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## From the Quarterdeck by Dick Cole, Commodore



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Opening Day was a big success. The weather was perfect. Saturday races gave all skippers a chance to work with their crews, tune up their boats and get back into the racing mode. We had a good turn out of boats but the down side was the poor weather the two weeks preceding the opening day which kept some boats out of the water. Club Chaplain, Bill Eglehoff blessed the fleet and Wayland and Laurie Rennie led us in singing hymns and "My Country 'Tis of Thee". Over 100 members joined Scott Collins and his many volunteers in the new club house for beverages and a fine catered dinner. At 2000 hours the band started, to the delight of many, who then danced the night away. Special thanks goes to Brad Squires, Jan Monnier (Race Committee Chairs), Scott Collins (Social Chair), and all the volunteers who helped them give us a great race and an evening of dining and dancing.

Easter Week End. The J-29 Invitational Regatta was held and, despite the bad weather on Friday, the racing on Saturday and Sunday was excellent. Paul Anderson on Titillation and the Babes (for those who do not know, all young lady crew members) finished 1st overall with 5 silver bullets and one second. Case Whittemore (Patriot) finished 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sam Marshall (Night Music) 4<sup>th</sup> and Ron Buchanan (Killshot) 5<sup>th</sup>. All those who attended enjoyed the racing, eating and partying at The Club House on Fishing Bay.

The Cruising Division hosted a din-

ner meeting on the other side of the club at Fannie's House where John Koedel outlined the cruising activities for the year.

By the time you receive this Log, Offshore and One Design Fleets will have completed their first races. We are looking forward to a great year of racing, but we need more boats and people to come out and join us. So get your boat ready or crew with someone. The more boats and crew on the water, the more fun during and after the races.

Coming up soon - Urbanna Weekend Regatta at Rosegill. This is a great weekend with something for everyone. Race or cruise down on Saturday and enjoy dinner, awards and dancing at Rosegill Saturday night. Sunday offers river races with local clubs or join the DeNunzios at Yankee Point for dinner on Sunday. Then cruise home on Monday. This may be the last Rosegill event, so don't miss it.

The Fishing Bay Challenge Bowl for 2003. The Fishing Bay Challenge Bowl will be awarded to the FBYC Flying Scott skipper/boat that races in the Spring Series, Summer Sea breeze Events (2) and Fall Series Races. The High-Point Percentage Scoring System will be used to determine the winner of this award.

Two special committees were appointed earlier this year: The Fishing Bay Water Use Committee (Dock Committee) and the Special Long Range Planning Committee (ten year business and financial

plan). Each committee will be reporting to the board soon on their progress. Following those reports, the membership will be solicited actively for comments and discussion.

Please review the prospective members in the minutes and, when you meet them, make them feel at home.

See you at the club and on the water!