



## FROM THE QUARTERDECK

JULY 2024



### COMMODORE'S ADDRESS

I am writing this month's letter on the Monday morning after our Junior Regatta, which was also the Virginia Commonwealth Championship and a very successful Junior Week. As I shared with the more than 40 volunteers at the Junior Week kickoff dinner, the combination of Opti Kids, Junior Week, and The Junior Regatta is the best example of us living the mission of the Club, which is **"... the development of the art and science of sailing, the acquisition of knowledge of the theory and practice of seamanship, navigation, meteorology,..."** I thought it would be great to share insight about our Junior Programs and their scale.

The Junior Program starts with Opti Kids, a camp for the youngest beginners aged 5 to 8. We typically have 20 kids in the program, and they get to grow in their comfort in the water and sailboats through waterfront activities including swimming with life jackets, basic knots, games in the water like righting a capsized boat, and learning adjustments of the sail while sailing around pool floats. Having all of the kids in the same camp session encourages them to go beyond what they would usually do on their own.

After completing Opti Kids, sailors often progress to Junior Week, which is a camp for sailors ages 6 to 18 and consists of five days of sailing, of course, and also swimming, weather, knots, kayaking, navigating, beach exploring, plus crabbing, critter-catching, shells, aquatic life, oceanography, currents, tides, and sometimes how to have grit — while growing in courage, friendships, and laughter.

The weekend immediately following Junior Week, we host our Junior Regatta. We encourage all Junior Week sailors to attend this regatta where we offer a Green Fleet seminar and on-the-water coaching for novice racers (and their parents!) making that first step into regatta racing. This Regatta is a two-day event with racing on three courses, including an Opti Green Fleet for novice racers, Opti Red/White and Blue for sailors under age 14, and a separate course for Lasers and 420s for our older sailors.

As a former Junior Division Commander, I am amazed at what Parker and Kim Garrett have done with this year's program, assisted by key leaders Jim Clary - Opti Kids Event Chair; Steve Utley - Junior Regatta Event Chair and Ticia Berg, who led many of our land activities. Under their combined leadership, all of the programs had record turnouts, with Opti Kids hosting 30 sailors, Junior Week hosting 165 sailors, and The Junior Regatta hosting 130 sailors from at least nine clubs, including a Canadian team of 13 from the Lake Ontario Optimist Team.

None of this would have been possible without the incredible turnout of volunteers from all parts of our Club. Junior Week had over 30 people volunteer their week as coaches, supported by our Junior Sailing summer coaching staff of 9, and an additional 20 individuals who volunteered their entire week to support all of the land-based activities, and another 30 who volunteered 2 to 20 hours. The most amazing thing about the volunteers is that at least 40% of them were not parents of children in the program, demonstrating how much support we get from all of our members for this awesome program. I was privileged to be a part of the last 10 days and look forward to doing it again next year.

~ Doug Bendura, Commodore

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# WANT IN ON THE FUN? JOIN THE CLUB

## 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!



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## 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/>





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## JULY 2024 FBYC CALENDAR

Thursday July 4  
**One-Design Long Distance Race & Cookout**

Friday July 5 - Saturday July 6  
**Fireworks Cruise to Reedville**  
<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/28346>

Friday July 12 - Saturday July 13  
**Rescue Regatta**

Friday July 19 - Sunday July 21  
**Cruise to Urbanna**

Saturday July 20 - Sunday July 21  
**85<sup>th</sup> Annual One Design Regatta**

Saturday July 27 - Sunday July 28  
**Women's Clinic**



## 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.



## JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> WEEKEND CRUISE FOR FBYC

**Saturday July 6<sup>th</sup>:** Be part of the 150<sup>th</sup> celebration of Reedville! Meet at Reedville in Cockrell Creek for an evening of fellowship, food and fireworks! Cocktails on one of our boats, then a FBYC dinner at the Reedville Market, [reedvillemarket.com](http://reedvillemarket.com), and end the evening enjoying fireworks from land or your boat. Return home on Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. Optional stop the night of the 5<sup>th</sup> in Fleet's Bay for a relaxing evening.

