



## FROM THE QUARTERDECK

APRIL 2014



Rob Whittemore and I got to sail in Florida at Davis Island Yacht Club in Tampa in March for the Flying Scot Florida Series #6. Located just south of downtown Tampa, Davis Island is a very active club. There is a large Junior Barn full of boats and kids buzzing around, three long docks with boats of all descriptions in the water. The clubhouse, rebuilt from the ground up in the early 2000's, has a dining room and

bar. This appears to be a robust club. So when Rob and I sat down to dinner with a father/son duo from DIYC, I was surprised hear the father lament the state of racing at the club and on Tampa Bay in general. He specifically addressed how PHRF in the area was rapidly going away from area clubs, and DIYC was the last club standing. But even they are having troubles. They can get 16 PHRF B boats for Thursday beer can races, but this does not translate to boats on the line for weekend events. The question my new friend proposed was, "How do we engage these boats and people to be involved?"

If the question of engaging members sounds familiar – Good! FBYC has spent a fair amount of time pondering the same question. There seems to be no single answer that will carry us to the to the "member engagement promised land". We are looking at a varied menu of things – some big (the new member initiative, adult sailing program, new Memorial Day Event) and some small (graphics on *Mr. Roberts*, signage at the club.) The point here is, as a club in our 75th year, we are working hard to try new things and YIKES . . . (dare I say it?) Change! Some of these ideas will work, some may not – the main idea is we doing something. I hope you will engage and become part of our change.

The Fishing Bay season officially starts this month, though of course our Junior overachievers started LAST month! I would be remiss if I didn't recognize the hard work of the folks who put the schedule and volunteers together. For the Offshore Division: Paul Wash, Bob Fleck, and Bonnie Black. One Design Division: Tracy Schwarzschild, Paul Almany, and Kevin

Cross. Cruising Division: George Sadler and Doug Selden. And our Junior Division: Mark Hayes and Doug Bendura (and a seeming cast of thousands). This winter while so many of us were vegging-out waiting for the season to begin, these folks were working very hard to make sure there WOULD be a season! Also working hard this off-season were Eric and Carol Bokinsky, chairing the Winter Programs with Allen Terhune, Gary Jobson, and the Bermuda High Party helping us assuage our sailing cravings.

People looking at our website or coming to the club during our season might have the same reaction as I did at Davis Island – this is an active, successful club. It is the efforts of many, both behind-the-scenes and out front, that have made this true. For it to continue, though, we need everyone thinking, helping, and engaging. What part will you play? ~ **John B. Wake Jr.**

### 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES LIMITED TIME OFFERS

Fishing Bay Yacht Club is celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary with special membership opportunities, valid in 2014 only. We are taking these steps in fulfillment of our mission to promote and encourage sailing centered programs, activities and opportunities. If you are interested in sailing, FBYC is interested in you.

The essence of this year-long membership campaign is a significant reduction in the initiation fee for a new or returning member. Our normal initiation fee is \$2,800. In 2014, initiation fees range from \$300 to \$1000. Significant reduction indeed.

For membership information and an application see "How to Join Fishing Bay Yacht Club" on our web site ([www.fbyc.net](http://www.fbyc.net)).

**FBYC BOARD HIGHLIGHTS - February & March 2014**

**FISHING BAY YACHT CLUB - BOARD MEETING  
February 20, 2014 – Retreat Hospital**

The World Cruising Club has requested use of the club on June 10th. There being no foreseen conflicts, Board approved their use of the facilities.

**DOCKS CHAIR – David Clark:** The dock on Fishing Bay side is complete. The rotor phase motor for the lift has arrived and will be installed– the power cable is also being replaced and there will be a new bag for the hoist chain. The bulkhead is being patched.

**WEB MASTER – Strother Scott:** Strother reported a very busy month with highlights including:

- Updated Board Web Page: Each member can have two photos as well as “elevator text”. The page is now much easier to manage and loads faster.
- Repaired News Comments Captcha, Search and RSS Feeds

Members also discussed changes to Facebook...everyone is encouraged to “like” any FBYC posts they see, the more “likes” the more often posts are shown. Members are also encouraged to post their FBYC sailing pictures!

**MARKETING – John Buhl:** This year’s focus is on supporting strategic Membership initiatives. A committee has been formed to identify, discuss, and formalize a list of ideas for implementation that will strengthen the Value Proposition of being a member of FBYC. To be reviewed: Club Rules, member perks, Junior “sales engine”, club signage, etc. Members are encouraged to send ideas to Jay. Board felt strongly that FBYC should be open to the community.

