



Judith Wood leading the candle ceremony during the Summer solstice party.

## Recipe for a successful Grandkids' Week.

Take 20 young people of assorted ages, 5 through 15. Add 11 very supportive sets of grandparents. Select a week of perfect weather. Stir in the enthusiasm, friendship and energy of the children. Add a picnic at Red Sail with hot dogs, chicken nuggets, macaroni and cheese, brownies and cupcakes and lemonade, and making a tie-dyed T shirt. Add a day of sunfish sailing and kayaking, water balloon tossing and popsicles. Add a spectacular beach day with clever activities and plenty of sand, sea and sun. Add a day at the pool having fun with new and old friends. Put in a free day ending with fireworks. Finally add an ice cream and cake party with a few silly games, and the distribution of participation awards.

Over all of this you must liberally spread our wonderful volunteers, too many to name (but you know who you are) to cook, sail and kayak, swim, organize, plan, cheer and participate.

Keep this recipe safely for next year and plan to be part of the celebration of grandkids.

*Olwen Jarvis.*



Grandkids gather to accept their participation awards during Grandkids' Week.

## Albemarle Sound Explorer Cruise planned

Set aside Friday, September 11, to Monday, September 21, on your calendar and join us to visit and explore the historic ports of Edenton and Columbia, each for two days. Going up we plan to anchor at South River or Lower Broad Creek, Pungo or Pantego Creeks or Dowry Creek Marina and dock at the Alligator River Marina. Returning home we expect to dock one night at Alligator River Marina and spend one night at Dowry Creek Marina. Also incorporated into this cruise is a Poker Run. Each boat will receive a playing card at each destination with a prize awarded at the last stop to the boat with the best poker hand.

See the enclosed flyer for more details. The Captains' Meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 9, at 1600 in the Community Center.

*Ray Gil, Karl Mielenhausen*

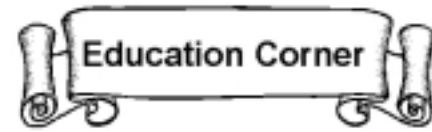


Commodore Dunn and group enjoying a splash at Ocracoke

## Ocracoke Cruise a success

The best weather of any cruise was guaranteed by Past Commodore Sam Curry and his prediction came true. Fifteen boats and eleven ferry riders landed on Ocracoke Island, some on Father's Day, June 21, and others on June 22. On the first night's splash we almost outnumbered the geese. A dinner at The Back Porch was attended by thirty-three which included seven past Commodores and our current Commodore. A scheduled pot luck supper on Wednesday was rained out for the picnic area, but the veranda on the welcome center was a haven in the storm. Most of the boats left on Thursday utilizing the good weather window. Some went to Clubfoot Creek, others to River Dunes and others home. Thanks to all who participated in this great adventure.

*Sam Curry*



## Seminar for Heavy Weather Boating

If you have kept a proper lookout, developed a "weather eye", and monitored weather reports on your VHF radio, you should have plenty of time to get prepared. Obviously, the best way to handle heavy weather is to avoid it completely. However, this may not be practical if you are on an extended cruise or anchored out for the evening. In that case you must prepare yourself, your vessel, and your crew for what is to come.

This seminar, will be offered at 0900 on Friday, August 28, at the Community Center, and will provide tips and techniques for dealing with approaching heavy weather.

*Bill Jarvis, Karl Mielenhausen*

## Land Yachts Head to the Beach for August outing

The dog days of summer are here. It's too hot to be out on the boat, but the time is right to head to the beach for a get-together. The August Land Yachts to the Beach event is set for Wednesday, August 26, at Fort Macon Beach State Park for a lunch picnic outing. We will meet at 1100 at the picnic area.

A grill will be set up to cook whatever you bring. Also, bring a dish to share with the group and your own beverages, ice, tableware, etc. (no alcohol is allowed in state parks).

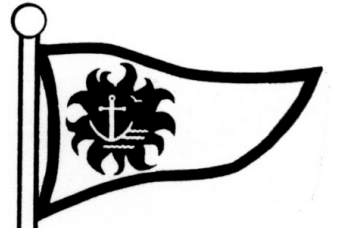
Directions to Fort Macon State Park: Take US 70 east to Morehead City. Take the high rise bridge to Atlantic Beach. Take Hwy. 58 east from Atlantic Beach to Fort Macon. Turn right on to the first road past the park entrance sign. Turn left in the parking lot and go to the picnic area on the northeast end of the parking lot. The picnic area is close to the bathhouse/concession stand. Restrooms are available.

