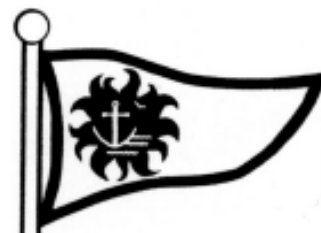


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Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club



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Ken's Korner

We are rapidly approaching Halloween, Daylight Savings, and Thanksgiving. All of which means our 2009 Fairfield Harbour Boating Season is coming to a close. To date, the weather has been cooler with no severe storms on the horizon, something to be "thankful" for.

As you read this month's Semaphore, most of our water activities will have come to an end with exception of the "Cocoa in the Cove Raft-Up" on November 14. However, not to worry, because there are still several exciting activities on the schedule including our Awards Luncheon on November 5, the General Meeting on November 12, the Yacht Club Dinner on November 18, and the GPS Seminar on November 20.

An important reminder: please sign-up for 2010 Committees. Committee members plus chair-people equal a very well organized and functioning Yacht Club. Our committees need your support. So please sign up at our next meeting. Also please remember to send your 2010 membership dues and form to our Treasurer, Mark West.

At our October meeting the Nominating Committee, led by Past Commodore Charlie Ward, announced the proposed slate of officers for the 2010 Yacht Club Season. See the minutes of the General Meeting for details, but suffice it to say that the Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club will be in good hands for the coming year. It's really great to see the high quality of people on the slate.

We are all thankful for this highly qualified and active group who have agreed to serve. We will also accept additional nominations from the membership, in writing or by email, before the November General Meeting. Nominees must be qualified according to our Constitution and agree to serve. I hope to see all of you at our Annual Awards Lun-

cheon on November 5. May you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Smooth sailing
Ken

FHYC General Meeting October 8, 2009

In Commodore Dunn's absence, Vice Commodore Olwen Jarvis called the meeting to order at 1930 hours and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Rob Skrotsky introduced Linda Stauch, Executive Director of the New Bern Tercentennial Celebration Committee, who provided a very interesting presentation about the planned celebration of New Bern's Tercentennial in 2010. She identified activities throughout the year and encouraged everyone to visit the website (NEWBERN300.COM) for the entire list. Barbara West noted that there were no new members this month and introduced members who had not previously been recognized: Bill Coxe and Pat Mora-Coxe, 908 Pelican Drive, (O'Day 40' sailboat *Kukulcan*), sponsored by Ina and Elliott Alterman and Chris and Rob Skrotsky; and Skip and Cherylle Hird, 1302 Mona Passage Court, (Hans Christian 43' sailboat *Eleanor M*), sponsored by Mary Jean and Walt Tedford and Lois and Bob Gregory. There were several guests: Ed Weber introduced Vinny and Chris Albanese, George Stateham intro-

duced Bill Beery, and Ken Plantin introduced Art Thinguldstad.

Vice Commodore Jarvis asked for a motion to dispense with reading the minutes, which was made by Ted Clark, seconded by Bill Jarvis and carried. She then asked for a motion to dispense with the treasurer's report, which was made by Bill Jarvis and seconded by Ruth Mitchell. It also passed.

Treasurer's Report

BB&T	\$9,186.63
Vanguard	5,246.23
Petty Cash	50.00
Total	\$14,482.86

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

Treasurer Mark West asked members to complete and return the 2010 Member Renewal form found in the Semaphore.

Fleet Captain Jim Florence encouraged members to sign-up for the Awards Luncheon to be held Thursday, November 5 at the Hilton, and asked members to submit ideas for awards. Passage through the new bridge has been confirmed so members may come by boat or car. He announced the 2010 Cruising Committee meeting Friday, November 13, at 0900 at the Community Center. He also noted the Flare Shoot at 1400 on October 17 at the ramp near NW Creek Marina sponsored by the Cape Lookout Sail and Power Squadron.