**Hurry to secure your reservation:**

[fbyc.net/events/2024/240705-cruising-fireworks-cruise/](http://fbyc.net/events/2024/240705-cruising-fireworks-cruise/)  
Click for details and to Sign Up!

## RACING



## 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL RESCUE REGATTA IS OPEN FOR REGISTRATION

Get ready to sail for an excellent cause! Once again FBYC has teamed up with the Middlesex County Volunteer Rescue Squad for the Second Annual Rescue Regatta. It's 2 weeks away and we are calling all sailors and supporters to come out July 12th and 13th.

As usual there will be two nights of dinner + beer, wine, Dark n' Stormies and our signature "Rescue Me" drinks and one great day of sailing on The Bay!

There are two easy places to register for:  
[fbyc.net/events/2024/240713-offshore-rescue-regatta/](http://fbyc.net/events/2024/240713-offshore-rescue-regatta/)  
 and [rescueregatta.life/](http://rescueregatta.life/)! And we'll all get together to support the heroes who serve at the Middlesex County Volunteer Rescue Squad.

### LOBSTER ROLL STROLL!

**Saturday 7/20** - Sail to Urbanna and take slips at Urbby Marina. **I will make all slip arrangements.** Do not reach out to them on your own. They can accommodate about 10 boats. I will monitor and cut off registration. I will need Length, beam, draft, and what nights you will be staying in case you are making a longer trip out of it. Around 5pm, meet on the dock for hors d'oeuvres and drinks. Please bring something to share. Dinner on your own. I hear Small Town Burger has a fantastic lobster roll. Let's do a group stroll and check it out.

John Koedel of Wings  
 (804) 338-1158 [jgkoedel@yahoo.com](mailto:jgkoedel@yahoo.com)



### RULES FOR OPERATING THE FBYC HOIST

1. To prevent damage to the hoist, promote safety for users, and be compliant with insurance regulations, anyone who wishes to use the hoist must complete the FBYC training session and test available on the club website. Only after completing this training will you be issued a key to the hoist.
2. As a key holder you are responsible for the operation of the hoist from the time you unlock it. If you unlock it for a guest or another member you must be present to supervise the hoist operation in its entirety. When finished you must lock it back up.
3. **The Hoist must be locked at all times when not in use.**
4. The maximum hoist load is 6000 pounds. Attempting to lift more will damage the hoist.
5. No personnel should ever be on or under the boat when it is being lifted.
6. The boom must only be moved by the attached guide rope, **never by the yellow control cable.** When finished the chain should be left in the uppermost position, trolley all the way inboard and the arm tied via the guide rope to the cleat pointing east towards the Bay.

RACING



**Fishing Bay Yacht Club**  
invites you to participate in our  
**85<sup>th</sup> Annual One Design Regatta**  
**Saturday and Sunday, July 20 - 21, 2024**

**EXPECTED CLASSES** Flying Scot, ILCA (6 & 7), Melges 15, Hampton One Design, Isotope, Weta, Albacore, Optimist (Red, Blue, White and Green fleets) & Portsmouth Handicap.

Two fantastic days of One Design Racing on the Chesapeake Bay. **Over 100 boats expected.**

**Register now to save your spot.**

For more details and to register:

<https://www.fbyc.net/events/2024/240720-onedesign-85th-annual-one-design-regatta/>





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](http://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



## JERE DENNISON LEGACY REGATTA EVENT NOTICE

### SATURDAY - AUGUST 3, 2024



*This event is held to honor Jere Dennison who served in FBYC leadership roles for over 40 years. While his achievements with the Club are too numerous to mention, he was the Club's youngest Commodore, created the Club's comprehensive Austin Memorial Library, and was Club Historian for over 15 years.*

*Jere was an avid one-design sailor who completely understood that sailing is a lifelong adventure - an ancient legacy to be passed on from generation to generation!*

**NOTICE** The event information below, used in conjunction with the General One Design Notice of Race, comprises the complete **NOTICE OF RACE** for this Special Event.  
<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/28345>

**DESCRIPTION** This regatta is a one-day event for Flying Scots, Classic Boats, and one design classes having three or more entries by skippers 60 years of age or older. All skippers will compete in the 60 years and older age group. Additionally, skippers 70 years of age or older can compete for the Vintage Skipper Award. This award is designated as a first place overall finish award for the age 70 or older skipper in each boat class. Seventy years and older skippers must designate their Vintage Award eligibility on the event entry form during the Regatta Network sign up process. Skippers or crew will not be required to be members of FBYC. The crew may be any age but may not take the tiller during races, except during an emergency, or the boat is subject to protest and may be disqualified.