Bring your beach chairs, umbrella, sunscreen, beach toys, food, beverages, and tableware. Remember, no alcohol in the State Park. Come and join the fun.

*Mark Young, Ted Clark*

# The Semaphore

Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club



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## Ken's Korner

I hope everyone had a wonderful Fourth of July celebrating our nation's birthday. Even though New Bern moved their fireworks Lawson Creek Park, a spectacular display was most evident. And, if you were out on the water, you would have seen a plethora of FHYC boats all over the Neuse all the way to the Bridgeton Marina. We certainly were well represented.

A big ovation is due to July's Yacht Club meeting presenters, Ken and Janet Plantin, for a terrific visual presentation of "George's" Yacht Club Northern Cruise to Washington, D.C. Their visual and auditory display made for an entertaining evening. Kudos to the Plantins.

At our upcoming August meeting we will have the Past Commodores give a presentation for the proposed sailing ship's step mast which would be our Club's gift to the City of New Bern for their 300th Year Anniversary. The plan is to procure and install a recreated metal mast, double mast with a gaff and yard. It will replicate the exact mast at Tryon Palace. This mast would be placed in the New Bern River History Park. Our past commodores have agreed to undertake the responsibility of researching the project, raising funds, coordinating the engineering, and supervising the installation of this step mast.

At our last Yacht Club Board meeting your Board took the leadership and voted to help begin the funding for this project by allocating \$1000 for this cause. There is more information in this month's *Semaphore*. I would urge you to get on board with such a worthy project. The Board also realized that we had members on our Board (our directors) who serve diligently and faithfully but did not have burgees to fly on their boats. That oversight has been corrected and burgees were obtained for our six directors with a blue background and a white chev-

ron. Look for your Directors' flags on the water.

Next time you are in the Community Center, be sure to look for our newly framed original Yacht Club burgee hanging in the hallway next to the "Wall of Commodores." It certainly is an attractive display for such an important part of our Club's history.

*Smooth Sailing,  
Ken*

## FHYC General Meeting July 9, 2009

Commodore Ken Dunn called the meeting to order at 1900 and led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. He mentioned that member Al Hesketh would be home soon after major heart surgery and former member Roland Switzer had an angioplasty. Don Knight mentioned that Lloyd Moore is being treated for a Mycobacterium marinum infection in his finger and reminded members to avoid scraping barnacles off boats. Commodore Dunn displayed the framed

Commodore's burgee, handmade by charter member Dot Smith, for the first Commodore, Dick Nehring, in 1984. It will be displayed in the Community Center. He recognized Dot for her stitchery and noted that she is donating a Commodore's hat and jacket and a set of foul weather gear to anyone that can use them. Commodore Dunn presented flags to the Directors attending the meeting; Henry Litke, Rob Skrotsky, John Jackson and MaryAnn Ober. Delle Curry has received hers and Harvey Pye will be presented his later.

George Washington, a masked Ken Dunn, introduced the program, a slide show of the Northern Cruise by Janet and Ken Plantin. The club was entertained by a delightful and creative presentation.

Ed and Josie Zaron were introduced as guests of John Harris, attending for the second time. There are several new members who will be introduced in the future.

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

## What's Happening

Aug Mo	3	Full Sturgeon Moon Raft-up .....	1800
Sa	8	NBYC/FHYC Cruise to Bridgeton Harbor .....	1300
Tu	11	Board Meeting(fc) .....	1300
Th	13	Club General Meeting (cc) .....	1930
We	19	Yacht Club Dinner .....	1730
We	26	Land Yachts to Beach .....	1100
Fr	28	Heavy Weather Boating Seminar(cc) .....	0900
Sep Sa-Su	5-6	Oar Race Regatta .....	

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

**Deadline for next issue is Monday, noon, August 17**

Delivery is Saturday, August 29

Treasurer's report:  
 Balance as of June 30, 2009:  
 BB&T \$11,243.15  
 Vanguard 5,243.31  
 Petty Cash 50.00  
 Total \$16,536.46

Total Members, 200 paid members, 13 life members, 1 complimentary member = 214

Commodore Dunn passed around pictures taken by Pat Hampson of all the vessels at Commissioning Day. If you are interested in a larger copy of your boat picture, contact Pat Hampson.