**JUNIOR DIV. CDR – Mark Hayes:** 1) Four (4) professional coaches have been hired with Gabriel Moran once again serving as the Head Coach – visa application process for all coaches is currently under way; 2) 40 to 45 volunteers have committed to running Junior Week. Vendors, entertainers, caterers are all in place. Classes have been expanded (8 to 10 per class. Special thanks to **Bo Bragg** for making the Spring Sailing possible!

**TROPHIES – Ed O’Connor:** Engraving of all trophies has been completed. There is enough daily award stock to get through Opening Day and well into the spring season for all divisions.

**REGATTA COMMITTEE – Matt Lambert:** Matt reported that everything is coming together for the AOD and Stingray Regattas: vendors, caterers, NOR. He is currently looking into merchandising and building package pricing. Hampton One Design will be participating as a separate event with a 5th race course. Hampton will be providing their own resources.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Vice Commodore, Matt Braun, reported that the Adult Sailing program is coming together. Four (4) boats have been identified. The contract with Premium Sailing has accepted and finalized. A marketing program is currently being put into place to “spread the word”.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Certified Club Race Officers Training in Hampton – Noel reported a good turn-out, but arduous requirements for actually registering for the certificate. Can the club identify who in FBYC has this certification?

The Board recognized and heartily congratulated **Jon Deutsch** for being awarded U.S. Sailing’s prestigious One-Design Leadership Award. Jon was nominated by his fellow Laser sailors for this award. As part of this recognition, Jon attended the U.S. Leadership Forum and brought back a large catalog of knowledge and information to share with the Board and various Committees. Congratulations to Jon!

**FISHING BAY YACHT CLUB - BOARD MEETING  
March 13, 2014 – Thalheimer Headquarters**

**HOUSE CHAIR – Joe Roos:** The ceiling in the East bathhouse has been repaired.

**DOCKS CHAIR – David Clark:** The hoist is still not operational. At least 10 pylons on the Fishing Bay dock need to be replaced.

**SOCIAL CHAIR – Caroline Garrett:** Caroline reported that plans for Opening Day are set.

**WEB MASTER – Strother Scott:** The Sailing Events Book has been added to the FBYC web site. Board members are reminded to update their information on the Board web page.

**HISTORIAN – Jere Dennison:** The 75th Anniversary Commemorative Book will be ready and available by Opening Day.

**OPERATIONS MANAGER – Dixon Cole:** The property is ready for Spring.

**CAPTAIN – David Lennarz:** All events have been submitted and approved by the U.S. Coast Guard Sector Hampton Roads.

**OFFSHORE DIV CDR. – Paul Wash:** All race registrations are open, NORs posted, and socials ready.

**ONE DESIGN DIV. CDR – Tracy Schwarzschild:** There is an adhoc plan in place to attract the Rappahannock fleet of Flying Scots to participate at FBYC.

**CRUISING DIV. CDR – George Sadler:** All interested members are invited to attend the Cruiser Party on April 6th.

**JUNIOR DIV. CDR – Mark Hayes:** Race Team began practice at the club on March 8th & 9th. Private lessons are being scheduled.

**PROTEST CHAIR – Mayo Tabb:** The PHRF final Safety Regulations are on the PHRF web site. There have been significant changes made; everyone is encouraged to read them carefully.

**NEW BUSINESS:** New Storage Lockers: Plans and drawings for the construction of new waterproof lockers were presented. It is anticipated that the \$4500-\$5000 cost will be recovered in less than three years. A motion was made to allow \$5,000 to be spent on this project. The motion was seconded and approved.

**Dock/Waterfront Survey:** The goal of this survey is to assess the current condition and useful life of the docks and other waterfront structures and to assess future possibilities and timing for repair or replacement of such facilities. The proposal is for an evaluation of the entire facility. The cost of this survey is \$8,000. A motion was made to accept this proposal and proceed with the survey. The motion was seconded and approved.

Temporary Dock Usage Rate will be evaluated.

