

Fishing Bay Yacht Club

Established 1939 • Deltaville, Virginia

The Log



November 2004

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

From the Quarterdeck

David Hazlehurst, Commodore

First and foremost my thanks to all the members who have helped make the 2004 season one of the club's busiest and most memorable years ever.

While we now have a significant debt, we are no longer land poor, and the addition of some two acres to our paltry three gives us the opportunity to improve small car and small boat parking, and to provide space for Junior activities closer to the water. Pending Board approval of the Short Range Planning Committee's proposals, we could find significant improvements by Opening Day, 2005.

For myself, my year as Commodore has been gratifying, and I appreciate all the support I have had from the Board and the members. All of this help comes at no cost and is essential to the smooth running of a club that is well managed, almost wholly by volunteers. I feel sure that all of us will continue to support our new Officers and Board as we move into a new season.

(Continued on page 5)

Board Highlights.....	page 2
Membership	page 2
2005 Officers	page 3
Web Registration	page 3
2004 Perpetual Trophy Winners...	page 6
Awards Banquet Photos.....	pgs 7-8
History.....	page 9
Rennie Memoriam	page 12
Cruising Season Ending Dinner .	page 13



Photo: Dave Dunnigan

FBYC Hosts Championship Youth Sailing Event

On Saturday and Sunday, October 9 and 10, Fishing Bay Yacht Club of Deltaville hosted a major regional youth sailing event, the United States Optimist Dinghy Association 2004 Atlantic Coast

(Continued on page 10)



**Strother Scott
2004's Matthew Fontaine Maury
Bowl Recipient**

At a sold-out **Annual Awards** dinner, capping an extraordinary evening of superb food and a spirited awards ceremony, the FBYC Board bestowed its highest honor on Strother Scott, presenting him with The Matthew Fontaine Maury Bowl.

Presenting the award to Strother, David Hazlehurst noted that Strother led the land acquisition effort and negotiated for the land for over a year; led the zoning effort; led the new land planning effort; and, as Chairman of the Short Range and Long Range Planning Committees, engineered the writing of the Yacht Club's Long Range Plan. Additionally, Strother participated on the Finance Committee, continued development of the FBYC web site,

(Continued on page 6)



The 21st Chesapeake Bay Laser Masters Regatta David Hazlehurst

This series started in 1982 after Alain Vincey donated a trophy to be awarded annually to the winner of a regatta for Laser sailors over the age of 35. Laser Class rules place this ilk into four classes, Ap-

(Continued on page 5)

Board Meeting Highlights

October 14, 2004

Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Commodore David Hazlehurst.

REAR COMMODORE – LUD KIMBROUGH

DOCKS – After the new pump for the pump-out station was installed, the propeller was damaged. **Allan Heyward** had the pump repaired but it is still not working properly.

GROUNDS – **Chip Hall** advised that he had a lot of help in preparing the property for the ACC's and reported no major problems during the

event. Chip met with the Community Advisory Board on Sunday, September 12. From their discussions, it was determined that we need to develop some method of communication with the club members about crossing the road separating the Jackson Creek side of the property from the Fishing Bay side. Signs on the property and a notice in the Log were two methods discussed. Fall Clean Up Day will be held in November and a notice will be sent out when the date has been set.

PUBLICITY – **Willard Strickland** reported that a number of press releases about the ACC's have been sent out and he is working on an article for Spinsheet.

FINANCE – **Mason Chapman's** Finance Committee held its initial meeting and will meet again to finish the 2005 Budget so that it can be presented at the November Board meeting for approval.

LONG RANGE PLANNING – At the September Board meeting, **Strother Scott** announced that he would reconvene the Short Range Planning Committee at a meeting with Scott Collins to go over the details and additional decisions needed prior to final site engineering drawings. That meeting will be held on October 19 and a proposal should be ready to present to the Board at the November Board meeting.

WEBMASTER – **Strother Scott** discussed the changes that have been made to the web site's home page, some of which were recommended by Jon Deutsch.

VICE COMMODORE – JAY BUHL

OFFSHORE DIVISION – **Randy Alley** reported that online registration has been very helpful for the offshore events. A group from FBYC participated in the Turkey Shoot Regatta. A computer for use on *Mr. Roberts* has been donated to the club and Eric Powers will contact Jon Deutsch for help in loading the Java Score program onto the



**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



Membership

FINAL APPROVAL:

Mr. & Mrs. Steven C. D'Antonio; Mr. & Mrs. Frank D. Hargrove, Jr.; Mr. & Mrs. Stewart R. Hargrove; Mr. & Mrs. William J. McCarthy; Dr. & Mrs. Stephen S. Radcliffe; Mr. & Mrs. Ames Russell.

RESIGNATION:

Mr. Frank Glawson

computer.

ONE DESIGN DIVISION – The final one-design events are the Indian Summer and Laser Masters Regattas October 16-17. **Ric Bauer** reported that participation in one-design races has been off this season because of weather conditions; however, 30 boats participated in the Fall Series.

CRUISING DIVISION – **Tony Sakowski** advised that he will try to re-schedule the Fair Winds Cruise for October 30-31.

JUNIOR DIVISION – **Noel Clinard** reported that the October 9-10 ACC event was a huge success with 130 racing in the championship fleet and 33 racing in the Green Fleet. Thank you letters have been posted on the web site, including a letter from the President of the USODA. There are also pictures taken by several photographers posted on the web site. Approximately 120 members volunteered their help with the event.