The Classic Division is open to any Classic boat design of 25' length or under at the waterline. The Portsmouth Yardstick DPN Handicap System will be used to score finishes in the Classic Division - see <https://shorturl.at/Z35eq> (DPN-2 rating).

If there is a Classic Boat Division (3 or more boats) and other one design boats not comprising a fleet (3 or more like boats), these non-fleet one design boats may compete against each other and be scored in a separate Portsmouth Fleet. If neither the Classic Boats nor the non-fleet one design boats have enough entries (3 or more boats) to have their own separate Portsmouth Fleet, they may compete together and be scored in a single Portsmouth Fleet. These scenarios along with Division / Fleet separate or combined starts will be addressed / designated by the Race Chair prior to the start of the first race.

A determination of a yacht's qualification as a Classic design and the assignment of ratings for yachts that may not have an official Portsmouth Handicap Rating will be made by the Regatta Organizational Committee. **Therefore advance registration for those entering to race in this division is strongly encouraged.**



## RACING

## SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK 2024

In the second week of June, 80 Offshore racers competed in The Southern Bay Race Week/PHRF Southern Bay Championship hosted by Hampton Yacht Club. We had three days of racing in ideal winds. The first day was 10-15 knots then 5-10 knots the second and 10 knots for the last day. This is the first of the trilogy of PHRF Championships and big offshore regattas in the Southern Bay. Next is Screwpile July 19-21 followed by our own Stingray Regatta over Labor Day. If you have not entered Screwpile, do so soon, as it is a great regatta too.



*Nanuq started with the Melges 32.*



*Excitation at a close start of A2*

FBYC was well represented with 8 competitors; *Nanuq* – A0, *Afterthought* – A1, *Excitation* and *Osprey* – A2, *Goin'* – B, *Cheeky Monkey* and *Schiehallion* – C and *Last Boat III* – Phrf Cruising.

It was tough competition and great comradeship by all on the race course and at the parties hosted by Gosling Rum with the new Blue hats. In PHRF A2 the competition was especially challenging as the Naval Academy boats finished 1, 2 and 3! Seeing their boat handling and navigation the Navy has a great class of future officers. Each of the four boats had crews of a dozen plus midshipmen and all were

hosted by HYC members in their houses. Being in close contact with them at the starts, I had no fear about them doing something stupid as their respect for the sailing rules and boat handling was superb. ~ Mayo Tabb



*Navy 1, 2 and 3*



*Spinnaker takedown on lead Navy boat*

Finishing in the money were *Afterthought* -3<sup>rd</sup> A2, *Goin'* – 2<sup>nd</sup> B, *Cheeky Monkey* 1<sup>st</sup> and *Schiehallion* 3<sup>rd</sup> in C, and *Last Boat III* – 2<sup>nd</sup> in PHRF Cruising.



*Afterthought*



*Goin' going downwind*



## CRUISING



## FATHER'S DAY CRUISE TO LITTLE BAY

By Anne and Brian Holdaway, *Second Wind*

A mighty armada of eight boats headed to Little Bay on June 14 for an overnight in celebration of Father's Day. Under sunny skies, Mother Nature offered a brisk sail with an opposing wind and a foul tide. With most in the fleet arriving by mid-afternoon, dodging multiple crab pots and anchoring in 6-8', cruisers enjoyed "hiking" the property, searching for shark's teeth and enjoying one another's company at the beach. While windy, the conditions were delightfully cool.

Social time at 5pm was BYOB and shared appetizers, including world famous Boat Dip, shrimp cocktail and chicken salad sliders. A highlight was a group choral video for former FBYC Commodore and longtime mentor to many sailors, George Burke, in a rousing rendition of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." Two dogs romped in the sand, Kirsten and Stuart Gregory's crew arrived in style with Hawaiian shirts and festive eyewear, and Captain John Koedel dinghied ashore ready to play, donning his infamous Napoleonic headgear.

