

### January, 2006

FBYC Web Site: http://www.FBYC.net

### From the Quarterdeck Lud Kimbrough, Commodore



It may be cold outside - I've got my warm-ugly hat on, as you see - but sailing year 2006 is heating up big time. Sailing Events committee has finalized the schedule and volunteer sign-up is running rampant - if your phone hasn't rung yet pick it up and

call Mike Dale (Offshore), Tom O'Connell (One-Design), Mike Toms (Juniors), George Burke (Cruising), Mike Calkins (Social), or Chip Hall (Grounds) - the earlier you sign up the greater your choices of dates and activities. As we all know, two days' volunteerism is as much a part of being a member of FBYC as enjoying a broad reach on a clear spring day, and with friends to meet and regattas to run it can definitely be as much fun.

ALL HANDS ON DECK! single most defining event at FBYC for years to come launches this month. The Long Range Planning Committee determined last year that a comprehensive member survey is essential before developing the next revision of FBYC's goals and objectives. Literally hundreds of hours have been devoted to the professional development of survey content and methodology. The survey will be conducted online, and anyone without online access can contact Strother Scott asap to receive a paper version. We're serious about this: we won't burden you with detailed planning surveys except when necessary, but after the changes we've seen over the past five years "necessary" is understate-And what better way to spend a cold winter's evening than designing your recreation of the future?

Excuse me, did someone say cold? Our unstoppable photographer and Laser sailor Jon Deutsch reported a successful kickoff of Laser frostbiting in Fishing Bay and announced the December 18 inaugural Christmas Cup event. They do it in Massachusetts and Annapolis and by golly with a heated clubhouse there's no reason to wimp out on the Piankatank (some of us claim age exemption).

OK, let's just say you choose not to race your Laser in December. At FBYC you might choose instead to cruise Italy in 2006 on 40'+ yachts departing from Naples and touring anchorages at such scenic spots as Capri, Amalfi, Ischia, Sorrento, and Procida. As I write this article I'm in the middle of John Grisham's "The Broker" and have convinced myself that the Italian language is easily acquired, and the Italian lifestyle blissfully experienced. If you miss this cruise then be sure to catch the next. Thank you, Wayland, for your tireless organization of these spectacular events.

Way to go, Junior Team! CBYRA final standings show FBYC in a best-ever finish. Bay-wide, in the Optimist fleet, Madeleine Alderman placed 20th, Kyle Swenson 21st, and Alex Jacob 22nd. Alex O'Toole finished in 6th place in 420's, and Quentin Jenkins earned 5th place in Laser Radials.

Winter Programs are also making headlines, with a rules seminar in Hampton Jan. 28, author John Rousmaniere presenting his "Golden Pastimes" program in Richmond Feb. 10, race committee certification Feb. 18-19, and Bermuda High March 3.

Last month I outlined the quality

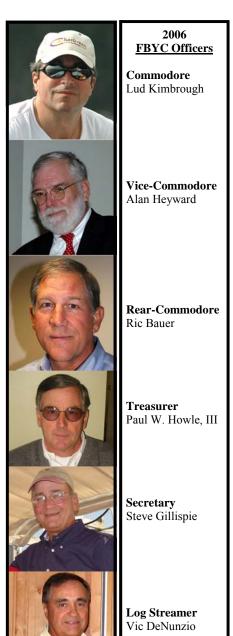
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### **Board Meeting Highlights**

#### **December 8, 2005**

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Commodore Lud Kimbrough.

Lud announced that he has established a one-year Participation Committee to be chaired by David Hazlehurst. David will attend Board meetings to report on committee activities. Duties will include overseeing the Crew Training program, overseeing the YMCA Community Sailing program, setting up a volunteer tracking program to maintain lists of volunteers and interest ar-



eas, promoting Certification of FBYC members who may meet the required qualifications for some level of US Sailing certification, tracking how fleets promote themselves and helping Fleet Captains do a better job of promotion, serving in an advisory capacity to the Membership Committee for marketing FBYC to potential members, and determining how the Committee's responsibility can be incorporated into those of existing chairpersons in future years.

### <u>REAR COMMODORE –</u> Richard A. Bauer, Jr.

**SECRETARY** – The following Resolutions were presented by the Secretary and approved by the Board:

**RESOLUTION** to open and inspect the contents of the Safe Deposit Box at First Market Bank.

**RESOLUTION** to vote into Honorary Membership the Fishing Bay Yacht Club's Deltaville neighbors - Mr. William R. Moseley, Mrs. Edith Moseley, Mr. Edward E. Ralston, and Mr. J. B. Richardson.

