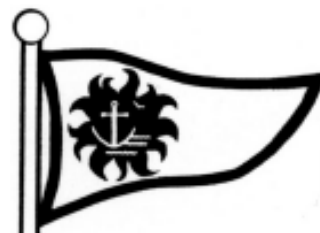


The Semaphore

Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club



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Commodore's Message

New Year may have passed but it is time for every Yacht Club member to make a resolution. I am asking all of you to resolve to check over all the systems on your boat(s). Now is the time to do this, not the day before you head off to Clubfoot for the Shakedown Cruise. Think, mast head to keel, bow to stern and all points in between. Check electrical systems, batteries, navigation lights, head, shower and water systems, engines, sails, lines, cleats, bilge pumps, dinghies, spare lines, life jackets and required safety equipment. Be sure to get the free inspection of your boat to obtain your 2010 US Coast Guard sticker (see article in this issue). Put a few granola bars and some bottled water on your vessel. The list is long but the effort is worth it and in the worst case scenario, could just save a life.

Remember that you are responsible for any oil or fuel spill you might accidentally cause. Please record the following numbers somewhere on your vessel so that should an incident occur you can get in touch with the correct local authority as quickly as possible: Neuse River Rapid Response Team, 252-514-4748 or 24/7 hotline, 1-888-764-7661. As responsible boaters, we want to keep the waters we use clean and healthy for boating, fishing and all recreational uses.

Many thanks to Doug Everett and his committee for producing the beautiful 2010 Yearbook. Check out the upcoming events for March and sign up to participate. Notice we have the first Full Moon raft up. The naming of the full moon months dates back to the Native Americans who kept track of the months by naming them. The European settlers followed that custom creating some of their own names. I found nine names for the March moon. Research more on this topic at farmersalmanac.com

By now, you will have received the "English Garden" invitation to the Commodores'

Ball. I am looking forward to the evening and I hope all of you will be there with me to share this special event honoring the present and past commodores.

Fair winds and calm seas, especially for the Ensign and dinghy racers as they start their racing season in March!

*Olwen Jarvis,
Commodore*

FHYC General Meeting February 11, 2010

Commodore Olwen Jarvis called the meeting to order at 1930 hours and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests, Jean and Andre Herscovic, Vinny Michaud and Nina Alvestad were introduced by Reiner Zeppenfeld and Ed and Mary Dzioba were introduced by Gail and Herman Schiller. Christina Riley and Jimmy Sellers were the guests of Kathie and Doug King.

Commodore Jarvis installed Ellen Pettigrew as Secretary and John Jackson as Fleet Captain for the 2010 Yacht Club year. Past Commodore, Charlie Ward, introduced Doug King who gave a presentation of his Great Loop Cruise, Part 1. The trip took us from New Bern to the mouths of the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers. Part 2 of this inter-

esting trip will be given at the March 11 meeting of the Yacht Club.

A motion to dispense with the reading of the January minutes and Treasurer's report was seconded and passed unanimously.

Balance as of January 31, 2010

BB&T	\$15,121.81
Vanguard	5,248.01
Petty Cash	<u>50.00</u>
Total	\$20,419.82

Current Members: 190 paid members, 13 life members, 1 complimentary member = 204

Fleet Captain John Jackson announced the upcoming March 28 Dinghy Races and encouraged participation in this event. He encouraged more boats to take part in the annual Clubfoot Creek social on April 16. This event will tie in with a local waters cruise which will return to the harbour on April 19. Upcoming April events include the Wilkerson Race and the Commissioning Day celebration.

