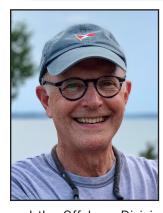


# FROM THE QUARTERDECK

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!



# FALL FESTIVITIES AHEAD

Now that fall is officially here, I am looking ahead to what we can do to squeeze a few more sailing days out of the season before things shut down. All of the sailing divisions have some planned events carrying into October,

and the Offshore Division and the Lasers have plans to take on the chill of early November. At that point we'll be waving so long to some of the cruisers who may be heading to warmer climes for the winter, and a number of us will be getting ready to dry sail our boats over the winter and undertake projects that will make our boats more competitive or more comfortable when we get them back on the water in the spring.

But I digress. Let's get back to the present. Regrettably, the COVID menace is still with us and will be for a while. In the midst of the season's remaining sailing activities, we have planned an outdoor, socially-distant celebration of the season tailgate to be held at the Club in lieu of this year's Commodore's Ball. This not-to-be missed event is scheduled for **Sunday, October 25, 2020** if we have 50 people **signed up by October 15**. Social Chair Carrie Russel and Rear Commodore Joe Roos have meticulously planned this event to make sure that we have appropriate

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safety precautions in place, including adequate space to minimize close contact between members and member groups who may not be in the same household. Oysters (raw and roasted) and barbecue will be the fare of the day, served from several stations on pre-prepared plates to avoid unintended close congregation of participants. Please don't wait until the last minute to make reservations for this opportunity to enjoy the Club, eat some good food, and see some friends (and make some new ones)—all at a safe distance. Don your favorite mask, BYOB, and join in the celebration.

We also have been planning our Board and leadership transition for the next year. Looking ahead, our Nominating Committee, chaired by immediate past Commodore Paul Wash, is close to completing our slate of Trustees and committee chairs to serve over the next season. Our Annual Meeting will be held virtually from the Clubhouse on November 14, and over the next couple of weeks you will be receiving a meeting notice and a proxy. Please complete and return the proxy at your first opportunity to assure the presence of a quorum at the Annual Meeting. We will have a good slate of individuals committed to their various volunteer responsibilities to manage the Club for everyone's benefit.

Finally, we are in the process of planning a virtual awards ceremony that will be a proper—and safe—way to recognize this year's award recipients. Obviously, there are still scores to tally and nominations to consider, but you will receive electronic notice when this event is scheduled. You may submit nominations for several awards, and I invite you to send them to Jon Moody, Trophy Chair. Please plan to take a few minutes to share in the accomplishments of many of our Junior, Offshore, Cruising and One Design sailors and volunteers this season.

Enjoy the good breezes of fall.

Best Wishes, Tracy Schwarzschild, Commodore

#### **MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 2020**

#### FISHING BAY YACHT CLUB - BOARD MEETING

September 10, 2020 – Via Zoom

Following his calling the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m., Commodore Tracy Schwarzschild took some time to congratulate the completion of the Stingray Point Regatta. It was 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.

#### **TREASURER** – K. Stuart Gregory:

Activities since August board meeting:

- 1. Reviewed and approved invoices and reimbursement requests as needed.
- 2. Along with Veronica, have narrowed down our list of bookkeeper candidates and have interviewed the two strongest candidates.
- 3. Paid off the outstanding balance on the loan with Chesapeake Bank.

#### HOUSE CHAIR – Douglas S. Bandura:

Project Updates:

- After heavy rains in August, we noticed some stains that may indicate roof leak. Contractor could not immediately identify any issues and will conduct more extensive evaluation that will include some removal of ceiling material at end of season. Will paint after evaluation and repair of any identified issues.
- Awaiting estimate to replace skylights in East Bathhouse.
- Partnered with Grounds Chair regarding use of thirdparty contractors vs. staff labor to perform basic ground and housekeeping duties. Recommended to Flag that we hire an additional full-time laborer to support cleaning and general grounds work on yearround basis.
- Awaiting meeting of Long-Range Planning Committee to review all 3-year plans submitted by all chairs to develop a recommended set of investments.
- Beginning to work on 2021 budget.

# **SOCIAL CHAIR** – Carrie Russell and Susan Wright: **FBYC Sunflower - Tailgate:**

Celebrate the end of the sailing season with an outdoor Oyster Roast and BBQ, COVID style!

