



FROM THE QUARTERDECK

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## SHARING OUR PASSION

Where is your mind wandering during the post-holiday winter stretch? Does the crunch of ice under your feet bring you back to the present, and you find yourself counting the days until Opening Day? Are you longing for the warm sea breeze and kicking around in a boat on the Bay with family and

friends? Sometimes the idea of sailing is enough to get us to our next adventure, which is often more fun than what we imagine. But the reality is that the experience is lost for those who just imagine themselves out there. Sailing is not a spectator sport—the love for the sport comes from doing, not watching. The mission of Fishing Bay Yacht Club is to promote sailing and thus the act of getting out there and going sailing.

I credit the Junior Program with achieving great success in accomplishing this mission and investing in the future of the sport. Mark Hayes is tirelessly building on past successes and giving members access to the water and the best junior sailing program on the Bay. By listening to our young families, Mark is constantly making improvements to keep the future of sailing strong, as seen in our newest junior program: the Laser Development Team, which is geared toward developing not only racing skills but also healthy, fun sailing experiences.

We hope to emulate the Junior Program by make sailing more accessible to sailors of all ages. As a result, Greg Watt has been appointed FBYC Adult Sailing Director, in charge of the newly formed Adult Sailing Program. He's looking forward to crafting a program which gives great sailing experiences by finding rides, friends, and mentors, eliminating barriers and fears, and strengthening social connections, with an emphasis on building positive sailing experiences. Again, more emphasis on doing and not

watching. We are very lucky to have Greg leading this effort.

Our docks, house, and grounds chairmen, David Clark, Ed O'Connor, and Tracy Schwarzschild, are busy readying our facilities for next season. The overhaul of the middle pier is moving forward along with water main replacement and routine maintenance on the lift. This work has prompted the question of what are our long-term waterfront goals. In 2014, the Board commissioned a waterfront survey which gave a true assessment of our piers, bulkheads, and waterfront structures. As a result, Long Range Planning Chair Doug Anderson and David Clark will be leading the charge with the help of a special committee to formulate a comprehensive strategy on how we best utilize this most valuable club asset in the future.

Meanwhile winter sailing is alive and well. John Wake and Rob Whittemore traveled to Port Charlotte, Florida, and finished 1st in the Flying Scot Florida District Regatta #4. Further south, team *Pied Piper* has made history at Key West Race Week (see article in this Log). In another Florida venue, Noel Clinard's *Loonatictu*, Latane Montague's *Full Monty* and my *E.L.E.* have been competing in the J70 Winter Series in Tampa at Davis Island Yacht Club. Reporting from the blue water, Wes Jones and crew on *Valiant* have turned in another epic journey, leaving from Fishing Bay on November 3 and returning to Marathon on December 18, with 4,500 NM traveled and stops in Martinique, Kingston, Grand Cayman, and Cancun among others. On a local note, FBYC Flying Scot sailors are boosting the numbers at the Greater Richmond Sailing Association's Frostbite series on Swift Creek reservoir. I can personally attest that it is well worth the effort and a ton of fun—there are 3 days of racing left in the series so check it out soon!

It may not be sailing season officially, but that's not stopping any of these sailors from getting out there and sailing. Make your plans to join them in 2015! ~ **Matt Braun**

**BOARD REPORT - December 2014****HIGHLIGHTS FROM FBYC - BOARD MEETING**

January 8, 2015 – Retreat Hospital

2015 Invoices were mailed on January 3, 2015 along with Member Datasheets, Slip Agreements, and 2015 Membership Vouchers.

**HOUSE CHAIR – much work being done in the off-season. Highlights include:**

- Replacement of two electric water heaters for the main Clubhouse. The current heaters are about 13 years old and are insufficient to service current demand. Estimated cost: \$1,500-\$2,000
- Repair of the kitchen beverage compressor
- The security system has been marginally functional since it was struck by lightning last June. There are four security cameras in the main clubhouse that are not working and the related hard drive is out of service as well. The cost of replacing the security cameras and hard drive is less than \$1,000.

**DOCKS CHAIR** – Work on the middle dock has begun and is expected to be completed in early February. All material is on-site for the west dock repair. The pump-out pier is ready to be demolished. Issues continue with the hoist. It needs to be inspected, the crane removed and taken off-site to have pin removed and replaced.