The last portion of the gathering featured a Chesapeake Bay Trivia Contest, pitting Team One vs. Team Two...the latter being the victors: K. Koedel, N. Powell, S. Gregory, A. Szumski, and D. Ricci. From "what is the average depth of The Bay" to "how old is this estuary," (see answers below), Team Two demonstrated their collective expertise regarding the topography and various dimensions of our mighty host. Lottery tickets were the booby prize, as organizers Holdaways left the GRAND PRIZE in their auto back at FBYC. Dark and Stormy drinks were promised to all at the next gathering. Sunday was a day to celebrate fathers, and some went for morning dinghy rides...for more shark teeth hunting. All in all, a lovely time with everyone in tow. Answers: 21' and 35 million years old.



## CRUISE TO THE MATHEWS VOL. FIRE DEPARTMENT BOAT DOCKING CONTEST

By Stuart Gregory

The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Mathews VFD Boat Docking Contest took place on June 22<sup>nd</sup> on the beautiful East River. A small fleet of cruisers departed Deltaville on Friday in order to get a prime spot to anchor. The group consisted of Chris Lindbloom & Nancy Powell on Blue Zone and Stuart & Kirsten Gregory on Lucky Star.

The sail to the East River was one of the most memorable so far this year. We arrived as numerous competitors for the Docking Contest were arriving, along with a number of Buyboats. The gathering of these boats is a sight to behold. On Saturday, Jon & Brynn Moody joined our group to watch the Docking Contest. With about 3000 tickets sold, there was a sizable crowd gathered to watch the contest. There are some fun videos of the event on YouTube - check it out if you're curious. The winning time was just 22 seconds. An unexpected highlight was the race of the Buyboats that took place after the Docking Contest.

After the competition and Buyboat race, our group had a fabulous dinner in Mathews at White Dog. Many thanks to the Moodys for facilitating this excursion. The trip back to Deltaville on Sunday turned out to be almost as nice as the trip south on Friday. A lovely Chesapeake weekend!



## JUNIORS



## ILCA NORTH AMERICANS

By Jordan Bendura

In early June the young and budding laser team headed north to New Bedford, Massachusetts to compete in the ILCA North Americans. The team led by our very own coach Tom Pellejero ventured to the cold northern waters to compete against over 235 of the top sailors from North America. The sailors included Joshua Bendura (ILCA 7), J.T. Mason (ILCA 6), William Sutton (ILCA 6), and Noah Wensell (ILCA 7). Sutton finished 83rd while Mason finished 87th in the ILCA 6 class. Bendura finished 39th and Wensell finished 52nd in the ILCA 7 class.

Conditions were challenging over the 4 long days of racing. The sailors faced cold water and ocean waves with winds up to 25 knots on the last days of racing. The first day the sailors woke up to fog and rain with no wind which led to racing being cancelled for the day.

The days of racing felt long for many of the sailors as this was a sort of “rust buster” for many who had either not sailed since last fall or who had not been in the ILCA for a few years. All of these factors made for a true test of spirit and grit and these sailors prevailed. Day in and day out they came home tired and hungry, but they were smiling. They were all having a blast.

The camaraderie that exists within the ILCA sailors within Fishing Bay is unmatched and seeing sailors of all ages either return to the boat or continue their journey leads to fun, friendship, and a lifelong love of the sport.

Joshua Bendura said, “It was one of the harder regattas that I have sailed in that I can remember. I hadn’t sailed my laser in competition since my junior sailing days, so it took me a bit to get back into the swing of things. I was tired every day, but I was having a blast and learning a lot from Tom and trying to help the younger guys as best as I could.”

From getting to go and hang out and really experience this event from a spectator perspective the venue was amazing. Everyone at the club was kind and very hospitable and it made for an excellent experience. Everyone loved the new technology they tried with the sailing BOTTs marks that were run on motors and were anchorless and made for ease of race course setup. Overall, the ILCA North American Championships was a huge success and will set our sailors up for a great summer of learning, racing, and/or coaching!

The club was very hospitable and welcomed the sailors providing breakfast each morning and dinner one of the nights when they arrived off the water. They had an interesting part to the race committee with using BOTTs as markers which we had never seen used before. It was fascinating watching them go out and come in every day. They looked like chickens following the mom. What amazing technology that is available these days.