Commodore, John Wake, presented guidelines for this year’s FBYC Challenge Bowl. Following is the language for 2014: The 2014 FBYC Challenge Bowl will be presented to the Skipper of a J70 in the FBYC J70 Fleet with the best score, using a scoring system to be determined, giving appropriate weight to the Club’s Offshore Spring and Fall Series and certain specified travel events occurring after this date, including Davis Island (3), Charlestown Race Week, Annapolis NOOD, Southern Bay Race Week, J70 NACs, Screwpile, Marblehead NOOD, Stingray, J70 Worlds, Annapolis Fall Brawl, Hampton Fall Fling and J70 Chesapeake Championship.

MEMBERSHIP

APPROVED FOR MEMBERSHIP  
FEBRUARY 2014



**Mr. and Mrs. John B. Cabell** (John and Elizabeth) – John and Elizabeth are interested in the variety of sailing activities at FBYC. A competitive Laser sailor in college, John would like for his three sons – William, Nicholas and Jack –

to have the opportunity to broaden their sailing experiences. They currently cruise and race their Ericson 38, *Navy Blew*, in around the Rappahannock. Sponsors: Douglas L. Anderson and Jonathan T. Moody



**Mr. John I. Behen (John)** – John has been an active crew member at Fishing Bay for a few years. He (along with his finance, Stephanie) has regularly crewed aboard *Nanuq* and *VooDoo II*. John has a passion for racing and both skippers consider him a great asset to their crew. John looks forward

to participating in Club events and is interested in sailing in several different fleets with specific interest in Lasers, Flying Scots and Front Runners. Sponsors: Glenn W. Doncaster and Matthew A. Lambert



**Ms. Samantha Fotovát (Samantha)** – Samantha has been a full time crew member on *Corryvreckan* with David Clark for the past year and a half. She has her certification in Basic Keelboat Sailing 101 as well as Basic Coastal Cruising

101. She would like to join Fishing Bay Yacht Club to show her support and interest in the club by becoming a member. Sponsors: David B. Clark and George W. Burke



**Ms. Cynthia Brown (Cyndy)** – Cyndy has been involved at Fishing Bay Yacht Club since the mid-2000's when she volunteered on the race committee. When Den Roberts acquired *Ardent* about five years ago, Cyndy became a regular, key member of the crew. She has also raced onboard *Excitation*

during last spring's memorable (and record-breaking) Down The Bay Race. Cyndy also looks forward to the social activities that enhance the sailing programs at FBYC. Sponsors: Denton C. Roberts and Janet S. Moyers

APPROVED FOR MEMBERSHIP  
MARCH 2014



**Mr. and Mrs. Justin Lapington (Justin and Eileen)** – Justin grew up sailing and racing in the Midwest, while Eileen became involved as a crew while in college on the East Coast. The couple hopes to get the three young children (Eileen, Justin, Jr. and Mary) actively involved in the FBYC Junior Program. They look forward to all the opportunities to learn about sailing and racing that the Club has to offer! Sponsors: Caroline B. Garrett and Matthew J. Braun



**Mr. James L. Raper, Jr. (Jim)** – For the past two seasons, Jim has enjoyed participating in Club sponsored events, particularly the long distance PHRF races as well as being able to participate as a volunteer for several race committees each season. He looks forward to increasing these opportunities and is looking forward to participating in the operations and responsibilities of running the Club.

Jim owns a Jeanneau Fantasia 27, which he purchased in 1990, prior to that he owned a Jeanneau Tonic 23 for several years. Jim is taking the US Sailing Race Management class and wants to become a Club Race Officer. He currently serves as the secretary for the PHRF of the Chesapeake Region IV South. Sponsors: L. Brooks Zerkel and Michael W. Dale.



**Ms. Nancy J. Harrison (Nancy)** – Nancy is a member of the Greater Richmond Sailing Association and has been day sailing her Javelin since 2010. She started her sailing career crewing on a Cal 20 many years ago in Mobile, AL. Nancy attended the FBYC crew training last year and began crewing onboard "*Nutcracker*"

She greatly enjoyed her first season of offshore racing and looks forward to getting involved in cruising, volunteering and being part of the race committee. Sponsors: Sherard D. Cole and George W. Burke, III



**Mr. and Mrs. William H. Fowler (Bill and Paula)** - Bill has been crewing with David Clark since he was fourteen years old and he is still a very active member of *Corryvreckan's* crew today.