**SOCIAL CHAIR** – Jack Ass Flats have been booked for the Open House Regatta. Working with The Commonwealth Club to negotiate rates for this year's Commodore's Ball.

**GROUNDS CHAIR –**

- **Pool:** The diving board was rendered inoperable during the Stingray Regatta and needs to be replaced. Initial estimate for the replacement is \$4,000.
- **Water System:** There is a requirement to upgrade the electrical service to the east bath house.
- **Junior Shed:** Shingles will be replaced in the near future and will match the existing roofs. Currently waiting on roof quote.
- **Barn:** Removal of the rotten subfloor(s) and installation of salt treated plywood in the locker & Junior stalls is almost complete. Caulking and painting this month.
- **Grounds:** Plans continue to evolve on a permanent solution for the flower beds between the clubhouse and pool and the pool and the beach. Considerations include a rock garden and/or grass and mulch around trees. The McDowell gate on the east property line has been removed.

**WEB MASTER –**

- **Overview:** Website is an invaluable and important

tool for FBYC recruitment and management

- Recent Changes: Recently converted the whole site to HTTPS - or secure.
- Change on Yearbook and Sailing Event Book - After discussion, the Flag has decided to combine our 2 books into one Year Book. It will be available to Members Only. The new Yearbook will include all the material from both books that is deemed necessary to be printed and distributed.

**WINTER PROGRAMS** – Bermuda High party will be at the Wash's the 3rd weekend in March.

**MARKETING** – New signage plan ready to be executed. Also working on the final stages of completing the marketing messages for the "value of membership at FBYC."

**FLEET CAPTAIN** – Filing all permits with the Coast Guard. OFFSHORE DIV CDR. – All PHRF changes will be adopted and implemented. Race Committee Training session as well as a Sail Trim Seminar are being investigated.

**OFFSHORE DIV. RACE CHAIR** – All but one (1) PRO has been found.

**JUNIOR DIV. CDR** – Mark Hayes:

- Junior Week - Lead instructors have been contacted and commitments are being finalized for instructors and boats. Additional classes are being added in response to requests of members.
- 2015 Junior Program Budgets - Detailed budgets for all Junior Division programs have been finalized based on projected participants who have been contacted and last year's participants.
- Web Site Update - Registration for Junior Division Events opened on February 1, with the exception of registration for regattas.
- Marketing - Ad space is in the process of being purchased in parenting websites listing summer camps in the Richmond area. Log Articles/ Newsletters to members advertising 2015 programs have been published.

**FLEET LIEUTENANT** – Had great success last year with outsourcing larger, higher level projects and will do the same this year. Looking at installing Bimini/windless on Parker in the off season.

SPECIAL NOTICES / MEMBERSHIP



## FBYC WINTER PROGRAM

Wednesday, March 25th, 6pm

Omni Hotel Downtown  
100 South 12th Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Calling all sailors! Want to improve your racing technique by furthering your knowledge of the rules governing your behavior? Come hear Rob Overton, chair of the US Sailing Rules Committee speak. He will focus on the most common scenarios, those that account for 99% of incidents on the race course.

Rob is a retired professor, mathematician, and inventor. He lives with his wife, Andi, on their cruising sailboat, currently on the Pacific coast of Mexico. He raced J/24s and Lasers for 20 years in the Southern Chesapeake before leaving for blue water. He is Chairman of the US Racing Rules Committee, and a member of the ISAF Team Race Call Book Working Party and TR Rules Working Party. He was heavily involved in drafting the 1993 rules and also helped with current rules 18 (Mark-Room), 19 (Obstructions), and 20 (Hailing for Room to Tack).

He has been an umpire since 1993, an International Umpire since 2006, and a US National Judge for many years.

**6-7 pm:** light hors d'oeuvres and cocktail hour

**7 pm:** Rob Overton will give a presentation on "How to Improve Your Racing Tactics by Improving Your Knowledge of the Rules."

All are welcome. Tickets \$10, available for purchase on FBYC website soon.

Questions? Please contact Carol Bokinsky (chbokinsky@gmail.com or 839-6214).

## BERMUDA HIGH PARTY

Saturday, March 28

6:30pm

Home of Paul and Julie Ann Wash

4106 Park Avenue  
Richmond, Va 23221

Time to don your Bermuda shorts and sundresses and come party!

