

From the Quarterdeck

by Strother Scott, Commodore



Incoming Flag Officers Jay Buhl, David Hazlehurst, and Dick Cole with outgoing Commodore Strother Scott at the Annual Party

With the completion of the sailing year, it is time to hand the tiller over to new leadership. Dick Cole and David Hazlehurst really know how the Yacht Club works and how to make it work even better. Joining them as a flag officer will be Jay Buhl. Jay is a cruising boat owner, slip occupant, offshore racing crewmember, a Flying Scot skipper and a Junior Racing Team parent. He is a great addition to the leadership of FBYC.

I have enjoyed serving as your Commodore these past two years. Together with your Board of Trustees, we made ambitious plans, and

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we committed ourselves to getting the job done and having fun. The Building is now done, and the Membership loves it. We are learning how to manage and use the building. Our debt is well under the limit we set for ourselves, and we can pay it off in 2 years if we choose to.

We had a good year on the water. Participation may be on the rebound, and our event management is becoming a well-oiled machine.

My other goal was to improve the communication and marketing of our club through a better web site. The recent survey showed that the communications from FBYC are really good. I conclude that we will best communicate through a combination of a printed monthly Log, timely e-mail notices and a continuously updated web site. For complete survey results, please visit www.fbyc.net/surveysum

The club is now so nice and popular that we think we are on the cusp of being inundated with requests for new membership. A Special Membership Committee led by Noel Clnard has recently completed its work and will shortly report its recommendations. They will recommend we change our membership application and approval process to

reflect the circumstances. We will become more selective. We will likely have a waiting list. We will ask the membership to help screen candidates and sponsor Applicants who will contribute to our objectives. We need to be careful to hold ourselves to our mission and values and not to allow ourselves to become a Country Club.

We need to plan for the next few years - now what do we do? We have some dock work that must be done. What else do we need? We need to expand our Junior Division beyond the popular June Sailing Camp. We will have seven 420's next year and we will operate a new program to train a new generation of sailors.

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Newly installed Commodore Dick Cole presents the Matthew Fontaine Maury Bowl to Strother Scott for his "outstanding contribution to sailing" at Fishing Bay.

**FBYC BOARD MEETING
HIGHLIGHTS
October 8, 2002**

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

REAR COMMODORE - DAVID HAZLEHURST

SECRETARY – An announcement was made that Elizabeth and Andrew Staas are the proud parents of a baby girl, Olivia, who was born October 4. No membership meeting was held in October. Sponsors will be notified when the next membership meeting is scheduled.

HOUSE – Lud Kimbrough recommended that we proceed with resurfacing the inside of the pool. David Hazlehurst moved that Lud be authorized to contract the work; second by Sam Stoakley; motion passed.

DOCKS – All slips are rented and there are several temporary assignments as well. Gordon reported that he does not have a firm proposal for the repair work on the east dock. The hoist in the drysail area will be serviced as soon as possible.

GROUNDS – Fall Clean-Up Day will be held November 2. Members who will be able to help should contact Bob Kates.

WINTER PROGRAMS – Alain Vincey discussed his plan to hold some of the winter programs at the new clubhouse. Strother Scott reported on the Halsey Herreshoff presentation to be held October 18 at the SunTrust Bank auditorium.

FINANCE – Strother Scott reported that the Finance Committee has met several times but the 2003 budget is not yet ready to be presented to the Board for approval.

VICE COMMODORE - DICK COLE

FLEET CAPTAIN – Debbie Cycotte is helping Jay Buhl obtain nameplates to tag each one-design boat in the small boat parking lot and hopes to have them by next spring.

OFFSHORE DIVISION – The Offshore Fall Series races had a good showing by J-24's and non-spin boats. Several FBYC boats will participate in the Frostbite Series at Hampton Yacht Club. Mark Wensell discussed the need for a new scoring program and thinks a committee should be appointed to work on this during the winter. A commercial program may be the answer to the problems being experienced with the present system.

ONE-DESIGN DIVISION – The One-Design Fall Series races have been completed. Ric Bauer recommended that we schedule a training session for race committee chairs.

CRUISING DIVISION – The cruise to Onancock scheduled for October 12-13 has been canceled.