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Bill has received recognition for his sailing abilities as the recipient of the Allen B. Fine Trophy in 2004. Paula has been an active volunteer for the Offshore Fleets Races including Stingray and Leukemia Regattas. The Fowlers are exciting about getting their two children, Kyle and Evan, involved in the sport as well. They always have fun at FBYC and look forward to many more years at the Club! Sponsors: David B. Clark and John B. Wake



**Ms. Cynthia Ann Corbett (Cindy)** - Cindy spent all of last spring, summer and fall at FBYC and it now feels like a second home to her. She crewed on *Schiehallion* for most of the races for most of the series as well as the regattas and Southern Bay Race Week. Cindy is new to sailing, but enjoys being on the water, appreciates the friendly competition of racing and thrives on the camaraderie that the FBYC community offers. Sponsors: D. Bradford Miller and Mary L. Almany

**Mr. and Mrs. David L. Jennings, Sr. (Dave and Mickey)** – Following his service in the U.S. Marines, Dave joined the Henrico County Division of Police. While there, as one of his assignments, Dave served as a member of the Marine Patrol Unit on the James River and also became a colleague and friend of Mike Dale's. Dave joined the crew on *Juggernaut* in 2005 and because of his growing interest in sailing, he attended and passed the ASA Basic Keelboat Course in Annapolis in 2006. In addition to being a long-time member of the *Juggernaut* crew, Dave has also served on various race committees at FBYC. Dave and his wife, Mickey, look forward becoming members and introducing their grandson to sailing. Sponsors: Michael W. Dale and Douglas L. Anderson



**How to Join FBYC!** Prospective Members are encouraged to see membership info on the Club website ([fbyc.net](http://fbyc.net)). On the top line above the Logo, see "How to Join FBYC." FBYC welcomes applications for membership.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS YOU CAN USE

Doug Anderson, Secretary/Membership Chair

Wow! Here's some info about our Club members you can muse: John Koedel III has a brother named Yodel. Mike Camp has a daughter named Summer. Craig and Susan Wright have three boys named Always, Never, and Dudleydo. Carl Simon has a sister named Schuster Ann. Enough of this April 1st fooling; April 12, **Opening Day, marks our 75th year** as Fishing Bay Yacht Club! This really warrants your attention.

A 75th anniversary is a significant milestone, and the expectation is we will celebrate, but what will we be celebrating? None of our founding members are here to recount stories of "back in the day" and precious few current members were around when we relocated to Fishing Bay in 1949. George Anderson was a junior sailor back then, the sole rememberer of those by-gone days. To celebrate implies we will participate, and participants are the opposite of observers.

FBYC at 75 is as strong as ever, and that calls for celebration. The Club is located on one of the Bay's most scenic locations, with facilities that serve our needs well, and we are debt-free. That's a huge cause for celebration. FBYC hosts a multitude of sailing events each year; with something to do almost every weekend for members of all ages and sailing interests. We do all this by ourselves, and it has the added benefit of building relationships and strengthening friendships. Yes, our FBYC friendships are at the center of our celebration, but one thing more is needed.

To fully participate in our 75th anniversary celebration you need to feel your own sense of contribution to FBYC. Our founding members participated. The members who relocated to Fishing Bay in 1949 participated, and the new Clubhouse (2003) called for even greater member participation. It's a given: Each generation has to participate in shaping FBYC's future.

Our challenge now is a new building project; specifically, building our membership. We have experienced a net loss of 5-7 memberships each year for some years now. We are down from a high of 350 memberships over a decade ago to 292 in 2013. To remain a vibrant sailing club we must gain new members, and your participation in recruiting new members is required. It's a new day, with a new challenge.

We start 2014 celebrating our 75 year *history*; let's end 2014 celebrating our membership *growth*, which is our future. Your involvement in building our membership is your ticket to the celebration. Fly your FBYC burgee proudly by sponsoring someone for membership.

OPENING DAY



## Opening Day 2014

Saturday, April 12th

### 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration

Club members and guests will be able to reminisce and learn about the Club's history with unique historical elements of the Club on display.

**\*\*IMPORTANT: Register online by April 8<sup>th</sup> for dinner\*\***

### Blessing of the Fleet 5:00 pm

New Blessing location! Fishing Bay side, on the grass

### Drinks and Apps 5:30 pm

Dinner 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Band 6:30 - 10:00 pm

SGGL

**Where:** FBYC Clubhouse

**Cost:** \$20 – adult member

\$30 – adult non-member

\$15 – teen (12-18)

\$5 – children, 12 and under

Gourmet food stations, back by popular demand

Welcome all racers, cruisers, their families, and guests to this family-friendly event.