FLEET LT. – **Brooks Zerkel** praised the volunteers who served with him on race committee for the Wolf Trap Regatta. He will work on a list of safety steps for future long-distance races.

OLD BUSINESS – **David Hazlehurst** presented two Bylaws changes. One is to elevate the Grounds Chair to a Trustee position and the other is to add the Webmas-

(Board Highlights continued from page 2) ter as a Committee position. John Koedel moved that the Bylaws changes be approved and Dick Cole seconded the motion. The Board approved the following:

**BYLAWS CHANGES
TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE
FBYC BOARD**

OCTOBER 14, 2004

CODE: Underlined - language that is being added Double Lined - language that is being deleted

GROUND'S CHAIRMAN: The Grounds Chairman shall be appointed by the Commodore named by the membership at the annual meeting from among the trustees elected by the membership at the meeting. He shall be responsible for the upkeep of the Club grounds and for pool maintenance. He shall recommend to the Board any substantial projects to maintain, repair or improve the Club grounds or pool that he deems advisable. He shall submit, before the annual meeting, an annual report to the Board concerning the physical condition of the Club grounds and pool. He shall make, revise and enforce such rules concerning the Club grounds and use of the pool as he deems advisable.

Rationale: *Because of increased responsibilities resulting from the purchase of additional land, the Grounds Chairman will be a Trustee position rather than a Committee position.*

WEBMASTER: The Webmaster shall be appointed by the Commodore. He shall maintain the web site and make improvements or changes as needed. The web site should project a favorable image of the Club to the membership and the public. It should promote the events of the Club and should be useful for the membership and in the management

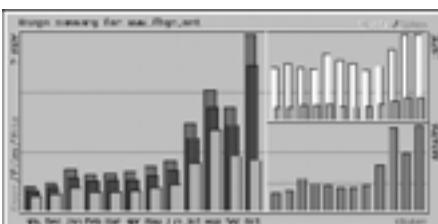
of the Club. As currently structured, the web site content can come from all members. The Webmaster shall encourage and guide Board members, the staff, and the membership in the use of the web site to assist the Club in achieving its objectives.

Rationale: *A Committee position for Webmaster is being created because of the usefulness of the Club's web site in all aspects of the Club's business. It is important that someone with the knowledge to update and work within the system be appointed in this capacity to help promote the Club and its objectives.*

Chip Hall attended the October 12 public hearing on our beach ramp permit. The permit was approved by the County Wetlands Commission and will be finalized as soon as we sign the proper papers.

NEW BUSINESS – David Hazlehurst advised that a letter would go out to the members who have not paid their assessment asking that payment be made by November 15. If payment is not received, the assessment fee will be added to the member's 2005 invoice.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6.55 pm.



**Web Site, Event Registration
and the Opti ACCs**
R. Strother Scott - Webmaster

The web site, if I say so myself, was a big help for the management of the Opti Intergalactics. During 2004, with the permission of the

Sailing officers, I worked with a programmer to build an on-line registration process for the web site. It was finally implemented and used for the first time for the 65th Annual Regatta. It accepts properly completed registrations automatically, lets everybody see who else has registered, lets the race committee see the entry details, and has the capacity to collect payments from participants who buy items for sale - meals, tickets, etc.

We have a database of our members, which is kept by Mary and is synched to the on-line database weekly. Anyone who registers online for an event must have a web site password. Just go to members only and click SignUp, or try to register for an event to apply to get one. 271 members now have passwords and during the fall an additional 125 people who are not members picked up passwords enabling them to register for our events as "Guests". Most of these Guests came to the Opti event. As of now, 396 people have passwords, and there have now been 379 registrations for events - 162 at the opti event, 50 for the Annual party, 16 for the Laser Masters, etc. Importantly for those volunteers who have to collect money - the web site "automatically" collected \$11,826.00 for the optis, \$4,430 for the party, etc.

All this means increased usage of the web site. In April 2002, we had 151 visits per day, it rose to 314 visits per day in March 2003, and to around 400 in the summer of 2004. In August, September and October it was 522, 657 and 668 visits per day respectively. I am not sure it is meaningful, but the number of KBytes downloaded increased 3 fold during the last 2-3 months, I presume as people downloaded the numerous photos and registration pages.

My goal has been to increase participation in sailing events at the Club by making it easier and more fun to participate and manage the events. I think the effort has been worthwhile.

2005 OFFICERS AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Jay Buhl
Commodore

COMMODORE	John M. Buhl, III
VICE COMMODORE	Lud H. Kimbrough, III
REAR COMMODORE	Allan M. Heyward, Jr.
SECRETARY	C. Stephenson Gillispie, Jr.
TREASURER	Paul W. Howle, III
FLEET CAPTAIN	Elizabeth P. Staas
OFFSHORE DIV. CDR.	Eric R. Powers
ONE DESIGN DIV. CDR.	Sharon H. Bauer
CRUISING DIV. CDR.	Anthony D. Sakowski, Jr.
JUNIOR DIV. CDR.	R. Noel Clinard
LOG STREAMER	Victor G. DeNunzio
HOUSE CHAIRMAN	John G. Koedel, Jr.
DOCKS CHAIRMAN	Richard A. Bauer, Jr.
GROUNDS CHAIRMAN	Charles E. Hall
SOCIAL CHAIRMAN	Nancy R. Stoakley
MEMBER AT LARGE	David Hazlehurst



