



FROM THE QUARTERDECK

FEBRUARY - MARCH 2024



COMMODORE'S ADDRESS

As I began thinking about the topic for this month's newsletter, I received an email from Mark Hayes with a list of 41 sailors who have gone on to sail in college, emerging from our Junior Program, including some current and past board members. His note reminded me of how important the Junior Program has been to our Club and the amount of value we have placed on it over the last decade.

The Junior Program has been an integral part of our Club since 1942 beginning with what was known as the Junior Seamanship Academy. What began as a small group of kids with parents passionate about sailing and teaching children to sail, has blossomed into a program that is known throughout the world. Today, we attract top coaches and world-class sailors from Argentina, Ecuador, Australia, Chile, and more. Today, we typically have 155 sailors at Junior Week, 46 Opti Kids participants and 15-20 race team members competing across the nation with a waiting list for many of our programs.

Over the years, a lot has changed at our Club, including the Junior Program. As the world changes, we have changed and adapted as a club, but one thing that we have always stayed true to since those early days is our mission: "the object shall be the development of the art and science of sailing, the acquisition of knowledge of the theory and practice of seamanship, navigation, meteorology, and allied subjects." This is something that we have stood by since the beginning and is still a key piece of our program.

As mentioned in my opening, we have had numerous college sailors emerge from our program, many of

whom still give back to our Club to this day. Some people that stood out on this list are members such as Rob Whittemore, Parker Garrett, Julie Chapman, Mike Toms, Blake Kimbrough, and Mary Katherine Buhl, who have all served in board roles for the Club over recent years. Currently, we have 16 sailors that came out of our program competing at the collegiate level at schools across the country, including the U.S. Naval Academy, Merchant Marine Academy, SUNY Maritime, Dartmouth, Brown, Stanford, Boston, Bowdoin, American, South Carolina, University of Virginia, Virginia Tech, Christopher Newport & Old Dominion. I have had the opportunity to connect with many of our former sailors at college events and usually ask the same question to each: "What has been your best experience in sailing?" and they all reply, "Summers at Fishing Bay!" All the people named and many, many more have given back to the Club by serving as volunteers during Junior Week, coaching our ODT & race teams, or serving on race committees after learning to sail here and growing up in our Junior Program.

I would like to thank all the people who have supported the Junior Program over the years by volunteering their time and skills to teach our youth about sailing and for past leaders who recognized the importance of junior sailing. It was the junior program that first attracted Jennifer and me to the Club, and as our children have aged out of the programs, we have reflected on how lucky we were to become a part of this community and how big an influence the program has had on our children. It takes close to 100 volunteers to support our Junior Week program, and I can tell you from personal experience that it is one of the most rewarding experiences you can have as you see kids away from their devices and developing a love for the sport of sailing. If you have an interest in getting involved, reach out to Parker & Kimberley Garrett, or Ticia Berg.

- Doug Bendura, Commodore

SPECIAL NOTICES



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!



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

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/>



85 YEARS - CONNECTING THE DOTS

2024 is the 85th anniversary of Fishing Bay Yacht Club, founded in the midst of the Great Depression and 3 years before World War II. In the words of past Historian Jere Dennison, it is "a miracle" that the club survived and thrived. Many members have contributed to that miracle, but telling the story was the accomplishment of one man, Jere. He served longer than any other club historian and left for our benefit a 132 page, 75th anniversary book as well as an astounding 78 entertaining LOG articles about events, anecdotes, and personal reflections, available to all at the FBYC website.

Jere's articles stand alone, but within them are substories that are worthy of reexamination. Reassembled, they provide refreshing takes on our past and provide answers to the questions that many new members ask. This is what your present historian hopes to present to you over the course of this 85th year, under the recurrent byline "85 years- connecting the dots".

~ **George Burke, FBYC Historian**

SPECIAL NOTICES



**2024 Spring Clean-Up
Deltaville Sock Burn &
Oyster Roast**

**COME ONE, COME ALL, MARK YOUR CALENDARS
for the 2024 SPRING CLEAN UP event on
March 23rd at 9:00 A.M.**

Tired of being indoors, want to see your sailing friends that you have not seen in months, do you feel the need to socialize, hear the latest Deltaville gossip, are you trying to remember what your boat looks like? Do you have a desire to GET OUT, smell the sea breeze and do a few things to supplement the fine FB staff? Well, do we have the day for you!

The First Half kicks off when we meet at the main clubhouse at 9:00 am to talk about the game plan and then venture off for the accomplishment of our tasks. We will need you to bring some wheelbarrows, landscaping rakes, a couple of pitchforks, some cordless drills and trimmers (yes you can operate your own and in turn keep track of it). When we break for halftime we can look back and see the beautiful work from the morning and prepare for the second half.