**RESOLUTION** to vote into membership all children who have reached 10 years of age by January 1, 2006.

**TREASURER** - Charitable contributions to various Deltaville organizations will be made before the end of the year.

**HOUSE** – Wes Jones met with John Koedel, Dixon Cole and Ray Toms in order to prepare a schedule of what he needs to take care of in the coming months.

**<u>DOCKS</u>** – Mayo Tabb is obtaining quotes for the electrical work at the end of the docks.

**GROUNDS** - The two dead trees on the property have been taken down. Insofar as the new property is concerned, Phase One of the development plan will be completed

### Membership

**RESIGNATION:** 

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas A. Payne.

#### **MILITARY:**

Lance Corporal Parke F. Smith, III (from membership of Preston S. Smith).

when the 12 new trees are planted. Chip Hall needs volunteers to help with building a fence along the west section of the parking lot. Strother Scott gave an update on the relocation of the Stove Point Road. His contractor has applied for a Land Disturbance Permit for tree removal only, and he plans on removing the trees in the new right-of-way on the FBYC and Lot 5 properties before Christmas. He anticipates the new road will be built in the spring.

### LONG RANGE PLANNING -

Strother Scott is still working on the online survey to send to the membership. He requested all Board members to send him questions and issues they would like to see addressed in the survey. Members will be able to obtain a paper survey.

WINTER PROGRAMS - John Rousmaniere will be the speaker at the February 10 winter program at SunTrust Bank's 4<sup>th</sup> floor auditorium downtown. The Bermuda High Party will be held at Strother Scott's home on March 3.

HISTORIAN – Jere Dennison presented a Bylaws change to more adequately describe the job duties of the club's Historian. The Board approved the following change:

### **BYLAWS CHANGE DECEMBER 8, 2005**

#### CODE:

<u>Underlined</u>, <u>Bold</u> - language that is being added

ITALICIZED SMALL CAPS - language that is being deleted.

**HISTORIAN:** The Historian shall be appointed by the Commodore. *HE SHALL WRITE AN ACCOUNT OF THE CLUB'S* 

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ACTIVITIES FOR PRESENTATION AT THE AN-NUAL MEETING. He shall maintain an archive of copies of the Log, news clippings and photographs of Club activities, and such other documents and items relating to Club history as specified by the Board. He shall be responsible for updating and editing Club history in the Yearbook, and for submitting articles on Club history for publication in the Log or on the Club website when relevant topics may be of interest to the membership. He shall be responsible for managing the decorative items that are permanently displayed within the clubhouses or on Club grounds to ensure their compatibility with the Club's mission and history. He shall be responsible for the management of the Club's library. The HISTORY SHALL BE MAINTAINED IN A SEPARATE BINDER AND SHALL INCLUDE THE ROSTER OF THE BOARD, THE RACING SCHEDULE, COPIES OF MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS AND THE ANNUAL MEETING, BULLETINS AND COPIES OF THE LOG, AND A SCRAPBOOK OF PERTINENT NEWS CLIPPINGS AND PHOTO-GRAPHS OF CLUB ACTIVITIES. THE HISTORY SHALL BE FILED IN THE CLUB'S ARCHIVES AT THE END OF THE ANNUAL MEETING.

Jere reported that 300-350 books have now been donated for the Dan Austin Library and the library will be carpeted in January. A plaque is also being prepared for the door.

### <u>VICE COMMODORE – ALLAN</u> M. HEYWARD, JR.

OFFSHORE DIVISION — Alex Alvis reported that his group has been making calls to line up volunteers for social and race committees. David Hinckle now has the new laptop computer that will be used by race committees.

ONE DESIGN DIVISION – Brad Squires is learning to use the scoring software. Tom O'Connell has almost completed filling race committee slots.

**CRUISING DIVISION** – Plans

are underway for next season's cruises.

JUNIOR DIVISION – Eric Powers reported that two junior coaches from Argentina have been hired for the 2006 season. Eric met with Jeb Beyers, Headmaster of Christ Church School, and they discussed opportunities for cooperative programs between the school and FBYC.

**FLEET LT.** –Brooks Zerkel, with help from Mike Dale and race chairs, will determine what needs to be done to have the boats ready for race days. He is also working with the Flag officers on the purchase of another boat.

