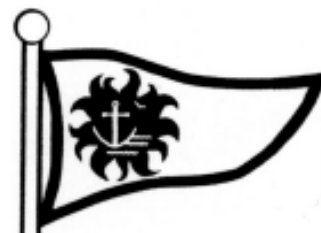


# The Semaphore

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## Ken's Korner

Is it safe to say "cooler weather is here?" It does seem that fall is indeed descending upon Eastern North Carolina. Fall Yacht Club boating activities should be tackled with more energy and participation.

As I write this month's "Korner" our Albemarle Cruise is off with excellent weather and there are a number of October boating activities to satisfy both power and sail.

With a little bit of luck we may have only our second and last Full Moon Raft-up October 1. Newcomers may want to participate in our Local Waters Cruise October 2-5 as well as the Hurricane Dodger Cruise October 11-18. Weather permitting, there is a Cocoa in the Cove on October 10 and Day Cruise #4 on October 24. Don't forget to cheer on our Fall Ensign and Dinghy Races.

Our October Yacht Club Meeting should be very interesting with Linda Staunch speaking on New Bern's Tercentennial activities. Just a reminder, if you haven't already done so, please send in your contribution to FHYC's Step Mast Flagpole project for our part in celebrating New Bern's 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

I mentioned at the September Yacht Club Meeting that the backbone of FHYC is its numerous hard working committees. Without committee support there would be no Yacht Club. So, as a reminder, at the October and November meetings there will be Committee Sign-up Sheets. This is an opportunity for all members, new or old, to pick out and participate in committees of their choice and stay involved or to renew involvement. Committee work is not only fun, but it also allows you to meet other members of the Club. Let's fill up those sheets!

The Yacht Club 2010 Membership form is included so please send it in early. It makes it so much easier for our Yearbook Commit-

tee to update and assemble this important document.

*Smooth Sailing  
Ken*

## FHYC General Meeting September 10, 2009

Commodore Ken Dunn called the meeting to order at 1932 hours and led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance.

He then invited all to join him in singing Happy Birthday to Vice Commodore Olwen Jarvis.

Rob Skrotsky introduced U.S. Coast Guard Lt. Strasburg, Chief of the Sector Command Center, Fort Macon who provided an informative talk about Coast Guard activities and the new Rescue 21 system.

Ed Weber introduced guests Chris and Winnie Albanese who are attending their second meeting. Barbara West recognized new member Al Springer, indicating she would introduce them officially when wife Ginny is in attendance.

Commodore Dunn asked for a motion to dispense with reading the minutes and treasurer's report. It was made by Bill Jarvis, seconded by Don Knight and carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:  
BB&T \$9,844.53  
Vanguard 5,245.31  
Petty Cash \$50.00  
Total \$15,139.84

Total Members 202 paid members, 13 life members, 1 complementary member = 216

Fleet Captain Jim Florence requested cruising and racing activity reports, first calling on Cruising Co-Chair Don Knight who announced the success of the Land-Yachts-to-the-Beach with 18 people attending. The September Tea on the Sea was canceled. There are several upcoming events beginning with the Albemarle Cruise, September 11 to 21. Commodore Dunn announced Day Cruise #3, September 19, to be held at

## What's Happening

Oct	Th	1	Full Hunters Moon Raft-up .....	1700
	Th	1	Rain date for Shrimparoo	
	Fr	2	- Mo 5, Local Waters Cruise	
	Sa	3	Ensign Race # 3	
	Su	4	Dinghy Fall Series	
	Tu	6	Board Meeting (ac) .....	1300
	We	7	Ensign Race # 4	
	Th	8	Yacht Club General Meeting (cc) .....	1730
	Sa	10	Ensign Race # 5	
	Su	11	Dinghy Fall Series	
	Su	11 - Su 18,	Hurricane Dodger Cruise	
	Fr	16	Education - Minding Your Diesel (cc) .....	0900
	Su	18	Dinghy Fall series	
	We	21	Yacht Club Dinner .....	1730
	Sa	24	Day Cruise # 4	

(cc) = Community Center, (ac) = Activities Center (sl) = Shoreline

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Delivery is Saturday, September 26

Hancock Creek with a picnic lunch. Jim Florence noted that the Shrimparoo, September 24 and 25, is completely booked. Bob Hart has started a stand-by list. The rain date is a week later which overlaps with the next full moon raft-up. Mark West reported that the Sturgeon full moon raft-up was held successfully, at last. The next, and final, full moon raft-up is scheduled for October 1. Mark then announced the Local Waters Cruise, October 2 to 4, which will be on the hook Friday, at Bridgeton Marina Saturday, and at Goose Creek Sunday. Don Knight reported that the Hurricane Dodger Cruise is scheduled October 11 to 18. Bill Jarvis, Racing Chair, thanked all who helped make the 26<sup>th</sup> Oar Race a success. Because of shifting winds, a non-spinnaker boat, *Compass Rose*, was able to pass the Spinnaker Classes and win the Oar Trophy. Doug King led the Spinnaker B Class in *Blue Yonder* and won the FHYC overall Trophy, which was presented to him at the meeting. *Echo* led Spinnaker A Class and *Azoria* led the Cruising Class. Bill recognized Walt Meyer who announced the Ensign Invitational with the Oriental Dinghy Club this weekend September 12 and 13. He also indicated that the Ensign racing season is starting soon. Bill Jarvis announced the Fall Dinghy Series racing each Sunday Sep-

tember 20 to October 18. Protest and Ratings Committees had no reports.

