

FROM THE QUARTERDECK

MAY 2014



READY – SET – GO!!! After one of the longest, most miserable winters in several years, Fishing Bay Yacht Club was rewarded with perfect weather on Offshore Opening Day. Clear

The Log

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skies, warm temperatures, moderate breeze. . . If someone had scripted the day, I doubt he or she would have been able to do any better. PRO Allen Heyward knew just what to do, setting up two courses around government marks that for the most part had the entire fleet coming down the last leg together. This was an amusing gift for Allen's race committee team, but for some of the competitors...not so much!

After the race, the Rev. Doug Anderson (who had a decidedly inspired day on the water) led a well-attended 75th Blessing of the Fleet. We sang traditional songs, recognized and were thankful for how truly blessed we are and remembered members lost in the past year. Again, the beauty of the day was a poignant backdrop and sanctuary.

After Blessing of the Fleet, Social Chairs Caroline Garrett, Beth and Steve Gillispie knocked the fleet's socks off with a wonderful dinner. If you were hungry from the day's activities, there was no way to go away unsatisfied. As the night wore on, lies about what happened on the race course were told, daily awards were handed out, and music by (members) Mike and Ed was played. The Social Chairs had cleverly and appropriately decorated the clubhouse with posters that had pictures and yearbook excerpts from the early years of the club. These were the perfect segue for the rough draft of the 75th Anniversary History of FBYC by Club Historian Jere Dennison which was circulated for review by members. Like the day, a near perfect evening was enjoyed.

I know in my family we have an oral history of the antics of my forbearers. Unfortunately nothing is written down, and

as time passes memories get fuzzy and details forgotten. Jere Dennison has saved FBYC from this fate by creating a complete history of Fishing Bay Yacht Club. It should be obvious this was a labor of love. The club-subsidized price and plans for distribution will be on the FBYC website soon. I hope after reading this you will join me in letting Jere how much we appreciate this Herculean effort.

If you missed Opening Day and wanted to get in on the fun – don't despair. You will get another chance to join us later this month for the new-this-year Open House Regatta on May 26th. The idea here is to gather your friends and in the NASCAR vernacular "run what you brung". There will be starts for boats both over and under twenty feet. See the website for details.

Winter may have been long, but sailing season is finally here. I hope to see you out there! ~ *John B. Wake Jr.*

75[™] ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES LIMITED TIME OFFERS

Fishing Bay Yacht Club is celebrating its 75th 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).

OPENING DAY

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NEW MEMBERS

APRIL 2014 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

FINAL APPROVAL

Ms. Anne Wood Murphy Mr. Stephan Quiriconi/Mrs. Beth Merchant Mr. and Mrs. Dean Smith Mr. and Mrs. T. Dacre Walker Mr. and Mrs. David M. Keys

APPROVED FOR MEMBERSHIP APRIL 2014



Ms. Anne Wood Murphy (Anne) – Anne was a camper at Camp Seafarer in Arapahoe, NC and learned to sail on the Neuse River. She also attended the Old Dominion Sailing Camp and crewed for her father on various boats. Anne will be relocating from the Annapolis area, where she has also been crewing on an "as-needed" basis, to Southern

Maryland which will bring her closer to the Deltaville area. Anne is excited about becoming more active in the sailing community that her parents are such an active part of! Sponsors: William F. Murphy, III and Janet S. Moyers



Mr. Stephan Quiriconi and Mrs. Beth Merchent (Steve and Beth) - While frequent visitors to the area, Steve and Beth were introduced to Fishing Bay Yacht Club through the Bon Secours sponsorship of the Leukemia Cup Regatta in 2012. As a result of their involvement, Steve became an

active member of the Wavelength racing crew. Steve and Beth own a 2013 Hunter 33 named "Ole Miss" (a little hint at his alma mater!) which is currently moored at Stingray Harbor. They look forward to making the transition from "visitor" to "member" of FBYC. Sponsors: Elizabeth P. Staas and Robert M. Whittet

