

From the Quarterdeck
David Hazlehurst, Commodore

Our club is on the threshold of a new era with the planned purchase of over 2 acres of land and 68 feet of waterfront from the old Stull estate. This has to be one of our most exciting moves, and will allow us to expand many of our programs.

By the time you receive this issue of the Log you should have received a letter explaining why the Board voted to approve this purchase. Additional details are also provided in the minutes of this month's Board Highlights. Those of us who have been involved in making this purchase happen see it as a major event in the development of the club, and one that will benefit all members for the foreseeable future. We hope you will all share in our enthusiasm.

And as a supplement to my letter, it seems appropriate to provide some background on the way the club is managed. We have a Board with the members listed on the inside cover of your Yearbook. If you have a yen for detail you can read more about the responsibilities of this group at the back of the yearbook. Suffice it to say, the Board is responsible for the day to day operation of the club. And they meet monthly, at which time members report on progress

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and concerns in their area of responsibility. While the Board is responsible for day to day management, we are dependent on other committees for other aspects of our ongoing operation. For example the Finance committee forecasts income and expenditures, both short and long term, and is a key contributor to maintaining our fiscal health.



Waddy Garrett, Commodore Hazlehurst and Strother Scott With \$50,000 Check for Land Purchase

The Long Range Planning committee addresses facilities needs and works closely with the Finance committee to insure we don't overspend.

We also have a Membership Committee that meets with applicants to discuss mutual needs, and insures the candidates know how our club operates. Other committees are appointed from time to time to address shorter term needs, for example the new Fishing Bay dock and Land Acquisition, and the Land Use committees.

Let me give you some recent examples of how these committees operate. In

January of last year Dick Cole asked the Long Range Planning committee to produce a plan for the development of our club through 2015. As a result, we have a clear idea of what changes we want to make over the next 10 years. Some of these changes will happen sooner, some later and some perhaps not at all, depending on changing needs and availability of funds.

So much for what our officers and

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FBYC's Planned Acquisition Will be 2.1 Acres

Board Meeting Highlights

January 15, 2004

The meeting room at Wachovia Bank is no longer available for our use; therefore, the Board will meet on the second Thursday night of each month beginning with the February meeting in the Board Room at Retreat Hospital.

Meeting called to order at 6:00p.m. by Commodore David Hazlehurst.

REAR COMMODORE – LUD KIMBROUGH

2004 FBYC Officers	
	Commodore David Hazlehurst
	Vice-Commodore John M. Buhl
	Rear-Commodore Lud Kimbrough, III
	Treasurer Paul W. Howle, III
	Secretary John B. Wake, Jr.
	Log Streamer Steve Gillispie

SECRETARY – John Wake reported a membership meeting was held on January 5, 2004.

TREASURER – Mason Chapman, reporting for Paul Howle, discussed the financial statements for the periods ending November 30, 2003 (end of 2003 fiscal year) and December 31, 2003.

HOUSE – Lud Kimbrough, reporting for John Koedel, Jr., advised that John and Brandy Kennard have prepared a list of things that need to be fixed or repaired and they are also working on the description of services for the Outer Banks maintenance contract which will be renewed by the end of January for 2004.

DOCKS – Allan Heyward reported that Richard Callis will begin repairs on the Jackson Creek docks by the end of January and a schedule for the work on the Fishing Bay dock will be worked out. Dick Cole will also meet with Callis to discuss the bulkhead repairs and the hoist area. Slipholders will receive a letter from Allan concerning the work on the docks and possible re-location of some of the boats while the work is in progress.

WINTER PROGRAMS – The first winter program will be held on Friday, January 30, at Mary Mumford School at 7:30 p.m. Bob Handschumacher, who has spoken extensively about cruising in the Caribbean, is the guest speaker. Fishing Bay will host a North Sails Seminar on February 28 in Richmond at St. Joseph's Villa. A percentage of the profits will go to the club's Junior Program. FBYC members will receive a \$25 discount on the seminar fee. February 21 is the tentative date for the Bermuda High Party.

LONG RANGE PLANNING – **Strother Scott**, Chair of the Long Range Planning Committee, will hold a meeting at Chip Hall's house on Wednesday, January 21, to discuss the recommendations to the Board for the immediate steps we should take once we close on the purchase, including any improvements, road access and/or moving the location of boat storage.

