

Fishing Bay Yacht Club

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The Log



March, 2005

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

From the Quarterdeck Jay Buhl, Commodore



Our 2005 season is off to a successful start! The first winter program was held Friday February 4th featuring author Dean King and approximately 75

people were in attendance. The CBYRA High Point Awards Dinner/ Bermuda High Party was held at the club on Saturday February 5th with 74 people in attendance. Outgoing CBYRA President John Dodge presented the President's Award to Noel Clinard in recognition of the excellent 2004 Optimist Atlantic Coast Championships hosted by FBYC in October 2004. A second award was presented to David Hazlehurst who was Commodore at the time in recognition of FBYC's efforts for the event. Our next Winter Program features Gary Jobson who will present on March 25th at the University of Richmond Law School. Also, please don't

forget clean up day April 2nd.

Mr. Roberts is undergoing a small face lift as well as enhanced safety measures. Eric Powers has installed a cell phone on board so racers out of VHF range can communicate with the Race Committee. The cell phone number will be published in the Sailing Events Book which you should receive in this month.

2005 Key Objectives - (March Update)

Lots of activity toward our 2005 Objectives this month,.... very encouraging!

Club Management & Operations- Champion Allan Heyward

A work order system has been implemented requiring respective board member approval prior to the commitment of funds. This system should eliminate surprise expenses when monthly financials are reviewed. Next, the operating budget has been entered into Quicken (our checkbook software program) so expense vs. budget and prior year information can be easily printed and distributed to respective board members monthly. This will prove to be a key tool used to monitor spending and the effectiveness of spending controls that have been implemented. The first report in the new format was distributed during the February board meeting. And finally, several other small spending procedures have been implemented in efforts to better control expenses. Allan has been very

busy over the last eight weeks, and it appears we are in good shape as we enter our busy spending season. I do believe this will be an evolving process and modifications will be made along the way, but we are in good shape for spring.

Long Range Planning – Champion Strother Scott

Strother announced at the February board meeting that a committee will be formed and act as primary author of the Long Range Plan (LRP). He also distributed a draft of a 10 year plan worked on two years ago, and requested feedback from board members. The LRP will include topics such as: Sailing Programs, Facilities, Membership, Governance, Business Goals, and some other miscellaneous topics.

New Land Development – Champion Chip Hall

The Site Plan has been completed! Chip submitted applications for Land Disturbance permit and RPA variance with Middlesex County in mid February. We expect approval on both by the time the March Log is published. Chip should also receive final bids from contractors for Phase I and II of the new land development plan by the end of February or first week of March. Bids will be considered by the Flag Officers upon submission.

Sailing Participation – Champion David Hazlehurst

David has circulated to the board for commentary and feedback a written assessment of participation

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Board Meeting Highlights

February 10, 2005

Meeting called to order at 6:05p.m. by Vice Commodore Lud Kimbrough.

REAR COMMODORE –
ALLAN HEYWARD

HOUSE – John Koedel, Jr. had the three club signs along the roadway re-painted.

DOCKS – Ric Bauer reported that he is working to resolve some electrical issues on the docks and is also having the pump-out tested. Ric is getting estimates for bulkhead re-

pairs near the hoist area because there are two sections deteriorating badly. There has been some discussion about a slipholder's lease agreement and proof of liability insurance coverage. Ric and Allan Heyward will work on this and come up with a recommendation.

SOCIAL – Nancy Stoakley advised that she has Chairs lined up for the five major social events. Based on a cost analysis relating to holding the Annual Meeting/Awards Party at the clubhouse vs. holding it at CCV in Richmond, Nancy recommended that it be held in Richmond at CCV this year. Because there is a race at the club on October 29, she will check to determine if CCV has an opening for November 11.

GROUNDS – Chip Hall has scheduled Spring Clean-up Day for April 2nd. Several projects – fence repair, pothole repair, and tree trimming – are underway now. Chip will pick up the Land Disturbance Permit from the County on February 16th and the RPA Permit if it has been issued. Work on the new property could begin by the end of the week. He thanked Scott Collins for getting the plans for the first stage of the work to him so promptly.

LONG RANGE PLANNING – Strother Scott discussed some of the 10-Year Objectives that were on the list prepared by Waddy Garrett's Long Range Planning Committee in 2003. His next LRP meeting will be held February 24 and he would like to have some Board members volunteer to serve on the Committee. He also welcomes ideas and comments about the objectives.

