



FROM THE QUARTERDECK



It is hard to believe that another year is in the record books. Sailing events are complete and the boats are being winterized. Trophies have been awarded and we had a wonderful celebration at the Commodore's Ball.

Before we look ahead to the new FBYC year which officially begins on December 1, I want to thank Mary Almany for her service as Commodore in 2025. Mary has been a thoughtful leader and a tireless volunteer for many years. As Commodore she worked hard to make sure everything went according to plan and that everyone had fun. She addressed each challenge with a compassionate ease. As most people know, the Almany family has been a fixture at the Club since they decided to give sailing a try in 2008. When Mary's husband, Paul doesn't have a camera in his hand he is most likely giving someone a tip on their Melges 15 or jumping in to help on just about anything. Their kids. Amanda and Josh were avid junior sailors and get back to FBYC as often as they can. FBYC is a better place because of the Almanys and I am

grateful for everything they do for our community.

I am honored to serve as Commodore in 2026. I joined the board as Treasurer shortly after my wife, Julie and I were married in 1998. My dear brother-in-law, Mike Karn, then the Rear Commodore, voluntold me to take the job. I'm glad he did – it has been a pleasure. Throughout the years I have been fortunate enough to serve with many fantastic FBYC leaders who made a lot of great things happen.

I received an important piece of advice shortly after I became Treasurer that sticks with me today. The late Tim Blackwood, a longtime member took me aside and explained what makes FBYC special and has allowed it to endure and thrive for so many decades is that we are first and foremost a sailing club. As stated in our organizational documents we have one mission - to promote and develop the art and science of sailing. There is nothing in there about tennis courts or restaurants or even power boating. We are a sailing club and that remains our singular focus. I have always remembered Tim's advice and am committed to keeping us aligned with our mission.

Our web pages say it well – FBYC is where sailing meets community. Our members unite around our common interest in sailing and work hard to make sure the sailing is strong and the socials are fun. Julie and I have visited many other yacht clubs over the years and like them all. But our FBYC community is among the best I have seen and is what I enjoy most about being a member.

We have fantastic leadership on the board for next year. Several people are continuing in their roles, and several are taking on a position for the first time. I am excited to be working closely with Vice Commodore Mike Chesser and Rear Commodore Jim Raper. Mike brings an enormous amount of expertise and talent to the sailing side and Jim's knowledge of our operations will help him get off to a quick start managing the land side.

Planning for 2026 is already well underway. Our main events are scheduled, and we are thinking about the preseason training and seminars that so many of our sailors look forward to each year. Our facilities team does not rest over the winter. Brian Ankrom and many others will be working on a long list of projects leading up to Opening Day in April.

2026 is going to be a great year. I look forward to seeing you on the water in just a few months. In the meantime, best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season.









~ Mason Chapman, Commodore

SPECIAL NOTICES



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/



Would you like to feature an article or share a story in **The Log?** Please email **Julie Chapman** at Logstreamer@fbyc.net



Historian - Collecting Photos & Memorabilia Please send to Julie Chapman at

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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/



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!



2026 BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND COORDINATORS

Commodore - Mason Chapman Vice Commodore - Mike Chesser Rear Commodore - Jim Raper Secretary - Anne Litt Treasurer - Veronica Hinckle Member at Large - Mary Almany

Fleet Captain - Rick Peterson
Offshore Commander - Todd Blekicki
One Design Commander - Holly Sears
Cruising Division Commander - Stuart Gregory
Junior Division Commander - James Clary
Facilities Director - Wade Thomas
Communications Director - Elizabeth Staas
Social Director - Julie Ann Wash

Secretary
Assistant Secretary - In progress

Young Adult Members - Kelly Burton **Membership Engagement** - Meriwether Roberts

Treasurer
Assistant Treasurer / Risk Management - Steve Montgomery

Long Range Planning

Mark Wensell / Doug Bendura / David Hinckle

Facilities

House - Tina Mennett

Dock - Brad Miller/Mayo Tabb

Leasing - Heather Lambert

Grounds - Allen Mason

Communications

Logstreamer- Julie Chapman
Webmaster / IT - Paul Wash
Marketing - In progress
Historians - Russ Collins / Julie Chapman

