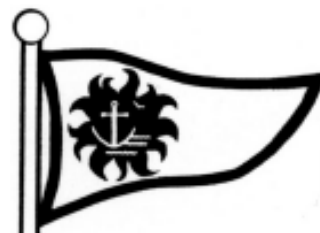


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Commodore's Message

BE PREPARED!

At the height of Hurricane Isabel on September 17, 2003, our neighbor, Chuck Hamilton, waded thigh deep through flowing water between our houses. The phone service was long gone! He rattled on our front door. A 36 foot Catalina was drifting down Northwest Creek towards our docks. The docks were under water. There was little we could do except watch. By some miracle the boat caught on the bow anchor rode from our boat and rode out the storm there. Subsequently, we found out the boat had been held by a huge piece of concrete as a mooring buoy out in the creek. The anchor rode was too short and the storm surge picked up the concrete, boat and all and set it adrift.

I have asked numerous members if they have a hurricane plan for their boat(s) and I have been somewhat surprised by the many negative answers such as, "No, not yet", "It's too soon", "I'll do it later." This *Semaphore* includes the most important flyer you will find in any issue. Take it out and put it on your fridge and check off the items as you do them. Yes, it is similar to the article I wrote for the *Beacon* several years ago.....but hopefully this format will really get your attention. ACT NOW AND BE PREPARED!

Enjoy the photos of Grandkids' Week. Nineteen young people participated. Thanks to parents and grandparents who helped. Also thanks to Barbara Lubsen and Buddy Dillinger who helped because they are talented and willing to give great experiences to our children even though they didn't have grandkids here.

The Moonlight raft up venue changed due to excessive heat. Members gathered at the Jarvis' air conditioned home. After a time of socializing, everyone went into the back-

yard to observe the beautiful full moon through a telescope.

The Thursday evening membership meeting started with a Swap Meet. It was fun as "my junk became your treasures". The pleasure was added to by the passing out of popsicles leftover from grandkids' week, which only goes to show we are still kids at heart!

The Day Cruise to Glenburnie Park was most enjoyable. Twenty-six members attended with eight boats at the dock and three land yachts. Thanks to the Dunns and Pettigrews for organizing this event.

Fair winds and safe sailing for everyone, and remember, PREPARE NOW!

*Olwen Jarvis,
Commodore*

FHYC General Meeting July 8, 2010

Commodore Olwen Jarvis called the meeting to order at 1930 and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Beverly Myrseth introduced guests Jon and Marcia Petersen, Barbara Schumhofer and Jerry Allen, and Maggie and Al Leska; MaryAnn Ober introduced Scott Gilmore; Bill Jarvis introduced Marc and

Cheryl Dupre (second visit) and Sam Curry introduced Bill and Ellen Beary (second visit.) Don Knight introduced his granddaughter, Tyanna, and George Stateham introduced his granddaughter, Georgia. Commodore Jarvis announced that the Bring and Buy will continue following the business meeting. A motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting was made and approved. The Treasurer's report was approved by the Board; copy available at the sign-in table. Rose Litke, Treasurer, explained the recent transfer of funds to an Edward Jones money market account from the old Vanguard Fund. Operating within the changes to the Policies and Guidelines, June 8, 2010, Rose chose a local office and an account with a more than proven record. This account has yielded more interest than the Yacht Club made for the entire year in the old fund.

Balance as of 6/30/2010:	
BB&T	\$10,984.14
Money Market	\$ 6,297.23
Petty Cash	<u> \$ 50.00</u>
Total	\$17,331.37

Members: 191 Paid members, 13 life members, 1 complimentary, Total: 205 members.

What's Happening

Aug Tu	10 Board Meeting (fc)	1300
Th	12 Yacht Club General Meeting (cc)	1930
Fr	13 Real World Advice/Beginning Cruisers	0900
Sa	14 Day Cruise #3	
Su	22 Full Moon Raft Up	1800
We	25 Land Yacht to Beach	
Sep Fr	03 Oar Race Dinner	1900
Sa	04 Oar Race Regatta	
Su	05 Michelob Regatta	

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

Deadline for next issue is Monday, noon, August 16.

Delivery is Saturday, August 28.