(Contact Steve Gillispie for questions and to volunteer –[steve@acornsign.com](mailto:steve@acornsign.com))



**VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT**

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5, 4, 3, 2, 1...Sound familiar? It is Cathy Clark counting down the starting sequence for your race...Were you OCS? There is a good chance when you have raced at Fishing Bay or served on race committee, Cathy has been there. Serving on race committee is one of her passions. Cathy volunteers for this weekend after weekend; running sequences, recording finishes, entering results, and tallying daily awards.

Cathy started working race committee in 1989 in Urbanna. Back then, boats would start and finish races from the gas dock at the Urbanna Yachting Center, soaking each other with water guns as they raced out and back in the creek. When Cathy joined FBYC with her husband David, she began working race committee for offshore, one design, and several big junior events. Soon her dedication, commitment to well-run races, and highly sought-after skills allowed her to volunteer at races across the Chesapeake Bay including Southern Bay Race Week in Hampton, VA, and the Screwpile Regatta in Solomons, MD. Her craziest race committee moment was the 2004 Wolfrap Race when Hurricane Ivan did a U-turn right through the race course. You'll find Cathy and David on their J105 *Corryvreckan* most weekends at the FBYC docks.

Since then, thankfully Cathy's race committee duties have not included battling the elements, but instead helping to ensure that the Fishing Bay Yacht Club race committee is professionally run. Anyone who races at FBYC knows Cathy's hard work is critical to the success of all of our racing programs. She continuously sets an example for others on race committee. Next time you see Cathy, thank her, because she is the reason you know how you did in that last race.

**May 24 to Feature Celebrations of both FBYC and Deltaville Heritage**

May 24 will feature two original celebrations of Club and Town Heritage. FBYC will hold its first "Open House Regatta" for any boat with a Portsmouth or PHRF rating with accompanying social events and music, aimed at bringing new people to the Club. AND Deltaville is sponsoring the first ever Deltaville Seafood Festival in the town and at the Deltaville Maritime Museum including displays and vendors as well as food and family focused activities.

The Club event will try to fill the boat shoes of the historic Rosegill Party, bringing our Memorial Day weekend celebrations closer to home, while we fondly remember Strother and Evie Scott's hospitality in Urbanna for so long. It will feature racing around government marks in the Piankatank, with some course options finishing right off the Club's Fishing Bay dock, followed by an offshore "Sunflower" raft-up of racing boats, serviced by shuttles from shore, a picnic, and Bluegrass Music in the evening. During the club racing, and as a shore-side option, the land-lubbers may want to venture downtown to enjoy the many displays and vendors, or paddle in the events at the Maritime Museum.

The Festival will feature on-the-water activities for kayakers and paddle-boarders from 11-2 at the museum. Families who already own kayaks and paddle boards are encouraged to bring them to tour Mill and Jackson Creeks. Contests will be held for prizes and honor. Loaners will be available. It will also include arts and craft vendors, five seafood vendors, tours on the *Explorer*, a raw bar featuring recently crowned national oyster shucking champion, displays at the museum and music. Bobby Messano, Grammy nominated guitarist and author of CD titles "Welcome To Deltaville" will play from 6-9 pm with warm-up acoustic set by David Moran at 5.

So, if you are looking for activities for your Memorial Day weekend out-of-town guests to do – with you or without you, put the FBYC Open House Regatta and the bicycle-friendly Deltaville Seafood Festival on your calendar.

Many FBYC members are volunteering on these events. FBYC's Open House Regatta was conceived by Caroline Garrett and her group tasked with modernizing club events and making them more family friendly. Len Guenther is the Race Chair and Social Chair; Elizabeth Staas is heading up the myriad activities. The Deltaville Festival leadership includes members Carolyn Schmalenberger as Event Chair, John Koedel as Finance Chair, Deborah Usry as Marketing Chair, and Lud Kimbrough as part of the Waterfront Events Committee, tasked with leading the kayak flotilla. Volunteering is part and parcel of who we are and what we do, whether it's at the Club or in our community!

