



**FROM THE QUARTERDECK**

**SEPTEMBER 2023**



## **SAILING THE SEABREEZES OF MIDSUMMER**

As September approaches, FBYC is in full swing with a tremendous level of participation in so many great events across all divisions of the Club.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Jere Dennison Legacy Regatta was again a true success. 25 boats across four fleets took to Fishing Bay on a day that boasted an ideal 8 to 10 knot winds. Three races executed seamlessly by the Race Committee under the stewardship of Clark Dennison and a wonderfully planned event and social event by Phil and Susan Webb and their team, made for a very memorable day.

The annual Women's Sailing Clinic was nothing short of exceptional. With 16 enthusiastic women sailors taking part and Mother Nature blessing us with perfect winds, it was evident how transformative two days of coaching on the water can be for sailors looking to build new skills and relationships. My appreciation extends to Caroline Patrick, Jess Deutsch, and the entire team for their continuing dedication to this event, including on-the-water instructors Josh Bendura, Tracy Schwarzschild, Mike Karn, and many others. The event wouldn't have been as successful without the amazing support team, consisting of Joe Roos, Jennifer Velo, and several dedicated club members. A special shoutout goes to Jack Cabell, our Beginning Class Coach, and Holly Sears, our Race Class Coach!

Our Junior Sailing division has been consistently brilliant and memorable this summer. The number of Fishing Bay Juniors who travel to compete in national-level regattas in Optimists, ILCAs, and 420s is a testament to the ongoing strength of the program and its ability to develop the next generation of FBYC sailing talent. Seeing their progress

since their first Junior Week to now watching them compete on national stages is amazing. Parker and Kim Garrett and the team of the leaders of the Junior Program deserve a huge thanks for their unwavering commitment to our junior sailors.

FBYC Race Committees ran the course for the inaugural Rescue Regatta in August - a very successful (35 boats registered!) new event in support of the Middlesex Volunteer Rescue Squad. Seeing our community rally for a deserving cause, blending our enthusiasm for sailing with philanthropy, was truly special. Kudos to Mike Karn and Rick Klein for opening this new door for the Club and finding a new way to support the Club's sailing mission - plans are already being made to build on the huge success of this event for next year!

As I write this, we are all eagerly awaiting the ever-popular Wee Dram, with the weather predictions seeming favorable and over 30 boats set to embark from FBYC to Cape Charles. With a reputation for great sailing, scotch and camaraderie, this highlight of the cruising season continues to broaden its appeal!

The dawn of September, while marking the end of summer, heralds some exciting events ahead. The forthcoming Stingray Point Regatta, led by Elizabeth Staas and Glenn Doncaster, promises to be another highlight of our sailing season, with great racing on the water and a party to remember on shore - don't hesitate to sign up to sail and volunteer today!

Lastly, please reach out to me at [commodore@fbyc.net](mailto:commodore@fbyc.net) if you are interested in participating in one of our support fleet, waterfront or event infrastructure planning committees - we are aiming to form and kick-off this meaningful work in September.

We are blessed to have so many opportunities to sail together and enjoy our great club - see you on the water soon! ~ **Mark Wensell, Commodore**

SPECIAL NOTICES | MEMEBERSHIP



**BOARD MINUTES & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

We invite you to view the Board Minutes and Committee Reports at the following website as an appendix to this Log:

<https://www.fbyc.net/members-only/board-minutes/>



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We've updated our membership application and made it easier than ever to submit. Our new Google Form is online and ready to receive new members. Just send the QR code or link to your friends to apply. It's a great time of year to invite other sailors to get involved with our Club!

For more information about how to join our Club and our application process, please visit: <https://www.fbyc.net/club/membership/>



Start Your **FBYC** Membership Application Process today!



**APPROVED FOR MEMBERSHIP AUGUST 2023**



**Christian & Carolyn Pastore** – Christian grew up racing Hobie Cats, Lightnings and Thistles in weekly races run by the Barnegat Bay Yacht Racing Association. As a child, he spent a great deal of time at the

Island Heights Yacht Club and crewed for many of its members. Christian lived abroad for 23 years and did not have the opportunity to get out on the water very often for sailing and would like to make up for lost time. Carolyn has grown up coming to the Deltaville area and enjoys being on the Chesapeake Bay. The Pastores plan to purchase a boat up to 35' or so. They have visited FBYC several times as guests of Tracy Schwarzschild and are very impressed. "The facilities are fantastic, and the setting is idyllic, and from Tracy's descriptions it is evident that the members are devoted to both racing and cruising. FBYC seems like a great place to do that." Sponsors: Tracy Schwarzschild, Mark & Joanna Wensell



**Kevin & Margaret Drawbaugh** –

Kevin & Margaret have been sailing their whole lives. Kevin's experience includes racing skipper on an Albacore in Potomac River Sailing Assoc., crewing on Lightnings and Thistles at the Indianapolis Sailing Club, crewing on J-24s and racing a Laser in Annapolis, and crewing on 420s for American University Sailing Team in Annapolis. Kevin grew up sailing an El Toro and cruising in the Pacific Northwest with his father on an Ingrid 42. In addition, he has been an avid windsurfer since 1990. Margaret has crewed much of the above alongside Kevin. She crewed on Snipes and Penguins for Ohio Wesleyan University Sailing Team and grew up sailing an Ensign 22 on the Hudson River with her father. The Drawbaughs would like to race their newly purchased Flying Scot and get back into dinghy sailing after too long away from the sport. As recent retirees to the Northern Neck from Washington, they also look to social and volunteering opportunities, as well as a nice place to visit for the day with their adult children.