## BOAT LIZARDS



## DO YOU KNOW WHO OUR BOAT LIZARDS ARE?

By Jennifer Bendura

This amazing group started a little over 20 years ago mainly by Charlie Jones. Over the years the members of this group have changed a bit, but for the past 5 years has pretty much been a core group of wonderful men from the Club that have given their time and energy to making sure our junior sailors are safe and our coach boats are good to go.

The role of the *Boat Lizard* has changed some over time with different responsibilities. In the beginning they would launch all the coach boats for Junior Week and make sure they had gas to go each day. They would also assist with safety and support for our sailors on and off the water as needed. At the end of each day they would pull all the boats out for the night. Although they may not be fully managing the boats these days they are taking an active role in monitoring safety on and off the water near the Club.

I reached out to our core group that has been working together for the past few years to find out more on what got them involved in this group and what keeps them coming back year after year.

### CHARLIE JONES

Charlie Jones, one of the original members, said he started when his oldest of seven grandchildren came to participate in Junior Week. He said *"each year another of the grandchildren joined the program or became a CIT. It was a special week of making memories on the water with our family."*

He continues to come back each year because he loves the energy and vitality of the young people and watching them learn about wind direction, currents and master sailing. He loves the camaraderie of the parents and all the volunteers.

His favorite memory - I remember being in a boat and helping a young Opti sailor who was clearly heading the wrong way. He said, "I am not doing well." We talked and eased the tension by talking about his dog and how well the dog could swim. With a little reassurance and guidance, he rejoined his group and slowly sailed toward shore. Later that week, his parents thanked me for helping him gain the confidence to sail his boat, and he had a great week!

### RUSS COLLINS

Russ Collins has been part of the group since the mid 90's. He had held several positions including chair of Junior Week before becoming a *Boat Lizard*. He said the reason he joined the group was that they were really completely necessary and his friend Charlie was the leader of the group. In the 80's and 90's the club did not have the same resources that it has today nor the big coaching staff to help with boat launching and retrieval. Not all the boats took the same fuel mixture and we had to make sure we got it right or the boat would not run. He said it is a great way to meet the young families that are part of the Club and nowadays they are mainly the safety boats assisting the groups to make sure nothing happens to our young sailors. Even though we all come from very different backgrounds our group has a good time with each other and enjoys working together.

One of Russ's favorite memories is repairing one of the safety boats. That boat had salt water in the bilge that caused the battery cables to fail. He was able to repair the cables so we could continue to use that important boat the next day.

### DAVID CLARK

David Clark has been part of the group for about 10 years now. He missed a couple years because he was an opti coach for Junior Week. He said he got involved in his words "who can possibly turn down being a part of the group that calls themselves – *Boat Lizards*."

He feels it is the responsibility of all yacht clubs to further the sport by introducing the next generation to the sport. He has many wonderful memories, but said probably his favorite is from this past week spending time with the young kids and making a fool of himself with a hula hoop.

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**BOAT LIZARDS CONTINUED****BRAD MILLER**

Brad Miller has been doing the lizard's job for about 4 years. He was invited to assist Charlie with the safety of our young sailors. He said it gave him the chance to see his granddaughter in action on the water while sailing an Opti. He keeps coming back because he enjoys the fellow members and watching the young sailors start to figure out what makes the boat move.

Brad's favorite moment: when a young girl, on shore at the end of the day, thanks me for towing her in on a windless day. During the tow, she was able to get a little speed and put a smile on her face at that moment, she was thinking it would be a long trip to the dock.

**GEORGE PONGONIS**

George Pongonis joined the group about 10 years ago when he first joined the Club. Not knowing how to sail it seemed like a reasonable way to support Junior Week especially since his grandson was sailing an Opti. He said it is an honor to participate with a group of talented and generous individuals as we transit a lifetime. *The Boat Lizards* are bonded together in a wonderful way.

George's Favorite Memory: is repeated every year when he sees the six year olds who have never been aboard a boat until Monday morning, and by Wednesday they are tacking around an inflated peacock and back into the knee-deep water to the cheers of coaches like Mary and Paul Almany.

