



FROM THE QUARTERDECK

MAY 2023



COMING TOGETHER AT OPENING DAY

*Eternal Father strong to save
Whose arm has bound the restless wave
Who bidst the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in Peril on the sea*

This stanza from William Whiting's hymn "Eternal Father, Strong to Save", also known as the "Navy Hymn", has been sung annually and faithfully at our Opening Day's Blessing of the Fleet ceremonies for many years. Most times, we are outside in the sunshine singing in a cool breeze in April. This year, in a poignant ceremony led by our own Chris Lindbloom, we sang shoulder-to-shoulder inside the main clubhouse and there was a powerful sense of coming together. The rain was our accompaniment with a cold front's storms rolling in. As my kids would say, it just "hit different".

The moment reminded me of the kinship we share pursuing a sport and pastime that requires us to be mindful of its risks yet provides experiences that are simply not found anywhere else. Our membership is varied, but as our busy sailing season kicks off, we always come together under our burgee to start the festivities as a community.

We celebrated Opening Day with a fine dinner led by Jennifer Bendura and the season was officially underway. The Club is in excellent shape for the year, after tremendous work on our houses, grounds and docks by our staff and volunteers. It is simply exciting to arrive at the Club, by either land or sea, and find a place as welcoming as the port we call home.

Our varied membership will have lots of opportunities for participation in May. The One Design and Offshore Divisions kick off their spring series schedules. The Cruising Division has planned a Little Bay family-friendly event for fun and adventure. At the end of May, we will have a Family Regatta in One Design and an opportunity to socialize all together again after our Open House Regatta. Please reach out to our new members to welcome them into our community and bring along friends to experience all that FBYC has to offer.

My hope is that every member has a moment this year that reminds us of why Fishing Bay Yacht Club is truly special. Enjoy the great season ahead!

- 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/>

OPENING DAY RECAP



OPENING DAY RECAP 2023

The day started out fairly decent allowing the race committee to get some races off for Opening day before afternoon storms rolled in. It was not too warm, breezy and a little overcast. Fun was had by all the sailors and crew out on the water.

The storms began to roll in a little after 4pm shortly after the sailors arrived back to shore. All the events for the evening were moved inside the club house where the bar was set upstairs and the food downstairs. The party kicked off a little early with the rain.

Right at 5:30 sharp Chris Lindbloom began the Blessing of the Fleet and did a marvelous job. He was joined in singing by about 150 people at the event.

Commodore Mark Wensell announced that at the Stingray Regatta later this year Dick Cole will be remembered with the naming of the Cruising Course and the trophy after him.

After the program, dinner was served. It was a delicious barbecue dinner from Morrissey's in Richmond accompanied with music by Second Wind - a band from Williamsburg that even included the Spoons.

While sailors and families feasted, drank and danced the night away the storms started to disappear and only rain followed allowing people to get home safely. No matter your age it seemed everyone had a great time spending time together.

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who helped make this such a fun and successful event.



MEMBERSHIP



**APPROVED FOR MEMBERSHIP
APRIL 2023**



Alan & Gwen Davis – Richmond, VA

The Davis family is interested in becoming members of Fishing Bay Yacht Club to join a community that shares a common interest in sailing. They are familiar with the Club having participated in several FBYC events in the past. These events include the crew training course (Gwen), crewing short and long course races, the moonlight regatta, Wee Dram (several times) and have both been to several social events which they have thoroughly enjoyed. Gwen grew up sailing on the Rappahannock River with her grandfather and in more recent years, has had the opportunity to sail with Wayland Rennie, as part of the Trilogy crew after having met Wayland through the Crew Training Course offered by FBYC. Alan's sailing experience began during his younger years sailing a family-owned catamaran on a lake where his family lived in Virginia Beach. As a couple and with their children,

they have enjoyed sailing with family and friends over the years and seek opportunities to include sailing in their travels whenever possible. Their children participated in the sailing camps at FBYC offered through the YMCA for many years and learned the fundamentals of sailing. Gwen & Alan would love to get to know other club members and find ways to get involved through volunteering. They also enjoy day sailing and would be interested in learning to sail the Flying Scots.

