

### FROM THE QUARTERDECK

**JULY 2014** 



### **WOW!!!**

Just wow...The new (and undoubtedly soon-to-be-annual) Open House Regatta at Fishing Bay Yacht Club was what happens at the intersection of vision and execution, and a little luck with weather didn't hurt at all! Last fall during the planning process for the coming year, it was generally agreed that the venerable race to Rosegill and after party had run its course. Our fearless vice-commodore, Matt Braun, suggested we hold a sailing event that includes everyone. Offshore, One-design, Juniors, Cruising, members, and potential members. Place an emphasis on fun, with NASCAR "run what you brung" racing, and throw a party afterwards. Matt consulted Social Chair Caroline Garrett, who approved of the concept and added a few ideas of her own, including a sunflower raft up after racing. The first of May your humble commodore was getting uneasy - there had only been word of mouth marketing, the sign-ups had been skimpy, and our event chair Elizabeth Staas wanted to rent a tent! I authored several regrettable emails proving I can't recognize genius when it's right in front of me; if we had done any more marketing for this event, I don't know how the club would have handled the result.

In the end we had 25 offshore, 18 one design, and 12 Opti sign-ups. Race Chair Len Guenther did a great job of organizing a pursuit race, where boats start on their handicap with the slowest boats starting first. Len and team started the fleet up in the Piankatank in front of

Fishing Bay. The courses ran around government marks out into the mouth of the river and return finishing in Fishing Bay. Optis ran around drop marks in Fishing Bay. Boats rafted up after finishing, with the intent of having a circular sunflower raft-up with launch service from the club dock so everyone could participate. While we only accomplished a half circle, it did not prevent a wholly fun time from being had. Later that evening there was dinner and a band under the tent for over 400. If that sounds like a big number it was. It was the largest event since the 2007 Flying Scot NAC's where there were over a 100 boats.

So what made this event such a success? I believe Matt's original vision for the event got it right: Include everyone and have fun. Who do you think needs to be a part of this kind of place? ~ **John B. Wake Jr.** 

### 75<sup>™</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 website www.fbyc.net.

## HERE IS JUST A SMALL GLIMPSE AT WHAT HAS BEEN HA















# APPENING AT FISHING BAY YACHT CLUB! JOIN THE FUN!

















### FBYC BOARD HIGHLIGHTS - June 2014

### FISHING BAY YACHT CLUB - BOARD MEETING

June 12, 2014 - Retreat Hospital

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 by John Wake.

### **REAR COMMODORE - WILLIAM T. BENNETT:**

**MEMBERSHIP: Doug Anderson**: There continues to be a very positive response to the membership special initiative which will end in October. Please help spread the word.

**LOG** – **Nica Waters**: REMINDER: Articles are now due on the 15th of each month.

**HOUSE CHAIR** - **Joe Roos**: The club received a lightning strike on Memorial Day. A claim has been filed for damage. Surge protection will be researched and installed.

**SOCIAL CHAIR** – **Caroline Garrett**: July 4th is on a Friday this year, so plans for the holiday picnic have been expanded. Ed and Diane O'Connor are the social chairs again. Menu will be burgers, hot dogs, catered sides and ice cream and there will be a live band playing '70's and 80's rock. The picnic starts at 4 and will end at 7 to give everyone time to attend the firework displays of their choice. "Oysters for Life" will be on site at the club at 9:00 a.m. to give oyster cultivation demonstrations for those interested.

# **WEB MASTER – Strother Scott**: Three issues were addressed:

- 1. Web News Comments: Comments on the News Posts on the web site are now moderated.
- 2. Mailing Lists: FBYC mailing lists software is out of date and two options (Google Groups vs. Mailman lists) were presented and discussed with the board. Pilot testing will be done with each to see which works best.
- 3. Social Media Issues: Reminders to all members that FBYC social media outlets (website, Twitter, Facebook) should be used rather than members trying to create their own.

**MARKETING** – **Jay Buhl**: Jay reported that he is currently working on two marketing initiatives:

- 1. Value Proposition Survey has been sent, results returned, reviewed and all feedback has been distributed to all appropriate committees.
- Club Signage: Steve Gillespie of Acorn Sign is working on this project and he should have a proposal ready for review and discussion at the next board meeting.