VICE COMMODORE – **JAY BUHL**

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Membership

FINAL APPROVAL:

Mr. & Mrs. James D. (Jim & Shirley) Gillespie; Mr. & Mrs. Frank A. (Frank & Elizabeth) Johnson; Mr. Marcus C. (Trey) Jones; Mr. & Mrs. R. Blackwell (Blackwell & Alice) Nottingham; Mr. & Mrs. David P. (Dave & Karen) Soule.

Mr. Edward A. (Ned) Stone, 302 Roslyn Road, Richmond, VA, 23226. Ned moved up from Family Membership of William W. Stone, Jr. Ned's parents joined FBYC the year before he was born so he has been a member all of his life. He graduated from W&L University in June 2003 and is currently working on a Masters in European Economics at the College of Europe in Bruges, Belgium. Ned expects to graduate in June 2004.

APPLICATIONS UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Mr. & Mrs. John A. (John & Kristine) Hubbard, 3304 Loxley Road, Richmond, VA, 23227. John is a former junior member and is the son of FBYC members, Al and Anne Hubbard. He has raced a Laser, Sunfish and Flying Scot (along with Kristine) at FBYC and crewed for Norwood Davis in the 80's. John was awarded the Roberts Bowl in 1978. John and Kristine have two children, Ellis (age 7) and Anna (age 3). They are interested in spending more time sailing and their children will be involved in the junior program when they are older. In addition to sailing the Flying Scot owned by John's parents, they also have a Sunfish and a Boston Whaler. Sponsors: Norwood H. Davis, Jr.; Philip H. Webb.

Mr. & Mrs. Dennis R. (Dennis & Kay) King, 7609 Cornwall Road, Richmond, VA, 23229. Kay's daysailing experience with her family was on Kites and Mobjacks. Dennis and Kay have both sailed in the Tidewater area and have also sailed at some FBYC events. They own a Flying Scot and even though they are not seasoned racers, they are eager to learn. Sponsors: Robert & Barbara Bagbey; John M. Buhl, Jr.

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IN MEMORIAM
TERRENCE M. QUINN

5/9/39 – 1/24/04

Terrence M. Quinn, 4528 Village Run Drive, Glen Allen, VA, 23060, died on January 24, 2004. His wife Joanne; daughter Kathleen Arscott and her husband William; and son Terrence M. Quinn, Jr. and his wife Theresa survive him. The Quinns have been members of Fishing Bay Yacht Club since June 1993. Terry and Joanne were the owners of Silence II, a Morgan 38. In addition to being an avid sailor, Terry also loved snow skiing and restoring antique cars. He belonged to two British car clubs, the Central Virginia British Car Club and the Richmond Triumph Register. Terry recently retired from Davenport & Company LLC, where he served as first vice president of institutional equity trading. A Mass of the Resurrection was held at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 4491 Springfield Road, Glen Allen, VA, on January 28, 2004. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Odyssey Hospice, 2810 North Parham Road, Suite 150, Richmond, VA, 23294.

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OFFSHORE DIVISION – Randy Alley has now filled all of the Offshore Fleet Captain slots. Mark Wensell has arranged for J-24 match racing two weeks before Stingray. Alex Alvis has three race committee slots to fill.

ONE-DESIGN DIVISION – Ric Bauer advised that One-Design and Offshore have exchanged dates for the Spring Series races the first weekend of May. One-Design will be held May 1 and Offshore will be held May 2. Ric and John Beery are talking about race training seminar dates of March 20 and March 28. Ric is also working with Tom Roberts about a possible advanced race committee training session. Sharon Bauer has two open slots for social chairs and Walt Bryde has three race committee slots to fill.

JUNIOR DIVISION – Noel Clinard reported that the Junior Schedule has been established. There may be a conflict in the schedule for the VA State Optimist Championship on July 1 that may require moving it to June 26 and combining it with our Junior Regatta. Melanie Clore has been hired again as Junior Coach for 2004.

CBYRA DELEGATE – Tom Roberts will finish the Notices of Races to be submitted to CBYRA and CCV. The CBYRA High Point Awards Dinner will be held at Hampton Yacht Club on January 31.

