



FROM THE QUARTERDECK

MAY 2024



AN EXCITING SEASON AHEAD AT FISHING BAY YACHT CLUB

Fishing Bay Yacht Club has once again opened its doors to welcome sailors and enthusiasts alike for what promises to be a great season ahead. On April 20th, we officially opened the Club for the season starting with the time-honored tradition of the flag-raising ceremony, a symbolic gesture that signals the beginning of a new season of sailing and camaraderie. Following our initial offshore race which included 18 boats and an outstanding Race Committee led by Todd Blekicky, the Club came together for the solemn yet uplifting blessing of the fleet led by Chris Lindbloom. This is a cherished ritual that honors both the vessels that will be on the water in the coming months and the sailors who will be aboard. It was heartwarming to see so many members participating including 15 past and current flag officers which even included Wayland Rennie.

After the blessing of the fleet, members retreated to the warmth and hospitality of the main clubhouse for a delightful social run by Jennifer Bendura. As the band *Second Wind* played (and Cathy Clark chair danced) friendships were renewed and new connections forged—a true testament to the vibrant community spirit that thrives at Fishing Bay Yacht Club.

Looking ahead, the Club has mapped out an ambitious calendar of events, with 56 activities slated between now and closing day in November. Among the highlights

are the signature events organized by each of the Club's divisions, promising a diverse array of experiences for sailors of all stripes.

For those with a passion for racing, the 85th Annual One Design Regatta promises thrills and excitement on July 20-21, while the Offshore Division's Stingray Point Regatta on August 30 - September 1 offers a challenging test of seamanship and skill on the open waters.

Meanwhile, the cruising division invites sailors to join in the fun at The Wee Dram on August 23-25—a laid-back weekend of leisurely sails, good company, and perhaps a wee dram or two to toast to the joys of life on the water. But it's not just about the racing and cruising; Fishing Bay Yacht Club is also dedicated to engaging with the local community through events like the Open House Regatta on Memorial Day weekend and the Rescue Regatta supporting the Middlesex Rescue Squad on July 13—a testament to the club's commitment to giving back and making a positive impact beyond its shores.

As we anticipate the adventures that lie ahead, there's a palpable sense of excitement and anticipation in the air. Whether you're a seasoned sailor or a newcomer to the world of yachting, there's no better time to join in the fun and camaraderie at Fishing Bay Yacht Club. So hoist your sails, chart your course, and set sail for a season of unforgettable memories and boundless possibilities on the waters of Fishing Bay. ~ **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/>



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/>



OPENING DAY 2024



OH THE FUN WE HAD AT OPENING DAY!

After a fun day on the water and the blessing of the fleet we had an amazing evening hanging out at the clubhouse enjoying food, music and friends. Unlike last year it was a beautiful day with weather being almost perfect (unless you were a sailor).

We started the evening with drinks at Ric's place and then we continued the fun after the blessing with music by the band Second Wind (by the way the band got great reviews especially by Cathy Clark who I think is their number one fan). The evening continued with dinner which included delicious chili, cornbread and salad from Morrissey's Catering in Richmond. I think fun was had by all no matter the age, I even saw some dancing occurring.

I could not have done this event without the help of so many wonderful volunteers. Please forgive me if I have forgotten anyone. First I want to thank Elizabeth Staas for all her help combining the lists, setting up and sending out the media for the event and just being there to help answer any of my many questions. I also want to thank Susan Wright for not only taking on the role of Social Chair for the club but also for volunteering to lend a hand wherever I needed.

A new volunteer that was instrumental was Dulcie Holland. She not only helped setup, but then served the food the entire time and helped make sure people had food with a smile. She is wonderful to work with and said she enjoyed meeting all the new people.

I also want to thank the following people for helping with Check in, Bartending, serving and cleanup: Caroline and

Ian Patrick, Anne Litt, Julie Chapman, Caroline Jones, Stella Jones, Jim Raper, Heather Fields, Matt Lambert, Debbie Johnson, Charles and Anna, Rick and Ginger Peterson, Robin and Rex Booth, Mike Karn, Joanna and Mark Wensell, Judith Miller and especially Carl and Diane who are always there to lend me a hand.

I am so thankful to have been able to run this event and see so many people having a wonderful time. Now let's get sailing!



More photos on the next two pages.

