

The Log

Fishing Bay Yacht Club

January 2026



Photo by Bob Waldrop



FROM THE QUARTERDECK



Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful holiday season and had the opportunity to spend time with family and friends.

Although we are in the midst of winter, please be assured there is no long winters' nap at FBYC. Our volunteers and staff are actively planning and preparing for the 2026 season, which officially begins with Opening Day on Saturday, April 25, 2026.

Our 2026 calendar of events has been posted to the website, with additional events to be added as dates and plans are finalized. As you know, our Club relies heavily on volunteers, and now is a great time to review the calendar and consider helping with an event. Please keep an eye out for event notifications throughout the year.

Our General Manager, Brian Ankrom, and Executive Secretary, Donna Mason, continue to do a terrific job and are critical to our success. I would like to extend a warm welcome to Tom Burnett, our new Facility Technician who joined us in December. Tom is a Marine Corps veteran who brings substantial experience that will strengthen our facility maintenance efforts.

Beyond our staff, our volunteer leadership remains very active during the winter months. Vice Commodore Mike Chesser and his team oversee sailing activities, including Offshore, One Design, Cruising, Juniors, support boats, and race management. Rear Commodore Jim Raper and his team manage land-based activities - facilities, communications, and social programs. Secretary Anne Litt and her team focus on membership, while Treasurer Veronica Hinkle and her team closely oversee our finances.

With the exception of our three employees, the Club depends entirely on volunteer leadership. Like many non-profit boards, ours meets monthly to address all aspects of Club operations. During the sailing season, much of our focus is on near-term execution, but it is equally important to maintain a long-term perspective.

This year we are fortunate to have former Commodores David Hinckle, Mark Wensell and Doug Bendura spearheading our long-term planning efforts. In recent years, long-range planning has focused on our clubhouse facilities, support vessel fleet, and the Fishing Bay dock and waterfront. Our board will hold a retreat later this month to continue discussions on these and other long-term priorities, and I look forward to sharing updates throughout the year.

Not everyone is stuck on shore this winter. Many of our members are planning trips to warmer waters. Our junior sailors practiced at FBYC through December and some of them have scheduled trips to Team Trials. Numerous sailors will be participating in the Melges 15 Winter Series events in January, February and March. Some of our cruisers have their boats positioned down south and others are planning charters. And, of course, some of our most dedicated – and slightly crazy – sailors will venture out on the water in Deltaville from time to time. Fair winds and good luck to all.

Thank you for your continued support. We always welcome your feedback and would love to hear your thoughts on the Club as we begin the new year. We look forward to seeing you at the Club soon.

~ **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/>



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Please send to Julie Chapman at chapman.julie3@gmail.com



PHOTO SUBMISSIONS

Do you have a photo that you would like to share? We'd love to have your submissions to use in the Log newsletters or other media.

You can send individual photos (if you have a few) or a link to your album. Please submit your photos to: logstreamer@fbyc.net



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/>

SPECIAL NOTICES



FBYC TO CELEBRATE AMERICA'S 250TH BIRTHDAY ALONGSIDE SAIL250 - NORFOLK JUNE 2026

People are excited about Sail250 Virginia – a massive celebration for America's 250th birthday this coming summer. It is a gathering of 60 tall ships and military ships from 20 countries around the world. These ships will visit five ports – New Orleans, Norfolk, Baltimore, New York City and Boston. They will be in Norfolk from June 19th to June 23rd. The 26 nautical mile **Parade of Sail** happens on Friday June 19th. Ships will anchor at Lynnhaven Roads near Cape Henry ahead of the Parade. Beginning at 7:00 AM, ships will depart for Town Point Park in downtown Norfolk. Tours will be available starting Friday afternoon and will continue through Monday the 22nd. Fireworks and other community events will take place over these days as well. <https://sail250virginia.com/>

The **FBYC Cruising Division** leaders along with enormous assistance from Anne Holdaway are working diligently to secure slips at Tidewater Yacht Marina directly across the Elizabeth River from Norfolk where the ships will be docked. Reserving slips during this event will be very difficult. Our best chance is to be **EARLY!** Conversations with the staff so far suggest that they will need a **commitment by mid-January**. Here are additional details:

- We have early access to a **limited number** of slips at Tidewater Yacht Marina (10 Crawford Ave, Portsmouth), directly across the Elizabeth River from Waterside/Norfolk event headquarters. Water taxis to the Sail250 Festival at Waterside depart next to Tidewater Yacht Marina.
- There is a 2 consecutive night minimum for June 18-21, 2026.
- Rate is approximately \$3.50 - \$4.00/ft and will be confirmed in January.
- If you are interested in a slip, please email Anne Holdaway (anneholdaway25@gmail.com; 804-370-7389) **NO LATER THAN January 15, 2026** to be placed on an "Interest List." As the number of slips available is limited, boats will be listed in order of email receipt. Include your name, email, phone, and boat stats (LOA, beam, draft).
- Cancellations will need to be made at least 7 days prior to the event to receive a full refund.
- Questions, please contact Anne Holdaway, **not** Tidewater Marina.
- Visit www.Sail250Virginia.com for additional information.