OLD BUSINESS – David Hazlehurst advised the Board of the progress since the last meeting that resulted in FBYC being able to purchase part of the Stull property. Strother Scott and Waddy Garrett then discussed the negotiations that had occurred in the last month. FBYC has the opportunity to participate in a simultaneous purchase wherein FBYC will buy approximately 2 acres of the Stull property and two families, who are friends of FBYC (but not currently members), will purchase the Stull house waterfront lot next to FBYC's new land. The Board unanimously approved resolutions committing FBYC to the purchase of the land. We will get about 70' of additional water frontage on Fishing Bay plus most of the grass field between FBYC and the Stull home, plus the old stables. The closing is set for February 27, 2004. David Hazlehurst will prepare a letter to the membership relating to the purchase of the property and plans for how the property will be used.

Lud Kimbrough, Chair of the Land Acquisition Finance Committee, reported on recommendations for funding. The committee plans to finalize their report and send it to the Long Range Planning Committee prior to their meeting on January 21.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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RESIGNATION:

Mrs. Joseph C. Brown; Dr. & Mrs. Albert E. Smith; Mrs. Eugene B. Sydnor, Jr.; Mr. & Mrs. George B. Wheeler, Jr.

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committee members do to keep the club moving forward. Many of them put in untold hours, all without pay.

But what about the other 300 members? The club depends on them to help out with our racing, social and training programs by giving two days of their time each year. This is another way we all pay our dues and keep all our events running smoothly. It's been my experience that almost without exception members will help in any way they are asked provided they are allowed to choose their time. The bottom line is we need you to help us help you by either volunteering or agreeing to help when you are called. I promise it will be time well spent and you'll enjoy the new contacts you make. Sailors are a friendly bunch, more so when they are on a winning team.

Exciting Plans For the 2004 One Design Season

**Richard A. Bauer, Jr.
One Design Div. Commander**

Cold as it may be here in February, the 2004 sailing season has begun at FBYC.

With lots of changes in the program for the club and in the one design fleet let me start by listing some of this year's sailing events on the schedule. Then I want to tell you about our other goal – training.

You'll see on our schedule some special events this year. In addition to the 65th Annual One Design Regatta, you'll see the Mobjack Nationals, the Flying Scot Capitol District Championships, the traditional Laser Masters and the Virginia State Optimist Championship.

These should be fantastic fun and a great challenge for our club. Then to provide more racing opportunities we've added a few new events: a Memorial Day Fun Race as part of Rosegill weekend, the Women's 420 Race, and a Labor Day One Design Race. Of course there is always the opportunity to put in on any other beautiful weekend when the sun sparkles off the water in Fishing Bay and the breeze is perfect. If by chance there are two of you out enjoying the day, you'll probably end up racing.

In addition to racing as often as possible, training our club skippers to be better racers/sailors and our club members to be better volunteers for race committee are our goals for 2004. Both of these ideas have been built into our schedule. Race committee personnel need to be trained personnel. FBYC is fortunate to have many very capable volunteers who currently help to staff various race committees, but we need more. The best volunteer is a well-trained and knowledgeable volunteer. We love volunteers that show up and ask "what can I do to help?" It's even better when they answer the race

committee request and ask "what job do you need me to do? I'm checked out on Mr. Roberts or the chase boat, I can keep score, I can run the starting sequence, work the signal flags or read the wind and set the course for the team. What can I do to help?" To get to that point we all need training, experience and confidence in our skills. Then we become the best volunteer possible.

In order to help you become that skilled race committee volunteer we have a half dozen training opportunities. We would like to see you at three or more of these opportunities this spring.

There will be three "Join the Race Committee" training sessions. The first session at RRYC this month on Saturday, February 28th will be a great place to start. Ron Mihills and his team will conduct a basic to intermediate race management seminar from 9:30am-2:30pm. A small charge, probably \$10, will get you coffee and donuts, lunch, handouts and insight to the many jobs on the race committee team.

On March 20th at FBYC and March 28th at Retreat Hospital John Beery and his team of our own Certified Race Officers will conduct classes for beginner volunteers and others more experienced who are interested in learning about the ten different jobs on the race committee team. The no charge sessions will run from 10am to 2pm with lunch provided. If you are interested in volunteering on race committee please start here and join us in these training sessions.