#### Sunday October 25, 2020, NOON - 4 pm BYOB / DJ music

Decorate your tailgate, drink out of your trophy cups, wear red and white, BE creative with FBYC spirit! Preregistration mandatory, \$5 per person to cover oysters raw and roasted, pick-up BBQ and pick-up sides, which will be individually packaged in Earth-friendly containers and offered at outdoor pick-up station either at or near the galley. Ages 6 and under are free. Indicate if you want oysters when signing up so we have an oyster-eating head count. BBQ and sides from Deep Run Roadhouse. Catering will be provided by The Coordinated Event.

In order to move forward with the plan, we will need at least 50 people registered and paid before midnight October 15, 2020 or the event will be cancelled. A rain date can be discussed. Hard cut-off for registration will be midnight October 18, 2020.

#### **GROUNDS CHAIR** – Steve H. Montgomery:

- **1. Grounds maintenance:** The staff has done a nice job maintaining the grounds during the hot and dry times. Several spots on the driveways that washed away in the heavy rains have been repaired.
- 2. Drainage issues: The heavy rains during the hurricane and the next day's 5" rain showed that our drainage system (drop inlets and runoff pipes to the water) have a low capacity. It may be worth the investment to have the pipes chased to see if any blockages or breaks exist in them. I know several of the grates covering the drop inlets are partly blocked by debris and we will address that issue this winter.
- **3. "Adopt a Spot" Program:** We have two members who have volunteered to adopt a spot to care for during the season. A third volunteer assignment is in the works. There are still opportunities to join this special group.
- **4. Waste Removal Costs:** We will reduce the extra dumpster at the end of the season and return the recycling dumpster to its place.

#### LONG RANGE PLANNING – Mark G. Wensell:

Internet Update:

- Have had preliminary discussions with Atlantic Broadband on options to increase service to the Club.
- Making arrangements to have a site survey done to explore options to improve Wi-Fi connectivity and coverage area.

#### HISTORIAN - Dr. George Burke, III:

A Big **THANK YOU** to the Dennisons for donating a very nice bookcase to the Library.

#### YAM CHAIR – Mary Catherine and Ian R. McAllister: Recent Events / Updates:

• Virtual Game Night - On August 20th, the YAMs hosted a Virtual Game Night via Let's Roam. We play 5 rounds of fun games and trivia! I received great feedback on how fun the games were. We will look

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into doing another game night early on in 2021 to get things ramped up.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

• Halloween Happy Hour - The YAMs are planning a virtual happy hour. More details to come as we get closer to the end of October.

#### **CRUISING DIV. CDR. – Nancy Powell:**

**Around the Bay Cruise** led by George and Lyons Burke is scheduled to start <u>9/18</u> for <u>5:00 pm</u> pre-cruise get together at the club. Many are really looking forward to this event and the Burkes have spent a great deal of time and energy coming up with a lovely cruise that can be enjoyed to the north, south, or both. Reach out to the Burke's for further details.

**Cruisers Dinner**: This event is <u>Friday 10/16</u> at the Club. Due to COVID-19 concerns, we are planning a picnic on the grounds or on the screen porch of the main Clubhouse. Join us at <u>5:30 pm</u>. Plan to bring your own food and beverages. Grills will be available. We will discuss this season, share photos, plan for next season, and celebrate the changing of the guard as Scott Sirles will take over as Cruising Commander next year. There may even be a special guest!

Send your cruising photos to Karen Soule (karen.soule@ gmail.com) for a continuous photo-loop presentation during our event. She suggests using sending several photos as an email attachment or submitting larger albums via Dropbox or Google Photos. Please sign up on the FBYC website.

#### JUNIOR DIV. CDR. – Jason S. Angus:

**In general:** Summer finished with success. Revenue is expected to surpass expectation and we should have a final forecast by October, as summer expenses continue to come in slowly. The Junior Shed is returning from the chaos, but remains a long-term concern. The lock on the door is broken and the Junior Shed continues to be treated as a "spare parts" shed for the broader membership. This leads to escalating costs, as we replace lines and parts each year. In addition, other fleets continue to "borrow" marks & mushroom anchors and not returning to where they found them (returned to Fanny house mark storage). We need clear guidance on understanding club assets and how they should be used.