Social

Event Chairs - TBD (Winter Program), Anne Litt (Opening Day), Heather Lambert (Open House), Susie Wright (July 4th), TBD (Closing Day), TBD (Commodore's Ball)

Fleet Captain
Fleet Lieutenant – Matt Lambert

SPECIAL NOTICES

Race Management – Gene Kendall
Protest Chair – Gene Kendall / Mayo Tabb
Trophy Chair – John Hubbard / Molly Williams
Adult Sailing - Joe Roos / Ron Jenkins
CBYRA Delegate – Tom Roberts (interim)

Offshore Division

Lieutenant Commander - Matt Lambert
David Tabor / Ian Patrick - Scoring
Mark Stephens - Sailing Instructions
Joe Nelson - Stingray Regatta
Joe Roos - Crew Training
Brad Burch/Jennifer Schooley - Social

One Design

ILCA - Mike Toms M15 - Caroline Patrick Flying Scot - Kevin Drawbaugh

Cruising Division - John Brady **Junior Division** - Ticia Berg, Kimberley Garrett, Lindsay Call



CHRISTMAS SHIP'S STORE SALES

Check out our 2025 Ornaments, New Ties & Cummerbunds for sale, After orders are received, an invoice will be sent from Square to your text or email, as marked in your preferences. If you choose to ship, the exact amount of shipping will be included on your invoice. Please pay as soon as possible after receiving your invoice!

Although not preferred, payments can be made by check to Fishing Bay Yacht Club and mailed to 2711 Buford Road #309, Bon Air, 23235. Please put "Christmas Ship's Store" in the memo field. Thank you.

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2025 COMMODORE BALL

Saturday evening, November 15th over 150 members and guests gathered at the Willow Oaks Country Club for this year's Commodore Ball. The evening began with our annual member's' meeting where the current board of trustees reviewed the Club's accomplishments, capital investments and annual expenditures. Next, members approved the incoming board trustees while thanking those who made our 2025 season a big success!

With the annual business concluded, it was time to celebrate with the award's presentations. Our newly inducted Commodore, Mason Chapman, was assisted by new member at large and former Commodore, Mary Almany, new Vice Commodore, Mike Chesser, and Trophy Chairman, Jim Morrison, in handing out several awards to our racers.

Willow Oaks Country Club provided a wonderful menu of prime rib, several pasta selections, a macaroni and cheese bar and delectable desserts. As the night progressed, one of our favorite bands, Tidewater Drive, provided music to dance the night away! Throughout the evening, our Club Ship's Store was open and offered members new tie and cumberbund designs, FBYC stickers and the 2025 Christmas ornament for purchase.

As with all of our events, we could not have made this party happen without the help of our volunteers! A special thank you goes out to the Club volunteers who made the ball happen with setting up decorations, designing floral arrangements, organizing awards, taking photos and breaking everything down at the end of the evening — thank you to Anne Litt, Julie Ann & Ned Wash, Jennifer Velo, Todd Blekicki, Janet Moyer, Molly Williams, John Hubbard, and Craig and Susie Wright!

We are so fortunate to be able to gather as a Club and celebrate the success and fun of the past year! Thank you to everyone who attended!