The next step of training at FBYC will be two opportunities to take your training onto the water. We want all classroom participants to experience race committee first hand on Mr. Roberts and see the process in action. This training will be in conjunction with the offshore racers' crew training on April 3rd and 10th. The training will start with orientation on Mr. Roberts at 9:30am and move out to join

the racers on the water. We'll practice setting a course and running through some actual starts and finishes. These will be real starts and real races, but still just for practice.

For those who want to become qualified committee boat operators, there is a Mr. Roberts training day April 4th. You will learn how to drive, anchor, and navigate Mr. Roberts in and out of the slip. With your attendance this day and some practice this season you will be a qualified Mr. Roberts driver.

I've talked about two classroom training opportunities at FBYC, in Richmond and another as close as RRYC for basic race management, two dates to take that classroom knowledge onto the water to help make crew training a realistic experience, and a day of training in the operation of Mr. Roberts. Other away seminars include Hampton Yacht Club March 6th & 7th for Advanced Race Management and again at Hampton on March 28th when CCV and Hampton offer their own basic race committee session. All these area activities will be summarized on the website with times, cost, and registration contacts.

We hope our volunteers become knowledgeable, experienced, confident team members for Race Committee. This new group of Race committee members will enable our current enclave of race chairs at FBYC to run a top notch, quality, consistent, high level program for our club races, regional regattas, and district championships with a good, deep pool of trained volunteers. If our aspiration is to become recognized as one of the East Coast's best sailing clubs to race with, we must continue training and improving our club volunteers so we can all perform at our best.

Later on in the schedule, Saturday June 5th, a few of our experienced and winning racers will conduct a day of Racing Training to share with us, the less proficient racers in the field, some of their experience, their insight, their strategies and maybe a few secrets. This racing

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Two FBYC Skippers to Compete in National Hospice Regatta

Jere Dennison

On April 16-18, the 2004 National Hospice Regatta Championship will be hosted in Annapolis, Maryland. Teams representing the winners of the 19 regional Hospice Regattas in 2003 will race on loaned J105's for the national title in this three-day event. The 19 teams hail from California, Connecticut, Florida, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Rhode Island, South Carolina, and Virginia.

Incredibly, FBYC will be represented by two skippers, Jack Moseley who won the 2003 Turkey Shoot Hospice Regatta hosted by the Yankee Point Yacht Club last October on the Rappahannock River and Past Commodore Bob Wardwell who won the 10th Annual Charity Cup Hospice Regatta held last August at Henderson Harbor, NY on Lake Ontario.

FBYC To Host North Sails Seminar Sam Stoakley

North Sails conducts several sailing seminars each year in locations all over the country. FBYC was asked to be the host club for the seminar in Richmond entitled "Cruising and Seamanship".

This course includes the following topics:

- Upwind and Downwind Sailing
- Heavy
- Weather Sailing
- Anchoring
- Safety
- Emergencies and
- Navigation.

It will be held on Saturday, February 28th from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM at St. Joseph's Villa. As a member of Fishing Bay Yacht Club, you will receive \$25.00 off the registration cost. Also, FBYC will receive part of the profits for our Junior Program.. See at www.northu.com

Join the Cruising Class on the Bay in 2004

Tony Sakowski

It's time to get your schedule book out and begin to plan your cruises with your FBYC brethren. We have two one week trips, and several three day cruises that will begin on Friday to extend the weekends on the water. The full description of each trip will be forwarded to you via email soon if you are on the cruising division list, and will be also available in our annual events book. Additionally, the complete schedule with full descriptions will be posted on our website, www.fbyc.net. Please email me at doctorlasik@aol.com or call me at home, 804 285-3347, with any questions about the schedule. The trip leaders are listed below for each cruise and would be glad to elaborate on any questions that you might have.

April 17, Saturday: Welcome Cruisers Dinner: Cocktails and dinner, second floor, FBYC. We will meet to review and discuss the upcoming season, enjoy photos of past years, and renew friendships. Cocktails 6-7 PM, dinner 7 PM. (Tony and Kate Sakowski)

April 24, Saturday: All cruisers to attend the **Opening Day Festivities** at FBYC

May 8-9, Saturday-Sunday: VIMS raft-up at FBYC. There will be a full day of activities provided by VIMS. Plan to join in the fun, and raft-up for the night. Reception 5 PM, Dinner 6 PM with exhibits during the afternoon and evening. Entertainment by "Zion Wave". Breakfast Sunday 8-10 AM.