JUNIOR DIVISION – Jan Monnier is very excited about the purchase of the 420's but they will not be available in time for the Indian Summer Regatta. Strother Scott reported that rather than purchasing used 420's as discussed at last month's Board meeting, it has been decided the club will buy one 1-year old and three new 420's. Also, equipment and sails to get the three 420's already owned by the club in racing shape will be purchased. The FBYC fleet will then have seven 420's with dollies. Jan will meet with Ruthanna Jenkins to begin making plans for next season.

Another Junior Program long-range planning meeting will be held at Waddy Garrett's home on October 21.

TROPHIES – Stuart Burnett will meet with Board members immediately following the Board meeting to determine the recipients for the perpetual trophies.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS – Strother Scott advised that at least eight yacht clubs should be added to the list of yacht

clubs that we send a reciprocity letter to each year – Annapolis Yacht Club, Eastport Yacht Club, Gibson Island Yacht Squadron, Mathews Yacht Club, Old Point Comfort Yacht Club, Severn Sailing Association, Ware River Yacht Club, and West River Sailing Club. Gordon Nelson moved that we add these eight clubs to our reciprocity list; second by Waddy Garrett; motion passed.

Yachting Clubs of America has assigned FBYC a member name and password so that our members can obtain information from the Register of American Yacht Clubs online.

Alain Vincey recommended that more one-design races be held away from Fishing Bay and the mouth of the Piankitank River.

The club's database has been downloaded to the web site. Updated Yearbook information is now available online in the "Member's Only" section of the web site. Members should contact Strother Scott to obtain a password.

Strother reported that he has received a few Log Surveys and the members who have responded are in favor of keeping the Log and appreciate the e-mail notices sent out by Mary Spencer.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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ing the national trend? We have added some new boats this year - both offshore and one-design - and our racing programs may be improving again. A total of 46 FBYC offshore boats participated in at least one event this year. I learned to my surprise that *LOOSE CANON* had participated in every offshore event (30) this year. I personally loved my first year with a new J-105. Racing in FBYC events is really fun. In One-Design, certainly the Flying Scott Fleet 103 is on an upsurge and we hope the 420's will get going next year.

In closing, I would like to thank all of you for all the help you have given the Club and me these past 2 years. I look forward to next year and ask that you join me in calling Commodore Cole at 804-739-6187 to offer help.

Dick, David and Jay, and all of you, may the wind always be at your back!

R. Strother Scott, Commodore
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Membership

Final Approval

Mr. & Mrs. Alfred E. Ailsworth, Jr.; Mr. & Mrs. Walter J. Bryde, Jr.; Mr. & Mrs. David S. Hinckle; Mr. J. Christopher Lemons; Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan T. Moody. Because of the death of Mr. Schutte, final approval for Mr. & Mrs. George J. Schutte, Jr. was postponed in order to determine if Mrs. Schutte wishes to proceed with the application.

Secretary Elizabeth Staas will notify sponsors when the next membership meeting will be held 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

2002 Annual Awards

Henry E. Hutcheson, Jr. Memorial Trophy - awarded to the Optimist skipper with the highest standing in Sanctioned Regattas and intra-club races – **Quentin Jenkins**

Commodore's Bowl - awarded on an alternating year basis to the outstanding skipper in Offshore and One-Design events for the year based on performance and participation – **Philip H. Webb**, One-Design skipper

Baker Bowl - presented to the Mobjack skipper with the highest standing in Sanctioned Regattas and intra-club races – **Meg Roberts**

Blanton Bowl - awarded to the Laser skipper with the highest standing in Sanctioned Regattas and intra-club races – **H. Bradshaw Squires**

Roberts Bowl - awarded to the Junior sailor who has shown the most interest in sailing as evidenced by enthusiasm, improvement in sailing techniques, awareness of the rules of water safety, and cooperation with the members of the Junior Activities program – **Meg Roberts**

Nott Memorial Trophy - awarded to the yacht that finishes the greatest number of FBYC sponsored MORC events during the calendar year – **A. Clark Dennison & Chris C. Cough**, skippers of *Kobayashi Maru*

Hicks Trophy - awarded to the winner of the Club's one-design long distance race – **John & Sharon Wake**