Bring your socks for the traditional sock burning!

\$15 members, \$20 non-members

Registration available on the FBYC website.

Questions? Please contact Carol Bokinsky (804) 839-6214 or chbokinsky@gmail.com.

## 2015 SPECIAL NEW MEMBER VOUCHER

Last year, during the FBYC 75th Anniversary, it was a pleasure to have a record number of new members joining FBYC. There were special membership opportunities offered in celebration of the Club's anniversary, but it was our members' effective recruiting that highlighted the value of joining FBYC and actively participating in club activities and enjoying the sport of sailing. To build on this momentum, the Board of Trustees has approved a revised initiation fee structure and introduced a voucher system for you to share with potential new members in 2015.

Each of our primary members should have received a \$500 voucher in the early January mailing. This Voucher is a to be used to help you recruit a new member. Please let your friends, neighbors or fellow sailors know about excitement at FBYC, whether it is enjoying the junior program, the racing events, the organized cruising opportunities, or the fellowship with other sailors. Give them the voucher to use against the initiation fee and offer to sponsor them as a new member. A growing dynamic membership base encourages the ideas, energy, and participation that are critical to the sport of sailing and maintaining a vibrant sailing community at FBYC. Our members are the best ambassadors for FBYC.

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

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DECEMBER NEW MEMBERS



**Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Suttin (Aaron and Austin Rose):**

After graduating college, Aaron and Austin lived in Alaska for nearly 10 years, spending time

on Prince William Sound. The couple moved back to Richmond in 2006. They both love being on the water and want to learn more about the Chesapeake Bay. Austin grew up sailing Lasers and spending weekends with her family on their sailboat on Fishing Bay. She also participated in the Junior sailing programs at the Club and attended camp on Lake Champlain for several summers where she also sailed. The Suttens are excited about having their three children, Grace (8), William (6) and Amelia (1), grow up sailing and being a part of a sailing community like Fishing Bay Yacht Club. Sponsors: Joseph L. Dennison, Jr. and Harrison Hubard, Jr.



**Mr. Richard D. Perkins (Rick):**

Rick grew up as a member of FBYC. He grew up sailing Blue Jays and a 26 ft. Perwin as well as a Sunfish. While he does not currently own a boat, he is interested in acquiring one as well as being crew on a racing boat. He enjoys sailing as well the camaraderie of others with similar interests. He looks

forward to becoming a member and introducing his grandchildren to sailing.

Sponsors: Walter E. Bundy, III and George W. Burke, III

**Mr. Sam Murphy and Mrs. Karen A. Komar (Sam and Karen):**

Sam was previously a member of FBYC and he looks forward to the camaraderie and activities that FBYC has to offer. He has over 50 years of dinghy, racing and cruising experience. His brother, Frank, is also a member as is his niece, Anne Wood Murphy.

Sponsors: William F. Murphy, III and William T. Bennett

**Mr. Alexander P. Clark and Mrs. Paige West (Sandy and Paige):**

Sandy was a past member of the Club. He

sailed at FBYC in the 50s, sailed aboard an Olympic level one-design dinghy in the 60s, and displays an incredible sailing resume and nautical experience. He currently serves as a loyal and valued crew member aboard Trilogy. He looks forward to the camaraderie, coaching, and competition that the Club offers.

Sponsors: William T. Bennett and Wayland W. Rennie

**Mr. Kevin R. Clark (Kevin):**

Kevin has been a long time crew member aboard the Flying Scot *Patriot*. Before that he was an active crew member on *Voodoo* and *Voodoo2*, both former FBYC boats. Kevin, who now lives in Richmond, grew up sailing with his family on the Northern Neck. He is looking forward to becoming a member of the Club and being active in all areas. He is interested in buying a Laser and starting to drive his own boat.

Sponsors: Robert P. Whittemore and John B. Wake, Jr.



**Mr. Herbert Bradshaw Squires, II (Brad):**

Brad was an active member at FBYC from childhood, participating in the Junior Program for several years in the early 70s. While a member, Brad was active sailing Sunfish, J/24s and

most recently Lasers. During the 2013 season, Brad was a regular crew member aboard *Juggernaut* for club races as well as Southern Bay Race Week. He has also crewed about *Double Eagle* and numerous other boats. Brad has always remained active in volunteering for club activities and previously served on the Board.