WEBMASTER – Strother Scott advised that the names of the 2005 Race Chairs and Social Chairs have been posted to the web site. Members will be encouraged to register online for offshore, one-design, junior and cruising events.

WINTER PROGRAMS – Cam Hoggan reported that approximately 75 people attended the first winter

Membership

RESIGNATIONS:

Mr. & Mrs. Russell T. Aaronson, III

Mr. & Mrs. Lowndes Burke

Mr. & Mrs. J. Terry Cox

Mr. & Mrs. Rory K. Geyer

Mr. & Mrs. Henry H. Harrell

Mr. & Mrs. John Keppler

Mr. & Mrs. R. Scott Turner

Mr. & Mrs. Christopher A. Webb

program on February 4 featuring author Dean King. The Gary Jobson program on March 25 will be held at University of Richmond Law School.

VICE COMMODORE – **LUD H. KIMBROUGH, III**

OFFSHORE DIVISION – Eric Powers advised that the cell phone number for *Mr. Roberts* would be included in the Sailing Events Book; however, racers will be asked to contact the race committee by cell phone only when they have no VHF access.

JUNIOR DIVISION – Noel Clinard is getting ready to begin Junior Week registration online. Look for an article in *The Log* and on the website concerning the online registration. FBYC will be hosting the Bay Open Junior Olympics on July 9-10 as well as the CBYRA Midgets (for Optis and 420s) on July 8. Junior member Madeleine Alderman has been chosen to sail on the Southern Bay Optimist Team.

CBYRA DELEGATE – Tom Roberts reported that the CBYRA High Point Awards Dinner/ Bermuda High Party was held at the club on February 5 with 74 in attendance. Outgoing CBYRA President John Dodge presented the President's Award to Noel Clinard in recognition of the excellent 2004 Optimist Atlantic Coast Championships hosted by FBYC in October 2004.

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2004

FBYC Officers

Commodore

Jay Buhl



Vice-Commodore

Lud Kimbrough



Rear-Commodore

Alan Heyward



Treasurer

Paul W. Howle, III



Secretary

Steve Gillispie



Log Streamer

Vic DeNunzio

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A second award was presented to David Hazlehurst, who was Commodore of FBYC at the time, in recognition of FBYC's efforts for the event.

OLD BUSINESS – Lud Kimbrough asked for updates on the Objectives set out by Jay Buhl at the December Board meeting. Allan Heyward, Club Management & Operations Champion, said there will be specific guidelines for reimbursement requests and in the use of work order forms. David Hazlehurst, Sailing Participation Champion, will send his assessment of status and recommendations for near term programs to the Board. Strother Scott, Long Range Champion, and Waddy Garrett, Capital Planning Champion, plan to have their committees work together.

Jay Buhl has determined that the Optimist Fleet will be the recipient of the Fishing Bay Challenge Bowl in 2005.

David Hazlehurst was asked to re-write a Bylaws change relating to the job description of the Social Chair and to circulate it to the voting members for approval. The Board ratified the following Bylaws change:

BYLAWS CHANGE RATIFIED BY THE FBYC BOARD FEBRUARY 10, 2005

CODE: Underlined - language that is being added.

Shadowed - language that is being deleted.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:

The Social Committee Chairman shall be named by the membership at the annual meeting from among the trustees elected by the membership at the meeting. He shall coordinate the schedule of social activities with the Sailing Events Committee. He shall be responsible for planning, organizing and conducting the Club's social activities at designated major Events as specified by the Rear Commodore. The Social Committee Chairman may appoint Event Social Chairs and He may appoint as many members to the Event Social Committees as he sees fit. The organization of all other social events shall

be the responsibility of the respective Sailing Divisions, the assigned Event Chairs and the Winter Programs Chairman.

Rationale: This is an overdue update to better reflect what has been in effect since the job of Social Chair was redefined in 1998 to reduce what had become an untenable workload to the point that this job became impossible to fill.

NEW BUSINESS –David Hazlehurst asked for permission for he and Jere Dennison to work with Carolyn Schmalenberger to put on a program in 2005 with the YMCA similar to the one that took place last year. The Board had no objections.

Eric Powers said that he would like to arrange for car-pooling from Richmond in the summer for parents who would be willing to take junior members to the club during the week to sail. His initiative was applauded and he was asked to work with the Junior Div. Lt. Cdr. to implement this program.