Reid A. Dunn Trophy - awarded to the member of the Junior Program between the ages of 14 and 18 who has demonstrated outstanding sailing abilities by placing highest in FBYC races during the regular racing season – **Lina Scott**

L. Wood Bedell Trophy - awarded to the FBYC sailor under the age of 14 who is the highest finisher in FBYC races during the regular season – **Anne MacKinnon**

Piankatank Trophy - awarded to the skipper who most exemplifies the principle that "all is not lost until the boat sinks." – **G. Waddy Garrett**

Performance Trophy - awarded to the FBYC yacht that finishes the greatest number of Club sponsored PHRF races – *Loose Cannon*, skipper **R. Strother Scott, Sr.**

Matthew Fontaine Maury Bowl - awarded to a member of FBYC for an outstanding contribution to sailing – **R. Strother Scott, Sr.**

Patrick A. Gibson Memorial Trophy - awarded to the one-design class that has shown the highest level of participation in Club events during each sailing season – **Front Runner Class, Matthew J. Braun**, Fleet Captain

Offshore Division Championship Trophy - awarded to the skipper of the outstanding Offshore Division yacht who had the best high point score in FBYC sponsored events – **F. Case Whittemore**, skipper of *Patriot*

Competition Trophy - awarded to the skipper who has most successfully represented FBYC in sailboat racing events conducted by other yacht clubs during the past year – **F. Case Whittemore**

Windward Start Trophy - awarded to the PHRF B yacht with the best score in the Fall Series – **La Maga**, Skipper **Allan M. Heyward, Jr.**

Barber Trophy - awarded to the MORC and J-24 skippers who beat the most competitors during the regular racing season – MORC skipper **F. Case Whittemore**, sailing *Patriot*, and J-24 skippers **A. Clark Dennison & Chris C. Cough**, sailing *Kobyashi Maru*

Allen B. Fine Trophy - awarded to the outstanding crewman of a FBYC yacht – **Thomas J. Roberts**

Young Salt Trophy - awarded to the Junior FBYC Optimist sailor who has the highest overall standing in Club Junior Regattas – **Strother Scott, Jr.**

Hubard Trophy - awarded to the outstanding woman sailor of FBYC – **Anna Cobb**

Sportsmanship Trophy - awarded to the Offshore Division skipper who displays the best sportsmanship in the regular racing season – **Wayland W. Rennie**

Caroline Collins Trophy - awarded to the young lady who has the highest standing in the FBYC Junior Regattas – **Eliza Strickland**

Fishing Bay Challenge Bowl – awarded to the outstanding 2002 PHRF Non-Spinnaker competitor – **David Hazlehurst**

Junior Competition Trophy - awarded to the Junior skipper who has most successfully represented FBYC in sailboat racing events conducted by other yacht clubs or associations during the regular racing season – **Franny Kupersmith**

Annual Race Committee Trophy - awarded to the FBYC member who has made the greatest contribution to race committee work – **Lud H. Kimbrough, III**

Wayland W. Rennie Cruising Trophy - awarded to a FBYC member in recognition of outstanding contributions to the Cruising Division – **Gordon & Sheila Nelson**

Up and Coming Trophy - awarded to a young sailor who has shown great promise on and around the race course – **Mark Buchanan**

FBYC also recognized former junior sailor, Lucy Kupersmith, who crewed on the 420 that received the Ida Lewis Perpetual Trophy while winning the U.S. Sailing Junior Women's Double-Handed Championship.

Bob Rock and crew aboard Shamrock (pictured left.) Strother Scott's Loose Cannon (center) with guest Halsey Herreshoff on board.



