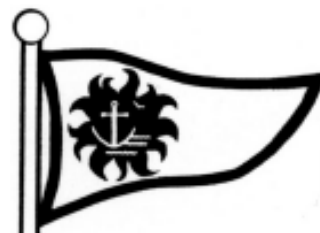


# The Semaphore

Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club



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## Ken's Korner

Whew! When they talk about the dog days of summer, they must be referring to summer in North Carolina!

Congratulations to the Entertainment Committee for the record attendance at the highly successful combined New Bern/Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club picnic. According to Chair Chris Skrotsky there were 144 attendees as well as a large fleet of boats.

Welcome aboard new members Paul and Linda Eckenroth, Brian and Barbarajean O'Flanagan, and Ed and Josie Zaron. We are also happy to welcome back former members Rick and Nancy Hamilton.

Since we are now zero for five with the Full Moon Raft-ups, the Board has suggested that there be an alternate night in case of inclement weather. Generally, it will be the following evening. I would prefer to not be the only Commodore who never had a raft-up. We will keep trying even if we have to go into winter!

At the August General Meeting, Past Commodores Neil Ober and Don Knight gave an excellent visual presentation on FHYC's proposed gift of a sailing ship step mast to New Bern for its 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. I urge members to consider making a contribution for this lasting and worthwhile project.

Hopefully as we enter September we will see slightly cooler weather with no serious storms. We will have an increase in our boating activities such as the Oar Race, Albemarle Cruise, day cruise to Hancock Creek, Full Moon Raft-Up, and the beginning of the fall dinghy and Ensign racing. Let's not forget one of our oldest annual events, the Shrimparoo in Oriental. You can land or boat cruise to this delicious affair.

*Smooth Sailing,*  
Ken

## FHYC General Meeting August 13, 2009

Commodore Ken Dunn called the meeting to order at 1930 and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Rob Skrotsky introduced Past Commodore Neil Ober who gave a presentation about the Sailing Ship Step Mast Project which is part of the New Bern Tercentennial. FHYC is the sole sponsor of the project to place a step mast in the River History Park. Neil encouraged all members to contribute, sending donations to Pete Conzelman. Swiss Bear Foundation will handle the funds so all donations are tax deductible. The goal is \$8000 by September 30, 2009. Members then watched a slide show created by the Plantins about the GrandKids Week activities. Olwen Jarvis pledged to chair the event again next year. Commodore Dunn wished Olwen success with her upcoming knee surgery.

Guests introduced were: Jackie and Bruce Hice by Jan Dunn; Joan and Bill Campbell by Gail Schiller; and Jack Stateham by his grandfather George Stateham. Membership Chair Barbara West introduced new members: Brian and Barbarajean O'Flanagan sponsored by Ron Helling and Richard Stair; Paul and Linda Eckenroth sponsored by Ron and Emily Helling and Ken and Jan Dunn; Ed and Josie Zaron sponsored by John Harris and Bob Gregory. Commodore Dunn welcomed returning members Rick and Nancy Hamilton.

A motion to dispense with reading the minutes and treasurer's report was made by Ted Clark, seconded by Bill Jarvis and carried unanimously.

Balance as of 7/31/09:

BB&T	\$10,271.19
Vanguard	5,244.38
<u>Petty Cash</u>	<u>50.00</u>
Total	\$15,565.57

## What's Happening

Sep	Tu	1	Full Harvest Moon raft-up .....	1800
	Sa	5	-Su 6 Oar Race Regatta	
	Sa	5	Oar Race Dinner (cc) .....	1800
	Tu	8	Board Meeting (fc) .....	1300
	We	9	Captains' Mtg: Albemarle Cruise (cc) .....	1600
	Th	10	Club Meeting (cc) .....	1930
	Fr	11	- Mo 21 Albemarle Cruise	
	Sa	12	- Su 13 Race: Ensign Invitational	
	We	16	Yacht Club Dinner .....	1730
	Fr	18	Seminar: VHF Radio Digital Selective Calling	
	Sa	19	Day Cruise #3	
	Su	20	Race: Dinghy Fall Series	
	We	23	Race: Ensign Fall Series	
	Th	24	- Fr 25 Oriental Cruise and Shrimparoo	
	Th	24	- Sa 26 Cruisers' Regatta #4	
	Su	27	Race: Dinghy Fall Series	
	We	30	Race: Ensign Fall Series	

(cc) = Community Center, (fc) = Fairfield Commons, (sl) = Shoreline

**Deadline for next issue is Monday, noon, September 14**

Delivery is Saturday, September 26



in the Yearbook. Bring extra lines for tie-up and large fenders to protect your boat and the host boat. Lines should have a loop spliced or tied into the end that is passed to the host boat. The anchor boat will call boats into the raft in order of size. Communications will be on Channel 72.