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

(From the Q-deck; Cont. from page 1) levels by division with several areas of key focus. Once David has received ample feedback from board and non board members, action plans will be developed. This initiative is key for long term health of our sailing programs. David also offers encouraging words in this month's log regarding participation this season.

...46 days until opening day! ◻

CBYRA HIGH POINT WINNERS FOR 2004 SEASON:

McCarthy

More than 70 racers and friends attended the **CBYRA Region 4 Dinner and Awards Presentation** Saturday evening hosted by Fishing Bay Yacht Club. CBYRA Vice President for Region 4, **Tom Roberts**, made the presentations with an able assist from immediate past (2004) CBYRA President **John Dodge**. On hand to

**2005 SPRING CLEAN-UP
Saturday, April 2, 2005,**

I invite any and all FBYC members to join me at the yacht club at 9:00am, Sat., April 2nd for the spring clean-up. The grounds of the club are in pretty good shape, however some attention to the impact of winter will really make our club facility shine for the upcoming sailing season. There are some repairs to be made to fences, some painting that needs doing, and some trimming and raking as well. We'll have coffee and maybe a doughnut or two to get you started and if enough hands show up, we'll be done by lunch. If you can, bring a rake, pruning shears, some trash bags or your favorite spring clean-up tool, and we'll find a job for you.

To sign up and help:

Email: ce.ja.hall@mindspring.com
Or call (804) 285-2794, Richmond
Deltaville, (804) 776-9648.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Thanks, Chip Hall ◻

**Cruising Class cocktail party
at the Club-April 2nd.**

After the clean-up on Saturday April 2nd relax with your cruising friends. Cocktails at 6:30 PM, and heavy hors d'oeuvres for our dinner. Plan to bring a dish to this event, and confirm your reservation with us by March 30th, by registering on the website. I'll contact you regarding your specific dish that would be preferred for this event and cost, if any, after you register.

For information contact:

Tony and Kate Sakowski,

Phone: 804-285-3347, or Email:

doctorlasik@aol.com

receive **first place** awards in their fleets for 2004 were **Leroi Lissenden**, VooDoo Chile, for PHRF A North, **Allan Heyward**, La Maga, for PHRF B
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JUNIOR PROGRAM 2005 AND REGISTRATION PROCESS

By Noel Clinard, Junior Division Commander

Highlights

The Junior Division is pleased to announce the final schedule for the 2005 Junior program:

Opti Kids June 11-12 & 18-19

Junior Week : June 20-24

Junior Race Team Extended Curriculum: June 11, 19, 20-24; July 2, 16, 23

We are also happy to announce that FBYC will continue to host both CBYRA sanctioned club regattas and other major championship events. In 2005, FBYC will host:



FBYC Junior Regatta, June 25
CBYRA Midget Championship, July 8
Bay Open/Junior Olympic Festival, July 9-10
FBYC Junior Regatta, August 4



Other major events will be hosted by lower bay clubs this year, including:

VA State Championship at Hampton Yacht Club;
July 2-3

USODA Opti Nationals at Norfolk Yacht and Country Club; July 24-29

Both the Bay Open/JOs at FBYC and the Opti Nationals at NY&CC will feature a Green Fleet Clinic by Tom Coleman, who was so popular as the leader of the Green Fleet last year at the USODA ACCs.

Additional Junior Program Information 2005

Noel Clinard has returned to lead the program as Junior Division Commander; Steve Wirt will serve as Lieutenant Commander; Mike Toms will coordinate events as Race Committee Chair; and Ruthanna Jenkins will continue to assist with Race Team. We are planning an exciting Junior Program for 2005..

FBYC expects to have two coaches. We are sorry to announce that Rob Wright has decided to return to North Carolina and will not be with us this year. The resumes we are receiving from college sailors in response to our ads are very promising. We are planning several programs: (1) OptiKids, (2) Junior Week, (3) Race Team Extended Curriculum, and (4) ongoing lessons as requested by members. The Junior Division has been asked to cover most of its expenses this year out of Junior Division revenues. In order to fund the ever improving Junior Program and stay competitive in hiring with other clubs, it has been necessary to increase the tuition for some of our most popular programs.

1. Opti Kids will consist of 4 sessions, either mornings or afternoons, on two consecutive weekends: June 11-12 and June 18-19 for young beginners, ages 6 to 8. The cost is \$150 and parent participation *in the water* is required each day.