Fleet Captain John Jackson called on Ken Dunn to report on Day Cruise #2 to Glenburnie Park on July 9. There are 28 people and 6 boats signed up. Lunch will be provided by Jersey Mike's. Neil Ober reported that the next Full Moon raft up will be July 24 in the Inner Harbour at 1800. John mentioned that the Too Hot to Cruise cruise may not take place due to the fact that only one boat has signed up. So far, no one has come forward to lead the Land Cruise to the Beach and that may be canceled. John congratulated all who volunteered for Grandkids' Week. It was a great success with 19 children (ages 3 to 17) participating. .

In the absence of **Rear Commodore Jim Florence**, John continued reporting on Maintenance. During the past month, Jerry Rezab, Chair, in the absence of Joe Gormley, reported the retrieval of a no wake buoy that had broken loose. It is currently being repaired and will be returned to its area this month. Jerry and Bryan O'Flanagan also retrieved a five-foot log from Spring Creek where it had been floating. John reported that the organized raftup in New Bern will take place September 16. There are ten slips reserved at the Galley Store Marina for members who are interested.

The Michelob/Oar Cup Race information will be available on a flyer in the next *Semaphore*. Delle Curry announced the next Education Seminar will be Friday, August 13 at the Community Center. It will be led by George Stateham who will discuss cruising. Many aspects on this topic will be presented by members who have done extensive cruising in the past. Kathie King has passed along information that many who have been certified in CPR will have their certification expire in October. Efforts are underway to have another class to recertify members who are interested.

Vice Commodore Karl Mielenhausen asked for a report from Storekeeper Sue Meher, who displayed the new travel mugs, available now for \$6. She also reported an arrangement with the New Bern Sport Shop which will reduce the cost of logo merchandise ordered through the Yacht Club. Kathy Travis, Hospitality Chair, introduced this meeting's hosts, Kate and Ted Clark and George and Lynn Stateham.

Commodore Olwen Jarvis reported on Grandkids' Week, mentioning that the children all had a great time, and she thanked the members who participated. She also urged members to update information on the website when needed.

Old Business: Glenn Terrill thanked all members who participated in the Fourth of July celebrations in New Bern. There were 90 plus members and guests at the Bridgeton Harbor Marina with 24 boats there for the weekend. More members were at the Hilton and Galley Store Marina, as well as anchored-out for the evening of fireworks.

New Business: Bob Hart reported that the Shrimparoo is in question due to the lack of shrimp available. He will keep members notified of price projections for this event. Richard Tobacco asked for volunteers for the MS Bike-a-Thon. Members will work a Lunch/Water stop in Ernul as well as in Grantsboro on September 11 and 12. Shifts will be between 4 and 6 hours. Please contact Richard if you can help with this event. Commodore Jarvis mentioned that the Yacht Club would not be going to the Hurricane Restaurant until further notice. Dinner ideas (for other locations) are being discussed .

Bernie Levin suggested that anytime dinghies are tied up at a dock, long leads on tieups be used. This will permit easier docking for more dinghies.

There being no further business. the meeting was adjourned at 2005.

Respectfully submitted

*Ellen Pettigrew,
Secretary*

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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 .

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Bob Saveland and Clementi Holder at the monthly Yacht Club Hurricane dinner surrounded by many of the members who remembered them.

GRANDKIDS' WEEK



In the swimmin' hole!



On the Beach!



Waiting a turn



Kayaking

Fourth of July at Bridgeton

Bridgeton Fourth of July cruise was a huge success. The weather couldn't have been better, and the participation was excellent. Twenty four FHYC boats took part with a good mix of both power and sail.

Saturday night began with a welcoming splash (any excuse), followed by a pot luck dinner on the dock. About forty-one attended, and there wasn't a single duplication of dishes. Commodore Olwen welcomed everyone with a special welcome to the newer members.

The splash on Sunday evening was followed by a cookout provided by Mike, the Bridgeton Butcher. Dockmaster Tom provided all the ice cream you could eat.

The Air Show, the rescue demonstration, and the Navy Jet fly by, in addition to the spectacular fireworks display, made for a fabulous fourth of July celebration.

Special thanks to Bill Davidson and Donna Getkin for organizing the yard games and assisting with the tent and other details, and to Janet Plantin for taking photographs.

Glenn & Ruth Terrill



Commodore Jarvis with the Admirals, Cheryl Stevenson, Janet Lee, Beverly Myrseth, Cecily Gil, Kathy Petritsch, Louise Knight and Elaine Mielenhausen.



Group enjoying the air show from the stern of the Leeward: Ken Dunn, Doug and Judy Everett, Jan Dunn, Janet Lee and Charlie Ward.

