

The Log

February 2026

Fishing Bay Yacht Club



Photo by Dennis Hannick



FROM THE QUARTERDECK



Is anyone else ready for spring? I know I am! As winter trudges along, we're gearing up for the upcoming season. Projects are underway around the Club, and there's plenty of planning happening behind the scenes. Junior program registration begins now.

The Board held its annual retreat on a cold Saturday in January, and it turned out to be a great day. We had lively discussions about both long-term ideas and near-term goals, with a wide range of perspectives and suggestions. We revisited familiar topics like the main clubhouse kitchen and the Fishing Bay waterfront, and dug into some new ones as well, including website upgrades and the use of robotic marks in race management. As always, we talked about ways to increase participation and try new programs while continuing to deliver a consistent, high-quality experience. It was fun to spend the day together, and

I'm looking forward to the follow-up work ahead. I am grateful for our highly engaged Board and for all that they do for the Club.

For an organization of our size, the Club has an excellent record of long-range planning and a long history of engaging in this important strategic work. When I first joined the Board in 1998, plans were already underway to replace the main clubhouse, a project that was completed in 2002. Thanks to the thoughtful and deliberate planning that preceded construction, the Club was not only able to build the new facility, but just two years later in 2004 also make the transformational purchase of the adjacent land and barn that now houses our small boat parking and junior yard. It is worth considering how limited our programs might be today had the Club not been positioned to make that acquisition.

Over the years, the Club has benefited from exceptionally talented leaders who have guided us through the long-range planning process. One such leader is Strother Scott, who made a lasting impact on this effort and taught many of us the FBYC approach to planning. Strother was among the forward-thinking leaders who helped prepare the Club for the clubhouse project years before we broke ground. During his two terms as Commodore from 2000 to 2002, he did an outstanding job bringing the Board and the broader Club community together. He later led the land purchase initiative and chaired a long-range planning committee in 2006.

Throughout this work, Strother clearly had a vision for the Club's future, but rather than advancing a personal agenda, he worked tirelessly to solicit input from all constituencies. The result was a series of projects and a shared plan that earned broad support. During this same period, he used a similar approach while developing the Club's website, much of which remains in place today. Long-range planning can take many forms, but Strother's inclusive and thoughtful approach served the Club well, and it is one we intend to carry forward.

The Club lost a giant with the passing of Wayland Rennie on January 25th. Wayland and his late wife, Margaret, were fixtures at the Club for decades. An incredibly competitive racer, Wayland also loved cruising and any time spent aboard *Trilogy*. His name adorns many of our perpetual trophies, and he took great joy in introducing new sailors to the sport. As a long-time board member and former Commodore, Wayland left his mark throughout the Club. Even in his later years, he remained deeply engaged in the direction of the Club and its programs. Yet, beyond his accomplishments in leadership and on the water, Wayland's greatest legacy may be the way his larger-than-life personality elevated our community — from belting out hymns on Opening Day to greeting everyone he met at the Club as if they were the most important person he knew. We were truly fortunate to have Wayland as our friend. We will cover more about Wayland's life in the March Log.

Trust me, Opening Day will be here soon. In the meantime, stay warm and make plans to be on the water this 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/>



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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

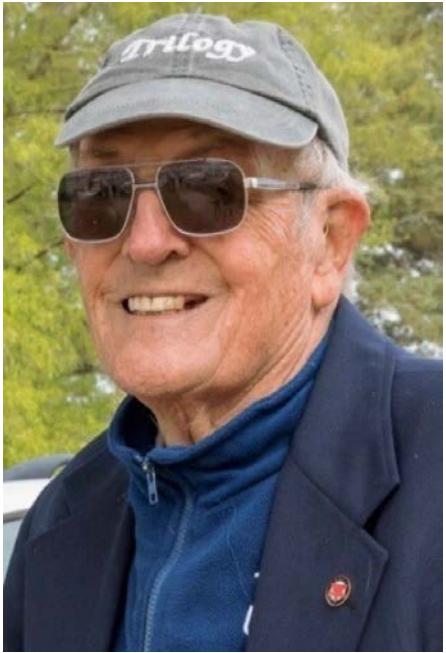
Please sign up to help with one of our upcoming regattas or events. *Our Club depends on its members to flourish and grow.* Volunteering is also a great way to meet other members. Please visit this webpage to get a list of volunteering opportunities: <https://www.fbyc.net/members-only/volunteering-fbyc/>



IN MEMORIAM

Wayland Walden Rennie

November 9, 1928 – January 25, 2026



Wayland Walden Rennie, age 97, passed away peacefully in his sleep at Westminster Canterbury on January 25, 2026.