2. Junior Week will be June 20-24 for Juniors age 9 to 17 and will consist of classes for Beginning Opti, Intermediate Opti, Racing Opti, Group Sailing for teens who wish to sail with crew, and Windsurfing. The cost is \$250 and a parent or guardian must be on site during the program.

3. Race Team Extended Curriculum is for juniors who want to take their sailing to a higher level. It consists of Junior Week plus 5 additional days of instruction (June 11, 19, and July 2, 16 and 23). Juniors sail Optis, Bytes, Club 420s, Lasers and Laser Radials. The cost is \$350. (More details on this program are provided below.)

4. The CIT Program: Each year CIT's provide invaluable assistance to the staff and gain learning in leadership and teaching and coaching skills. Motivated, experienced junior sailors ages 16 and older are welcome to submit their sailing resume and apply for one of our Counselor in Training positions. To insure a serious commitment there is a charge of \$50 for this opportunity to build a sailing resume. Contact Noel Clinard for more details.

The Junior Week Program will consist of the following groups:

1. Beginning Optimist: This is for sailors age 9 or 10. They sail double-handed, and learn basic boat-handling skills. Class enrollment is limited by the number of Club owned Optis since boat ownership is not required, and to keep the student to teacher ratio low.

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2. Intermediate Optimist: For sailors with some experience, mostly ages 10 or 11. They must bring their own Optimist. Students sail alone, and learn more about sail trim and boat-handling. Racing is introduced to this class.

3. Racing Optimist: This class will appeal to sailors who have their own Opti and want to learn about starts, better sail trim, going faster, and the basics of racing strategy. They should have completed Intermediate Optimist or the equivalent. This class is designed to prepare our Juniors to enter Regattas. Even those who don't think they want to race will learn skills in this class that will definitely make cruising and day-sailing a lot more enjoyable. (This is not the Race Team Extended Curriculum)

4. Group Sailing: This class is for sailors age 12 and over who ideally have completed Intermediate Optimist class. This class sails triplehanded with friends in loaned boats, such as Mobjacks. The emphasis is on sailing to destinations. We work hard to accommodate everyone who wants to be in this class, but enrollment is limited by the number of boats we can borrow.

5. Windsurfing: This class is for sailors age 12 and over who prefer to windsurf. The Club has two windsurfing boards and borrows or rents others for Junior Week.

6. Race Team Extended Curriculum: Race Team Extended Program members receive two weeks of sailing instruction, one of which is during Junior Week. The other "week" consists of five weekend dates: June 11 & 19 and July 2, 16 and 23. These will be a full day of sailing instruction. Race Team is a great choice for junior sailors who enjoy spending time sailing and want to rapidly improve their skills. Race Team members will be grouped by boat: 420, Byte, Laser, Laser Radial and Optimist. Race team members will receive distinctive race wear clothing items. We expect to fill up the available slots, so please register early to make sure there is space for you. This is our top level offering for our most committed juniors. To enroll in the Extended Program the junior should enroll in all sessions. The instruction and practice for this program will be cumulative, and teaching and learning works better when the instructor can add new material each week, rather than spending time "catching up" students who missed prior sessions. If we have Racing Team members who cannot make all the sessions, you may be able to fill in for them, so please indicate in the comment section of your registration form if you would like to be considered for any extra spots that might be available on a pro rata cost basis.

Parent and Volunteer Support

Parents and junior volunteers run the program. The club's programs are a three way partnership between the club volunteers, coaches and parents. To make Junior week possible, the club needs assistance in the following areas:

- **Power Boat Operations** - Insure boats are launched, moored and refueled each day and operational.
- **T-shirt Distribution** - Insure T-shirts are distributed to the various sections on the last day of instruction for Opti Kids, Junior Week and Race Team.
- **Photographer** - Takes 'action shots' of students during instruction. Make photos available to parents during the class session. Arrange for group photo for OptiKids, Junior Week and Race Team participants, and make available to members at their expense.
- **Social** - Coordinate and execute any social activity chosen! Acquire and insure secure distribution of daily snacks for each section.
- **Large Dinghy Launching** - Responsible for launching One Design Boats loaned to the program by members for use in the Teen Sailing Class and Race Team. This is done before classes start each day.
- **Doctor of the Day** - (Pre-requisite: must be a doctor!) serve as Doc of the Day for one day of Junior Week or OptiKids or Race Team.
- **Parent of the Day** - Carries hand held radio to communicate with each class. Familiar with phone locations at the club. Handle minor medical problems (mostly nettles or 'windy day' induced stomach aches). Contact Doc of the Day if necessary. Has access to all medical forms and liability release forms if necessary for medical evacuation of students. Contact parents if necessary.

