



**FROM THE QUARTERDECK**

**APRIL 2023**



### **THE COUNTDOWN IS ON TO OPENING DAY**

As a club, we are all looking forward to one of the finest traditions at FBYC - Opening Day and Blessing of the Fleet on April 22<sup>nd</sup>! As I write this, we are 30 days away from the start of another season of great sailing and

memorable events with the most enthusiastic group of sailors on the Bay.

Projects abound and our many volunteer leaders are working with our intrepid staff to get the Club and all of its programs and facilities ready to go. We have the end in sight of a complete renovation of the electrical system on the West Dock and a well-planned and attended Spring Cleanup (followed by Evolution Sails' Sock Burning party) on March 25<sup>th</sup>. A tremendous amount of work on the Club's powerboats is underway and tracking towards completion in time for the season. The Club's Flying Scots are also getting some love with a work party to refurb trailers and the boats themselves, in expectation of another year of growth in the Adult Sailing Program.

Our Junior Programs kicked off registration on February 1st and we are expecting another year of full participation as our juniors take full advantage of the best place on earth to learn to sail - please take a moment and register your young sailor today! Many thanks to Parker and Kim Garrett for getting everything organized and we are excited to have our incredible Race Team coaches return - we can't wait to see them in person again!

We also appreciate meeting with our club neighbors at our Community Advisory Board in the beginning of March. The meeting was well attended and we mutually shared updates on FBYC's planned schedule, as well as

many projects that affect the Stove Point community as a whole, including the progress on burying electrical lines and future road improvements. We were glad to have Middlesex Board of Supervisors member Lud Kimbrough in attendance, as we discussed ways the Club could continue to support Deltaville and the county going forward.

In preparation for this year's racing season, the Board has discussed and adopted a plan to ensure that competitors have reasonable insurance coverage as a prerequisite for participation. While this has been a standard practice at FBYC for our offshore Stingray Regatta, it is a growing requirement across the sport of sailing and is common at national regattas for both offshore and one-design competitors. This trend simply reflects the need to be prepared to make others whole in the event of an accident, in light of increasing costs to repair boats and especially people!

Fortunately, there are many other inexpensive ways to obtain the needed coverage and often such coverage is already in place via existing boat policies or even homeowners or renters policies. Please take a moment to read Mason Chapman's excellent article covering this topic in more depth.

Spring is here and the sailing is nigh - see you on the water soon! ~ **Mark Wensell, Commodore**



### **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/>

SPECIAL NOTICES



## PROTECTING YOURSELF AND OTHERS BY HAVING PROPER INSURANCE COVERAGE ON YOUR VESSEL

By Mason Chapman

In recent years an increased number of regatta sponsors have added a requirement for sailors to have liability insurance coverage on their vessel in order to participate in the event. It started with large offshore regattas then made its way to large one-design regattas and is now common even for local yacht club events. At FBYC we have required it for offshore events for several years. This year the Board has adopted a requirement for all competing boats to have a minimum of \$300,000 of liability coverage. This applies to offshore, one-design and junior classes competing in both regattas and series races.

A very reasonable question to ask is Why? Why should the owner of a small one-design boat be required to buy \$300,000 of liability insurance coverage when the cost of a brand-new boat is less than \$15,000?

The Board believes that requiring all boats to have adequate insurance protects both the skipper who causes an accident and the sailor who is injured. Medical claims and litigation costs for seemingly minor injuries can add up quite quickly. An underinsured skipper may face grave financial consequences if he injures a fellow participant. Likewise, an injured party should not be left to pay for medical expenses from their own sources (savings or health insurance) because the person at fault does not have adequate insurance. Our research shows that \$300,000 is a fairly standard coverage level.

How does one get the required coverage?

There are a number of insurance companies that sell boat insurance. Many of the same companies that sell auto insurance also offer boat insurance. BoatUS/Geico is a popular choice. In some cases, liability coverage from Home Owners or Renter's Insurance may extend to your boat. We are not insurance experts by any means but we encourage you to talk to your insurance agent and to shop around. In most cases the price will be very reasonable.

Am I covered if I use an FBYC owned boat?

Yes! FBYC has extensive insurance policies designed specifically for yacht clubs. Our members, volunteers, staff and visitors are covered when using club boats.

How will FBYC enforce this requirement?

Our Notice of Race (NOR) documents for each of our events will state the requirement. Each time a skipper registers for an event on Regatta Network he will check a box stating that he has the required insurance. At this time we will not require sailors to submit evidence of insurance. We will rely on the good faith and sportsmanship of our competitors to follow the rules.

