

The Semaphore

Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club



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Ken's Korner

By the time you read this message a new slate of officers will have been elected by the membership. Let me present to you FHYC's 2010 Officers: Commodore Olwen Jarvis, Vice Commodore Karl Mielenhausen, Rear Commodore Jim Florence and Fleet Captain John Jackson. Our new Secretary is Ellen Pettigrew and Rose Voss-Litke will be our new Treasurer. The new Directors are Bob Fortenbaugh, Karen Meyer, and Ed Klebaur, who will serve for one year to replace John Jackson. Returning Directors are Harvey Pye, MaryAnn Ober, and Rob Skrotsky. I am sure you will agree that we enter 2010 with a most dedicated group of individuals who will steer our club in the right direction.

As we enter the festive month of December please note the following Club events: the Annual FHYC's Food Drive on December 3 and 4 headed up by our Past Commodore Charlie Ward, and our Holiday Party at the Flame Restaurant on December 10. This party is in lieu of our December general meeting. Please remember that part of the holiday party is the Salvation Army Angel Gift Program. Captains, let us not forget to decorate our vessels for the annual Christmas Flotilla and Caroling/ Chili Party on December 12.

The 2009 Silver Anniversary Year has sailed by rather quickly and since this is my last Semaphore message to you, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing me the honor of serving as your commodore. I would also like to thank the Board and Bridge for all the support they have given me throughout the year. It has been a pleasure working with you.

Both Jan and I would like to extend to all of you our wishes for a very happy and healthy Holiday Season.

*Smooth Sailing,
Ken*

FHYC General Meeting November 12, 2009

Commodore Ken Dunn called the meeting to order at 1930. After the Pledge of Allegiance, he notified the membership that member Lucky Covati was currently hospitalized due to an aneurysm and seems to be improving. He then called on Rob Skrotsky to introduce Janet and Ken Plantin who presented "2009 in Review", a humorous view of club activities starring FHYC members who have attended these various events.

Elaine Mielenhausen introduced guests Moira and Mike Smelter, friends from Rochester, NY. Barbara West, Membership Chair, welcomed three new members: Vinnie and Chris Albanese, Sea Ray powerboat *Second Chance*, sponsored by Ed and Angela Weber and Bob Yalden; William and Joan Campbell, Albin 27 powerboat *Pisces*, sponsored by Dave Watrous and Herman and Gail Schiller; and Bruce and Jackie Hice, Parker powerboat *Maddy Jo*, sponsored by Ken and Jan Dunn and Lynn and George Stateham.

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

Treasurer's Report

BB&T	10,828.31
Vanguard	5,247.01
Petty Cash	50.00
Total	16,125.32

Total members: 205 paid members, 13 life members, 1 complimentary member = 219

Mark West, Treasurer, indicated that 92 members have renewed, additional renewals were received tonight, and two members have renewed twice. He urged other members to renew before receiving the barrage of reminder emails and phone calls. Renewals must be received by December 1 in order to have member information in the Yearbook.

Fleet Captain Jim Florence encouraged members to attend the Cruise Planning Meeting on Friday, November 13. He reported that the Cocoa in the Cove was canceled because there was no leader. He then called on Cruising Co-Chair Ted Clark who announced the Christmas Flotilla, December 12, as the last cruising event of the year. The Captains' Meeting will be at 1000. He called on Kate Clark to report on the Chili Party, who indicated that a flyer would be in the next *Semaphore*. Marge DeSantis reported that the Chili Party is for participants of the Flotilla and party helpers. It will be BYOB with ice

What's Happening

Dec	Th	3-4	Food Drive (cc)	0900
	Tu	8	Board Meeting (fc)	1300
	Th	10	Holiday Party (Flame)	1800
	Sa	12	Flotilla and Chili Party	1600
Jan	Tu	12	Board Meeting	1300
	Th	14	Club Meeting-Installation of Officers (cc)	1930
	We	20	Yacht Club Dinner	1730

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

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and cups provided. Meal tickets will be available at the Captains' Meeting for \$1. Jim called on Regatta Chair Bill Jarvis for a report. Bill announced that he is offering a workshop on his boat *Piccolo* for racers and committee boat volunteers on November 14 while he is signal boat for a NYRA race. Protest and Ratings Committees had no reports.

Rear Commodore Karl Mielenhausen called on Education Chair Delle Curry who called on Rob Skrotsky. Rob announced the next Seminar, "Mastering the GPS" (not Chart Plotter), will be presented November 20 by Bob Gregory and himself. He also noted that a DVD of the seminar "Digital Selective Calling" is available for members to check out. Fleet Surgeon Kathie King thanked Donna Getkin for holding the CPR classes and reminded members who had signed up for the CPR training the sessions will be held on November 13 and 14 at the Activity Center, Rm. 2. There were no reports from Marine Assistance, Maintenance, or Property Committees. Karl reminded people to sign up for committees for 2010 and noted that a Chair is needed for the Storekeeper Committee.