2025 FBYC TROPHY WINNERS

HENRY E. HUTCHESON, Jr. MEMORIAL TROPHY

Opti: Henry Latell

L. WOOD BEDELL TROPHY

Opti: Brackton Grass

ROBERTS BOWL

Opti: Hazel Mayhew

REID A. DUNN TROPHY

c420: Clarke Garrett & Teddy Bower



JUNIOR COMPETITION TROPHY

c420: Madeleine Garrett & Justinas Petkauskas



CAROLINE COLLINS TROPHY

ILCA: Riley Clary



YOUNG SALT TROPHY

Opti: Lucie Batty

UP AND COMING TROPHY

Opti: Eleanor Call

BECCA BOAT TROPHY

c420, M15 and for coaching Opti's: Madeleine Garrett



WAYLAND RENNIE CRUISING TROPHY

Ron Ricci

ALLEN B. FINE TROPHY

Sharon Wake



ANNUAL RACE COMMITTEE TROPHY
Gene Kendall



HUBARD TROPHYKelly Burton



SPORTSMANSHIP TROPHYZygmunt Krzyewski



COMMODORES' BOWL

The Garrett Family - Parker, Kimberley, Madeleine, Clarke & Cyrus



MATTHEW MAURY FONTAINE BOWL

Joseph W. Roos



BLANTON BOWL Jonathan M. Deutsch



COMPETITION TROPHYDavid Tabor and Carol Vaughn



PIANKATANK TROPHY

Gene Kendall



2025 RACE COMMITTEE PRO GROUP



AFTERTHOUGHT GROUP



Many thanks to our amazing Trophy Chair Jim Morrison, John Hubbard for assisting and Doug Bendura for working to update many of our awards this year!



Hi, Everyone! As the Club works to finalize the calendar for 2026, we are planning the social events for next year as well. As most of you are aware, we have a lot of social events at FBYC. Our events come in all shapes and sizes.... some are tied to divisions (offshore, one design, etc), racing series (spring, fall, etc.), large regattas (Stingray, MCVRS, AOD, etc), and FBYC board sponsored (Winter Program, Opening Day, Open House, etc.) I'm looking for your help to be an Event Chair for the latter, board sponsored Events.

What does an Event Chair do?

- You'll lead in the planning and execution of a single event you pick the one that fits within your schedule and time commitment
- You have access to detailed checklists on what to do before, during and after the event
- You'll launch a request for **volunteers to help you with all aspects of the event**. <u>Volunteers are our secret sauce and make things happen!</u> As the Event Chair you just coordinate and work with a team of volunteers.
- You have an inventory of existing decor, list of food vendors, entertainment options and an event budget
- You will have the full support and work with the FBYC Flag, Social Director, Communications/Marketing Director,
 Club Management and others to help you with all you need to manage the event
- Probably the most important point...you won't do this alone...you'll have a team of volunteers and years of
 institutional knowledge to help you lead an event that is fun and a great experience for our members and guests
 of the club!

What and when are the 2026 Board Sponsored Events?

SOCIAL

Event	Date & Day	Description	Event Chair
Winter Program	Late Feb- Early April, Weekday Evening (2-3 hours)	Members gathering, light hors d'oeuvres, drinks, usually a Richmond venue, speaker invited (e.g. Charlie Enright, members)	TBD
Opening Day	April 25, 2026 Saturday	Members kick off the summer season, Blessing of the Fleet	Anne Litt
Open House	May 24, 2026 Sunday	Coincides with Memorial Day weekend, emphasis on highlighting FBYC programs and divisions for new and prospective members	Heather Lambert
Fourth of July Cookout	July 4, 2026 Saturday	Informal cookout for members and guests, yard games, distance race prior to event	Susie Wright
Closing Day	October 24, 2026 Saturday	Oyster Roast to close the season, informal potluck, regatta prior to event	TBD
Commodore's Ball	November 14, 2026 Saturday	Formal event, usually held a Richmond venue, annual members' meeting, awards, dinner and dancing	TBD

Can you help?

Spread the word among your fellow members! If you have never planned an event, keep in mind you'll have a team of volunteers, tools, and a budget to help. If you're still unsure, let me know if you'd like to be a Co-Event Chair and work alongside another person to learn the ropes!

It is my End of the Year Goal to have all our Event Chair slots filled! Thank you for all the support you have already given to the Club!

My best, Susie Wright

> Our 2026 Social Chair is Julie Ann Wash. Her contact info is (804) 334-1181 and julieann.wash@webnext.net Please reach out to her if you are able to help!