I have a confession to make. Despite the fact that I am a strong advocate of having insurance coverage for boats, when I sat down to write this article it occurred to me that I did not have coverage on my Melges 15. *Yikes!* I promptly called BoatUS Insurance (they cover my other boats) and in the short span of eleven (11) minutes I had purchased a policy with the required \$300,000 of liability coverage on this boat for a cost of seventy-seven dollars (\$77). It could not have been a more straightforward process. I saved a little money by getting liability only and by already having multiple policies on other boats, but the point is that the required coverage is easy to obtain and very reasonably priced.

If all sailors have adequate insurance coverage and are assured that their fellow competitors have the same we can all enjoy our time on the water even more. Thank you for your attention to this and please let me know if you have any questions. [masonchapman@gmail.com](mailto:masonchapman@gmail.com)





**SOCIAL NOTICES**



What is better than a day on the water? – Well, a great time eating, drinking and socializing afterwards.

Come join us after racing or if you are just looking for something fun to do late afternoon /early evening, come on out! This year we will be enjoying the music of Second Wind- a band based out of Williamsburg to complete the evening.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with the social side there are lots of great opportunities including hanging out at the bar serving drinks. It is a great way to meet new people and catch up with old friends.

**Looking forward to seeing everyone at Opening Day**

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.

**Opening Day Social Events**

**1630:** Ric's Place Bar open.

**1730:** Blessing of the Fleet (Bar will be closed during the Blessing of the Fleet)

**Approximately 1800:** Dinner catered by Morrissey's including:

- Pulled pork and chicken BBQ
- Mac & Cheese
- Cole Slaw and Salads
- Dessert

**Dinner Tickets:** \$16/Adult inc.1 drink ticket. \$5/Age 10 and under

**Drink Tickets:** \$5 (wine and beer will be available for purchase with a ticket)

**Dinner registrations will not be accepted after Tuesday, April 18th.**

<https://www.fbyc.net/events/2023/230422-offshore-opening-day/>



Our Winter Program, Passage From Africa, was presented by members David and Alison Lennarz in Richmond at the Westwood Club, February 25. The event was sponsored by The Lindbloom Group of Janney Montgomery Scott, LLC.

An enthusiastic crowd of 106 members and their guests enjoyed learning how the Lennarzs' decided on their Balance 526 catamaran, the experience of the build in South Africa, and the adventure of the passage from Africa to the Caribbean at Grenada. They shared in the delivery of their riveting presentation with ease and shared photos and videos of the total experience. Among many other things, the visual of the challenging seas was certainly memorable!

It's so exciting to hear members share such significant adventures. Equally great was socializing with friends before the start of the presentation. This program was a great success due to the work of our marketing and tech team of Elizabeth Staas, Aaron Suttan, and Paul Wash as well as volunteers at the registration table, Leslie Bowie and Nancy Harrison.

Nancy Powell  
*Social Chair*



MEMBERSHIP



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**J. Bradley Davis** – Brad and Miles Booth have been friends since the day he and his son, Brad Jr., saw Miles needed a little help to get *Shenanigan's* mast hoisted with the club jib boom. As any good club member would do, Brad pitched in and lent a hand. Brad built a

first-class team for his very successful J-105 program, before leaving the club after selling *Bladerunner*. He could not stay ashore long and after a couple of years, acquired an old Tartan Ten, *Bad Dog*, and now has a cruising boat. Brad is rejoining FBYC and will be a great asset to the Club as a whole and the Cruising and Offshore Programs in particular.

Sponsors: *David Hinckle & Miles Booth*



**Dr. Greg & Dr. Kathy Gelburd** – The Gelburds have enjoyed incorporating sailing at destinations including the BVIs, Jamaica, the South Pacific, and New Zealand. Closer to home, Greg spends weekends sailing their Laser on the Chesapeake Bay. Previously, they sailed a

Catalina 34' in Jackson Creek and have participated in

some racing at FBYC. Greg is also teaching his grandson to sail and hopes to have him participate in the Junior Program at FBYC. During visits to the club, they have met fellow sailors and look forward to meeting more members. With Greg retiring recently, he and Kathy are very interested in getting more involved in our programs. Fishing Bay Yacht Club would benefit greatly from having Greg and his family be a part of our club.

Sponsors: *Ron & Ruthanna Jenkins and Charles Alvis & Sophie Massie*

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





# IN MEMORIAM

Sherard Dixon “Dick” Cole, Jr.

