



FROM THE QUARTERDECK

NOVEMBER 2020

KEEP FBYC SAFE: Our Club has many members and we wish to do everything possible to ensure safety for everyone. Please continue to keep each other safe by wearing a mask when inside the buildings. When you are outside, if you can't social distance, then please wear a mask. We have hand sanitizer throughout the campus as well to assist you in your safety measures. Thank you!



A FINAL NOTE

As we move into November, our annual meeting is on the horizon and the new Board and Committee Chairs will soon be elected and appointed. Also, this is my last Log message as Commodore. As I reflect on the past year, I think of the pandemic-related unexpected

operational issues that arose at the beginning of 2020 and jeopardized our season plans. Yacht clubs around the country and sponsors of major racing events around the world were posting cancellations at a rapid pace. The only certainty about our season was the uncertainty that we faced. We postponed a number of early season events. Nonetheless, we were determined to have a season, and kicked it off with a virtual Opening Day and Blessing of the Fleet ceremony (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1u5Khz0CfPc&t=34s>).

We concluded early in the year that there were other ways to keep our members engaged and our Board and Committee Chairs responded with great ideas. A number of our members participated in weekly virtual regattas organized by our One Design Division Commander, Joe Nelson. We continued the move to the virtual format with our Spring Crew Training Program. Our Offshore Division leadership assembled accomplished facilitators

and instructors to present the multi-week crew training program to a record number of participants.

To the frustration of all of us, the early summer governmental guidelines and pronouncements limited our ability open our facilities and offer our programs on our original schedule. We closely monitored developments, virtually attended programs with other yacht clubs, evaluated recommendations from US Sailing and carefully planned to open up as much as possible and to activate as much of a modified sailing schedule as soon as conditions allowed. We acquired cleaning supplies and hand sanitizers when supplies were becoming scarce. We considered a number of new cleaning procedures and schedules, pool opening rules and social distancing requirements. Our entire Board and Committee Chairs, particularly our Sailing Divisions, House, Grounds, Docks, and Junior leadership worked very hard to make all of this happen. It was a joint effort with a lot of creative ideas, research and careful implementation.

In short, this has not been an ordinary season at Fishing Bay Yacht Club. Despite all of the challenges and delays we encountered, we have enjoyed a remarkably successful season with a respectable number of on-the-water events. We had an outstanding Junior program as well as active Offshore and One Design events, including FBYC series races, a well-attended Stingray Point Regatta, our traditional AOD, the Flying Scot District Championships and the Chesapeake Bay Laser Masters. As soon as restrictions were eased, the Cruising Division was off to the Delmarva and other points around the Bay. And our Season Celebration Tailgate on October 25 drew over 180 registrants – masked and distanced – to enjoy oysters and barbecue. Importantly, our long-range planning for the future has continued as well.

Vice Commodore Elizabeth Staas and Rear Commodore Joe Roos have been instrumental in making this season a success. They each devoted a remarkable number of

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unseen (often intense) hours dealing with various novel operational issues in addition to the ordinary duties that fall under their charge. I greatly appreciate all they have done for the benefit of our Club.

I wish that I had sufficient space to say a separate word about the generous contribution of time made by each of our Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairs, because each was an active participant in this year's success. The attendance at our monthly Board meetings reflected the robust participation, commitment, and interest that makes things work smoothly at FBYC.

Brian Ankrom, our Club manager, began the season with a number of serious operational challenges exacerbated by COVID-driven limitations. Brian handled these challenges and job overload without complaint. When you have a chance, please offer Brian a word of thanks for all that he does. Eric Perkins undertook a number of ongoing maintenance needs and stepped up to address some of the special requirements occasioned by the unique circumstances of 2020. I want to recognize the efficiency and good work of our Executive Secretary, Donna Mason. She is perhaps less visible than our other on-site staff but is critically important to our general operations. Thanks also must go to our many volunteers who supported the Club's sailing activities, Junior programs, house, grounds and docks maintenance and improvement needs. Without volunteers, the Club could not function. Finally, thanks go to our members who graciously and patiently supported the various measures that we implemented during the 2020 season to make it a good one for all.

