



FROM THE QUARTERDECK

APRIL 2024



EMBRACING THE JOURNEY TO SAILING SEASON

Dear Members,

As we dive into March, a sense of anticipation fills the air at the Fishing Bay Yacht Club. It's a time when the promise of warmer weather and the thrill of the open water begins

to excite us. But before we set sail, there's much to be done to prepare for the upcoming season.

As I embarked on my own checklist of pre-launch tasks for *Traveller II* (the day after our wonderful winter event at Hardywood hosted by Susan Wright, see article in the Log), I couldn't help but reflect on the collective efforts of sailors, staff, and volunteers alike. From bottom painting to washing and waxing, changing impellers, cleaning interiors, hanking sails and beyond, there's a ton of activity both on the water and off.

Brian and Ben are doing a great job diligently preparing the Club for use with everything from leaf and debris removal, repairing docks and making sure in general the facilities are clean and ready for all to enjoy. I had the opportunity to check in with them after a long day of bottom prep and they both said they were incredibly busy but really enjoying getting ready echoing the thoughts I had about enjoying the journey while working on *Traveller II*.

One notable project underway is the installation of a new internet system on the Jackson Creek Docks led by Paul Wash, David Soule, Mayo Tabb and David Hinkle with the heavy lifting of installing conduit being done by Brian and Ben. Additionally we had a group of 8 volunteers joined on Sat March 16th to help with the final install. Word has it they had fried chicken for lunch and had a great time together. Projects like this showcase the dedication of our members and how we build relationships with fellow Club members.

I was heartened to see the dedication of our members during the recent Club clean-up day, even amidst rainy weather on March 23rd (apologize for not being there, our youngest had his home regatta at CNU over the weekend). While the weather was less than desirable, the enthusiasm of our members was amazing. It is moments like these that remind us of the strength of our community and the shared passion for our beloved Club.

While in the past I may have only thought of these as tasks that required completion so I could sail, this year I found myself really enjoying the journey and surprisingly found that others had the same feeling. I can not say that I enjoy the journey towards the sailing season more than the sailing, but it can be fun if you make it fun. Consciously enjoying each task while recognizing that each one brings us one step closer to enjoying the season has changed my perspective on the annual task list.

As we gear up for opening day on April 20th, I hope you too have enjoyed the journey as much as I have. I look forward to seeing the sight of more familiar faces, the racing, the cruising, the socials and the camaraderie as we begin another unforgettable sailing season.

Wishing you fair winds and following seas.

Doug Bendura, Commodore



Club WiFi installation on the Docks!

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/>



INVITING FRIENDS TO JOIN FBYC JUST GOT EASIER

Our membership application is easier than ever to submit. Our 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



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/>

2nd Annual Boat Lover's Day
 May 4, 2024 10am to 4pm
 18355 General Puller Hwy Deltaville, VA

Boats for Sale * Safety Demo * Live Music * Boutique Sale
 Food * Door Prizes * Free Gifts * Marina Tour * Bakery Truck

2023 True North 34 Outboard Express
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May 4, 2024 10am-4pm

VOTED 'BEST PLACE TO BUY A NEW BOAT'

ON SITE

2024 Catalina 355 **2024 Catalina 425**

OPENING DAY 2024



FISHING BAY OPENING DAY 2024

SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH



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)

Saturday, April 20th, 2024

Approximately 1800

Dinner catered by Morrissey's including:

Chili, Tossed Salad, Corn Bread, Dessert,
Water and Soft Drinks

Dinner Tickets:

\$16/Adult including one drink ticket.

\$5/Age 10 and under

Drink Tickets: \$5

Wine and beer will be available for purchase with a ticket.

Please note:

Dinner registrations will not be accepted after Tuesday, April 16th, 2024

The band *Second Wind* will be performing once again to entertain us for the evening after the Blessing of the Fleet.

Want a chance to meet new members? Grab a friend and Volunteer for a shift that evening as well. We will have opportunities to sell tickets for drinks, check-in, serve dinner and bar tending (what could be better than that).

Check the website to sign up for both dinner as well as to Volunteer.

We hope to see you there!





PETER GIBBONS-NEFF OF PGN OCEAN RACING WINTER PROGRAM RECAP



The weather was cold and wet but the crowd inside Hardywood's Ownby Lane Barrel Room on Wednesday March 6 was warm and welcoming. FBYC members gathered to hear Peter Gibbons-Neff and Jane Millman

discuss US Patriot Sailing and Peter's experience in the 2023 Mini Transat Race in his Classe Mini 650 RG Terminal Leave.