Closing Day Regatta, Oct. 19th

The Closing Day Regatta was started in a brisk cool breeze under clear skies, a typical fall day on the Chesapeake! Eleven boats started and raced in pursuit format (staggered starts) and raced two laps out in the bay with lots of reaching (great for the non-spinnaker and J-105s) and sailed up into Fishing Bay to finish off the club dock. There were six spinnaker boats and five non-spinnaker. Shamrock took the honors followed by Eagerness, Wavelength and Loose Cannon. Pictures of the starts, a windward mark rounding and some finishes are posted at the FBYC website. Thanks to Waddy Garrett for organizing the 12.9 Mile race course and starting sequences and David Lee and others who served on Race Committee, checking details and getting everything right!.....**Tom Roberts**

Results:

1. Shamrock, 2. Eagerness, 3. Wavelength, 4. Loose Cannon, 5. Shenanigans, 6. Nereid, 7. Blade Runner, 8. Trilogy, 9. Ithaca, 10. Pelican Cay, 11. Oracle DNF

2002 Fall Series Awards

Offshore

PHRF-Spin

- 1st Loose Cannon, Strother Scott
- 2nd La Maga, Alan Heyward
- 3rd Blade Runner, Brad Davis

MORC

- 1st Kobayashi Maru, Clark Dennison/Chris Clough
- 2nd Thin Ice, Don Landau/Skip Hope
- 3rd Insatiable, Mike Karn

PHRF-Non Spin

- 1st Oracle, David Hazlehurst
- 2nd Nereid, Eric Powers

One-Design

FrontRunner

- 1st Never Never Land, Mike Karn
- 2nd No Go Tippy, Matt Braun

Flying Scot

- 1st Sea Gull, Phil Webb
- 2nd Delta Skelta, Cam Hoggan/Chip Hall
- 3rd Viking, John/Jay Buhl
- 4th Floozie's Little Sister, David Lee

Portsmouth

- 1st Eric Powers (420)
- 2nd Steve Wirt (Mobjack)

Laser

- 1st Brad Squires

Opti Overall

- 1st Strother Scott
- 2nd Lina Scott
- 3rd Ben Buhl
- 4th Annie MacKinnon

Opti Green Fleet

- 1st Ben Buhl
- 2nd Lindsay Crittenden
- 3rd Mary Catherine Buhl

Indian Summer Regatta

David Hazlehurst

Some 40 skippers ignored the dire forecast and enjoyed good racing on the first day and so-so racing the second plus a surfeit of good fellowship after racing on both days. All of the racers were winners, the only losers being those who stayed home. Before discussing the event it's appropriate to acknowledge the help that so many gave, and that is so essential for running any regatta. Most of the help was recruited beforehand but there were a good number who agreed to do double duty, and some few who were pressed into service. Those who must be acknowledged, albeit as a group, are the members who provided power boats for the three race courses. It is just not possible to run invitational regattas without help.

On Saturday the rain stopped before the 11.00 first gun and all three courses got in at least five races. Before results could be posted there were protests to be resolved amongst the Optimist racers. Personally your reporter views this as a good sign. On the Laser course there were two protests, but neither was presented to the Race committee before the 60 minute time for submission elapsed.

Saturday evening was for camaraderie, telling tales, or whatever and dinner, some 20 minutes late because the kitchen help was unfamiliar with the idiosyncrasies of our new oven. But there were no complaints about the dinner; my revered mother-in-law used to say "let them wait and they'll eat anything". Think about that one. Movies on the second floor, courtesy of the Scott family, left the porch available for the Laser sailors and some few other holdouts. When

this happy group was cautioned about not drinking and driving at 10.30, they had an appropriate response; "We're camping and don't have to drive, we've got plenty of our own beer across the road so you can stop worrying, lock up the club beer, and go to bed".

Sunday, on shore before a 10.00 first gun, was most noticeable for the few who showed up for breakfast, resulting in ample left-overs for after racing. The 6-8 knots we enjoyed Saturday was not to be and the racers were happy to be told to go back to shore. Mr. Roberts towed 11 Lasers to shore for which the skippers were very obviously appreciative.

Results were posted on the web site, www.fbyc.net, but some few comments are appropriate. Of the 10 Optimist sailors, three were from Fishing Bay and three were supported by parents in power boats, each of whom has a great pedigree. One an early Laser National champion who went on to sail in the America's Cup, another who became a sailing coach at two major colleges before becoming head coach to the US Olympic sailing team, and a third who has won his share of Laser regattas, including three Masters events at Fishing Bay, and more recently has become an accomplished Melges 24 skipper.

