



## FROM THE QUARTERDECK

**JUNE 2024**



### COMMODORE'S MID-YEAR UPDATE

As we reach the midpoint of our 2024 calendar year, it's time for a mid-year check-in on the state of our Club. Just recently, on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, we gathered at the main Club for our Mid-Year Membership Update, where the Executive Committee updated the membership on the state of the Club and our future plans. Here's a snapshot of where we stand:

#### **Finance: Sailing a Steady Course**

In the area of finance, we're sailing smoothly within our planned budget. Thanks to the meticulous oversight of our Club leaders and the dedicated efforts of Brian and his staff, we've avoided any significant unplanned expenditures. Moreover, our reserves stand robust, positioning us favorably for future investments in our infrastructure. Thank you Veronica Hinckle for your continued leadership and keeping us "fiscally fit".

#### **Membership: Growing Together**

Membership is the lifeblood of our Club, and I'm pleased to report that as of May, we boast 289 memberships, maintaining consistency with recent years. But numbers alone don't tell the whole story; it's the vibrant community spirit that truly defines us. We've welcomed at least 8 new family memberships, with more eager souls in the pipeline. Kudos to Caroline Patrick for spearheading a membership survey process aimed at gaining deeper insights into member preferences and volunteering interests. And let's not forget the delightful new member wine tasting event hosted by Caroline and Ian earlier this year, fostering connections and camaraderie among our newest additions. Thank you to Joanna, our Secretary and Caroline for their efforts in this space.

### Club Management/Facilities: Anchored in Excellence

Our facilities are the backbone of our Club, and thanks to the dedication of Brian, Ben, and our Facilities Lead David Hinckle, supported by a stellar team including Allen Mason, Wade Thomas, Mayo Tabb, and Jim Raper, they're in top-notch condition. From repairing damage to the East Bathhouse to sprucing up the campus with fresh coats of paint, our team is working hard to make our campus a beautiful place. And a special shoutout to the volunteers led by Paul Wash and David Soule for their efforts in significantly enhancing our Wi-Fi services on the Jackson Creek side (I can now watch Formula One on my boat). A huge thanks to Mason Chapman in his role as Rear Commodore this year.

### Sailing Events/Waterside: Riding the Waves of Success

Our sailing divisions have charted an impressive course with 56 events scheduled between opening and closing day. Kudos to Glenn Doncaster, Jon Deutsch, Parker Garrett, and John Koedel for their tireless efforts in ensuring that each event is smoothly orchestrated, with committed event chairs and PRO's secured. The success of signature events like Opening Day and Memorial Day is a testament to the passion and dedication of our members, and with Junior Week, Fourth of July, and other exciting events on the horizon, there's no shortage of great experiences awaiting us. A special thank you to Mary Almany for leaning into the One Design Division during an unexpected leadership change.

### Long Range Planning: Navigating Towards the Future

Looking ahead, our long-range planning efforts are focused on three key areas: the Main Club Kitchen, Fishing Bay Waterfront and Dock, and Race Committee Fleet. Under the leadership of Jason Angus, Mark Wensell, and Joe Roos, we're charting a course for future investments, with initial committee recommendations slated for review

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## COMMODORE'S ADDRESS

and discussion by the end of summer. It's through the collective efforts of our members that we'll continue to navigate the waters of progress and ensure a bright future for Fishing Bay Yacht Club.

In summation, as we find ourselves at the midpoint of the year, it's evident that our Club is not just getting by but is thriving, thanks to the passion, dedication, and camaraderie of our wonderful members. Here's to smooth sailing ahead! ~ **Doug Bendura, Commodore**



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### INVITING FRIENDS TO JOIN FBYC JUST GOT EASIER

Our membership application is easier than ever to submit. Our 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!



