



From the Quarterdeck by Dick Cole, Commodore



March 2003

FBYC Web Site: <http://www.FBYC.net>

Opening Day is just around the corner, only six weeks. Normally by this time we have begun the process of getting our boats ready, but not this year. Record snow, ice, freezing temperatures and rain... granted it is needed to get the water table up, but it doesn't help get our boats ready for the coming season.

Get the catalogs out and go to the stores and buy all that good stuff to make the boats go faster. Remember sunny days MAY be around the corner. Also remember, skippers, we need your boats in the water before March 29th for On the Water Crew Training. The Offshore Division promises more boats on the starting line than in past years. We will need more crewmembers, so please volunteer and support this much needed opportunity to train crews.

FBYC members have enjoyed the winter programs. Thanks to Alain Vincey, Winter Programs Chair, his wife Nancy and all the volunteers who provided us with two exceptional events at the New Club House. On January 25, Alain showed DVD's of the Open 60 Trimarans and prepared delicious heavy hors d'oeuvres that gave over 60 members and guests good food, sailing action and a chance to meet and talk with friends. The Bermuda High Party on February 9 was another great success. Alain, Nancy and Kelly O'Toole treated over 100 members to Bloody Mary's, Mimosa Champagne and a "World Class", brunch that will be talked about for years. Scott Collins, Social

Chair and Dabney Overton held a Winter Rendezvous on February 15th and 22nd at Baileys Smokehouse & Tavern. Many members enjoyed dinner, beverages and the Americas Cup Races.

There are still many events coming in March. FBYC Race Committee Training is March 8th and 22nd at the clubhouse and on the water sessions are March 30th and April 5th.

March 21st a Wine Tasting Party with Gary Jobson, sponsored by the Leukemia Society and FBYC will be held at the Mariners Museum. Gary will discuss the Americas Cup Races and what happened down under. Willard Strickland has made arrangements for a charter bus and refreshments and will leave from the Trigon parking lot at 5:00 PM. Please call Willard or Judy Buis for reservations.

Spring Clean Up Day is scheduled for March 29. We need plenty of help to work on the grounds, docks and house. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

MORC Crew Training. Classroom sessions will be on March 20th, 27th and April 3rd. On the water training March 30th, April 5th and April 6th. Come join the fun.

St. Petersburg NOOD Annual Regatta was well attended by several FBYC boats. Case Whittemore racing his J29(Patriot) placed 2nd, only a few points out of first. Paul Anderson racing his J29 (Titillation) was 4th and Jay McArdle (Fast lane) 6th. Skipper Hope, a new FBYC mem-

ber, along with Mark Wensell and Wes Marshall, raced his J24. John Dodge is racing on Donnybrook in the Pineapple Cup Fort Lauderdale to Montego Bay race. Congratulations all.

Steve Gillispie, our Log Chair, is giving us a special treat these wintry days. FBYC.net has come alive, good reading, check it out. Many members have now made FBYC.net their home page. Thanks Steve.