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FROM THE QUARTERDECK

Is it really winter? The main thing I notice different is that Desperado is in the boat yard on jack stands and I'm not sailing. The weather is still warm and sunny. The level of club activity is still high and I know that your Board members are really busy.

But, yes, it is winter and the cold weather will soon catch up with us.

Here are some more telltale signs of winter. We have already enjoyed the Bermuda High party that Jef and S B Londrev hosted. Flowered shirts and shorts are still in style and it was good to see you all again, except for those white legs. Most of our four cruisers participating in the Caribbean 1500 are back at home. Thanks to Mike Dale and Tom O'Connell our Division Commanders lead by Noel Clinard our Vice Commodore, the 2008 sailing schedule is completed. Thanks to Cathy Clark and Rob Slotnick, Matt Braun and Jim Hess, most of the event chairs and PROs have said "yes" to run our race committees and help with our after race socials. If you would like to help with any of those events just give them a call. The big social events headed up by Social Chair Mike Calkins and his team of event chairs, are all set and ready to happen this year. The event book and year book are getting their updates and we have finalized some superb training classes. The first of these

our continued program develop- The Memment and our sailing skill development, will feature; champion sailor, author, tactician, speaker and entertainer, Dave Perry. We have Dave featured in a Friday evening event and then in an all day seminar on Saturday. Please don't miss these events. You will learn more from Dave in one day than you will learn all season on your own. You can read more on this in Noel's article on this special event. Then we will have the privilege of seeing John McCarthy again doing a PRO Race Committee Training class thanks to Matt Bran's efforts. Eric Powers our Junior Division Commander is well under way with plans for the Junior season. Our Junior coaches are signed up and ready to travel. Ed O'Connor has the cruisers set for a full season of trips around the Bay and is developing another seminar on "Heavy Weather Sailing", how to succeed at it and how to avoid it. The crew recruiting efforts at the Boat Show were a great success. We met lots of new sailors and got to see some old friends. (Thank you Norton Yachts for allowing us to share your exhibition area.) Crew training is stepped up a notch with three, informative class room sessions on basic skills and sailing terminology for a racing crew and two or three on-the-water sessions. They start in March and on-line registration is

events, all of which are examples of underway. bership

Committee, headed by George Burke, the Club Secretary, has had two good meetings and interviewed five well qualified member candidates now in circulation. With all this planning activity going on, it must be winter.

Time for one more of my theme topics: Membership in FBYC. Long, long ago, in a not so far away place, when I was in high school my family had a swimming pool in the backvard. While I enjoyed being able to jump in the pool on any hot afternoon when I got home from working on some jobsite, it was always more fun when we invited friends over. It's nice having a beautiful yacht club, in a beautiful river setting and a beautiful boat to sail on, but it's more fun when you share these treasures with friends. As FBYC members we should embrace sharing our club and our sailing family. We are on the front line of the effort to grow the sport of sailing, help create an environment that fosters learning, provide a setting that encourages participation and get more fellow sailors on the water enjoying the sport. And if, after our guests have come to know us, they were interested in becoming members, would you know how to help them? (continued on page 10)



FBYC BOARD MEETING

HIGHLIGHTS January 10, 2007

at 6:05 p.m. by Commodore Ric Bauer.

REAR COMMODORE – C. MAYO FABB, JR.

HOUSE – Mayo Tabb will meet with Ken Odell and Charles Lytton at the



club on January 12 to go over maintenance plans for 2008.

DOCKS – David Hinckle advised that he has a contract with Delta Marine Construction, LLC, for the

replacement of 17 pilings. Upon motion made and seconded, the Board approved the cost of this project. David reported that only one small slip has not been assigned.

SOCIAL – Mike Calkins has finalized dates and locations for all social events with the exception of a meeting place

for the Annual Meeting/Awards Party.

WINTER PROGRAMS – Susar Londrey reported that the Bermuda High Party will be held at her home on January 25. She discussed possible program in late February as well as the the cruises planned for 2008.

<u>VÍCE COMMODORE – R. NOEL</u>

<u>CLINARD</u> <u>OFFSHORE DIVISION</u> – Mike Dale is working on the Offshore section of the Sailing Events Book as well as making some plans for the Stingray Point Regatta.

ONE DESIGN DIVISION - Tom O'Connell is working on the One Design section of the Sailing Events Book. He has lined up Fleet Captains for all



of the active one design fleets and will notify each fleet by email of their respective Fleet Captain. Matt Braun is planning a PRO and race committee seminar featuring instructor John McCarthy in

follow up of the US Sailing Certification class held last year. Several dates are under consideration. Jim Hess has lined up all of the PRO's for the one design events.

CRUISING DIVISION – Ed O'Connor is finalizing the cruising events. He locations to hold the Dave Perry winter has dates and event chairs for all 15 of

Meeting called to order seminar he will conduct the following JUNIOR DIVISION - Eric Powers has completed a draft of the Junior section of the Sailing Events Book but some event dates may have to be changed before the final schedule is determined. The Virginia State Championships usually held the weekend following Junior Week will not be held at FBYC this summer. Eric is re-tooling the Learn2Sail and Race Development programs this year. Ted Steadman will assist with the development team and Nica Waters will assist with the Learn2Sail program. There will be a meeting on February 24 at 2:00 p.m. at the Alderman's for the parents of junior members.