He is survived by his son, Wayland Taylor Rennie of Richmond, Virginia; his daughter, Laurie Rennie Bratton, and son-in-law, Lt. Col. (Ret.) Joseph Bratton of Melbourne Beach, Florida; his grandchildren, Allison Lucius Pollard and Forrest Key Bratton; and his great-grandchild, Penny Pollard. He is also survived by his twin brother, Dr. Laurie Earl Rennie, as well as many nieces, nephews, and extended family.

He was predeceased by his high school sweetheart and beloved wife, Margaret Taylor Rennie; his parents, C. Bruce and Ruth A. Rennie; his brothers, C. Bruce Rennie, Jr. and Richard Christian Rennie; and his sister, Hallie Rennie Martin.

Wayland was born in 1928 at home in Varina, Virginia. He and his twin attended Varina Elementary School, Ginter Park Elementary School, Chandler Junior High School, and Thomas Jefferson High School. While at Thomas Jefferson High School, he served as captain of the cadet corps band in 1948. He later attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree.

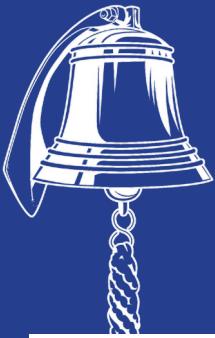
During his time there, he was a member of the Mighty-Tighty Cadet Band, served as battalion adjutant for the Corps of Cadets, captained the swim team—holding both AAU and state records—and received numerous academic awards and scholarships.

In June 1950, shortly after graduating and marrying Margaret, Wayland was called to active duty in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was assigned to the 91st Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, where he attained the rank of Captain. After leaving the Army in 1952, he entered a doctoral program at the University of Wisconsin, earning his Ph.D. in Agronomy in 1955.

He was subsequently employed by E.I. du Pont de Nemours for seven years, living first in Wilmington, Delaware, and later in St. Louis, Missouri. The family then returned to Richmond, Virginia, where Wayland began a career in real estate and settled on the same block in Ginter Park where he had lived as a child in 1939.

Wayland was deeply involved in civic life. He served nine years on the Richmond City Council, was Chairman of the Richmond chapter of the Boy Scouts of America, President of the Richmond First Club, and served on the boards of the YMCA and the Historic Richmond Foundation. He was instrumental in the formation of Home Opportunities Made Equal and the Ginter Park Residents Association. In 2005, he co-authored *Lewis Ginter's Richmond* with David Ryan, a book celebrating his beloved neighborhood. When time allowed, Wayland enjoyed wood carving, gardening, and folk dancing.

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He was a devoted member of St. Thomas Episcopal Church since 1939, serving in many capacities, including Senior Warden and member of the Endowment Fund. His lifelong love of music kept him singing bass in the choir until recently.

Sailing was Wayland's lifelong passion. It began on Lake Mendota in Wisconsin and continued at Fishing Bay Yacht Club, where he served as Commodore in the 1980s. He once calculated that he had raced in more than 1,100 races, mostly as skipper of his beloved boat, *Trilogy*, his "second love." He and Margaret sailed extensively throughout the Caribbean and the Mediterranean, journeyed north to Goose Bay, Labrador, and northwest to Juneau, Alaska. He was forever grateful for the support of his family and especially his faithful crew aboard *Trilogy*, the sloop they sailed with pride for more than 50 years.

A service will be held at 11:00 am on Friday, March 13 at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 3602 Hawthorne Ave, Richmond 23222, with a reception and gathering in the fellowship hall following the ceremony. The family will then go to Varina Episcopal Church, 2385 Mill Rd., Richmond 23231 to inurn his ashes - friends are welcome to attend.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

We will have a tribute to Wayland in next month's issue of The Log.



RACING



ONE DESIGN SAILING - 2026, SIGN-UP!

Planning and preparing for our One Design events is in full swing. Event pages are being posted and will be ready to receive your registration shortly - Woohoo!

Let us know how you would like to contribute to keep our events running smoothly. What do you like to do? Here are some ideas:

- Help to run our races as a member of the Race Committee?
- Plan and set out the after race eats (we call that the 'Social')?
- Mentor or instruct new One Design sailors in clinics or private lessons?
- Help new sailors experience racing by including them in your crew?
- Help the Adult Sailing team with boat or trailer maintenance?
- Assist in planning our major events?