MEMBERSHIP

APPROVED FOR MEMBERSHIP

Steven and Marisol Franqui-Gerard – Arlington, VA - FBYC member, Len Guenther, met Steven and Mari Franqui-Gerard while biking on the W&OD rail trail in Northern Virginia. The Gerards are both avid and accomplished cyclists. In conversations while cycling they all discovered a mutual interest in sailing and had many similar experiences. Len has sailed on their 37' Beneteau Oceanic, currently moored in Annapolis. It is a well-kept and seaworthy cruising boat. The Gerard's have a house in Gloucester and hope to move their boat to the Deltaville area. They want to join Fishing Bay Yacht Club to participate in some of the cruises, and to have other folks to sail with. They are interested in the social activities the club has to offer and Steven also indicated an interest in volunteering with the Adult Sailing Program. Since they have retired to Gloucester, the club is close by and provides good access to a community of sailors. Steven and Mari will make great additions to the club.

Sponsors: Len Guenther & Mary Almany



Tim & Mary Lynn Bradshaw – Jackson, WY - Tim grew up sailing in Deltaville. He put sailing on hold, however, while living in Wyoming after college. An ASA class gifted to him by Mary Lynn was just the motivation he needed to get back out on the water. After that the Bradshaws purchased their Passport 40, Rocinate, and have been cruising many waters on it since.

Tim & Mary Lynn Bradshaw are rejoining FBYC after being away for 3 years. They first joined in 2019 after meeting Kevin and Liz Hartz. These two families made fast friends and have sailed together in the Caribbean as well as Grenada. The Hartz family is glad to see that they have returned for more adventures. FBYC is happy to welcome them back for more sailing on the Chesapeake Bay.

Sponsors: Kevin & Liz Hartz & Joanna Wensell



RACING

ONE DESIGN SAILING - 2026 A NEW YEAR AT FBYC

Happy New Year sailors! Our upcoming season of events has been posted on the club website. Take a look and earmark your schedules so you don't miss a favorite event > <https://www.fbyc.net/events/?year=2026&division=onedesign>

As many of the seasoned sailors know, we have three active One Design fleets at Fishing Bay: the Flying Scot, the Melges 15 and ILCA. We welcome everyone to join in on the scheduled activities - a Spring, Summer and Fall racing series for the 'Scots and Melges 15 (non-fleet boats can join in as Portsmouth boats, see the SI's and NOR's as the events approach) and a four race series over the season for ILCAs. Additional events include four adult sail training events, long distance races, our ever popular Jere Dennison regatta, our regional invitationals the Annual One Design and the ILCA Masters.

If you are new to the club, have questions or suggestions for your fleet don't hesitate to contact this years Fleet Commanders. They are:

Kevin Drawbaugh - Flying Scot (<https://www.fbyc.net/sailing/flying-scot-fleet-103/>)
drawbaughfamily@atlanticbb.net

Caroline Patrick - Melges 15 (<https://www.fbyc.net/sailing/melges-15/>)
cgpattick17@gmail.com

Mike Toms - ILCA (<https://www.fbyc.net/sailing/laser-fleet-332/>)
mtoms@aol.com

There is an email list for each fleet. Please join each list to get fleet updates and information. It is easy BUT you must first sign-in to the club website and then go to <https://www.fbyc.net/members-only/mail/> and join all the lists that interest you. This is how we keep in touch with you and provide ongoing information and opportunities that arise particular to each fleet or One Design sailing.

Many of our sailors are attending regattas and training sessions at other venues over the winter. We look forward to hearing their adventures. For many of us this time of year is a great time to brush up on things like the racing rules and explore the information that the internet has to offer on skill training.

- I'm a personal fan of Dave Dellenbaugh's training series. He offers online sessions and topic oriented newsletters - > <https://www.speedandsmarts.com/>
- Most of us know a little about the laser (now ILCA) designed by Ian Bruce in 1974. This wonderful documentary is a great watch about the history of the boat > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O6AtNxihjc4>
- The Top Gun Video Series are an excellent watch featuring Jay and Zeke Horowitz showing Flying Scot tuning and technique > <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nJbCwZ0j5mU&list=PLIOPsVMWqEPs88cM6EZ44DeLIWAaKMTk2>

I will be the One Design Commander for another year. Contact me with your sailing activity reports, pictures and information and/or questions. I'd love to hear your adventures.

See you on the water - Holly Sears, OD
Commander, holly.sears@gmail.com



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 portrait 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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ADULT SAILING

**HOIST THE SAILS!
2026 ADULT SAILING EVENTS & CLINICS SCHEDULE**

2026 Adult Sailing Event Schedule
Come to sail - stay for the party

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| TBD | Spring Boat Workday and Tune Up |
| May 30 | 6 th Annual Small Boat Festival |
| June 27 | Adult Sail Day and Clinic |
| July 11 & 12 | Women's clinic |
| August 29 | Adult Sail Day and Clinic |
| Club Boat Charter Season: | May 1 through October 31 |
| Private Lessons: | Late June through first week in August |

Adult Sail - making it easy to get out on the water and sail.
Whether you're an experienced racer or first-time sailor, come out and enjoy the fun with FBYC Adult Sail.

Questions? Email to adultsailing@fbyc.net



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. janpac@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





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