

From the Quarterdeck

The sailing season is drawing to a close. Everybody is looking forward to the final racing events, the Indian Summer Regatta on October 12-13 and the Annual Awards Banquet on Friday October 25 (registration forms are included elsewhere in the log and on the web site). Some people are even looking forward to the fresh new leadership to be elected this month.



Rusty Burshell is shown receiving the Halsey award from Brent Halsey, III, Ali Halsey, Philip Halsey, and Christian Halsey, the children of Brent Halsey, Jr., and Commodore Scott.

Stingray Point Regatta We had a tremendous turnout of 31 PHRF-Spin boats, 6 J-24s, 6 MORC boats, and 7 non-spin boats over Labor Day weekend. Thanks to good winds and excellent event management we easily overcame the inclement weather to have 5 good races and 3 excellent parties in the Brent Halsey Jr. tradition.

Congratulations to Rusty Burshell on *Cool Change*, winner of the Halsey trophy.

Halsey Herreshoff This year our Winter Program will start early - on Friday October 18. Halsey Herreshoff will present a lecture and slide show at

by Strother Scott, Commodore

the SunTrust Auditorium, 4th Floor, 919 East Main Street, Richmond, VA. The event will be co-sponsored by SunTrust; they will treat us to cocktails before and after the presentation. There will be no specific entry fee, other than a requested voluntary tax-free donation to benefit the Museum. Please RSVP to 804-787-8015 before October 14 if possible.

Halsey Herreshoff has been crew on 4 different 12 meters in the America's Cup and is currently director of the Herreshoff Marine Museum and the America's Cup Hall of Fame. The museum is located in Bristol, RI, at the former home of the Herreshoff Manufacturing Company. From 1863 to 1945 they made all sorts of boats, including the world's finest yachts, the first United States Navy torpedo boats, and a record eight consecutive successful defenders of the America's Cup.

In 1976 he purchased RUGOSA, winner of the 1928 Bermuda Race, and began a long restoration. In 2001 he sailed her to Cowes to race in the 150th America's Cup Jubilee, where RUGOSA won first place in the Vintage Yacht Class. His slide presentation will cover the Herreshoff story, the transatlantic trip, and the America's



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Cup Jubilee. If we are lucky we may be able to spot FBYC members who also participated in the Jubilee (Allan Heyward, Case Whittemore or Eugene Sydnor) in the background of some pictures!

420's After working hard to develop our Junior racing program we are still seeing a smallish turnout for our racing events. We have identified an issue that some kids really want to be with another person in a boat. To respond, the Club will shortly add a **fleet of 420's** to our Junior Division and we will modify next year's program to take advantage of the investment we are making. We will likely expand our Junior Racing Classes (Optis, 420's, Bytes, Lasers) to a summer-long program of training and racing. We will likely offer supervised training and racing on summer weekends to those who have signed up and paid for the Racing Classes and the usage of the new 420's. Next year should see 12 kids sailing 6 420's plus others in Optis and a coach or 2 in the inflatable at FBYC many summer weekends!

Survey Enclosed in the Log is a Survey to provide feedback to the Club about Club communication with the membership. Recent changes include the new Year Book and Sailing Events Book, the devel- (cont'd page 3)

**FBYC BOARD MEETING
HIGHLIGHTS
September 10, 2002**

Commodore Strother Scott called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

**REAR COMMODORE -
DAVID HAZLEHURST**

Strother Scott has appointed a Special Membership Committee to meet and report to the Flag Officers any changes recommended in response to the apparent increase in demand for membership in FBYC brought on by changing times and the new building.

DOCKS – Gordon Nelson has obtained an estimate to replace the stringers and decking on the east pier.

SOCIAL – Mike Calkins felt that holding the Board meeting at the new clubhouse in August and following it with a new member reception was so successful that we should consider making it an annual occurrence.