Parents and all helpers are asked to sign up for volunteer activities on the Junior Division web page.

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Registration

Last year's experience with earlier registration proved highly beneficial in planning the season, so we will have registration earlier this year, as well. This year, following the trend in all FBYC event registrations, the primary registration will be done on line at www.fbyc.net. Go to www.fbyc.net, click on **Junior Division**, and you will see links to "**Sign Up for Optikids**", "**Sign Up for Junior Week**" etc. Parents and others can also "**Sign up to Volunteer at Junior Week**". For those having difficulty registering on line, a hard copy registration form will be available by e-mailing or telephoning Noel Clinard at nclinard@hunton.com or (804) 788-8594. However, handling of the data on handwritten hard copy forms is very tedious and time consuming and introduces errors in the important contact data, so all are strongly encouraged to register on line. **NOTE: On line registrations may get time priority!**

The registration deadline for both on line (recorded by the site) and hard copy registrations (postmarked) will be midnight April 15, 2005. After that date, a 10% late registration fee will apply to registrations on a space available basis only.

Check-in

- For Opti Kids, the "check-in" period will be the first morning of instruction for Opti Kids.
- For Junior Week, "check-in" will be held on the Sunday immediately prior to the start of Junior Week and on the first morning of instruction for approximately 1 hour each time.
- Check in for Race Team will be Saturday June 11 before the first session for Race Team.

Check-in will be for the purpose of collecting laggard medical and liability forms, and any outstanding payments. The required forms will be mailed in late May to persons submitting an application or made available on the website and we will ask you to return them by mail.

Daily Schedule

More details will be provided in the enrollment package sent to registrants, but note that Junior Week classes are from 9:00 am to Noon, and from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Lunch on your own is to be supervised by parents.

Parents and juniors interested in participating or helping who would like additional information should contact Noel Clinard at nclinard@hunton.com or by phone at (804) 788-8594.

Important Car Pooling Proposal

In 2005 we would like to see a large number of our Juniors at the championship events, traveling to events in the Northern Bay and at our home regattas. We would also like to see more Juniors at the club on a regular basis after Junior Week. To facilitate this, a number of parents have expressed an interest in developing a "car pooling" network to transport our Juniors from Richmond to away regattas and to FBYC for practice sessions. The idea is to get a group of parents who would each take one or two days during the summer to transport our Juniors from Richmond to where ever they need to sail. Again, the purpose of the network would be to provide transportation to regattas AND regular practice sessions at the club. We encourage you to consider being involved in this transportation network even if your Junior is not interested in sailing in regattas and just needs a ride to the club during the week to practice. Even before registration for the Junior Program we hope to get a response from all the parents who would like to be involved or have any interest in this type network so we can begin to plan and organize the program. We are asking all of you to please take a minute and respond by email to Steve Wirt, Junior Division Lt. Commander, at williamwirt@cox.net or phone (757) 537-7167. We look forward your suggestions and comments, and we look forward to seeing all of you in Fishing Bay. ■

Sailing opportunities

by

David Hazlehurst

One of the initiatives the club is promoting this year is increased participation in our sailing programs. As well as working to get more boats on the water for our Spring, Summer and Fall series regattas we are trying to get more club members serving as crew on both Off-shore and One Design boats. In past years the MORC Fleet has organized a Crew Training program with both classroom and on-the-water sessions for members and non-members. For this year we plan to forego the classroom training and concentrate on getting members on the water starting with the two Crew Training sessions scheduled for Saturdays April 9 and 16. We presently have some 24 members who are not regular racers listed on the "I want to sail" register on the club web site who will be invited to sign up for one or both sessions. Members who are not registered or have questions should call 804-353-5657 or e-mail the writer at davidhazlehurst@comcast.net. ■

Bill and Dot Egelhoff Elected to Life Membership

On January 13, 2005, the Board of Trustees elected Bill and Dot Egelhoff to Life Membership. This election was presented with the following statement.



