

FROM THE OUARTERDECK

MAY 2020



STAYING CONNECTED

Before "COVID-19," "social distancing," "government directives," and "guidelines" became commonplace elements of our daily routines and conversation, the Board and Committee Chairs had planned an exciting 2020 season filled with sailing and social

activities. As noted in our regular updates, although our plans have been deferred, we are actively working to maintain as much of the season as evolving and uncertain conditions permit. Naturally, we will continue to keep you updated on scheduling developments. In the meantime, there are a number of ways we are working to maintain connection with each other and with sailing.

If you missed our Virtual Opening Day Ceremony and our observance of the Blessing of the Fleet, we still have the YouTube link posted on our FBYC Homepage (www. fbyc.net). Click on the link and enjoy this longstanding FBYC tradition. Thanks so much to Doug Anderson, Nica Waters, Karen Soule, Carrie Russell, and Paul Almany for their contributions to this program. In addition, we are putting together the land-based portion of our popular Crew Training Program. You will be seeing more about that on our website and in our notices. Joe Nelson, our One-Design Division Commander, has spent a lot of time researching and soliciting interest in Virtual Regatta or E-Regatta, online racing programs that provide realistic racing opportunities without the need to leave the screen of your computer (or other electronic device). In other words, you can match your skills against other sailors without getting wet. These programs seem to be a big hit at some other yacht clubs. Finally, there are a number of opportunities that each of us can pursue to stay engaged with sailing and be ready to go as soon as we can get back on the water. A few suggestions to consider:

- 1. Plan/undertake deferred maintenance and repair projects.
- 2. Take a course/read a book that would enhance your sailing knowledge: racing rules, navigation, engine repair, racing tactics, or general maintenance, to name a few.
- 3. Watch some of the outstanding live and recorded programs presented on the US Sailing website in their Starboard Portal series. Useful topics include personal conditioning, tips from industry experts, offshore racing measurement rules, and more. There are also many informative instructional webcasts offered by a number of other program sponsors, including North Sails, ASA, Quantum Sails, and many others.

In some of my previous messages, I noted that we had targeted improved member engagement as one of our objectives this year. FBYC is managed and staffed largely by our members, who generously shoulder a wide range of responsibilities such as event planning and management, arranging and staffing social activities, monitoring the maintenance needs for our boats, docks, buildings and grounds, organizing and running our Junior Programs, strategic planning for the Club's future, and more. A few months ago, we announced our plan to select one of our members to serve in a newly-designated Board Committee position, the Membership Engagement Chair. The Flag actively considered a number of very talented candidates for this important roll. I'm pleased to announce that Katie Yudkin has agreed to take on the Membership Engagement Chair responsibility, and we are incredibly excited about the energy and thought that Katie brings to this position. Katie's enthusiasm is infectious, and I am confident that she will make a positive impact on the Club by facilitating the involvement of members with Club operations and activities. You will be hearing more about this in the weeks ahead.

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As a final note, one of our current objectives is to make some of our facilities more accessible to our members on a limited basis. To that end, if you are currently using the docks, the ramp, or other facilities, for the safety of all, please use your best efforts to adhere to distancing guidelines and other recommendations that are currently in effect. If you need to communicate with Brian, please use email or phone, if at all possible. Thanks again for your patience and support as we work through this difficult time. ~ **Tracy Schwarzschild, Commodore**

FISHING BAY YACHT CLUB - BOARD MEETING April 9, 2020 – Via Zoom

Following his calling the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m., Commodore Tracy Schwarzschild took some New Business out of agenda order to introduce Katie Yudkin, the newly-appointed chair of the Membership Engagement effort. Katie gave a short presentation of her background and some general thoughts about her Membership Engagement plans. Katie noted that she has been an FBYC Member since October of 2017. She started out crewing boats in 2017 and got hooked. She bought her first boat and has enjoyed sailing ever since. Her goal is to have improved membership engagement using creative ideas to boost overall involvement in the Club.

Tracy then called upon Rear Commodore Joe Roos to outline the steps the Flag has taken to address the Covid-19 threat.

Joe reported that the Board has been in constant contact with all Division Commanders and their teams and would like to **THANK YOU ALL** for your support and efforts to keep Fishing Bay Yacht Club moving forward and to protect the safety of ourselves and others during this difficult time. We have amazing creative teams and volunteers who will continue to monitor the situation and send out updates as we move through these challenging times.

To recap, we have updated our notices regarding activities scheduled to be held at FBYC as well as access to Club buildings and the campus in general to comply with federal, state and local guidelines and directives.