Last December, I concluded my first Log article predicting that "We are going to have a good year." As I look back, I now say that it has been a remarkably good year. Fishing Bay Yacht Club is a special sailing community, and it has been a good year to be part of it.

Best wishes ~ **Tracy Schwarzschild, Commodore**

FISHING BAY YACHT CLUB - BOARD MEETING

October 9, 2020 – Via Zoom

Following his calling the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m., Commodore Tracy Schwarzschild took some time to congratulate the leadership of the Stingray Point Regatta. A well done and terrific event and everyone had a wonderful time. Thanks so much to David Hinckle, Veronica Hinkle and all who helped in putting this together for a very successful weekend.

HOUSE CHAIR – Douglas S. Bandura:**Project Updates:**

- Completed re-keying of all locks
- Scheduling main Clubhouse roof inspection in November
- Brian identified a contractor to handle Clubhouse cleaning through the end of year as he searches for a permanent staff member to support house and grounds cleaning and light maintenance activities.
- Updated three-year capital budget recommendations and submitted 2021 budget recommendations.
- Awaiting meeting of the 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. Grounds Maintenance:** The 2020 work on the grounds has essentially ended for the year. Several Adopt-A-Spot members will be giving a fall spruce up to their areas.
- 2. 2021 Budget:** Sydnor, one of our largest costs, will increase rates by 2% in 2021. Brian and I requested an additional \$1,500 in general expenses to provide for professionals to remove the bulk of the fallen leaves from the property reducing demands on staff and volunteers, and to reduce the burning required if we do it ourselves.
- 3. Waste Removal Costs:** Joe Roos completed discussions with SPIA; they will assume a larger portion of FBYC's waste removal costs for 2020, with a \$6,000 contribution vs. the past rate of \$1,900. The 2021 budget assumed a similar contribution, assuming costs remain as high as 2020's. Discussions with SPIA will continue for the 2021 season as we watch what happens with costs. We will reduce the extra dumpster at the end of the season and return the recycling dumpster to its place.

Mayo Tabb gave an update on maintenance:

Pump-Out: We had Bromley run a new line and splice into existing line north of sidewalk, so we did not have to replace the sidewalk as previously thought. The cause of backpressure which destroyed the impeller this year and also contributed splitting the coupling on the pipe between the dock and Pine tree in 2017 was a Dominion cable.

When we upgraded to tankless water heaters in 2015, we needed a new service and Dominion did an underground bore from the transformer at the head of the center dock to the new panel on the exterior of the East Bathhouse.

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They scored a direct hit on our underground sewer pipe and punched a hole thru it. The pressure produced by the pump forced water around the break but finally silt seeping back sealed the pipe after five years' use. Since our water and sewer pipes do not include a tracer wire, Miss Utility cannot mark them.

LONG RANGE PLANNING – Mark G. Wensell:**Dock Planning Update:**

- A committee has been formed, met, and begun working to gather options and inputs for Phase 2 of the Jackson Creek Docks, as well as potential improvements to enhance their longevity of the dock structures on Fishing Bay.
- Next steps will include working with potential vendors to estimate the costs and implementation timelines of promising options.
- Preliminary engineering and design work will likely be necessary to refine the estimates, so the committee is working to first engage with a survey and engineering firm to assist in these efforts.
- Our near-term goal is to have preliminary plans and budgets to discuss with the membership and Board this fall.

MEMBERSHIP ENGAGEMENT CHAIR –**Katharine Yudkin:**

Below is draft for a welcome letter to new members that I've written to introduce myself and establish a point of contact for volunteer opportunities and activities at the club. I encourage all members of the board to review and supply input/suggestions as needed. One thought is to add a few examples of the kinds of activities that go on at FBYC.