Lud Kimbrough
Vice Commodore



Alan Heyward
Rear Commodore



Paul Howle
Treasurer



Steve Gillispie
Secretary

2005 BOARD COMMITTEE CHAIRS

OFFSHORE DIV. LT. CDR.	Alexander Alvis, III
OFFSHORE DIV. RACE CHAIR	David S. Hinckle
ONE DESIGN DIV. LT. CDR.	Walter J. Bryde, Jr.
ONE DESIGN DIV. RACE CHAIR	Scott R. Collins
CRUISING DIV. LT. CDR.	George W. Burke, III
JUNIOR DIV. LT. CDR.	William S. Wirt
JUNIOR DIV. RACE CHAIR	Michael S. Toms
FLEET LIEUTENANT	L. Brooks Zerkel, Jr.
PROTEST CHAIR	C. Mayo Tabb
TROPHY CHAIR	James D. Gillespie
CBYRA DELEGATE	Thomas J. Roberts
LONG RANGE PLANNING CHAIR	R. Strother Scott
WEBMASTER	R. Strother Scott
FINANCE CHAIRMAN	Mason T. Chapman
WINTER PROGRAM CHAIRS	Dixie & J. Cameron Hoggan, Jr.
PUBLICITY CHAIR	Kelly G. O'Toole
HISTORIAN	Joseph L. Dennison, Jr.

(From The Quarterdeck cont.. from page 1)

There was no let up in activities during October, with Fall series regattas the first weekend, and the USODA Optimist Atlantic Coast event, our largest ever with over 160 entries the second.

For the third weekend we had the Indian Summer and Laser Masters Regattas, along with the final offshore Fall Regatta and an American Cruising Club Dinner all on two days.

For the fourth weekend, on the Saturday we had the Closing Regatta in perfect Fall conditions, followed by the Annual Meeting and the Awards dinner at the club for the second consecutive year, with over 150 attendees. Sunday was a day of rest except for one member who helped build a wooden ramp on our new property for the USODA Regatta, and single-handedly removed it that day. The final activity I saw on Sunday involved two couples taking soil samples in preparation for planting trees and shrubs that will provide a screen between the club and our neighbors.

Enjoy your winter, the holidays, and your well earned rest from this frantic pace. Perhaps we will be less ambitious with our program in 2005 so we can take time to enjoy our world class facilities. But remember that preparations for the 2005 season start in November, so please be generous with your time when you are asked to help.

Thank you again one and all for the support you have given me during the 2004 season. I have enjoyed my year as Commodore, but I would be less than honest if I didn't tell you that I'm looking forward to a change of pace.



(Laser Masters continued from page 1)

prentices through age 44, Masters through 54, Grand Masters through 64 and

Great
Grand-
masters,
age 65
and older.

And the
younger
sailors
are penal-
ized for
the
youth by
having
points

added to
their fin-
ish

positions. This year's results will
explain the system further.

Peter Seidenberg, current World Great Grand Master Champion, and a perennial winner in at least three age groups, sails as a Great Grandmaster. He won the first race giving him a score of one point. By contrast Mark Bear who finished second, and sails as a Master, had a score of four points, two for his place and two added for his age. By the end of the regatta Peter had a clear lead despite Mark having first place finishes in the next five races. Those with a yen for data can see the scores for all seven races on the club web site.

With only 23 competitors this was by no means the best attended event in the 23 year old series, but it has to rank as one of the best. We had as many sailors from New England as we had from FBYC, in part because Peter, Mark, Gary Orkney and John Bentley were "encouraged" to attend by their long time friends James Jacob and Alain Vincey. Their reluctance to travel to Deltaville stems in part from the poor sailing conditions we all re-



Alain Vincey

Photo: John Deutsch

member so vividly when the club hosted the US Masters Regatta in October, 2000. But they were royally rewarded for their attendance in 2004, and left exhilarated. Hopefully they'll soon become regulars again, and bring others with them.

James Jacob, one of the club's new neighbors and a new member in 2004, had a fourth place overall, thereby preventing our New England visitors from sweeping the first four places. The four races on Saturday, followed by three on Sunday, were sailed in winds of close to 20 knots, which was a challenge for some of the competitors. But they should all be proud of their participation and the opportunity to race with world class sailors. Peter Seidenberg has been amongst the top five finishers at Laser Masters Worlds Championships over the last 18-20 years in three age groups, and Mark Bear has been in the top five as a Master for the past three years.

As Race Committee Chair, I was privileged to watch this display of competitive sailing without going into the water. What I found most interesting was to see some of the



Photo: John Deutsch

leaders do chicken jibes at the jibe mark; it saves a lot of time versus capsizing. I've never been that close to the leaders before. And after a general recall in the first race, when almost all boats were over early, we flew the "I" flag which requires the over-early

(Continued on page 13)

(Annual Awards continued from page 1)
implemented the on-line registration, and making the FBYC site the envy of all web sites on the Chesapeake Bay and among the yacht club community.

[See pages 5–6 for pictures of the event.
Ed.]