**HISTORIAN** – **Jere Dennison**: Orders coming in rapidly for the 75th Anniversary Book. There are near 100 orders now. Need to determine how many extras need to be ordered. Consideration given to using the books as hand-outs to the new members going forward.

**YAM CHAIR** – **Eliza Strickland**: 30 people attended the YAM cook-out held prior to the Open House.

### **VICE COMMODORE - MATTHEW J. BRAUN:**

**FLEET CAPTAIN** – **David Lennarz**: Investigated an accident on the boat ramp and determined that it was caused by "operator error". No further action needed. New batteries for defibrillators were ordered.

**CRUSING DIV. CDR** – **George Sadler**: Urbanna Fireworks Cruise – July 3-6. Ocean Cruising Club visit was a huge success with a great group of sailors from around the world. Thanks to Lydia and Bill Strickland for bringing this group to FBYC.

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

- Private Lessons: We have already given over 8 hours of instruction by our ODT coach, and many more requests to schedule lessons once schools are out.
- Race Teams: This year we will have 39 full time members on the Race Team
- Opti Kids: The first session was held for 34 sailors and their parents this past week end, and was a great success, thanks to Paul and Julie Ann Wash, who did a fantastic job teaching the classes, and to Doug and Jennifer Bendura for organization.
- Junior Week: June 15-20. Doug and Jennifer Bendura have done a fantastic job. At the time of this report there are 139 juniors participating as students, and 8 juniors participating as CITS, in 13 classes. Additional sailors are attempting to register at this time, and they will be accommodated if space is available.

**TROPHIES** – **Ed O'Connor**: Ed has ordered another round of tankards. Please review your awards criteria as it seems that we are running through a large number of trophies swiftly. Wine glasses are being added to the awards inventory and pewter cups are being ordered for Spring Series One Design. Question about FBYC's possible donation of the awards again this year for the Leukemia Cup. Review of costs and types of trophies to take place after the board meeting.

**REGATTA COMMITTEE** – **Matt Lambert**: Everything is moving along nicely with planning for all the regattas. Registration to open soon for Stingray Point. Yacht scoring to be used for this event.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The J70 Fleet is holding a Friday night series that starts June 13th. The hope is that this will become a new tradition.

### COME CELEBRATE AT THE CLUB



FRIDAY, JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>

9<sub>AM</sub>

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Cysters For Life

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### LONG DISTANCE RACE

ONE DESIGN 11AM-3PM



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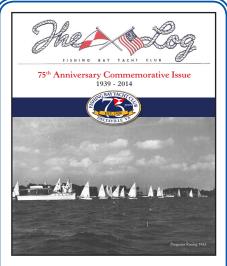
FOOD - 3PM-5PM

NEW THIS YEAR - LIVE MUSIC!

4PM-7PM

SIGN UP BY IUNE 27<sup>TH</sup> VIA WEBSITE OR CONTACT ED OR DIANE O'CONNOR





# The 75<sup>th</sup> FBYC Anniversary History Book is at the printer!

The Book will be 8" x 9 ½" Perfect Bound (soft cover) and comprised of over 130 pages of black & white and color images with narratives of the Club's history dating back to its founding on May 8, 1939.

This extensive history was compiled by Club Historian Jere Dennison over ten years, edited by Logstreamer Nica Waters, and includes a foreword by Gary Jobson. Contributors include numerous members and nonmembers alike.

Instructions for ordering will be available to members via email or by visiting the Club's website at fbyc.net.



### **MEMBERSHIP**



Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Weissend (Paul and Julie) – Julie and Paul have been Richmond residents since 1987 and enjoy their second home on the Piankatank (looking across river at Fishing Bay). They have two children, Mary Genivieve and Grey, who both attend Virginia Tech.

Julie learned to sail while growing up in Florida and has been a small boat sailor all her life. She and Paul have taken sailing lessons and the family is very interested in learning to crew on larger boats and expand their sailing opportunities. Julie is past President of the Junior League and is active in many community activities. Paul is a skilled craftsman and builder. Owners of Dovetail Construction, their headquarters is the first nationally registered historic building that is both net-zero energy and LEED platinum certified.



