



FROM THE QUARTERDECK

DECEMBER 2016 / JANUARY 2017



THE YEAR AHEAD

I am honored and grateful to have the opportunity to serve as FBYC's Commodore in 2017. While my family and I do not have nearly as long tradition of membership as many of you, we have been fortunate to raise our children on Fishing Bay and to benefit from the Club's world

class junior program, camaraderie and facilities.

As in each previous year, we have new incoming Board and Committee members who have volunteered to be stewards of the Club's assets. This year's Board is quite different from past Boards: we have eight new members, more women (14 in total) than in the recent past, and interests that scan the entire spectrum of Club activities. When you see one of these Board or Committee members, please thank them for their service. They spend countless hours throughout the year ensuring we all have a great experience and ample opportunity to enjoy a lifelong sport we love. Their names and positions are included in this edition of the Log.

Most of you have by now heard about the proposal to replace our East dock with a new floating dock. Many of you have attended the Club's three "town hall" meetings held over the summer and into the fall. The Flag has listened to your many comments (in person and by email), and a number of revisions have been made to the plan. Based on sound reasoning and the desire to upgrade our docks to the caliber of the rest of our top-notch facilities and programs, the Flag is in favor of moving forward, with caution and due diligence, with this plan. Please read the enclosed article written by Member-At-Large Ted Bennett. We hope that members will understand that the docks are an asset of the entire membership, and we will have to use Club resources to maintain and improve them.

Our assets, particularly our facilities, have been well-managed by Dixon Cole, who has served FBYC exceptionally well over the past 12 years. Change, however, is inevitable and often necessary to re-focus, re-energize and recommit to a common cause. Dixon will reduce his schedule in 2017, but continue to serve the Club as Maintenance Supervisor. Dixon is a master at fixing things big and small; we are fortunate to have his dedication and expertise and all should thank him for his continued service.

Other changes are in store for the coming year. Earlier in 2016, former Commodore David Hinckle led a Long-Range Planning Committee in examining the management structure of the Club. FBYC is unique in that it relies heavily on many volunteers to run events, maintain its facilities and oversee our financial well-being. The time has come to allow members to enjoy the Club to the fullest. We will still rely on volunteers and continue to be a laid-back beautiful Club on a sleepy part of the Chesapeake Bay. We will still be governed by a volunteer Board and Committee members. But going forward, we will have the time and talent of a General Manager to help us attract new members, and to add value so we retain existing members. We have lots of plans for this person, but we welcome your suggestions as to how to improve our Club and the role that a new General Manager can play in accomplishing this goal. A search committee has been hard at work since September, and we expect to fill the position in the coming weeks. Look for more news about this on the Club website and in the next issue of the Log.

Meanwhile, many volunteers have been busy working on various winter-time projects: finalizing our 2017 budget, planning the upcoming sailing season, forming membership initiative subcommittees and preparing to publish our Sailing Events and Yearbook – and of course planning various winter events, including the Bermuda High party. **David Lennarz - Commodore**

MINUTES - November 2016

FISHING BAY YACHT CLUB - BOARD MEETING

Preliminary Minutes – November 10, 2016

SECRETARY –

Minutes: Recommended amendment to the minutes:

1. **FLEET CAPTAIN** – Reported that the Coast Guard contacted him to confirm that the Club is holding races according to the schedule.
2. **Under New Business:**
 - Added “officers and” to indemnification provision
 - Removed “volunteers” from indemnification provision
 - Edited motion to: A motion was made to approve and recommend to members the amendment and restatement of the Articles of Incorporation per the attached resolutions. The Amended and Restated Articles approved by the Board will be sent out to members who have a yacht enrolled with the club for their vote: Proxy, Resolution and Articles.

TREASURER – Asked all members to get all expected reimbursements for the year as soon as possible so that 2016 can be closed out.

HOUSE CHAIR – Reported the following: Minor repairs to Fannie’s exterior (roofing, screens, siding) – not to exceed \$5,000 (and may be much less)

DOCKS CHAIR – Received revised pricing for the replacement of the eight whalers: \$10,920 (vinyl coated); \$8,400 (non-vinyl coated). Flag inspected and approves the work. After some discussion, a motion was made to accept the quote of \$10,920 for the vinyl coated whalers; motion was seconded and approved. Also, depending on the weather, the water to the docks will be turned off November 21st or 28th.

SOCIAL CHAIR – 154 dinners have been sold for the Commodore’s Ball. Costs will be reviewed after the event for next year.