**Laser Graveyard:** Old, forgotten, and sad lasers continued to be stored on property. Owners are unknown and this is not related to the Junior Program. Further, storing boats under trees is not a good idea.

#### **Recommendations:**

- Lock on door to be replaced with a change in the code
- Lasers to be pulled and photographed, with photos sent to membership for recovery
  - Propose Deadline of remove by Feb 1st (5 months to remove)
  - Monthly updates
- Sign on Junior Shed to be replaced (severely faded)

#### JUNIOR DIV. LT. CDR. – Mary Almany:

Junior race teams had an amazing summer of racing and training that came to a close on August 12. We have some fall Junior practices and events coming up. Luke Hayes is coaching Lasers September 12 and 13. Sarah Lihan, Olympic sailor and coach, is returning to coach at the Laser ACCs at Norfolk Yacht and Country Club on September 19 and 20. She will coach an additional session at FBYC on October 3 and 4. Kieran O'Connell, coach at Christchurch, will coach 420s at FBYC this fall. Off-season sailing makes for a stronger team when we return to racing next summer.

#### FLEET LIEUTENANT – Blackwell Nottingham:

All boats are floating and the windlass has been installed.

#### **PROTEST CHAIR – C. Mayo Tabb**:

We had 5 Protest Hearings at the Stingray Regatta:

- 1. Two starboard/port incidents with collisions in both and injury in one:
  - a. Both port tackers disqualified as were found totally at fault.
    - i. Protest hearing sheets requested by insurance companies have been sent.
  - b. Thanks to Mike Karn, Bob Fleck, Dennis Hanick, and Brad Miller for serving on the two hearing days.
- 2. Two redress hearings from first day against competing boats.
- 3. One redress hearing against Race Committee on second day.

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

**Adult Sailing School Update**: Thanks to Karen Soule's Wednesday Web blast promoting our Saturday Adult Sailing school (AKA Mess About Training). We are receiving calls and scheduling Adult sailing classes on Club Flying Scots for members.

Our first member class is scheduled for Saturday, September 12, and includes one retiree and one Junior sailor's mother who will already be at the Club with her Junior.

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Our first non-member sailing class was a few weeks ago—a referral from Flying Scot, Inc. (Carrie Andews). This gentleman lives in Callio, VA (Northern Neck), and recently purchased a Flying Scot to store on a boatlift for family day sailing. He brought two adult children, and the wind gods were generous.

Other Sailing School related items in work and/or completed:

- Ron Jenkins completed the US Sailing Level One Small Boat Instructor Course in July 2020. We will be using graphics, lesson plans, and techniques promoted in that course.
- We ordered a new yard sign to post near the Club boats that will promote Club boats and our sailing school.
- Revenue from our sailing school has emboldened us to order a new mooring cover. We have been making-do with a cover designed for over-the-road trailering. These covers are convenient for users: on/off in 5-10 minutes and they protect the sails and gear which we stow on the boats.

#### **Club Flying Scot Maintenance and Usage:**

We don't have specifics, but understand that boat usage is up in the last month. Life and sailing have delayed implementation of the Regatta Network Sailing School event page. RN will track usage in the future. We are taking phone reservations in the meantime. Mike Schmidt continues to do stellar work to keep us shipshape. A sample of recent tasks:

- Re-varnished tillers
- Replaced a broken head stay part, re tensioned the stays on *Scot Free*
- Started replacement of bow flotation bag on Dawn Treader

#### On Our To-Do List:

- Replace bunk brackets on Scot Free's trailer (parts purchased from Hurds) Note: Flying Scot trailers are designed to be dry-launch boats, which means that only the tires should touch the water. This greatly extends the life of our trailers and improves the attitude of our maintenance volunteers.
- Small touches to spinnaker-handling gear on several boats.