Who do you contact?

Holly Sears - holly.sears@gmail.com (all things One Design)

Caroline Patrick - cgpatick17@gmail.com

(One Design race committee scheduling)

Sharon Bauer - sharon.h.bauer@gmail.com (One Design social scheduling)

Our Melges 15 sailors have been doing us proud in regional events. Here's a report from John Hubbard:

Want to avoid the Winter blues? A number of FBYC members have headed south for the Melges 15 midwinters off Merritt Island, FL including the Garretts (Parker, Madeleine, Clarke, and Cyrus) as well as the Chapmans (Mason Jr, Senior, and Julie), The Benduras (Doug, Jennifer, Jordan, and Josh), John Hubbard, new member Andrew Stillman, and daughter Charlotte, former members Matt and A.L. Braun, and former Jr. race team



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member Teddy Bower. The January 3 - 4 event had 133 boats on the line and some of the more notable finishes – the event was won by a former Olympian, Jonathan McKee and his wife of 40 years, Libby, without a single 1st place – consistency and clear air was the key in such a large fleet. Teddy Bower was 5th, Clarke & Parker 11th, Madeleine 26th (she actually captured a 4th & 5th!). We all, regardless of our finish had a fantastic time both on and off the water – it was a fantastic venue. There are 2 more events Feb. 21 - 22 and March 20 - 22.

Once again-don't hesitate to contact your Fleet commander if you are looking for guidance or information regarding your fleet(s). They are:

Kevin Drawbaugh - Flying Scot - drawbaughfamily@atlanticbb.net

<https://www.fbyc.net/sailing/flying-scot-fleet-103/>

Caroline Patrick - Melges 15 - cgppatrick17@gmail.com

<https://www.fbyc.net/sailing/melges-15/>

Mike Toms - ILCA - mtoms@aol.com

<https://www.fbyc.net/sailing/laser-fleet-332/>



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.

See you on the water - Holly Sears

GEARING UP FOR 2026

TODD BLEKICKI

Dear Seafarers, I wish you well in the New Year!

The critical mass here is volunteerism. The Offshore Division Management framework is divided into three main components: PRO Management – Jim Raper, Social Chair Management – Jennifer Schooley and Brad Burch, Scorer Management – Dave Tabor.

I need all qualified PROs to reach out to Jim Raper ASAP to schedule Offshore Event PRO staffing positions. Social Chairs were a real nail biter last year. Anyone who wishes to serve as Social Chair for an Offshore Event, please reach out to the Jennifer Schooley and Brad Burch team ASAP.

The position of event scorers was even more difficult than that of Social Chairs last year. Please reach out to Dave Tabor ASAP and let him know your availability.

Very much appreciated!



ADULT SAILING

SAIL MORE IN 2026: INSIDE THE FBYC ADULT SAILING PROGRAM

With snow on the ground, many of us are already thinking about warmer days on the water. The FBYC Adult Sailing Program is all about getting more people sailing and sharing the fun of small-boat sailing. Through special events, skill-building clinics, and our popular Club Boat Program, we make it easy for sailors of all experience levels to get out and sail.

Over the past few years, the program has grown steadily, helping more sailors enjoy time on the water, whether racing in our Annual One Design Regatta, taking family and friends for an evening sail up the Piankatank River, or introducing new sailors to the joy of sailing for the first time. In 2026, we're excited to build on the momentum and success of 2025, supported by a growing community of enthusiastic FBYC sailors and volunteers.

Club Boat Program – Sail More, Stress Less

The Club Boat Program is at the heart of Adult Sailing. It's designed to remove the barriers to getting on the water—no trailering, no rigging hassles, just show up and sail.

With a \$100 seasonal subscription, you get unlimited access from May through October to our fleet of Flying Scot boats. Whether you want to race, cruise, or enjoy a relaxed afternoon sail, the Club Boat Program makes it easy.

Why join?

As a subscriber, you'll enjoy:

- **6 Flying Scot boats** available for private sails and club events
- **Fully rigged, race-ready boats** with easy online reservations
- **\$100 per year subscription** (free for first-year members!)
- A **check sail for first-time subscribers**, designed to introduce you to the boats while reviewing sailing basics, safety, and boat handling
- **Convenient access**, with boats moored on weekends, staff tractor launch and retrieval available, or self-launch options for qualified users



Subscribe now: Club Boat Subscription and be ready for a great season on the water.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080C4FA5AA2BA4FF2-61662816-2026#/>

Special Events & Clinics for All Skill Levels

The Adult Sailing Program also hosts a variety of fun, inclusive events and clinics for sailors ranging from beginners to racers. These sessions focus on building skills, boosting confidence, and sharing time on the water with fellow sailors.