MEMBER AT LARGE – Mike Karn has been appointed to Chair the Nominating Committee. Committee members are Waddy Garrett, Wayland Rennie, Strother Scott and Jere Dennison. Recommendations will be accepted, and Mike requests that current Board members notify him if they are willing to serve again next year and in what capacity.

PUBLICITY – Scott Collins is working on master mailing lists to be used next year for

offshore and one-design events.

FINANCE – The first Finance Committee meeting will be held on Sept. 18. Members of the Finance Committee are Strother Scott, Chair, Dick Cole, David Hazlehurst, Mason Chapman, Waddy Garrett, Mike Karn and Lud Kimbrough.

LONG-RANGE PLANNING – Waddy Garrett and Judy Buis have donated two plaques which have been placed by the fireplace in the new clubhouse. One plaque lists current Board of Trustees, the other plaque has Past Commodores.

VICE COMMODORE – DICK COLE

OFFSHORE DIVISION – Mark Wensell reported that the results of the Stingray Point Regatta have now been posted to the web site.

ONE-DESIGN DIVISION – Jay Buhl advised that participation in the 63rd Annual Regatta was up over 100% from the year before. David Hazlehurst stated that the Laser Masters Regatta held September 7-8 drew 39 participants. James Jacobs of SSA was the big winner.

CRUISING DIVISION – The next cruising event is the 3-day Weekend Cruise to Crisfield on Sept. 20–22. Sam & Nancy Stoakley will chair this cruise.

JUNIOR DIVISION – Jan reported low attendance at the Labor Day Regatta due to poor weather conditions. Her winter project is to get the Junior shed organized. Strother Scott advised the Board that the club has the opportunity to purchase six 420's (built 1998) for use in the Junior program. After much discussion, Strother Scott moved that the Board give the Flag Officers the authority to purchase a fleet of six 420's; second by Mike Karn; motion passed.

TROPHIES – Stuart Burnett needs nominations for some of the perpetual trophies. Last year's perpetual trophy winners will be asked to return the trophies so that he can have them engraved for this year's winners.

NEW BUSINESS – David Hazlehurst will have Jay Buhl contact the one-design fleet captains and have them determine approximately how many boats from each fleet will participate in the Indian Summer Regatta.

David also reported that new technology on the water tank shows the exact water level in the tank.

Annual Reports should be prepared and posted to the web site no later than October 15.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Membership

Final Approval

Mr. William H. Angus, Jr.; Mr. & Mrs. Walter S. Boone, Jr.; Mr. & Mrs. David B. Clark.

Mr. Albert Thompson (Tom) Bayliss, 1114 Dover Road, Manakin-Sabot, VA, 23103, moved up from the family membership of J. Temple Bayliss to active membership. Tom is currently in law school at UVA and expects to graduate in May 2003. He was a college sailor for four years, serving as Fleet Captain, Vice Commodore, and Commodore of the Yale Corinthian Yacht Club in Branford, CT. The YCYC was established in 1881 and is the oldest collegiate sailing club in the world. Tom was a competitive Vanguard 420 and 470 racer and taught sailing at Camp Pasquaney in New Hampshire. He also worked on 19th century boats at Mystic Seaport (dinghies and square riggers). Tom's family owns a Seawind 32 ketch, *Plainsong*.

Circulation

Mr. & Mrs. Alfred E. Ailsworth, Jr., P.O. Box 707 (191 Lovers Lane), Delta-ville, VA, 23043. Al and Pam have been sailing the Chesapeake Bay for 30 years. Al is a former sailing instructor of Ware River Yacht Club. Their son, Justin (age 22), is currently the head instructor at Ware River Junior Sailing and is Captain of the sailing team at Christopher Newport University. Al and Pam own a Bristol 32 with FBYC member, Mike Ailsworth. Sponsors: H. A. "Mike" Ailsworth, Thomas J. Bliley, Jr., M. Willard Strickland, Jr.

