

The Semaphore

Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club



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Weather continued to challenge event planners and participants as the Fall boating season began. Tropical storms threatened and then Hermine brought rain and wind causing cancellation of the Oar Race and the September Overnight. We certainly have been “blessed” with Mother Nature’s attention.

Dr. Kathie King presented a very informative education seminar about medical issues on a boat. The turnout was good including guests from BSC. Hopefully, she will give it again for those who missed it.

With improved weather predicted, boaters prepared for the Bald Head Island Cruise, Ocracoke Cruise, and the last Full Moon Raft-up of the year. Land yachters turned out in great numbers for the Yacht Club Dinner held in River Bend.

The Overnight Cruise is the first waypoint to consider in October. Destination will be determined by Cruise Leader Mark West. The remaining cruising waypoint is the Washington Cruise, which offers several interesting destinations. Please note that it will begin on Friday, October 21, a day later than the calendar indicates.

The Sunfish/Dinghy Series and Fun Racing will both finish during October. Ensign racers should have the Ensign practice as a waypoint as they prepare for the Fall Series beginning Thursday, October 6.

A landlocked waypoint is the Fall Appreciation Dinner with Vice

Commodore Doug King as host. I hope many of you are planning to attend. It is in place of a Wednesday night dinner and will be held on Thursday, October 20, just to confuse you. This event is a great time for recognizing contributions of members and celebrating significant skipper or crew snafus. A fun time is had by all and the Taberna venue is always enjoyable.

Fall is the time for the yacht club to begin preparing for the coming year. Leadership and participation is important to keep our club viable. The Nominating Committee, chaired by Past Commodore George Stateham, will be looking for a Rear commodore, a Treasurer to replace Cherylle Hird who has managed our money for the last two years, and two Directors to take over for Ed Klebaur and Ted Clark, who have been on the Board for three years. Hopefully you will reply with a resounding YES to the Committee's request to take one

of these positions. Also, please consider what committees you would like to be involved with in 2017. Committee sign-up sheets will be available at the October and November General Meetings, so plan to come and sign up. Consider choosing a committee you have not been on before, or stepping up to chair a committee. The more people involved, the less work there is for each person, and participating is a great way to get to know other members.

*Louise Knight
Commodore*

FHYC General Meeting September 8, 2016

Commodore Louise Knight called the meeting to order at 1930 hours and led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome - Introduction of Guests. Dave Stevenson introduced Allan &

What's Happening

October	Sa-Su	1-2	Cruise: Overnight
	Su	2	Race: Dinghy/Sunfish Race
	Tu	4	Race: Fun Racing
	Th	6	Race: Ensign Race #1
	Su	9	Race: Dinghy/Sunfish Race
	Tu	11	Board Meeting (ac) 0900
	Tu	11	Race: Fun Racing
	Th	13	Race: Ensign Race #2
	Th	13	Yacht Club General Meeting (cc) 1930
	Su	16	Race: Dinghy/Sunfish Race
	Tu	18	Race: Fun Racing
	Th	20	Race: Ensign Race #3
	Th	20	Fall Appreciation Dinner
	Fr-Fr	21-28	Cruise: Little Washington
	Su	23	Race: Dinghy/Sunfish Makeup Race
	Tu	25	Race: Fun Racing
	Th	27	Race Ensign Race #4

(cc)=Community Center, (fc)=Fairfield Commons, (ac)=Activities Center

Deadline for next issue is noon, Monday, October 17, 2016

Delivery is Saturday, October 29, 2016

Jacqueline York who were attending their first meeting. Jim Schulteis introduced Marge Vance who lives on Bluebird and is looking for a boat. Kathie King introduced Jerry Beebe. Bob & Eileen Medvey were attending their first meeting and were introduced by Maury Thompson. Wayne Fretwell introduced Ken Morrison. Julie Mincey & Ken Morrison have an application in process.

Induction of New and Reinstated Members – Lynn Stateham introduced new members approved by the Board: Fred & Ellen Lacey (sponsored by Kings and Clevelands). Ellen was unable to attend but Fred was welcomed and presented with their burgee by Commodore Knight.

Minutes – A motion was made and carried to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the August 15, 2016 General Meeting (Jarvis/Fortenbaugh).

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's report for August 2016 has been approved by the Board and is available for review.

Program – Mike Campbell, Regional Educational Officer from NC Wildlife was introduced by Olwen Jarvis. For reference, Mike gave the website members may use to identify local reptiles and amphibians. It is

www.herpsofnc.org.