In Aug., 1980, Rev. and Mrs. William F. Egelhoff joined Fishing Bay Yacht Club to sail *C'est La Vie*, their Aquarius 23. In 1981, Bill became the club's Chaplain and with few exceptions has been present every Opening Day to "bless the fleet." Bill and Dot have owned a number of boats over the years and last year sold their most recent boat, a Highlander named *Liebchen II*. Even though they are unable to participate in sailing activities now, Bill would like to continue blessing the fleet as club Chaplain for as long as he is able. In recognition and appreciation of the 23 years he has served as club Chaplain, Bill and Dot Egelhoff are elected to Life Membership in Fishing Bay Yacht Club. ■

Notes on Accessing the Log on the FBYC Website

Vic DeNunzio, Log Streamer

We are now publishing the Log on the FBYC Website with color pictures when available. It is also available to you when you don't have a copy of the Log to refer to.

If you want to access the Log (current or past) issues at <http://www.fbyc.net>, here is how to:

- After opening the site, click on the "Our Club" tab.
- Then click on "Log Streamer" (third line).
- Then click on the issue you want and it appears. ■

THINK MAINE

FBYC MAINE RENDEZVOUS
JULY 16th-18th



If you plan to cruise to Maine this summer, keep these dates in mind. Plans are to meet in Camden, ME on July 16th and spend a couple of days at this lovely spot. Dinner is planned for Sunday night and we can almost taste the great lobsters.

Cocktail parties will be scheduled for Saturday and Sunday evenings.

We are planning to have a day visit to a local attraction.

If you think you can join the group forward your schedule to Charlie Clough cloughjc@yahoo.com. Phone 804- 285-5616 ■



Racing Rules and Race Management Seminars



Fishing Bay Yacht Club is pleased to host John McCarthy for two seminars on racing rules and race management. John is a US Sailing Certified Judge, U S Sailing Certified Advanced Race Officer, US Sailing approved course instructor and has been teaching these sorts of seminars for 15 years.

Date – March 12, 2005

Location – Mutual Building, 9th & Main, Richmond, VA

Racing Rules Made Easy - 9:00am to noon

Basic Race Management - 1:00pm to 4:00pm.

Cost is \$10 per session or \$15.00 for both.

There will be breaks during each session. Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

On-line registration and information is available at www.fbyc.net

All participants are asked to bring the new 2005-2008 Racing Rules of Sailing book. US Sailing members should receive a copy well before the March date. John will have some for sale at the seminar as well.

Contact Sharon Bauer at 804-769-4293 for additional information. ■

FBYC History....

***Rappahannock* Does the Southern Circuit**

Jere Dennison

Back in the distant past, when men were men and crews actually bunked on their yachts during racing events, the Southern Ocean Racing Circuit (SORC) was the premier winter racing series in North America for offshore yachts. There were none of those wussy short closed courses such as at Key West Raceweek where crews abandon their vessels each evening for the comfort of bars, restaurants, and plush resort accommodations. Nosiree...SORC participants battled the elements as well as their competition on lengthy overnight races to various Florida and Caribbean ports. And the challenges presented by the SORC never failed to attract the greatest dignitaries of the sailing world to showcase the latest in boat designs, sails, and assorted racing gear.

The Southern Ocean Racing Circuit was founded in 1941 by a loose-knit coalition of Florida yacht clubs and the Nassau Yacht Club. The original series of five races included the St. Petersburg-Havana Race, the Lipton Cup, the Miami-Nassau Race, the Governor's Cup in Nassau, and the Havana-Key West Race. Suspended during the War years, the SORC resumed in 1947 when vicious gale-force winds dismasted the legendary *Ticonderoga* and several other entries in the Miami-Nassau Race. Over the years, the format was modified but remained a true test for boats and crews alike. Popularity of the SORC peaked in 1973 before changes in offshore designs and increasing demands on the leisure time of skippers and crews led to a waning interest in distance racing. With the old circuit at an all-time low, the format was changed in



1990 to a week of day-racing off Miami Beach, the series now a mere shadow of its former self.

In 1974 during the glory days of the SORC, the FBYC-flagged yacht *Rappahannock* entered the series to test the mettle of some of the finest competitors in the nation. Owned by Alan McCullough (*Commodore 1951*) and Bev Crump (*Commodore 1982*), the Carter 37 *Rappahannock* was one of a new breed of IOR rated boats designed by the office of naval architect Dick Carter who had the reputation of launching successful hulls exploiting the new rule.