Sponsors: Michael Dale and Michael S. Toms



**Mr. and Mrs. Scott H. Miller (Scott and Heather):**

Heather is the daughter of Phil and Susan Webb, long time FBYC members. As a former Junior member, she grew up around the sailing and social activities at FBYC, participated in

the Junior program, raced Lasers, and crewed on the family Flying Scot. Heather spent 12 summers at Camp Seafarer as a camper, counselor, on the Sailing Staff and ultimately became Assistant Sailing Master of the Sail Program. Scott grew up in Baltimore and became more interested in sailing after meeting Heather. In recent

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years, the Millers have enjoyed sailing various types of boats while visiting Scott's parents' home on Cape Cod. Their children, Holland (10) and Harrison (7) have participated in the FBYC Junior program and they have sailed during Family Camp Week at Seafarer for the past four summers.

Sponsors: Philip H. Webb and Mary L. Almany



**Mr. Morgan Coleman (Morgan):** Morgan is looking forward to becoming a co-owner of *Dolphin*, a CAL 31, with his grandfather, Steve Morrisett, who has been a member of Fishing Bay Yacht Club since 1972. Morgan has a passion for adventure and the water – he has white water rafted and hiked through West Virginia,

and canoed the Alligash Waterways. An engineering graduate from Virginia Tech, Morgan grew up visiting the Club, swimming in the pool and enjoying barbeques there on Sunday afternoons. He has always loved sailing and he can't think of a better club to join than the one his family has been with for so many years!

Sponsors: James Stephen Morrisett and Douglas L. Anderson

JANUARY NEW MEMBERS



**Ms. Marie Jennings Schacht (Marie):** Marie is a lover of the water, wind, and community. Growing up in Urbanna, boating and sailing were a huge part of her childhood and personal identity. Marie attended Sailing Camp at Christchurch School for four summers and, in 2011, she attended the FBYC Training Program in

Richmond. For the past two seasons, she has actively sailed aboard Double Eagle competing in the Spring and Fall series, Southern Bay Race Week, Screwpile Lighthouse Regatta and Stingray Point Regatta. Marie is looking forward to becoming an active member of the FBYC community so that she may invest time and support its success to ensure it has a long and bright future!

Sponsors: Mark A. Stephens and Jonathan M. Deutsch



**Mr. and Mrs. Mark Holloway (Mark and Melanie):** The Holloways have many friends who are FBYC members, and they have enjoyed visiting the club, the pool,

and events as guests. Mark and Melanie have recently bought a cottage in Deltaville and are looking forward to spending their summers there. They are a sailing family, having sailed from early youth on boats as small as 20 feet. Mark also served four years as a United States Navy Diver onboard the *USS Edenton*. The couple have two daughters, Gabi (13) and Chloe (11), who look forward to becoming part of our active junior sailing program.

Sponsors: Christoph Casati and William T. Bennett



**Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Ward (Ben and Amber):** Ben and Amber have been active sailors for more than ten years. They both obtained their ASA 101 and 103 Certifications in 2013 through the Maryland School of Sailing and Seamanship. They have experience sailing dinghy class boats as well

as fixed keel cruisers up to 32'. They have also made overnight coastal sailing trips with single legs up to 50 miles. Ben has also been an active club racer on Catalina 22s and Flying Scot; in addition, he is skilled in fiberglass repair work and sailboat restoration. Amber is skilled at backing a 32' Island Packet into a slip! The couple have three daughters – Madelyn (7), Elizabeth (5) and Aliza (5 months) – whom they would like to involve in the fun, well-managed Junior Sailing program as soon as possible.

Sponsors: David M. Graf, Jr. and Douglas S. Bendura

## JUNIOR



Members and coaches of the 2014 FBYC Opti and Laser Race Teams visit Oxford, MD, for the Tred Avon Yacht Club Annual Junior Regatta

## JOIN THE FBYC TEAM!

Are you ready for the summer? Would you and your kids love a truly memorable experience that includes sailing, travel and FUN with friends? Join one of FBYC's Junior Race Teams! Fishing Bay Yacht Club is renowned for the success of its sailing teams from Maine to Louisiana and across the Chesapeake Bay. Our goal is to get kids on the race course, and the best way to do that is on a team with expert coaches and great friends. From 7 year olds who have never raced to High School Seniors ready to sail on the college level - we have a team for everyone. Last year 46 juniors sailed on our five teams. This summer we are adding a sixth team-the **Laser Development Team!**

Registration for all teams and programs opened on February 1. Visit our website at <https://www.fbyc.net/Juniors/Overview> for information on all of our programs, and to register. Space is limited. Come join us!