Sponsors: Marc & Jen Konesco, Mark & Joanna Wensell



Ryan & Lauren Grammer – Richmond, VA

Lauren and Ryan recently moved back to Richmond after spending nearly a decade in Seattle and have been active in programs at FBYC the past two summers. Lauren grew up in Richmond and knows quite a few families that participate in the FBYC events and activities. She even spent time at FBYC with friends while she was growing up in Richmond in the 90s. Lauren and Ryan are very interested in getting involved at FBYC and learning to sail. Ryan is looking forward to beginning to sail on a Laser. They do not have significant prior sailing experience. However, they have dabbled while living in Seattle and also while visiting Deltaville. They are also very keen to give their children the gift of learning to sail from a young age. Their boys have had a great time the past two summers participating in the junior programs offered by FBYC. They attended Junior Week in 2021 and scheduled a few days of sailing instruction with our college coaches through the club's Sailing School last year. Their daughter will be quick on the boys' heels and will want to learn as soon as she is old enough!

Sponsors: Larry & Vickie Blanchard, Parker & Kim Garrett

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/>



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APRIL FACILITIES REPORT

Jim Raper reports all Jackson Creek Slips are leased. We have had surprisingly little turnover thus far so the number of boats on the waiting list remains at 11. This number includes 3 catamarans.

The Laser Corral has been reconfigured to allow for more storage spaces. Jim is continuing his efforts to reconcile the boats on the property with known leases. If you have boat on Club property but don't have a lease please contact Jim.

Brad Miller has ordered the appropriate signage to update the Board Member plaque in the main clubhouse. We have also received the material for replacing the upstairs sofa cushions. Brad reports that all Club buildings are operational and ready for Opening Day.

The West Dock project is complete and was ready for Opening Day.

The Club cleanup was a great success. Allen and Brian organized over 30 volunteers who spruced up the place very nicely.

We still have plans for repairing the grass ramp. I believe Parker and Allan are working on this together to come up with a suitable option.

David Hinckle - Facilities Director





ADULT SAILING by Ron Jenkins

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

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

www.fbyc.net/events/?division=onedesign

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

- Sign up at:
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 : www.fbyc.net/sailing/adult-sailing/

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

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



OPEN HOUSE REGATTA PARTY

This year, our Open House Regatta will showcase all that FBYC has to offer. Interested in offshore racing? Cruising Division? Have a nephew/niece that might be interested in Junior Week? Come and check out the different club activities that Fishing Bay offers!

The day starts off with a staggered start pursuit race for all boats around a set of government marks, finishing in the early afternoon just off the FBYC pier.

Beginning at 1 PM, we will host our awesome raft-up in Fishing Bay, and we'll shuttle folks from the FBYC dock to the boats. After the raft-up, we will be showcasing a Meet & Greet with One Design, Junior Sailing, Offshore Racing, Cruising, Adult Sailing and More in the clubhouse.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join!
Non-members are welcome!

The evening will finish off with a fried chicken dinner and music by a rocking DJ.

Schedule for the day:

0900 - Skippers Meeting
1100 - First Race Warning
1300 - Raft Up
1630 - Meet & Greet with Sailing Divisions
1800: Fried Chicken Dinner & DJ

Dinner Tickets:

\$25 Per person (includes 1 drink ticket)
\$10 Per Kid
\$5 per drink ticket

Menu: Fried Chicken, Veggie Gnocchi, Roasted Mixed Vegetables, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Cookies, Brownies, Iced Tea, Lemonade

Beer and Wine available for purchase



SUMMER SCHOOL MINI-CAMPS

Sign-up for our 2 or 3-day mini-camps for sailing instruction this summer. Children (ages 5-18) can sail on Optis or c420s in a small group setting.

To learn more about our mini-camps, visit:
www.fbyc.net/junior-sailing/sailing-school/

Questions? Email us at: juniors@fbyc.net



JUNIORS



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.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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/>

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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

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: 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

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: www.airbnb.com/h/StayAtFamilyTides or Contact Mark Crews: 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

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

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