February 20, 1939 - February 3, 2023



Sherard Dixon “Dick” Cole Jr, left on his next voyage on February 3rd at 3:47 am. His sons and devoted wife were there for his departure. Dick Cole loved his time at the boat and Fishing Bay Yacht Club. He caught the Sailing Virus in Evansville, Indiana, when he bought his first Sunfish in 1968. He took that love of sailing to Erie, Pennsylvania and Rome, Georgia, where he started a sail club on the nearest lake he could find. The Rome Sailing Club, while landlocked, became his passion, where he communed with his fellow sailors every weekend.

In 1993 he moved to Midlothian, and within a few months found Fishing Bay Yacht Club. By the late 1990's he had become a board member and in 2000 was elected to the Flag, which built our first-class clubhouse. Dick served as Commodore in 2003-2004. Throughout his life, he believed that sharing the sailing experience was the perfect time to spend with friends. Teaching the new sailors was his calling. He will certainly be missed.

A Celebration of Life will be held at FBYC, more information to follow.

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## IN MEMORIAM

Richard Victor “Rick” Palm

*December 1, 1945 - February 28, 2023*



Richard Victor “Rick” Palm died on February 28, 2023 at his home in Hardyville VA. His friends and family will remember him for his spirit of adventure and his dedication to “giving back” to those who shared his

passions. His passions were many but sailing across oceans and wood-working top the list. He believed strongly in experiential learning and seeks to leave his legacy to programs that encourage kids to learn with their hands.

His sailing adventures spanned over 50 years and took Rick and his wife Julie around the world, across the Atlantic twice, to and from the Caribbean a dozen times, and up and down the coast of North America from Nova Scotia to the Keys. He relished nothing more than helping coastal sailors prepare for their first offshore passages, both with the Caribbean 1500 and the Salty Dawg Sailing Association.

Dedication to family was a dominant part of Rick’s life. While his parents died before he was in his 30’s and he was an only child, he adopted Julie’s family quickly, enjoying sailing trips with her father and raising Julie’s son Ted (wife, Rebecca) as his own. Nothing pleased him more than watching his two grandsons Owen and Eli mature into young adults.

To those wishing to acknowledge Rick’s life, please consider contributing a donation in his name to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. [www.cbf.org](http://www.cbf.org).

Salty Dawg Sailing Organization has written a wonderful remembrance of Rick:

**Eight Bells for Rick Palm**

<https://rb.gy/9lgq>



## IN MEMORIAM

John Lucas “Luke” Fergusson

*February 18, 2003 - February 2, 2023*



We are saddened to report that Luke Fergusson, son of FBYC members Anne and John Fergusson, died at age 19 on February 2, 2023 in a tragic car accident at James Madison University.

<https://www.blileys.com/obituaries/John-Lucas-Luke-Fergusson?obld=27253588>

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RACING / VOLUNTEER / CRUISING



## SAILING SEASON = VOLUNTEER SEASON

With the sailing season fast approaching, it's time to start thinking about volunteering. Because Fishing Bay is a volunteer-driven Club, we rely on our membership to help out with everything from Race Committee to the post-race social events. I've been organizing volunteers for a few years now, and I have to admit that I tend to see the same names pop up every year. And while I'm not going to turn away anybody who wants to volunteer, I'd love to see some new folks get involved, too.

There are so many benefits to volunteering! If you choose to help out with Race Committee, you get a front-row seat to the racing, all while sitting in comfort aboard Mr. Roberts. Not only that, you get fed, have the chance to hang out with some pretty great people, and learn about both running a race and sailing a race. Social Chairs who help with post-race festivities are always the favorites following the sailing, and it's another great way to meet people that you might not already know.

One thing to keep in mind about volunteering. You DO NOT need any experience or exceptional culinary skills. All you need is a willingness to help out. Trust me on this one. If I can do it, you can do it. For RC volunteers, it's a matter of paying attention and doing what you're asked to do. In other words, it's a lot like sailing itself. For would-be Social Chairs, you don't need to put out a spread worthy of a James Beard Award. A few snacks and some drinks – all of which are reimbursable expenses, by the way – and you'll make everyone happy. So don't be afraid to sign up because you've never done it before!

The need for volunteers is especially crucial for the Annual One-Design Regatta, which this year will be held on the weekend of July 22 -23. We need volunteers for everything – sign-in, ticket takers, bartenders, Race Committee, you name it. So don't be shy! AOD is our premiere One-Design event of the season, and we get

sailors from all over. And every year, those sailors rave about the hospitality and the execution of the event. Given that I'm the one in charge this year, I'd really like to keep that reputation going, and even move the needle a little further in the positive direction!