Mr. and Mrs. Matson L. Roberts (Matson and Missy) – Matson and his son, Matson, Jr., first become involved in sailing as participants in the Boy Scouts

Seabase program in the Florida Keys. Matson, Sr. went on to take the weeklong sailing introductory course at Norton's while Matson, Jr. became a sailing instructor at Camp Sea Gull in Araphaoe, NC where he and his sister, Meriweather, both learned to sail. For the last four years, the Roberts have crewed regularly aboard *Onward*, which Matson helped to rebuild with current FBYC member Jim Raper. Maston participated regularly in FBYC Offshore non-spinnaker events and has been a frequent race committee volunteer. In 2012, he was awarded the FBYC "Sportsmanship Award" at the Stingray Point Regatta. The entire Roberts family looks forward to being part of the FBYC membership!



Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Kottkamp (Nathan and Laura) — Nathan grew up on Long Island and has been sailing since he was a pre-teen, first on a 26' sloop and then on their current Mirage 29' sloop. He has crewed on J-24s and several other boats in a variety of races,

including the Around Long Island Regatta. Laura has been sailing with Nathan since they met 19 years ago. Laura learned to sail at Camp Seafarer where she was both a camper and a counselor. Their boat, *Forecast*, is in Deltaville and Nathan and Laura sail with their two children Alice, 7, and Edwin, 3, whenever they get a chance.



Mr. and Mrs. John P. Galloway (John and Mary) – John has been sailing for over 30 years, starting with racing Albacores on the Potomac River and around the

Bay. Mary first sailed as a teenager, and after moving to the DC area joined the Albacore fleet and crewed for John. In 1992, the couple bought a Hunter 26.5' which they race and cruise and still own. The couple has also done multiple charters on larger boat on the Chesapeake. The Galloway's recently moved from Northern Virginia to Gloucester to be closer to the Bay. They are planning on getting a larger boat to enjoy cruising the Bay in their retirement. Previously members of the Mount Vernon Yacht Club, the Galloways understand the value of a belonging to a club in meeting new friends and enjoying the fellowship of others who enjoy life on the water.



Mr. and Mrs. Donald A Steinbrugge (Don and Pia) – Prompted by their son's enthusiasm for sailing, Don and Pia have recently purchased a property on Stove Point. Chas is a 6th grader at St. Christopher's. This is his second summer at Christ Church and his first year as part of the FBYC Junior Program. Their daughter,

Candler, is a 10th grader at St. Catherine's where she is an honor student, serves on the honor council, and plays volleyball. Don is from Summit, NJ, and is a graduate of the University of Richmond. He worked on Wall Street for many years and now has his own hedge fund marketing business. Pia is from Richmond and graduated from St. Catherine's and Southern Methodist University. She is a member of the Junior League of Richmond and has served on the boards of Children's Hospital and the Richmond Sympathy. The Steinbrugges are new to sailing and they look forward to the support and camaraderie that FBYC offers.

Ms. Louise Adamson Moore (Louise) – Louise has many happy memories of her childhood spending weekends at the river in Mathews County. She now has three small children of her own – Alexander (10), Abigail (5) and Pearl (3) – and wants them to have the same experiences. She is interested in the Junior Program and sailing teams at FBYC. Louise currently owns a Columbia 23' and a Sunfish. She hopes that the area will hold a special place in her children's hearts as it does hers.

### **MEMBERSHIP NEWS / JUNIOR**

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

A seldom-discussed fact about sailing, but nonetheless a real dynamic, is what Wendy Mitman Clarke says her older brother claims: "Everyone has this thing called a personal myth." This personal myth is your expectations about yourself as a sailor, and what you expect sailing to be. Then you discover you and/or sailing are not in sync with your myth. Wendy writes, "When confronted with this conflict the result is depression, anxiety, self-doubt, and all kinds of other awful stuff."

The art of conflict resolution may not be your strong suit, but it can be. One of the unheralded benefits of membership in Fishing Bay Yacht Club is our camaraderie. We share our knowledge and experience. You are not alone; each one of us is on the path to being a more competent, happier sailor. Not to be trivial, but do you need help tying a bowline, one of the most essential and important "knots," or tying a dock line properly to a dock cleat? Do you want someone to teach you to navigate to Onancock or Cape Charles? Do you need help understanding the racing instructions, or the course board, or the basic racing rules? Help is yours for the asking, and conflict resolution is too.

Not long ago we had a member who angrily said that "this club must have a secret handshake" because no one had told him the combination to the door that admits you to the upstairs of the Clubhouse. He'd been a member for two years and had never been upstairs! He was ready to complain but he wasn't ready to ask for help. We don't have secrets, or secret handshakes, and we will help you, just ask. (And the combination number is printed on your FBYC membership card, in case you forgot.)