### Opti Development Team (ODT)

(6/26 through 8/15. Approx. ages 7 to 15)

This is where it all starts! The Opti Development Team is designed for beginning and novice racers in learning about racing. No prior racing knowledge or experience is required. The only prerequisites are Beginning Opti and at least one week of Intermediate Opti during Junior Week, or the equivalent experience.

The team's season begins June 26 and runs through August 15, meeting Thursdays through Sundays. The team practices at the club or travels together to regattas

on those days. Practices are typically four hours a day, either morning or afternoon. In addition to the two summer regattas at FBYC, the team will race at regattas close to home, including regattas at Hampton Yacht Club, Norfolk Yacht Club, Ware River Yacht Club, Rappahannock River Yacht Club, and Indian Creek Yacht Club. No session or regatta is mandatory, so tired sailors (and parents!) are free to take the day or weekend off.

Paul Almany, father of 2014 member Josh Almany, put together this fantastic video of the Opti Development Team's summer: <http://youtu.be/VuehsglmARI>

### Laser Development Team (LDT)

(6/26 – 8/15. Approx. ages 12 - 18)

New this year is the Laser Development Team! Intended as an introduction to the Laser, and as a bridge between the Opti and Laser Race Teams, it will run much like ODT. It is appropriate for any junior who is new to the Laser Radial, no matter their racing experience.

### Opti & Laser Race Teams

(6/13 – 8/15. Approx. ages 10-18)

The Opti Race Team and the Laser Race Team are intense travel teams intended for experienced racers. Sailors typically spend two or more years on the Development Team before joining the Opti Race Team, and then move to the Laser Race Team once they have outgrown Optis. The teams begin practice two weekends prior to Junior Week, take advanced racing classes during Junior Week, and then spend much of the balance of the season on the road. They typically take one day off per week. The primary goal is to score high in the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association Junior High Points Series, which is a series made up of invitational regattas at member clubs across the Bay. Both teams also attend national and international regattas.

The teams are coached by internationally-known professional sailors and coaches, typically from South America. Gabriel Moran, our Laser Coach from 2012 through 2014, and currently the head coach of the Ecuador National team, made this video of the 2014 team: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z\\_bFXsNFjc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z_bFXsNFjc) It captures the excitement and fun of all of the FBYC Race Teams!

### Spring & Fall Opti and Laser Race Teams

The FUN is not limited to the summer! FBYC will also offer spring and fall teams for both Optis and Lasers in 2015.

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The teams are coached by professional coaches on a per diem basis. Families pay only for events their sailor attends, leaving time for other sports and busy school schedules. The teams practice at the club on weekends and attend local and national regattas. Due to the often-challenging conditions, drysuits are required for each participant. These teams are intended for experienced racers; sailors must have at least one year experience racing for FBYC or a comparable program.

**Next Month: the 2015 coaches!**

## 70 FLEET FOSTERING FAMILY FUN FAST

By Blake Kimbrough

In just its 3rd year of existence, the J70 is quickly proving to represent a positive paradigm shift for the sport of sailing, one which we're enjoying to the fullest here at Fishing Bay. She's a simple yet sporty craft delivering an excellent platform for first-time sailors young and old, while also offering an active diverse field of racing opportunities all around the globe. What has this meant for us here at Fishing Bay Yacht Club?

Reflecting back on 2014 it's simply amazing to recount the many events and memories we've shared amongst our 11-boat strong and growing fleet. Last year alone we had FBYC J70s sailors volunteering for 36 FBYC events on or off the water, racing 28 home regattas, and achieving 5 podium finishes in major class travel events. Initial reaction is 'WOW,' but these are just anecdotal facts...the coolest part of all is the clear culture of four common purposes amongst our community of sailors:

1. Fostering participation and strengthening skills. New members, new sailors, and 'old salts' all get to learn and improve their skills. We encourage participation

of everyone regardless of skill or age, and with regular 'dock talks' before and after racing, we are constantly coaching each other to improve.

