Club member may nominate anyone who has crewed on a FBYC boat (offshore or one-design) during the regular Club season.

**THE HUBARD TROPHY**

Awarded to the outstanding female sailor of FBYC in recognition of dedication, participation, and performance and sportsmanship while sailing.

**SPORTSMANSHIP TROPHY**

Recognizes the Offshore Division skipper who displays the best sportsmanship during the regular season.

**ANNUAL RACE COMMITTEE TROPHY**

Awarded to the Club member who has made the greatest contribution to race committee work and race management at FBYC.

**BECCA BOAT TROPHY**

Awarded to the FBYC junior female member who best exemplifies Becca Clary's devotion to FBYC.

Please contact the Trophy Chairman, **Jon Moody**, with your nominations. via email to: [moodsway@hotmail.com](mailto:moodsway@hotmail.com)

Your nomination should include the person's name and the reason the person is being nominated for a particular trophy.

2023 STINGRAY POINT REGATTA



## 2023 STINGRAY POINT REGATTA IS IN THE BOOKS

The 40 boats competing in the 2023 Stingray Point Regatta were treated to a full weekend of lively competition, great parties and light air. On the water, light winds dominated with the sea breeze eventually filling in to provide suitable conditions. Race committees, led by Donna Alvis, Lud Kimbrough and Geoff Cahill, worked hard to provide fair courses for the competitors.

Two separate race courses were run this year. On the cruising course, Group 1 First Place was *Dauntless* and Group 2 First Place was *Dianthus*. On the PHRF course, the top finishers were, *One Trick Pony* in A1, *Afterthought* in A2, *Goin'* in B and *Cheeky Monkey* in C.

On the Cruising Course, two overall awards were presented. David Tabor's *Dianthus* won the first ever Dick Cole Memorial Trophy which honors past commodore and member, Dick Cole. *Dianthus* took top honors again winning the PHRF Cruising Trophy.

On the PHRF side, *Cheeky Monkey* competed for the first time in 2023. Dusted off and prepped after a year on land, *Cheeky Monkey* captured the coveted Brent Halsey, Jr. Memorial Trophy. *Cheeky Monkey* is a family run boat skippered by Paul Wash and crewed by his wife, Julie Ann, sister, Becca Doncaster, son, Ned Wash and junior race team member, Justinas Petkauskas. The crew enjoyed a weekend of near flawless sailing and proudly accepted the top honors for the PHRF class.

Special thanks to all of our outstanding volunteers for this amazing event and especially the Stingray Committee of Glenn & Becca Doncaster, David & Veronica Hinckle, Elizabeth Staas, and Julie Ann Wash. Also, many thanks

to our 2023 sponsors – HILB Group, Evolution Sails, Norton Yachts, Legend Brewing Company, Stingray Point Boatworks, Delta Marine and Yazu Yachting. These contributions were much appreciated and helped 2023 be a success. Keep our sponsors in mind when shopping for all your boating needs.

See everyone at Stingray Point Regatta 2024!



**Dick Cole Award Winners - Dianthus**



**Halsey Award Winners Cheeky Monkey**

2023 STINGRAY POINT REGATTA



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CRUISING

**CAPTAIN'S CHOICE CRUISE:  
SEPTEMBER 8-10**

On the evening of September 8<sup>th</sup>, members of the Cruising Division met at Fannie's house to deliberate the destination of their first post-Labor Day cruise. The cruise was originally billed as an homage to the 4 winds with an itinerary to wherever these ephemeral elements dictated. But after a week of maddening variations in wind and weather forecasts and a month of unseemingly hellish heat, our sailors' idealism gave way to common sense. A safe motor-sail to Urbanna Marina's floating docks, bristling with AC power outlets, was chosen over any lingering delusions of cool, tranquil anchorages and lightning free skies.

The following morning, NOAA predicted thunderstorms on the Rappahannock beginning at 2 pm. Our cruisers sped upriver with these in mind, arriving in near unison to beat the precise 2 pm intrusion of what would become a long lasting and sometimes violent procession of storms. One vessel, Lucky Star, missed mother nature's deadline and had to endure a long 30 minutes of rain, wind, and lightning while hovering at the mouth of Urbanna Creek before a break in intensity allowed her to land. As if to thumb her nose at such adversity, she volunteered to host the entire group for a delightful evening of cocktails and nourishing treats as the rains howled around our grateful but oblivious sailors.



*Unperturbed cruisers enjoyed appetizers and refreshments in the well protected cockpit and salon of Kirsten and Stuart Gregory's **Lucky Star** as rains swept by.*

It was not until they were sailing home early on Sunday to avoid a repeat of Saturday's mayhem that our flotilla learned of the extensive damage done to Regatta Point Marina overnight by the storm.

FBYC sailors completing this adventure included Janet and Peter Long (*Renaissance*), Carolyn and Joe Schott (*Obsession*), Susan and Bev Crump (*Rappahannock*), Helen and Dacre Walker (*Whisper*), Jane and Gordon Cutler (*Tender Mercies*), Kirsten and Stuart Gregory with John Brady aboard (*Lucky Star*), Lyons and George Burke (*Reveille*), and Ann and GG Gray (by car, after rendering psychiatric care to a terrified dog).