The day may come when you feel self-reliant and self-confident enough to graduate into our Cruising Division. That group will welcome you with open arms. As competent and independent as they are as sailors, not a one of them thinks he or she has learned all there is to know about sailing or about themselves as sailors. Perhaps you want to sharpen your racing skills; our Offshore and One Design racers will go out of their way to share their knowledge. Ask them, or ask me to help you get connected. This sharing of knowledge is the modus operandi of our Junior Division and why it is so successful.

Your membership in FBYC is what you make of it. If you retreat from your personal conflict, unresolved, your membership experience will be diminished. If you confront your need to adapt and grow, your experience will be enriched. Fly your FBYC burgee with pride, secure in the knowledge you belong to a community of kindred spirits.

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.

### **JUNIORS**

**July 26: FUN SAIL!** The name says it all. Enjoy a fun day sailing the club's Optis, Lasers or 420s under the guidance of an experienced instructor. Enjoy water mellon and blindfolded "races" and a cruise to Stove Point to swim. For "kids" of all ages.

Additional information and on-line registration may be found at: <a href="http://www.fbyc.net/Juniors/Funsail">http://www.fbyc.net/Juniors/Funsail</a>

Through the end of August: We will be offering Private Lessons in the club's Optis, Lasers and 420s. The lessons will be tailored to fit the needs of the individual, and are a great follow-up to Opti Kids and Junior Week. Additional information and on-line registration may be found at:

http://www.fbyc.net/Juniors/Private

Finally, I want to send out a great big **THANK YOU** to Paul and Julie Ann Wash and Doug and Jennifer Bendura for all their work bringing us Opti Kids and Junior Week 2014! The amount of time, effort and work they have given is truly amazing.

Mark Hayes Junior Division Commander



### **RACING**



# Black Seal Cup Regatta on Afterthought By Carrie Russell

So what is it like to begin the 2014 sailing without a boat? Craig Wright's J109 Afterthought spent the spring getting a bottom job, to make her fast for the season. Opening day came and went. May 1 ticked by. No one counted on the cold, wet spring and the paint job never seemed to have an end. Would the boat make it in the water for the end-of May event? We watched jealously as other crews practiced and honed skills.

Finally the word came – we were on for the end of Southern Bay Race Week at HYC! Crew adjusted plans and disappeared from home base or work Thursday afternoon in time for 3:30 pm departure for practice. First time on the boat since last fall and first time ever for some crewmembers. As the cold drizzle changed to steady rain, we met or saw some familiar FBYC members and boats in HYC harbor: Brad Miller on *Schiehallion*, Paul and Julie Ann Wash on *Cheeky Monkey*, Bob Fleck on his borrowed *Horizon*, J 70's Clarke Dennison on *Cat's Pajamas*, Latane Montgue on his hot-off-the press *Full Monty*, and Noel Clinard on *Loonatictiu*.

The wind blew and the rain was steady. Every layer of clothing was on and so was a layer of crew rust from not being on the J109 for the spring series. Still, everyone was excited to be there, to be together and anticipating race day Friday to see how we stacked up against the competition.



Friday conditions, gusting to 20. Triangle courses. Safety procedures were reviewed including PFD and knife check. The basic message, "Feel free to use your PFD, think long and hard before pulling out a knife." Regulations mandate that a knife must be on deck and each crew have a knife on his or her person. Gray day but perfect wind with rockin' and rollin' seas. Thankful

for a stomach not prone to seasickness, but I checked to

see that my stash of peppermints was in a convenient spot.

Races began ...3 races. One of the Naval Academy boats was so close we could see the whites of their eyes and rigs almost became entwined. It was decided it would be bad form to protest the Navy, so the red flag staying tied on the backstay.



Saturday was gorgeous with steady and heavy winds for the long-distance race. Seas still with impressive wave periods and wave heights. Gray skies eased to blue for the fastest 17 mile race ever. The finish? A dramatic tack very close to the deep harbor beach near Old Fort Comfort light.

We were tied up at the dock early afternoon, libations in hand, dried salt on our faces. Time to enjoy the company of fellow sailors and watch the antics of the visiting PIRATES who were not only dressed in pirate wear but were staging "battles" in the harbor. Quite a contrast to the racers docked at HYC!