2004 PERPETUAL TROPHY WINNERS

Henry E. Hutcheson, Jr. Memorial Trophy - awarded to the Optimist skipper with the highest standing in Sanctioned Regattas and intra-club races – **Austin Powers**

Commodore's Bowl - awarded on an alternating year basis to the outstanding skipper in Offshore and One-Design events for the year based on performance and participation – **Lee M. Farinholt**, One-Design skipper

Baker Bowl - presented to the Mobjack skipper with the highest standing in Sanctioned Regattas and intra-Club races – *Not awarded in 2004*

Blanton Bowl - awarded to the Laser skipper with the highest standing in Sanctioned Regattas and intra-Club races – **Jonathan M. Deutsch**

Roberts Bowl - awarded to the Junior sailor who has shown the most interest in sailing as evidenced by enthusiasm, improvement in sailing techniques, awareness of the rules of water safety, and cooperation with the members of the Junior Activities program – **Sophie Massie and Kyle Swenson**

Nott Memorial Trophy - awarded to the yacht finishing the greatest number of FBYC sponsored MORC events during the calendar year – **R. Blackwell Nottingham**, skipper of *Cefalu*

Hicks Trophy - awarded to the winner of the FBYC's one-design long distance race – **Lee M. Farinholt**

Reid A. Dunn Trophy - awarded to the member of the Junior Program between the ages of 14 and 18 who has demonstrated outstanding sailing abilities by placing highest in FBYC races during

the regular racing season – **Chris Fehn**

L. Wood Bedell Trophy - awarded to the FBYC sailor under the age of 14 who is the highest finisher in FBYC races during the regular season – **William Wirt**

Potts Southern Bay Challenge Cup - awarded to the team of boats having the lowest total points during the Stingray Point Regatta – **Hampton Yacht Club**

Piankatank Trophy - awarded to the skipper who most exemplifies the principle that "all is not lost until the boat sinks" – **David Hazlehurst**

Performance Trophy - awarded to the FBYC yacht finishing the greatest number of Club-sponsored PHRF races – ***Loose Cannon***, skipper **R. Strother Scott**

Matthew Fontaine Maury Bowl - awarded for outstanding contributions to FBYC – **R. Strother Scott, Sr.**

Patrick A. Gibson Memorial Trophy - awarded to the one-design class showing the highest level of participation in Club events during the sailing season – **Front Runner Class**, Fleet Captain **Joseph P. Williams**

Offshore Division Championship Trophy - awarded to the skipper of the outstanding Offshore Division yacht having the best high point score in FBYC-sponsored events – **T. Leroi Lissenden**, skipper of *Voodoo Chile*

Chesapeake Laser Masters Championship Trophy - awarded to the winner of a series of races in Lasers sailed by persons 35 years of age or older – **Peter Seidenberg (Sail Newport)**

Windward Start Trophy - awarded to the PHRF B yacht with the best score in the Fall Series – ***La Maga***, skipper **Allan M. Heyward, Jr.**

Barber Trophy - awarded to the MORC and J-24 skippers who beat the most competitors during the regular racing season – MORC skipper **R. Blackwell Nottingham**, sailing *Cefalu*, and J-24 skipper **William C. Hope, IV**, sailing *Thin Ice*

Allen B. Fine Trophy - awarded to the outstanding crewman of a FBYC yacht –

William Fowler

Competition Trophy - awarded to the skipper who has most successfully represented FBYC in sailboat racing events conducted by other yacht clubs during the past year – **Paul Andersen**

Young Salt Trophy - awarded to the Junior FBYC Optimist sailor having the highest overall standing in Club Junior Regattas – **Alex Jacob**

Hubard Trophy - awarded to the outstanding woman sailor of FBYC – **Kelly G. O'Toole**

Caroline Collins Trophy - awarded to the young lady having the highest standing in the FBYC Junior Regattas – **Madeleine Alderman**

Sportsmanship Trophy - awarded to the Offshore Division skipper who displays the best sportsmanship in the regular racing season – **Michael W. Dale**

Fishing Bay Challenge Bowl

(Commodore names designation each year) – awarded to the 420 skipper who competed in the Spring Series, Summer Seabreeze, and the Fall Series – **Alex O'Toole**, skipper, and **Chris Fehn**, crew

Brenton S. Halsey, Jr. Memorial Trophy – awarded to the winner of the Stingray Point Regatta – **Mike Austin (HYC)**

Junior Competition Trophy - awarded to the Junior skipper who has most successfully represented FBYC in sailboat racing events conducted by other yacht clubs or associations during the regular racing season – **Quentin Jenkins**

Annual Race Committee Trophy - awarded to the FBYC member who has made the greatest contribution to race committee work – **Cathy Clark**

Wayland W. Rennie Cruising Trophy - awarded to a FBYC member in recognition of outstanding contributions to the Cruising Division – **Fay & John Koe-del, Jr.**

Up and Coming Trophy - awarded to a young sailor who has shown great promise on and around the racecourse – **Natalie Wirt**



Madeline Alderman
Caroline Collins Trophy



Sophie Massie
Roberts Bowl
(With Kyle Swenson)



Jonathan M. Deutsch
Blanton Bowl



William Fowler
All B. Fine Trophy



R. Blackwell Nottingham
Nott Memorial Trophy
Barber Trophy



Mike Dale
Sportsmanship Trophy



John Hubbard



David Hinckle



Lee Farinhold
Commodore's Bowl



David Hazlehurst
Piankatank Trophy

Allan M. Heyward, Jr.
Windward Start Trophy



Sharon Bauer



Ellie Braun



Alex Jacobs
Young Salt Trophy



Kelly O'Toole
Ellie Braun



Natalie Wirt
Up and Coming Trophy



William Wirt
L. Wood Bedell Trophy



Rus Collins, Eric Powers,
Allan Heyward, Strother Scott



Miles Booth



Phil Webb



Gordon Nelson



Quentin Jenkins
Junior
Competition Trophy



Cathy Clark
Annual Race Committee Trophy



Brad Squires



Strother Scott, Jr.