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



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/>



### 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/>

## SPECIAL NOTICES



Saturday June 1  
**Annual Small Boat Festival**

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**Junior Race Team Arrival**

Sunday June 2  
**Race Committee 101 Workshop**

Saturday June 8  
**Offshore Cut Channel Distance Race**

Saturday June 8 - Sunday 9  
**Opti Kids 1st Weekend**

Sunday June 9  
**One-Design Spring Series 4**

Saturday June 15 - Sunday 16  
**Opti Kids 2nd Weekend**

Saturday June 15  
**Race Team Family Dinner**

Saturday June 15 - Sunday 16  
**Father's Day Cruise**

Sunday June 16  
**Junior Week Prep Day**

Monday June 17 - Friday 21  
**JUNIOR WEEK**

Thursday June 20  
**Pre-Cruise Gathering**

Thursday June 20 - Sunday 23  
**Cruise to Mathews for Volunteer Fire Department Boat Docking Contest**

<https://visitmathews.com/event/boat-docking/>

Saturday June 22 - Sunday 23  
**FBYC Annual Junior Regatta**

Saturday June 29  
**Offshore Wolftrap Distance Race**

Sunday June 30  
**Adult Sail Training Day**

## RACE COMMITTEE 101 WORKSHOP

**Sunday, June 2, FBYC Clubhouse  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 12-2 pm**

Have you ever wanted to be part of the Race Committee but did not know how/where the on-ramp was to get involved? As a racer, have you ever been puzzled by a Race Committee decision on the course and wondered why they did what they did? Have you ever wondered how races were set up, executed, or what all those people on the Signal Boat and Mark boats were up to?

Now is your chance to find answers to these questions as the Race Management Team will offer a "Race Committee 101"

The learning goal of this basic workshop is to familiarize participants with the roles and responsibilities of all people on the Race Committee boats before, during and after the race. The workshop will also include a visit to the Race Committee Shed so you see where all the tools for racing are kept. Experienced volunteers will be on hand to add value and answer your questions.

Attendees' names will be sent to 2024 Principle Race Officers (PRO) to get you on a boat and apply what you learned. PRO's are encouraged to send members of their Race Committee teams to deepen their basic knowledge before getting out on the water, or attend in person to find new recruits for your RC team!

**Please sign up here** <https://shorturl.at/dkl47> so we know how many to expect and can prepare appropriately.

Join the FBYC Race Committee team. It all starts with this workshop!

**- FBYC Race Management Committee  
(Mike Chesser, Gene Kendall)**

## JUNIORS



## JUNE KICKS OFF OUR JUNIOR PROGRAMS

2024 SUMMER JUNIOR PROGRAMS ARE FULL FOR JUNIOR WEEK & OPTIKIDS, AND FULL IN SOME SAILING SCHOOL MINI-CAMPS

**Register at:**

<http://app.campdoc.com/register/fbyc>

Space is limited and there is a waitlist in many of our classes. The desire for folks to get out on the water and learn is exciting for sure. We are thrilled with the programs we are planning, especially the all-access programs ("season pass" to sailing) like Optimist Development Team (ODT) and the Multi-boat Team (sailing in c420's, Lasers, Flying Scots and Melges 15's). Also, our Sailing School Mini-Camps are all-summer thriving and filling, and some kids do multiple of those.

**Opti Kids is on the weekends of June 8-9  
and June 15-16**

**Junior Week is June 17 - 21**

**Our Annual Junior Regatta is June 22 - 23**

Visit [fbyc.net/junior-sailing/register-now/](https://www.fbyc.net/junior-sailing/register-now/)  
to read more about our junior programs.



## FBYC ANNUAL JUNIOR REGATTA AND VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH CUP JUNE 22 - 23, 2024

This junior regatta will consist of two days of racing. The planned format will be three separate courses: 1) ILCA 6 (Laser Radial) and 420s; 2) Optimist Red/Blue/White (as defined by USODA) and; 3) Optimist Green. Opti Green fleet will sail on a separate course close to the docks and is great for first timers. In addition to the separate course, the Opti Green fleet will also receive coaching.