- **May 31 – 6 Annual Small Boat Festival**

A season kickoff featuring a full day of sailing, camaraderie, and fun for sailors of all experience levels.

- **June 27 – Adult Sail & Clinic**

A day of small boat sailing with coaching available to meet a sailors goals. Held alongside Summer Seabreeze 1, this clinic offers a great chance to try racing with support from experienced mentors.

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- **July 11-12– Women's Clinic**

This two day event provides skill-appropriate coaching to help sailors grow, gain confidence, and take the next step—whatever that looks like for them.

- **August 29 - Adult Sail & Clinic**

A day of small boat sailing with coaching available to meet a sailors goals.

All clinics offer in-boat coaching and are open to both members and non-members. Registration for these events will be opening shortly.



Get Involved

We're incredibly grateful to our volunteers and subscribers. Your energy and enthusiasm keep the Adult Sailing Program thriving and help sailors of all levels experience the simple joy of being on the water.

Want to be part of the fun? Share your ideas, lend a hand, or join in the adventure, contact Ron Jenkins or Joe Roos at adultsailing@fbyc.net We can't wait to see you sailing in 2026.

READY TO SAIL? JOIN THE CREW

Know someone who's curious about sail boat racing or ready to step up their game? Invite a friend or current crew member to join the FBYC Crew Training Program. The program is set to kick off on Tuesday, March 24.

The FBYC Crew Training Program is perfect for beginner and intermediate sailors, and it's open to both members and non-members. There's no better way to experience the thrill, teamwork, and energy of sailboat racing at FBYC. The Program includes three classroom sessions and an on-the-water session all taught by FBYC's skippers and crew. In addition, there will be a meet-the-skippers reception where prospective crew members can get together with skippers and crew and discuss the upcoming 2026 season.



For more details and to register, visit the Crew Training event page.

<https://www.fbyc.net/events/2026/260324-training-crew-training-class-1/>

Don't miss out—come sailing at FBYC!



ADULT SAILING

HOIST THE SAILS!
2026 ADULT SAILING EVENTS & CLINICS SCHEDULE

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

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





JUNIOR PROGRAM 2026

Hello Fishing Bay Family,

First of all, I hope you had wonderful holidays and that 2026 is off to a great start — full of sun, waves, and wind!

I'm excited to share that **registration for our 2026 main sailing programs is scheduled to open on February 1st**, as always through CampDoc. <https://app.campdoc.com/!/dn/login?r=fbyc>

This includes:

- Junior Week
- All Summer Programs (Racing Teams and Development Teams)
- OptiKids
- M15 Clinic
- Sailing School

FBYC members have **priority registration throughout February**, and early registration plays a key role in helping us plan and deliver a high-level program for the entire FBYC family. When registering for any activity or session, ask about Member Benefits.

We currently have several projects in motion that will continue to raise the standard of our sailing program and further support the development of our young sailors.

We truly appreciate your continued support and look forward to another great season on the water together.

GO FBYC!!!!

Rachid Dalibalta
FBYC Racing Coach & Director

Jim Clary
juniors@fbyc.net



THE BIG CHILL OF 1977

Coast Guard icebreakers cleared channels in the Chesapeake Bay ... food and supplies airlifted to Tangier Island ... the hardest freeze since the winter of 1917-18. The Chesapeake Bay was glazed over from the C&D Canal to Cape Henry, and Fishing Bay became a bleak arctic seascape. It was dubbed the Big Chill of January, 1977 and, according to the Virginia Climate Advisory website, it was the coldest month ever measured in the Virginia record, with a statewide average temperature of 23.8 degrees F, and, compared to Virginia's six coldest winters, there isn't a month that even comes close, with January 1918's 25.0 degrees F the nearest competitor.

And this bitter cold wave also blasted the entire eastern seaboard. According to the VAEmergency.com website, the Bicentennial Winter was the coldest seen on the East Coast since before the founding of the republic. In Northern Virginia, the snow began on January 4, just as the Carter Administration was moving into town. The Tidal Potomac (salt water) froze solid enough that people could skate across it near the Memorial Bridge. The prolonged cold wave caused oil and natural gas shortages. Washington did not see heavy snow like the Great Lake region did that winter.