Mr. & Mrs. Walter J. Bryde, Jr., 106 Aberdeen, Williamsburg, VA, 23188. Walt and Nancy have extensive cruising experience in western U.S., Germany, Annapolis, Hampton and the southern Chesapeake Bay. They have transitioned from a larger boat to a Flying Scot and one-design racing. Walt and Nancy, in their Flying Scot, have enthusiastically participated in many of the club's events this summer. Sponsors: John C. Beery, Sherard D. Cole, Jr.

Mr. & Mrs. David S. Hinckle, 11301 Deephaven Court, Richmond, VA, 23233. David and Veronica have been sailing and racing on the Rappahannock River for the past 12 years. David is currently Commodore of the Rappahannock Sailing Association and is a former Race Fleet Captain of the Urbanna Creek Yacht Club. The (continued page 3)

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Hinckles have two daughters, Amanda (age 9) and Emily (age 6), who are interested in the club's Junior program. David and Veronica own a C&C 35, a Hampton One Design, and a Trojan Runabout. They look forward to participating in the club's racing program. Sponsors: John B. Wake, Jr., J. Bradley Davis.

Mr. J. Christopher Lemons, 213 Commonwealth Avenue, Richmond, VA, 23221. Chris has been crewing in FBYC races for several years. He has raced with Jason Angus, Clark Dennison, Whitey Lipscomb and Norwood Davis, Jr. Chris' interest in competitive sailing has grown and he would like to join FBYC so that he can participate as an active member. Sponsors: A. Clark Dennison, Joseph L. Dennison, Jr.

Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan T. Moody, 210 Wexleigh Drive, Richmond, VA, 23229. Jon was a frequent guest on John Woodward's Pearson 35 at FBYC and has always wanted to have his own sailboat. Jon and Brynn recently purchased Eric Powers' Allied Seabreeze, *North Star*. The Moodys have two sons, Turner (age 6) and Sam (age 3), and hope to have them participate in the club's Junior program when they are older. Jon and Brynn are interested in cruising and possibly racing. Sponsors: Terrence M. Quinn, Michael G. Calkins.

Mr. & Mrs. George J. Schutte, Jr., 12321 Northlake Court, Richmond, VA, 23233. George and Melissa have very little sailing experience; however, George has spent time in Deltaville every year since he was a young child. George, Melissa, and their children, Stephanie (age 21) and Joe (age 15), have rented a house on Fishing Bay the past 12 summers. The Schuttes own a Grady White powerboat, a ski boat and are part owners of a Laser, which they are learning to sail. Sponsors: Neil R. (Randy) Alley, Paul W. Howle, III.

Secretary Elizabeth Staas will be holding the October membership meeting on Monday, October 7th, at 6:30 p.m. at her home at 4300 Fitzhugh Avenue in Richmond. Anyone needing applications or further information to share with prospective members can contact Elizabeth at (804) 278-9848 or estaas@attbi.com or Mary Spencer at (804) 740-7913 or by email at maryspencer@attbi.com

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opment of the new Web Site and the member database, the inclusion of more photos in the *Log*, and the initiation of group e-mail capability. The Club is vitally interested in making sure our methods of communications suit your needs and lifestyle. It is budget time and we might want to re-allocate some of the 5% of the Club budget that we spend on the Log, the web site, and the Books.

Mary will send the Survey to each member by e-mail, and it can also be found at www.fbyc.net. Please fill it out and send it in, and if possible, get an additional copy for each member in your household so they can each tell us their opinion and preferences about our communications.

As an inducement to respond to the Survey, we will have a drawing at the CCV dinner, and award a prize to the Survey selected at random - a "Free Junior Week 2003 admission" or a "Free pass - 2003 social event fees".

Database We can also announce that the new Member database is now both functional and up-to-date. Mary Spencer keeps the records on her computer. Some of the data is available on-line at the Member's Only web pages. If you checked "Do not publish", the data does not appear on-line. No records are visible without a password. You need to get a user name and password from me, or you can use **halsey** and **davis** as described on the Need Password page.

It is still not too late to contribute to our new building fund. We have now collected \$400,000 and have an additional \$60,000 outstanding. Please send your check payable to **FBYC Building Fund to Bev Crump, P. O. Box 1463, Richmond, VA 23218** or you can call him at 783-6804.