APPROVED FOR MEMBERSHIP

James & Ellen Borges - Richmond, VA.- While working in New York, James was an active member of the Manhattan Yacht Club. He raced J-24s in the weeknight regatta series and sailed on a friend's J-27 out on Long Island during the weekends, including in the National Championships on Long Island Sound. His family owned a Carter 36 in Annapolis in 1980 and he attended sailing camp at St. Mary's College. After relocating to Richmond, the Borges kept a 1989 Hunter 37.5 cruising sailboat at Stingray Point Marina for several years. They have chartered catamarans in the Virgin Islands on three occasions and plan to charter in St. Martins this year. FBYC members Bill & Marge Street have known the Borges for 10 years and became acquainted through their tennis associations and neighborhood social events. James is affiliated with other groups that have been longtime supporters of Bill's organization, the James River Association. James and Ellen hosted an oyster party at their home to support the JRA. They have discussed boats, the James River, and the Chesapeake Bay. As recent empty nesters, James and Ellen are looking forward to getting back to sailing. The Borges are interested in buying another cruising sailboat and would like to be part of a fun and enthusiastic sailing community. They would love to participate in club social & sailing activities and learn from being around other sailors!



Sponsors: Bill & Marge Street and Robert Whittemore

Bill & Patty Pace - Deltaville, VA. - Bill has been involved in the Fishing Bay, Jackson Creek, and Stove Point communities for more than 75 years. As a toddler, he fondly remembers helping Grandma Bucky Hawksworth care for her goats and cows at her farmhouse, just east of our Yacht Club. From infancy through the mid '70s, Bill spent every summer and Thanksgiving with her and Uncle Johnny Hawksworth, who taught him how to sail. He also raced with his uncle many times on his Jolly boat. In his youth, Bill became a sailing instructor for Camp Rappahannock, located on Sturgeon Creek, using the Penguin sailing program. Over fifty years, he has owned several sailboats, from a Penguin to a Windmill, and presently a Rocket and a Sunfish.

Five of Bill and Patty's grandchildren have attended the FBYC Junior Program for the past two years. Four years ago, the Paces moved from NC to their new permanent residence in Deltaville. At their new home, previously owned by the Schmalenbergers, he and their grandchildren sail the Rocket and Sunfish. Bill is also an avid cyclist in the Deltaville community and averages 25 miles a day. FBYC members Peter Wright and Mike Toms have known Bill and Patty from the Deltaville community for several years and are glad to count them as friends. Bill and Patty look forward to contributing their time and energy to the junior program as their grandchildren, like Bill, grow up with a sailing heritage founded on the FBYC sailing community.



Sponsors: Peter W. D. Wright & Mike Toms

MEMBERSHIP

Lisa Montague - Alexandria, VA. - FBYC member John Hubbard has known Lisa since she married his childhood friend, Hill Montague IV, over 30 years ago. Hill unfortunately passed at the age of 64 after a brief struggle with cancer just over a year ago. John knew Lisa's father, Rufus Yonan, a former FBYC member from the 1970s and 1980s when John was a junior member. Lisa learned to sail as a child on a Sunfish when her father Rufus was a member and crewed on their J-24. She also sailed on Hill's Rhodes 19. Hill and Lisa joined FBYC in the 1990s when their children participated in the sailing programs and she volunteered during Junior Week. They remained members until their children moved on. She now has 4 grandchildren, two of whom have done Junior Week twice and sailed in several Opti regattas. Lisa would like to rejoin to support her grandchildren. She primarily resides in Alexandria but spends much of her summers at the family cottage on Stingray Point. Lisa will make a wonderful addition to FBYC and we welcome her back!



Sponsors: John Hubbard & Joanna Wensell

LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD George and Lyons Burke

The Burke's came to FBYC in 1990. They have been active members and avid sailors the entire time. They are what you might describe as perfect members of the Club. They love taking part in our events and their enthusiasm enhances a joyful atmosphere. They are serial volunteers - always helping out.