In contrast to today when race boats arrive at winter venues via the Interstate, *Rappahannock* had to

make it to Florida and return the old fashioned way, on her own bottom. This was a time-consuming and costly effort for a few weeks of racing in the warmer climes. But by all accounts, as you shall read, it was worth the effort. We are very fortunate that the crew of *Rappahannock* detailed their SORC experiences in the pages of the *Log* and are pleased to reprint two articles that appeared in the February and March, 1974 issues of the *Log* respectively. The first covering the first three races appears below; the second covering the final three races will appear in next month's *Log*.

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Bev Crump

The Southern Ocean Racing Conference--the "Southern Circuit"--consists of six races: Anclotte Keys, St. Petersburg to Ft. Lauderdale, the Ocean Triangle, the Lipton Cup, Miami-Nassau and the Nassau Cup. *Rappahannock* at 27.5 IOR was in Class E along with 24 other One Tonners and 4 smaller boats. One Ton Racing has seemed to catch on in a big way and from the early results in the SORC, seems to be where the action is. Our clan had no less than 10 new custom One Tonners, all equipped with "name" crews and the latest in equipment and sails. Not taking anything away from the other classes (*Scaramouche* in B seems to be the best in fleet) but E, because of the One Ton interest, seems to be the center of activity.

So here we are in *Rappahannock*, full of hope and anxiety before the Anclotte Race. We have new sails and gear but are somewhat awed by the talent and boats around us. Here's Lowell North, Ted Hood, Britton Chance, John Marshall, Gary Mull, Bill Lapworth, Charlie Morgan, Ted Irwin, Dick Carter, etc. And here we are from Fishing Bay: Alan & Mac McCullough, Charlie McDowell, Ben Ackerly, Rives Potts, and myself. We are overwhelmed by the magic of the moment, the hospitality, the frantic preparation, the Florida sunshine, the anxiety.

The Anclotte Race starts with a beat against the tide down the St. Pete Channel in 6-8 knots of breeze. We get a bad start and then can't get the boat going. At the first mark we are last! But we keep pushing the boat and get her going and by tacking out of the current, overtake 8-10 boats by the time we pass under the Sunshine Skyway Bridges. In fact, there's Ted Turner behind us!

Things may not be so bad after all. As night falls, we are tacking into the light southwesterly out of Tampa Bay, and don't really know where we stand. However, it is clear that if we make a bad tack, we lose a boat next to us. You can't make mistakes in this crowd. Turner slips by us at midnight at the sea buoy as we pop chutes for Anclotte 25 miles to the north. Winds are light and variable so we seek the shore and for a while this seems to be paying off, however, a shift 5 miles from the buoy puts it dead downwind and those to seaward reach up past us. The downwind mark is a real traffic jam, a pattern we will find repeated throughout the Circuit. The One Tonners are so evenly matched that often the marks are rounded like one-design races.

The beat back to Tampa Bay Channel is accompanied by increasing winds and we find our sail changes somewhat lacking. We have a long tacking duel with *Dingo*, a Ranger from Maine and with Ted Irwin's *La Pantera*, losing to the former by 100 yards and beating the latter by 600 yards. At the finish we are dejected. We have found that when we get the boat going we can compete with most of our class; but our sail changes are too slow, our sail selection inexperienced (several recuttings have changed our sails from those we had this summer) and our knowledge of local waters and wind lacking. On the bright side, our helmsmanship and boat trim seem OK if we concentrate. We are surprised to find that we are 16th in class (out of 29) and 38th in fleet (out of 104). We cheer up somewhat. The new *Ganbares* and *American Jane* sweep it all in our class and fleet.

For St. Pete to Ft. Lauderdale we add to our crew Al Gundry, our friendly boat broker from Annapolis, and Yves-Marie Tanton, the

young naval architect formerly of Dick Carter's office who was responsible for much of our design. Our Wednesday morning start again sees a light-air beat against the tide, but this time despite much bad air at the line, we do much better. Going out of Tampa Bay we are in the middle of the fleet. The wind increases out of the SSE to 18-20 knots and we round the sea buoy and head 200 degrees on port. Because a shift to the SW has been predicted, we continue on port well west of the rhumb line of 178 degrees and by Thursday night, find ourselves as much as 50 miles west of it as the wind backed slightly to the east. Because of Loran we know our position at all times and because of the other boats around us, we still are confident of our strategy. However, the westerlies never come and we beat back to Rebecca Shoal on starboard, round Friday morning many hours after the first few E boats that stayed to the east.