GROUNDS CHAIR –

1. **Grounds:** The sod/parking project will provide temporary storage along the east side pool fence. The project will begin soon. November will include trimming the hedge in front of Fannie’s, over-seed the campus and limb removal. The dumpster privacy doors need some attention. The backing on the rear of the two doors is in poor shape and need to be replaced. Winterization of the East Bathhouse is scheduled for November. Fall cleanup was scheduled for Saturday, November 19th, with a backup date of Saturday, December 3rd.
2. **Barn:** One gate has been installed; the second has been delivered and is awaiting installation.
3. **Pool and Pavilion:** Covers have been installed on the pools

LONG RANGE PLANNING – Search for the General Manager continues with more than 60 resumes having been received. The interview process will begin next week.

WEB MASTER –

1. **New Registration System:** We dropped the Legacy Zope Registration in October for Django registration, and it is working well. The payment system, Stripe, is showing some delay on the buyer’s side (up to two weeks) for refunds. However, on vendor side, Stripe sends money every few days, which may enable more real-time accounting for FBYC bookkeeping between credit card receipts and cash revenue.
2. **Technology Developments:** Anthony Burton, an FBYC member who lives in Charlottesville and sails a Laser and crews with David Clark, has been a member of the web committee since it started. He has come forward and asked if he can do programming for the FBYC website. Strother has permission from the Flag to hire him and the cost will come out of the website budget. He has been given a website design problem to solve. Today, if you look at new.fbyc.net on a narrow screen like a iPhone - all you see at the top is WHITE SPACE and the “hamburger” menu.

YAM CHAIR – Events for 2017 are already in the works.

ONE DESIGN DIV. CDR. – Reported that the final Laser event had 10 boats participating. Awards will be mailed out. He is pleased with the innovation of the Laser Race Committee which experimented with “no race committee” and an “end of dock” race committee. Also made a motion to remove the Front Runners from probation due to their increased participation. This motion was seconded and approved. Suggestions for 2017 include new possible fleets be looked at and the Flying Scot fleet needs to be fostered. Jon was thanked for all his hard work over the years on the Board.

CRUISING DIV LT. CDR. – Reported that the Closing Dinner was well-attended. The Cruising Division is already well into planning the 2017 season and they look forward to working with the Adult Sailing Program/Karen Soule on various overlapping workshops and events.

JUNIOR DIV. CDR –

1. **Race Teams and Development Teams:** Various junior sailors continue to participate in 2016 fall/winter USODA racing activities up and down East Coast including:
 - **November:** SCYC *Optimist Team Race Invitational* – Guthrie Braun, Thomas Sitzmann and John Vail; USODA *Midwinter Championship*, Southern Yacht Club – Guthrie Braun, Joshua Bendura
 - **December:** *Orange Bowl, Miami* – Josh Bendura, Madeline Amthor, Reese Bragg, Reed McAllister

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and Jordan Bendura

2. **Awards:** Junior Awards Committee completed selection process. Nine awards to be presented at Commodores Ball.
3. **2017 Planning:**
 - Partnering with head of CBYRA Junior Division to optimize Junior Regatta schedule
 - Continued planning for 2017 racing season including; refinement of expected participants, identification of key volunteers, identification of coaches
 - Continued planning for Junior Week and Opti Kids

TROPHIES – All set for the Awards Ceremony at the Commodore's Ball. There will be a number of actual perpetuals on display like last year and the same slide show will be shown. A photographer has been hired for the event. He added that there is enough inventory for half of 2017. The inventory is stored at Camelot Pewter.

REGATTA COMMITTEE – Events are being wrapped up and the transition to the new members is taking place.

ADULT SAILING PROGRAM – Work is underway on the set of procedures for the use of the Club J/24 – and any other Club boats. These boats will be a great enticement for new members who do not currently have a boat.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Restatement of the Club Articles of Incorporation, having been approved by the Board, will be up for approval at the Annual Meeting.
2. The Bylaws have also been reviewed with changes having been distributed to the Board along with notice. Most of the changes made were to provide consistency to the Board function. A motion was made to adopt the Bylaws as circulated. The motion was seconded and approved.
3. Reminder that the meeting with the Stove Point Improvement Association, FBYC and the Middlesex Water Authority will be taking place on November 18th to discuss further options including a possible pilot program for a water project.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Schedule of Events for 2017 was proposed. The Board was asked to review and respond with any thoughts, comments, edits, etc. Crew training sessions will be added at a later date.
2. Work on the 2017 Yearbook will begin soon and reviewed some of the processes with the members. Nica Waters will be providing the logistics coordination for the Yearbook again this year.