R. Strother Scott, Commodore
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The Trophy Committee will receive nominations until October 7th, 2002 for the following perpetual trophies to be awarded at the Annual Meeting on October 25th.

Piankatank Trophy - recognizes the FBYC skipper who most exemplifies the principle that "all is not lost until the boat sinks."

Matthew Fontaine Maury Bowl - recognizes a member of FBYC for an outstanding contribution to sailing at Fishing Bay Yacht Club.

Competition Trophy - recognizes a member of FBYC who is the skipper of an enrolled offshore or one-design boat and who most successfully represented FBYC in sailboat racing events conducted by other yacht clubs or associations during the past year. Nominations should consider the character (local, regional, or national) of events entered and the quality of competition as well as the member's performance.

Allen B. Fine Trophy - recognizes the outstanding crewman of an FBYC-enrolled yacht. Any skipper who is a club member may nominate anyone who has crewed on a FBYC boat (offshore or one-design) during the regular club season.

The Hubard Trophy - awarded to the outstanding woman sailor of FBYC in recognition of dedication, participation, and performance & sportsmanship while sailing.

Sportsmanship Trophy - recognizes the Offshore Division skipper who displays the best sportsmanship during the regular racing season.

Annual Race Committee Trophy - awarded to the club member who has made the greatest contribution to race committee work and race management at FBYC.

Please contact the Trophy Chairmen, with your nominations.

Stuart R. Burnett
Trophy Chairman

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SunTrust and Fishing Bay Yacht Club are pleased to sponsor a slide show and lecture by:



HALSEY HERRESHOFF

Director - Herreshoff Marine Museum
 Director - America's Cup Hall of Fame

FRIDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 18TH

The Herreshoff story
 RUGOSA's transatlantic voyage
 The America's Cup Jubilee

Halsey Herreshoff is a member of the Herreshoff family that led the design and construction of yachts in America in the late 1800's through much of the early 20th Century. The Herreshoff family founded and operated the Herreshoff Manufacturing Company, which was the builder of the first naval torpedo boats and other power and sailing yachts. The Herreshoff's also designed and built eight of the America's Cup boats that defended the Cup from 1893 to 1934, including *Defender*, *Columbia*, *Constitution*, and *Reliance*.

Halsey Herreshoff is also a notable sailor who has competed in some of the most prestigious sailing events. His sailing resume includes being a member of four America's Cup boats (Columbia 1958, Courageous 1974, Freedom 1980, and Liberty 1983).

Rugosa, HMC#983 LOA 50'0" LWL 40'0" built in 1926, was the winner of the 1928 Bermuda race. She was bought in 1977, restored by Halsey Herreshoff, and sailed across the Atlantic in 2001 to participate the 150th America's Cup Jubilee, where she won first place in the Vintage Yacht Class.

We are limited by the size of the auditorium to 215 attendees. **Please RSVP by October 14 to 804-787-8015** or call with questions to 804-780-3271

- Location:** SunTrust Bank Auditorium - 4th Floor
919 East Main Street, Richmond, VA
- Time:** 5:30-6:30 Cocktails and light hors d'oeuvres
6:30-7:30 Program - reception to follow
- Donation:** We request all attendees to make a tax-free donation to the Herreshoff Marine Museum (\$10 minimum per person)



The Auditorium and the cocktails are courtesy of SunTrust Bank. Please feel free to introduce yourself to the SunTrust Private Banking representatives who will join us at this event, to inquire about Private Banking services, and thank them for being our host.

Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet

Friday October 25, 2002



Country Club of Virginia
6031 Saint Andrews Lane
288-2891



Annual Meeting & Cocktails begin at 6:30

Dinner 7:00

Awards 8:00 – 9:00

Coat and Tie

Cash Bar

All reservations & payments must be received by **Friday, October 18, 2002.**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Adult _____ @ \$40 _____

Children's Meal (Children under 12) _____ @ \$15 _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Make checks payable to Fishing Bay Yacht Club.