George served on numerous strategic planning committees and board roles for two decades including:

- Cruising Lt Commander
- Cruising Commander
- Secretary
- House Chair
- Rear Commodore
- Vice Commodore
- Commodore
- Member at Large
- And most recently Historian

George (with Lyons at his side) has been the winner of some of our most prestigious awards – the Sportsmanship Award, the Wayland Rennie Cruising Award, and even the coveted Piankatank Award.

What makes FBYC so special is our welcoming community. George & Lyons stand out because of their kindness and caring. They always take time to engage with people they know well and those that they have never met. They make our Club a better place whenever they are present. We are grateful for their friendship and their contributions to our Club family.

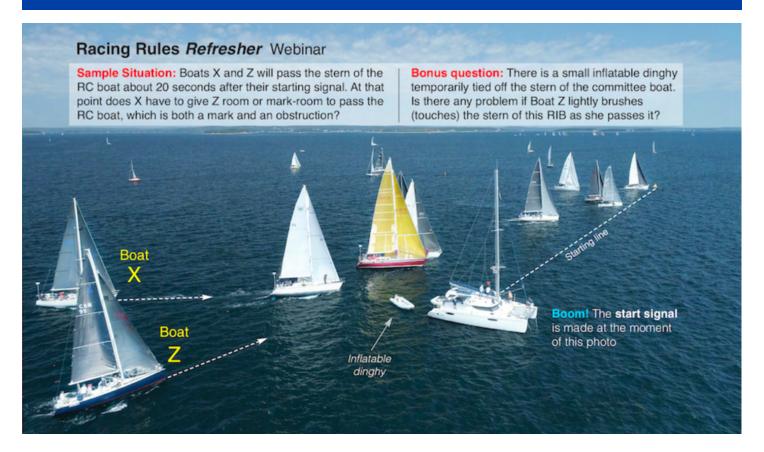
For their many years of service and friendship we are happy to name them Life Members in FBYC.







RACING



RACING NEWS

Dear Sailors - Not much sailing going on right now unless you're traveling to Florida or other venues. It is a good time to brush up on the Racing Rules. I'm a big fan of Dave Dellenbaugh's online seminars (of which there are many). Yes, they cost you something (\$55) but I find them a good value and you get videos to watch if you can't make the time they are presented live and you can watch these repeatedly with no limits. You might want to check it out.



See you on the water, Holly

Refresh Your Understanding of the Racing Rules!

Build your confidence about the racing rules with this four-part webinar series! On four consecutive Mondays, Dave Dellenbaugh will explain how the 2025-2028 racing rules apply to lots of common race-course situations. He will use videos, animations, Q&As, quizzes, and more to strengthen your knowledge of the rules and their tactical applications.

Here's the schedule:

- December 1 Upwind & Downwind Rules
- December 8 Mark Rounding Rules
- December 15 Questions & Answers

Even if you can't attend these live sessions, all registrants will receive links to watch all 4 sessions whenever they want. The first three sessions will explain key rules that apply at the start, on a beat and run, and at mark roundings.



Dave Dellenbaugh



RACING

Part 4 will be a detailed Q&A about questions that have been asked (but not yet answered) during the webinar. The goal of all four is to raise your overall rules knowledge and comfort when facing boat-to-boat situations.

The webinar begins Monday, November 24, at 8:00 pm EST (GMT -5) and continues on the following three Mondays. The series is geared to both skippers and crew with intermediate to advanced rules knowledge. Each session is about 90 minutes long. The price for the series is \$60, which includes: A) four live webinars; B) UNLIMITED access to the REPLAYS of all sessions in case you miss any or would like to review them later; and C) link to a Google doc with all webinar Quizzes and Q&As. Thanks! Dave

Registration Link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/8117617034938/WN_6uPcXWlbTxKnlo72ZOU8Hg#/registration



Example Question: It is not uncommon to have an object (dinghy, buoy, etc.) tied off the transom of the race committee boat. Is it OK to touch that object? The definition 'Mark' says a mark includes 'an object intentionally attached to the object or vessel.' In this case the object was an inflatable dinghy that was (presumably) intentionally tied to the RC boat. So the dinghy ranks as a mark just like the RC boat. If Boat Z touches this mark while she is racing (after her prep signal), she must take a penalty just as if she had touched the committee boat itself.