**SOUTHERN BAY RACING
UPCOMING SEMINARS AND CLINICS**

**US SAILING ONE DAY RACE
MANAGEMENT SEMINAR**

Saturday, January 21, 2017 – 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Hosted by Fishing Bay Yacht Club
Meets seminar requirement for new/renewal
US Sailing Club Race Officer Certification
Info: Jim Raper, (804) 307-3212
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MURPHY RULES CLINIC

including NEW rules changes

Saturday, February 4, 2017 – 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Hosted by Norfolk Yacht & Country Club
Info: Lin McCarthy, (757) 850-4225
mcbear@earthlink.net

MURPHY RULES CLINIC

including NEW rules changes

Saturday, March 4, 2017 - 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Hosted by Rappahannock River Yacht Club
Info: Lin McCarthy, (757) 850-4225
mcbear@earthlink.net

**MURPHY NUTS & BOLTS
for RACE COMMITTEE**

Saturday, March 18, 2017 - 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Hosted by Hampton Yacht Club
Info: Lin McCarthy, (757) 850-4225
mcbear@earthlink.net

**MURPHY NUTS & BOLTS
for RACE COMMITTEE**

Saturday, March 25, 2017 - 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Hosted by Broad Bay Sailing Association
Info: Randy Goodman
ergoodman121@gmail.com

Info: Lin McCarthy, (757) 850-4225
mcbear@earthlink.net

**ALL MURPHY SEMINARS & CLINICS
ARE OPEN TO ALL.**

SPECIAL NOTICES



NEW OFFICERS OF THE BOARD

During the 2016 FBYC Annual meeting, a quorum of our membership elected a new slate of Officers and Board Members to serve in 2017. Please welcome these members who have committed to serving our Club in the upcoming year; and mark their names, because in their vigilance they need and welcome your input, your ideas for how we can improve, and your gratitude. They are as follows:

OFFICERS

Commodore – David Lennarz
Vice Commodore – Robert P. Whittemore
Rear Commodore – Paul Wash
Treasurer – Stephan Quiriconi
Secretary – Joseph W. Roos

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Fleet Captain – William H. Schwarzschild, III
Offshore Division Commander – James L. Raper
One Design Division Commander – Caroline B. Garrett
Cruising Division Commander – John P. Galloway
Junior Division Commander – Douglas S. Bendura
Fleet Lieutenant – George W. Pongonis, III
Log Streamer – Amy McGlynn
House Chair – Stephen H. Montgomery
Docks Chair – David B. Clark
Social Chair – Geoffrey D. Cahill
Grounds Chair – Helen C. Walker
Member at Large – William T. Bennett

COMMITTEES

Offshore Division Lieutenant Commander – Rebecca L. Wash
Offshore Division Race Chairman – Ruthanna M. Jenkins
One Design Division - Lieutenant Commander – Joe Nelson
One Design Division Race Chairman – H. Bradshaw Squires, II
Cruising Division Lieutenant Commander – Nancy G. Powell
Junior Division Lieutenant Commander – A.L. Braun
Protest Chairman - C. Mayo Tabb Jr.

Trophy Chairman – Lisa Fleck
YAM Chair – Blake and Julia Kimbrough
Long Range Planning – David S. Hinckle
Webmaster – R. Strother Scott
Finance – Veronica Hinckle
Winter Programs – Greg & Kathy Ullman
Marketing – John M. Buhl, III
Historian – Joseph L. Dennison, Jr.
Regatta Committee – Julie Ann Wash / Melissa Orndorff Stephens
Adult Sailing Director – Karen Soule
CBYRA Delegate – Thomas J. Roberts
Operations Manager – Dixon Cole

MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION AND RETENTION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED BY JOE ROOS

Sailing has everything you could want from a sport, from being a sociable relaxing experience, to pleasurable cruising and day sailing, to fast paced, high-action competition. But as times change, we must continually look at attracting new members and addressing the evolving needs of the membership to ensure we have a strong active member base at FBYC. This is at the core of maintaining a vibrant sailing community.

To address shifting needs of the membership, attract new members and promote a greater sense of ownership within the Club, the Board of Trustees is broadly considering initiatives in four areas:

- New Member Focus Group
- Membership Communication
- Housing and Food & Beverage
- Waterfront and Social Activities

We are building committees that will focus on these four areas and recommend specific actions, programs or initiatives to the Board. If you are interested in joining one of these committees and working with your fellow members to help define the future programs and activities, or have questions, please contact Joe Roos at membershipchair@fbyc.net.

SPECIAL NOTICES



ULTIMATE SAIL TRIM SERIES

HOSTED BY THE NORFOLK YACHT AND COUNTRY CLUB
7001 Hampton Blvd, Norfolk, Virginia 23505



ULTIMATE TRIM SERIES PART I: 9:00AM - 12:00PM Saturday, February 11th

Part one is geared towards club racers and serious cruisers. We will cover topics on sail trim ranging from sail controls and their effects, how to create a trim cheat sheet, and how to trim sails in different wind and sea conditions.