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Smith (Dean and Diane) – The Smiths started their involvement with FBYC as members of the Junior Program last year. Their twelve year old son, Nathaniel, is already a very dedicated Opti racer. Dean



has sailed since he was young and over the years sailing has become his passion. He has sailed everything from Lasers & Day Sailors up to Beneteau 505 charter boats. The Smiths own Random Wind Charters NV, a day sailing charter company in St. Maarten where Dean has enjoyed captaining with passengers on many hundreds of trips! The couple also has a

daughter, Caroline, who is six. The family looks forward to building their activities in the stateside sailing community! Sponsors: Mark E Hayes and Mary L. Almany



Mr. and Mrs. T. Dacre Walker (**Dacre and Helen**) – The Walkers have been sailing the bay for over seven years. They enjoy cruising and "getting away" on their Tartan 3400 and bare boating in the Caribbean. Dacre and Helen

often have their grandchildren join them on their cruises and they enjoy teaching them about sailing and the Bay. Dacre has crewed with Rob Whittet on Wavelength for nearly 8 years and enjoys all aspects of racing. The couple looks forward to becoming members of the FBYC community. Sponsors: Robert M. Whittet and William T. Bennett



Mr. and Mrs. David M. Keys (David and Caroline) – David is a long time sailor who looks forward to getting his family into the sport. While in college, he spent his summers working on a charter sailboat, a Friendship Sloop, in Nantucket and as the former owner of Marshall Sanderling Catboat he also sailed a small Beetle Cat. David also sailed competitively while at the University of North Carolina and he looks forward to learning

more about racing. David and Caroline have two daughters, Annabelle (9) and Adelaide (5). Annabelle is already attending sailing camp each summer in Nantucket. The Keys have been impressed with the feeling of community at FBYC and they look forward to their family becoming part of that. Sponsors: Julie Ann and Paul Wash and Veronica C. Waters

MEMBERSHIP NEWS / FBYC BOARD HIGHLIGHTS - April 2014

MEMBERSHIP NEWS YOU CAN USE Doug Anderson, Secretary/Membership Chair

FBYC rocks! It really does. We are sailors, and we walk the talk. Jon Deutsch was awarded US Sailing's 2013 One-Design Leadership Award for heading up the Chesapeake Bay Laser Masters Regatta at FBYC. It's a prestigious recognition, one of three or four US Sailing's annual One Design Awards, like the Regatta Management Awards FBYC received for Noel Clinard's leadership in FBYC hosting the 2007 Flying Scot NAC and the 2010 Opti Nationals. These awards testify to our commitment to support the sport of sailing.

It's worth noting in our 75th year that FBYC's mission to promote sailing-centered programs, activities and opportunities remains our primary focus. This year FBYC will host the Ocean Cruising Club, the first J70 Chesapeake Championship, the Virginia Commonwealth Junior Championship, the Hampton One Design Nationals, the Flying Scot ACC and the Chesapeake Bay Laser Masters Championship. This is in addition to all of our regular sailing events and regattas. Get the picture?

We are a sailing club; this is who we are, this is what we do. If you are interested in sailing, FBYC is interested in you. We have 18 outstanding, well-planned cruising events scheduled for 2014. Our Junior Program offerings have expanded in scope, with more options for juniors who want to develop their skills. Our One Design and Offshore fleets are building participation, and the new, growing J70 fleet offers a fresh venue for racing sailors.

And there's more: As part of our 75th year celebration we made a commitment to launch an adult sailing certification program, analogous to our highly successful Junior sailing program. We know the first year has a learning curve, but we will learn, and the program will grow, because that is who we are. Our 75 year history attests to this.

At FBYC we have members who are on the front edge of where sailing is evolving. We are unwavering in our commitment to our mission. Equally important, our special 2014 membership initiatives confirm we are serious about reaching out to everyone who wants to be on this mission with us. Our 100th anniversary will be here before you know it. Fly your Club burgee with pride; FBYC is a very good place to be.

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

FISHING BAY YACHT CLUB - BOARD MEETING April 10, 2014 – Retreat Hospital

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 by Commodore John Wake.

TREASURER – **Rob Whittemore**: March 31 Financial Statement was distributed for review. Statement shows that expenditures are down by \$7k this year as compared to last. Cash balance as of March 31, 2014: \$398,806.

LOG – **Nica Waters**: New deadline for any articles is now the 15th of the month as opposed to the 20th.