**Rear Commodore Karl Mielenhausen** requested cruising and racing activity reports in Fleet Captain Jim Florence's absence. He called on Cruising Co-Chair Ted Clark who announced the success of various boating and land yacht cruises on the fourth of July. Ted reported that the next July event is Land Yachts to the Beach on July 23. Mark West announced that the next Raft-up will be August 3 in the Inner Harbour at 1800, weather permitting. The backup location will be the Jarvis' home. Ted Clark also announced that the Sunflower Raft-up July 17-19 with Blackbeard's Sailing Club has been canceled. Bernie Teubert reported that an impromptu alternate cruise is being planned on those dates to River Dunes on Friday and South River on Saturday. Ed Klebaur reported on



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**Deadline**

Deadline is at 1200 the Monday following the Yacht Club meeting. Please e-mail articles to the address listed below or place in the FHYC in-box in POA Office.

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the Oar Race, describing the origin of the race and announced that the 26th running of the race will be September 5-6. The Oar Race trophy will be presented Saturday night at the dinner. The winner of Sunday's races will receive an award Sunday afternoon at Red Sail Park. The signal boat will be the Helling's. Ed asked for volunteers for chase boats Saturday and Sunday and volunteer crew on any of the boats. Protest and Ratings Committees had no reports.

**Rear Commodore Karl Mielenhausen** provided his committee reports. The next Education Seminar will be August 28. He and Bill Jarvis will present "Conquering Heavy Weather Conditions". Ted Clark reported that the Maintenance Committee will be working on the missing green marker in the next couple of weeks. The piling has been repaired. Marine Assistance gave no assists. Karl reported, however, that he helped Wednesday in the rescue of a man and four children whose 20' boat had broken apart. Medical Support Committee distributed an article about the value of using a defibrillator. Property Committee had no report.

**Vice Commodore Olwen Jarvis** described the success of Grandkids' Week and praised the children for their enthusiasm and camaraderie. Twenty children participated and many grandparents provided support. Olwen announced that rooms had been reserved for the Board and general meetings for next year and reminded committee chairs to make their reservations before August 1. Mark West reported that the library is back in business in Room 4 of the new Activity Center. The Ships Store announced there are a variety of items for sale. Items can be ordered if not available. Mary Ann Ober thanked Rob and Donna Bartley and Bob and Patsy Coyle for being hospitality hosts for the evening. There was no report from Historian, Planning, or Distribution. Everyone sang Happy Birthday to Commodore Ken, whose birthday is Saturday.

**Commodore Dunn** called on Kate Clark, entertainment chair for a report. Kate recognized Chris Skrotsky who announced the combined FHYC and NBYC picnic to be held at Bridgeton Harbor Marina on August 8. Lunch is \$10.50 and slips are available overnight at \$25. Kate reminded members that the Oar Race dinner is open to everyone, with registration by flyer to be sent to Ed Klebaur. Commodore Dunn thanked Janet and Ken Plantin for the great program. He encouraged members to attend the Wednes-

day night dinner on July 15 at Hurricane. There were no reports from Public Relations, Semaphore, Website, or Yearbook Committees. He called on Don Knight to talk about the 300th Anniversary Project. Don reported that the Past Commodores were coordinating a project to buy and install a ship's mast in the New Bern River History Park at Jacks Island. The project is being coordinated with the Swiss Bear Foundation and New Bern Parks & Recreation Department. The cost is \$8000, of which the Yacht Club Board has pledged \$1000.

Old Business: Commodore Dunn reported that the Yacht Club Board had written to the POA Board regarding the constraints created by the stage being erected for six weeks. The POA took action to limit the time the stage is up to three weeks. There was no new business. Bill Jarvis moved and Ted Clark seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned at 2028.

*Respectfully submitted,  
 Louise Knight*



*Commodore Dunn and Charter Member Dot Smith holding original Yacht Club burgee*

**Day Cruise #2**

A great cruise to the New Bern Yacht Club on Brice's Creek on June 27 was the second of our series of day cruises. Four boats and 26 members enjoyed hamburgers for lunch in the newly expanded clubhouse with air conditioning. Thank you New Bern Yacht Club..



**OAR RACE REGATTA**

The 26th annual Oar Race Regatta will be held on September 5 and 6. All sailboats with a valid PHRF rating are invited and encouraged to participate. The highlight of the Regatta is the awarding of the Oar Trophy to the winner of the Saturday's Oar Race. The Oar Race is held to remember those stalwart volunteers who made possible the evacuation of allied troops from Dunkirk early in World War II. One of the vessels used in the evacuation was the yacht *Clara*. *Clara's* owner was a friend of John Walsh, a now deceased member of FHYC. He gave John an oar from *Clara*, which was actually used during the evacuation. The perpetual trophy presented to the winner is this same oar from *Clara*. Each year the winner's name is inscribed on a plaque and is added to the original oar. The oar, along with the names of all of the previous winners, is displayed in the Community Center. The "keeper" award presented to the winner is a smaller sized replica of the Dunkirk oar.

