

FROM THE QUARTERDECK

APRIL 2020



CORONAVIRUS-RELATED IMPACTS TO FBYC

As we all hunker down and practice social distancing and isolation in this new COVID-19 era, your Flag officers and Board members are communicating almost daily (sometimes hourly) and meeting (telephonically)

on a regular basis to consider how we might minimize the disruption to our events schedule and care for Club facilities and assets. We have been actively monitoring governmental directives and recommendations of public authorities and healthcare officials.

Guided by these directives and considerations, we have been making adjustments to our planned activities with the intent to keep our members, families, guests and our community safe. We postponed our annual Bermuda High Party scheduled for March 14 and our annual spring cleanup that had been scheduled for March 21. Most recently you received word that we have postponed all Club-sponsored activities scheduled to take place prior to the end of April. These postponements are a disappointment to all of us, but are consistent with our commitment to the safety of the Club community and our Club's civic responsibility to support the broader effort to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

We are not alone. Sailing organizations and clubs around the world, and many closer to home, have been cancelling or postponing events and limiting the use of their facilities to protect the health and well-being of their sailors, crews, committees and support personnel. In the current environment, we are mindful that our Clubsponsored cruising, racing, Junior and social activities

are not activities that foster social distancing. Sailing is our passion. Safety is our priority.

So what are we going to do? Indeed, we need not just sit around and twiddle our thumbs. As a Club, we are looking at ways we can still continue some of our planned activities and programs during this period of social distancing. Although Opening Day races that had been scheduled for mid-April have been postponed, we are nonetheless looking into the feasibility of an Opening Day Ceremony, including a virtual blessing of the fleet that could be posted on our website. While the crew training classes that were scheduled to begin on April 14, 2020 in Richmond can't be held in person, we are exploring how we might modify the classroom portion of our crew training program to an on-line program. Shifting to on-line platforms is the new routine for our kids or grandkids (and some of us teaching classes). We are also considering accommodations we might make for our Juniors.

We will keep you posted on developments and decisions that impact our season. In the meantime, when you have a chance, join me in thanking Brian Ankrom, our Club Manager, for his hard work in implementing the adjustments that are being made on a daily basis to address many of the challenges that have arisen in the current environment. Also, I want to offer special thanks to our Vice Commodore, Elizabeth Staas, and our Rear Commodore, Joe Roos, for their generous commitment of time and their remarkable agility in dealing with quickly changing circumstances.

I know that all of us are eager to see a quick return to normalcy in our customary activities at FBYC and our lives generally. Stay safe and healthy.

With very best wishes,

~ Tracy Schwarzschild, Commodore

COMMODORE / MINUTES - MARCH 2020

FISHING BAY YACHT CLUB - BOARD MEETING

March 12, 2020 - Mark Wensell's Office

HOUSE CHAIR – Douglas S. Bendura:

- Project Updates
 - Fannies Floor replacement: Installation and painting now completed
 - 2nd floor Club House AC/Heater #2 replacement:
 AC coil has failed due to corrosion. In January board approved replacement of HVAC unit. Mayo's first choice for replacement not approved by EPA issuing PO for 2nd choice. Project remains within budget.

Upcoming Activities

- Clubhouse interior spring clean will be done Friday. The porch, tables, & chairs need to be pressure washed.
- Bathhouse will be spring cleaned after water is restored & all leaks are addressed.

New Requests

- Bath House Gutters: Grounds Chair Steve Montgomery has suggested adding gutters to help prevent erosion around building and damage to plantings. Asked Brian to obtain rough estimate of cost so that we can appropriately prioritize.
- Visitor Book: Lyons Burke checked the visitor log in the main club house and discovered there were no blank pages left. Working to get additional pages added.
- Awaiting meeting of Long-range planning committee to review all 3-year plans submitted by all chairs to develop a recommended set of investments.