ULTIMATE TRIM SERIES PART II: 9:00AM - 12:00PM Saturday, March 4th

Part two is for advanced racers looking for an edge and club racers looking to up their game. We will cover technical topics including the effects of halyard tension, rig tune, sail inventory development, and trim tricks and strategies for different wind conditions.

RSVP TODAY

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Jerry Latell

SPEAKER: JERRY LATELL, OWNER OF ULLMAN SAILS VIRGINIA AND HAMPTON

Jerry Latell offers extensive experience as a racer and sailmaker. Jerry has raced a wide range of boats from Flying Scots to all size keelboats. In addition to numerous top finishes in PHRF and one-design events, his racing accomplishments include a class win in the 2014 Newport Bermuda Race. When Jerry isn't sailing, he is at the loft in Deltaville where he has been a sailmaker for over 17 years.

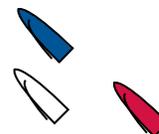
Ullman Sails Virginia offers a full range of racing and cruising sails, and sail repair. The loft also specializes in Classic Series sails, having produced museum-quality sails for projects like the Jamestown ship and the United States Coast Guard Cutter the 'Eagle'.

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SPECIAL NOTICES / AWARDS

A DOCK FOR OUR FUTURE BY TED BENNETT

In 2014, your Board commissioned a study of our entire waterfront facilities by a professional engineering firm that specializes in marine structures. As a result of this study, we made repairs and some improvements. A key finding of this report is that the East and Middle docks will likely need replacing within approximately 10 years.

In response to this finding, two study committees were formed under the leadership of Docks Chairman, David Clark.

In 2015, the first committee considered members' complaints of our existing timber docks. The committee determined replacement of our Jackson Creek docks with floating docks as a logical goal. Given the magnitude of the plan, it was determined that a phased approach starting with the East dock was the most achievable concept. Key factors in this decision were: 1) Fixed wooden docks have a lifespan of 25 years compared to 35-40 years for floating; 2) Floating docks provide an environment of superior safety for boats and the people who use them; 3) The east dock is most vulnerable to storm damage and is in the worst condition following the recent middle dock repairs.

Then in 2016, the second committee looked at all potential replacement options, including taking advantage of this opportunity to redesign a new East dock that would better serve the membership. It was determined that a floating dock by Meeco-Sullivan, constructed with polyethylene floats and a 35-40 year expected life span hardwood deck using fiberglass pilings, was the best in terms of both price and service life. Other important design factors include moving the dock 35 feet to the east to provide a proper width fairway, and keeping the same number of slips on the new dock (28 plus 2 transient). The chart below breaks down the costs in 2016 prices for this project and shows that a floating dock will cost an additional \$86,000 over building the new redesigned dock out of timber.

The total East dock project is currently estimated to cost \$450,000. Can we afford paying \$450,000 for a replacement dock? For a number of reasons, my answer is yes. In addition to safety, ease of use and favorable lending environment (for now), a new floating dock will drive incremental revenue to the Club. The new east dock slips are currently estimated to rent for \$87.50/foot

ESTIMATED DOCK REPLACEMENT COSTS								
Fixed Costs		Dollars	Timber Dock Solution*		Dollars	Floating Dock Solution*		Dollars
Demolition	\$20,000		Total Fixed Costs	\$214,000		Total Fixed Costs	\$214,000	
Dredging	\$37,000		Timber Dock Materials and Installation	\$150,000		Floating Dock Materials	\$161,000	
Utilities	\$80,000		Total Cost of Timber Dock Solution	\$364,000		Pilings	\$62,000	
Engineering and Permitting	\$13,000					Installation	\$13,000	
Royalties to VMRC	\$39,000					Total Cost of Floating Dock Solution	\$450,000	
Miscellaneous Site Work and Contingency	\$25,000							
Total Fixed Costs	\$214,000							

- Incremental cost to upgrade from timber to floating dock is \$86,000.
- Assume construction start in late 2017/early 2018
- Inflation is not included
- * Same design layout based on 272 foot dock with full length fingers

yearly; for example, a 40 foot sailboat now pays \$2,200/year and instead would pay \$3,500/year on the floating dock. We already have verbal commitments from 28+ members for these slips, and these boats will generate approximately \$35,000 more per year over the current income for the east dock. This additional revenue will go a long way toward making this project self-funding and, once any debt is paid off, create extra revenue that can go toward replacing the Middle dock or any other use the Board deems appropriate at that time.