An FBYC History Exposé...

Opportunity Lost: How FBYC Shot Itself in the Foot **Jere Dennison**

From the *Log* of December, 1967:

Fishing Bay Dock Removal

A final Court Decree has favored the Club's neighbor to the West and we have been ordered to remove a portion of the tee (of the Fishing Bay pier) that encroaches on her oyster bed. The Western section is to be lopped off by January 24, 1968.

This short notice on page one of the *Log* underlies our eventual failure 2 years later to acquire the property west of the Club fronting on Fishing Bay then owned by Edith Hancock (and now owned by our good neighbor Sugar Ralston).

In the mid-1960's, FBYC was in an expansionist mode with a burgeoning membership roster. Plans were developing for a swimming pool and a new east pier and bathhouse on Jackson Creek. It would have been beneficial to acquire more land to support these new facilities but none was available. By 1967, the Club decided to expand its Fishing Bay pier by enlarging the 'T' on the end to accommodate an increasing number of cruising yachts and greater number of sailing activities. No major problem was anticipated with the pier improvement, so the Club forged ahead with its plans. Nevertheless, there was one small glitch...Mrs. Hancock to our west owned the crown-granted oyster rights that existed under a portion of the western section of the 'T' extension. I recall that legal counsel for the Club maintained that these oyster rights would not represent an impediment to our project and could be ignored.

After the pier construction had been completed, Mrs. Hancock predictably filed a lawsuit to force the Club to remove the section of our pier encroaching upon her oyster rights. Furthermore, she would not agree to a settlement with the Club that would permit the pier to remain intact. The Club lost a heated battle in court in a process that generated bitter feelings that eventually derailed our efforts to later acquire her property. I will explain...

By 1969, Mrs. Hancock decided to subdivide her property, build a new house for herself on the western portion of her property, and sell her older home on the residual lot adjacent to the Club on Fishing Bay. The property went on the market for the 'exorbitant' sum of \$45,000, and there were no immediate takers as the general consensus was that the real estate was overpriced. I recall that she even advertised the sale in the *Wall Street Journal* to broaden the market to potentially wealthier prospects.

Finally, a syndicate of prosperous club members stepped up and wisely made an offer for the property that was accepted by Mrs. Hancock. After closing, the property would be conveyed to the Club for the purpose of accommodating its long-contemplated physical expansion. Proposals were formulated to locate the swimming pool next door, in lieu of its current site next to the launching ramp, and perhaps create a larger Clubhouse by modifying Mrs. Hancock's residential structure. Additionally, the added beachfront and parking would be welcome for one-design events, and the 'T' on the end of the pier could be restored to its pre-lawsuit configuration. The property was thought to be the ideal acquisition to support FBYC's future growth. And, really, was 45 grand too much to pay for all these new

(Continued on page 12)

Did you know?...

According to Frank Hargrove, our Commodore in 1969, we experienced an equally tragic failure in 1967 or 1968 to acquire the entire Stull property that bordered the Club on its eastern boundary. Frank had reached a verbal agreement with Neil Stull to purchase his property for \$25,000. However, on the Saturday night of our Annual Regatta, a group of inebriated visitors to the Club from Maryland decided to avail themselves of Stull's swimming pool without his permission, since the Club lacked a pool at that time. When confronted angrily by Neil Stull, one of these regatta participants gleefully propelled him into the pool. The next day, a furious Stull informed Frank Hargrove that, under no circumstances, would he ever sell his property to FBYC. This incident established the troubled relationship between Stull and the Club that persisted until Neil Stull's death. While this was also a major opportunity lost for FBYC, it does not rank as a strategic blunder since the cause for this misfortune lay outside the control of Club management.



(ACC Championship continued from page 1) Championship. Over one hundred sixty "Optimist" sailing dinghies, skippered by boys and girls under age 16, competed in the 2-day event, accompanied by parents and siblings, bringing the crowd to well over 425 persons. They hailed from Maine to Florida, Wisconsin to Texas, Illinois to Nova Scotia. Tired parents stretched their legs at registration hosted by West Marine on Friday, after long drives. Two fathers left Massachusetts at 4:30 Friday morning to reach Deltaville before dark for practice in Fishing Bay.