CBYRA DELEGATE – Tom Roberts attended the Annual Meeting of CBYRA and he has the schedules from other Bay yacht clubs. As Region 4 Vice President, Tom must schedule the awards party and would like to hold it at the club early in 2006.

PARTICIPATION - David Hazlehurst and Strother Scott attended the US Sailing 2005 One-Design Sailing Symposium in Annapolis November 19-20. There were a number of ideas presented at the meeting that David will incorporate in his plans to increase participation in our sailing events. He also welcomes ideas on how to attract new members into our club. Allan Heyward advised that the planning and management of the Stingray Point Regatta is being transferred back to the club from the group that has organized it for a number of years. Members of that group will continue to be involved but will not shoulder the full responsibility of the event.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. ©

### FALL CLEANUP -THANKYOU-

Chip Hall.

On November 19th a dozen faithfuls showed up for our fall cleanup. For some reason there were more leaves still on the oaks than were on the ground, however our leaf crew (Ric and Sharon Bauer, Parker Cassidy, Mike Dale, Mike Miller, Ed O'Conner and Kelly O'Toole) raked and blew a huge amount of those on the parking lot, along Fishing Bay Road, around Fannie's House and the main club house into a pile and disposed of about a dozen trailer loads. Fannie's hedge got its fall trim, and Leslie Bowie, Bill Bowie, and Jane Hall gave the Davidson Garden east of the main clubhouse a wonderful cleaning and dressing. Mike Miller installed a permanent cover over a subsurface water valve, and Dixon Cole and Ken Odell spread several loads of topsoil on the south half of the new lot. While we didn't have a huge turn-out, this bunch did a great job, and thanks go out to all who did lend their time, energy and expertise. 😊

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### FBYC History....

### The Commodore's Song

Jere Dennison

Recently I was lamenting to our newly minted Commodore that we did not have a written copy of Mac Welford's traditional ditty sung at our Annual Meetings for 50 years. Mac was a founding member of our Club in 1939 and served as Historian until his death in the 1990s. His musical presentation was based on the old sea chanty "Blow the Man Down," and was sung in his unforgettable sonorous baritone with the accompaniment of the band playing the tune and the audience singing the chorus after each verse.

The preamble to the "Commodore's Song" explained that it was hypothetically based on all of our Past Commodores being becalmed aboard a sailboat with a large quantity of rum. Each year the club members waited eagerly as a new verse was added. Unfortunately, as the years dragged by, so did the song lengthen and interest in its recital waned. I believe the tradition mercifully ended by mutual consent between Mac and the Board about 1989.

After searching Mac's club papers that FBYC recovered after his death, we have now located a partial version covering the years 1939 – 1974 which is being reprinted below. If anyone can fill in the blanks for the remaining years, please let me know.

(Start Here)

Cocktail Hour has Begun Said Commodore Reid Dunn

<<Chorus: Way, Aye... Blow the Man Down>>

Don't take me to Dry Land Begged Commodore Ryland

**Batten the Hatches Down Cried Commodore Hutcheson** 

And we'll all Stay Merry Said Commodore Day Loury

I'll drink all you've Got Bragged Commodore Scott

Oh! I'm feeling so Rosy Beamed Commodore Moseley

Oh! Down with the Jibson Cried the Captain to Gibson

Throw away the Propeller Urged Commodore McCullough

Oh, I'm making Leeway Cried Commodore Jean Ray

To drink you must Say Less Warned Commodore Bayliss Oh! I've taught the Club Lots Bragged Commodore Herb Potts

So we're all in a Fix Sighed Commodore Hicks

My drinking I'm Flouting Said Commodore Roughton

Then stop and have a Few Invited Howard McCue

Let's join in a Song Fest Urged Commodore Converse

I'm logging my Noggin On a curve said Jack Hoggan

Then set your course Leeward Warned Commodore Hubard

A toast to this gay Bunch Cried Commodore Ray Munsch

Dunk a fair weather Sailor In brine, said Chuck Raynor

Hand me a drink in the quartstyle Cried Commodore Schwarzschild

We're one Club in Millions

**Bragged Commodore Fred Williams** 

Oh! Don't let the Bar Rove Urged Commodore Frank Hargrove

Let's sail on to Paris With the girls, said Bill Harris

Our Club is the Tops For Sailors, cried Potts

We've drunk a case and a Fifth Bragged Commodore Mason Smith

Oh, how I dread Dawn Cried Commodore Fred Warne

Then take some rye and mix it Prescribed Dr. Hiram Pritchard

Then fill the Commodore's Bowl It's empty I'm Told

(A Note of Reassurance: For those of you who believe that your current Historian may be tempted to resurrect the Commodore's Song at our Annual Meeting, fear not. It won't happen on my watch.) ©