DOCKS CHAIR – James L. Raper:

FB Dock Replace Whaler lift cable & service lift

(contracted – East Coast)

FB Dock Install new wiring, lighting, shore power,

& outlets On Hold TBD

JC Bulkhead Replace old deck boards &

place support timbers

Crane Paint base, mast, & boom

(contracted – David Allen) – Scheduled to start March 12

Crane Safety inspection of base, mast, & boom

SOCIAL CHAIR - Carrie Russell and Susan Wright:

The 2020 season will continue to focus on elevation of the party with the new ideas, use of real plates, real flatware and "Bring Your Own CUP" to cut down on waste and trash. People will be encouraged to continue using the water refill stations and the water coolers to refill their own bottles at social and sailing events.

The "UP BAR" will tentatively open for business April 18th with similar format. Top shelf or specialty drinks craft beers to be available upstairs. There will be a porch bar as last year for basic cocktails and drinks. There will continue to be a 50-cent charge for soda and nonalcoholic drinks.

UP Bar will continue to host special tastings and the club will branch out to bring in other outside educators such as the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Sailors for the Sea other ideas welcome. Purpose of the events is to be welcoming, fun, educational as well as cost effective.

The primary goal of the 2020 social season is to try and streamline the registration process and help train the members on the importance of pre-registration. The verbiage will be as follows: "Early Bird discount registration" will have a cut off on the Wednesday prior to the event at 8:00 p.m. After that time, people will still need to register if they would like to attend the event. They will pay for a "premium ticket" after the cut off. Registration will close at 10:00 a.m. The day of the event. Susan Wright will help me organize and problem solve these ongoing club wide issue!

No on-site registration will be offered the day of the events.

GROUNDS CHAIR – Steve H. Montgomery:

- 1. I am focusing on developing a list of projects for individuals and teams to tackle during the Spring Clean-Up rather than spending most of our manpower on leaf removal. Two club members will use their leaf vacuums prior to the clean-up to do most of the leaf removal. To this end, please send any suggestions you have as soon as you can.
- 2. Another Club volunteer and I have substantially completed a new planter surrounding the base of the Club's main sign. Landscaping it will be one of the projects for a team during spring clean-up. Thanks to Ron Ricci for his tremendous help!
- 3. Brian is seeking prices to add a handrail going down the stairs into the pool with the expectation to have it completed before pool opening.
- 4. The tree service has completed trimming the trees to manage growth and get them off the buildings. Chesapeake Tree Service has done a nice job for us.
- 5. I am helping Donna to audit the boats in the racks and yard. We are trying to match records with stickers, add stickers when one is missing and identify those using the racks for no rent.
- 6. I have asked Brian to "manage the image" of the storage around the barn by reducing the clutter,

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putting stuff we need away in the proper place, not storing materials and machines on the street side and organizing what is stored in view so it is more presentable. The same effort needs to be made by those keeping boats in the yard.

As always, your questions and suggestions are welcome.

HISTORIAN – **Dr. George Burke**, **III**: George stated:

- Curation of the Austen Memorial Library is approaching completion. Obsolete, duplicate, or poorly-conditioned books and periodicals have been donated to other organizations or disposed of. The remaining collection now fits our space and has been collated and labeled. The next phase of this project will consist of transporting the FBYC archives collection from attic storage in Fannie's House to the library, where it will be curated, collated, and made accessible. Hopefully these will be completed by Opening Day.
- 2. The Library would benefit from a minor face lift to improve its usefulness as a space for information gathering, reading, and reflection. Improvements consisting of a contrasting accent wall color on the north wall, Venetian blinds to improve western sun glare, and cleaning of the carpet, along with a redistribution and paring down of the visually noisy wall display of newspaper articles and class awards, would all go a long way to improving the form and function of the space, but will require modest funding.
- 3. A number of printed photos of historic interest and aesthetic value on the second floor of the main Clubhouse, especially those on the west wall, have become faded and reached the end of their useful displayable lifespan. Some research will need to be done to determine where the originals exist (rumored to be in digital form) and whether they can be reprinted at an affordable price. Also, some research on the affordability of better UV protection for second floor displays is needed.

YAM CHAIR – Mary Catherine and Ian R. McAllister: 2020 Events Schedule – Over the past few weeks the YAMs have continued to finalize the 2020 schedule. A few things have slightly shifted and a few more details have been hammered out. All great and positive things

OFFSHORE DIV. RACE CHAIR – Clark Dennison:

to come!