Rear Commodore Mielenhausen called on Education Committee member Rob Skrotsky who announced the seminar he will give September 18 on VHF radios with Digital Selective Calling, and the new Automatic Identification System. The two seminars in October are on GPS, and Minding Your Diesel. Charlie Rist, Medical Support Chair, thanked Hospitality for bring the AED to the meeting. He reported that CPR recertification training will be held at the Community Center October 8, at 1830 hours, prior to the General Meeting, with a fee of \$5. Four CPR certification classes will be held November 13 and 14, morning and afternoon, at the Activities Center, fee \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members. Joe Gormley, Maintenance Committee Chair, reported that a no-wake buoy has been repaired and a new floating marker has been purchased. He thanked Jerry Rezab for donating 100 feet of chain. Rob Skrotsky reported that Marine Assistance has been busy with Bud Ellis and Bill Jarvis each providing a tow for a non-YC boat and Pete Conzelman and Rob helped with de-watering a boat. Property Committee had no report.

Vice Commodore Olwen Jarvis called on Kathy Travis, Hospitality Co-chair, who thanked Rose and Henry Litke for being hospitality hosts for the evening. There were no reports from Storekeeper, Librarian, Historian, Planning, or Distribution.

Commodore Dunn called on Elaine Mielenhausen, Entertainment Co-Chair, who thanked Liz Maravelas and her committee for organizing the Oar Race Dinner. The next event is the Holiday party on December 10. She thanked everyone for sending their music requests. Rob Skrotsky announced that Linda Staunch will talk about New Bern's Tercentennial Celebration plans next month. There were no reports from Public Relations, Semaphore, Website or Yearbook Committees. Commodore Dunn reminded everyone of the Wednesday Night Yacht Club dinner at Hurricane's on September 16.

Old Business: Don Knight provided an update report about the Step Mast Project. The New Bern Tercentennial Connectivity Committee has changed its name to the River Walk Project. FHYC engineers Walt Chaiko and Bernie Teubert are working with the city in planning the Step Mast installation. NC engineer Betsy Conzelman is doing the drawings for the base. There have been contribu-

tions from 54 members totaling \$3410, excluding the Board contribution. Don read a note from Jenny Nehring who sent a contribution in memory of her husband Dick. Additional donation forms were passed out at the meeting and all were encouraged to support the FHYC project. Commodore Dunn mentioned that committee sign-ups for next year would occur at the next two meetings. He urged everyone to get involved to make the FHYC successful. Nominating Committee Chair Charlie Ward announced the committee: Board members John Jackson, Mary Ann Ober and Olwen Jarvis, and Members-at-Large Karen Meyer and Ed Klebaur.

New Business: Kathy Petritsch announced that a cruise for eight on the Skipjack *Ada Mae* has been donated as one of the auction items at the CERT fundraiser on October 3. She encouraged members to bid on it. She also indicated that a Fairfield Harbour resident can apply boat pictures to personalize mugs if anyone is interested. The meeting was adjourned at 2038 hours following a motion by Bill Jarvis and seconded by Pete Drez that passed unanimously.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Louise Knight*

## Step Mast Project Report

The Yacht Club is in the final stage of soliciting donations for the Sailing Ship Step Mast project to be installed in the new River History Park to be constructed on Jack's Island. This project is being underwritten by the entire Club and is being led by the Past Commodores. As of mid-September we had collected about 50% of the funds and are looking for support by the majority of the Yacht Club Members. We were pleased to hear from Jinnie Nearing, wife of our first Commodore, who sent a donation in Dick's memory. Donation forms were distributed in the August *Semaphore* and at the September meeting and are again included in this issue of the *Semaphore* so that if you have not already contributed, you may do so now. This will be a permanent monument at this new park with a marker signifying the FHYC participation in the erection of this step mast replica to fly the American and City and other appropriate flags. Thank you again if you have sent your contribution, and if you have not done so, please consider a donation of

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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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\$50, or any amount, so we can proceed with this project. Contributions are tax deductible and should be made out to Swiss Bear Foundation and noted "Sailing Ship Step Mast" and given to Pete Conzelman, 5112 Bucco Reef. Past Commodores will call on those who have not participated at the end of September, so please save us a call.