## FBYC Winter Program The Golden Pastime

Speaker: John Rousmaniere

### Author of 22 sailing books, including:

In a Class by Herself: The Yawl Bolero and the Passion for Craftsmanship

Sleek

Fastnet, Force 10

The Low Black Schooner

A Berth to Bermuda: 100 Years of the World's Classic Ocean Race

Fishing Bay Yacht Club is pleased to host John Rousmaniere at our annual Winter Program on Friday, February 10, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Auditorium of SunTrust's Headquarters Building (10<sup>th</sup> and Main Streets in downtown Richmond.)

One of the best known and most prolific writers on the sea, writer-historian-sailor John Rousmaniere has written 22 books and hundreds of articles. His most recent book is *In a Class by Herself: The Yawl Bolero and the Passion of Craftsmanship*, a biography of one of the finest of all American yachts and the people who made and restored her (including FBYC member Rives Potts.) Rousmaniere's book *Sleek* is a collection of breathtaking photographs of classic yachts. He has written three histories of the America's Cup, including a biography of the yacht America, *The Low Black Schooner*. He is now at work on the centennial history of the Newport-Bermuda ocean race.

In his talk at the FBYC Winter Program entitled *The Golden Pastime*, Rousmaniere will present a beautifully illustrated survey of great yachts, great sailors, great races and the great photographers who recorded them.

**Date:** February 10, 2006 **Time:** 7:00 p.m.

Place: 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Auditorium of SunTrust's Headquarters Building, 10<sup>th</sup> and Main Streets, Richmond

**Parking:** Free at SunTrust Parking Deck on Cary Street between 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Streets

Cost: FBYC Members: \$15.00: Non-members: \$20.00; Under 12 Years: \$10.00

Light snacks/ Cash bar

**Reservations:** Available to FBYC members on FBYC website **Inquiries:** Cam Hoggan at 804-285-6443 or jchoggan@aol.com



### **Urbanna Oyster Festival Cruise 2005**Tad Thompson

The weather cooperated for a beautiful Indian summer cruise to Urbanna for the Ovster festival. My partner, Read Branch, and I made the 24 nm trip Friday afternoon on "Swim Call" with a boatload of guests, all but three of whom abandoned ship that evening. It was a delightful sail with 10-15 kts of breeze from the SW almost all the way. On Saturday, we were joined by Sam and Nancy Stoakley as well as Steve Gillispie on their boats, with Wayland Rennie and Elizabeth Flemming along as crew. Folks enjoyed the ample food at the festival, some took in the afternoon parade, and then we were treated to drinks at Bob Montague's home. We then enjoyed a buffet supper at his son (and new yacht club member) Latane's place, next door.

A good time was had by all, and the return sail on Sunday was equally enjoyable. We encountered a bit of rollicking toward the end of the cruise as the wind picked up out of the SW necessitating a number of beats from Stingray Point into Fishing Bay. ©

### Tortola Trip

Vic DeNunzio

On November 5<sup>th</sup> Mistress Mallika, an Oyster 62, sailed from the Piankatank River to Hampton and then to Tortola, BVI. I crewed on this extremely pleasant 1400 nm passage.

Winds and seas were generally light until we were within 100 nm of Tortola. Highlights of the trip were the enjoyable conversations, the great meals including a 30 pound dolphin (mahi-mahi) caught and prepared for a "gourmet" crew, chores which helped pass the time, and, of course, the daily movies.

After 6 days and 17 hours, we dropped anchor off the north end of Peter Island at 1 am. I stayed for 4 more days and had some wonderful sailing with Easterly winds of 20 –35 knots – where was this wind when we needed it.

The Caribbean 1500 left 2 days after us and had light winds for only 2 days followed be 25 to 35 knot winds for the remainder of their passage. Timing is everything.