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MEMBERSHIP



John David Hooper – Hartfield, VA - John comes to us after a 30+ year stint with the US Coast Guard, and a long history of family-sailing boat ownership. He started sailing early in life and continued through high school and the USCG Academy, in one design and ocean racing/cruising boats. Hoop has owned a succession of boats including Interlakes, Thistles and small Pearsons, progressing to cruising sloops. John commanded several USCG Cutters during his 30 years with the USCG. He is a retired Coast Guard Commander and Licensed Master Mariner, Naval/Defense Analyst, Naval Historian, and Adjunct Professor, US Naval War College (CDE). John recently purchased a Flying Scot, which he plans to keep and race with his sons at FBYC. We welcome his return to sailing, to participate in our Adult Sailing and racing programs. John has small boat teaching experience with Sea Scouts, and an impressive list of large vessel certifications. John lives in Hartfield—we look forward to getting him onboard.

Sponsors: Ron Jenkins & Rick Peterson



Arthur T. Bresse – Richmond, VA - Arthur has sailed since his youth within Boston Harbor and along Cape Cod. He began sailing competitively out of Urbanna and FBYC with members Donna & Alex Alvis on *Chilcoot* and *Dixie Rose* from 2000 until 2010. He was on the boat during the infamous Wolftrap 2004 race. He also sailed competitively out of Annapolis, MD on his 24' Melges while a member of the Eastport Yacht Club. In addition, he has crewed for FBYC members David & Cathy Clark on *Corryvreckan*. They co-skipped a chartered yacht in the BVIs twice on vacation.

Arthur has already demonstrated his understanding of the volunteer spirit at FBYC. He was the first of the crew to sign up for bartending, ticket selling or helping out with a social. Arthur will be a great addition to the FBYC family.

Sponsors: David & Cathy Clark and Donna & Alex Alvis



OPENING DAY RACE 2024



FISHING BAY OPENING DAY RACE 2024

Opening Day Race Results

<https://shorturl.at/CFR45>

Opening Day Race VIDEO!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=la3xF7LNI-w>



More photos on the next two pages.

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SPECIAL NOTICE



FAMILY & JUNIOR ALUMNI REGATTA EVENT NOTICE

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2024

DESCRIPTION This family-friendly event encourages and promotes families who sail together. The skipper/crew combination must be family members. They can be of any age and relationship, such as, but not limited to, father-son, mother-daughter, wife-husband, grandparent-grandchild, siblings, cousins, etc. Juniors are welcome and encouraged. Racing will feature multiple races of small course buoy racing on the Piankatank River near Fishing Bay.

CLASSES Flying Scot, Melges 15, and any class of any three like one design boats, or 3 unlike boats racing in a Portsmouth fleet are also invited to race. When fewer than three boats participate, they may start with a pre-designated One Design fleet but will not be scored.

REGISTRATION All participants must register prior to the start of the first race. Event registration, information and notices can be found at the event website on Regatta Network.

PROGRAM

- 0900 - Welcome and Late Registration (via Regatta Network only)
- 0930 - Skippers Meeting
- 1100 - First warning signal
- Awards, beverages and snacks to follow racing

SOCIAL A Bring-Your-Own food and drink gathering will take place on shore in the main clubhouse after racing.

Please visit Regatta Network for NOR, SI, Registration and further announcements.



OPEN HOUSE WEEKEND

**OPEN HOUSE REGATTA AND PARTY
SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2024**



Open House weekend is a chance for our club members to invite friends and family that might be interested in joining. Between the races and raft up, friends and family can get a good understanding of the fun we have and the activities we offer! We invite everyone to join us for a Mix & Mingle on Sunday starting at 4:30 for some light refreshments. We will have (hopefully) representatives from junior sailing, one design, M15, Cruising division, race committee etc. and encourage new members or friends and family to connect with current members. Club wide plus bring your friends and any prospective members who want to learn more about FBYC!

The day starts with a staggered start race for all boats around a set of government marks finishing in the early afternoon just off the FBYC pier. Then all of the boats are encouraged to raft up in the Sunflower format—and we'll shuttle folks from the FBYC dock to the boats. To end the evening there will be dinner and a band.

***“Sail fast, have fun, bring a friend,
and enjoy the party!”***

Watch from the dock or **take a motorboat shuttle for a closer view of the formation of the raft-up.** Beer, wine, non-alcoholic beverages, and snacks will be provided on board a boat within the raft-up. Kid-friendly event.

The 2024 Raft Up Marshall is David Hinckle. He will be graciously directing the formation of the raft up. Contact him on Channel 71 and state your intentions.

Both Racing (Offshore & One Design) and Cruising sailboats are encouraged to participate. All spectators on land are encouraged to take the shuttle to the raft-up.