*While our cruisers slept in Urbanna, a microburst at Regatta Point decimated a boat shed.*



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**EVOLUTION SAILS  
CUSTOMER SERVICE  
SECOND TO NONE**

As you know, The Wee Dram event was the 26<sup>th</sup> of August. *Corryvreckan* was scheduled to leave the club on Friday around 9 am. It was blowing in the high teens as we got out into the river and unfortunately lost control of our mainsail. It flogged until nearly ripped in two. We returned to the dock to work out how we were going to get to Cape Charles. While working on a plan we took the sail to Evolution Sails. My question to Jerry Latell was, "can you repair it for next weekend"? He looked at the damaged sail and told us to go for lunch and he would have it ready when we got back. Within two hours we had the sail back on the boat and we were heading out to Cape Charles. It is very refreshing to have a business in our community that has customer service second to none! ~ **David Clark**



CRUISING



**10<sup>TH</sup> WEE DRAM**  
by John Koedel

Wow! What an event! We had a total of 32 boats make it to Cape Charles this year. While this event falls on the Cruising schedule, it was well attended by racers and cruisers alike as well as a few powerboats. The only fleet missing was a one design boat. There are rumors that a Melges might make it next year with a chase boat.

Of the sailing vessels, 11 were able to complete the course. Winds varied on the course which was open from 7:00 am Thursday until the social at 5:30pm Saturday. Leading up to the social, competitors roamed the town visiting the shops and various restaurants for entertainment and refreshment. We had at least 100 people at the social. One side of the T-head was dedicated for the traditional scotch tasting. Tables of food were scattered around the main dock and other T-head.

1<sup>st</sup> place went to *Red Sky* (Chesser), with *Schhallion* 2<sup>nd</sup> (B Miller), and *Rhapsody* 3<sup>rd</sup> (Raper). The trophy is a custom Wee Dram flag and an inspiring piece of hardware with removable shot glass. The winning scotch was Glendronach 12 brought by Stuart Gregory and the prize for that was Beinn Dubh, imported from Scotland by David Clark and awarded to Stuart and crew. A keel hauling was contemplated for someone who brought bourdon.

A great event with special thanks to *Running Tide* (Caroline and Ian Patrick), who volunteered to be social chair and procured more substantial food than that of prior events. Finally, hip, hip hooray to David Clark for being lead event chair, maintaining the fleet of competitors, and communicating to Cape Charles for prioritized docking assignments.

We are all looking forward to next year. Brad Miller will be event chair.



CRUISING



**WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER GROUP HOSTS THE GODSPEED CREW**

On September 27, 2023 the Wednesday night dinner group welcomed Captain Eric Speth and the 9 crew members from *Godspeed* docked at Fishing Bay Marina. The *Godspeed* from Jamestown Settlement Museum is a replica of one of three ships bringing English settlers to Jamestown in 1607. The ship was on their fall sail in the lower bay stopping in many ports. In the Northern Neck they hosted 4<sup>th</sup> grade students aboard as part of their educational mission from the museum; at another hosted donors for Hospice, and even sailed in the Turkey Shoot Regatta to name a few. The energy and conversation during social hour and dinner lingered as everyone enjoyed the evening. Good time had by all!



Godspeed on the Piankatank!

~ Margaret Montgomery



ADULT SAILING

## ADULT SAILING

It was (has been up to now) a very good year—for small boats and warm summer afternoons.

### Club Boats Program Overview

- FBYC owns 6 Flying Scot Sailboats for Member use (day sail or racing)
- Club Boats are available for Member/subscriber use through October 31
- Annual subscription for returning members is \$100 (a bargain for a single day, a steal for multiple day use). Subscription is free for first year members.
- Become a subscriber, and/or reserve a boat at: <https://www.fbyc.net/sailing/adult-sailing/>
- We currently offer 2 COED Training/Fun Sail days, and one awesome 2 Day Women's clinic. See descriptions on Event page: <https://www.fbyc.net/events/?division=all>
- Custom/individual lessons are offered primarily from Mid June to Mid August, or by special arrangement, subject to instructor availability.

### Events and Opportunities included

#### Adult Sailing Festival (Co-Ed training and fun sail event)

- Short classroom "chalk talk" in club house, assigned boats & instructors
- Sailed to a beach on Healy Creek, had beach bonfire
- Sailed back to club for awesome food and social in main club house

#### Adult Sail Training Day (Co-Ed training and fun event)

- Short classroom "chalk talk in Club House, assigned boats and instructors
- Sailed to a beach near Iron Point, had lunch
- Sailed back to main club house for food and social

#### Women's Clinic (Two day Women Only Event)

- Separate racing and Beginner/Basic Sailing Classes
- Short Chalk talks, lots of on water with 1 or 2 students/instructor
- Morning and Afternoon sessions, with lunch break
- Awesome food and socials
- Some students brought own boat (Melges, ICLA, Flying Scot) and sailed with an instructor

#### Custom Lessons

- Reserve on Adult sailing page, via Sign Up Genius
- Generally 1 or two students with 1 instructor
- Half day lesson, tailored to student needs/skills/ desires



Club Boat Bisbee— 2023 AOD—Flying Scot Fleet—  
Alain Vincey & French Relatives



Solas undersail—Instructor/owner Rick Peterson  
and Sail Training Day students



Sail Training Day Students and Instructor  
July 2023—Piankatank Beach

**FBYC TRADEWINDS**

**ONLINE CLASSIFIEDS:**

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**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](mailto: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](http://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@CodeShope.Net](mailto:Mark@CodeShope.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](mailto:jcobb.bay@gmail.com)

**FREE TO A GOOD FBYC HOME:** 1981 31' Dufour Sloop. This is a project boat in need of a new headliner, bottom paint and some electrical work.

New set of sails and full spinnaker gear. Boat is in the water at Fishing Bay Harbor Marina with dockage paid through June 2024. Please contact Frank Reichel at [frankreichel@comcast.net](mailto:frankreichel@comcast.net) or 804-306-7062

**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](mailto:estaas@comcast.net) or 804-337-3694.



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