Vice Commodore Olwen Jarvis also stressed the importance of committee sign up and advised members that the Storekeeper could be a man. She announced the Wednesday Night YC Dinner at Hurricane on November 18, \$19 a plate. Cocktails (special rate)

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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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are at 1730 and dinner at 1830, reservations required, 638-8566. She called on Hospitality Co-Chair Kathy Travis who thanked Judith Wood and Dave Ritter, Margie and Buddy Dillinger, and Linda and Paul Eckenroth for being hospitality hosts for the evening. Olwen reminded current committee chairs that she needed budget requests for next year and that written committee reports were to be given to Commodore Dunn. There were no reports from Librarian, Historian, Planning, Storekeeper, or Distribution.

Commodore Dunn asked Kate Clark, Entertainment Chair, for a report. Kate recognized Kay Wertz who reminded people about the Holiday Party on December 10, at the Flame, only \$26 per person. Program Committee Chair Rob Skrotsky indicated that the December program will be the Holiday Party; January will be Installation of Officers; and February will be The Great Loop. Bill Jarvis thanked Doug Everett who will be Yearbook Committee Chair next year. Doug reminded people to check the website to determine if their information is correct, since the database information will be used for the yearbook. There were no reports from Public Relations, Webmaster, or Semaphore Committees.

Old Business: Nominating Committee Chair Charlie Ward introduced 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 Klebauer-remaining one year of John Jackson's term.

2010 Directors..... .Bob Fortenbaugh and Karen Meyer.

Returning Directors.....Mary Ann Ober, Harvey Pye, and Rob Skrotsky

No nominations were received from the floor. A motion to accept the slate by acclamation was made by Neil Ober and seconded by Don Knight. The motion passed unanimously. Neil Ober reported on the Step Mast Project. \$7,535 has been raised by contributions from 148 members. The committee is working with the city to determine site soil conditions. Betsy Conzelman, Walt Chaiko, and Bernie Teubert are working on plans for the base. The marina and bridge projects are still in the planning and permitting process.

New Business: Charlie Ward announced the annual food drive to be held December 3 and 4 at the Fire Hall. He encouraged members to sign up to help and also to donate food for RCS. Linda Lelli explained the Christmas Angel Program sponsored by the Salvation Army. Angels were available at the meeting and will be available at the POA office for anyone interested in participating. Linda will be available at the Community Center December 10, 1300 to 1500 to accept large gifts. Other gifts will be brought to the YC Holiday Party. The Salvation Army will pick up the unwrapped presents at the Community Center and the Flame. Penneys and Belks are offering a 10% discount off regularly priced items purchased for the Christmas Angel program if the angel is shown. Mary Ann Ober announced the Bear Adoption ceremonies that will take place Tuesday, November 17, 1300 at the Convention Center and 1400 at the property between BB&T and the E.O. Jones building on South Front Street for the Fairfield Harbour bears.

Commodore Dunn indicated this was the last general meeting he would be presiding over and the last for Mark West and Louise Knight as Treasurer and Secretary. He thanked the committees and their Chairs, the Bridge and Board and his wife, Jan. The meeting was adjourned at 2030 .

*Respectfully submitted,
Louise Knight*

**Christmas Flotilla/
Chili Party**

Saturday, December 12, 2009, is the date for the Yacht Club Christmas Flotilla and Caroling. Immediately after the flotilla parade through the harbour, the captains, crews, food providers, and helpers will participate in the annual Chili Party. Those who are donating chili, chowder, finger desserts, or participating in the set-up and clean-up process can also get their tickets between 1400 and 1500 at the community center on the day of the flotilla when they drop off their food or help set up. Chili donations will feature mild or medium seasoning with condiments available for those who wish to kick it up a notch. Assorted finger desserts will be available as well. Please bring your beverage of choice. Ice and glasses will be provided (see flyer included in this issue). Call Marge DeSantis at 635-1953 if you wish to supply one of the food items but missed the sign-up sheet at November's meeting.

Marge DeSantis



SAVE THE DATE!



WHO: All FHYC Members

WHAT: 2010 Commodores' Ball

WHEN: Thursday, March 18

WHERE: The Flame

Watch for more information in the February *Semaphore*



New members Bruce and Jackie Hice, Bill and Joan Campbell Vinnie and Chris Albanese.

Welcome Aboard

Three new members were introduced at the November general meeting. Vinnie and Chris Albanese, of 1108 Kea Ct., own a Sea Ray power boat called *Second Chance*. Bill and Joan Campbell, who live at 2142 Royal Pines, have a 27' Albin power boat named *Pisces*. Bruce and Jackie Hice own *MaddyJo*, Parker power boat, and reside at 2058 Royal Pines.

Racing with FHYC

The results of the Ensign and Dinghy Racing Series are now available.