#### **GENERAL MANAGER** – Brian Ankrom:

#### Division - Category: Task

**Docks** - JC Pump out: Troubleshoot & repair pump out **Docks** - JC Bulkhead: Replace old deck boards & support timbers **Docks** - FB Bulkhead: Replace old deck boards & support timbers

Fleet - Mr. Roberts: Replace forward hatch

**Fleet** - *Mr*. Roberts: Replace broken cabin window pistons **Grounds** - Parking Lot: Repair washed out section of parking area

House - Bathhouse: Replace corroded light fixtures

House - Bathhouse: Replace toilet internals

**House** - Fannie's: *Replace toilet internals* 

**Offshore** - Stingray Point: Prepare for & clean up after event

**NEW BUSINESS**: Long Range Planning Chair Mark Wensell prepared a presentation of the history of the docks, a Phase 1 overview and results of the East Dock, and a motion for planning budget for Phase 2.

#### **Docks Phase 2 Objectives**

# Following the existing plan from Phase 1, evaluate options for:

- Replacing the Jackson Creek Middle and/or West Dock
- Repairing and enhancing the durability of the Fishing Bay dock and wood ramp in front of main clubhouse

#### **Deliverables:**

- Project plan and revenue/finance models Fall 2020
- Design and permit submission for improvements by January 2021
- Construction targeted for November 2021

#### **Docks Phase 2 Planning Motion**

#### Request a motion for approval for the following:

- \$5k budget for needed planning surveys and engineering necessary to complete:
  - Surveys of dock construction areas
  - Designs
  - Permitting
  - Construction estimates

#### **Deliverable:**

• Budget and project plan to put before the board for consideration in early Q1 2021

Motion made to secure the \$5,000 for surveys, design, permitting, and construction estimates for new dock, Phase 2.

Motion approved.

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS / MEMBERSHIP / CALL FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS



**THANK YOU** to Paula Dennison for her generous donation of a furniture-grade filing cabinet to the Austin Memorial Library!



### **APPROVED FOR MEMBERSHIP**



**Shaun & Gillian Thaxter** – Midlothian, Virginia - The Thaxters are keen sailors and have been sailing since their 20s. Now that their children have left home, they can dedicate more time to sailing. They purchased a home in Irvington a year ago and immediately joined Rappahannock River Yacht Club. They own a Typhoon,

a Flying Scot, and a J-70 named *Hotty Toddy*, which was purchased from a member of FBYC. The Thaxters are enthusiastic members of the J-70 racing program. They have raced keelboats in the UK: The Solent, English Channel, Royal Yacht Club, and many others. Shaun and Gillian are anxious to return to competitive racing here at FBYC, and the J-70 fleet is delighted to have them join. To the Thaxters, Fishing Bay offers excellent racing and social activities that they cannot wait to enjoy. *Sponsors: Lud Kimbrough and Scott Vail* 



## CALL FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS

The Trophy Committee will receive nominations until October 15th for the following perpetual trophies to be awarded for this year's Annual Awards:

**PIANKATANK TROPHY** – Recognizes the FBYC skipper who most exemplifies the principle that "all is not lost until the boat sinks."

**MATTHEW FONTAINE MAURY BOWL** – Recognizes a member of FBYC for an outstanding contribution to sailing at Fishing Bay Yacht Club.

**COMPETITION TROPHY** – Recognizes a member of FBYC who is the skipper of an enrolled offshore or onedesign boat and who most successfully represented FBYC in sailboat racing events conducted by other yacht clubs or associations during the past year. Nominations should consider the character (local, regional, national) of events entered and the quality of competition as well as the member's performance.

**ALLEN B. FINE TROPHY** – Recognizes the outstanding crewperson of an FBYC enrolled yacht. Any skipper who is a Club member may nominate anyone who has crewed on a FBYC boat (offshore or one-design) during the regular Club season.

**THE HUBARD TROPHY** – Awarded to the outstanding female sailor of FBYC in recognition of dedication, participation, and performance and sportsmanship while sailing.

**SPORTSMANSHIP TROPHY** – Recognizes the Offshore Division skipper who displays the best sportsmanship during the regular season.

**ANNUAL RACE COMMITTEE TROPHY** – Awarded to the Club member who has made the greatest contribution to race committee work and race management at FBYC.

**BECCA BOAT TROPHY** – Awarded to the FBYC junior female member who best exemplifies Becca Clary's devotion to FBYC.

Please contact the Trophy Chairman, Jon Moody, with your nominations. Send them via email to: moodsway@ hotmail.com. Your nomination should include the person's name and the reason the person is being nominated for a particular trophy.