Rear Commodore's Report

Education – Bob Fortenbaugh reminded everyone of the Medical Education program to be presented Friday at 0900 by Kathie King. First aid topics to be covered include splints, bandages, bleeding, burns, etc. Kathie King outlined the format which will include a 45-minute slide show followed by a break and then a number of first aid scenarios. Kathie also introduced a pocket guide to emergency first aid suggesting each boat should have one on board. The book has tabs by subject to allow easy reference and is available for \$12.95. Stephanie Davies is working on a possible bulk purchase to reduce the price. Members wanting to purchase the book should see Janet Witherup.

Hospitality – Ray & Patsy Wilkins and Dave & Cheryl Stevenson are hosts this evening with help from Ed & Mary Grosser and Cherylle Hird.

Maintenance – Jerry Rezab and Skip Hird have been replacing markers. The new red markers are highly reflective. Green markers will also be replaced. Completion is expected in 30 days.

Medical Support – Joel Berberich announced the annual CPR & AED training has been organized. There has been low attendance in past years. Upon completion of the course a Certificate, valid for 2 years, is issued. Program is scheduled for Thursday, November 10 at 1300 in the Community Center. The cost to FHYC members is \$35. The American Heart Association has a new manual which was published in July of 2016. The manual will be loaned out to members of the community or can be purchased.

Program – Next month's program is not yet confirmed but may be Sailing in Denmark.

Youth Programs – Next year's budget is to include a scholarship for ETYSA sailing camp.

Vice Commodore's Report

Semaphore – Deadline for submissions is Monday, September 12 at noon.

Commodore's Report

• **Cruise Planning** – George Stateham called on Arne Myrseth to outline the Washington cruise which leaves October 21 and returns October 29. A Splash is planned for South River and, depending on wind, the cruise will continue to Ocracoke and/or Bath which has 300 ft of free dock space. There will be a dinner in Bath. Ritchie Thomson is working with a friend to organize a dinner at the Pamlico Plantation Clubhouse. Accommodation there may be anchoring or slips at \$1.00/foot. Dinner will also be organized at Belhaven. Stops on the return trip include Bay River and River Dunes. Don Knight reported that the Bald Head Island cruise has eight boats leaving Sunday. The cruise will stop at the new Topsail Island Marina, then Swansboro and return via Cedar Creek and home. Paul Eckenroth is leading the Ocracoke Cruise leaving September 22. A Full Moon Raft-up is scheduled for September 13 at 1930. Contact Mark West if interested.

• **Entertainment** – Pam Gaskill reminded everyone of the Fall Appreciation Dinner scheduled for October 20 at Taberna. Pam also noted that no requested seating was available for this event. Olwen Jarvis mentioned that due to a conflict she is unable to organize the Holiday Parade and is looking for a volunteer to organize.

• **Membership** – Lynn Stateham reported that the club now has just under 200 members, mostly couples, with 10 more applications in the pipeline. Ellen Lacey arrived and was welcomed by Lynn. Julie Mincey was also introduced.

• **Yacht Club Dinners** – Darlene Cleveland announced that this month's dinner will be held at Water's Edge at River Bend Marina. The sign-up sheet is available. Fifty-four members have signed up already. Tomorrow at noon is the cut-off for attending. The event is BYOB.

• **Regatta** – Walt Meyers reported. The Ensign racing season is about to begin. Power boats are needed for assistance. Bill Jarvis commented that last weekend Hermine cancelled this

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Deadline

Deadline is 1200 the Monday following the Yacht Club Meeting. Please e-mail articles to the address listed below:
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year's Oar Race. The Oriental Cup at River Dunes is coming up. This event is a fundraiser for Pamlico County. Blackbeard Sailing Club will be holding the First Citizens Regatta September 24-25. Dinghy/Sunfish races are starting on Sunday in Northwest Creek at 1400. Jackie Moniak has been running these races since 1994. Spectators may watch from the Jarvis' dock. Tuesday Fun Races are running until mid-October.

Recognition - The following member anniversaries were recognized: Ed & Karen Buglovsky (5 years); Doug & Kathie King (10 years); and Marion Goodman (30 years).

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Green, Secretary

Welcome New Members

Fred and Ellen Lacey are the most recent members approved for membership. They live on Gondolier Drive and are sponsored by Doug and Kathie King and Scott and Darlene Cleveland. They have an Irwin 43 sailboat named *Dharma* and they moved here from Carrolton, VA. They probably already seem like established members because they have participated in Boat Bash, Tuesday Racing, a Wednesday Night Dinner, and an Impromptu Happy Hour.

Please join me in extending a warm welcome to these new members, and introduce yourself at the next meeting or event.