On a very sad note, Hal Sutphen, our friend from the RRYC and expert Ocean Cruiser, died in his sleep in Tortola. He sailed to Tortola with Steve Black and spent several days there before this tragedy. He was very active in the West Marine Ocean Cruising events, and did a FBYC 1000 nm cruise to New England in his boat several years ago. Hal truly will be missed in the yachting world. There is a nice writeup on Hal at

www.carib1500.com/c1500/ HalSutphen.htm. ©

### Member Survey coming to you in January

By Strother Scott

In early January, our vendor Zoomerang will distribute electronically the long promised long-range planning committee's member survey. So that you can be assured the message is not spam or a virus, the following describes the appearance of the email:

**From:** Mary R. Spencer [maryspencer.fbyc@comcast.net]

**Subject:** FBYC Member Survey

Dear <Nickname> <Last name> (as you are listed in the Yearbook) followed by a short introductory paragraph and then you are asked to click the link to begin the survey. The link will begin http://www.zoomerang.com/survey....

When you have about 15 minutes free, please click on that link and proceed through the pages of the survey answering the questions. Questions proceeded by asterisks are required and can not be skipped.

The vendor will send out similar email reminders from time to time to those who have not responded. Our goal is to complete the responses in January so our professional volunteer can analyze the results and distribute an overview of the responses to all. We will keep your individual responses confidential. There will be an opportunity for you to make suggestions or comments regarding various activities at FBYC, and those comments will be shared with the responsible officers on a no-name basis.

If you require a non-electronic copy of the survey, please call me please call Strother Scott at 804-780-3271 and I will send it to you - but the printed survey is much harder to complete!

The survey results will be a key element of the FBYC Long Range plan we hope to complete this coming summer. Thank you in advance for completing it and giving us your best ideas! ©



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### Save the Date

### FBYC Bermuda High Party

**Date:** Friday, March 3, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

**Place:** Strother & Evie Scott's Home

St. Andrew's Lane

**Details:** To come in February Log

Cam Hoggan, Event Chair

To place an ad or submit an article, please contact:

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Phone: (804) 794-1286 e-mail: vdenunzio@erols.com

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Those interested should contact FBYC Junior Division Commander Eric Powers at 804-798-6525. ☺



### Volunteerism

David Hazlehurst

Fishing Bay Yacht Club is a "participation" club. Our Racing and Social events are run by members without paid help. Membership assistance is crucial. New members as well as old are expected to provide at least two (2) days' service to one of the committees shown in the attached membership application.

This wording, copied from page 11 of of the 2005 Sailing Events Book is included in the form candidates submit in applying for membership. Given the number of sailing and social events we have scheduled for 2006 there are ample opportunities for all members to meet their two days annual commitment. Volunteers are currently being sought for both race committee duty and for after race socials, and their names will be published in the Sailing Events book that will be mailed to members in March. Major events which attract far more participants than our one day races are Opening Day, Rosegill, the Fourth of July Long Distance Race, the Annual One Design and Stingray Regattas, and the Awards Dinner all of which require many more helpers. Beyond these activities Spring and Fall Grounds cleanups are regular events plus help is needed with special projects, most recently for work parties building or rebuilding fences.

The only volunteer activity that requires experience is race committee duty, and here we ask our Race Chairs to recruit at least two experienced helpers to work with up to 3 newcomers. For almost any other task members almost certainly have gained all the experience they could ever need from working in and around their homes.

So what, you might say, we're hearing the same old tune. This time there is a new twist, we are working on becoming an *equal opportunity* employer, namely working to insure that members who have never been asked to serve are not overlooked. Please be prepared for your invitation, and if you are already committed on the day you are asked to help, give your caller dates when you are available. When we hosted the Optimist Atlantic Coast Regatta in October 2004 we needed more help than our regulars could provide; we got all the help we needed by digging deeper into the organization than we had ever done before, suggesting our biggest recruiting problem could well be that we don't do 

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objectives for FBYC in 2006: stable, capable, and reliable. Let's acknowledge a great success that you hold right in your hand - the "Log". Vic has elevated our monthly newsletter to a quality standard envied by many commercial publications. Those of us who are relentlessly flogged by his deadlines know all too well that we can count on the Log to arrive at the very first of the month (it is stable). The Log has upgraded to dramatically improved graphical images through film-based production and can be viewed

in color from the FBYC website (capable). The Log offers high-value features and articles each month, with topics well-organized and easy to find, and you can always review past issues from our website's "Our Club" page (reliable). Some time ago we surveyed to find out if the Log should be converted to a webonly format, and one of you said, "no, I like to curl up and read the Log as I go to sleep." We learned how important a printed version



Thanks for the feedback. Don't forget the membership survey – it's a call to duty. ⊙

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