May 15-16, Sat.-Sunday: Shake-



down Cruise to Gwynn's Island. We will sail over to Judy and Steve Buis' home for cocktails and dinner. Great opportunity to check out the systems on your boat! (John and Fay Koedel)

May 22-23, Sat.-Sunday: Progressive dinner cruise up the Piankattank. We will sail up to Vic and Jane DeNunzio's dock, have cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres at the home of Jack and Dee Willey (next door to Summerwind) at 17:30. A catered dinner will follow cocktails at 1900 at the DeNunzio Home. After dinner, dancing under the stars (weather permitting).

May 29-31, Sat.-Monday: Race or cruise to Rosegill for the club dinner and dancing. On Sunday we will travel over to Carter's Creek to raft-up and enjoy dinner with the Rappahannock Yacht Club. An easy cruise back to home will follow on Monday. (Herb and Carolyn Davis)

June 4-6, Friday-Sunday: the Third Annual Indian Creek Cruise promises this year to have good weather for tennis, golf, sailing, good friends, food and drink. On Friday, June 4th we will sail to Indian Creek Yacht & Country Club and either anchor in Pitman's Cove or go to the Club's docks. We will have both golf and tennis times for Friday afternoon and again on Saturday. We will have dinner in the main dining room at the Club on Friday, and grill out on the docks on Saturday. We will return on Sunday. (Gordon and Sheila Nelson)

June 25-27, Friday-Sunday: Cruise to the Eastern Shore. We will leave on Friday, AM, for Crisfield and one other destination to be determined. Join us on an extended weekend cruise. (Mike and Marcia Pleninger)

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History...

**Sea Toy II...and a little bit of Tradition
Jere Dennison**

One could be excused for musing that the era of large cruising yachts at our Club is a present day phenomenon. However, a glance at the 1941 UYC Yearbook quickly reveals the fallacy of this notion. As of March 1, 1941, almost 45% of the entire Cruising Class fleet of 9 registered yachts measured over 50 feet in overall length. They were C. G. Kirkmeyer's 58' schooner *Windflower*, B. O. Cone's 58' ketch *Jananne Lee II*, H. V. Baldwin's 53' schooner *Nighthawk*, and Dr. George Z. Williams' 51' schooner *Sea Toy II*. Of these leviathans, Club archives yielded only a single photograph of *Nighthawk*...that is until recently. (Readers are invited to click on the History section of the FBYC Website to see the digital image of the schooner *Nighthawk* contained in the article titled as such.)

Thanks to member Bob Graham, we now have access to more than a dozen old photographs of the stately *Sea Toy II* taken in the mid to late 1940's when the Club was situated on Urbanna Creek. These images passed to him courtesy of Bob's Uncle, Hugh William Graham, who was an early member of UYC skippering a Knockabout class boat on the waters Urbanna Creek and the Rappahannock River as shown in the accompanying photo. Uncle Bill also crewed aboard the *Sea Toy* on a regular basis in the immediate post-war years and had worked with Dr. Williams at Maquire Veterans Hospital as Chief Pharmacist.



William Hugh Graham

According to Past Commodore Jimmy Reid, Dr. George Z. Williams purchased *Sea Toy II* (age, designer, and builder unknown) during the Great Depression for a bargain price from her owner who had fallen on hard times. Jimmy also crewed aboard *Sea Toy* and remembers the skipper as a serious, accomplished racer, not allowing the consumption of alcoholic beverages until the sails were furled and the anchor set. *Sea Toy* was prominent at the Club throughout the 1940s and into the early 1950s at Fishing Bay. Eventually, Dr. Williams, an esteemed research oncologist at the Medical College of Virginia, relocated to California to take a new position at another medical institution.



**Sea Toy II under sail
on Urbanna Creek**

Sea Toy was a wooden two-masted schooner, gaff-headed on the foresail and jib-headed on the mainsail. She had a centerboard that allowed her to work in shallow waters, to reduce drag on downwind legs, and to be careened for bottom cleaning and painting. Jimmy Reid remembers painting her bottom on a low tide on the sandbar off Stove Point in the early 1950s.