**ANTHONY SAKOWSKI**

Anthony Sakowski (Tony) has been a part of the group for about 5 years now and joined because of Charlie's leadership. He continues to enjoy the camaraderie with the other Lizards and the opportunity to be part of the group. He loves helping to bring the joy of sailing to the younger generations. Tony's Favorite Memory: Being on the rescue boat and conversing with such interesting people like George Pongonis and Peter Long and watching Charlie organize and supervise.

One last member of the group is Garland Gray II - also known as GG. Unfortunately I was not able to catch up with him in time to get his take on being part of the Lizards, but he enjoys the helping, spending time with fellow lizards and seeing his grandchildren sail.

As you can tell this is a great group of gentlemen who are willing to give up their time for a week each summer to give back to the Club. Most of them no longer have children or grandchildren as part of the program yet they come back every year to assist in any way they can. We are so lucky to have them as part of our Club and cannot thank them enough for all they do to help keep our young sailors safe and smiling on and off the water.





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**JUNIOR WEEK 2024 CONTINUED**





## OPTI KIDS



### OPTIKIDS 2024

By Jim Clary

I tell families at the start of OptiKids that our #1 goal is to have fun. We succeeded! Highlights include the ice cream social, the family cookout, and the most chaotic Watermelon race I have seen in my 13-year association with OptiKids. And lots of sailing.

We had very strong winds for young sailors the first three days, but because of the triangle sails the Club purchased several years ago and a terrific group of parent volunteers, we were able to get everyone out sailing around the harbor. With lighter winds on Saturday, we were able to take the whole class on a big sail out to Fishing Bay Marina and back.

If you weren't at OptiKids, it is hard to overstate the enthusiasm of the parents and kids for the program, and hopefully this is the first step of lifelong sailors. Special thanks goes to my wife Ashley for serving as snacktician, and our great cast of college coaches, especially Eleanor Patterson, Georgia Wensell, and Josh Almany who were there every day teaching and building relationships.





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JUNIOR WEEK 2024 CONTINUED





## OPEN HOUSE REGATTA RECAP



### OPEN HOUSE REGATTA SOCIAL RECAP

What a great turnout over Memorial Day Weekend for our Open House Regatta and Social. The forecast cut the raft-up short but over 140 joined us for a special seafood lasagna dinner catered by local restaurant, Delta Pie. New faces, friendly faces and a lot of tanned faces had great conversation, enjoyed dinner, socializing and chatting to kick off summer. Great music from DJ Tommy Erikson filled the clubhouse.

***Thank you to all the volunteers that helped make the event such a success!***





**ADULT SAILING / MEMBERSHIP****ADULT SAIL UPDATE - JUNE 2024**

On Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, sailors of all skill levels enjoyed a fantastic spring day on the water at the **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Small Boat Festival**. About 20 sailors gathered early and set sail in boats that included Flying Scots, M15s, an ILCA, and a beautiful sailing canoe. Many participants took advantage of the event offering in-boat coaching, to learn and practice basic sailing skills in both the Flying Scots and the M15s. After a beautiful day on the water, sailors gathered at the clubhouse for a wonderful social with food and drinks (thank you Ruthanna!), and left FBYC with big smiles and ready for the next sailing adventure.

In other news, on June 1-2, we tried out our idea for keeping a Club Flying Scot in the water at the Fishing Bay dock to facilitate easier access to sailing our Club Scots. This initiative generated significant excitement. Members interested in using the Club Scots be sure and schedule a check-out sail and sign-up for a subscription (it's a bargain) so you may use the Club boats.

Looking ahead, we already have a diverse group of experienced sailors and newcomers signed up for the **June 30<sup>th</sup> Adult Sail Training**. For this event there is a waitlist for those seeking in-boat coaching. New for 2024 Adult Sail events is an option for an Introduction To Racing.

**Upcoming events this summer include:****July 27-28: Women's Clinic**

(choose "Regatta Network Event" on this page to sign-up)  
[fbyc.net/events/2024/240727-training-womens-clinic/](http://fbyc.net/events/2024/240727-training-womens-clinic/)

**August 17: Adult Sail Training Day**

(choose "Regatta Network Event" on this page to sign-up)  
[fbyc.net/events/2024/240817-training-adult-sail-training/](http://fbyc.net/events/2024/240817-training-adult-sail-training/)

For event specifics and registration, visit the events calendar at FBYC Events Calendar.