HOUSE CHAIR - **Joe Roos**: The refrigerator in Fannie's House had been replaced. The tankless water heater has been repaired under warranty. The bbq grill at the Main clubhouse should be replaced by Opening Day weekend. The upstairs railings have been painted.

DOCKS CHAIR – **David Clark**: The dry sail hoist is in full operation and can be operated by club members.

FINANCE – **Mason Chapman**: The Club insurance policy renews on April 12th. A 6% increase was anticipated; however, due to the Club's superior loss history, the increase will only be 2%.

WINTER PROGRAMS – **Eric & Carol Bokinsky**: Bermuda High Party was a great success- thank you to the Washes for being such great hosts!

OFFSHORE DIV CDR. – **Paul Wash**: The following Amendents have been issued for Opening Day and the Spring Series"

- Visiting yachts using club slips for the duration of a racing series will be charged \$100
- The J-70 class racing as one design
- Skippers who have applied/paid for a 2014 PHRF certificates but not yet received them will be allowed to use valid 2013 certificates until 5/1/14.

CRUSING DIV. CDR – **George Sadler**: Mathews Yacht Club Cruise will be May 2-4 and the Upper Bay Cruise will be May 17-27. The Coast Guard Auxiliary has offered to perform vessel inspections for those interested at FBYC; they are currently looking at a date in mid-May.

JUNIOR DIV. CDR – Mark Hayes: Mark reports the following:

- The Spring Race Team has 14 Juniors participating thus far. The team will practice or attend regattas every weekend through May 11.
- As of April 8, Opti Kids and Junior Week combined have 160 individual junior sailors registered and a total of 488 indicating they will attend.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING



MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND at the Club

1st annual OPEN HOUSE REGATTA PARTY Saturday, May 24th Starting around 2pm

Start your Memorial Weekend festivities with your fellow club members in a fun-filled day of racing, camaraderie, music, and summer-inspired food.

Around 2pm – Congregate on the Fishing Bay hillside and pier to watch the sailboats finish racing right off the dock.



2-5pm - Sunflower Raft Up

Sailboats will form a circle raft-up for an apres-race social gathering, not far from the Fishing Bay pier. Watch from the dock or take a motorboat shuttle

for a closer view of the formation of the raft-up. Beer, wine, non-alcoholic beverages, and snacks will be provided on board a boat within the raft-up. Kidfriendly event. **Both racing and cruising sailboats are encouraged to participate.** All spectators on land are encouraged to take the shuttle to the raft-up.

6pm Pig-Pickin' BBQ on land, and award-winning Bluegrass Band, Jackass Flats



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 also encouraging all entries to race with a guest new to the club or sailing as a way of sharing our great hospitality. Let's continue the tradition of being the best sailing club on the bay! So register on line and call Matt Braun 804-640-3184 if you have any questions

The Open House Regatta is a 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.

PROGRAM

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

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 1800 at FBYC main club house.



YOUNG ADULT MEMBERS

The YA group met at Portrait House in April for a happy hour to kick-start the sailing season. Our next event is:

2nd Annual Memorial Weekend YA Cookout Friday, May 23rd Burgers, sides, and some hose water. FBYC clubhouse outdoors Kid-friendly event Kindly hosted by Christin Lipscomb. Questions? Contact christinlipscomb@gmail.com

JUNIOR



SPRING RACE TEAM

Ah-youth sports. Today's parents know them so wellsoftball, baseball, track, swimming, AAU basketball (yes, basketball year round), and the ever popular soccer at school, the YMCA, and countless recreational, challenge, and classic leagues. Parents of today's school age kids know all about rushing to endless practices at cold and dreary or steaming hot fields, and trying to type a report on a lap top while scrunched in a folding chair on the sidelines, all the while dreaming of sailing at Fishing Bay.

But wait! There are other options. Maybe you can get your child interested in FBYC's Spring/Fall Opti Race Team! This past March, April, and May, 14 lucky Opti sailors (and their parents) got to sail in all conditions, from winds of 25 knots with air and water temperatures of 43 degrees, to balmy, beautiful Spring days. They sailed under the guidance of a highly experienced, professional coach, David Tunicliffe. The sailors were required to wear dry suits in the early weeks, but by the end of spring they were enjoying warm gentle breezes.