Early in the coming year, the Board will be asked for approval to move forward in preparing the necessary permits. It should be noted that the approved permit has a ten year shelf life (if an extension is exercised). Once the permits are approved, a royalty fee will be due to the Virginia Marine Resources Commission. Later in the year, the Board will be asked to approve financing of the project. A full presentation of the plan may be found at the FBYC website under the "Members" section.

Questions or concerns? Email Commodore Lennarz: dlenarz@gmail.com

2016 FBYC ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS BY LISA FLECK

Fishing Bay Yacht Club held its Annual Meeting and Awards Party on Saturday, November 12 at the Commonwealth Club in Richmond. The following is a list of all of the 2016 recipients of the Club's perpetual trophies:

HENRY E. HUTCHESON, JR. MEMORIAL TROPHY – awarded to the Optimist skipper with the highest standing in Sanctioned Regattas and intra-club races: **Guthrie Braun**

JUNIOR COMPETITION TROPHY – awarded to the

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Junior skipper (or skippers) who has most successfully represented FBYC in sailboat racing events conducted by other yacht clubs or associations during the Regular Racing Season: **Tomas Sitzmann**

L. WOOD BEDELL TROPHY – awarded to the FBYC sailor under the age of 14 who is the highest finisher in FBYC races during the Regular Racing Season: **Guthrie Braun**

YOUNG SALT TROPHY – awarded to the Junior FBYC Optimist sailor having the highest overall standing in Club Junior regattas: **Guthrie Braun**



Jordan Bendura
(Doug Bendura presenting)

ROBERTS BOWL – awarded to the Junior sailor who has shown the most interest in sailing as evidenced by enthusiasm, improvement in sailing techniques, awareness of the rules of water safety and cooperation with the members of the Junior program: **Jordan Bendura & Ralph Levy**

REID A. DUNN TROPHY – awarded to the member of the Junior Program between the ages of 14 and 18 who has demonstrated outstanding sailing abilities by placing highest in FBYC races during the Regular Racing Season: **Garrett Levy**

CAROLINE COLLINS TROPHY – awarded to the young lady having the highest standing in the FBYC Junior Regattas: **Baylor Goldwithe**



Bo Angus



Amanda Almany
(Doug Bendura, presenting)

UP AND COMING TROPHY – awarded to an Optimist sailor under 15 years of age who has shown great promise on and around the racecourse: **Bo Angus & John Thomas Mason**

BECCA BOAT TROPHY – awarded to the FBYC junior who most exemplifies Becca's devotion to FBYC (Rebecca Clary Harris, a former FBYC Junior): **Amanda Almany**



Blake Kimbrough
(David Lennarz presenting)

PATRICK A GIBSON MEMORIAL TROPHY – awarded to the one design class showing the highest level of participation in Club sanctioned races during the sailing season based on the number of boats enrolled in the class and the total number of starters in club Sanctioned races. J/70 Fleet: **Blake Kimbrough**



Charlie Brewer
(David Lennarz and Geoff Cahill presenting)

BLANTON BOWL – awarded to the Laser skipper with the highest standing in Sanctioned Regattas and intra-club races: **Charlie Brewer**

WAYLAND W. RENNIE CRUISING AWARD – awarded to a FBYC member in recognition of outstanding contributions to the Cruising Division: **Tony Sakowski**

COMPETITION TROPHY – awarded to the skipper of a FBYC enrolled yacht who has most successfully represented FBYC in sailboat racing events conducted by other yacht clubs during the past year: **Gannon Troutman**



Bob and Lisa Fleck
(David Lennarz presenting)



Lisa Fleck
(Geoff Cahill presenting)

OFFSHORE DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY – awarded to the FBYC skipper of the outstanding Offshore Division enrolled yacht as determined by an objective standard applied over the Regular Racing Season: **Mad Hatter - Robert J. & Lisa Fleck**

ALLEN B. FINE TROPHY – awarded to the outstanding crewman of a FBYC yacht: **Lisa Fleck**

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Noel Clinard
(David Lennarz presenting)

SPORTSMANSHIP TROPHY

– awarded to the Offshore Division skipper who displays the best sportsmanship in the Regular Racing Season: **Noel Clinard**

CLINARD CUP

– FBYC's newest award is the Clinard Cup. This award was donated by former Commodore Noel Clinard, FBYC's first J/70 owner and the founder and first Fleet Captain of J/70 Fleet 5. It is awarded to an FBYC J/70 yacht for both participation and performance in FBYC events and J/70 Class travel events: **E.L.E. Matt Braun Family and its Loyal Crew**



Rebecca Wash
(Ted Bennett presenting)

THE HUBARD TROPHY

– awarded to the outstanding woman sailor of FBYC: **Julie Ann Wash**

ANNUAL RACE COMMITTEE TROPHY

– awarded to the FBYC member who has made the greatest contribution to race committee work and race management: **Jim Raper**