Cape Lookout Cruise

A total of eight FHYC boats enjoyed several beautiful days at Cape Lookout in June. The weather was hot and humid, but happily there was usually a breeze to keep us reasonably comfortable. The trip was rain-free, except for a thunderstorm that drenched four boats as they were leaving Beaufort inlet on the way out. This led to some tense moments of low visibility. Fortunately, excellent seamanship prevailed and everyone made it to the bight safely. The value of going through the inlet at or near the time of slack current was again reinforced on this trip.

While anchored in the bight, we enjoyed beachcombing, shelling, and touring the lighthouse grounds. The lighthouse itself will be reopening in August after extensive renovations (reservations are strongly suggested.) As expected, we observed loggerhead turtles, bottlenose dolphins, and all sorts of seabirds. The Thursday evening bonfire and s'mores were

Karl Mielenhausen

Ocracoke Cruise

The first stop for the six boats on this cruise was a peaceful overnight anchorage at South River. An impromptu splash was held on *Nati* to watch the sunset. The continuing sail to Ocracoke included a beam reach with 15 to 18 knots.

Dinner at the Back Porch Café, as always, was excellent, as was the pot luck dinner the following night. The group toured the village on Portsmouth Island and despite the bugs and muggy weather a good time was had by all.

Many thanks to our fearless leaders Reiner and Renate Zeppenfeld.

Linda Eckenroth

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

from Northwest Creek Marina:

Please be aware that the Fuel Dock hours seven days a week are as follows: 0800 until 1600-translated, 8 AM until 4 PM.

Thank you,

Bud Ellis, Dock Master

Education Corner

On Friday, August 13, the FHYC Education Committee will offer a seminar for new cruisers from 0900 to 1200 at the Community Center.

If you are considering long term and/or long distance cruising or wondering if you should even think about it, this seminar is for you. Do you enjoy cruising and just like the occasional refresher? This is it.

From Dream to Reality, Real World Advice for Beginning Cruisers is presented by George and Lynn Stateham, experienced cruisers who recently returned from their sixth voyage to the Bahamas aboard their sailing catamaran *Sunspot Baby*. They called their first cruise the freshman year. Now, with thousands of miles under the keel, they may be graduate students but emphasize they, like all cruisers, are still learning.

A few of the topics covered include:

- * Getting along in 38-feet
- * Provisioning
- * Managing the ICW
- * Spares, tools, and repairs
- * Planning and practicing
- * Watch systems that work for two people
- * Safety aboard
- * Weather forecast resources
- * Cruising with pets
- * Offshore versus inside legs
- * Staying in touch, and many more.

Attendees will receive a complimentary CD (one per boat please) with a wealth of useful information. In order to produce enough copies, contact the Statehams, 672-9171 or george@stateham.com to make a reservation.

A Visit to the store



Storekeepers Nancy Hamilton and Sue Meher display their new mugs.



Smiling faces at the Yacht Club's Cheeseburger in Paradise in Margaritaville event.



Where the Burgee Flies



Jim and Ellen Pettigrew, Jan and Ken Dunn on the Seine River in France aboard Avalon M/V Creativity.



The Schillers and Siegendorfs visiting Trinidad and the ABC Islands aboard the MS Explorer.



Ruth and Bob Mitchell, Chuck and Carol Hamilton, Bev and Bob Costa on Enchantment of the Sea cruising to Bermuda.

Where the Burgee didn't fly!



Early Tuesday morning four couples left Fairfield on a trip to Ocracoke, using the ferry system to link up with the cruisers from the Yacht Club. The Knights, Litkes, Lubsens and Wests ventured out in the blazing heat. On the way we called the cruisers to find out when and where the splash was so we could join them. They informed us they had all left Ocracoke and were headed home. What a disappointment. Since we were on the ferry at the time and we couldn't turn around, we continued to our destination.

We arrived in 90+ degree temps (plus the humidity) and checked into the Pony Island Motel. After a little sightseeing, we decided that splashing in the pool at the motel was a great idea. When splash time came, the decision was made to hold the party in one of our rooms rather than outside. Great splash. Someone asked if there was a burgee available, but nobody had one and therefore no burgee picture.

The next day was beach, shopping, and boarding the ferry home. It was a great two days, and the company was delightful. Next time we hope the cruisers will stay longer so we can socialize with them.

Don, Louise, Rose, Henry, Tim, Barbara, Barbara, and Mark