 Effective immediately, to ensure we promote social distancing and the safety of all of our members and guests, all FBYC sponsored events are postponed thru June 10, 2020. This applies to all fleets and social events on the FBYC grounds. The Flag Officers and the Fleet Commanders are coordinating to identify how to accommodate all divisions and their events and activities. We will continue to monitor recommendations from the CDC and federal and local governments to determine when safety for all members allows us to return to more normal usage of our Club facilities and activities. We will work diligently to reschedule events as best we can when restrictions are lifted and have plans in place to restructure what remains of the season in the safest possible way.

- We urge you to heed all safety recommendations regarding social distancing to allow for us all to weather this pandemic with the best possible outcomes. Our members, staff, and guests are FBYC's most valuable assets, and we wish to ensure their safety above all else.
- 3. To ensure safety while adhering to recommendations to limit gatherings, social distancing, and appropriate cleaning, we are asking that members restrict use of certain Club areas. These restrictions are effective immediately and remin in effect until at least June 10. The Flag Officers and Division Commanders will provide status updates if any adjustments need to be made. Specifically:
- The East Bathhouse and Main Clubhouse/Members Kitchen and now Fannie's House will be closed and inaccessible until at least June 10.
- Brian will transfer a defibrillator and first aid kits to the patio under the porch of Fannie's House and the Main Club House front porch.
- Club-owned boats are not to be used (sail, junior boats, and power) prior to June 10.
- 4. As a reminder, the County of Middlesex has requested that we all refrain from discretionary travel to the county as well. The Board of Supervisors of Middlesex County is seriously concerned about the susceptibility of the County's elderly population and lack of healthcare facilities in the area. The tourist-based economy is, of course, highly impacted by any travel restrictions, but health concerns outweigh that impact. Brian Ankrom is taking care of our Club facilities and still prepping for whenever we can open back up. He is walking the docks checking on boats so rest assured.

HOUSE CHAIR – Douglas S. Bendura:

Project Updates

 2nd floor Club House AC/Heater #2 replacement:
 AC coil has failed due to corrosion. In January, the Board approved replacement of HVAC unit. Mayo

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selected alternate unit at a slightly lower price than originally budgeted. Working with supplier and Brian to confirm install date.

COVID Facility Update

- As of April 4th, all buildings and bathhouses are closed in alignment with government recommendations.
- Bathhouse 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 Clubhouse and discovered there were no blank pages left. Was unable to print additional pages prior to Clubhouse closure.
- Awaiting meeting of long-range planning committee to review all 3-year plans submitted by all chairs to develop a recommended set of investments.

GROUNDS CHAIR – Steve H. Montgomery:

- 1. We will delay adding/replacing any plants in order to manage our costs.
- 2. Gravel was added to roadways needing low areas filled.
- 3. Mulch is on site for spreading.
- 4. We are discussing ideas to control waste removal costs. One focus area will be educating the Stove Point residents on proper use of our dumpsters.
- 5. 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.

LONG RANGE PLANNING – Mark G. Wensell:

Fishing Bay Road Update:

- Have met with the SPA road committee and jointly inspected the road between the Club and Ruark's.
- Standing water after rainstorms is an ongoing issue and is leading to rapid deterioration of the road surface.
- Have identified several sections that can be worked on to improve drainage as a short-term fix until a more major project can be undertaken.
- Have volunteered to begin discussions with Club members who are along those sections of road to get their input and approval before proceeding.
- Long-term Engineering study is underway and we are awaiting their findings and recommendations.

WINTER PROGRAMS – Jerry Latell:

The Winter Programs schedule was upended by the coronavirus halfway through the schedule. The main event of the winter program was a talk given at the

main clubhouse by multihull designer Jim Brown. Jim is a legend in the multihull world and his much-anticipated talk did not disappoint. He spoke for an hour and half to a packed house. Jim guiding the audience through the history of multihull sailboats from the ancient Polynesian work boats to "modern" cruising cats of the home build movement and on through to the latest foiling grand prix cats and tris. The talk was followed by a lively social hour.

The second event of the Winter Program schedule was to be the Bermuda High party. The party was scheduled to be hosted by Rick Peterson at his architectural firm office which is an open space in a restored Broad Street storefront. The caterer had ordered the food and the band had started to set up equipment. Unfortunately, we had to pull the plug three days before the event due to guidance against social gatherings in the early days of the Corona virus outbreak. Canceling the party was unfortunately a precursor to the rest of the spring Club schedule which has also been canceled due to orders to avoid social gatherings.

Winter Program chair will work on planning events for the next off season.

YAM CHAIR - Mary Catherine and Ian R. McAllister:

Virtual Happy Hour and Trivia Night - Blake and Julia Kimbrough hosted the first YAM Virtual Happy Hour and Trivia Night on April 1. We had thirteen teams participate overall for the fun and games. Everyone was asked to dress up in their favorite sailing gear with along with their Happy Hour beverage of choice. We will certainly plan another Zoom call in late April/early May to rally the troops and boost team spirits!