Jon Kalinowski
(Ted Bennett presenting)

FISHING BAY CHALLENGE BOWL

(Commodore designates each year) – awarded to the FBYC member/skipper who receives the best overall score for the season in the Offshore Division PHRF Non-Spin Fleet: **Sleigh Ride and Jon Kalinowski**



Charlie Brewer
(Ted Bennett presenting)

COMMODORES' BOWL

– awarded on an alternating year basis to the outstanding Offshore or One Design skipper in FBYC sponsored sailing events for the year based on performance and participation: **Charlie Brewer**

MATTHEW FONTAINE MAURY BOWL – awarded for outstanding contributions to FBYC: **Jere Dennison**

2016 One Design & Offshore PERPETUAL TROPHIES
(Awarded at Offshore Closing Day Regatta)

BAKER BOWL – awarded to the Flying Scot skipper with the highest standing in Sanctioned Regattas and intra-club races: **John Wake**

NOTT MEMORIAL TROPHY – awarded to the skipper of the Flying Scot finishing the greatest number of Sanctioned and Non-Sanctioned FBYC sponsored Flying Scot events during the calendar year: **John Wake**

PERFORMANCE TROPHY – awarded to the FBYC enrolled yacht finishing the greatest number of Club-sponsored PHRF races: **Schiehallion - Brad Miller**

WINDWARD START TROPHY – awarded to the FBYC enrolled PHRF-B yacht with the best score in the Offshore Fall Series: **GOIN - Dennis Hannick**

BARBER TROPHY – awarded to the PHRF-C skipper who beat the most competitors during the Regular Racing Season: **Cheeky Monkey - Julie Ann and Paul Wash**

HICKS TROPHY – awarded to the winner of the FBYC's One Design Long Distance Race: **Guthrie Braun**

2016 PERPETUAL TROPHIES

(Awarded at Event)

JOHN R. HAWKSWORTH MEMORIAL TROPHY – awarded to the skipper of the one design class in the Club's Annual One Design Regatta with a minimum average number of five starters per race and with the lowest score as calculated by the formula detailed in the Sailing Instructions for the event: **Guthrie Braun**

BRENTON S. HALSEY, JR. MEMORIAL TROPHY – awarded to the winner of the Stingray Point Regatta. Event cancelled (not awarded)



Chesapeake Laser Masters Championship Event Winners

CHESAPEAKE LASER MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY – awarded to the winner of a series of races in Lasers sailed by persons 35 years of age or older: **Gavin O'Hare, Eastport YC**

POTTS SOUTHERN BAY CHALLENGE CUP – awarded to the team of boats having the lowest total points during the Stingray Point Regatta. Event cancelled (not awarded)

CRUISING / EVENTS

2017 CRUISING DIVISION PLANS BY JOHN GALLOWAY

Planning for our upcoming Cruising season is well underway, including an innovative proposal for a “Vagabonds Cruise” led by George and Lyons Burke. This cruise will include up to four specific cruise destination/ rendezvous points located on both shores of the Chesapeake Bay, with the northern most spot being Georgetown on the Sassafras River, and possibly as far south as Hampton. It will operate like a sailing rally, with boats able to choose to meet up at as many (or as few) locations as they like. Skippers and crews will have the flexibility to decide what interim stops they might prefer based on their own interests, schedules, and weather concerns, prior to arriving at the rendezvous destinations at a given time slot.

For those that chose to sail to all of the rendezvous points, they will complete an “Inside the Bay” circumnavigation over a three to four week period! We are looking to start this cruise around the beginning of June.

We are also tentatively planning an early June cruise to the Patuxent River Naval Air Station, which would include overnighing at the Navy marina, and a behind the scenes tour of the Air Station, including the Commanding Officer’s house. This cruise could be done as a feeder into the longer Vagabonds Cruise, or as a “there and back” destination cruise on its own.

Our **Welcome Cruisers Party** is scheduled for **Saturday, April 8**, and our first cruise of the year should again be to the Mathews Yacht Club for their annual Flag Raising ceremony and dinner/dance in early May. We are considering a variety of other three to four-day Destination Cruises over the season – possible locations including Onancock, Cape Charles, and the St. Mary’s River – as well as closer to home weekend Captains Choice Cruises.

As a new initiative, we are looking to team with the Adult Sailing program to offer a number of cruising-oriented training seminars, which could include both classroom and some on-water sessions. Topics may include Marine Weather, Hands-on Diesel Basics, Electrical Troubleshooting, Docking and Line Handling, Sail Trim for Cruisers, and a Safety Seminar. Details are still being worked out, and more info will be made available as plans firm up.