The Ensign Series was won by *Anasazi Chief*. It was closely followed by *Darkside*, with *Amie d'Ete* third and *Iduna* fourth. The series win by *Anasazi Chief* also gave them the yearly award for best combined score in the spring and fall series.

The dinghy series was won by Bill Jarvis, sailing his *Spindrift*. He was followed by John Jackson, sailing his *Minto*. Third place went to Buddy Dillinger, sailing an *Escape*. There were a total of six participants in the dinghy series.

The Sunfish fleet also had six participants. The first place boat was sailed by Al Muenster, second place to Gene Moniak, and third to Lloyd Moore.

For both the Sunfish and dinghies there were five days of racing scheduled, but inclement weather caused one cancellation. A big thanks goes to the people who ran the committee boats for the Ensign series and for those people on the dock who ran the Sunfish and dinghy series. If you missed it, Jackie Moniak was given a special award at the Awards Luncheon for her untiring work running the starts and recording finishes for the Sunfish and Dinghy series since about 1994. Thanks again, Jackie!

Watch the calendar: dinghy, Sunfish and Ensign racing will begin again in March and April and everyone is welcome.

John Jackson

Last Chance for Holiday Party Sign-up

Reservations for the Mistletoe and Holly Holiday Party will close on December 2. Check the November *Semaphore* (or the electronic version on the FHYC website) for more details about this December 10 event, or contact Elaine Mielenhausen, 638-1433, or Kay Wertz, 634-2468. Don't miss out on a wonderful evening at a great price.



New Members Bill Coxe, Pat Mora-Coxe, PC Neil Ober, Janet Lee, and PC Charlie Ward.



Deb Swan, Art Thingoldstadt, Janet and Ken Plantin, Bill and Jackie Allen.

Day Cruise #4

On a breezy Saturday, October 24, four boats with 16 members aboard cruised to New Bern and met 32 other guests at Morgan's Tavern and Grill to enjoy a great lunch and tales of the sea. The total of 48 is a new high in attendance at a day cruise event. Day cruises are designed for boaters who might not be able to take longer cruises or those on weekdays. It is an opportunity to meet recent and long time members. We look forward to a great 2010 series.

Neil and Mary Ann Ober

FHYC Awards and Recognition Luncheon

The 2009 Awards and Recognition Luncheon was held November 5 at the New Bern Hilton Waterfront Hotel. There were 50 members and guests in attendance and what a beautiful day it was. A number of attendees came by boat and a splash was held on the docks of the New Grand Marina.

After lunch, an overview of the 2009 cruising season was given with special thanks to Ted Clark and Don Knight for heading up the Cruising Committee. The season started with the Clubfoot Creek Shake-down Cruise and ended with the Hurricane Dodger, with some great cruises in between. The annual Grandkids Week, Land Yachts to the Beach, along with the Shrimparoo were pointed out as non-cruising high-lights of the season. Bill Jarvis recapped the racing season (see racing article in this issue).

Special recognition was given to Jerry Rezab, Joe Gormley, and Doug King for their time and assistance with sailing instructions for the New Bern HS Junior Naval ROTC program. Thanks to all the Ensign owners who willingly share their boats for use by the ROTC.

Other special awards were presented to Louise Knight and Judith Wood, who were given the Dinghy Painter Awareness Award, cans of fluorescent paint, to assist in their avoidance of the dinghy painter when backing up. Bill Davidson was given a pink crab pot by Walt Meyer to be used for practice in avoiding crab pots. Walt also presented Ken and Janet Plantin items to assist them in preventing another bad gas purchase. The coveted Red Marker Award was presented to Past Commodore Don Knight for his navigation issues at Little Washington.

Thanks to all who came and for making it a great event.

Jim Florence

Where our Burgee flies



Ron and Emily Helling in Carrick-a-Rede, Northern Ireland.



Walt Meyer presenting the annual award to the crew of Anasazi Chief, Ed Klebauer, Al Muenster and Bill Jarvis.



Don Knight receives the Red Marker award at the Awards Luncheon.



What's behind the name?



Amazing Grace is the name of the Hunter 410 sailboat owned by Cecily and Ray Gil. The Gils have been members of the club for 15 years and keep their boat at Northwest Creek Marina. They owned their first sailboat, a 27' Buccaneer, in partnership and wanted to call it *Valkyrie* but their partner wanted to call it *Amazing Grace*. As a result, the boat had a two-sided name plaque and a different name every other weekend! Finally, Ray adopted the name *Amazing Grace*. After all, a boat is supposed to sail with amazing grace, isn't it? The name must have stuck, as they kept it for their next two sailboats: a 31' Hunter and their current Hunter 410.

We were looking for a name starting with an "I" since it was going to be my 9th boat. So, we came upon the name *IDUN* or *IDUNA*. In Norwegian mythology she is the goddess of spring, youth and immortality. She is always fending off muggers as she carries the basket containing the golden apples of immortality. When the gods are feeling a bit past it, one nibble is all it takes to put a spring in their step.

Dirk and Tini Van Zyverden