ONE DESIGN DIV. CDR. – Joseph W. Nelson:

- Have postponed the Capital District Regatta and moved to coincide with the AOD. Changes made on the website
- Giving consideration to alternative ideas during Pandemic
 - Virtual on-line racing the Virtual Regatta. Assessing Club interest and looking at VR
 - Virtual meetings
 - Publicizing to fleets sailmaker (North Sails) on-line training and FSSA on-line Seminars
- Considering how to restructure season once Pandemic restrictions lift.

JUNIOR DIV. CDR. - Jason S. Angus:

In General:

Junior Leadership Committee has been holding biweekly meetings planning 2020 summer junior events.

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On the request of the Flag, we met to review COVID-19 impact on junior programs and the prudent contingency planning. The current plan is to continue moving forward with all summer programs as planned. We are taking the appropriate cost containment steps necessary to prevent unnecessary expenses as we move forward. We have agreed to a refund policy should we have to cancel the event for health and safety reasons associated with COVID-19. Final decision on these programs will be made by June 1st. We will continue to monitor the situation daily.

Despite recent events, we still have families signing up with currently 99 for Junior Week. Opti Kids is now full and races teams continue to enroll on the same pace as prior years.

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 serve 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 regular basis. Special thanks to Junior Week Committee members: Kathryn Angus, Mark Wensell, Joanna Wensell, Mary Almany, Julie Chapman, Ann Litt.

Junior Race Teams:

Visa grants have been delayed until May 15th. All three coaches have completed their visa applications and currently believe we should be able to obtain visas in order to arrive on time at Fishing Bay

CBYRA DELEGATE - Thomas J. Roberts:

The SI Safety rules Issue is resolved thanks to Mayo Tabb and everyone else who weighed in

I am ready to receive, and report results to CBYRA and PHRF. I will do so by collecting them from the FBYC web page so scorers do not have to do anything more than post the results.

Please note: if a scheduled sanctioned race is cancelled or abandoned, we need to post a result on the web page that says so, otherwise we end up looking for something that doesn't exist. It can be a simple note that identifies the event or race and that it was cancelled or abandoned. If time limit expired there will likely be results. If abandoned the day before, morning after or on the water (i.e.: lack of wind, hazardous conditions, hurricane) it would be helpful to say which.

GENERAL MANAGER – Brian Ankrom:

Division - Category: Task

Docks - Crane: Safety inspection of base, mast, &

boom

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Fleet - Mr. Roberts: Commissioning

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Fleet - Parker: Commissioning Fleet - Wildcat: Commissioning

Grounds - Water System: Commissioning

Grounds - Parking: Spread gravel **House** - Bathhouse: Spring cleaning

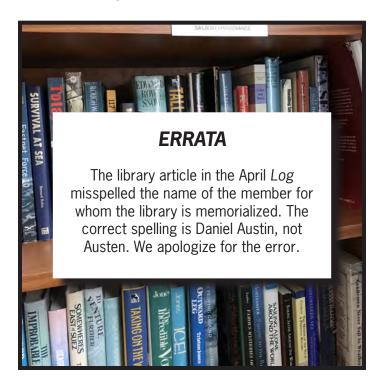
House - Clubhouse: Fire suppression system & hood

cleaning

House - Clubhouse: Spring cleaning Juniors - RIB 5: Fabricate new cover

The Fishing Bay dock is open except the service finger pier that goes around the wildcat lift, suffered more damage and wind, removed about 20 boards and replaced. Waiting on quote from Meredith Marine to get finger pier fixed and raised.

OLD BUSINESS: Vice Commodore Elizabeth Staas updated status of the 2020 Yearbooks. With COVID-19. we put a halt on the vearbooks as the situation progressed many of the events have been postponed. The yearbook will go to print early next week and be a smaller version without the details of the individual events that will likely not happen this year.



SPECIAL NOTICES / GROUNDS REPORT



IT'S YOUR CLUB. HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP MAKE IT LOOK BETTER! BY STEVE MONTGOMERY

As the new Grounds Chair, I interviewed the Flag Officers to see what their priorities were and what I should focus on. To a person, everyone felt we should, over time, make the Club's grounds look better. They felt this would be appealing to members, help attract new members, and help us be a good neighbor. They tasked me with developing a three-year plan to guide improvements, while at the same time taking better care of what we currently have.

The three-year plan will come in due time, and frankly, given the current situation, may come slower than we would like. I would love to hear your ideas for improvements.

BUT, in the meantime, there are some things YOU can do right now that will help:

- 1. You can volunteer some labor to work on specific projects around the Club grounds. None require special skills or tools; it's just investing some time to help make something look like it should. I have the list and can review it with you.
- 2. Better yet, you can "Adopt-a-Spot." We have lots of small yet distinct areas that need someone to look after them for the season. It may involve a little work to get them to where we want them. From then on, it's a maintenance effort to keep them up. I can suggest some options for those interested. The Club has the tools typically needed.
- 3. If you have a boat in the yard or on one of the racks, the Club needs you to take care of your boat or get

it out of the yard. Too many are in very poor repair, cleaning is neglected, covers are torn, trailer tires are flat, etc. It degrades the image of the Club, doesn't speak well of the owner, and eventually ruins the boat. We have a lot of boats in this category!