Rear Commodore Jim Florence asked for committee reports. Delle Curry announced the Education Committee's programs beginning on February 19 with Jim Fleckenstein's Chesapeake Bay seminar. On March 12, Sam Curry and Paul Martin will present a program on local waters. Sign up

What's Happening

Mar	Tu	09	Board Meeting (fc)	1300
	Th	11	Club Meeting (cc)	1930
	Fr	12	Local Waters Navigation Seminar(cc)	0900
	Th	18	Commodore's Ball: The Flame	1730
	We	24	Ensign Racing	
	Su	28	Dinghy Racing	

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

Deadline for next issue is Monday, noon, March 15

Delivery is Saturday, March 27

sheets were passed. Delle encouraged more women in the Yacht Club to participate in these programs and promised a program just for women in the future. Ruth Levin announced a six hour course in navigation, and encouraged all members that haven't taken this course to participate. She is also planning a course in nautical knots.

Rear Commodore Florence reported for Joe Gormley, Maintenance Chair, that marker 15 has been replaced and thanked Wayne Massetti and Mike O'Connell for their help. He also reported that the AED chip is being replaced and expects the AED unit to be back in use within the next month. Marine Assistance had no report. Racing: Walt Meyer called for volunteers to assist with this year's Ensign racing program. March 24 begins the spring season, with chase boats, committee boats and committee helpers needed. Contact Walt if you can help. He also reported eight boats are committed to the entire length of the southern cruise, ending in Florida. Thirteen boats in all will join in at various points of the cruise.

Vice Commodore, Karl Mielenhausen, called on Kathy Travis, Hospitality Chair who thanked Brian and Barbarajean O'Flanagan and Jim and Mary Florence for being in charge of Hospitality this month.

Kathy Travis thanked Cheryl Stevenson for washing the Yacht Club signal flags that are hung at each Yacht Club meeting.

Commodore Jarvis called on Elaine Mielenhausen for the Entertainment Committee who reminded everyone that the Commodore's Ball, on March 18 is fast approaching. She is expecting a great crowd and a gala event honoring our commodore. Commodore Jarvis announced that the Yearbook will be delivered with the next edition of the Semaphore. Janet Lee reported that all communications directed to the Semaphore will now be via email, or hard copy. The drop box at the POA building is no longer in service. Commodore Jarvis referred to new standards for sponsorship of new members. These are outlined in the membership packets as part of the application process. Commodore Jarvis relayed a Thank You from the Warner King family for the Yacht Club's presence at his funeral service .

Old Business: None presented

New Business: Alice Frank reminded members of the Yacht Club's monthly dinner at Hurricane Restaurant on Wednesday, February 17.

The meeting was adjourned at 2040 hours.

*Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Pettigrew*



Get a Vessel Safety Check

A Vessel Safety Check is a courtesy examination of your boat to verify the presence and condition of certain safety equipment required by state and federal regulations. The checks are also meant to show to the boat owner obvious shortcomings that have the potential to become emergencies. You will be supplied with a copy of the evaluation so that you might follow-up on the suggestions offered. Vessels that pass the check will have the distinctive VSC decal affixed. To make an appointment for a VSC, contact one of the following: Lloyd Moore, 637-5547, George Maravelas, 638-6238, Bill Neilson, 637-0456, Jim Phillips, 635-1661, Dick Hallberg, 637-1250, Fred Wagner, 637-4503, Ed Jacunski, 636-3525, or Jack Betz, 636-0996.

Remembering James Hauser

Past Yacht Club member James Hauser passed away January 30, 2010. Jim was a seasoned sailor and power boater, who brought his nautical experiences off New Jersey's shores to the waters of eastern North Carolina. Jim and Marilyn's last boat was Truant, a 27 foot power boat which allowed them many happy hours on the water.

We will remember Jim and his good friend Bob Noble as the memorial wreath is laid off the Shoreline dock from Bob's boat, Salty Dog, a fitting description for two great friends.

Jim will be remembered as a loyal member of the club, and his willingness to come to the assistance of anyone in need.

Condolences are extended to Marilyn and their family.

Peter Conzelman

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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 .

fhycesemaphore@yahoo.com

How observant are we?