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2023 JERE DENNISON LEGACY REGATTA



## JERE DENNISON LEGACY REGATTA RESULTS

PHIL WEBB

**The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Jere Dennison Legacy Regatta was a Grand Success!** It was a beautiful weather day with 8 to 10 knot winds for the 25 boats registered in four fleets: Flying Scot, Melges 15, Portsmouth, and Portsmouth Classic. Three Very Good races were conducted by a quite capable Race Committee chaired by Clark Dennison!

The after race Social/Party and Awards Ceremony was Outstanding! The Social Committee, chaired by Susan Webb, performed "Yeoman's Duty" in causing Jere's Regatta to culminate in a really fun and successful Event!

Phil Webb, Event Chair, is extremely appreciative of all the club volunteer support which caused the regatta and social event to be enjoyed by all who attended!

**Complete race results can be found here:**  
<https://shorturl.at/ejxFL>

The Vintage Skipper award (skipper 70 years + ) was earned by the following: Flying Scot - Joe Nelson; Melges 15 - Perry Guy; Portsmouth - Miles Booth; Portsmouth Classic - Whitey Lipscomb, Jr. The "coveted and dreaded" Geezer Trophy was awarded to John Wake this year (there is a "prescription" to follow by the Event Organizing Authority for awarding this trophy- and for recipient returning the trophy next year).

If you missed participating in Jere's Event this year - you Must attend next year!

Pictures by **Bob Waldrop**  
<https://www.momentntime.com/>



ADULT SAILING | CRUISING



### CONGRATULATIONS 2023 WOMEN'S SAILING CLINIC PARTICIPANTS!

What a wonderful weekend this past Sat. and Sun. (Aug.12&13) with our annual Women's Sailing Clinic. **We had 16 women participating and sailing!** The weather cooperated and the winds were perfect for learning. It is truly amazing to witness the individual growth of sailing skills from two days on the water.

**Check out photos from the event:**

<https://shorturl.at/qrAX8>

A shout out to event organizers Caroline Patrick and Jess Deutsch; on the water instructors Josh Bendura, Tracy Schwarzschild, Mike Karn, John Hubbard, Rick Peterson, Caroline Budwell, Andrew Spencer and Mike Miller; the support team of water assists, launchers and riggers, social spread - Joe Roos, Jennifer Velo, Wendy Roos, Ron Jenkins, Josh Bendura, Allen Mason, Jon Deutsch, Brian Ankom; Beginning Coach - Jack Cabell, Race Coach - Holly Sears.



### CRUISERS VISIT INDIAN CREEK YACHT & COUNTRY CLUB NANCY POWELL - CRUISE LEADER

The fun started July 14 as the cruisers gathered at Fannie's for camaraderie, shared nibbles, beverages, and the cruise briefing by Christopher Lindbloom.

Initially there was an overwhelming cruise response with 11 boats registered. However, the extreme heat combined with outdoor dining resulted in a smaller fleet of 5 vessels. Additionally, several members joined us for dinner.

Most had a great sail to ICYCC and then enjoyed the lovely pool. The weather surprisingly turned comfortable during the cocktail and dinner hours. We enjoyed dining in the screened pavilion near the docks.

News flash: Starting November that pavilion is scheduled to be torn down and rebuilt with decking around it and other improvements.

*BLUE ZONE* (Chris & Nancy), *Whisper* (Dacre & Helen), *Salty* (Steve & Margaret), *Galene* (Wade), and *Lucky Star* (Stuart & Kirsten) all tempted the heat and were rewarded by almost perfect sailing and dining conditions.

Joining us for dinner were AJ and Alice Szumski and Ron Jenkins.



JUNIORS



## THE ESSENCE OF JUNIOR SAILING EXCELLENCE



With a remarkable legacy, our junior sailing program continues to produce exceptional racers. Many have elevated their skills to compete in college and beyond. Noticing this, prominent sailing clubs have inquired about our remarkable ability to consistently produce high-achieving contenders, all from a town devoid of traffic lights.

Reflecting on this, a significant portion of our accomplishments can be attributed to our world-class coaches. These coaches serve as the cornerstone of our triumphs, and their presence is made possible only through the tireless volunteer contributions of our members and the steadfast support of our club.

A remark by our Opti race team coach, Rachid Dalibalta, tells more "Having coached in South America, Europe, and the United States, I consistently grapple with the challenge when it comes to setting sail that is coaxing

other juniors away from their screens. Yet at Fishing Bay, my struggle revolves around luring them out of the water, disengaging from their fishing rods, and prying them away from their playful exploits on the river. There's an unmistakably unique dynamic here."

Our young sailors boast impressive accomplishments across local, national, and international arenas that are due, probably in a big way, to their remarkable connection to the water and the joy of sailing upon it. ~ Will Angus



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Please sign up to help with one of our upcoming regattas or events. *Our Club depends on its members to flourish and grow.* Volunteering is also a great way to meet other members. Please visit this webpage to get a list of volunteering opportunities: <https://www.fbyc.net/members-only/volunteering-fbyc/>

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