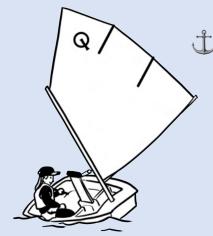


FBYC



2026 Junior Program





🕹 OptiKids Weekends

June 6–7

June 13-14

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June 15-19

🕹 Junior Regatta

June 20-21



July 18-19

U Summer Sailing School

Still working on Dates
Please email Juniors@FBYC.net
with specific request.

Registration Dates:

Race Teams:

Open January 1st for members **Development Team*:**

Opens January 1st for members

Junior Week & Opti Kids

Opens February 1st for members

Open Enrollment

March 1st



* Sailors who sign up for the **Development Team** before February 1st are **guaranteed a spot** in Junior Week!



ATTENTION FBYC MEMBERS

GET YOUR PHOTO FEATURED ON NEXT ISSUE'S COVER!

Imagine opening next month's issue of The Log and seeing YOUR photo featured on the cover with your name in the corner!

Here's how you can make that happen:

- 1. Take a stellar photo!
- **2.** Make sure your photos can be cropped as a <u>portrait</u> image.
- 3. Email your photo as a high-res image to: logstreamer@fbyc.net (multiple photos are welcome)

Let's see how the Club looks through our member's eyes.
Thank you so much!

New Year = New Gear!



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TRADEWINDS

ONLINE CLASSIFIEDS:

www.fbyc.net/classifieds/ or go to Webtools then Classifieds to view or place an online classified ad.

FOR SALE: Beautiful, custom built 10' rowing/sailing tender (Acorn Skiff). Glued lapstrake planks ash stem beam, seats and braces; teak floor boards; mahogany transom; bronze oar locks for two rowing positions; 9' spruce oars with bronze oar posts and leather chafe pads; Sprit rigged spruce mast and spars, mahogany rudder, ash tiller, and lead weighted ash leeboard. Dacron sail. Mast and sail bags.

Includes: launching dolly with new wheels, top and bottom Sunbrella covers. Photos and other details at https://www.facebook.com/marketplace/item/24385411941064248/?mibextid=6ojiHh Call Ric at 804-240-3434.

FOR SALE: Renaissance - Renaissance is an excellent Bay boat or coastal cruiser. She had been to the Caribbean, Bahamas and up and down the East Coast. She is a very clean, 1999 Beneteau 361, with navy blue trim and canvas which we have sailed locally for 5 years and loved her. She has been well-maintained and hauled every winter with all required work done. She is a two cabin version with optional main salon (two captain chairs vs long bench on port side). The cherry wood interior contrasts well with the white upholstery. In 2019 we upgraded to Ray Marine electronic chart plotter, Evolution sails & stack pack which makes sailing very easy. She has davits, dinghy, solar panel, air conditioning. All lines lead to the cockpit for single hand sailing. We are selling her only because we purchased a different boat which is better for our current needs. Renaissance is conveniently located at Jackson Creek.

Contact Peter Long for more information or to take a look. janpacl@aol.com or 610-710-1918 \$75,000

FOR SALE: SUNFISH SAILBOAT - Excellent condition (garage kept), dolly with beach tires, 2 sets for sails (excellent condition), 2 dagger boards, boat and sail covers. \$800. Call Rick Klein - 804-832-5079 or rklein5533@gmail.com

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), email: nancy.potts48@gmail.com

FOR RENT: **Main House at Rosegill**. 5 BR house on large farm at Urbanna with pool, dock, beach and great walks. Sleeps 12 - bookings at tinyurl.com/RosegillHG or call Strother Scott 804-405-5999

FOR RENT: **Family Tides**. Entire home across from J&W conveniently located just minutes from FBYC. Master BR first floor and open floor plan LR/DR. Dormitory-style BR upstairs, sleeps 4, plus second full bathroom. Wifi and Cable TV. Perfect for your family of 6! Plenty of parking for your boat and cars.

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