At the General Meeting, the signal flags were hung on the wall behind where the bridge members sit. Many people commented to me how different they looked. The flags had been washed and ironed thanks to Cheryl Stevenson. However, did anyone realize the flags were hung so that there was a message waiting to be read?

If you happened to be really observant and figured out that message, please email Cheryl at cherdave@gmail.com. At the March meeting there will be a token award for the first correct answer received. Have fun!

Olwen Jarvis, Commodore.

Please Note:

There will no longer be a drop box for *Semaphore* articles in the POA office. Send articles and pictures via email to: fhycesemaphore@yahoo.com. Pictures should be sent at no less than 1000 x 800 resolutions.

Editors

2010 Clubfoot Shakedown and Local Waters Cruise

The first event of the 2010 FHYC boating season will be the annual Clubfoot Shakedown and (this year we're adding an additional) Local Waters Cruise. The Shakedown part is being held Thursday and Friday, April 15 and 16 with a destination of Matthews Point Marina. The event will be co-hosted by John Jackson and Don Knight. The Local Waters Cruise portion will be Friday through Sunday, April 16-18. A Captains' Meeting will be held Tuesday, April 13 at 1000 at the Community Center

As in the past, this event will be for both power and sail boats or, if you choose, you can come by car. It's a time to shakedown your boat to see what needs work for the season. There are a limited number of slips available and they will be assigned by the committee. Please do not call Matthews Point for reservations. There will be a splash at the clubhouse at Matthews Point at 1630 with a catered dinner to follow at 1800. Remember to bring your beverage of choice and if your last name begins with A-L, please bring a light appetizer.

Plan to attend as this is always a fun event to start the boating season. If you have any questions, call John, 637-9781 or Don, 514-0614. A flyer will be in the April *Semaphore*.

John & Don



Past Commodores at the annual dinner in January.

Top row: Don Knight, Tom Lelli, Walt Chaiko, Dale Baker, Neil Ober, Ken Dunn, Bernie Teubert, Paul Martin.

Bottom row: Charlie Ward, Bob Mitchell, Pete Conzelman, Sam Curry.



Ellen Pettigrew and John Jackson being sworn in as Secretary and Fleet Captain.



Mark your calendar

The annual Commissioning Day and Luncheon is fast approaching. Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 24. A luncheon following the ceremonies will be at Hurricane. See flyer enclosed as well as on line. Come join your Yacht Club members for a day of ceremony to celebrate the beginning of another boating year.

FYI

According to the BoatUS Graphics Department, here is the top 10 list of most popular boat names for 2009:

1. Second Wind
2. Seas the Day
3. Lazy Daze
4. Jolly Roger
5. Bail Out
6. On the Rocks
7. Pegasus
8. Serenity Now
9. Namaste
10. Comfortably Numb

Three Important Dates

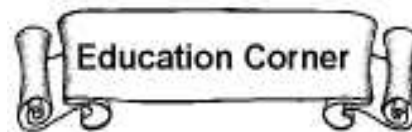
Thursday and Friday April 15 and 16 is the Clubfoot Shakedown Cruise. This is the time to make sure everything on your boat still works, or that the new equipment works as expected. In the past few years we have seen more and more land yachts and fewer real yachts going to Clubfoot. Let's reverse that trend.

Friday April 23 is the Wilkerson Cup Regatta. This is strictly Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club Boats and takes place in memory of Bill Wilkerson. Come out and see how your boat and crew measure up.

Saturday April 24 is Commissioning Day, which includes the boat parade and Blessing of the Fleet. We have over 150 boats registered in the club directory. Let's see if we can get 100 on the water for the Blessing of the Fleet.

There will be more information and signup sheets in the next *Semaphore*. For now, mark your calendar.