Please contact me at monty1221@icloud.com or 757-561-7289 if you are interested in helping to improve the Grounds.

Special thanks go to: Ken Johnson, who improved the landscaping around Ric's Place/Pool entrance; Ron Ricci and John Kalinowski, who removed all the leaves this spring; Ron Ricci again, who helped me build the new planter around the sign and clear out the bank beside the pool; and Margaret Montgomery, who cleaned out a planting bed beside Fannie's House.





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YEARBOOK, SAILING SCHEDULES, AND MORE

Greetings fellow sailors! May I begin by wishing you and your family safety and health as we continue to navigate very troubled waters brought on by the COVID-19 virus.

As you may have noticed, your "hot-off-the-press" FBYC Yearbook has not yet appeared in your mailbox. I wanted to let you know that we performed an actual stop-the-presses" action last month on the annual book. As we needed to postpone many events across most divisions (One Design, Offshore, Cruising, Junior, Social and Instructional), it seemed unwise to publish a very detailed accounting of what the season would look like when we were already aware that it will eventually look much different. We are revising the printed FBYC Yearbook to now contain historical information, current member contact data, and a few other areas of information.

We will be using the FBYC.net website for our most current version schedule of events. NORs, Sls, Event Dates, Classes, Event Chairs, etc. will all likely look different once we can re-commence participating in our favorite pastime of sailing. Shortly, you will see on our website the events that have been postponed (some possibly cancelled) and soon we will evolve into a new schedule, once the coast is clear. Our very resourceful Division Commanders have been tasked with being creative on what will be the remainder of the sailing season to identify key events and new events, and to build comradery across all divisions to make the best use of our facilities and your time. As of this writing, we still have our eye on opening on or around June 10 per our governmental orders, and are hoping for an even earlier reprieve. However, the safety of our members, staff, and guests remains our number-one priority. We will need to keep watch on how to safely interact with each other and ensure we take precautions.

If you haven't yet, I highly encourage you to take a moment to download the FBYC mobile app to your smart phone. I have found it invaluable for an on-the-go resource when needing to see the schedule or to communicate with fellow members and Club leadership. Just search in your smart phone applications store for Fishing Bay Yacht Club and seek out our burgee.

Stay healthy! **Elizabeth Staas, Vice Commodore**



QUARANTINING THE CRUISING WAY BY KAREN SOULE

FBYC cruisers Scott and Louisa Sirles have spent many winters in Key West, Florida, on board their Beneteau 423 Joyful, and this past year was no exception. Scott and his crew left Deltaville in November of 2019, and Louisa soon joined him for their extended stay in the Keys.

All was fine and well until they started making plans for Louisa to return home by land and Scott to sail back with his crew of George Burke and David Clarke. The plan was for everyone to depart Florida in March, right when the coronavirus started messing with more than just their plans. Louisa was able to get back home safely, but because travelling from Virginia to Florida was out of the question for George and David, Scott needed to find other crew. He enlisted the help of a delivery captain he had used in the past, and left Key West on March 24. Joyful returned home to FBYC in record time, taking only five-and-a-half days to make the trip.



Their speedy trip home was helped by very favorable winds, which meant little motoring, which meant fewer times going ashore for fuel. Joyful was an especially helpful vessel, as she didn't have any gear or

mechanical failures for the entire trip. And, as you can see, the crew was treated to some fabulous sunsets during their time on the water.

Nothing like quarantining in the Gulf Stream for a quick and safe ride back home!

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Just Listed on Stove Point



BAY DREAMS ON STOVE POINT

- Spectacular unobstructed views of the Chesapeake Bay from every room
- 150 feet of pristine shore line with sandy bottom and beach
- · Custom designed home with 10+ ft ceilings and crown molding
- · Chef's Kitchen with cherry cabinetry, granite countertops and storage wall. · Thermador convection wall oven with
- microwave and gas cooking 60-inch refrigerator/freezer, wine cooler and
- beverage refrigerator Bay window breakfast nook with custom
- built-in banquette Two-story living room with French doors opening to large screened porch

- · First floor master suite with gas fireplace, ensuite bath, jetted tub and glass shower
- Second floor library overlooks living room below and Bay beyond
- · Four gracious guest bedrooms with baths
- · Heated & cooled inground pool with paver deck
- Bayside patio and hot tub, well constructed bulkhead and deck at water's edge



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

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- Jack and Laurie King

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 bedrooms-

large King and Twins/2 baths; Open kitchen, 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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