Peter shared his background in the US Marine Corp and his sailing experiences. He is currently an ambassador and volunteer for US Patriot Sailing, a non-profit sailing team that helps bring military service personnel together to navigate the challenges that can follow combat deployment. This organization helped Peter and he continues to volunteer with them.

The 2023 Mini Transat Race departed Les Sables-d'Olonne, France in late September with a brief 3 week stopover in Santa Cruz, Canary Islands. Then the race proceeds across the Atlantic Ocean with a finish in

Guadeloupe. Peter's experience in this solo race was filled with challenges, and even after having the rudder fall off (he recovered it), and sailing hundreds of miles out of the way to get it repaired, Peter still managed to rejoin the race, and he was not the last boat to cross the finish line!

In FBYC culture, this is truly a skipper worthy of the Piankatank Award, aka all is not lost unless the boat sinks. Peter's journey is inspirational and we wish him well as his adventures continue. Check out more of his experiences on his website <https://www.pgnocceanracing.com/>

For more information about US Patriot Sailing <https://www.uspatriotsailing.org/>



MEMBERSHIP



APPROVED FOR MEMBERSHIP IN MARCH 2024



Elizabeth & Charles Valentine – Richmond, VA - The Valentines have known about FBYC for years, primarily from their good friends and sponsors, Cam and Dixie Hoggan. Other Richmond families have always spoken about what a fun and welcoming club it is and everyone they know raves about the junior sailing program! Elizabeth and Charles would love to try the crew lessons and their three children are excited to participate in activities as well. They look forward to spending time on the water with family and friends, learning new sailing skills, and being a part of the wonderful community at FBYC.

Sponsors: Cam Hoggan & Paul & Julie Ann Wash

Christine Collins – Lancaster, VA - Chris is looking forward to getting back out on the water after being away for the past several years. She has been sailing a few times with friends and wants to be more active and just be around sailboats and sailors. From 1988-2007, she sailed Thistles including day sailing, club racing,

Thistle regional and national regattas. From 1997-1999, Chris served as crew, medical officer and cook on two Marblehead to Nova Scotia races and one Newport to Bermuda race.

Her coastal sailing experience was as crew on deliveries and cruising the Chesapeake and around New England (Newport, RI, Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard and Down East Islands of Maine). She owned a 31 ft Tartan *Dogfish* and cruised the Chesapeake Bay with her late husband for 15 years. Christine has sailed with her FBYC sponsors Carol Vaughn and Dave Tabor on *Dianthus*. She loves the atmosphere at Fishing Bay and looks forward to renewing her passion for sailing.

Sponsors: Carol Vaughn & David Tabor



Sally Meriwether Roberts & Carson Motley – Richmond, VA - Meriwether learned how to sail 17 years ago at Camp Seafarer. She then began crewing for her dad, former member Matson Roberts, and member Jim Raper first on their boat *Onward* and later on *Rhapsody*. She raced on member Stuart Kegan's Tartan 10 Split Decision before joining member Glenn Doncaster as crew on *Nanuq* for the last several years. With *Nanuq*, she has competed in several FBYC and offshore races. Carson started sailing with *Nanuq* a year ago but has chartered sailboats in the BVIs and owns a Hobie Cat that he sails for fun.

Meriwether was a member several years ago and wishes to rejoin with Carson. After sailing several years at FBYC, Meriwether has started to take on a larger volunteer role as she will be hosting crew training this year. Carson and Meriwether look forward to being club members, volunteering, and participating in racing and Young Adult Member events.

Sponsors: Paul & Julie Ann Wash & Glenn Doncaster

MEMBERSHIP / RACING



William McKinnon Massie Jr & Alice McGuire Massie – Richmond, VA - The Massies are lifelong sailors (summer camp, bareboat charter, offshore, and small boat experience). They anticipate spending more time in Deltaville and look forward to joining the FBYC community. FBYC members and sponsors Brad Burch and Jennifer Schooley have come to know Alice and Will very well after they purchased a home near theirs in Richmond. Will & Alice are no strangers to volunteering as they have participated in many community efforts in the Richmond area. They are passionate about sailing and would love to have the opportunity to sail more often.