John Y. Jackson



On Friday, March 12, from 0900 - 1200 at the Community Center, Paul Martin and Sam Curry will present the Local Waters Navigation Seminar. This is a great place to review the many opportunities and places to go cruising within our wonderful NC waters. We will be reviewing the locations and features of many marinas, anchorages, and haul out facilities in the Neuse/Pamlico basins as well as the ICW to Morehead/Beaufort, Cape Lookout and the Pamlico Sound to Okracoke. If you are new to the area, this is the place to find out where to go and where not to go. For old salts, come and get a refresher on the new additions in the area and contribute to the discussion. This annual program draws a good crowd, space is limited, so be sure to sign up by calling or emailing Sam Curry, 634-1863 or Paul Martin, 636-3802 to reserve a seat. If you signed up at the February meeting, you need not call again. Bring your charts so you can make notes and follow this multimedia presentation.



What's behind the name?



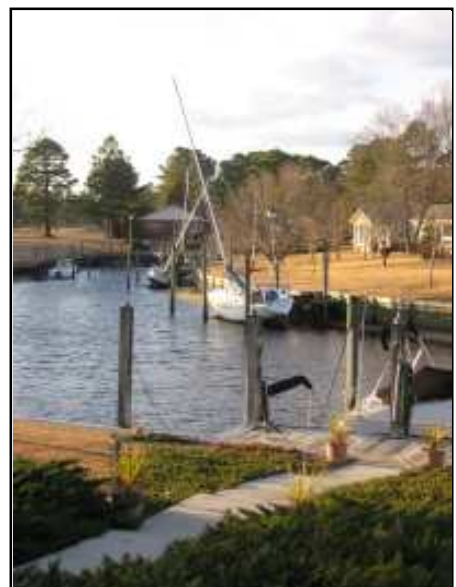
Nautical Nomenclature

Let Fly: Aboard ship, the order to “let fly” meant to let go quickly the sheets which held the sails whereupon they would shake uncontrollably. The order was given to stop a ship smartly. In the navy, a junior ship was required to “let fly her sheets” in salute to the flagship. Let fly has since come to mean to lose one’s temper or remonstrate angrily. Source: Salty Dog Talk, Beavis and McCloskey, 1983.

February's Fury



Who is this returning from a sail on a snowy day?



Bizzy and Freja on dry land, and where's Blackbird?



“Bait the hook well, this fish will bite”

We thought having Shakespeare name our boat was a good idea. Larry is a college English professor, so a literary name seemed in order. Of course, when Shakespeare wrote this line, he wasn't really talking about fishing, he was addressing the issue of gullibility, but that works too when you're explaining how big your fish was.

Shakespeare's writing is full of references to fishing. In *Antony and Cleopatra*, the Bard described the skillful use of *The Hook*:

Tawny-finn'd fishes; my bended hook shall pierce

Their slimy jaws; and, as I draw them up, I'll think them every one an Antony, And say 'Ah, ha! you're caught.'

And where did Shakespeare write the line, “Bait the hook well, this fish will bite?” The aptly named play was *Much Ado About Nothing*.

Larry and Betty Knapp

Yacht Club Library

Planning a cruise? Need to repair your boat? Looking for a recipe? Check out the FHYC library located just inside the front door of the FHPOA Activity Building. The stacks include a great deal of boating information as well as a glimpse into the history of the club. The old *Semaphore* issues are particularly interesting reading. If you have materials to donate (books, videos, etc) just drop them off or contact our librarian, Mark West.

Mary Ann and Neil Ober moved to Fairfield Harbour in 2001. That fall they began a search for a boat to enjoy eastern North Carolina waters. They wanted a boat that could go as far as 100 miles and that they could live aboard for up to a week. Because Mary Ann did not take well to sailing, choices were limited to a power boat. In January 2002 they bought a Sea Ray 270 Sundancer and named it *MANEO*, the initials for Mary Ann and Neil E. Ober. It reminds them of one of their favorite spots on the Outer Banks.



Where our Burgee Flies



Renate and Reiner Zeppenfeld flying the burgee in the kingdom of Tonga, an island in the south west pacific east of Fiji.