All three club 420's, which will be refurbished during the winter and now supplemented with four more, were out, two with junior crews and one with a father-son combination. We can expect to be seeing many more juniors in 420's in the future. Five Front Runners, three Flying Scots and two Mobjacks were also out on the double-handed course. On the Laser course we had 17

boats, 5 from the USNA, 3 from the Tidewater area, 2 from Fishing Bay and the balance from SSA. The Laser fleet was vying for the District-11 championship as well as regatta trophies. At the end of the day George Panayides from HYC became a second time District champion. FBYC's Anthony Kuper-Smith, the 2000 District champion, a junior coach in 2001 and presently a second year student at William and Mary, showed he has not lost his touch completely by getting firsts in the last two races on Saturday. Anthony's mother served on the mark/finishing boat on the Laser course, his younger sister Frances raced on a 420 and his father came out on a Laser radial to harass the race committee. The Kupersmiths just nudged the Scott family out of first place for most active family.

Without exception the parents I spoke to as they were ready to leave said "this is our favorite place to sail, and we'll be back next year". Hearing that makes all the effort well worthwhile.



2002 Chesapeake Bay Laser Masters Regatta held at FBYC, Sept. 7-8th



Junior Program Schedule and Improvements for 2003

Noel Clinard

The Junior Division is working on a number of exciting improvements to the Junior Program. These include:

Junior Week and Opti Kids - The traditional Junior Week will be June 16-20, 2003. Opti-Kids will be the preceding weekends of June 7-8 and 14-15, 2003.

New and Renovated 420s - FBYC purchased four new 420s and will totally renovate the existing boats to be used in a 420 junior racing program before, during and after Junior Week. This will enable our older juniors to sail with a companion in a

faster and more challenging boat commonly used in scholastic sailing programs. We hope this will help create and sustain the interest of our older juniors.

Expanded Junior Racing Curriculum

- The existing "racing" curriculum for Optis, Bytes and Lasers will be expanded to include a 420 class and 5 additional days of instruction before/after Junior Week for all the "racing" classes (e.g. Racing Opti). These additional days are tentatively scheduled on June 8, 15, and 27, and July 5 and 13, 2003. The tuition for these expanded racing classes will be somewhat higher than the tuition for other Junior Week classes to offset the cost of the new boats and to cover instruction costs. It is hoped that the members of these classes

will sail the 420s, Optis, Bytes and Lasers in Junior and One Design regattas at FBYC.

Winter Program - There will be a Winter Party for the Junior Program to kick off the new season and the 420 initiative. Tentatively mark your calendars for Sunday afternoon, February 2, 2003, in Richmond.

Junior Regattas - There will be two "home" invitational Junior Regattas at FBYC. The first will be the usual regatta in late June on June 28, 2003. The second will be on Tuesday, July 12, or Thursday, July 14, 2003. The latter will replace the Labor Day Junior Regatta which has been poorly attended in recent years due to school conflicts.

Non-Spin Zone

John Koedel

Now that the season is all over, I want to thank all the people / boats that helped bring the non-spin fleet back to the waters. It has been a fun year.

First Light - Branflick
Dream Chaser - Buhl
Mr. Williams - Curdts
Allegro - Davidson
Zephyr - Dennison
Oracle - Hazlehurst
Northstar - Moody
Nereid - Powers
Trilogy - Rennie
Miss Kate - Sakowski
Pelican Cay - Strickland
Kelpie - Buchanan

In addition to these boats, another 10 or so participated in the Cruiser's Regatta and the Opening Day Regatta.

Thanks to all.....John

The Great Chesapeake Bay Schooner Race

Jeff Thomas and his 75 ft. pilot schooner, Leopard, participated in The Great Chesapeake Bay Schooner Race, Oct. 16th-20th, from Baltimore to Norfolk, finishing 6th in the Class A fleet.

Thanks to all club members who participated in the communications survey. Ric Anderson was the winner of the survey drawing and received a free pass to all 2003 FBYC social events.

Three FBYC Boats Compete in Turkey Shoot Hospice Regatta

Three Fishing Bay boats raced in the 2002 Turkey Shoot Hospice Regatta hosted by Yankee Point Marina and Yankee Point Yacht Club on Oct. 12th and 13th. The regatta, which only allows boats whose designs are greater than 25 years old, welcomed 93 entrants this year, highlights which included: a skipjack race, the Godspeed as part of the race committee, the Miss Ann loaded with 100 spectators, and the pursuit race on Sunday called after 5 painful hours when no boat finished within the allotted time.