Sponsors: Jennifer Schooley & Strother Scott



ONE DESIGN SAILORS OVER THE WINTER SEASON

As we approach the start of our season in the spring - a number of FBYC One Design sailors have been traveling and keeping their skills sharp through the winter. Here are a few highlights:

Flying Scot: John Wake with Mike Chesser and Sharon Wake and Tracy Schwarzschild along with Katie Finn have participated in the Greater Richmond Sailing Association Frostbite. John finished atop of the standing in the 4-day series.

Our Melges15 sailors have been prowling the winter circuit in Florida:

Winter Series #1 - January 8th:
Mason Chapman Jr. & Walker Angus;
Joe Roos & Conrad Roos

Winter Series #2 - Feb 24th:
Joe Roos & Conrad Roos

M15 Midwinters - March 23rd:
Madeleine Garrett & Parker Garrett,
Mark Wensell & Wes Marshall

ILCA Sailing: In early February Jon Deutsch traveled to ILCA Midwinters East at St. Petersburg Yacht Club.

Later in the month, Len Guenther sailed the Florida Masters and the Masters Midwinters East.

Thistle: Bill Kitchens took his Thistle to Fort Walton for Thistle Midwinters

Opti: Sebastian Angus is currently participating in the 42nd Lake Garda Optimist Meeting (Riva del Garda, Italy) March 28-31

IN MEMORIAM
Fishing Bay Yacht Club would like to honor and remember these former members:

Paul Howle
September 19, 2023

Doris & Rip Radcliffe
Doris passed away Feb 24, 2024
Rip passed away March 2, 2024

Doris & Rip's Obituary
<https://shorturl.at/cuKSZ>

RACING



FBYC ENCOURAGES RACERS & CRUISERS TO COMPETE IN SBRW

Our friends in the Southern Bay are inviting FBYC Racers and Cruiser/Racers to head south for their Annual Southern Bay Race Week (SBRW) held May 31 - June 2. Hosting clubs are Hampton Yacht Club, Cruising Club of Virginia and Old Point Comfort Yacht Club. See below for their flyer and head south for a great event! This is a PHRF and Cruising Spin/Non-Spin Event!

For registration and event information, please visit: <https://www.hamptonyc.com/southern-bay-race-week>



Y'ALL COME RACING!

SBRW 2024

Racing for Everybody – PHRF, One-Design, or Cruising
May 30 – June 2, 2024

Thursday	May 30, 2024	Welcome/Opening Night	
Friday	May 31, 2024	Malcolm Davis	404 (CBYRA #)
Saturday	June 1, 2024	Casemate Classic	405
Sunday	June 2, 2024	Old Point / Blackbeard	406

PHRF OF THE CHESAPEAKE SOUTHERN BAY CHAMPIONSHIP

Preliminary Sailing Instructions will be available after May 15, 2024 at the regatta Website, <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16366>

Host Clubs: Hampton Yacht Club (host club / regatta headquarters), Cruising Club of Virginia, and Old Point Comfort Yacht Club are the organizing authorities for this regatta.
Regatta Chairman - Jack Pope Principal Race Officer – John McCarthy

Rules: The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2021-2024*, except as modified by the regatta Sailing Instructions. Updates /revisions will be posted on the SBRW Yacht Scoring website and at the Official Notice Board.

Entry Due: Monday, May 27, 2024 - Late Fee (additional \$50) applies after May 27th
Early Bird Entry discount deadline – April 30th
(Early Bird Entries also receive 10 free regatta drink tickets)

Entry Fee: PHRF & ONE DESIGN FLEETS (Fri/Sat/Sun):
Early Bird = \$175. Entries after April 30th= \$199.
CRUISING FLEETS [SBRW Cruising Fleet & PHRF Cruising (Spin & Non-Spin)]
Racing only on Sat/Sun plus four nights of parties
Early Bird = \$ 99. Entries after April 30th= \$ 125.

OLD POINT BANK LOYALTY DISCOUNT:

ALL 2023 SBRW returnees may deduct \$25 from above entry fees.