Sunday was spectacular, the kind of day my mother used to call a "Bluebird Day." That is was. Wind was steady at 12-5 knots and the seas had calmed. The entire fleet had to duck an enormous freighter heading out of the channel for windward-leeward courses. 3 races total.

A satisfying finish for the *Afterthought* crew. Placing a solid second for the regatta behind the SLED *Wairee*. Not a bad start to our season. As we packed off the race gear and loaded on the cruising main for Craig's solo return to Deltaville, the last few flakes of crew rust blew into the water.



### **CRUISING**



### And then there were four.

The crews of seven boats met for cocktails at the club on Saturday, May 17, to begin a ten-day cruise to Baltimore, MD. At the party that included enough finger food to be called dinner (a theme that appeared over and over on this trip) were the crews from *Kitty Wake*, *Fandango*, *Miss Kate*, *Ithaka*, *Tender Mercies*, *Nugget*, and *Reveille*. Everything looked promising except the wind predictions, causing 2 boats to change their minds. Thus, mid morning on Sunday, five boats headed off on the first of five legs to Baltimore. Each of these legs was designed to cover a reasonable distance and end in a new destination, or one that the cruisers had not visited recently.

The first night found the fleet in Reedville. Cocktails on *Fandango* were followed by dinner at the "Crab." At Reedville we lost yet another boat when the electronics on *Miss Kate* completely failed and they wisely decided to return to Deltaville for repairs.

The next stop, Zahniser's in Solomons, was not new to anyone and would be visited on the return as well. Again, the four crews had cocktails (this night on *Tender Mercies*) and dinner ashore at the Dry Dock Restaurant. The third leg found the fleet at Harrington Harbor South. This resort and marina is well maintained, has a long face dock for transients and includes a restaurant and convenience store.

During the planning phase of the trip, there were two choices for the next stop - go all the way to the Inner Harbor, or find another new and different stop. Number

two was selected and the boats found a snug anchorage in Rock Creek located just to the South of White Rocks up the Patapsco River. There are also two marinas on the creek and a yacht club. This is a very nice location for a stop or an escape from bad weather.

Thursday morning provided another beautiful day for the eight mile trip to Baltimore and the Inner Harbor Marina where we spent two nights. The crowning glory of this stop was catching an O's game at Camden Yards, one of the best ball parks in the country. There was sufficient time before the game to walk around Federal Hill, do a little shopping and have a great dinner in Little Italy.

The return trip was uneventful, more motor-sailing, but did include a stop up the Magothy at the Magothy Marina and an overnight stop in Annapolis where the crews had an afternoon and evening to stretch their legs and do some resupply and shopping.

The next cruise will be over July 4 weekend, where we'll chase fireworks a couple of places. Won't you join us?



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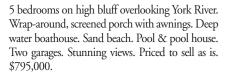
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**FOR SALE** - Colgate 26 "Blue Moon " 2005. 4 sets of sails (2 new), 2 x 155% Genoa, 2 spinnakers. Dry storage each winter at Norton's. New bottom paint in 2013 and awlgrip wax each year. Custom winter cover from the Ship's Tailor. Triad custom trailer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

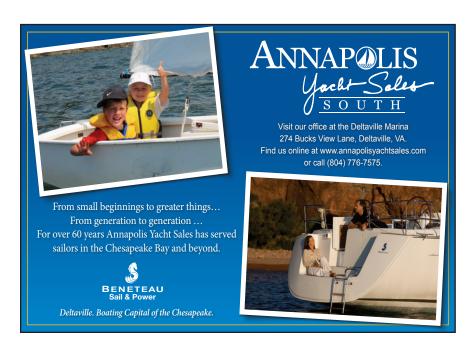
FOR SALE - C&C37 "Wavelength", \$46,000 "Wavelength" has been actively involved in club events for more than 30 years, so you likely know the boat! We've had a great run, but it's time for us to move on. "Wavelength" is a comfortable cruising boat for families that sleeps 6-7, yet has proven itself to be a competitive racer as well. Recent sails, lots of amenities, and an amazing amount of extra equipment and spares. See it on the east dock. Inquiries welcome. Nothing would make us happier than for it to remain at FBYC. Rob Whittet 804-337-4364, rob@whittetprint.com, Steve Utley 804-433-6896, sutley2525@gmail.com

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