The FBYC contingent was led by Wayland Rennie and Trilogy who took 2nd overall and first in their fleet. Charlie Parrott and Tatiana finished 9th overall and first in their fleet. Jack Mosely and Tusitala, with crew members Judy Buis, Jere Dennison, Owen Davidson and spouses, finished 35th overall and 4th in their fleet.

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

The Phenomenal Jollyboat

Jere Dennison

Continued from the October Issue:

So what happened to the Jollyboat? After its first decade of explosive growth, the Bay fleet began to stall and then falter with the influx of the 505 and the Flying Dutchman, the latter gaining appeal from its acceptance as an Olympic class. (These upstarts may have had the edge in speed to windward but neither equaled the Jolly's blazing speed on a reach.) And the Jollyboat was a wooden boat that suffered from its late transition to construction in low maintenance fiberglass that was fast becoming the choice for mass-produced hulls. The first fiberglass editions of the Jolly did not appear until the mid-1960s but could never match the rigidity to weight ratio of the molded ply version. Before the old Columbia Yachts Corporation in Portsmouth, Virginia went belly up in the 1970s, Ralph Lynn convinced the company to build and market a fiberglass Jolly, but this effort fizzled. By the late 1970s, the Jollyboat had all but vanished from the racing scene.

Ralph C. Lynn, Godfather of the Jollyboat Fleet

Ralph C. Lynn was, by most measures, the dominant personality at FBYC during the 1950s, 60s, and 70s. From the formation of the Jollyboat fleet at our club in 1956, he became its tireless promoter, caretaker, and ambassador who nurtured the class



(L-R) Drew Sinnickson and Johnny Hawksworth with Ralph Lynn frostbiting in 1958

from its exuberant beginnings through its demise as a viable racing fleet in the 1970s.

I know little about Ralph's youth except that he grew up sailing on

Long Island Sound. He went to college at Washington and Lee University in Lexington where he distinguished himself on the varsity boxing team. Since his college years coincided with the era of Prohibition, he often regaled us youngsters with stories of evading the revenuers in order to secure moonshine for fraternity parties. After law school, he eventually set up a small legal practice in Richmond to support his sailing avocation. While the date that he joined the Club is not known, the 1952 FBYC Yearbook shows that he was a member in that year with a 42-foot motor yacht named *Wailani* but no sailboats were then registered in his name.

He and his lovely (and very understanding) wife, Marie, lived on Hawthorne Avenue in the northside of Richmond. After founding the Jollyboat fleet, he constructed a huge workshop behind his home capable of servicing under roof all the needs of the Jolly and its rigging. And Ralph encouraged all fleetmembers to use this facility. During the winter, he scheduled once a month racing rules seminars where we all gathered around him to analyze and discuss the Appeal Decisions of the North American Yacht Racing Union. Many older club members will recall the famous spaghetti dinners at the old clubhouse where Ralph and Marie would serve up meals to raise money for the Jollyboat fleet.

In the spring of 1960, Ralph incorporated the Chesapeake Jollyboat Sales and Service Company staffed with officers who were all members of FBYC. That summer he attended the first Jollyboat World's Championship hosted by the Royal Thames Yacht Club on the Solent. He finished 6th in a heavy air series characterized by numerous capsizes and returned home with a Royal Thames burgee that still hangs upstairs in our new Clubhouse. Later in the decade he sailed at St. Albin in the English Channel to compete in the 1964 Jollyboat Worlds where he won the Overseas Trophy and finished 11th overall.