Mail to Willard Strickland, 218 Ross Road, Richmond, VA 23229.

Notice of Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Fishing Bay Yacht Club will be held on October 25th, 2002 in conjunction with the Annual Awards Party at the Country Club of Virginia.

Even if you plan to attend the meeting, all boat owners who have a boat enrolled in the Club's Yacht

Register should fill out and mail or fax the completed Proxy to:

Fishing Bay Yacht Club
P.O. Box 29186
Richmond, VA 23242

Fax (804) 741-2728

Proxy – FBYC 2002 Annual Meeting

The undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints Beverly L. Crump or William C. Spencer to serve as attorney of the undersigned to vote at the Annual Meeting of the Club on October 25, 2002 as fully as the undersigned would be if personally present.

Name of enrolled yacht _____

Date _____

Owner _____

One Design Racing

John M. Buhl, III

One Design Division Commander

Fall Sailing is great! As of this writing the three fall series races are complete, wind and weather have both corporated. The final opportunity for One Design sailors to race this season will be October 12 and 13, at the Indian Summer Regatta. We are anticipating a strong turnout for a couple of reasons. First, the regatta will be promoted similarly to the our Annual Regatta (93 boats), and second, this regatta will serve as the Laser District 11 Championships. We anticipate approximately 40 Lasers! The Flying Scot Fleet has had a nice showing during the fall series, we encourage the Mobjack and Front Runner Fleet's to inflate their trailer tires and put their boats in the water. JUNIORS.....you are invited and expected to partici-

pate!! Not only will the sailing be great, but dinner and entertainment Saturday evening is always fun.....**Jay Buhl**

Laser News

Major Laser Regattas regularly attract 250-400 entries. The recent Masters Worlds at Hyannis, MA had 280 entries with one entrant, Alain Vincey from Fishing Bay YC. The Chesapeake Bay Masters held September 7-8 at Fishing Bay had 39 entries, a gratifying turnout primarily from four states, Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Virginia. Outside the United States there has been a resurgence in use of the 4.7 as an entry level Laser for juniors leaving Optimis. Their next move is to a Laser radial where they can stay unless they are heavy enough to sail a full rig. The last three Laser Radial Worlds have attracted more than 400 boats, an unheard of number five years ago. The best news is that the move from 4.7 to radial to full rig requires only an ex-

penditure of some \$500 for each stage for a lower mast section and new sail. More importantly if your Laser is well maintained you can almost always sell it for at least what you paid for it. Now to the key question. With all these pluses why do we rarely get no more than 4 Lasers sailing in most FBYC series regattas? On the positive side we did have two Juniors sail Laser full rigs so not all is lost, and we do have 67 enrolled Lasers. It would be great to see more of them out racing.

.....**David Hazlehurst**

Thank you...

To the following who volunteered to be Social Chair for One-Design Spring Series, Summer Seabreeze, Women's Portsmouth and Fall Series Events: Doug Moyer, Wood Thornton, Phil Webb, John Beery, Tom Roberts, Brooks Zerkel, Sharon Bauer, Matt & AL Braun, Jere Dennison, Mike Karn.....**Lori Moyer**, One-Design Div. Lt. Commander

More Scenes from the 2002 Stingray Point Regatta



PHRF A start



Awards being presented by event chair, Mike Karn, with Lori Moyer and Jay Buhl.

INDIAN SUMMER REGATTA

OCTOBER 12 & 13, 2002

EVENT CHAIR

David Hazlehurst H~(804) 353-5657
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Richmond, VA 23220

DESCRIPTION

This regatta will consist of two days of racing with up to five to seven races in each of the classes listed below. There will be three separate race courses:

Optimists

420s, Bytes, JY-15, Laser, Laser Radials

Flying Scots, Front Runners, Mobjack

Optimists will be divided into Red, Blue, White, and Green fleets, as defined by USODA. There will be a separate start for the Green fleet.