All positions filled for offshore RC positions and updated on the FBYC website. Reviewed general NOR and general SIs for completeness in addition to Appendices for accuracy of marks and courses.

JUNIOR DIV. CDR. - Jason S. Angus:

Junior Week is filling up fast with 91 signed up to date. Website has been rather clunky creating a lot more errors and confusion. The site is really set up for regattas not POS purchasing. Special thanks to Mark Wensell, who has stepped in repeatedly to fix these issues. We will likely need to rethink this purchasing system for the future.

Will and Patti Angus have volunteered to run Opti Kids along with our assistant coaches. Thank you, Will and Patti.

Junior Week volunteers are needed! Please email your interest to juniors@fbyc.net.

Request for Club-owned Opti charters are being captured and will be sent out on a first-come, first-served basis. FBYC members who have boats to lend or charter should let us know at juniors@fbyc.net.

Junior Week Committee has been formed and is meeting on a regular basis. Special thanks to Junior Week Committee members: Kathryn Angus, Mark Wensell, Joanna Wensell, Mary Almany, Julie Chapman, Ann Litt.

Junior Race Teams:

We are excited to have officially signed our three pro coaches for Summer Race Teams. They are:

Alex Zimmerman – Head Pro Coach Matt Meaney – Pro Coach (Australia) Hugo Hamilton – Pro Coach (Australia)

Matt and Hugo have previously worked for the Australian Sailing Federation along with Alex Zimmerman.

We're also excited to announce that we have hired Ian Street, Evie Wensell, and Jordan Bendura as assistant coaches.

LT Junior Commander Mary Almany has created a preliminary draft schedule for each class (Opti, Laser, c420) with a combination of events around the Bay as well as National class events.

FLEET LIEUTENANT – Blackwell Nottingham:

The FBYC support boat fleet is being prepped and should be available for service prior to Opening Day.

RACE MANAGEMENT – David B. Clark:

I will be soliciting for volunteers and people to attend the race committee class—which is scheduled for Sunday May 3rd—in the next couple of weeks.

MARKETING – Karen Soule:

We were forced to postpone the second Cruising Workshop on April 2 because of the current situation. Our first event attracted 20 newcomers eager to learn about cruising and racing. Despite the delay, I am excited about

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this type of offering to attract new members and hope we can use this as a prototype for other types of events. I'm continuing to support other activities through Facebook and posted notices, some of which we pay nominal amounts to boost reach. I have prioritized email blast notices by actionable date: either deadline to register or the event itself. I would ask that individuals consider the dates their events are taking place and not post notices at the 8 AM hour on Wednesday so that their events appear at the top of the email blast.

ADULT SAILING PROGRAM – **Mike S. Toms and Ronald Q. Jenkins**: Adult Sailing will continue with the following initiatives from last year, including:

- 1. We have written and will distribute guidelines to the 2020 One-Design PROs to provide consistent race day formats that proved successful in increasing participation in 2019. We continue to encourage B Fleet and Portsmouth fleet participation.
- 2. We have amended Club boat use web page to extend the boat turn in time from 3:30 PM to 5 PM. We continue to look for ways to make Club boat use convenient and pleasant.
- 3. We will build on last year's experience in order to make a Club boat (Flying Scot) available for short sails for parents/sponsors during Junior Week. This must be done with care and coordination to keep the boat out of daily traffic. The goal is to promote family use of Club boats for day sailing and/or racing.
- 4. We hope to offer several informal "fun sail events" in Club boats to help Club boat users gain or improve skills and local knowledge of FBYC docks, sailing venues, and best practices.
- 5. Formal Training Events (See online Schedule)
 - 1 Day Racing Clinic by Tyler and Carrie Anderson
 - 2 Day Women's Clinic (tailored to student needs)
 - Sailing School—Private lessons with our Junior Program Coaches

GENERAL MANAGER - Brian Ankrom:

Brian submitted a written report:

Division - Category: Task

Docks - Middle Dock: Framing fastener replacement **Docks** - FB Dock: Piling, framing, & decking repairs **Fleet** - Mr. Roberts: Repack stuffing box/repair shaft seal **Grounds** - Lawns: Tree trimming & stump removal