Food and drinks will be provided this year!

The second half kicks off with a short drive into Deltaville and the ball gets rolling with the:

Deltaville Sock Burn and Oyster Roast

Saturday afternoon from 3:30-7:00pm at Evolution Sails.
More info to come!



**FBYC SAIL RECYCLING DRIVE TO
BENEFIT RACE AND SAIL PROGRAMS**



*Give me your tired (sails)...
yearning to be free (from your
garage)...*

Take advantage of the Spring Clean Up Day to spruce up our Club and clean those old sails from your garage. FBYC is partnering with Sea Bags Maine to collect used dacron one-design and off-shore sails to benefit the FBYC Race and Sail Programs. Sea Bags Maine transforms sails into high quality nautically inspired bags, totes and accessories. Every sail you unload will generate one (or more) Sea Bag products which our Club can use as awards and premiums.

How does it work?

1. Load up the truck! The more sails we turn in for recycling, the more awards we can return to you!
2. Come to FBYC Saturday, March 23rd for the Spring Clean Up day.
3. Unload those sails. Your donation of a used sail helps keep sailing an environmentally sustainable sport.
4. Sea Bags Maine will pick up the sails from the Club and take them to Maine where they will be turned into high quality totes and bags.
5. Come out and go sailing! The more you participate, the better your chance to take home one of the high quality items made from your sails.

To learn more about Sea Bags Maine:
<https://seabags.com/our-company/about-us.html>



CLUB EVENTS

Stingray Regatta



**GET READY TO CELEBRATE OUR 85TH YEAR!
MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE LARGER 2024 CLUB EVENTS**

Winter Program, the week of March 4th

Day, time and Richmond area place forthcoming

Join us as Peter Gibbons-Neff from Annapolis recounts his 4050-nautical-mile race solo handed in a 21 foot Classe Mini 6.50. Peter was the only American racer to finish the La Boulangere Mini Transat Race on November 15th.
(Contact: Susie Wright)

Spring Clean up, March 23rd

Come help the club get ready for spring!
Lunch/snacks will be provided.
(Contact: Allen Mason)

Opening Day, April 20th

(Contact: Jennifer Bendura)

Open House Regatta and Party, May 26th

Memorial Day weekend
(Contact: Kendall Webre)

OptiKids Commences June 8

(Jr Team at juniors@fbyc.net)

Junior Week Commences June 17

(Jr Team at juniors@fbyc.net)

**Fourth of July Cookout and Long Distance Race
July 4**

(Contact: Caroline Patrick)

Rescue Regatta July 13

85th Annual One Design July 20-21

Stingray Regatta Aug 30 – Sept 1

Closing Day Regatta and Oyster Roast

(Contact: Joe & Wendy Roos)

Commodore's Ball, November 9th

(Contact: Susie Wright)

All groups....Juniors, Cruisers, Racers and Landlubbers.... are invited!

We welcome volunteers for all these events to help them run smoothly and entertain everyone. Please notify contacts for volunteer opportunities!



Annual One Design



IN MEMORIAM

Jeanne Hamilton

March 28, 1939 - December 14, 2023



Jeanne Bounds Hamilton, 84, of New York, New York passed away unexpectedly on December 14, 2023 at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York surrounded by her family.

Jeanne was born on March 28, 1939 to Paul and Jean Bounds in Richmond, Virginia. After graduating Phi Beta Kappa in Math from Sweet Briar College she moved to New York City to work as a systems engineer for IBM. In New York, she met and fell in love with D. Ross Hamilton and they were married on July 11, 1964 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. As an only child, Jeanne always wanted to raise a large family. Her dream was fulfilled with four children that gave her ten grandchildren, a source of great joy.

Jeanne approached life with indomitable energy, passion and positivity. She greeted everyone with an open mind, joy and curiosity, which led to lasting friendships in New York, Maryland, Virginia, and wherever she spent time. She loved her family deeply and found great joy introducing her children and grandchildren to the spoils of New York City and the adventures of Fishing Bay (sailing, crabbing, fishing). An avid sailor, she was a champion in her youth and still competing and winning races at the age of 84! She loved her husband of 60 years dearly and they could always be found together. She will be sorely missed, but memories of her will continue to inspire.

She is survived by husband Donald Ross, children Ross Jr. (Katherine), Will (Heather), Chris (Caroline), and Blair (Jim), and grandchildren Ross, Will, Chase, Miles, Kip, Clementine, Eleanor, James, Ben and Annie.