PROGRAM

Saturday, October 12, 2002

Registration 0800

Continental breakfast provided

Skippers Meeting 1000

Warning Signal for first race 1100



Trilogy and Paradox

Closing Day Regatta October 19th

This is a unique **staggered start** race, so all racers and cruisers come have fun at this last event!! Let's get all club members on the water. Individual start times to be given at Skipper's Meeting 0930 hours

The Junior Program

Janelle L. Monnier
Junior Division Commander

FBYC Juniors
from Noel Clinard, Junior Division
Communications Officer

FBYC holds its last One Design and Junior Regatta on Saturday and Sunday, October 12 and 13. This Regatta includes a separate race courses for Optis and courses for 420s, Bytes, JY-15s, Lasers, Flying Scots, 505s, Front runners and Mobjacks. Importantly,

there will be a separate start for the Opti Green Fleet.

Registration begins at 0800 Saturday October 12. More detail can be found on page 54 and 67 of the FBYC Sailing Events Book. (note there is an error in the body of the Sailing Events Book on page 54 indicating registration and racing on October 6 and 7, although the header correctly says October 12 and 13).

This is generally a widely attended regatta in splendid fall weather while the water is still warm. Its a great time to get in one more race for the year,

especially for those who may be moving out of Green Fleet. The Event Chair has asked for an estimate of the Junior boats attending. Although it is not necessary for participation in the race, if you know now that you will be attending, please email nclinard@hunton.com so we can get a preliminary estimate on Junior Racers. please specify Boat Class (e.g. Opti, Byte, etc.) and Green, Red, White or Blue Fleet for Optis.

Even if you don't email
PLEASE COME.

Let's have a great turnout for the last Junior Event of 2002.....**Noel**

FBYC Cruising Log

Samuel M. Stoakley, Jr.
Cruising Division Commander



Crisfield For Crabs

Six boats and one car journeyed to Crisfield, MD over three beautiful days in September. It was a spinnaker reach up to the Tangier Light for most of the boats on Friday, and then the iron jenny kicked in. American Pie II was first to arrive followed by Oriental Express, Bay Breeze, Celebration, Trilogy, Nugget and Running Tide. Our destination at Somers Cove Marina was shared with about 80 misguided trawler owners but we mostly kept our distance. Only Vic Denunzio seemed seriously tempted by these stinkpots. On Friday night we enjoyed perhaps the best steamed crabs in memory in our dockside tent with assorted other delicacies supplied by the participants. Allen & Alta Bower set the unofficial driving distance record when they joined us by car in Crisfield

after Magic had engine problems before departure.

On Saturday, most of our group journeyed to Smith Island aboard the mail boat for an interesting tour of that quaint and unique living history of the life of the Chesapeake Bay watermen. Gordon & Sheila Nelson ventured to Janes Island State Park by bicycle and reported a good spot for kayaking on the next visit there. Back in Crisfield, we were hosted for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres by the Garrett's aboard Running Tide. Later we enjoyed a fine dinner at the Watermen's Inn restaurant. Several sailors threatened to take advantage of the beautiful full moon and sail home after dinner but cooler heads prevailed.

For the return sail to Deltaville on Sunday we again enjoyed near perfect weather and a close reach in 8-10 knots of breeze. Joe and Carolyn Schott, aboard Oriental Express, caught the early favorable current and led the group all the way back to Fishing Bay. Since we were already at the back of the fleet, Bay Breeze chose the path less traveled and cruised through Tangier Island, enjoying the unique sights and the beautiful boats of the watermen who live there.....**Sam**

Non-Spin Zone

with John G. Koedel, III

By the time you read this the racing season will just about be over. It has

been fun bringing the Non-Spin fleet back to life. For the first year back, I think it has been pretty good and I want to thank all of the boats that came to the course during the year.