House - Fannie's: Floor replacement **House** - Fannie's: Bathroom & trim painting

House - Fannie's: Spring cleaning

Winter Program - Event: Winter speaking event hosted

on-site

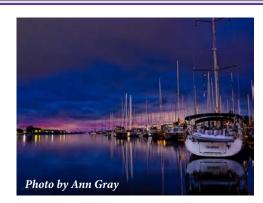
OLD BUSINESS: Commodore Tracy Schwarzschild reported that he and Vice Commodore Elizabeth Staas and Rear Commodore Joe Roos met with the Community Advisory Board last weekend. The meeting was chaired by Elizabeth Staas, who reported that it was a very good meeting with the neighbors and they are very happy with Brian and his interactions and service as the face of the club. Also, if you see Lud Kimbrough, please thank him for the relationship and partnership he has instituted with the neighbors.

Two items brought to attention:

- 1. Brian identified the burn pile has been used by people to dump their lumber, trash, etc. Stove Point Association will send a notice to all members.
- 2. Also, the trash being put in the FBYC dumpsters, they will address with their members about using our dumpsters.

NEW BUSINESS: Commodore Tracy Schwarzschild informed the Board that Ruthanna Jenkins, our Offshore Division Commander, will be stepping down for the remainder of this year. James Raper has volunteered to fill the Offshore post in the interim. He expressed his great appreciation to Ruthanna who has volunteered a tremendous amount of time and energy to the Club.

Motion made to vote James Raper as Offshore Division Commander. *Motion Approved*.



CERTAINTY IN AN UNCERTAIN TIME BY NANCY POWELL

In these uncertain times as we face the Corona virus, one thing that is certain is that our sailboats await and may be the best environment for "social distancing." Our very full cruising events calendar is posted on the FBYC website, so please take a look, sign up, and come join us when the time is right! Until then, stay healthy, safe, and sane!

SPECIAL NOTICES / MEMBERSHIP



SOMETHING OLD BECOMES SOMETHING NEW BY GEORGE BURKE

Hidden in plain view on the second floor of the FBYC main Clubhouse is a small library, now reopened to all adult Club members. The Daniel Lee Austen Memorial Library was established during the first decade after our "new" Clubhouse construction and funded by contributions from Dan's family and friends through a "Friends of Dan Austen" initiative.

During the years after the library's inception, FBYC members generously donated a bounty of books, periodicals, and guides from their personal collections alas, too much bounty. Eventually the library was overrun and needed radical curation. Duplicate books, out-of-date guides, and obsolete NOAA charts were given to other organizations (including the Deltaville Maritime Museum) or discarded because of poor condition. It has taken some time, but the library is now up to FBYC standards and just waiting for patrons to come visit.

We invite all members to rediscover the delights of the Daniel Lee Austen Memorial Library. There you will find an array of books about things nautical, collated and displayed on conveniently labeled shelves. You can pause to peruse, check out a book on the honor system, or stay for a good read in a comfortable chair, including the highly-regarded Piankatank Trophy Rocker (Have you ever wished you could sit in the Piankatank Trophy Chair but haven't been inept enough to qualify? Here's your chance!). Are you hunting for recipes to upgrade your cruising menus, wishing you had a 12-volt electrical

manual on hand while performing a nightmare repair at the East Dock, or just wanting to spend a restful evening hour with Earl Swift's stories of Chesapeake lore? All these and more are available in the Daniel Lee Austen Memorial Library.

If you wish to make a gift to the library, contact club historian George Burke at gwburke3@gmail.com.

APPROVED FOR MEMBERSHIP FEBRUARY 2020



Saint George Bryan Pinckney

- Saint grew up sailing at FBYC with his uncle (Andrew Sinnickson, Life Member) and his cousin Perry Sinnickson Guy (current FBYC Member) at the age of 6. He continued to sail with others until he purchased his own Skipjack in his 20s. From his experience with the Skipjack, he went on to own other boats

such as a Columbia 26, Laser, and Dyer Dhow, and now owns a Catalina 30. He and his family have participated in FBYC activities for 51 years. Saint is interested in rejoining so he may participate in the cruising activities and help with both the Race Committee and Social activities. Saint has grandchildren who would perhaps participate in the Junior Programs and become future FBYC members. Sponsors: Paula Clark Dennison and Harrison Hubard, Jr.