Additionally, secure your Annual Club Boat Subscription now for 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 updated on Adult Sailing Lessons and Informal Sails by visiting the FBYC Adult Sailing Page. [fbyc.net/sailing/adult-sailing/](http://fbyc.net/sailing/adult-sailing/)

If you're interested in participating or assisting with the Adult Sail Program, please contact us at [adultsailing@fbyc.net](mailto:adultsailing@fbyc.net).

We're particularly eager to hear from new racers interested in our "Challenger" racing fleet. Join Adult Sailing, enthusiasm is contagious!

**APPROVED FOR MEMBERSHIP  
JUNE 2024****Thomas & Lindsay Call, Jr. – Fredericksburg, VA.**

- For many years Thomas's father, Tommy Call, was a regular crew member with FBYC member Strother Scott on both *Albemarle Pippin* and later *Loose Cannon*. In fact, Tommy Call raced with member Drew Sinnickson in the Junior Program when he was a child and donated the Penguin sail that hangs from the upstairs ceiling at the Clubhouse. Thomas has raced on offshore and J boats over the years with his father at the Club and Lindsay would join when her schedule allowed. The Calls have two children and both have attended Junior Week. Their son is an Opti sailor who has raced in several regattas and was awarded the Young Salt Trophy in 2023. He will also be on the Opti race team this summer. The Club is a special place and Thomas & Lindsay look to pass the legacy on to their family for many years to come.

*Sponsors: Mark & Joanna Wensell and Strother Scott*



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## 85 YEARS - CONNECTING THE DOTS

It takes a Village to Start a Race:

Those of you who serve on race committees already know that conducting a major regatta requires a well oiled team of people and boats - mark boats, safety boats, pin boats, etc. But when we think of THE committee boat, it is always our signal boat, *Mr. Roberts II*, object of our ambivalent affection, and possessor of a slippery reputation that is inversely proportional to its seasonal costs.

As our Club enters a year of discernment over the fate of *Mr. Roberts II*, it is appropriate to contemplate the intangibles. After three decades of service, *Mr. Roberts* has become more than just a committee boat. For those that serve aboard and those that are accustomed to gliding past its transom as the countdown proceeds, it IS the symbol of FBYC racing, a servant to our sport, a true space for community. But so were its predecessors.

The signal boats serving during the Urbanna days are not well documented, probably because they were enlisted on an ad hoc basis from private owners. As racing expanded in the 1950's and the Club moved to Fishing Bay, an old WWII black hulled motor vessel was leased from Gene Ruark (Mr. Ruark was a marina and boatyard owner and a Deltaville legend). Aptly named *Black Cat*, it served as a committee boat for 25 years, but replacing *Black Cat* was preceded by several years of angst filled debates- a scenario similar to our present dialogue about *Mr. Roberts II*. After *Black Cat* came *Wildcat*, a contemporary cabin cruiser with a shiny hull and a wake of maintenance problems. It was replaced within 5 years- we can hope that this part of FBYC history does not repeat itself!

Finally the *Mr. Roberts* era began in 1980 with the purchase of the first *Mr. Roberts*, a modified deadrise cruiser that served successfully for 15 years. *Mr. Roberts* and *Mr. Roberts II* were named to honor FBYC's first and

longest serving club manager, William Castle Booth Roberts, whose portrait hangs in the main clubhouse. For our more recent members, his story is another dot worth connecting at another time.

About *Mr. Roberts II*, the intangibles are important to us, especially to the 'village' of volunteers that start our races. But when considering the fate of *Mr. Roberts II* those intangibles must be ignored. It is the tangibles that count- replacement costs vs. the future cost of operation and depreciation, safety, etc., all of which require a dispassionate examination, informed by the lessons of the past.

George Burke, FBYC Historian  
(with a lot of help from Jere Dennison)

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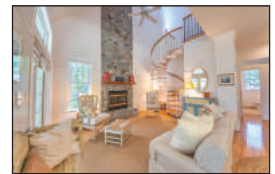
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