Regrettably, we don't have comprehensive records from *Sea Toy's* long and successful racing career, but we have brief glimpses of her past achievements from some old newspaper clippings contained in scrapbooks maintained by the Club's first Historian, Mac Wellford. The August 10, 1947 *Richmond Times-Dispatch* noted that in 1940 the schooner *Nighthawk* narrowly defeated *Sea Toy* in the Club's Long Distance Race to Tangier Island. The fleet was entirely comprised of the four 50-feet and over mega-yachts named above. Then in 1941, the results were reversed in the 1941 Long Distance Race to Hampton with *Sea Toy* winning handily.



Dr. Williams At The Helm

In her *Light Airs* column for the August 24, 1947 *Richmond T-D*, Isabel Dunn included the following colorful account of *Sea Toy's* dramatic victory in the Club's 1947 Long Distance Race to Yorktown in 25-30 knot headwinds:

Dr. Williams Wins

Dr. George Z. Williams, master of the schooner *Sea Toy*, which last Saturday won the UYC's Yorktown Race, has proved that sometimes it is a good idea to go against the rules of proper seamanship. Dr. Williams won the race by

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deliberately putting his 51-foot schooner smack on top of the flats at New Point and again over the York River slash; in fact he jumped from third to second place by taking such a long inshore tack at New Point, other contestants were sure that Toy's bow would end up in the corn fields. Then following what sounds like a kind of jam, jerk and jump school of sailing, the skipper slid his big boat over the mud in the slash, tacking every time his board jumped up in the well. By these maneuvers he gained enough on the lead boat – Euclid Hanbury's sloop Halo out of HYC – to rush into a surprise first.



Aboard *Sea Toy*

Jimmy Reid recalls an Annapolis to Hampton Race aboard the *Sea Toy* in the early 1950s. The wind being nonexistent at the start, Dr. Williams instructed the crew to drop the hook on the line to prevent her from being swept up the bay on the flood tide. There *Sea Toy* sat for hours with her canvas flapping in the slop. The other boats in the fleet, including the lightning-fast log canoe *Tradition II*, scourge of the lower-bay racing scene, clawed painfully southward in meager whispers of breeze.

Finally, the wind began to fill in from the northeast, and *Sea Toy* weighed anchor with the rest of the fleet out of sight. Eventually the wind was screaming at over 30 knots, and *Sea Toy* surfed through the night on a broad reach with centerboard retracted. After taking her time off Old Point Comfort (there was no R/C to finish the race in those days), she motored into Hampton Creek looking for the rest of the fleet. Surprisingly *Sea Toy* was the first to arrive...she had passed every other boat during the night, including J. Garland Miller's *Tradition II*, the favored yacht out of Norfolk Yacht and Country Club.

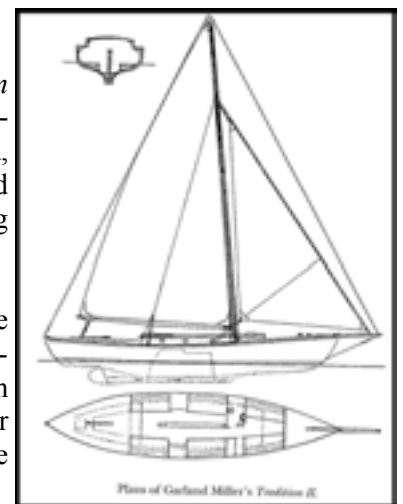
Other early records indicate that the *Sea Toy* participated in the Gibson Island Yacht Squadron Invitational Cruise in 1949, the Cruising Club of Virginia's Old Point Race in 1951, FBYC's 13th Annual Regatta in 1952, and the Thimble Shoals to FBYC Race also in 1952.