Schedule of Events:

- 0900 Skippers' Meeting
- 1100 First Race Warning
- 1300 Raft Up
- 1600 Raft Up breaks up
- 1630 Mix & Mingle with Club Leaders and Sailing Division Representatives
- 1730 Dinner served until 1930, bar open until 2100 (last call)

Dinner is Seafood Lasagna, Vegetarian Lasagna, Salad and Desserts *Any special dietary requirements can be handled with advance notice, just reach out to Kendall Webre.

Contact Kendall for more information

Email: kendall@nortonyachts.com
Cellular: (804) 514-4138

DJ Tommy Eriksen is back this year for rocking dance music from 5-9.

- **\$25/person (member and guests, includes 1 drink ticket)**
- **\$10/child (same menu)**
- **Drink Tickets \$5 / ticket - Beer/Wine/Dark and Stormies**

Volunteer here: <https://shorturl.at/anxAL>

Register here: <https://shorturl.at/zKQ04>





OPENING CRUISER'S DINNER RECAP

We had a fantastic turnout on Friday of Opening Weekend. 50+ people. We had cocktails and appetizers at 6pm. Charlie Jones gave the blessing. It was a special moment where we were literally all connected. A two-course main / two course side was catered by Delta-Pie, accompanied by salads and desserts provided by the cruisers. We discussed the cruising schedule. Check out the website. We are looking for a couple more.

If you are not on the cruising e-mail blasts, please sign up. On the landing page go to Members \ Mailing Lists\ Join List.

See you on the water. ~ *John Koedel, III / Wings*

CRUISING 2024 SCHEDULE

- **May 3-5: Kentucky Derby Cruise to Healey Creek**
John Koedel
- **June 15-16: Father's Day Cruise to Little Bay**
Anne Holdaway
- **June 20-23: Mobjack Docking Contest at Williams Wharf**
Stuart Gregory
- **July 5-7: Reedville Fireworks**
Steve Montgomery
- **August 9-11: Captains Choice**
John Galloway
- **August 23-25: Wee Dram to Cape Charles**
Brad Miller
- **September 6-13: Southern Stroll**
Judy Miller
- **September 28-29: Ditchley Cidery**
Ron Jenkins



4TH ANNUAL SMALL BOAT SAILING FESTIVAL

Welcome sailors of all experience levels! Prepare for a day of sailing, camaraderie and fun at the 4th Annual Small Boat Sailing Festival Saturday, June 1, 2024 10 am - 4:30 pm.

Participants can expect a day filled with small boat sailing activities, aimed at celebrating the beauty of the bay and the joy of sailing. Whether you're an experienced sailor or just starting out, there's something for everyone. You'll have the opportunity to sail alongside other boats, experiencing the thrill of the wind and sea spray.

For those who are new to sailing or want to improve their skills, register for in-boat coaching sessions, instructors and boats will be provided, offering a chance to learn and gain confidence on the water.

After the day's activities, there will be a social gathering where sailors can mingle, share stories, and enjoy the company of fellow enthusiasts. The event promises a mix of friendly competitions and leisurely cruising, ensuring there's plenty to enjoy for all participants.

Mark your calendars, gather your family and crew, and join us for a day of adventure, learning, and sailing. This is a great opportunity to introduce your friends to sailing and the opportunities at FBYC.

To help with planning the social and sailing activities, we ask that all participants pre-register. For more information visit the events calendar at www.FBYC.net and checkout the events page.

JUNIORS / SPOTLIGHT



2024 SUMMER JUNIOR PROGRAMS

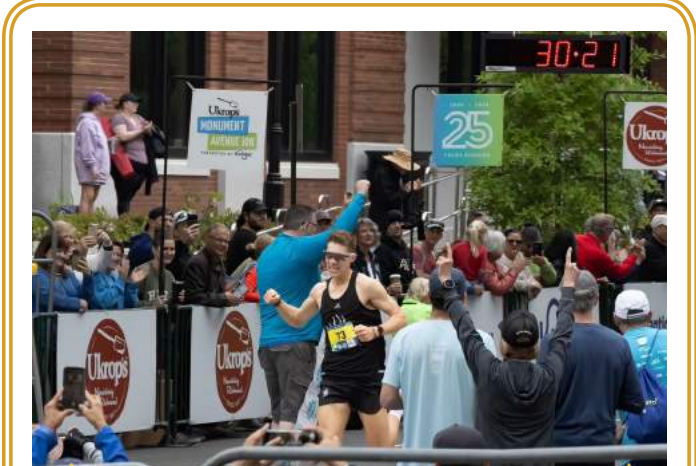
2024 SUMMER JUNIOR PROGRAMS ARE FULL FOR JUNIOR WEEK & OPTIKIDS, AND FULL IN SOME SAILING SCHOOL MINI-CAMPS

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.