**JUNIOR**

## **FBYC SAILORS SHINE AT CBYRA JUNIOR HIGH POINTS AWARDS!!!**



The 2013 CBYRA Junior High Points Awards were presented at Annapolis Yacht Club on March 1. As usual, FBYC Junior Race Team members dominated in all classes! The series is made up of the annual open invitational junior regattas hosted by every major yacht club with a junior program on the bay, and scores are cumulative through the sailing season. Last year the FBYC Opti, Laser and Opti Development Teams competed in regattas at Annapolis Yacht Club, Severn Sailing Association, Rock Hall Yacht Club, Tred Avon Yacht Club, Baltimore County Sailing Center, Gibson Island Yacht Squadron, Corsica River Yacht Club, Miles River Yacht Club, Hampton Yacht Club, Ware River Yacht Club, Rappahannock River Yacht Club and of course, two regattas at FBYC. A total of 86 Laser Radials and 157 Optis (not including Green Fleet) competed.

### **Here are our juniors' overall results:**

*Commonwealth of Virginia Championship:* 1st in Lasers, Hannah Steadman (sailed at FBYC)

*Junior Olympics and Chesapeake Bay Optimist Open Championship:* 1st in Optis, Benton Amthor

*Optimist Series Overall:* 3rd Benton Amthor; 6th Trent Levy; 7th Garrett Levy; 9th Boyd Bragg

*Optimist Series White Fleet:* 1st Guthrie Braun; 3rd Gannon Troutman; 5th Reese Bragg; 6th Reed McAllister

*Optimist Series Blue Fleet:* 2nd Benton Amthor; 5th Boyd Bragg; 10th Ian Street

*Optimist Series Red Fleet:* 2nd Trent Levy; 4th Garrett Levy; 7th Ralph Levy

*Optimist Series Girls:* 4th Reese Bragg

*Laser Radial Series Girls:* 1st Hanna Steadman

*Laser Radial Series Overall:* 2nd Alexander Hanna; 8th Hanna Steadman; 10th Eric Roos

**CONGRATS TO ALL!**

## **THE OPTI DEVELOPMENT TEAM**



Parents and coaches of sailors on the Opti Development Team share two common goals: to develop the sailors' skills while having fun!

The most rewarding aspect of ODT for parents is to see their child having fun while falling in love with sailing! Our coaches are keen on teaching, observing, and re-teaching skills that support improvement. This development continues during practices and at local regattas throughout the summer sailing season.

ODT sailors also enjoy themselves off the water. Some of the ways include pick-up games of soccer and lacrosse, and "Sharks and Minnows" in the pool. At away regattas, the families hang together on the water and off. Instead of "Soccer Moms or Dads," you become "Opti Moms or Dads!"

Perhaps the most exciting event for the 2013 season was the sailors' move from Green to White fleet. This occurred for most by the time of Annual One Design. A special award was presented to each of the ODT members by John Wake Jr. after the regatta to acknowledge the sailors' commitment and hard work during the summer season.

Continuing to promote ODT-and FBYC junior sailing- requires parent participation. Its not like soccer where you just drop your child off and the coach takes over! We have countless opportunities as a club to interact and collaborate with sailors of all levels. Each of us has a way to support young sailors in their their varying perspectives, skills, and interests. Interactions between members, coaches, and young sailors may seem like a normal day at FBYC, but they are really excellent educational opportunities for our young members. If you want to spend quality time with your child-do ODT!

## RACING

Time and again, our Junior Division parent volunteers look for opportunities to help our sailors better themselves. Never satisfied with the status quo, our volunteers consistently look for caring, qualified coaches who relay gentle but sound instruction through experiences on and off the water. Wikipedia calls experiential learning “the process of making meaning from direct experience.” Our ODT coaches are equipped with the necessary resources, tools, and skill sets to provide these “experiences” on and off the water. Our coaches and parents helped the 2013 ODT sailors become a force to be reckoned with in the Southern Chesapeake Bay.

The team meets on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays during the summer for practice at the club or to attend area regattas. Practices are generally half-day. Most regattas are in the southern bay. The only prerequisite is that sailors be comfortable sailing alone and have the ability to sail upwind. Generally, any junior who has completed Beginner and any Intermediate Class during Junior Week is qualified to sail on ODT. The fee for ODT is nominal, as the program is heavily subsidized by the club in order to promote junior sailing.

Doesn't this sound like an excellent experience for a child you know? If you have any questions about ODT or the ODT experience, please check out the Junior Division page on the FBYC website. Remember, ODT provides a safe and fun environment for a child. We were so proud of ALL our ODT sailors last summer and look forward to another great summer of young children having fun sailing at Fishing Bay.



## US SAILING KEEL BOAT CERTIFICATION LEARN TO SAIL AT FISHING BAY YACHT CLUB



This year, Fishing Bay Yacht Club will partner with Premier Sailing School in offering Learn to sail programs to encourage more newcomers into the sport of sailing.