Go to <https://www.fbyc.net/junior-sailing/regattas/> for photos or lodging info. Please volunteer and help. It's a great way to be connected and give back.  
<https://shorturl.at/MLfm7>

All lunch orders should be made following the instructions in this PDF: <https://shorturl.at/Nkcyr>

Registration is now open and available online via Regatta Network. Click here to begin your registration:  
<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27804>

Questions? Contact Event Chair:  
**Steve Utley** [sutley2525@gmail.com](mailto:sutley2525@gmail.com)



## ADULT SAILING



The FBYC Adult Sail program offers diverse opportunities for sailors of all skill levels to enjoy time on the water and participate in exciting events. Despite two rainouts this spring, we successfully completed the spring check-up on the Club Flying Scots. Final rigging was done promptly, allowing three boats to venture out for an exhilarating afternoon of sailing. With a nice breeze the sailing was good, but we could not make it up the river in time for the Cruising group's Kentucky Derby. We returned to FBYC for derigging before joining the festivities by land. Many thanks to the Koedel's for their gracious invitation and hospitality.

This season, Adult Sail is set to sponsor a variety of engaging events open to members, non-members, and guests. These events offer opportunities for in-boat coaching, introductory racing, and the chance to sail alongside like-minded individuals.

Join one of our upcoming events designed for small boat sailors of all skill levels. Mark your calendars for the **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Small Boat Festival on June 1<sup>st</sup>**. A day filled with on-water fun followed by a lively post-sail party.

Looking to enhance your sailing skills? Join us for one of next our clinics or training days:

- **June 30: Adult Sailing Training Day**
- **July 27-28: Women's Clinic**
- **August 17: Adult Sail Training Day**

For event details and registration, visit the events calendar at <https://www.fbyc.net/events/?division=all>

Additionally, consider securing your **Annual Club Boat Subscription** for access to private day sails, racing, and club events. First-year members and boat donors enjoy complimentary subscriptions, while returning members can subscribe for \$100 per season.

Stay informed about **Adult Sailing Lessons and Informal Sails** by visiting the FBYC Adult Sailing Page at [www.fbyc.net/sailing/adult-sailing/](http://www.fbyc.net/sailing/adult-sailing/). We value your feedback and encourage you to reach out with comments, questions, and suggestions for future events and activities. In particular, we're eager to hear from new racers interested in our "Challenger" racing fleet. Contact us at [adultsailing@fbyc.net](mailto:adultsailing@fbyc.net)



### PROCEDURES FOR DRIVING FBYC RACE COMMITTEE BOAT, AKA "MR. ROBERTS"

Are you a new PRO who can't wait to volunteer for your first race? Or have you not driven *Mr. Roberts* in a while, and could use a little refresher? You can enhance your PRO skills by being checked out to drive *Mr. Roberts*.

Prior to driving *Mr. Roberts* please complete training and a check ride with David Clark. David will help you get familiar with the various systems on the boat, especially anchoring and working with the windlass. Each check ride will ideally require three people on the boat to best simulate the race committee environment.

*Mr. Roberts* is critical to every aspect of the racing we do at FBYC and proper training will help lessen the chances of damage to the boat or people on the water. David can be reached at [dbclark17@verizon.net](mailto:dbclark17@verizon.net), or by phone at 804-338-6995. If David Clark is not available, David Hinckle is our alternate.

The 2nd Annual Rescue Regatta 2024  
Please join us on July 12th and 13th for

## RACE TO THE RESCUE

### A Fund Raiser and A Fun Raiser

Featuring one race, and two evenings of good food and music  
at The Deltaville Maritime Museum

- **July 12th** doors open at 5:00 p.m., with dinner at 6:30 p.m. by the MCVRS Ladies Auxiliary. The Michael Clark Band, featuring Tracy Clark on vocals will be on stage.
- **July 13th** The Rescue Regatta skippers and crew will take to the water to race.
- **July 13th** doors open at 6:00 p.m., with dinner by Smokin' Joe Davenport. Ray Pittman with core members of The Revival will be on stage.

*Beer, wine as well as Dark n' Stormy and our signature "Rescue Me" drinks will be served.*

Register for the race, buy dinner tickets or donate at [www.rescueregatta.life](http://www.rescueregatta.life)

### Thanks To Our Amazing Sponsors



#### Rescue Regatta Marine Partners



The Race to support Middlesex County Volunteer Rescue Squad, Inc.

ADULT SAILING



## WOMEN'S SAILING CLINIC 2024

*Ladies, it's tiller time.....*  
Please join us for the  
**WOMEN'S SAILING CLINIC**  
**July 27-28, 2024**

Two classes available:  
Sailing Basics or Racing Fundamentals

Individualized coaching for beginners  
and those learning more about racing!