Additional information and com-



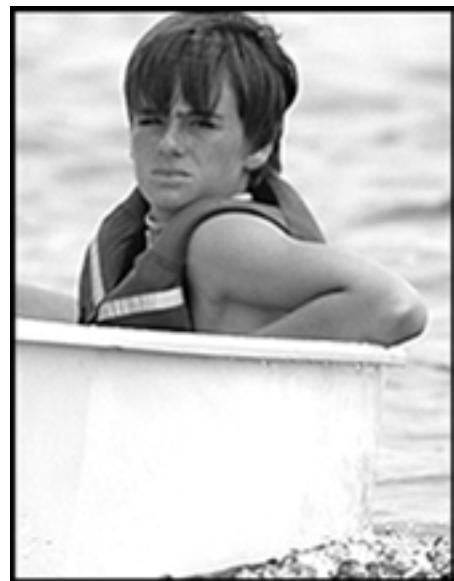
plete results are available at <http://www.fbyc.net> or at the event website www.fbyc.net/Events/2004/10.09.junior/ssi.dtm

The Optimist dinghy is one of the largest one-design classes of sailboats in the world. More than 150,000 are raced internationally by children 15 years of age and under, and Optimist fleets exist from Algeria to Zimbabwe and in over 110 countries. It is also one of the most intensely competitive and active classes, despite the youthfulness of its sailors. The 2004 USODA National Championship this summer attracted over 400 competitors. According to the International Optimist Dinghy Association ("IODA"), the international parent of the USODA, more than 50% of the sailors in the Sydney Olympics in 2000 were former Optimist sailors.

The ACCs is one of the two largest regional sailing competitions for juniors in the U.S. with hundreds of competitors attending from Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, Alabama, Texas, Illinois, Michigan,

Wisconsin, Kansas, Minnesota and even California.

FBYC was proud to host the ACCs. It offered the opportunity for Deltaville to show its superb access to the Chesapeake Bay and desirability as a sailing venue. Over 120 members of



FBYC spent hundreds of hours preparing for and supervising the event. Fishing Bay made arrangements with adjoining property owners for parking boats, dinghy trailers, and power boat trailers. The Club also obtained the permission of the Harbor House community on Jack-



son Creek to make limited super-
(Continued on page 11)



(ACC Championship continued from page 10)

vised use of the community ramp for launching some of the more than 70 visiting power boats. The Club also used the fields of Deltaville Maritime Museum for parking trailers. Noel Clinard, the Event Chair, said,



"From the beginning of our planning of this event, more than nine months ago, we were determined to conduct the event without imposing on the privacy or convenience of our neighbors. As we learned in the zoning dispute regarding the use of the new land, conducting our events in a responsible way is very important to the future of the Club. We did everything we could to plan the logistics



in a way to make it virtually invisible to our neighbors, except for the spectacle of the fleet sailing on Fishing Bay." Preliminary indications are that the Club succeeded in managing the event, while bringing substantial economic benefit to Middlesex County in overnight room rentals, dining expenses, and miscellaneous purchases of products and services.

Among the planning details, the Club obtained a permit to construct a temporary plywood ramp from its new property. Two divisions of the competitive fleet, comprised of eighty one boats, launched and re-

covered each day from that ramp. The remainder of the fleet used the Club's existing ramp. To avoid burdening the Club's septic and water system, over 25 porta potties were obtained from Church View Septic Systems and 5,600 gallons of water were trucked in to provide fresh water washdown for the competing boats. One van and one tractor trailer of dinghies and associated equipment were provided by Sturgis Boat Works of Cape Cod and McLaughlin of Chattanooga, Tennessee, charterers serving the top competitors who flew in from dis-

(Continued on page 12)



IN MEMORIAM
MARGARET T. RENNIE

2/12/30 – 10/27/04



Margaret T. "Maggie" Rennie, 1401 Wilmington Avenue, Richmond, VA, 23227, died on October 27, 2004. She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Wayland W. Rennie; son, Wayland T. Rennie of Richmond; daughter and son-in-law, Laurie and Joseph Bratton Jr. of Windermere, Florida; and grandchildren, Allison and Forrest Bratton. Maggie received her BA degree from Randolph-Macon Woman's College in June 1951 and a Masters of Christian Education from the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in 1980. She then worked at The Hermitage for 20 years as the Director of Resident Services. She was actively involved in many community activities, in her church, and for over 40 years in the International Folk Dance Club of Richmond. Fishing Bay Yacht Club was an integral part of their lives as Maggie and Wayland were involved in racing and cruising. Maggie learned to sail in the early 50's when they were living in Madison, Wisconsin. She and Wayland joined Fishing Bay Yacht Club in 1965 and purchased *Fortune*, a Soverel 28, with Wayland's twin brother Laurie and Tom Howard. Within 45 days after launching *Fortune*, they started MORC racing. *Trilogy*, their Irwin 38, was purchased in 1970. From 1975 through 1996, Maggie and Wayland raced in seven Annapolis to Hampton Down-the-Bay races. Maggie received the Allen B. Fine perpetual trophy as outstanding crew aboard *Trilogy* in 1997. They won the Turkey Shoot Regatta overall in 1998 and 2000. It wasn't all racing for the Rennies, however, because they sailed from Norfolk to Bermuda; Honduras to Belize; Martinique to St. Kitts; Marblehead to Halifax, Nova Scotia; Juneau, Alaska to Vancouver Island B.C.; Turkey to Israel; and many other trips too numerous to name. Maggie, with help from Wayland, planned many trips for the club's cruising class. They included land and sailing trips from Athens to Turkey, France to Monaco, and Bay of Isles and the America's Cup in New Zealand. They sailed with friends to Bermuda, parts of the Caribbean, in Alaska, and all along the northeast coast of the U.S. to Nova Scotia. Wayland served as Commodore of the club in 1985; and in December 2002, upon Wayland's retirement from the Board where he served for 24 years, the Fishing Bay Yacht Club Board elected Wayland and Maggie to Life Membership. Maggie donated a wooden bench to the club after she was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. That bench can be found on the hill overlooking the docks on Jackson Creek and she would sometimes sit there and watch the activity on the docks and the boat traffic on the creek. In early September, many of her friends gathered at Fannie's House to "celebrate" Maggie. A map of the Chesapeake Bay on display was covered with colored pins marking all of the places she and Wayland had "dropped the hook" to spend the night. Weakened by her illness, Maggie was not strong enough to dance so she led the group in hand movements to John Denver's "Sunshine on my Shoulder." All those who knew Maggie will remember her as a lovely and gracious lady. A service in celebration of her life was held on November 1 at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, with interment at Varina Episcopal Church Cemetery. Memorial contributions are welcome at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, 3602 Hawthorne Avenue, Richmond, VA, 23222; Massey Cancer Center at Virginia Commonwealth Medical Center, Richmond, VA; The Hermitage, 1600 Westwood Avenue, Richmond, VA, 23227; and Ft. Gibson United Methodist Church, Castlewood, VA, 24224.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