What's Happening

Nov	Th	5	Awards Luncheon	
	Tu	10	Board Meeting (fc)	1300
	Th	12	Club Meeting (cc)	1930
	Th	12	-14, CPR Training	
	Sa	14	Cocoa in the Cove Raft-up	1500
	We	18	Yacht Club Dinner	1730
	Fr	20	Education - Mastering Your GPS (cc)	0900

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

Deadline for next issue is Monday, noon, November 16

Then he called on Cruising Co-Chair Ted Clark regarding cruising events. The Albemarle Cruise was a super event with great weather and ten boats. Karl Mielenhausen gave an award to Henry and Rose Litke for winning the poker rally that was part of the cruise. Louise Knight provided pictures of those attending. Neil Ober reported that Day Cruise #3 to Hancock Creek had seven boats and 26 attendees. The Shrimparoo was a sellout with 83 people attending. Mark West indicated the Local Waters Cruise had one boat the first night, two the second and three the third. He also noted that the Full Moon Raft-up was a success. Neil Ober reported that Day Cruise #4 on October 24 will venture to the New Bern Hilton and lunch at Morgan's. Bill Jarvis reported on racing events. The Dinghy Series will continue for two more Sundays. The Ensign Series will have a make-up race October 21, with the joint awards party that same date. He noted that the NYRA winter series begins October 31 with a Halloween Regatta on that same date. There were no reports from the Protest or Rating Committees.

Rear Commodore Karl Mielenhausen asked for committee reports. Delle Curry announced the next Education Seminar on October 16, at 0900 in the Community Center, on Diesel Engine Maintenance with Harvey Smith as the speaker. The November 20 semi-

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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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nar will be Mastering Your GPS. Rob Skrotsky is planning to offer the Digital Selective Calling seminar again, date to be arranged. He also reported that Marine Assistance towed a non-member powerboat the previous night. Medical Support provided recertification for CPR/AED before the General meeting. Charlie Rist announced CPR training will be offered November 12,13 and 14 for \$10. Contact him for registration. The Maintenance Committee has replaced a No Wake marker and a marker anchor and chain. They will be painting marks over the winter. There was no Property report. Karl encouraged sign-up for committees.

Vice Commodore Olwen Jarvis called on Hospitality Chair Mary Ann Ober who thanked Mary Ann and Ed Klebaur, Kathy and Bob Fortenbaugh and new members Cherylle and Skip Hird for being in charge of hospitality for the evening. Storekeeper Mary Florence stated it is time to order cruise shirts, fleece vests and many other items. Historian, Distribution, Librarian, and Planning Committees had no reports.

Vice Commodore Jarvis then called on the Commodore's committees. Entertainment chair Kate Clark called on Kay Wertz who announced the Holiday Party December 10 at 1800. Kate noted that the Chili Party will be the second Saturday in December after the Flotilla. There were no reports from Public Relations, Yearbook, Website, and Semaphore Committees. Janet Plantin asked for pictures of 2009 cruises and regatta events for the program she is putting together for next month's meeting.

Old Business: Charlie Ward, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of Officers for 2010:

Commodore Olwen Jarvis
 Vice Commodore Karl Mielenhausen
 Rear Commodore Jim Florence
 Fleet Captain John Jackson
 Treasurer Rose Voss-Litke
 Secretary Ellen Pettigrew
 2008 Director Ed Klebaur – (remaining year of John Jackson's term)

2010 Directors . Bob Fortenbaugh & Karen Meyer

Returning Directors Mary Ann Ober, Harvey Pye, Rob Skrotsky

Further nominations will be accepted from the floor. He asked Vice Commodore Jarvis to dismiss the Nominating Committee. Past Commodore Neil Ober reported that \$625 is needed to reach the \$7,000 goal for the Step Mast project. The majority of mem-

bers have already contributed and the past commodores are continuing their efforts to complete the funding. The donation to Swiss Bear Foundation is tax deductible. The mast will be ordered this year and installed the first quarter of 2010, depending on permits. Bill Jarvis reminded members that not all the member database fields are on the renewal form so members should check the FHYC website to be sure their information is correct. Changes should be sent to Mark West or Lloyd Moore.

New Business: Hurricane's Wednesday night, October 21, FHYC dinner will be a plated meal including appetizer, salad, starch and dessert for \$19.00 a person. Beer and wine will be available at reduced prices. The menu options are: haddock fish fry, prime rib with mushroom gravy, or baked chicken leg quarter. Members should call Hurricane's for reservations. Vice Commodore Jarvis encouraged everyone to sign up for at least one committee for 2010. All of the new 2009 members have already signed up. She thanked people who had agreed to be Chairs or Co-Chairs and that Co-Chairs normally rotate into the Chair position the next year. The meeting was adjourned at 2100.

*Respectfully submitted,
 Louise Knight*

2010 Cruise Planning

The 2010 cruising season planning meeting is scheduled for November 13, at 0900 in the Community Center. This meeting will be chaired by, John Jackson (Fleet-Captain nominee), and chairpersons of the Cruising Committee. We hope to have as many captains and mates as possible to participate in the planning of the 2010 cruising schedule. Please come prepared to discuss what worked and didn't work in 2009 and new cruising ideas. Be sure and bring your calendar.