Gene Kendall, Jr & Heidi Christensen – Gene has been coming to Fishing Bay since the 1990s, racing in the Flying Scot regattas every August. Over the 20+ years, he's made

many Deltaville sailing friends. Recently he bought a house in Deltaville, initially for weekends but eventually semi-retirement, and joining FBYC was one of the items first on his and Heidi's list. Gene is currently a member of FS Fleet 43, Selby Bay, just south of Annapolis, and is also licensed to charter big boats up to 42 feet for sailing vacations. He has chartered big boats off and on for 20+years. Gene and Heidi own a Flying Scot named Ruach. Sponsors: Debbie Cycotte and John & Sharon Wake

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Gregory Svoboda - Greg has been a dedicated and competent racing crew member for Brad Miller for the past season aboard Schiehallion. He's also a supporter of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and is participating in their "Grasses for the Masses" Program. Greg has sailing in his DNA, having skippered boats as a junior and navigating waters from Maine to the Chesapeake. He has owned several cruising boats, from a Starwine 223 to a Catalina 320, which he cruised around the northern Bay. A graduate of ASA courses 101 to 106, he's soon off to Grenada to obtain his ASA 114 catamaran certificate. Greg currently sails his Laser in the Greater Richmond Sailing Association and hopes to purchase a cruising boat in the future. Greg will be an awesome member at FBYC and contribute much to our Club.

Sponsors: Karen & David Soule and Brad Miller

FBYC ADULT SAILING: MORE SAILING FUN—LESS HASSLE

2020 Sailing Season is nigh! Experience the purest form of our awesome sport! We Provide:

- Convenient access to well-maintained boats for \$100/season www.fbyc.net/sailing/adult-sailing/
- Quality, affordable formal and informal learning opportunities;
- Fun racing and non-racing events where you can hone your skills and party with wonderful friends.

New for 2020, we hope to offer fun sail opportunities with an on-the-water coach. Participants will be able to learn/improve basic boat handling and general skills to enhance their enjoyment of Fishing Bay. Charter a Club boat or bring your own. Perfect for families, beginners, or anyone who wants to build skills or just take a picnic and "simply mess about in boats," as Water Rat put it in Wind in the Willows.

We will be adding new events to our calendar—including opportunities for formal sailing school—so check back often!

For more information about the FBYC Flying Scot division, check out our page online at www.fbyc.net/events/?division=onedesign.

Still have questions? Contact Ron at ronj1790@gmail. com or 434-975-6347 (texts welcome).

Just Listed, Minutes from Club on the Piankatank











PORPOISE COVE ESCAPE

- Enjoy the Coastal Vibe of this spacious Custom Lindal Cedar Waterfront home
- Wall of glass overlooking the Water opens to Kitchen with extra seating at kitchen bar and Dining area
- Large Master Suite and 2 Guest Bedrooms and full bath on First Floor
- 2nd floor Sleeping area with half bath
- Finished walk-out Basement makes for perfect family gatherings along with Golf Cart and Boat storage area
- Waterside Deck extends length of home and oversized Screened Porch for entertaining and Dining
- Well built dock with Boat Lift and Jet Ski Lift

- Waterfront patio to enjoy cool breezes and star gazing
- This great Get-A-Way or full time home has Deeded access to neighboring Sand Beach on The Piankatank.



Neena Rodgers, Realtor, ABR 804-436-2326 neena@rodgersandburton.com www.RodgersandBurton.com





For sale by FBYC members: Condo in Wilton Creek with deeded protected deep-water slip





Two bedroom/two bath condo with glorious views of Wilton Creek and the Piankatank all the way to Mathews. Ample in-condo storage, mostly new appliances, granite, hardwood. Added bonus of a walkout basement with storage and workbench shared with downstairs neighbor. Price: \$359,000

For more pictures, details, or to make an appointment to see it, email **jandlking@gmail.com**

Principals only.