2. Families sail together. Nearly every boat in our fleet has some family dynamic of Father-Son (i.e. Dan & Gannon Troutman), Husband-Wife (i.e. Matt & A.L. Braun) or all of the above (I sail with both my father, Lud, and my wife, Julia). And guess what, Family teams can also kick butt...just ask 12-year old Gannon Troutman and his father about Key West Race Week (see Log for article).
3. Fun is had both on and off the water. This is what it's all about, and we have fun at every event be it on the race course, under the tent, or during an off-season get-together.
4. Fast boats deliver big grins. Who doesn't like to occasionally throttle up and go super-fast? As soon as the breeze reaches 13 knots we're flying downwind on full planes screaming "YEEHAAA!!!" At times it literally sounds like you're at the rodeo on a reach downwind.

Looking ahead we have another loaded schedule in 2015. In addition to the club's packed offshore schedule, beginning May 2nd we're hosting our own 4-event series; May 29th launches our Friday night series, which is a low-key, great way to kickoff summer weekends; and our Chesapeake Championship will be in early October.

Hopefully you've read this and are wondering "How can I try this out?" The answer is simple, please put down The Log and contact me directly at [blakekimbrough@yahoo.com](mailto:blakekimbrough@yahoo.com). We'll quickly get you onto our class mailing list, introduce you around, and before you know it, the crew requests will start rolling in. We look forward to welcoming you aboard to enjoy a tremendous year with the J70s!



## RACING / CRUISING



## KEY WEST RACE WEEK A MOM'S PERSPECTIVE

As many of you know by now *PIED PIPER*, our J/70, competed in Key West Race Week in January. I was asked to share a bit of our experiences.

Our boat is skippered by Gannon, our 12 year old son, with my husband, Dan, and Victor Diaz de Leon and Tomas Dietrich as crew. We knew this was a talented group of sailors, but we were after all going up against some of the best names in sailing. We tried to keep our excitement and expectations in check all through the 2-day drive, the pre-race swirl of activity, and the practices.

Following a few days of practice, many runs to West Marine for all things necessary, grocery store runs for food, and all kinds of miscellaneous errands, it was finally race day. I was fortunate enough to be able to get a spot on the spectator boat for Day 1. Race number 1 started off like any other. *Pied Piper* finished a solid mid-fleet as was expected. Then came race number 2. The spectator boat was at the finish line and I had binoculars ready but I didn't need them. All of a sudden there was *PIED PIPER* coming down to the finish. This third place finish blew me away. All the while the commentator on the spectator boat was informing the group that Gannon Troutman, the 12-year-old skipper, was coming to the finish line.

The rest of the week continued on with some really fantastic surprise finishes, culminating in a 1st place finish on the last day of racing. With an overall finish in 5th place for the team, I must say we were all a bit overwhelmed. There was a lot of talk about the 12-year-old skipper. The team was racing against Tim Healy, current World Champion, Vasco Vascotto, a world-renowned sailor and

tactician from Italy, Jud Smith and many others. At the awards ceremony, many of these seasoned Pros came up to Gannon and gave him words of encouragement and a pat on the back. Terry Hutchinson, Rolex Yachtsman of the Year, presented the awards and later caught up with Gannon to share some stories about sailing against Vasco! I'm no sailor, but what an exciting time! I was excited just to be seeing Gannon's excitement – contagious stuff!

None of this would be possible without our crew, including Dan! Buying the J/70 was his idea, after all. We owe much of this story and success to the FBYC Junior Racing Program. That is where all this started and opened up connections and opportunities with Victor Diaz de Leon and Tomas Dietrich, the best crew ever! I am deeply grateful for their time, effort, patience, and enthusiasm. I am so glad that Tomas will be back at FBYC again this summer to coach the juniors. I know we cannot keep them forever as our crew, but we will cherish every moment and remember all of this fondly for a lifetime.

~ Robin Troutman



## CRUISERS

Sailing season is around the corner, so here are the early events to put on your calendar. The remaining cruising events are posted on the club website.

The "Welcome Cruisers Party", a warm-up for Opening Day on Saturday, will be held on Friday, April 10, at the home of George and Lyons Burke in Richmond. This will be chance for all cruisers, seasoned and new, to gather and discuss the upcoming season. New members to the club are encouraged to attend. The party will begin at 7:00 and will feature heavy hors d'oeuvres, wine and other beverages. Please register at [www.fbyc.net](http://www.fbyc.net) or call (804) 359-1187.