“This is a fabulous year to get into sailing” says Matt Braun of Fishing Bay Yacht Club - “students can enroll in a four day fully certificated sailing course at a very discounted rate, then will have the opportunity to sail and race at the yacht club where boat owners are always looking for new people to join their crew”. Not only that, but the true bargain of the year is the opportunity to join FBYC for a fraction of the normal joining fee, or even no joining fee for some categories. The deal is especially attractive for people under 40. As the yearlong celebration of the 75th Anniversary of FBYC kicks off we really want to help more people come join the fun and take up sailing as a fun fulfilling lifestyle.

Premier Sailing School is a US Sailing Association accredited school and students will qualify with a US Sailing Basic Keelboat certificate, which is highly regarded standard. Students need no previous experience of any kind and after two weekends will know enough to take a boat out (in reasonable weather), go for a sail, and return safely to the dock without an instructor on board.

“Learning to sail is a bit like learning to ski” says Arabella Denvir, owner of the school “The skills are learned very quickly in a series of building blocks. On your first morning everything is strange – even walking around the deck of a boat feels strange, but by the end of your first day you are already surprised by how much you know – every few hours of lessons brings you more knowledge and skills and awareness. “You will be absolutely amazed at how much you can learn in two weekends and you will reach US Sailing Basic Keelboat certificate level which is a really solid foundation for your sailing life ahead”

These courses will take place at Fishing Bay Yacht Club in Deltaville on the weekends April 26/27 & May 3 /4 and also on May 10/11 & 17/18, and graduates of the course will take part in the clubs Open House Regatta on Memorial day. Full details are available at FBYC.net or by emailing matt.braun@thalhimer.com or calling Matt at 804-640-3184

UPCOMING EVENTS / YOUNG ADULT MEMBERS



**NEW EVENT!!  
OPEN HOUSE REGATTA-Bring a guest  
MAY 24, 2014**

This year we are celebrating 75 years of great sailing and great hospitality. The Open House Regatta will be a rare opportunity for all of our fleets to come together for one sailing event. We are encouraging all boats to participate in this fun regatta. We are also encouraging all entries to race with a guest, someone new to the club or new to sailing. Let's continue our tradition of being the best sailing club on the Bay. Register on line and call Matt Braun 804-640-3184 if you have any questions.

The Open House Regatta is handicap race open to any boat with a Portsmouth Yardstick D-PN Handicap rating or current PHRF certificate. There will be a start for boats under 22' which will be scored with Portsmouth Yardstick D-PN Handicap System. There will be a separate start for boats 22' and over. The PHRF Handicap rating system will be used to score finishes of boats 22' and over. Advance registration is encouraged at [www.fbyc.net](http://www.fbyc.net).

**PROGRAM**

- Registration 0900
- Skippers Meeting 1000
- Warning Signal 1100
- Raft up and Social to begin immediately after racing

**COURSES** The course will be one of the courses using government marks in the Piankatank River and Piankatank Channel:

**SOCIAL** There will be a "raft up" social with refreshments immediately following the racing. This will be followed by a catered picnic-style meal and entertainment beginning at 1700 at FBYC main clubhouse – Menu and pricing TBD.

**YOUNG ADULT MEMBERS**

Eric and Carol Bokinsky hosted the Young Adult Members event at their house this past month, after the winter program. This month, come join us for happy hour on April 9 at 6 pm at Portrait House (2907 W. Cary Street, Richmond.) And then, of course, we'll all be together on Opening Day!



**JOHN M. BARBER'S**

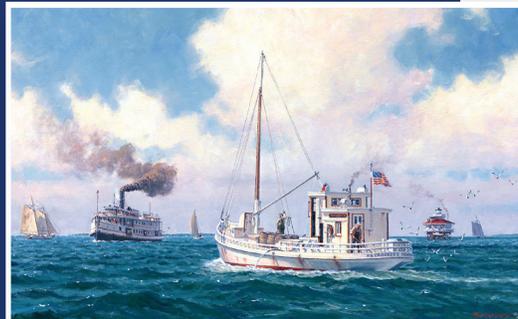
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50 YEARS OF MARITIME ART

DELTAVILLE MARITIME MUSEUM

June 14 - October 12, 2014

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"F. D. Crockett and Steamer Piankatank off Stingray Point Circa 1930 – Chesapeake Bay" by John M. Barber.

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