



From the Quarterdeck by Dick Cole, Commodore



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As I look out the window the sun is shining. That makes six days without rain. Maybe a record. Nine straight weekends of rain, but we have a lot to be thankful for. We held almost all planned activities. I believe someone, whose name I won't mention, said something to the effect that the One Design sailors are a little wimpy. They cancelled two races.

The Junior Division got off to a great start. Over 25 Opti Kids, ages 6-8, parents, and grand parents had two rainy-wet but great weekends (June 7-8 and 14-15) on the water learning to sail. These are very young kids who basically have never sailed before. Junior week was held June 16 through 20 with over 100 juniors, sailing on Wind Surfers, Opti's, Bytes, Lasers, 420's, Mobjacks and Flying Scot's. New this year is Race Team Extended Program. The program is a big success. We have juniors signed up for all 420's, Optis, Lasers and Bytes. Many of our juniors have stepped up from Opti's and Bytes to the 420's. We have heard from many parents and the word is, yes, FBYC does have the best Junior Program on the Bay. We are very fortunate to have a Junior Division Staff so committed to a high level of excellence. Special thanks goes to Ruthanna Jenkins and her Staff, Kelly O'toole, Melanie Crittenden, Noel Clinard, Jan Monnier, coaches-Melanie Clore, Shawn Fisher, Dan Herlihy and all the other volunteers who gave their time and energy to making this a successful program. Don't forget to come out

and support the junior away races this year. Melanie Crittenden and Ruthanna have all under control but can always use help. If you can to volunteer, call them.

The FBYC facilities are first class and we continue to get letters and calls from visiting sailors on what great facilities we have and the hospitality of FBYC. During junior week the Corinthian Yacht Club from Philadelphia rafted up at the club, had a catered dinner and all had a great time. Our facilities can handle large diverse groups and not be over-crowded; but it all comes back to what sailing is all about, whether it is racing, cruising or teaching juniors—camaraderie among sailors. I would like to quote a few sentences that Philip Purrington of Va. Beach said in a letter to me about his stay in September 2002 and May 31 2003. "Our sail back to the Corotoman on Sunday was exciting, windy and for the most part wet. Several times during the day our conversation revolved around the marvelous way in which we were greeted at your club. It brought home to us one of the joys of yachting, and that is the camaraderie we share with other yachtsmen. Not all boaters are yachtsmen, but you and your members seem to have written the book. Please pass on our thanks for your help last September and thanks for all of your wonderful hospitality this past May. Your reputation on and off the water is well deserved."

Rosegill was another success thanks

to the hard work of Janie French and all of her volunteers. Yes, we had a little rain but over 250 members and guests enjoyed the food and the band was great.

Coming up are some important dates, so please mark your calendar and come out and join the fun. Junior Regatta June 28; First Annual Team Races June 29; July 4 One Design Race and Beach Party Celebration; Summer Seabreeze July 5; Leukemia Cup Events-July 9th Art on Fishing Bay at the club house, Friday 11th Registration and Silent Action and the Race and Dinner on the 12; Wayland's Mobjack One Week Cruise starts on July 25.

See you at the club