Bring an appetizer to share and your drink of choice. As always, guests are welcome. This is a great way to introduce prospective members to the club. If you plan to attend the raft-up and did not sign up at the August meeting, please call Ron or Emily Helling, 637-7395, to register.

*Mark West*



*John Jackson displayed the FHYC Burgee while sailing in the Trans Superior Yacht Race. He crewed on Steele N Time which finished first in class and sixth overall. The Trans Superior, the world's longest freshwater race sailed on a single lake, starts at the east end of Lake Superior and ends in Duluth, MN, a distance of 385 miles. They rode a favorable tack to just north of 48 degrees and then tacked westward toward Duluth taking three days, two hours and 29 minutes to complete the race.*




*Commodore Ken Dunn and Charter Member Dot Smith display the framed burgee she made for the first commodore of FHYC, Dick Nehring. The finished product has been hung in the Community Center for all to enjoy.*

### Wednesday dinner

The menu for FHYC September 16 Wednesday dinner is burger/cheeseburger, Greek salad or chicken Caesar salad. Cost is \$14 including tax and gratuity. Cocktails at 1730 followed by dinner. Call Hurricane, 638-8566, to make reservations.

*Alice Frank*



For sale: Eight-foot plywood sailing dinghy, similar to a Penguin or Sabot. Complete, \$100. Call Gene Moniak, 633-4335.

### Speakers announced for September and October

At the September 10 meeting, the speaker will be USCG Lieutenant Scott Hembrook, Public Affairs Officer for Sector North Carolina in Morehead City. He will talk about Coast Guard services for NC boaters including Rescue 21, search and rescue.

At the October meeting, the program will be a presentation of various events planned to help celebrate New Bern's 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The speaker will be Linda Stauch, co-producer and host of the cable television program "Around Town...with Linda Stauch".

*Elaine Fisher*



*Barbara Harris, Charlie Ward, Ruth and Bob Mitchell, Mary Ann Ober and Bob Gregory at the Bridgeton Harbor Marina after the FHYC/NBYC picnic.*

## Sailing Ship Step Mast Flagpole Project

At the August general meeting, Past Commodore Neil Ober did a presentation of the FHYC project for New Bern's 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The Past Commodores are spearheading the purchase and erection of a sailing ship step mast flagpole for the new waterfront History Park being developed on Jacks Island and Lawson Creek. Similar in design to the step mast on the Beaufort waterfront, it will serve as a permanent landmark to be admired with pride each time we go into New Bern.

The Past Commodores are leading this project and are soliciting funds to make it a reality. The project cost including planning, purchase, erection and a permanent marker noting FHYC's sponsorship is \$8,000. As of this writing, mid-August, we are beyond 25 percent. The suggested contribution is \$50, although any amount is gladly accepted. If you have not yet made a donation, we ask you to do so now. If you have made a donation, thank you. The August *Semaphore* contained an Invitation to Donate with instructions to make checks payable to Swiss Bear, notated for Sailing Ship Step Mast, and to submit them to Pete Conzelman, 5112 Bucco Reef. We hope to conclude fundraising by September 30. Purchase and installation is expected to be in early 2010 as the detailed plans for the River History Park firm up.

Questions on the project can be referred to any Past Commodore. We are well along on this worthy project and have a lead on other yacht clubs in the area. With your help, Fairfield Harbour can make this happen. Please send your contribution now.

*Sam Curry*

## Land yachts to beach

For those who were not at the beach on July 23, you missed a simply beautiful day! The sun was out and the breeze was blowing a nice ten knots. Nine couples attended this outing and had a wonderful time taking long walks and riding the waves. Some got a little too much sun but that's what happens when we don't listen to the admiral's directions. As usual, there was excellent food for everyone to enjoy. Hope to see you at the next outing.

*Ted Clark*



*Yacht Club members lined up in the sand at Fort Macon State Park.*



*Henry Litke, Don Knight and Ted Clark cool off in the surf while spending the day at Fort Macon State Park.*



*Doug Everett and Karl Mielenhausen were joined by Elaine Mielenhausen, Mary Ann Ober and Judy Everett at Fort Macon State Park.*