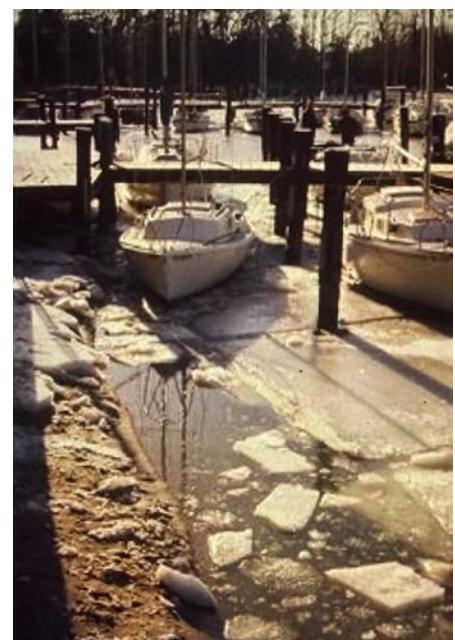
The cold winds blowing across the warm lakes brought 68 inches of snow to Buffalo, NY. Washington recorded 10 inches of snow in January, Richmond 11 inches, and Roanoke only 9 inches. The cold wave penetrated the South and on January 19, snowflakes were seen in Miami, Florida!

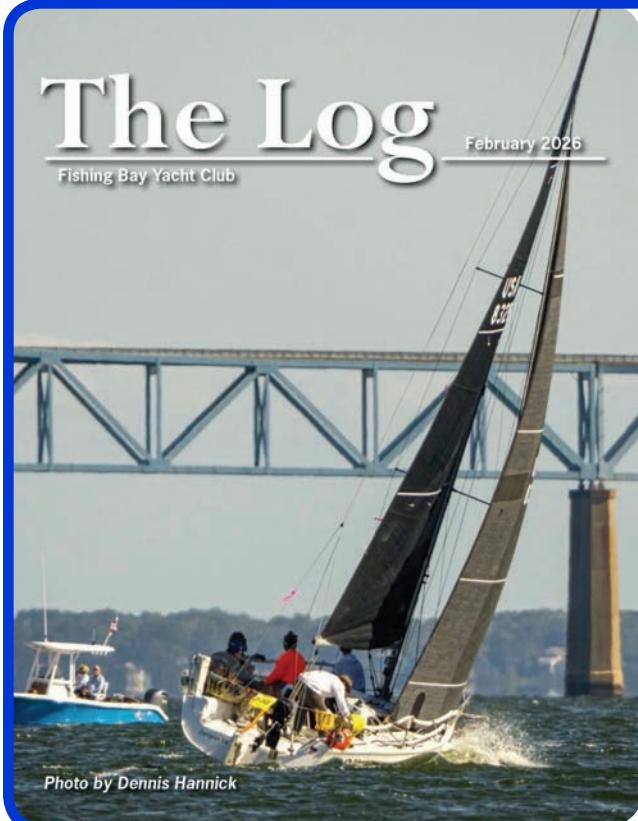
At FBYC, Jackson Creek was frozen solid. This was a time when few, if any, of the Club's cruising fleet spent the winter months on the hard. They were left afloat to survive in the harshest frigid conditions experienced before or since in the history of our Club. Despite members being able to walk (or even skate) on the ice around their boats in their slips, few boats incurred any serious damage. Evidently the slight bobbing of the boats in the water managed to create a small, ice-free perimeter around each vessel.

Thanks to the photo collection of member Bob Graham, we have a visual record of this rare climatic event, and several of his photographs are reproduced here.

But what of the remainder of 1977? A recent article from the Richmond Times-Dispatch addressing the summer heat wave of 2006, cited the summer of 1977 as having the most 90-degree-or-hotter days in a given year in Richmond's history. Perhaps this was just Mother Nature's way of balancing out the effects of the extreme cold earlier in January.

Article reprinted from *The Log - 75th Anniversary Commemorative Issue 2014* by the late Jere Dennison





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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baylor@baydigital.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.
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

FOR RENT: Whole house rental on Fishing Bay Rd. About 1 mile from FBYC, 3 bedrooms (2 queens, 2 twins), 2 1/2 bathrooms, sunroom, patio, fenced backyard, full laundry room. WIFI and EV charger. Beach access on Fishing Bay. No pets; no parties. \$400 per night, \$2500 per week, plus taxes and \$150 cleaning fee. Call for booking: 703-217-0610.





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