Hello and welcome to Fishing Bay Yacht Club! I would like to introduce myself as the club's Membership Engagement Chair and share with you a little bit about why I joined FBYC. One crisp fall day several years ago I stepped onto a Tartan 10 to go sailboat racing for the very first time. I remember the abrupt crinkling of the main as it went up the mast, the focused intensity of the crew, and the excitement in the air as we quickly approached the starting line. Heading upwind on the rail is how I imagine a dog must feel when they hang their head out of a car window on a pretty day. What a rush! As I wiped my fingers across my lenses to clear them, I could taste the salt on my lips and thought to myself, "How lucky I am to be a part of this!" The racing wrapped up for the day, the cold beverages started flowing, and we motored back to the dock, recounting the events of the day. I was hooked! Whatever the reason that you joined, whether

it be racing or not, I can only hope you have the same passion for the Club that I have. FBYC is a special place with special people. I feel very fortunate to have met so many wonderful members who have welcomed me to the Club. One of my roles as Membership Engagement Chair is to help connect you with other members and share with you the many activities and volunteer opportunities available to us at the Club. Volunteering is a great way to become involved and meet other people! I welcome any questions, comments, or concerns as you start to familiarize yourself with FBYC. I am here for you and look forward to meeting you soon!

CRUISING DIV. CDR. – Nancy Powell:

The Cruising Division's season is wrapping up now as cruisers are touring the southern bay for one week after touring the northern bay during the previous two weeks.

The decision was made this week to cancel the Closing Cruisers' Dinner scheduled for Friday, October 16. In lieu of this event, a Zoom Happy Hour is planned for Sunday, November 1st at 5:00 pm. Many cruisers were reluctant to attend a social event (not on the water) with the possibility of unwittingly letting our guard down to COVID-19.

The Zoom call will allow us to celebrate our very successful cruising season (mid-June - early October), even though reduced.

JUNIOR DIV. CDR. – Jason S. Angus:

Project Laser Clean-Up kick-off will start over the next few weeks. Will send an email blast to membership letting you know if you have a boat in the Laser yard, you need to come get it or we will dispose of it.

JUNIOR DIV. LT. CDR. – Mary Almany:

Junior race teams are still active into the fall. Sarah Lihan coached lasers at FBYC on October 3 and 4th, with emphasis on tactics, speed, and boat handling. Plans are being discussed for participation in Orange Bowl in December, and coaching options are being considered. We are currently reviewing end-of-year award recipients. Planning has begun for next year's race team coaching and support staff. Succession planning for leadership roles should also be considered.

TROPHIES – Jonathan T. Moody:

Hats are on order. Trophy announcements coming soon. Would like to deliver trophies in person this year due to Awards Ceremony held via Zoom.

MARKETING – Karen Soule:

For 2021, we will be evaluating the current FBYC website for user ease and its ability to handle and process

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the myriad registrations/payments/mailings. Anyone wishing to share suggestions or comments concerning these functions is encouraged to email Karen Soule at KarenSoule@gmail.com

ADULT SAILING PROGRAM – Mike S. Toms and Ronald Q. Jenkins:

Good response to Adult Sailing, with a total of 4 members. Will use Regatta Network for scoring in the future. Thank you to Karen Soule for publishing and posting on website. Would like to have a yard sign made and set up to promote the Club boats.

GENERAL MANAGER – Brian Ankrom:

Division - Category: Task

Cruising - Storage: *Create a secure area in the Clubhouse for sundries*

Docks - Pump Out: *Replace pump out line to storage tank*

Docks - Crane: *Replace roto phase converter capacitors*

Docks - FB Dock: *Install repaired Whaler lift cradle*

Grounds - Pool: *Decommission & winterize pool*

House - Bathhouse: *Repair skylights*

House - Security: *Re-key facility*

Store - Storage: *Move Ship Store stock to new storage location*



**TRY SAILING. IT'S NOT EASY!
BY RON JENKINS**

The above is not a warning, nor are we trying to discourage new sailors from coming out on the water. Rather, it's an interesting comment from Bill Schanen from *Sailing Magazine*. And in the current COVID-infested climate, it's true on more than one level! As you all know, the pandemic has forced changes and cancellations across the calendar this year. But thankfully, our 39th Annual Chesapeake Bay Laser Masters Championship did happen.