Our choice now is how far out do we go? We opt for a middle route which seems to have been about right. We pick up the Gulf Stream's 2+ knot current off Key West and with spinnakers flying, around the Keys we go as the westerlies arrive a day late.

Saturday morning greets us with a true SORC treat--wind from the north at 35-40 knots against the Stream. It is bumpy but *Rappahannock* under #4 and reefed main loves it and we overtake several boats with an hour or so. We are particularly happy to overtake *Windquest*, the new C&C 37 of which we have not seen much. But the wind moderates as we pass Miami and we pull out of the Stream too soon, afraid of missing the Lauderdale buoy, *Windquest* and *Muniquita*, who we have been dueling, both edges us out at the end. We feel better about our sailing af-

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ter the race but less confident of our ability to go the right way. We had better boat speed, but the boats that stayed on the rhumb line beat us by several hours. We are again 16th in but this time we are 55th in fleet.

The Ocean Triangle is a new race to the SORC. It leads from Miami across the Gulf Stream, around Great Issac Light off Bimini, back across the Stream to Ft. Lauderdale and then down against the Stream to Miami. Our crew for this one is Mac, myself, Yves-Marie, Matt Hulcher, George Anderson, Paul Middleton, and Jere Dennison, all of whom are exhausted as we arrive at the starting line under tow having spent a sleepless night flying to Miami and then fighting a broken hydraulic transmission.

We start under spinnaker in clear air and for the first time in the series are up with the leaders. Our position is soon scrambled by the Gulf Stream and wind shift that puts us on a beat and as night approaches, we know only that boats are well to the north and south as well as ahead and behind. We see the A boats roaring back past us on a close reach: *Equations*, *Running Tide*, *La Forza*, *Namis*, *War Baby* (ex-American Eagle), *Sorcery*, *Sassy*. But it is dark as we approach Great Issac. The Stream's northwardly current stops suddenly and we now can reach off; but for the fear of the sharp coral bottom and the unfamiliar waters, we do not set the starcut. It is a mistake. Four boats pass us rounding Issacs. We recognize Ted Irwin and *American Jane*.

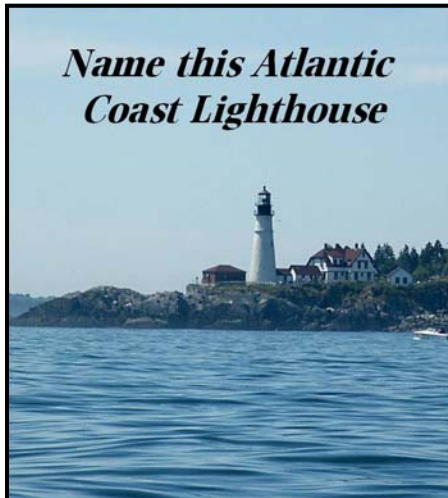
Going back across to Lauderdale, we roar along under starcut and gain back lost places. But again we screw up at the buoy by taking the chute down as we are being overpowered only to find that the current has topped and we must bear

off 30 degrees. Because we are only a mile from the buoy, we don't put the chute up again---a mistake that costs us several places. We beat back to Miami in 10-15 knot winds and bumpy seas. Ted Irwin goes offshore and to our surprise, beats us to the line. We have been hugging the beach to avoid the current but have not fared particularly well in the seas with only moderate winds. But we are doing better --- 12th in class. We made two errors in sail choice, both of which were very costly, but otherwise sailed a fairly good race.

We came back to Miami with a positive attitude for the future. Our sail changes are down to a matter of seconds. Our helmsmanship is good and our sail trim better. We are beating some very good boats

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Also, in the top 3 of their fleets, but

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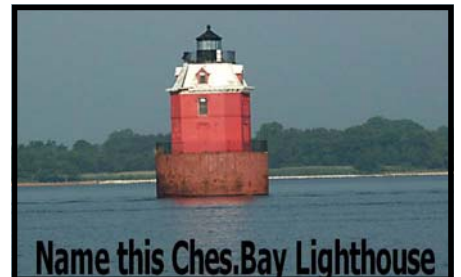
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