In lieu of flowers, the family is setting up a memorial fund to support youth sailing at Fishing Bay Yacht Club, where Jeanne was an early member, supporter and active participant in regattas.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE



JUNIORS



Summer 2024 Junior Programs Registration Open Now for Members

The FBYC Junior Programs Committee has been hard at work making preparations for an exciting summer of Junior Sailing. Registration will be managed by CampDocs, our camp registration and health forms application. This simple, easy to use site allows for registering for camps and teams, collecting health forms, and ordering t-shirts. Member Priority: members get priority before March 1st for classes that fill. Registrations are on a first come first serve basis. The link can be found at www.fbyc.net/junior-sailing/register-now

All registrations must be completed by a parent or legal guardian. Member registration provides a discount to FBYC members by using coupon code **FBYC**. Member grandparents no longer need to register their grandchildren. Simply have your grandchildren's parents register and use the member coupon code **FBYC**.

JUNIOR PROGRAM DATES

Opti Kids

5-7 years old. Introduction to sailing over two weekends, half-day each day, June 8th - 9th and June 15th - 16th

Junior Week

6-18 years old. An FBYC tradition.
Summer sailing camp. June 17th - June 21st.

Junior Regatta

Follows camp on June 22nd and 23rd.

Sailing School Camps

3 day (Wed-Fri) and 2 day (Sat-Sun) camps running for most of the summer taught by our sailing coaches.

RACE TEAM PROGRAMS

Development Teams -

Summer season pass to sailing coaching

7-18 years old. Our Development Teams are an introduction to learning to race. Our program focuses on boat skills and basic racing knowledge. Regattas are local and practice is 4 days a week, Thursdays - Sundays. We will have two groups: Optis and c420s/Lasers. Space is limited.

Race Teams

10-18 years old. FBYC Race Team is a travel sailing team focused on competitive events regionally and nationally. Coached by world class coaches, FBYC race teams provide the perfect mixture between fun and competition. 5 to 6 days a week. All coaches have been lined up for summer, with 3 professional coaches signed on with FBYC.

JUNIORS



Dear Sailors,

I am pleased to write my first letter to you as Racing Director for the Junior Sailing FBYC program to share a wonderful summary of the former juniors that sailed for our Club and then raced at their colleges and other teams.

Even though we love racing and believe it is one of the best tools to teach how to sail, our main goal is to transmit the passion for sailing and shape lifelong seamen and women that will enjoy this beautiful activity in the way they find more suitable for their life.

On the next page you will see their names, dates and college in which they have participated.

I also want to name FBYC members that have kept sailing in different teams as part of their lifestyle:

Blair Hamilton, Daniel Thompson, Julie Chapman, Clark Dennison, Will Crump, Rob Whittemore, Caroline Budwell, Scott Collins, Jon Deustch and many more that I am probably forgetting and apologize for that.

Thank you parents, club authorities and coaches for the great job you do. This fills us with energy and pride to keep pushing the limits of our program in the same direction.

Rachid Dalibalta



SUMMER 2024 JUNIOR PROGRAMS

SAVE THE DATES

OPTI KIDS

June 8th - 9th and June 15th - 16th



JUNIOR WEEK

June 17th - June 21st

JUNIOR REGATTA

June 22nd and 23rd

We hope to see you there!

JUNIORS

FBYC juniors & College sailing

Names	College	Years Sailed	
		from	to
Mike Toms	UVA	1978	1982
Julie Chapman	Loyola College of Baltimore	1988	1992
Mike Miller	ODU	1992	1996
Rob Wardwell	ODU	1994	1998
Parker Garrett	Navy	1997	2001
Anna Cobb	ODU	1999	2003
Blake Kimbrough	College of Charleston	2001	2005
Mary Catherine Buhl	CNU	2010	2014
Cori Radke	ODU	2010	2014
Ben Buhl	CNU	2012	2014
Austin Powers	CNU	2013	2017
Jeremy Herrin	ODU	2014	2018
Eric Roos	William & Mary	2015	2016
Hannah Steadman	Brown	2016	2020
Will Whitmore	College of Charleston	2016	2020
Alex Jacob	ODU	2016	2018
Grey Kiger	ODU	2016	2017
Alexander Hanna	Texas A&M	2016	2020
Garret Levy	UVA	2017	2017
Trent Levy	UVA	2017	2018
Luke Hayes	CNU	2018	2022
Boyd Bragg	Dartmouth	2019	2024
Ian Street	SC (South Carolina)	2019	2023
Benton Amthor	SUNY Maritime	2019	2023
Reese Bragg	Dartmouth	2020	2024
John Vail	SUNY Maritime	2020	2024
John (Jack) Mckenna	USMMA (Merchant Marine Academ	2020	2024
Finn Cizewski	ODU	2021	2025
Gannon Troutman	SUNY Maritime	2021	2022
Jackson Montague	UVA	2021	2025
Mary Ashleigh Berg	American University	2022	2026
Jack Cabell	Boston College	2022	2026
Guthrie Braun	Brown University	2022	2026
Josh Bendura	CNU	2022	2026
Nathan Smith	Navy	2022	2026
Charlotte Patterson	SC (South Carolina)	2022	2024
Mason Chapman	UVA	2022	2026
Josh Almany	Virginia Tech	2022	2026
Ava Arepally	Bowdoin	2023	2027
Logan Hayes	Navy	2023	2027
Thomas Sitzman	Stanford	2023	2027
Reid McAllister	USMMA (Merchant Marine Academ	2023	2027