Ken Swetka, Rear Commodore of Crescent Sail Yacht Club (CSYC) in Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, drove all the way to Virginia to secure 5th place overall, and hike some Virginia trails along the way. Though Ken is a lifelong racer, he believes that racing is not for everyone. In fact, he believes that learn-to-sail programs that do not recognize that are un knowingly nudging would-be sailors out of the sport.

CYSC owns and uses 6 Flying Scots for their adult sailing programs. The "graduation" exercise from their season is a regatta. Ken is working on a solution/compromise, as he estimates that only 10 percent of new sailors will want to transition into racing immediately, a number that applies both to juniors and adults.

Our adult sailing program is chipping away at this issue. We have begun a sailing school that emphasizes sailing for the pure joy of it. And given the pandemic year, the results were encouraging. Going forward, we are looking at ways to further encourage those who don't want to race right away to still get involved in the sport of sailing. We have currently come up with two ideas to help get folks into sailing without the pressures of racing:

- Coaching/lessons for parents during Junior events is a promising approach.
- "Messabout" group day-sail outings as a way to attract families with kids

Of course, there are plenty of other ideas floating around out there, and we thought it best to crowd-source to see what others out there might think.

Please send suggestions to ronjl1790@gmail.com or call/text 434-975-6347.



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AROUND THE BAY CRUISE PART II

BY GEORGE BURKE

After a weather delay, Around the Bay Cruisers finally established a cruising rhythm that took them to Solomon's Island Yacht Club, Annapolis, the Sassafras River, Osprey Point on Swan Creek, Chestertown, the Chesapeake Yacht Club on the West River, and the Cambridge Yacht Club on the Choptank for their northern loop, followed by Cape Charles, the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, York River Yacht Haven, and Deltaville for their southern loop. Participating for portions of this were *Bolero*, *Whisper*, *Obsession*, *Joyful*, *Reveille*, *Nugget*, and *Jabberwock*. Two vessels, *Joyful* and *Reveille*, completed the entire 500 nautical mile loop. Although conducting a long Bay cruise during a pandemic was not conducive to meeting new sailors or speaking with old friends during our travels, the peace, tranquility, and beauty of the Bay's shorelines, wildlife, and villages spoke for themselves.



REFLECTIONS ON AN INTERESTING CRUISING SEASON

BY NANCY POWELL



By the time the Log is published, the Cruising Division will have closed out the season with a virtual happy hour. Photos were shared, cruising ideas for next season were suggested, and, of course, stories were told. Additionally, Scott Sirles stepped into his new post as our Commander going forth.

It was a crazy season due to COVID-19 and the precautions necessary to stay safe, but we got through it and experienced some wonderful adventures.

It's been a great honor to lead this division as Commander for the past two years and as Lt. Commander for the previous two years.

FLOATING DOCK POWER SYSTEM SAFETY

BY MAYO TABB

The floating East Dock has power pedestals which, for slips 1-14, have 125v 30a twist lock receptacles, and for slips 16-30 have 125v 50a twist lock receptacles, all equipped with GFI breakers. If on plugging in your boat the GFI breaker trips, you have a ground fault on your boat that must be corrected for your and your neighbor's safety before you can use the power. They detect 0.030 amps leaking into your boat's ground or sea water.

When you connect and disconnect, the last connection made is at the power pedestal and the first connection removed is at the power pedestal. **NEVER** disconnect the power cord at your boat and leave it on the dock plugged into the power pedestal. If the energized cord were to be knocked into the water and someone reached down to retrieve it, they could be seriously hurt or worse, as electricity and saltwater don't mix. When the cord is left on the dock it **always must be disconnected from the pedestal**. The circuit breaker in the power pedestal is for equipment protection **only** and is not a switch for **turning off** your power and leaving the cord attached.