Lud Kimbrough & Brent Halsey, Jr. in a glass Jolly circa 1971

Seriously overweight, Ralph sailed hard and partied even harder. He was usually seen about the Club grounds with his beligerent boxer restrained by a metal halter that, nevertheless, did not prevent the canine from engaging in vicious fights with other dogs on Sunday afternoons after the races. This behavior was responsible for the "No Dogs Allowed" rule that the Club promulgated for nearly 40 years. As the years thundered by, Ralph still continued to race but somewhat less competitively. His crew preference changed from agile young men to attractive young women. And he became increasingly content to promote the fleet traveling around the country to various sailing venues and to engage in social activities ashore, during which he practiced his extraordinary skill as a raconteur. After several strokes and practically deaf without hearing aids, Ralph encouraged the author to crew in his last Jollyboat North American Championship at Fishing Bay in the early 1970s. Delicately balanced above the waves in my trapeze, Ralph, chain-smoking and downing a pre-race brew, informed me in his British-styled accent that he had no feeling in his arm grasping the tiller but that I should not be alarmed. (Yikes!) Somehow we managed to finish the series without a medical emergency.

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Ralph wisely retired from racing soon thereafter but continued to serve the Club as Chairman of the Race Committee for several years before his death. While he never served as Commodore, he must be considered as one of FBYC's most influential sailing ambassadors.

The Jollyboat Today

Remarkably the Jollyboat survives in England where a classic boat owners association races restored antique dinghies. Some of these ancient Jollies have even been "souped up" with taller masts, larger sail plans, efficient blades, and double trapezes. No telling what the speed record is now. And in Australia, there is still one remaining active fleet of about twenty Jollies that compete regularly but without trapeze necessitating a crew of three. Sadly, no new editions are being minted so when these relics disintegrate, the Jolly will have gone the way of the dinosaur. A surprising amount of information on the Jollyboat can



A "Souped Up" Vintage Jollyboat

still be obtained using a search engine on the Internet, and plans are available from the Uffa Fox Design Company in Great Britain.

Did you know?

- Seven past FBYC Commodores campaigned Jollyboats: Patrick Gibson, Alan McCullough, Howard McCue, Hiram Pritchard, Jere Dennison, Johnny Hawksworth, and Happy Hubard.
- The original Jollyboat mast was a composite made of both aluminum

and balsawood. Early aluminum masts could not be extruded with a tapered top section. So a tapered balsawood tip was affixed to the top of the aluminum mast above the tangs to allow the rig to flex for a flatter sail in heavy air and to dump wind during gusts.

In the early days of the Jolly, it was not considered necessary or "manly" to carry life jackets aboard the boat. Since the hull incorporated positive flotation air tanks and was designed to be self-rescuing, the theory was that you could avoid drowning by just hanging on the hull if you were unable to sail the water out of her after a capsized.

The original Jollyboat incorporated a small screw jack under the base of the mast that one had only to crank up or down to retension the rig. This operation could easily be performed while underway, even while racing.

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Small 10" x 15"	\$14.00
Medium 12" x 18"	\$18.00
Large 16" x 24"	\$20.00
X-Large 24" x 36"	\$44.00
Burgee w/sleeve	
30" x 48"	\$65.00

Prices include shipping and handling.
Make checks payable to FBYC.

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Richmond, VA 23242

For Sale: 1994 Byte with newer sail. I am buying new Byte. Includes all blades, spars, lines and racing upgrade package. Great condition. \$1900. Call Caroline Garrett 804-357-2284.

For Sale: Optimist, by Lang. white hull with yellow deck, All equipment is in excellent condition due to very little use. Have certificate and registration etc, \$1,475. Mark Powell 804-288-1799.

For Sale: New Windrider 16 Trimaran Includes boom vang, spray diverter, trampolines, bilge pump, cockpit cover.
Cost: \$4200, sell for \$3200
New trailer, cost: \$800, sale: \$600
Art Backstrom, Richmond, (804) 272-3444

For Sale: Windrider Rave
16' foil lifted trimaran, roller furling reacher, trampolines, cockpit covers, bilge pump, trailer, sailed three times..
Original cost: \$13,840, sale price: \$9,000
Art Backstrom, Richmond, (804) 272-3444
lloydart@attbi.com

For Sale: Beneteau Oceanis 440. Farr design. Fast, spacious cruiser. LOADED including Asymmetrical Spin. With ATN sleeve, AC., Gen., Radar, Chart Plotter, Invert., 9' APEX dinghy w/ 15 hp. and davits, Electric RF Main & Jib. Much more. Excellent Condition with many recent updates. If interested contact Vic DeNunzio. vdenunzio@erols.com or 804-794-1286.