We have all had a great time enjoying our boats with close friends and family. If you think about it, how many adult sports do you know where you can drink beer, eat lunch, sun bathe, take a nap, build bow and arrows from fishing line and sticks, watch videos, color in coloring books, and just have a great time being together? Everyone should be doing it.....**John**

Closing Day Regatta: October 19th!

FALL CLEAN UP DAY NOVEMBER 2ND 9:00 AM

Plans are to rake up the grounds, seeding, trim trees and bushes, clean up the clubhouses, fill areas around bulkheads, nail boards down on the docks--put the club away for the winter.

We'll need a large crew so come and bring your leaf rakes, pitch forks, shovels, chainsaws, hammers, scrub brushes, etc.

There will be coffee and pastries for breakfast and lunch provided. Please call 804-776-6950 or email fma@oonl.com to let me know if you will be able to help.

Bob Kates, Grounds Chrm.

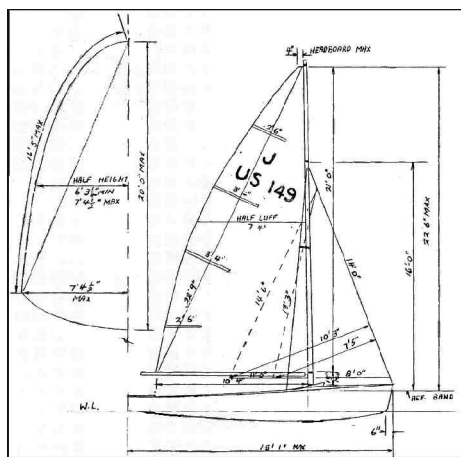
All you didn't know you wanted to know about Jollyboat history and never bothered to ask....

The Phenomenal Jollyboat

Jere Dennison

In the 1950s and 60s, a racing dinghy from Britannia ruled the waves: the Jollyboat. From Massachusetts to Georgia, from Long Island to the Great Lakes, the Jollyboat spread the gospel of high-performance sailing to a new generation of racers.

Uffa Fox designed the Jollyboat in 1950. Fox was perhaps one of the most renowned British yacht designers



from the 1930s through the 1950s. Some of the most innovative International 14 designs (an open class) came from his drawing board, and his Albacore is still in production. In 1953, Fox teamed up with Britain's Fairey Marine Ltd. to mass-produce the Jollyboat. Fairy Aviation, the parent company of Fairey Marine established in 1946, had been formed by Sir Richard Fairey in 1915 to build wooden aircraft, the most famous being the Swordfish Torpedo Bomber that was deemed responsible for sinking most of the Italian naval fleet during WWII.

Sir Richard was an avid sailing enthusiast having been a part owner with Sir T.O.M Sopwith in the ownership of the 'J' Class yacht *Shamrock V* during the 1930s. So it was natural that he should turn his attention to boat building to utilize some of the surplus production capacity in his aircraft facto-

ries after the War. What distinguished the Fairey dinghies was the method of construction earlier developed for the Fairey aircraft: a hot molding process

joining multiple layers of thin wood veneers and glue to produce an extremely light and extremely strong hull.

Uffa Fox designed the Jollyboat to the following specifications:

Overall Length	18 feet
Waterline Length	17 feet 6 inches
Beam	5 feet
Draft (board down)	4 feet 9 inches
Sail Area	160 square feet
Hull Weight	250 pounds minimum

Note the last spec...250 pounds...an amazing weight for such a large dinghy of its time. The weight included partial decks forward and aft, molded port and starboard wooden flotation tanks, and a relatively high freeboard. This was truly the high-tech dinghy of its day and a beauty to behold when maintained with its original varnished finish.

And, man, was it fast! An extract from Uffa Fox's 1950s book, Inshore Dinghy Sailing, states:

No single hull dinghy has ever exceeded the timed speed of the Jollyboat over a measured distance. Sailed by Charles Curry in 1954 off Cowes in a Force 5 wind, the Jollyboat covered five cables at a speed of 13.4 knots. The sea was one in which the heights of the waves were between 4 ft and 5 ft, and it was not surprising that Ralph Vines later in the same year put up an average over three runs of 17.8 knots in the smoother waters of Edgebastor Reservoir. Times trials over a distance have now gone out of fashion and it is certain that more recent and improved versions of the Jollyboat have gone faster since 1954.