Lynn Stateham, Membership



Education Report

September Program:

On September 9, Fleet Surgeon Kathie King, Vice Commodore Doug King and several members of our Yacht Club provided an outstanding program on how to prepare for and provide medical assistance on board. We had over 50 members and guests in attendance. In addition to the information the program presenters gave, many questions from the audience were explained.

It was 2 1/2 well-spent hours. Kathie will have her slide presentation on our website for you to see and use as a reference.

October Program:

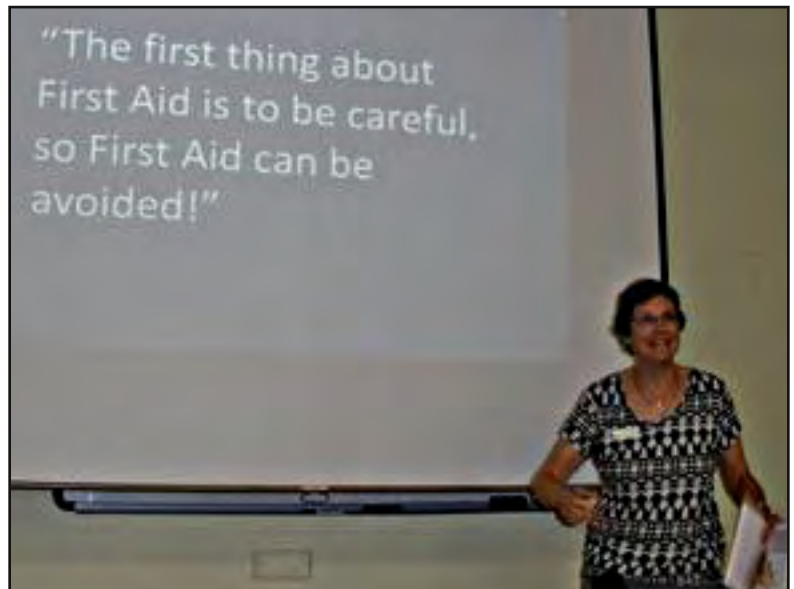
We will not have an education program in October.

November Program:

On Friday, November 11, at 0900 in the Community Center, Fred Cornford will be providing our final Education Committee program for this year. (Time flies when you're having fun!)

This will be a presentation by Alan Arnfast of Sailcraft Service in Oriental. Many of our members, including me, have used Sailcraft over the years for repairs, upgrades, spring commissioning, and other boat maintenance or improvement needs.

Please come and take advantage of this opportunity to discuss and learn what and how to best benefit from your time and expenditure in keeping your boat at its best. We look forward to seeing you there.



Bob Fortenbaugh, Education





Save the Date

Holiday Party
Thursday, December 8, 5:30 pm

Dining and Dancing
at Carolina Colors

Bring your gifts for the
Salvation Army Angel Tree

Watch for the flyer in the
November *Semaphore*

Little Washington Cruise

The Washington Cruise, October 21 to 28, is our last of the year, so don't miss this chance to close out the season in style. As the name implies the ultimate destination is Washington, NC. Possible stops going and coming include, but are not limited to, Ocracoke, River Dunes, Belhaven, and Bath. The final itinerary will be driven by weather and the personal preferences of the participants. Three of the planned stops are anchoring only. Many of the others have free docks.

October is often the most pleasant time of year and is usually free of hurricanes. Contact either Ritchie Thomson or Arne Myrseth for the latest information, and see the flyer in this issue of the *Semaphore*.

George Stateham, Cruising Captain

Fall Sunfish & Dinghy Races Oct 2, 9, 16, 23

Races continue in Northwest Creek near the mouth of Spring Creek. Sunfish and other dinghies will sail as classes if there are 3 or more boats per class. There will be an open class for small boats that do not constitute a class. The first race starts at 1400. Sailing instructions are available on the FHYC website and spectators are encouraged to watch the races from Bill and Olwen Jarvis' dock.

Jerry Rezab

Three Dinner Cruise

The Three Dinner Cruise was an exercise in change management, with eight couples participating. It was an on-the-water event for some and a road rally for others.

Sunspot Baby, *Seaquel* and *Water Music* had intended to go by boat but ended up driving due to boat issues, *Magic Spirit II* and *Navicula* made it to River Dunes, and everyone else traveled by land yacht.

The mode of transportation didn't matter, we all got there one way or another. There was a delicious dinner at Morgan's, followed by an upscale meal in the private dining room at River Dunes, and then we joined the Shrimparoo in Oriental for our last night and enjoyed the best shrimp dinner, hands down. Some folks came to one venue; some were with us for all three. There was conversation and camaraderie and a good time was had by all.

Lynn Stateham



Popcorn Party? No - at the Shrimparoo, each person got two cups, one full of fat, flavorful, delicious shrimp and another cup for shells.