...And a little bit of Tradition

Well yes, I know, *Tradition II* was not an FBYC -flagged vessel, but she was so much a formidable racing threat on the lower bay and a frequent visitor at our Club events in earlier days, that she deserves mention here. *Tradition II* was built and sailed by J. Garland Miller out of NYCC. Garland was a champion Star boat sailor in the 1930s and log canoe champion, winning the title three years in a row at the Miles River Yacht Club beginning in 1937 in his first *Tradition*. *Tradition II* was probably constructed in the early 1940s. Richard "Jud" Henderson in his book, **Chesapeake Sails: A History of Yachting on the Bay**, records that "Garland Miller's second *Tradition* was a double-ended centerboard cruising racer that showed a definite kinship to the log canoe. Forty-seven feet long overall with a beam of 10 ½ feet, she had draft of only 4 feet with the board up and a tiny rudder. Her hull shape was determined by Miller, who carved a 47-inch model of her. Lines and offsets were done by a crewmember, Charles Cox, who was a naval architect. No rule beater, *Tradition II* rated well up in class A (for large boats), but she was a real speedster and often overcame her high rating."

When I was a young lad at FBYC in the late 50s and early 60s, the arrival of *Tradition* (the II is henceforth being dropped) was usually heralded in the following manner. Someone, milling about the dock or the lawn in front of the old clubhouse on regatta weekend, would intone reverently: "Look...here comes...*Tradition*." Instantaneously all eyes rolled seaward. Unmistakably the beautiful beast would be headed toward the pier sailing smartly with a bone in her teeth. It was about to be showtime!

You see, *Tradition* had no newfangled engine power. All 47 feet of wooden log canoe displacing Lord-knows-how-many-tons with a wicked looking bowsprit thrusting menacingly above the bow wave was preparing to lay up sweetly against the end of our pier with her sails still a-flutter. And the slightest miscalculation by her skipper would spell disaster for both the boat and the pier with the pier doubtlessly receiving the brunt of unimaginable devastation.



As she drew closer, you could discern the skipper with a firm confident hand on the tiller. Garland Miller was a wizened,

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battle-hardened sailor of the old school with hundreds or perhaps thousands of races under his belt. He was extremely elderly at this point, but you wouldn't know it from the intensity of the glow in his eyes. The crew, mostly youthful relatives, performed with military precision, possibly for fear of a flogging. Instinctively you knew that embodied in this figure at the helm was a force to be reckoned with in spite of the loss of both legs to diabetic disease.

Finally at the last possible moment, Garland would throw the helm over hard, and *Tradition* would round up into the wind depowering her sails. And then her speed would slow, and gently—oh so gently—*Tradition* would come to a stop caressing the pilings at the exact spot chosen by the skipper. One would notice as the crew hurried to secure the boat for the night that there were no females aboard. The old skipper prohibited women...and whisky too. No-sir-ree, not ever on *Tradition*. That is until the crew bodily removed him from the cockpit (for, you see, there was no other way to transfer him to his wheelchair), and he was chauffeured home. That's when a parade of girlfriends bearing coolers descended on *Tradition* for an evening of raucous revelry.

I scarcely realized at the time that I was witnessing the end of the era for the large, graceful wooden schooners, ketches, and sloops. They had all but vanished except for a few relics like *Tradition* that were holding on by their fingernails to the bitter end. Already molded fiberglass had supplanted wood as the hull of choice and was opening up the sport to many who could now afford cheaper, mass-produced, and lower maintenance racing yachts. But perhaps we are no longer creating as many legends as we once did when unique wooden sailing craft and their eccentric skippers ruled the waters of the Chesapeake Bay.

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training day will be for offshore and one-design sailors. Look for more in future issues of the log and on the web-site.

As you can see, this year we want you on the water racing and volunteering to help run the races. With this schedule of racing events and training opportunities, I hope you take advantage of the tremendous resource of talented, willing folks we have in this family we call FBYC.

Wednesday Night Dinner Schedule Set For 2004

Bob Kates

- May 19
- June 2, 9, 16,
- June 30—Art on Fishing Bay
- July 14, 21, 28
- Aug 4, 11, 18, 25
- Sept. 1, 15, 22
- Oct.-Dec. TBA

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July 9-10, Friday-Saturday: Leukemia Cup Race and Reception. Friday evening will be the reception, and Saturday the racing. Come enjoy racing against other cruisers, or in the PHRF non-spinnaker class.