*Jim Florence,
 Fleet Captain*





New members Skip Hird, Cheryl Hird, Pat Mora-Coxe, Bill Coxo

Mistletoe and Holly Party

The FHYC Holiday Party Committee is pleased to announce plans for the Mistletoe and Holly event. This year's holiday party will take place on Thursday, December 10, at the Flame Banquet Center starting at 1800. Great food and dancing to fabulous music provided by Tom's Tunes will highlight this festive evening. The cost of the holiday party is \$26 per person. This one-time reduction in price is a result of the funds remaining in the entertainment budget this year.

As is customary, the Salvation Army will collect our Angel Tree gifts at the Flame. The flier/registration form is included in this issue of the Semaphore. We hope to see everyone at this year's Mistletoe and Holly party.

For further information, contact Elaine Mielenhausen (638-1433) or Kay Wertz (634-2468).

Accolades and thanks

There are 21 committees in our Yacht Club. At the October meeting, 21 sign-up sheets were placed on the stage. I was thrilled to see that every sheet had names of people willing to serve. Some committees had names of people offering to be a chair or co-chair. This is most encouraging. There are plenty of opportunities left however, so please come to the November meeting ready to put down your name. If you cannot attend the meeting, please call me with your offer of help. Thank you.

*Olwen Jarvis,
Vice Commodore*

Racing With FHYC

As I write this there is lots of racing going on, but when you read this it will be completed. Right now there are Sunday after-

Day Cruise #3

On a beautiful day, Saturday, September 19, seven boats and 26 boaters enjoyed a cruise and picnic lunch at Hancock Creek Yacht Club. Jim Abell and his family sailed all the way down and back. Jude, the dockmaster, was friendly and helpful as each skipper tied up at the open berths. Past Commodore Neil and Commodore Ken, with lots of help from spouses and guests, served up a picnic lunch of brats, slaw and salad with all the fixings. We were joined by recent new members Al and Ginny Springer and guests Jim and Dottie Jacobsen.



Donna Bartley, Jan Dunn, Jean Smith, Kathy Travis, and Betty Knapp relaxing on Day Cruise # 3

noon Sunfish and Dinghy races and Wednesday afternoon Ensign Races. All these will conclude by October 21, but no results yet.

There will probably be three, possibly four, FHYC boats sailing in the Neuse Yacht Racing Association Winter Series. This may be the highest number of FHYC boats participating in the series in several years. The first race is October 31.

Don't forget the Awards Luncheon, Thursday, November 5. These recognitions are for much more than racing.

Hope to see you then, if not before.

John Y. Jackson

GPS Training Seminar

A seminar in Basic Orientation for GPS and Chart Plotters will be held at 0900 Friday, November 20 in the Community Center. We expect to offer computer examples and distinguish between types of equipment.

Neil Ober and Rob Skrotsky

Where Our Burgee Flies

Bernie and Nancy Teubert joined Bob Saveland and Clementi Holder for an afternoon sail along the Milwaukee waterfront aboard the Schooner *Denis Sullivan* during a Saveland Descendents family reunion in August. The *Denis Sullivan*, launched in 1999 for environmental education purposes, is reminiscent of Great Lakes trading schooners such as were owned by Bob's great-grandfather.





A gaggle of FHYC members enjoying the Harvest Moon raft-up



Satisfied customers at the Shrimparoo



Albemarle Cruise participants say "Cheese"



Sunset on the Albemarle

Shrimparoo 2009

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for helping to make the 2009 Shrimparoo a success. The weather was superb and the food was delicious and plentiful. No one went home hungry!

Those who came by boat filled the marina and added the "yacht club" flavor to the event. In all, 83 people attended filling the tables to overflowing with camaraderie and tall tales. Lets do it again next year!

*Bob and Jean Hart
Harts Desire II*



What's behind the name?

Cheryl and Dave Stevenson have been members since May 2008. They have 2 sailboats – a Laser and a 36' Jeanneau named *Kindred Spirit*. They found *Kindred Spirit* on the Chesapeake and brought her down last spring. The boat was named *Sis* when they bought it, but they found the original name *Kindred Spirit* on some paperwork, liked it, and decided to restore her back to that name. Cheryl and Dave are also quite active with the New Bern Newcomers' Boating group.