#### **ADULT SAILING**



ADULT SAILING BY RON JENKINS

Yes, Virginia, FBYC has an Adult Sailing School. And at that school, you can learn and improve sailing skills the fun way. We make it easy and extremely inexpensive. See rates and conditions at the end of this article.

Our basic Club Boat familiarization (Classic Mess-About) and user training includes:

- 1. Staff/coach valet launch and retrieval service (witness awesome tractor handling skills);
- 2. Pre- and post-sail rigging review and tailored chalk talk to include:
  - Local knowledge, including wind patterns and best swim areas;
  - Docking under sail (AKA avoiding embarrassment) and dock etiquette;
  - General tips for minimizing hassle, maximizing fun, and beating the heat post-sail.
- 3. Relaxed sail that mixes sightseeing, skills practice, and local color;
  - Sail by interesting boats at anchor (on 9-12-20 we did multiple rounding of two French boats at anchor), remaining mindful of social and anchor chain distancing;
  - Practice COB (Crew Overboard) retrieval, heaving to (AKA parking without an anchor) for lunch or giggles, and general boat handling and daysailing skills;
  - Starting/stopping the boat, getting out of irons, and practicing any skill that a student requests.

Club boat users are key to keeping our boats ship-shape. When users report problems, our maintenance team will fix them. We ask Club boat users, regardless of skill level, to come to at least one of our Mess-About sessions and/or review our equipment stowage guidelines. Other custom coaching sessions are available, including Beginner Sailing and Introduction to Racing.

Fees are \$50/session/person for non-members and free to first-year members and to all Club members who pay the \$100/year Club boat subscribers fee. This \$100 fee includes unlimited boat use for the season.

For more information, or to schedule a Mess-About , call Ron at 434-975-6347. Classes are primarily on Saturdays between 10 AM and 2 PM. However, changes to accommodate instructors or students are possible.



#### CRUISING



### CRUISING THROUGH 2020 BY DOUG SELDEN

During the early planning for the September 12 Captain's Choice cruise, the forecast led one to believe there was a better chance of cancellation than completion. The wind was predicted to gust to 30 knots along with a chance of rain. Fortunately, the forecast changed by Friday, and six boats sailed to Urbanna Port Marina on Saturday. There was northeast wind, which made the trip to Stingray Light quite bumpy for boats coming from Fishing Bay. Once in the Rappahannock, thought, the sailing was great if one likes to go 6 + knots all the way to Urbanna. *Bolero, Destiny, Gavina, Ithaka, Jabberwock,* and *Nice Tri* were in slips by early afternoon, giving crews time to rest, wash the salt from the boat, or walk to town to shop. There was a rush by several crews to *Something Different* for excellent barbeque and sides.

Everyone was back at their boats in time for the social at 5:30 on the porch of the Bridge Marina. All were very conscious of wearing masks and social distancing at happy hour. This part of the cruise was very different, in that each crew brought their own drinks and hors d'oeuvres. Ed Strazzini was without crew, so he drove up to join the group for happy hour.

At this point, I need to thank the owners of Bridge Marina and Urbanna Port Mariana. They could not have been more welcoming and helpful. Two staff members met the boats to help tie up, and placed extra chairs on the porch for the social. And I will not even mention the floating docks with full-length finger piers! The September 12-13 weekend marked the last Captain's Choice cruise for the season. All thirteen attendees were eager participants and had a fun weekend. We also want to say goodbye to what is hopefully the last Captain's Choice of the COVID-19 era. Thank you to all the cruisers who participated. See you at the Closing Dinner; remember to register in advance.



## FALL AROUND-THE-BAY CRUISE, PART I BY GEORGE BURKE

After waiting patiently for a three-day cold front that blocked passages north with 20-25 knot winds, FBYC cruisers departed for the Fall Around-the Bay Cruise on September 22, 2020. They were bound for an upscale re-creation of Captain John Smith's 1609 voyage, armed with credit cards instead of muskets.

*Obsession, Bolero, Reveille, Joyful, and Whisper* made it to Solomon's Island Yacht Club against a 15 knot northeast breeze on day one, and were en route to Annapolis as of this writing. Stay tuned for more updates from the Bay!

The above photo captures the social moments of a fall cruise, circa 2020: cocktails ashore, socially distanced.





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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 at 804.240.3434

**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 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; Screenedin 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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