*Past Commodores*

## Oar Race Regatta Results

The Oar Race Regatta was held on September 5 and 6 with good winds and weather that made for some great competition. A total of 18 boats sailed in four classes, including two spinnaker classes, a non-spinnaker class and a cruising class. Winds were generally in the 8 to 12 knot range, with one race on Sunday having winds around 15 knots and gusts up to 20. So, the wind gods provided ideal racing conditions. Only one boat had minor equipment failure, but it did, unfortunately, force them to retire and miss one race. During the second race on Sunday; *Brown Eyed Girl* crossed the start line within one second of the starting gun and the other three boats in her class all started within 8 seconds of the gun. That's top class racing skill! On the other hand, we saw some dirty bottoms, poorly trimmed sails, fenders hanging over the side and a boat without a stopwatch for timing the start. One of the nicest observations was seeing Dan Bornath from Blackbeard Sailing Club sailing with his wife and three young children. The kids were steering during part of the race, including downwind with spinnaker flying. They also took home a trophy in their class.

Saturday's race was a long-distance, round trip, race of about 22 miles to a mark near the Minnesott Ferry and back. The skipper competed for the honor of winning a miniature replica of an actual oar used on one of the boats that participated in the evacuation of Dunkirk during WWII. The evacuation was made possible by a fleet of about 850, mostly amateur, boaters who rescued 338,000 allied soldiers from the beaches in Belgium in the early stages of the war. The oar is hanging in the hallway of the Community Center with the names of previous winners. *Compass Rose*, skippered by Mark Brennesholtz, took top honors for this race

and he will have his name added to the list of previous winners.

Sunday's races were around the buoys with distances of up to 6 miles each. Overall regatta awards are based upon the results of both Saturday's and Sunday's racing. All classes sailed two races with the faster boats in the Spinnaker A class sailing three races. *Blue Yonder* skippered by Doug King took top honors for best FHYC boat over the two-day regatta. He will have his name added to the list of previous winners on a perpetual trophy, which is also on display in the hallway of the Community Center. Detailed results by class for the regatta are posted on the Yacht Club website.

The Oar Race dinner on Saturday was a great success. The Oar Race winner was presented with his "oar trophy" and The Butcher's Market did a wonderful job with all the food. We would like to thank the people on the committee for helping with the planning and decorating of the room for the Oar Race. Everyone who attended had a wonderful time after a day of sailboat racing on the water.

*Ed Klebaur  
Chair, Oar Race Regatta  
Liz Maravelas  
Chair, Oar Race Dinner*



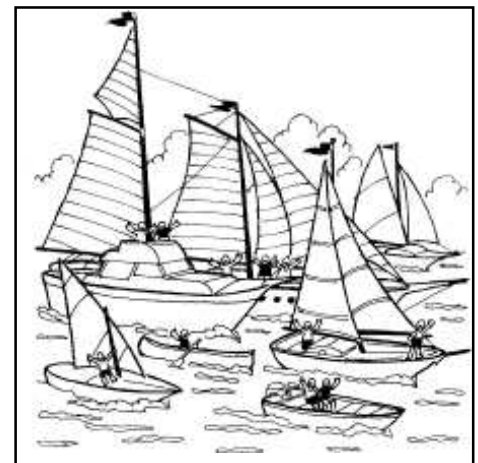
*Doug King receiving award for best placing by an FHYC member*



*Winner of the Oar Race, Mark Brennesholtz*



*Walt Meyer's boat racing downwind in the Ensign Invitationals*



## It's not to soon to start thinking.....!

Yes, it is still only September and 2010 is still three months away. However, in order for you to have an up-to-date Yearbook in 2010 we must plan. That means having you sign-up to lead or help on a committee.

At the October meeting you will find sign-up sheets for our various committees. Please start giving thoughtful consideration as to where your talents will help your Yacht Club the most. The Club will only be good, interesting, and fun for all if we each do our part.

Looking forward to seeing the lists of names growing on those sheets!

Thank you.

*Olwen Jarvis.  
Vice Commodore.*



*Doug and Judy Everett, Ed Mahoney, Linda Eckenroth, and Dusty Dustin enjoying the full moon raftup*



*Jean Hart, Romaine and Bob Doherty, and Bob Hart smiling for the raft-up photographer*



*The ensign racing fleet in close quarters during the Ensign Invitational race.*

## Nautical Nomenclature

**Rake:** The angle, in relation to the perpendicular, of a ship's mast(s). It is a word also sometimes used to describe the degree of overhang of her bow and stern.

**Cheese down:** to coil down the tail of a rope on deck to present a neat appearance. The end of the tail is in the center and the remainder coiled flat round it in a tight spiral.

Source: *An A-Z of Sailing Terms*, Dear and Kemp, 1992