Melges 15 Active Fleet

The Melges 15 Fleet is now an active fleet at FBYC!

	Fleet Requirements	Our Fleet	
Become a Fleet	At least 6 class boats on yacht register	14 boats	✓
	Recognized as a fleet by the National Organization		✓
	Fleet Commitment, Attracts New Members, Compatible with Existing Fleets	Yes, Yes, Yes	✓
Stay a Fleet	3 starters in 1 race of 50% of the events	2022: 9 of 15 events 2023: 10 of 12 events	✓
	Fleet Captain	Paul Almany	✓

Active Fleets:

- ILCA
- Flying Scot
- Melges 15

Melges 15 Owners

- 203 Roos
- 287 Wensell
- 289 Chapman
- 310 Bendura
- 311 Hubbard
- 312 Gray
- 314 Whittemore
- 315 Moody
- 316 Almany
- 364 Garrett/Patrick
- 379 Staas/Litt
- 489 Petkauskas
- 559 Kimbrough
- 016 Alex Scott

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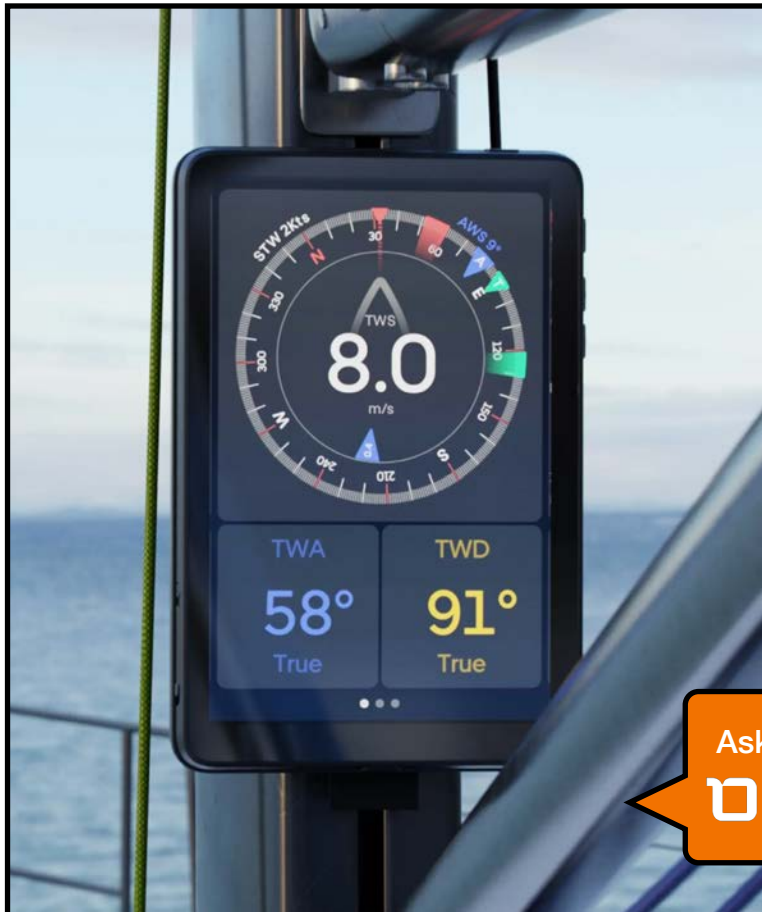
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Ask me about
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CRUISING



CRUISING



It's Friday and I am looking out my window watching snow flurries swirling around. Hard to imagine getting ready to head to the boat for a destination cruise.

We are starting to make headway on organizing this year's cruises but we still have a long way to go.