We welcome new members of the Club to join us, as well as existing members who may be interested in starting to do some cruising! Feel free to contact me, galloway.johnp@gmail.com, or Nancy Powell, ngpowell@icloud.com, with any suggestions or questions.



FEELING THE CHILL OF WINTER?

Save - The - Dates

Summer Seabreeze Regattas 2017 - Re-imagined!
Join us for some One Design fun

July 15th 2017: *Caribbean-inspired* Summer SeaBreeze regatta #1

Flying Scots, Front Runners, and Portsmouth fleets (this means any boat out there - come out and sail!) Race start time: 1pm

Channel your inner Parrothead!
Get creative and don your Caribbean best for the racing.
After-race social will feature Caribbean-inspired appetizers and a signature drink.

July 22nd 2017: Summer SeaBreeze Regatta #2

Flying Scots and Portsmouth fleets - Race start time: 1pm

NEW COMPONENT! Women’s Sailing Clinic in the morning, followed by joining up with the afternoon racing. All female members are encouraged to come learn more about sailing or racing and share in the camaraderie and fun. All levels welcome - from beginner to experienced. Stay tuned for more updates in the spring.

YAMs are encouraged!

Contact Caroline Garrett if interested.

FBYC YAMS GEAR UP FOR BRIGHT NEW YEAR

BY JULIA & BLAKE KIMBROUGH



The YAMs (Young adult members under 40) are getting organized unlike never before in anticipation of a big year in 2017. Having confirmed a formal charter and assembled a great extended team, our core mission is to “enhance the overall experience and value

of membership for young adult members.” We will tackle 2017 through YAM-led events catering to both young families and individual members, as well as drive YAM participation and volunteerism in core Club events.

What’s different about this year for the YAMs?

- 1. Strength in Numbers:** We are forming a sub-committee of contributing young members...fun folks excited to help plan and drive events. So far, to name a few, we have Eliza Strickland, Abigail & Massey Whorley, Mark & Melissa Stephens, Caroline Garrett, Miles & Maria Kimbrough, among others (and there’s still room for more!).
- 2. Enhanced Communications:** Cadenced communications will become the norm for the YAM community through a variety of mediums such as ‘YAM Corner’ updates in every Log, email group updates, and Facebook and Social media groups.
- 3. Catering to all YAMs:** The definition of a ‘YAM’ is a broad one...some are right out of college, others are young families with infant children, and several, although not fitting an age requirement, are simply ‘young at heart’. Throughout the year we intend to keep YAM events accessible and enjoyable to all!

Early planning is under way with many exciting new event concepts coming together (i.e. A Preppy Picnic, Brunch Cruise-in-Company, 1st Annual YAM One Design, Caribbean-Themed Social, Oktoberfest, and much, much more!). More to come as we get organized over the holidays, and if you are interested in getting involved please contact juliakimbrough@outlook.com.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINERS CELEBRATE IN STYLE

BY JANE CUTLER

Twenty-one members of the Wednesday night dinner group gathered at the Clubhouse to celebrate Thanksgiving as we closed out the 2016 season. Joe Schott carved up a couple of turkeys and others brought their favorite Thanksgiving dish. We shared the feast, ending with various pies, cookies and ice cream. Everyone was especially happy to have Evelyn Turner back with us. Stories were swapped about various encounters with the Coast Guard. Everyone joined in a round of “Happy Birthday” to Bill Goettle. We all look forward to the holidays and some group dinners from time to time this winter.



FBYC OPTI SAILORS COMPETE AT USODA MIDWINTER CHAMPIONSHIP, SPRING TEAM QUALIFIER, NOVEMBER 23-26 IN NEW ORLEANS

BY A.L. BRAUN

More than 260 Optimist sailors from around the country as well as Canada, Peru, Puerto Rico, Singapore and the Virgin Islands competed over Thanksgiving week at the Allstate Sugar Bowl - USODA Midwinter Championship at Southern Yacht Club, New Orleans. Sailors competed for coveted invitation-only spots to compete at the IODA South American Championship in Aguavista, Paraguay,

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the International Palamos Optimist Trophy, in Catalonia, Spain, the 35th Lake Garda Optimist Meeting in Riva del Garda, Italy, the 32nd International Magic Marine Easter Regatta in Braassemereer, Holland, and the Topsport Vlaanderen Nieuwpoortweek Regatta in Nieuwpoort, Belgium. Guthrie Braun and Josh Bendura represented FBYC at this highly competitive three-day team qualifier with challenging conditions. Unfortunately, fog and then no wind forced an abandonment of all racing on the first day, and then the light winds allowed only one, fluky race for some of the competitors on the second day. Both Guthrie and Josh did a spectacular job competing in very stacked fleet with light and variable conditions on day three.