July 17-25, Sat.-Sunday: Cruise North. This year we're not going to plan on being at a specific place at a specific time as we plan to enjoy the sail and weather and go along where the wind takes us. However our basic plan is to do a 7 or 8 day cruise to the Rhode River and to the Wye River. Both of these rivers are beautiful and have special anchorages, especially in Dividing Cr. and Granary Cr. off the Wye. Along the way we may stop at Solomons, Annapolis, Oxford (anchor in Tripp Cr.) and who knows, we may get to Cristfield or Tangier. (Gordon and Sheila Nelson)

July 31, Saturday: Cruise Re-

gatta. Our eighth annual Cruising Regatta promises to deliver another day of "compassionate competition" for the more relaxed racers amongst us. Always a fun filled event, this regatta is a great way for families and first timers to participate with experienced racers in big boat racing in a relaxed and forgiving format. Final racing distance will be determined by the prevailing conditions, but the goal is to complete a long distance day course followed by refreshments, dinner, and awards at the clubhouse. (Lyons and George Burke)

Aug. 7-8, Sat.-Sunday: Kid's Regatta. Have you heard? Pirates are back in the waters surrounding FBYC!!! Please mark your calendars and help defend your club against modern day pint sized marauders during the Annual FBYC kid's cruise on August 7-8 2004! Saturday's activities will include a cruise to FBYC, a battle on the high seas, a burgee contest, a walking the plank (cannon ball) contest, a treasure hunt, and a cookout. Participating boats can raft up in Fishing Bay. Last year, a fun time was had by all so please come on out and make this year's event even better! Pirate dress is requested. (Jim Morrison and Jon Moody)

Aug. 20-22, Friday-Sunday: Horn Harbor Cruise. Please join your Cruising friends for a trip up the beautiful Great Wicomico River. Our official agenda will have us departing FBYC on Saturday morning, August 21st and gathering ashore, adjacent to the Horn Harbor Restaurant around 6:00 PM. Please BYOB and an hors' oeuvres to share. Ice and mixers will be provided. We will make reservations for dinner for several manageable groups of interested cruisers. A limited number of slips are available at bargain basement rates. (Sam and Nancy Stoakley)

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Sept. 4-5, Sat.-Sunday: Stingray Point Regatta. Calling all cruisers to race against one another or in the PHRF non-spinnaker class. This is a great weekend at the club with racers and cruisers having a terrific time on the water and at the party afterwards.

Sept. 11-12, Sat.-Sunday: Onancock Cruise. Onancock is a favorite destination for many cruisers and September is a wonderful time to go. The sail is 30 nm and the winds are usually favorable at that time of the year. We are making arrangements for a wine reception at the Kerr Place, circa 1799 on Market Street. The reception would include a guided tour of the house and would be followed by dinner on your own. (Carolyn and Joe Schott)

Sept. 18-26, Sat.-Sunday: Eastern Shore-Norfolk Cruise. This one week plus cruise will tentatively

include Onancock, Cape Charles, Norfolk and the Mobjack Bay. Plans include tours of the Naval Base, Nauticus and all its attractions, as well as the Chrysler Museum. This trip has lots of potential to be a lot of fun. (Vic and Jane DeNunzio)

Oct.8-10, Friday night-Sunday: Captain's Choice. Start with cocktails and dinner at club on Friday night and we will choose the location then. Cruise on Saturday, Oct. 10th; retuning Sunday. (Charlie and Stella Jones)

Oct. 15-17, "Fair wind and following seas" Cruise to either Onancock or Corrotoman. We would depart FBYC mid-day on Oct 15 and set sail for which ever destination is the best sail. Friday night will be a raft up with a pot luck supper, and Saturday will be dinner ashore. (Waddy and Connie Garratt)

Oct. 23, Saturday: Staggered Start Race. This race will be held

in conjunction with the racers, and will highlight the Annual Party at FBYC. (Race Committee)

Nov. 5-7, Friday-Sunday: Carter's Creek Cruise. We can hope for sunny & mild days but expect chilly nights so we'll sail up to the Tides Inn/Lodge and plug in for heat and dine at the Trick Dog Restaurant, the best eating spot on the middle Bay. Transportation from the Tides will be arranged into Irvington and dinner. **Reservations are a must at both the dock and dinner.** Those wanting to go to the Oyster Festival Sat. can go up Friday & tie up and ride the Miss Anne over Sat. morning returning mid afternoon. (Jamie Stalnaker)

Nov.12, Friday: Seasons ending cocktails, dinner, and awards at FBYC.. Cocktails at 6:30 PM, and dinner at 7:30 PM. (Tony and Kate Sakowski)

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