- Jack and Laurie King





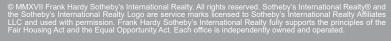


578 PIPE-N-TREE DRIVE - Hartfield, Virginia

Stellar River Views! Beautiful home on the Piankatank River in Hartfield. This residence features 4 bedrooms, 3 full and 1 half baths, and a bonus room. Interior amenities include vaulted ceilings, high-end finishes a huge stone fireplace. The gourmet kitchen includes custom cabinets and quartz countertops. The first floor master suite offers pool and bay views, a large walk-in closet, and a soaking tub. Outside, a screened porch, deck, and in-ground pool overlook the river, and a dock accommodates small boats. Enjoy total privacy, kayaking and boating, osprey watching on 2.5 acres. MLS 586580 \$645,000

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FBYC TRADEWINDS

ONLINE CLASSIFIEDS: Visit www.fbyc.net/classifieds/ or go to Webtools then Classifieds to view or place an online classified ad.

FOR SALE: John Barber prints. Dozens to choose from. Many rare. Contact John Koedel, III 804.338.1158 or jgkoedel@yahoo.com

FOR SALE: New Anchor Chain. 86ft of 3/8"3B Galvanized Chain. All @ \$3.00/ft. Partial lengths @ \$3.25/ft. Perfect gift for the skipper who can't stay put. Call Ric @ 804.240.3434

FOR SALE: Laser for sale, excellent condition, one owner purchased new from APS, raced only, always covered. Completely ready to go. email: alex_mackinnon@verizon.net

- Light Blue Hull/White Deck
- Two sails
- Full Rig Racing Sail with two Vang Kits
- Laser Radial Sail with red sail bag

Note - Radial mast section not included

- Seitech Dolly excellent condition with brand new tires
- WinDesign Laser Travel Spar Carrier
- Complete deck and hull covers Deck cover faded but good condition, hull cover good condition
- Laser Blade & Sail Bag
- Hoister garage storage system

FOR RENT: Spacious Stove Point cottage on Fishing Bay. 4 BR, 3 full baths, plus detached guest house with bedroom and full bath. Pool and new dock, magnificent sunsets! \$1800/wk, plus \$100 cleaning fee; \$6500/month. Contact Nancy Potts: 860-767-2991 (home), 860-395-6451 (cell), or email: nancy.potts48@gmail.com

FOR SALE: Laser-Full and radial rigs. Sails in good condition. Top and bottom covers, blade bags, dolly and trailer included. Contact Tracy Schwarzschild – 804.484.0363 or tschwarzschild@gmail.com.

FOR RENT: Jackson Creek Harbour Condo for rent - 1st Floor Flat (All one level), 2 bedroomslarge King and Twins/2 baths; Open kitchen, living room and dining room; Screened-in porch

living room and dining room; Screened-in porch with views of Jackson Creek. Pool and Dock slip included; \$1100/week May-September. Perfect for 2 adults and 2 kids. 5 people max.

vickieblanchard@comcast.net

FOR RENT: Jackson Creek Harbour Condo for Rent - 3 Bdrm Townhouse waterfront condo, 2 Qns, 4 Bunks, 2 1/2 baths, fully equipped, CATV, Wifi, Pool, Tennis Ct; \$1100/wk. Noel Clinard 804-338-4066.

FOR RENT: Main House at Rosegill. 5 BR house on large farm at Urbanna with pool, waterfront, dock, and great walks. 25 minutes from FBYC. Weekly rentals through VRBO at https://www.vrbo.com/833711 or call Strother Scott 804-405-5999

FOR RENT: Waterfront Property Overlooking the Chesapeake Bay and Piankatank River. Magnificent views! Located near Stingray Point on a private 1-acre lot with a sandy beach and a dock. 4 Bedrooms, 1 full bath. 2 bedrooms with King beds, 1 bedroom with 2 bunk beds. Guest house with 2-twin beds. Living room, laundry room and newly renovated, state of the art kitchen. Access to 2 kayaks, a Sunfish sailboat, life jackets and 3 crab traps. Deck with grill and picnic table. Clean linens provided, W/D, heat/air-conditioning, Wi-Fi, cable. \$2,300/week. \$300 deposit. \$125 cleaning fee. Please contact Greg Ullmann #410-207-7751 (cell) or gregullmann@yahoo.com.

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