Stories of the Jollyboat's speed were notorious for their supposed exaggeration. Some would even claim that a

Jolly could pull a water-skier in the right conditions. Your author was a skeptic until he had actually seen a



Jollyboats Racing in 1959 at FBYC

photograph of a Jollyboat performing this feat. And there is little doubt that, after the trapeze was adopted in 1959, the 20 knot barrier was regularly exceeded.

The Jollyboat at FBYC

Coincidentally, on August 19, 1956, the Jollyboat and the Mobjack made their first racing appearances at the FBYC Annual Regatta. Both represented a new genre of racing dinghies that quickly spelled doom for the older breeds of boats at FBYC, such as the Hampton One Design. Both the Jolly and the Mobjack were lighter craft built of modern materials adapted to mass production techniques, the Mobjack – fiberglass and the Jolly – molded plywood, and both were designed with planing hulls. Sailors were eager to notch up performance on the racecourse. FBYC Hampton One class champions, Lloyd Emory and George Roper, immediately purchased Jollyboats as well as Club stalwarts Allen McCulloch, Dr. Eddy Eppes, Dr. Howard McCue, Pat Gibson, Murray Clark, and Ralph Lynn.

Further south on the Bay, fleets mushroomed at yacht clubs in Hampton, Norfolk, and Langley Field while nationwide fleets formed at Long Island, Marblehead, Sandusky, Augusta, and Charlotte. Internationally, there were fleets in Great Britain, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. By 1959, the (continued next page)

United States, England, and Canada with Australia and New Zealand joining soon thereafter had established an International Jollyboat Association. The first International Championship was scheduled for the following year in 1960, and, in September 1959, the first North American Championship was held at the Westhampton Yacht Club on Long Island, attracting 38 starters. FBYC's Lloyd Emory was 5th in this event, and clubmember Ralph Lynn was elected President of the North American Jollyboat Association at the Annual Meeting. The Jollyboat had truly experienced instant acceptance and meteoric growth.

The 1959 sailing season represented a milestone in the history of the Jollyboat when trapezes were legalized for racing. This eliminated the third crewmember required to race competitively and began a trend toward younger crews because of the acrobatics required to keep the boat on its feet. This youth movement happened to coincide with War babies, like the author and



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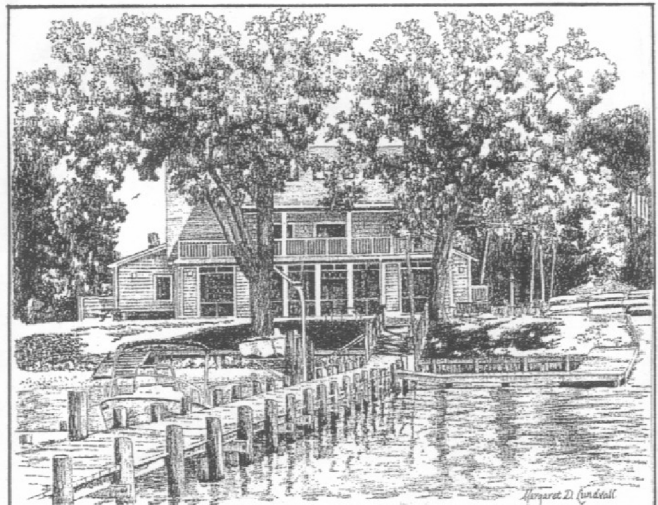
scintillating speed and the top gun competition. We were really impressed with the ability of those Jollyboaters to party! One can recall nostalgically some of the fleet elders actually swinging from the rafters in the old clubhouse jubilantly celebrating a day of racing, and we looked in awe at their prodigious consumption of Gloucester" Cokes, lethal concoctions of rum and cola. And not many of us will forget the image of ace sailor

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