For Sale: C&C 27 Mk IV, "Gemini" '84 in great shape, v-berth, rear quarter berth, Head, CNG stove, Diesel Yanmar 1GM, VHF, Knot, Depth, Apparent wind & wind speed, Furlex RF (new 2002), 150% Roller Furling (new '99). Call Jim Morrison @ 804.739.6062 cell

804.304.8801 Asking \$19,200

For Sale: Grog (1968 Alberg 30)

Owned by John and Kara for the last 10 years during which time it has been meticulously maintained and restored. Truly ready to sail away.

E-mail jgkoedel@yahoo.com for complete write up and pictures. 1% finders fee and bottle of Mount Gay (of course). You guys know the boat. \$25,353.

For Sale: Bristol 24 "Yankee Clipper."

Dodger, 9.9 hp Outboard, many extras.

rhcsail@oasionline.com

For Sale: Pearson 33', "Hot Number", '88, Great Shape, V Birth, Aft Birth, Settee-Sleeps 6, Full Head, Propane Stove & Oven, Diesel Yanmar 18, Knot, Depth, VHF, Draft 4', Roller Furling 165 (4 yr) Full Batten Main (2 yr) Dodger (2 yr) Looks Great, Sails Great, Call Ric Bauer Office 804-644-0049 Home 804-769-4293 Asking \$56K

For Sale: 40 ft. 1987 Siverton Convertible 1994 Cummins Diesels, 1998 Onan generator, 2000 electronics, 2 sets of props, tender, beautiful 1/2 tower w/ 2 enclosures. Call Arthur Wilton 804-776-7211.

For Sale: Dingy 7 ft. Fiberglass, 350 # cap.," Little Peg", located Jackson Creek racks. \$ 200, Dick Cole, (804) 739 6187.

For Sale: Spinnaker Pole, 10' 2.5" AMCO Marine \$300.

Spinnaker: North Sails, Leech 30', Foot 16' 5.5" \$425. Please contact Bill Bowie. bowiew@atsc.army.mil

For Sale-Evinrude Outboard - 6hp, twin cylinder with very few hours use , great condition \$650. Mark Powell 334-7511

Wanted: Used trailer for 16' Hobie Cat
Tony Sakowski, 804 285 3347

For Rent: Deltaville/Waterfront with boat slip. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, great room, fireplace, central air, garage, fantastic views. \$850 month/yearly lease. Craig Dozier, (804) 776-6999

For Rent: Two Separate Condos at Jackson Creek Harbour: (1) Upstairs Waterfront 2 Bdrm with qn., two twns, plus Murphy bed in LR. Prime unit overlooks channel. Annual lease beginning November 1, 2002 or soonest thereafter, \$15,660/yr., payable monthly at \$1,305, or Winter Lease to June 1, 2003, \$800/mo. Both options plus util. (2) Townhouse 3 Bdrm with qn., 4 bunks and two twns. Avail. Feb. 1 to May 1, 2003, \$800/mo.

plus util. Both units nicely furnished, central A/C, CATV, Gas grills, spectacular porch views. Call Noel Clinard (804) 285-0299 (h), (804) 788-8594 (o) or email: nclnard@hunton.com.

BABYSITTERS: Available in Deltaville. Experienced, Responsible, 17 year old-Palmer Curdts. Palmer's twin sisters- aged 13(14 on 7/11/02)-Sophie & Peyton Curdts. Call (804) 776-9589. Parents: Bill & Blair Curdts

Experienced baby-sitter looking for part time work. Female college sophomore has own transportation and lives in Deltaville. Home 776-6614, cell (804) 240-9309 ask for Devin Kouten. References: Maxine Brewer 270-3172 or 776-7810.

For Sale: John Barber's 2 Fishing Bay Yacht Club race scenes from 1985. Artist proof # 2/75, "Windward Start" with pencil remarque, and artist proof #2/75, "Spinnaker Reach" with pencil remarque. Both framed, rare set, mint condition - \$1575 for the pair. Mark Powell (804) 288-1799.

Lost: a pair of Oakley Sunglasses in a black case near the FBYC east bath room at the top of B dock on the first day of the 2002 Leukemia Cup, 7/13. If found, please contact Brad Davis, (804) 320-5498, 776-7624.

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