Sailed in the yacht club's Flying Scots  
(or your own F/S or Melges 15)

Returning students are encouraged as you can build on  
your skills from last year.

Check out the event webpage on fbyc.net for more  
information and to sign up.

For the 2-day event:  
**\$10 total for members**  
***That's a great member perk!***  
\$160 total for non-members

We have a great team of volunteer coaches who  
come back year after year to support this event!  
And don't miss the fun **spritzer social**  
apres clinic on Saturday.

Contact Caroline Patrick or Jess Deutsch  
for more information.



## RACING



### 4<sup>th</sup> of July One Design "Long Distance" Race and Cookout

This year, choose to celebrate America's independence on a boat!

**Mark your calendars:**  
**The event is on Thursday July the 4th.**

We welcome all sailors and landlubbers to come out to kick off your (hopefully) long weekend. Whether you are racing or just joining for the cookout - all are invited and welcome! Please sign up for racing and/or dinner on the Club's website: <https://shorturl.at/KysXU>

You don't have to sail in the race to enjoy the picnic-inspired cookout and yard games, brought to you by the club's best grill masters and watermelon-cutters. Bring picnic blankets and lawn chairs, if you would like, for a great casual evening. (More info about menu can be found on club's event webpage)

The day is as follows:

- 1030 - Skippers Meeting
- 1100 - Race warning signal for all classes
- 1700 On-shore Happy Hour and gathering
- 1730-1900 Dinner served
- 1700-2000 Music and yard games

Early Bird Price until June 26: \$7 for adults and \$5 for children (12 and under)

Beverages will be available in coolers. (alc and non-alc)  
More information and Sign Up available on the Club's Event Webpage.

**\*\* Friendly Reminder:** If you simply want to order Dinner Tickets, select "ONLINE STOREFRONT" when you are in the Regatta Network website (not "REGISTER"). This applies to ALL events. "REGISTER" is for boats registering for the racing.



### CBYRA AWARDS PRESENTATION

This past Saturday, several of our FBYC Offshore racers were presented with CBYRA trophies that they won in 2022 and 2023. The awards were presented by Josh Colwell, President - Acting, VP-Race Management of Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association.

Here is a listing of the winners -

2022 PHRF A Mark Wensell 2 *Sting*  
PHRF A Todd Blekicky 3 *Battle Rhythm*  
PHRF C Brad Miller 1 *Schiehallion*  
PHRF B Bob Fleck 1 *Mad Hatter*  
PHRF B Dennis Hannick 2 *Goin*  
PHRF B Miles Booth 3 *Shenanigan*

2023 PHRF A Gary Hooper 3 *Raven*  
PHRF A Glenn Doncaster 2 *Nanuq*  
PHRF A Mayo Tabb 1 *Excitation*  
PHRF B Bob Fleck 1 *Mad Hatter*  
PHRF B Dennis Hannick 3 *Goin*  
PHRF B Miles Booth 2 *Shenanigan*



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## MEMBERSHIP



## APPROVED FOR MEMBERSHIP - MAY 2024

**Jennifer Velo – Deltaville VA -**

Jennifer spent summers at FBYC during her early teens through college. She raced J30s with her family and sailed their Hobie 16 around Fishing Bay. Jennifer has fond memories of being at the club and has recently gotten back into sailing. She raced last year with FBYC member Holly Sears on her Flying Scot and assisted in her role as race

coach for the Women's Clinic. She also is a regular crew member for Exit Strategy owned by FBYC members Rick & Ginger Peterson and Lew Thatcher. Jennifer loves sailing, being on the water and has enjoyed her time with friends at the club. She will be great contributor to FBYC.

*Sponsors: Holly Sears and Rick & Ginger Peterson*

**Paul & Cammie Vest – Deltaville VA -**

The Vests recently moved to Deltaville from Richmond. Paul grew up in Deltaville and spent a lot of time around the club when he was young. His family, Will & Bonnie Vest, are active sailors in the area and former FBYC members. They used to maintain charter sailboats

and Paul helped manage the fleet and crew the boats. Paul and Cammie are very interested in the Adult Sailing Program, crewing on offshore sailing boats, and are beginning to look for their own boat to sail at the club. They are excited to get back into sailing as well as find a social group that allows them to meet more people in the area who share their interests. The Vests will be a great addition to the FBYC family.