The program is especially designed for busy juniors with other sports interests. In fact, most members of the team balanced other sports with the Spring Race Team, and would routinely miss practices to compete in various sports back home. The parents paid only for practices their sailor attended.

Each Saturday and Sunday, the sailors were "rigged and ready" by 10 am, and sailed until 3 or 4 pm depending on the conditions. And by all accounts, they had a great time. Coach Tunicliffe worked on every aspect of round-the-buoy dinghy racing, including starts, upwind and downwind speed, mark rounding, tactics, and strategy. According to Logan Hayes, one of the youngest sailors, it was "fun and the coach was great! I learned how to tack better and cover other boats."

The sailors ranged in age from eight to thirteen, but all had experience racing. Two used the practices as training for the Opti Team Trials in May in Connecticut, where kids are selected to represent the United States in international competitions. FBYC has a long tradition of sending its juniors to represent the United States in Europe, South America, Mexico, Canada and international regattas across the States; and we hope to place two of our sailors on teams this year (look for a report next month in the Log). For the rest, it was a chance to experience something unique and different from their friends back in school, and to maybe get a leg up on the competition this summer.

It was certainly a change for the parents from the usual spring sports routine. There were a few moments of second guessing, especially on that March morning when the wind was a solid 25 knots and the air and water temp was 43 degrees! On that morning the coach kept the younger kids in the boat with him, while the older sailors slogged it out. Everyone came back to shore with frozen noses, hands and feet, but also with great stories!

Ironically, as the air temps warmed up, the biggest problem was dressing properly for both the cold water and the warm air. The sailors would come in overheated inside their drysuits, and would dive in to cool off.

Most of the sailors will go on to compete on the Opti Race Team this summer, following the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association circuit from Corsica River to Hampton, and hopefully, two will represent the United States in Europe. It certainly beats being stuck on a soccer field!

JUNIOR







SAILING LESSONS

This summer the Junior Division will again offer private sailing lessons to both juniors and adults in the club's Optis, Lasers and 420s. The lessons are by scheduled appointment, and will be taught again this year by the Opti Development Team Coach, Austin Powers, from May through August.

The lessons are tailored to meet the needs of the individual. Beginners to experienced racers are encouraged to hone their skills! We even offer lessons for groups of up to five, so you can have your own mini-sailing camp with Mom, Dad, and the kids, or get some of your child's friends together for a great weekend of learning in a fun and safe environment. For juniors, the lessons are a great follow-up to Opti Kids and Junior Week, and Austin can focus on building confidence on the water in Optis, as well as specific skills such as sailing alone to windward. For adults, Austin can again develop customized lessons to meet their needs, from beginner wishing to have an introduction to the club's Laser and 420 fleets to an experienced sailor looking to get even better. It is also a great follow-up to our highly successful Crew Training and Keel Boat certification programs offered in April and May.

Austin is a vastly experienced sailor and coach who grew up sailing, racing and teaching at our club. He is a rising sophomore and a 420 skipper on the sailing team at Christopher Newport University, and he has raced Lasers internationally. He has years of teaching experience during Opti Kids and Junior Week, and this will be his second year of coaching the Opti Development Team. He is especially gifted at teaching young people and is extremely patient. You can see his bio at http:// www.fbyc.net/Juniors/Admin/Coaches.

The program coordinator, Mary Almany, schedules lessons and oversees the program. The club charges a nominal fee to cover the costs. Contact Mary today to schedule your lessons at malmany@verizon.net. For further information and our rates, please visit our webpage at http://www.fbyc.net/Juniors/Private.

RACING

WHY WE ENJOY SAILING (J70S) AT FBYC By: Noel Clinard

Given the growing notoriety of the J70 as an easily trailered, high performance, planing sportboat, with reasonable cost, it is not surprising that the fleet growth has been incredible -- over 500 boats sold in two years, 9 at FBYC, 12 in the Southern bay and over 30 in the Northern bay. Sail numbers at FBYC range from #46 to #420, with a "500" boat on order. Other than myself (#46), FBYC skippers include Blake and Lud Kimbrough (#99), Drake Johnstone (#200), David Hinckle (#354), Walter Bundy (#355), Mike Karn (#356), Matt Braun (#420), Dan Troutman (#380), and Latane Montague (#589). Note the triplets there.