After five races, Guthrie finished 65th, and Josh finished 186th. Guthrie's score earned him an invitation to represent the United States in Palamos, Spain at the 2017 XXVIII Vila de Palamos Optimist Trophy Regatta in February! The Brauns and their regatta son, Josh, thoroughly enjoyed their Thanksgiving in New Orleans, and highly recommend this regatta to all Opti sailors.



civilization that our phones hardly worked. However, it was a beautiful place to hold a regatta. There were 20 boats in this regatta and our goal was to have fun. The first day we were there we did a lot of boat work on the charter we were using and no real practice. This was not good since the next day was the first day of racing.

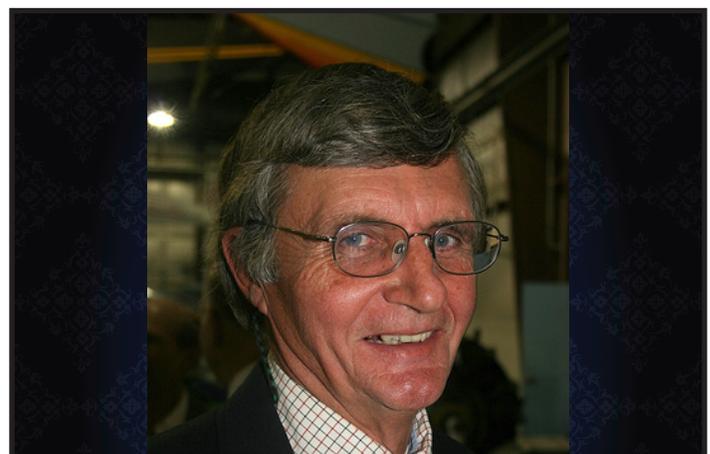
The first day went well, however since we had no practice, we had to work out our issues that day. We finished in second place that day and that was not so bad. The second day was a little different. During the last race, the wind died, but started filling in on the right side of the course. We ended up in first that race which put us in first overall. That night we were so tired we didn't even go to dinner.

The final day we had two intense match races with former World Champion, Julian Fernandez. These were two difficult races between the two top teams. I learned a lot about match racing. In the end, we won the regatta. It was a great opportunity for me and a trip I won't forget.



PIED PIPER WINS J/70 MEXICAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP VALLE DE BRAVO MEXICO, NOVEMBER 11-13, 2016 BY GANNON TROUTMAN

Pied Piper has just finished a spectacular year of racing with the J/70 Mexican National Championship. Our crew this time was me, my dad, Tommy Dietrich and Victor Diaz. Upon arriving in Mexico, we were picked up by a cab and continued to drive two hours to a lake in Valle De Bravo, west of Mexico City. We were so far from



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FBYC OPTI RACE TEAM DEFENDS TEAM RACING TROPHY AT SCYC
BY: MATT BRAUN



FBYC's Opti Race Team won last year's first inaugural Optimist Pram Team Invitational hosted by South Carolina Yacht Club, Hilton Head, SC, so all sights were set on Team FBYC at this year's event, which

was held on November 12 and 13. Six clubs were invited to compete: FBYC; Edgewater Yacht Club (Ohio); Florida Yacht Club; The Royal Canadian Yacht Club (Ontario); and South Carolina Yacht Club.

FBYC's team (John Vail, Guthrie Braun and Thomas Sitzmann) developed a commanding lead with six points after the first seven races after day one (with the one and only blemish on their record being a controversial to our sailors! Race with a coach boat as a replacement mark). There were three teams tied for second with four points each: South Carolina Yacht Club, Florida Yacht Club and Royal Canadian Yacht Club of Toronto.

The second day of racing started with dying 10 knots out of the north with tides at least 2.5 maybe three knots, challenging the sailors. The highlight of the weekend is somewhat captured by the event organizer: "The first race of the day saw powerhouse Fishing Bay Yacht Club and home team South Carolina Yacht Club dual it out. A 10 minute mark trap between FBYC's Guthrie Braun and SCYC's Matthew Monts, it was an epic battle of tide, skill and knowledge of the rules. Each sailor controlled a mark trap and lost it to a competitor when the tide swept them out of the zone. SCYC was able to round 1, 2, but the race was called before the finish as the course needed to be moved due to flighty breeze at the top." You should be proud of FBYC and the boat handling that the kids have learned through the Junior program! The RC then moved the entire course into an area with less current, and the races restarted with FBYC winning all of their subsequent races, putting them in the finals against Florida Yacht Club. FBYC then won the best of 3 competition against Florida for the title!



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