Some people have said that they're confused about how to sign up to volunteer, so I'm going to make it super easy for you. Email me, Andrew Spencer, at [spencerab@gmail.com](mailto:spencerab@gmail.com) and tell me what you'd like to do and for what date (all dates are available on the One-Design schedule on [www.fbyc.com](http://www.fbyc.com)). I'll take it from there. I'll even send you a reminder. Again, please volunteer! *Thank you for all you do to make Fishing Bay such a great place to sail!*

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. Visit this webpage to get a list of volunteering opportunities:  
<https://www.fbyc.net/members-only/volunteering-fbyc/>

## OPENING CRUISER'S DINNER APRIL 21



Please come and enjoy an evening to kick off the season. We will discuss the planned cruises. Fried chicken will be provided. There is a new sign-up sheet this year. Click on what you would like to bring to compliment the meal. I am looking forward to seeing everyone.

**John Koedel, III**  
*Cruising Commander*



ADULT SAILING



Many thanks to the 14 plus members who signed up to work on Club Flying Scots on the March 25 Spring Cleanup day. As we write this article, boats, trailers, and work materials are pre-positioned for a highly productive workday. This is an annual opportunity to give back to FBYC and get familiar with our Club Flying Scots.

The Club boat program is a budget friendly, no fuss way to experience the natural beauty of Fishing & Godfrey Bays, and the Piankatank River.

Our Flying Scots are small enough to be responsive and large enough to carry 4 or more adults and/or juniors to one of our many swimming and beach destinations. Keep an eye out for bottle nosed dolphins and other amazing creatures.

**Jump start your day sailing/cruising career during one of our festival/training days**

- **June 10 Festival:** <https://www.fbyc.net/events/2023/230603-training-club-boat-and-adult-sailing-festival/>
- **July 1 Sail Training:** <https://www.fbyc.net/events/2023/230701-training-adult-sail-training/>

Racing enthusiasts can also participate in our many Club racing events.

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

**Book your Annual Club Boat Subscription**  
(for Private day sails, racing and Club events)

- Sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4dafa92aa7f5cf8-club#/>
- Free to first year members and boat donors
- \$100/Season for returning members

**Look for information on Adult Sailing Lessons and Informal Sails soon to be posted on the Adult Sailing Web Page :** <https://www.fbyc.net/sailing/adult-sailing/>

- FBYC maintains 6 Club owned Flying Scots for member's use, and to support our Adult Sailing School.

Contact Ron at [434-975-6347](tel:434-975-6347) / [ronj1790@gmail.com](mailto:ronj1790@gmail.com) for more information. We would especially like to hear from new racers who are interested in our "Challenger" racing fleet.



# LET'S GO SAILING!

## 2023 FBYC JUNIOR SPRING CLINIC



### WHAT

FBYC Junior Division is offering an Opti/Laser/C420 Junior Race Clinic coached by Olympic and College All-American level sailors

### WHO

2023 FBYC Registered Junior Teams Member (Race or Development Teams)

2023 Juniors Registered for Junior Week in either Intermediate or Advanced/Race Classes

***Non-Members welcome too!***

### WHEN

Friday April 7 - Saturday April 8  
9:00 am – 4:00 pm

### COST

FBYC Members \$60 per day  
(enter code FBYC when asked)

*Non Members \$90 per day*

### REGISTRATION

Online registration is required:  
<http://app.campdoc.com/register/fbyc>

**Registration will close April 7**

### QUESTIONS

[juniors@fbyc.net](mailto:juniors@fbyc.net)

**JUNIOR SUMMER PROGRAM**



**REGISTRATION FOR 2023 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 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.

Visit <https://www.fbyc.net/junior-sailing/register-now/> to read more about our junior programs.



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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

**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: 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](mailto:gregullmann@yahoo.com)

**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: Byte Sailboat.** New running rigging, blade bag and hiking strap. Dolly included. Garage kept in Hartfield VA. Asking \$600.00 OBO. Contact: Carrie Russell, 804-218-0414, [carrierussell@aol.com](mailto:carrierussell@aol.com)

**FOR SALE: Laser for Sale!** Race Ready (newer hardware installed, BOTH Regular and Radial Rigs and Sails—some in great condition. Great practice and Race Sails available as well as corresponding sail bags, dolly, new cover and ready to race. Can be packaged with a Classic Sunfish as well for a sweet offer. Elizabeth Staas [estaas@comcast.net](mailto:estaas@comcast.net)

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