The first cruise of the season will be the annual sail to Mathews Yacht Club. No date has been set at this time, but it is always around the end of the first week of May. This event is filled with great food, music, dancing, and welcoming hosts.

Two new and different cruises have been added this year. First, on May 30-31, the town of Urbanna and Hewick Plantation will host a juried *Arts in the Middle* festival. The Urbanna town trolley will transport guests between the plantation and the town. This event is sponsored by several local arts organizations.

Ever want to stick your toe in the ocean for a sail? Ever want to do a circumnavigation of the Delmarva peninsula? The organization that sponsors the Caribbean 1500 will run a Round Delmarva rally in June. Any club members who wish to participate can join the cruise in progress when it stops in Portsmouth, around the 20th. After the party at the end of Leg 1 from Annapolis, the fleet will exit the bay and sail to Cape May, NJ, before going up Delaware Bay and on to Annapolis for the end of the rally. Fishing Bay boats would finish their circumnavigation, approximately 450 NM, sailing back home on their own. There is a fee to participate in the rally. Contact Doug Selden, [djeselden@gmail.com](mailto:djeselden@gmail.com) or (434) 466-8272, with any questions.

**SPRING CLEAN UP MARCH 28**

**Contact Ed O'Connor  
([ej.oconnor@verizon.net](mailto:ej.oconnor@verizon.net)) for details.**

## PICTURES FROM THE PAST

Jere Dennison

Your Historian is always delighted to receive photographs from members that highlight our FBYC community in past years. Sandy Clark, recently reelected to membership, has submitted several pictures of his family's boat, *Dixie*. Murray Clark and his family were early members shortly after the Club moved from Urbanna in 1949 and acquired a beautiful 42-foot wooden gaff-rigged sloop named *Dixie* about 1960. She was constructed in 1915 by Reuben Huiseler, a renowned Down East boat builder, as a Bermuda Race contender. She was scary fast...her CCA rating indicated that she was considered to be the 5th fastest racing yacht on the Chesapeake Bay at that time.



experiencing in this picture.

The first photograph displayed here spotlights her gorgeous lines and powerful sail rig. *Dixie* would look fast even in a dead calm which she certainly isn't



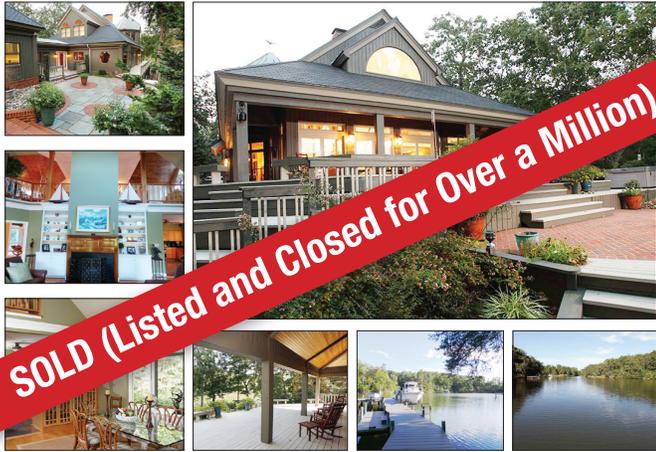
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The next photograph conveys the joy of Sandy's sister, Janet (L), and her friend Cacky O'Ferrall (R) frolicking on *Dixie's* huge bowsprit on a bright Chesapeake summer day circa 1961-62. The picture is perfectly framed and composed and would not look out of place gracing the cover of any sailing magazine

Unfortunately, some ten years later *Dixie* was consumed by flames in a spectacular fire while anchored off FBYC. Like so many of those beautiful old wooden racing yachts, she has been lost to history and is now only a fond but misty memory.

Your Historian, once again, entreats our members to comb through their photo albums and shoeboxes for old photographs that dramatize the history of our club. Please scan and send them with a description to [jerepaula@verizon.net](mailto:jerepaula@verizon.net), and you may see them in a future issue of the Log.

## Beautiful Home with Deep Water on the Piankatank



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## Beach House in the Cove



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