(History continued from page 9)
enhancements to our Club? Everyone was enthusiastic over the impending purchase.

But it was not to be. At closing, the Club syndicate was first chagrinned, and then outraged, that Mrs. Hancock intended to transfer title to the property *without* the controversial oyster rights that had torpedoed the 'T' extension at the end of the pier. Indignantly, and in an ultimately

self-defeating effort to get even, they refused to consummate the purchase. Such was the animosity created by the 1967 litigation that the Club would abandon the effort to acquire the Hancock property for so insignificant an issue while totally ignoring the tremendous benefits that would have been gained.

In hindsight, many would consider this incident to represent the greatest strategic blunder in the history of FBYC.

(ACC Championship cont. from page 11)
tant points with only their sails, spars and blades. Tom Coleman of McLaughlin, sometimes referred to as the "Pied Piper of the Green Fleet", attended to conduct clinics for the less experienced children sailing in a special fleet called the Green Fleet.

David Hazlehurst, the outgoing Commodore of Fishing Bay, expressed his pleasure that the club

(Continued on page 13)

We can put you on the boat of your dreams.



See us at the Washington, DC Boat Show February 18-22!

Getting you off the boat is another matter.

At Norton's Yacht Sales you can pick the best new or used boat for your money from the largest selection in Deltaville. We're one of the largest Hunter sailboat dealers and the #1 dealer in Customer Service for Hunter sailboats in the world.

Norton's Yacht Sales, Inc.
Norton's Yacht Sales, Inc. • Deltaville, Virginia
804-776-9211 • fax 804-776-9044 • www.nortonyachts.com



(*Laser Masters continued from page 5*) boats to sail around the ends to restart; it worked perfectly.



Photo: John Deutsch

Off the water it was another event with FBYC at its best. A new clubhouse seen by some of the visitors for the first time, and another of Alain's famous dinners which we were able to share with some few One Design sailors who had earlier raced their Flying Scots in challenging conditions. And later, unhappily, to watch Virginia get trounced by Florida State, and the Red Sox lose one of their games to the Yankees before they got their act together. It doesn't get any better than this.

(*ACC Championship cont. from page 12*) volunteers, assisted by the Sheriff and the Rescue Squad, had pulled off the regatta without a hitch. Jay Buhl, the club's incoming Commodore, commented that this regatta had set a standard for the future intentions of the Club in fulfilling its responsibilities to its neighbors, while contributing to the appeal and economy of the community.

**CRUISING SEASON
ENDING DINNER
AND AWARD
NOV.12, 2004**
Tony Sakowski
Cruising Division
Chairman

Cocktails at 6:30 PM, and dinner at 7:30 PM at our home in Deltaville (76 Sunrise Point). We will have special cruising awards and good fellowship to end our sailing year.



Website & Email Services

Design - Development - Management
Business Consulting - Marketing - Hosting

Ken Cloud

(t) 804.673.3003 x101

(f) 804.673.3432

**6243 River Road, Suite 1
Richmond, VA 23229**

**kencloud@cloudconsulting.com
www.cloudconsulting.com**

I will provide steaks or salmon cooked on the grill; attendees will be asked to bring a salad, vegetable or potato dish for others to share. Wine, beer and soda will be provided. Dress is Fishing Bay casual. **Cost is \$6.00 per person**, adult or child.

Deadline for reservations will be Nov. 9. Contact Tony Sakowski for information and reservations at 804 285 3347, email doctor-lasik@aol.com, and/or register on our website, www.fbyc.net, under the heading "Cruising Season Ending Dinner and Awards Nov. 12, 2004.



Photo Credits

Opti ACC Photos: Dave Dunnigan, Jon Deutsch
Laser Photos: John Deutsch
Award Ceremony Photos: Steve Gillispie
Wayland and Maggie Rennie: Steve Gillispie



November 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Carter's Creek Cruise	7	8	9	10	11	12
Offshore Autumn Races				Board Meeting	Cruising Season Ending Dinner	Autumn Races
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

HARDY AD

Tradewinds

BURGEES For Sale

X-Small 8" x 12"	\$15
Small 10" x 15"	\$18
Medium 12" x 18"	\$20
Large 16" x 24"	\$26
X-Large 24" x 36"	\$62



FBYC Foldover Note Cards

by
Margaret Lundvall
2 packets for \$10
(10 cards to a packet)

Prices include shipping and handling.
Make checks payable to FBYC.

c/o FBYC
P.O. Box 29186
Richmond, VA 23242

For Sale: Raytheon Autopilot

ST6000+. This five year old unit is in perfect condition (just removed from a Swan 48) and will work extremely well on boats 30-42 feet.. Comes with all parts and wires. You will need to add a hydraulic ram. \$1400. Installation can be arranged at your cost. Contact Larry Cohen at 804-694-7746 or airville@visi.net

For Sale: J24 Sailboat – # 170, 1977, Sails, Jibs, 150 and 100, 2 mains, 2 spinnakers, 2001—5HP Nissan John Hawksworth, J24hawk@aol.com, 757-465-9092(H), 757-380-3345(O), \$7000 (includes trailer). Deltaville.