Trophies are also awarded for the overall winners in each class of the regatta, which includes the Oar Race on Saturday and around the buoy races on Sunday, September 6. There will be three classes: spinnaker, non-spinnaker and cruising. In addition a perpetual trophy is awarded to the best performing FHYC boat for the entire regatta.

Presentation of the Oar Race trophy/oar will be made at a dinner to be held in the Community Center on Saturday evening, September 5. Reservations for the dinner are required. Over-all regatta and best performing FHYC yacht trophies will be presented at Red Sail Park immediately after the last race on Sunday, September 6.

Volunteers will be needed to help with chase boats and signal boats. Please call Ed Klebaur at 633-6264 to volunteer.

The application for the race and reservation form for the dinner, along with more details about the regatta, is included in a flyer in this month's Semaphore and on the FHYC website. If you need a PHRF rating for your boat, please contact Bill Jarvis at 637-7748.

*Ed Klebaur*

Aug and Sept Cruising Opportunities			
Aug	26	Land Yachts to the Beach .....	Young, Clark
Sept	5-6	Oar Race Regatta .....	Klebaur
Sept	11-21	Albermarle Cruise .....	Gil, Mielenhausen
Sept	24-25	Shrimparoo .....	Hart
Sept	24-26	Cruiser's Regatta .....	Jackson

**Cape Lookout Cruise Summary**

Ten boats left Fairfield on June 15, with firewood on each boat to be used for a beach fire at Cape Lookout. Seven vessels arrived in Town Creek, Beaufort. Two vessels anchored at Cedar Creek the first evening, one returned to Fairfield Harbour with mechanical trouble. Disagreeable breezes extended our stay at Town Creek for two additional days. All enjoyed Beaufort and splashes. Thanks to the Kebels for hosting aboard *Marlyn*.

Firewood was transferred as well as s'mores making ingredients supplied by the Dillingers. Three vessels continued on to Lookout and a great sail outbound. The beach fire was a hit as were the s'mores.

*Joe Gormley*

**Past Commodores lead drive to install mast at the New Bern River History Park**

Over the past year a committee led by Rob Skrotsky has refined a plan to participate in the 300th anniversary of New Bern. The FHYC project is to be a sailing ship's mast that will be a centerpiece in the New Bern River History Park on Jack's Island. The mast will be a replica of the mast that was on the grounds of Tryon Palace for many years. The effort to procure and install this mast in the park will be a project for Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club exclusively. At the completion there will be a permanent plaque placed on the mast commemorating FHYC's contribution to the City of New Bern.

The past commodores are leading the effort to raise \$8,000 to erect the mast that will engage our sense of community and create an appreciation of New Bern's nautical past.

At the July Board meeting, a presentation of the project was made and a donation of up to \$1,000 to start the campaign was approved. A personal invitation to participate is included in this *Semaphore*.



*Kathy and Joe Gormley with granddaughters along with Marcia Kebel, Margie and Buddy Dillinger, Harlan Kebel, Arne & Bev Myrseth*

**Racing with Fairfield**

The summer racing lull is just about over. The Club's major regatta, the Oar Race, will be held Saturday and Sunday of Labor Day Weekend, September 5 and 6. Please see the article about the Oar Regatta in this issue of the Semaphore.

Looking a bit further ahead in September, Saturday and Sunday September 12-13 is the Ensign Invitational Regatta. The fall series of dinghy/sunfish will begin racing on Sunday, September 20 and The Ensigns will begin Wednesday racing on September 23.

Come and take part on the race course, as a competitor or volunteer.

*John Jackson*

**Wednesday Night Yacht Club Dinner**

The Wednesday night Yacht Club dinner will be on August 19 with a summertime choice of entrees. Burger/cheeseburger, chef's salad, or antipasto salad with appetizer, dessert and tea for \$14.00 including tax and gratuity. Cocktails on the deck at 1730 and dinner inside at 1830. Please call in advance for reservations, 638-8566.



*Director's John Jackson, Mary Ann Ober, Rob Skrotsky and Henry Litke receiving a new burgee. Missing are Delle Curry and Harvey Pye who received theirs at a later date.*