*Sponsors: Lud Kimbrough and Mark & Joanna Wensell*



## 2024 FBYC MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

**LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!**

FBYC has released a club-wide survey to **gain insight into current member interest levels for our club events and volunteerism.** We want to learn about what type of events YOU most want to participate in, as well as receiving ideas for future events. In addition, we want to know how you want to be plugged into the club to support our volunteer-led events while meeting new friends and enjoying old friendships.

We look forward to hearing your responses. Please participate in the survey so that your voice is heard!

The survey can be found here:

<https://forms.gle/Mr7HWktzmzY24Jdf9>

If you have any issues or questions, please email us at: [membershipchair@fbyc.net](mailto:membershipchair@fbyc.net)

**Thank you**

- Joanna Wensell, Secretary
- Anne Litt, Assistant Secretary
- Caroline Patrick, Membership Engagement Chair

**CBYRA AWARD PHOTOS *CONTINUED***



**CBYRA AWARD PHOTOS *CONTINUED***



## CRUISING



## KENTUCKY DERBY CRUISE

We held a cruise to Healey Creek to the home of John and Fay Koedel for the Kentucky Derby. Two boats made it by water, *Anastasia* and *Salty*. Many other participants came by land yacht, representing the cruising division and one design fleet. After hot dogs and socializing, we settled in for the two-minute race. I do not remember what horse won but do remember Kirsten Gregory had the horse and won the roses. Jennifer Bendura won for best Fascinator.

Cinco de Mayo Tabb was the next day. We celebrated with mimosas, pancakes, and sausage. A stiff east wind made de-docking a challenge. Looking forward to the Fathers' Day cruise. ~ **John Koedel, III / Wings**



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



For those who followed Club members David & Alison Lennarz's passage from South Africa to the Caribbean, and perhaps attended the Winter Program that highlighted their boat build process and passage onboard their Balance 526 *Wahoo*, you'll soon find her at FBYC.

During her time in the Caribbean, *Wahoo* cruised both the Windward and Leeward Islands, with favorite stops including Les Saintes, Marie Galante, and Antigua. Now after two seasons in the Caribbean, they are homeward bound to Fishing Bay.

A tracker to see their transit progress can be found here: <https://shorturl.at/vCRJh>



# Let's go sailing!



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**FOR SALE: "Xenia" Cape Dory Typhoon;** Year: 1979; LOA: 18'6"; Design: Carl Alberg; Hull Color: Awlgrip Forest Green; Outboard: 2012 Yamaha 6.5 HP; Total Refurbish 2012; Trailer custom made 2012. Extras: Mainsail, Jib & Spinnaker included, Pro Sport On-Board, Marine Battery Charger, Radio/Built-in Speakers, Anchor, Lines, New Cushions Inside & Out in 2012. Serious Inquiries Only. Contact: Clark Wallace 843-697-4846 or [clarkiewallace@gmail.com](mailto:clarkiewallace@gmail.com)



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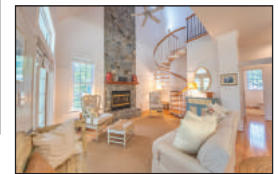
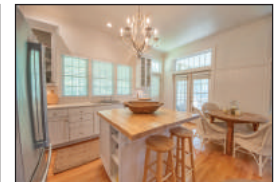
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- Open floor plan designed with cathedral ceilings, a wall of French doors & a stone fireplace.
- Spacious screen porch with plenty of room for dining and entertaining.
- Large kitchen offers ss appliances, a butcher block island with seating, and a casual dining area.
- Two bedrooms & a full bath on the first floor.
- Upstairs with a private bedroom complete with ensuite, cathedral ceilings & a cozy loft area.
- Interior finishes include bead board, hardwood throughout the entire home, tile, unique built-in furniture, door transoms and a wrap around porch.



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