For Rent: Two adj. Condos at Jackson Crk Hbr.(connect. or sep.): Upstairs Waterfront Flat (Unit 14): Massive deck overlooks Jcksn Crk.: 2 BDRM with Qn. and Twns., plus Qn. Murph/bed, 2 Bthrm (\$950 wk.). Adjacent Townhse (Unit 12): 3 BDRM with Qn., 4 Bks., 2 Twns. (\$950 wk.). Both connected (\$1800 wk.). 4 wk. term for the wkly. cost of 3 (in season). Dock, Pool, Tennis. Ct., Wshr/Dryr, Gas Grill, Cent. A/

C and CATV. Trans. slips avail. from Assn. Much lower monthly rates off season (Oct-May) (avail. now). Townhse not generally avail. Jr. Week. Call Noel Clinard (804) 285-0299(H), (804) 788- 8594(O) or e-mail nclinard@hunton.com

For Sale: Hobie 16. yellow hulls, very good sails, trailer, good condition \$1,350.00. Call Brad Davis 804-213-0052, brunner105@aol.com

For Sale: Bertram 28 Flying Bridge Sports Fisherman, late model 1984, repowered with fuel injection engines, three gas tanks, new canvas and enclosure, cleanest and best maintained bertram on the bay, fully equipped, located in Deltaville,\$49,500, Auzzie Jackson, 804/740-6828, auzville2@msn.com

For Sale: New Boat Lift—Will mount to any 2 pier poles, easy to install. Handles up to a 23' boat, 3,000 lb. capacity. Operates on 110 power. Optional stainless steel tracks. \$2,000.00. Call Arthur Wilton 804-776-7211, nwind@inna.net

For Sale: Front Runner. \$6,000. Excellent condition. Contact Bill Spencer at (804) 740-7913 or spencer.bill@comcast.net.

For Sale: 130I Windsurfer, FANATIC RABBIT With adjustable wishbone, 3.4, 4.5, 5.7 meter sails lightly used. \$275. Call Art Backstrom 804-272-3444

For Sale: 1.) 16 Shenandoah canoe, good condition, \$375.00 2.) 1 byte with trailer; good condition, \$750.00. Contact Willard Strickland 804-288-4036

Wanted: Schooner sailors. This is your chance to sail a 75-foot gaff-rigged schooner. Sign up for a day, an overnight, or as long as you'd like. Contact Jeff Thomas at 804-288-2858 or at thomasjb@mindspring.com.

For Rent: Small 1 bedroom bungalow apartment.\$300 per week or \$600 per month. Call Paul Howle. Cell: 804-240-7933.

For Sale: One Opti. 8 year old Opti in good condition with blade and sail bags and a brand new Dolly and cover. \$1,200. Please call Matt Thompson at (804) 782-8779

For Sale : Cruisair portable boat air conditioner. Fits in hatch.; used less than a dozen times. Like new. \$300.00 dollars. West Marine 7 1/2' red rubber inflatable with folding plywood floor and motor mount rated at two h.p.. Lightly used; still in great shape: \$100.00 dollars. Contact Bob Graham @ 804-282-7407 evenings.

For Sale: Laser top & bottom covers, \$ 1 0 0 c o s t n e w \$ 3 5 0 . Seitech dolly for a Laser, \$125, cost new \$350. Contact David Hazlehurst: dhazlehurst@comcast.net.

Found. Sweatshirt from the 1997 Brent Halsey Memorial Regatta. Call 353-5657.

Wanted: Used JY15 & Used Laser. Trip Davis at trip.davis@trx.com or 404-307-7400.

To place an ad or submit an article, please contact:

Steve Gillispie
102 North Erlwood Court
Richmond, VA 23229
Phone: (804) 726-6999
e-mail: sgillispie@aol.com

Tradewinds is for the exclusive use of members. Ads are run for 3 months and can be renewed by request. **The deadline for The Log is the 20th.** Items received after the 20th may not be published in the next month. All Articles Welcome!

If You Love Your Boat, You'll Love Our Yard.

We are an *American Boat & Yacht Council* accredited boat yard. That means we're trained to provide the level of quality, knowledge and expertise your boat deserves when she comes in for repairs or maintenance. And our rates are reasonable. So you don't have to trust the love of your life to just anyone. Now you can enjoy the confidence of ABYC certified service at reasonable rates right here in Deltaville. If you really love her, doesn't she deserve the best. Give us a call at 804.776.8900. Ask for Keith Ruse.



804.776.8900 / Located at Deltaville Marina on Jackson Creek / www.deltavilleboatyard.com



Fishing Bay Yacht Club

P.O. Box 29186, Richmond, VA 23242

The
Mailing
Address