June 13th - Doug Selden is hosting the Ocean Cruising Club at FBYC for Wednesday night dinner. It is their 75th anniversary and FBYC's 85th. Their group is starting from Hampton and ending up in Reedville that week. We are welcome to be part of their event. If someone wants to organize around this, please work with Doug. We might be able to get 2 weekend cruises out of it or one long one.

July 4th ish - Steve Montgomery will host this one to include fireworks somewhere. It's too early to know the location. The 4th is a Thursday so this might be a Wednesday through Sunday cruise.

Sept 6th through 15th - George Burke is planning a week cruise. Destinations TBD.

Yankee Point Marina - I will host a Friday through Sunday cruise. They have Friday night concerts. The schedule will be out in a couple of weeks.

Ditchley Cidery - I left this on from last year. Most drove because of the weather. No one has claimed this one yet.

Offshore, One-Design, and Juniors should have their calendars nailed down by February 1. Find some places to work on a cruise. There will be conflicts but that is ok. By request, it would be nice to have some cruises on weekends with no Offshore event so those Offshore boats that are inclined to join us have options.

Those that host a cruise will get a special thank you, call it incentive. Last year it was an FBYC Cruising bar towel.

I look forward to hearing from you with some great ideas.

John G. Koedel, III
"Wings"
Cruising Commander
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ADULT SAILING



ADULT SAILING by Ron Jenkins

NEWS FLASH

- **The annual cost (\$100/seasonal Club Boat Subscription) is less than one day's use of a comparable boat elsewhere.**
- **The annual subscription includes unlimited use of club boats during the season (May through October). Clearly the best (and most convenient) sailing program on the Bay.**
- Please welcome Adult Sailing Co-director Joe Roos (AKA the real adult) to our staff. With Joe's help, we will continue to adapt the Club Boat/Adult Sailing Program to better meet our "customer's" needs and insure a sustainable future.

The FBYC Adult Sailing program has six Flying Scot club boats that are available to subscribers throughout the season and are widely used in the Womens' Clinic, Adult Sailing events, for private day sails, in club races and during Junior Week.

The Adult Sailing program also sponsors special events that include fun oriented racing skills, practice sessions, mentors to get new racers out on the course and day sails to "secret" beaches on the Piankatank river.

New for 2024: Club Boat Subscribers receive a complimentary "Secret" Beaches of the Piankatank chartlet.

So, join in the fun. Secure your boat membership (and Secret Beaches Chartlet) with your subscription to the FBYC Adult Sailing program – To sign up, see the top of the adult sailing home page: <https://www.fbyc.net/sailing/adult-sailing/>

Here is a snapshot of our program and opportunities for 2024.

CLUB BOAT SUBSCRIPTION PROGRAM

- 6 (Six) sail ready Flying Scots available for private day sail & club events
- Two boats will be designated for Club Regattas— other 4 boats available for on demand day sailing, clinics and racing.

ADULT SAILING

- \$100/Year to reserve/use boats during the season (Free to 1st Year members)
- Complimentary Check Sail for new subscribers to review/demonstrate basic sailing/stowing/safety skills.
- Staff tractor launch/retrieval service available, self-launch for qualified users
- Subscribe/Reserve boats online at <https://www.fbyc.net/sailing/adult-sailing/>

ADULT GROUP LEARNING/SAILING EVENTS

(With awesome Socials/Food)

Signup/reserve your slot on events page:
<https://www.fbyc.net/events/?division=all>

- March 23 - Spring Cleanup (Commission/Learn about Club Boats)
- June 1 – 4th Annual Small Boat Festival * (Day sail, great food, instruction available) Use club boat or BYO boat under 21 ft— Melges15's welcome. *, **
- June 30 – Adult Sail Training Day (Day Sail, great party, instruction (option) *, **
- July 20/21– 85th Annual One Design***
- July 27/28 – Women's Sailing Clinics (Awesome fun/learning/food/party) *, **
- August 17– Adult Sail Training Day (Cruising, Intro Racing, food/party) **
- Club Regattas, starting 30 May – One Design Spring Series 1 **, ****

*Beginners welcome

**New racers welcome

*** Intermediate and Advanced Racers

**** Recruiting mentors for 2024 – New Sailors with mentors may sail in Challenger fleet



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

FOR SALE: Two Optis: Grandkids have aged out. Used, loved, and serviceable. Each has triple blue stripes for easy identification on the water. Complete with all rigs, sails, blades, bags and dollies. \$1,000 each or both for \$1,800. Contact Chris Lindbloom: 804-615-4465 (text or phone), or email, cwlindbloom@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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