To ENTER: Enter ON-LINE at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16366>
OR mail paper entry to: SBRW, 4401 Chesapeake Ave, Hampton, VA 23669
Contact: Lin McCarthy, (757) 850-4225, mcbear@earthlink.net
Web site <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16366>

ADULT SAILING / CRUISING / JUNIORS



One of Six Club Flying Scots—Available for Racing, Day Sails, Lessons & Events
Sign up/Reserve a boat at: fbyc.net/sailing/adult-sailing/

**Regatta Phobia -
An Affliction Adult Sailing Events Can Cure**

Regatta Phobia (Defined): *The fear of finishing DFL (dead 'friggin' last) and/or harvesting shrimp from one's own spinnaker. In the most chronic form, victims miss out on a fun opportunity to hone sailing skills and socialize with like-minded sailors.*

Join the Cure: Frequent participation in Adult Sailing festivals & special training events.

- Each of our Adult Sailing Events offers a day of learning the basics of day sailing, safety, and navigation while exploring the awesome waters of Fishing Bay.
- **And now! A new option will be offered to participants at these day events – Racing 101 and race training.**
- Not only is racing fun but it is a great way to hone your sailing skills. Training will include: the basics - lots of starts, mark roundings & fun with on-the-water drills. No scoring—no pressure! Melges15 and other one-design boats are encouraged to join our Club Flying Scot fleet for these race training events.
- Interested in the racing option? *Let us know as you sign-up for each event. We are requiring a 3 boat participation minimum to stage each of these workshops.*
- Finish out the day back at the clubhouse for a quality social where you can recount and exaggerate your on-the-water experiences/heroism.

Our formula:

Great sailing with friends + good food = Fun on the water!

Adult Sailing Events:

- June 1: 4th Annual Small Boat Festival
- June 30: Small Boat Training Day
- July 27/28: Women's Sailing Clinic
- August 17: Small boat Training Day



2024 SUMMER JUNIOR PROGRAMS

2024 SUMMER JUNIOR PROGRAMS ARE FULL FOR JUNIOR WEEK & OPTIKIDS, AND FULL IN SOME SAILING SCHOOL MINI-CAMPS

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 all-access programs ("season pass" to sailing) like Optimist Development Team (ODT) and the Multi-boat Team (sailing in c420's, Lasers, Flying Scots and Melges 15's). Also, our Sailing School Mini-Camps are all-summer thriving and filling, and some kids do multiple of those.

Visit fbyc.net/junior-sailing/register-now/ to read more about our junior programs.

CRUISING

HAPPY SPRING EQUINOX

Our boat is uncovered. Alas, we need some bottom paint and a hull waxing. Getting ready for the season, same as everyone.

Our opening Cruiser's Dinner is posted for registration. Catered by Delta Pie like last fall. We are looking forward to seeing our "yachting" people again. Landlubber friends are just not the same. A couple of cruises are planned. We need more. Please put setting one up on your to do list.

The Kentucky Derby cruise is the first one. I have always wanted to incorporate it into a cruise. There is a hat contest, get creative. It also falls on Star Wars Day. May the fourth be with you. We cruise home on Cinco de Mayo Tabb, after having pancakes and mimosas.

Fair winds. ~ **John Koedel, III / Wings**

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. \$900 OBO. Will deliver and pics available. Jim Cobb 804.306.6839 jcobb.bay@gmail.com

FOR SALE: "Xenia" Cape Dory Typhoon; Year: 1979; LOA: 18'6"; Design: Carl Alberg; Hull Color: Awlgrip Forest Green; Outboard: 2012 Yamaha 6.5 HP; Total Refurbish 2012; Trailer custom made 2012. Extras: Mainsail, Jib & Spinnaker included, Pro Sport On-Board, Marine Battery Charger, Radio/Built-in Speakers, Anchor, Lines, New Cushions Inside & Out in 2012. Serious Inquiries Only. Contact: Clark Wallace 843-697-4846 or clarkiewallace@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.



FISHING BAY
Charmer

- "Legacy House" with wide, endless views of Fishing Bay, broad sand beach, deep water, huge lot, and coveted location
- Turn of the century gem offers the finest views of the Bay and the Piankatank River beyond
- Well-known farmhouse with great bones, vintage detailing, exquisite wood trim with 5 BRs, 2 full baths, a large serviceable kitchen, large parlor, and unfinished 3rd floor
- Wrap-around front porch with cross breezes and amazing views of the Bay
- Wide and deep lot allows for the addition of a pool, firepit, & fabulous outdoor living spaces
- Steps away from Fishing Bay Yacht Club



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