The manufacturer's pitch that the J70 can be sailed by adults (old and young), women and juniors has been proven. Both the Class President and the marketer of Torqueedo electric outboards have tweens at the tiller, the 2013 North Americans was won by a woman skipper, and the recent Quantum Davis Island Winter Series had a woman skipper from Annapolis 3rd on the podium in the Corinthian Class (just ahead of myself and Blake Kimbrough in 4th and 5th). Guthrie Braun was forward crew on my boat at 2013 Charleston Race Week. Most FBYC skippers have women and adolescents in their crews.

There are myriad opportunities to compete throughout the year and across the country. The J70 fleet is generally the largest in notable regattas like Key West (60 boats) and Charleston Race Week (82 boats). Regional regattas like Davis Island attract 40+ boats. The Class North Americans sell out within hours with 100 paid entries. The larger regattas have "Overall" awards for boats with amateur or professional crew members, and "Corinthian" awards for boats with all Category 1 ISAF sailors (classification easily obtainable on line); and fast Corinthians do sometimes make the Overall podium. We look forward to hosting the 2014 J70 Chesapeake Championship in November at FBYC.

Given the growth and demographic representation, the J70 garners intense support from sail makers and equipment vendors. The sail makers have one or more teams at most regattas, offering technical support and friendly help and advice. The class enjoys the expertise of a "concierge" vendor, Ed Furry, dba Sail22, who travels the regatta circuit with a box trailer full of rigging and parts of every description.

Members of the class are warm and collegial as they travel from regatta to regatta. First names and smiles are the norm and collective support is endemic. When one boat was broken into and looted en route, the class and vendors came together to outfit the boat. When my mast fell at the dock at Davis Island, rocking during a thunderstorm (I put the turnbuckle keeper pins in my pocket while tuning the rig), a dozen class members went out into the rain and lightning to detach my rigging and carry the rig into the clubhouse, where Sail22 replaced the carbon fiber mast/spreader collar, with gratuitous help from an Italian crewman from "Rex" (who happened to be the carbon fiber tech for "Alinghi" in Valencia). How cool is that?

At FBYC, the local fleet regularly corresponds about class and technical developments and conducts hands on training. Early in April, we held a basic rigging and tuning clinic passing on tips on how to set up the boat safely without damage. Being the veteran of every mistake one can make (witness the turnbuckle incident, and others), I hoped to spare others my fate. We also weighed the boats with the Class Scale to facilitate correction to minimum weight. The fleet is eager to recruit new crew for our boats, as experienced crew resources have dwindled in inverse proportion to boat numbers, so we will hold demonstration and training sails for those interested.

Led by a professional Class Representative and an experienced Board, the organization of the J70 International Class Association has been swift. As the first Fleet Captain of Fleet 5, Southern Chesapeake Bay, I have attended frequent conferences with 20 other local Fleet Captains from coast to coast and witnessed and given input on equipment specifications and rules.

Visit www.j70class.com for the latest news, photos and forum on the USA class or link to www.j70ica.org for the international class.



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FBYC TRADEWINDS

FOR SALE: C&C37 "Wavelength", \$46,000

"Wavelength" has been actively involved in club events for more than 30 years, so you likely know the boat! We've had a great run, but it's time for us to move on. "Wavelength" is a sturdy, comfortable cruising boat that sleeps 6-7, but can also be a competitive racer. New sails, lots of amenities, an amazing amount of extra gear, equipment and spares. See it on the east dock or call for more information. Nothing would make us happier than for it to remain at FBYC. **Rob Whittet** 804-337-4364 **Steve Utley** 804-433-6896

FOR SALE – 1997 19' KEY WEST 1900, 135 HP Mercury OB, Rebuilt 2013, new water pump and engine lift. \$7,900 call **Matt Braun** 804-640-3184

FOR SALE - Colgate 26 "Blue Moon " 2005. 4 sets of sails (2 new), 2 x 155% Genoa, 2 spinnakers. Dry storage each winter at Norton's. New bottom paint in 2013 and awlgrip wax each year. Custom winter cover from the Ship's Tailor. Triad custom trailer with electric brakes. Recent small "Nose job " after kissing *Nereid*. Excellent, well cared for, stable all-around boat. **Walter Bundy** Cell: 804-337-2621

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