★ JORDAN BENDURA SPOTLIGHT ★
Photo from Paul Almany

Our very own Jordan Bendura was the **FIRST** to cross the finish line at the Monument Ave 10k this past weekend! Way to go Jordan! Read about the details in these articles below.

Collegiate Running: <https://shorturl.at/ektu0>
Sports Backers Blog: <https://shorturl.at/hnGN1>

SPECIAL NOTICE

RACE COMMITTEE 101 WORKSHOP - COMING TO FBYC

Have you ever wanted to be part of the Race Committee but did not know how/where the on-ramp was to get involved? As a racer, have you ever been puzzled by a Race Committee decision on the course and wondered why they did what they did? Have you ever wondered how races were set up, executed, or what all those people on the Signal Boat and Mark boats were up to?

Now is your chance to find answers to these questions as the Race Management Team will offer a “Race Committee 101” Training workshop... **twice!!**... to maximize participation.

- **Monday, May 27, FBYC Clubhouse, 2nd Floor, 12-2 pm**
- **Sunday, June 2, FBYC Clubhouse, 2nd Floor, 12-2 pm**

The learning goal of this basic workshop is to familiarize participants with the roles and responsibilities of all people on the Race Committee boats before, during and

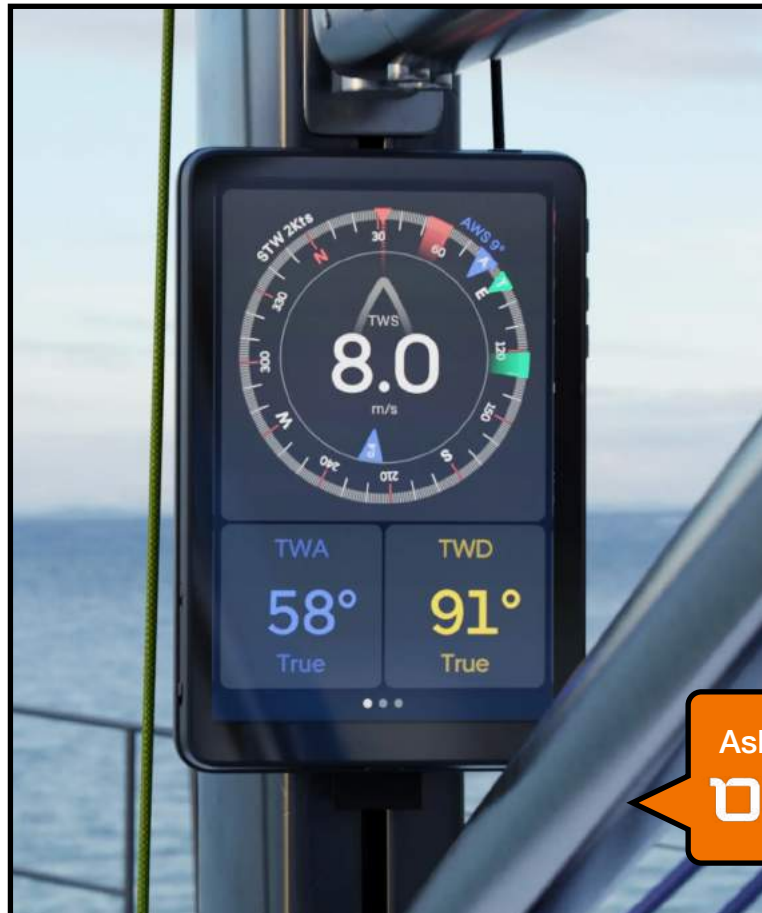
after the race. The workshop will also include a visit to the Race Committee Shed so you see where all the tools for racing are kept. Experienced volunteers will be on hand to add value and answer your questions.

Attendees’ names will be sent to 2024 Principle Race Officers (PRO) to get you on a boat and apply what you learned. PRO’s are encouraged to send members of their Race Committee teams to deepen their basic knowledge before getting out on the water, or attend in person to find new recruits for your RC team!

Please sign up here <https://shorturl.at/dkl47> so we know how many to expect and can prepare appropriately.

Join the FBYC Race Committee team...it all starts with this workshop!

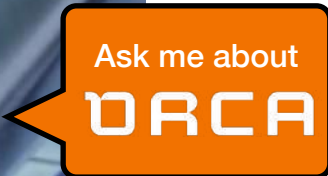
- FBYC Race Management Committee (Mike Chesser, Gene Kendall)



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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: 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



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- 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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