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Power cords are the traditional style with locking rings or the EEL type that have a yellow and black cover. The adapters are available locally or can be ordered at Hurds, West Marine, or Amazon.

If you are on slips 16-30 with a 125v 50a receptacle, you will need an adapter. If you have a single 125v 30a power cord, you need Marico 110A or P503-30 (EEL) which, are 125v 50a male to 125v 30a female adapters.

If you have dual 125v 30a power cords with a 125/250v 50a "Y" adapter that has "flags" on two of the prongs, it will not work at FBYC and you will need to buy a Marico 152AY or Y5093-2-30 (EEL) for our dock.

If you have a 125/250v 50a single cord, the Marico 118A adapter allows it to be connected to our 125v 50a service **provided that you have no 250v loads**. Boats with this type of wiring typically have dual AC power panels and **cannot have any two pole load breakers**. If you have a new boat that can only accept 125/250v and has 250v loads, contact Mayo Tabb about converting your power pedestal to 125/250v and explaining the limitations for its use and how you must balance the two sides.

Should you leave your power cord plugged in when you are not aboard? The reasons for keeping it plugged in are battery charging, as well as running the air conditioner and refrigerator. A modern AGM battery can go six months without a charge, and traditional lead acid for 90 days assuming the battery is in good shape, so leaving them on charge provides no benefit. Club rules prohibit leaving the AC running when you are not on the boat or away for more than a day. Lastly, leaving the refrigerator on may be important to some, but balance that against the risk to your boat.

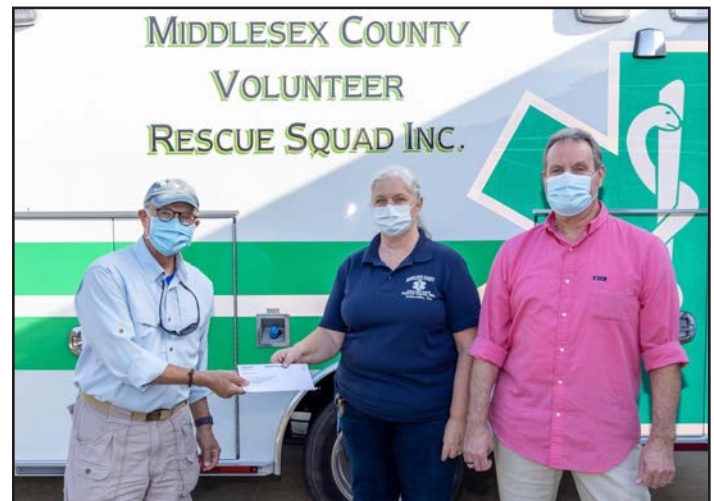
Now for disconnecting when away from your boat. When you are plugged in, you have connected your boat's ground, prop, prop shaft, and zincs to all of your neighbors, and if any of them have an electrical issue, your equipment is at risk. Additionally, your zinc is protecting their boat and thus your zinc corrodes much faster. Galvanic Isolators provide some protection, but they can be overpowered if a neighbor has a major issue and suffers from other limitations. Because Galvanic Isolators can fail and leave you in a condition with the possibility of electrocution, UL it is required. They have continuous monitoring with a display light. If your plug does not have the light or it does not work, get rid of the Galvanic Isolator immediately.



In recent years FBYC has hosted an outing for our community first responders. This year the Club made a contribution to the Lower Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department and to the Middlesex Volunteer Rescue Squad to show our appreciation for what they do for our members and neighbors.



Tracy Schwarzschild presents a check to Middlesex Fire Chief Jimmy Walden.



Tracy Schwarzschild with Leslie Krom and Kenny Jordan of the Middlesex Volunteer Rescue Squad.

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