> **CBYRA DELEGATE** – Tom Roberts will host the CBYRA Awards Dinner at the club on February 9. The offshore schedule for CBYRA is already in and he is working on the one design sched-

> OLD BUSINESS - Ric Bauer reported that the pool steps have been inspected and approved.

> There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m..

Membership

FINAL APPROVAL:

Mr. Kevin L. Cross; Mr. Martin K. Jubenville; Mr. & Mrs. Richard G. Klein; Mr. Matthew A. Lambert.

Ms. Katharine T. Branch, 329 Clovelly Road, Richmond, VA 23221. Katie is the daughter of Read and Jodie Branch and has now moved up into her own membership.

APPLIED FOR MEMBERSHIP: The Membership Committee recommended that these applicants be placed into circuilation:

★Mr. Eric B. Bokinsky, 2621 Stuart Avenue, #16, Richmond, VA 23220. Eric is the son of FBYC members, Gary and Carolyn Bokinsky. He sailed for the first time when he was 5 days old and participated in Junior Week at age 7. After graduating from college in 2005, he moved to Montana. Now that he is living in Richmond again, he wishes to rejoin FBYC. Eric was in the Junior program from 1993–1997, coached during Junior Week from 1997–2003, and was the FBYC Junior Sailing Coach the summer of 2002. He has had experience sailing the Bay as well as an offshore trip to New England. Sponsors: Gary B. Bokinsky; Blakely H. Kimbrough.

★Dr. & Mrs. Thomas W. Braun, 400 Legendary Lane, Mars, PA 16046. Even though Tom and Liz live in Pennsylvania, they have a home on Sturgeon Creek and are the owners of a new Flying Scot. They are interested in sailing (and perhaps racing) with other Flying Scot sailors. Sponsors: Matthew J. Braun; William H. Schwarzschild, III.

*Mr. & Mrs. Mark E. Hayes, 3 Elm Grove Way, Greensboro, NC 27405. Mark has been sailing since childhood and

has raced and cruised on a variety of boats. He and Michelle own a Beneteau First 345 and a Hobie Cat 16. They have two sons, Luke (age 7) and Logan (age 3). Luke attended OptiKids in 2006 and Junior Week in 2007. Mark assisted in teaching the Beginner Opti class during Junior Week 2007. Sponsors: Carrie R. Russell; Michael S. Toms.

★Ms. Carol Hume, 8909 Brennan Road, Richmond, VA 23229. Carol was on the sailing team at William & Mary and she has raced at FBYC with Mark Wensell and Hunter Davidson. As a friend of Eric Bokinsky and Blake Kimbrough, she has been actively sailing at FBYC for at least 10 years. Carol is the owner of a Hunter 22. Sponsors: Blakely H. Kimbrough; Lud H. Kimbrough, III.

★Mr. & Mrs. Thomas E. Lakin, P.O. Box 857, Mathews, VA 23109. After a long absence from sailing, Tom and Linda now own a 32 ft. C&C 99 and are looking forward to becoming actively involved in sailing again. They live on the water in Mathews and are interested in cruising. Tom has raced sailboats and is also interested in joining crew training. They have a 19 year old daughter, Jenny. Sponsors: Judy Buis; David Hazlehurst.

RESIGNATIONS:

Mr. & Mrs. S. Scott Birch; Mr. & Mrs. Richard C. Brown; Mr. & Mrs. J. Parker Cassidy; Mr. & Mrs. John V. Felvey; Mr. & Mrs. Christopher L. Gaenzle; Dr. & Mrs. William C. Hope, IV; Mr. & Mrs. T. Leroi Lissenden

WHEN BEING NICE ISN'T ENOUGH

By: George Burke

For sailors in general, there is an ill wind blowing. Participation in the sport of sailing is flat, and in some categories seems to be contracting. Rather than avoiding this unpleasant topic, it is instructive for us to examine it and explore what we might do at FBYC to avoid a similar fate.

Rooted in this is the sense that the health of the sport of sailing is directly dependent on the health of private yacht clubs. Commercial ventures, no matter how profitable or luxurious they may be, cannot provide the programs and initiatives that sailing needs to sustain its future. For sailing to flourish, so also must organizations like FBYC.

At FBYC, we start with some important advantages. Because we are economically sound and have a stable membership, we are able to support strong programs such as our recent award winning Flying Scot North American Regatta. But there are chinks in our armor. Our annual loss of members thru resignations equals our recruitment rate, our numbers of young adults are relatively thin, and our graduating youth seem to abandon us. We are in a cross current from which our processes for sponsoring and accepting new members are not adequate enough. We need to take a fresh look at membership recruitment.

From my vantage point as your membership committee chairman, I see several trends. Fewer of our prospective new members are coming from the traditional recruitment pathways of the past - word of mouth between families with sailing interests. More frequently, we are receiving inquiries from sailors who either have heard about the quality of our programs from non-members, or have participated in one of our events, or have visited our website. They are younger, newer to sailing, and less likely to know FBYC members.

Their lack of familiarity with our membership, lack of sponsorship and perception that our membership process is austere combine to discourage them. FBYC members have a reputation for being good hosts to potential new members. But for future new recruits, just being nice won't be enough. We will need to be proactive and well organized in nurturing and guiding them into our membership process. We needn't change our membership rules, but we ought to alter our expectations about how to apply them. Being laid back and waiting for the world of sailors to come to us won't work for the future. We must help create that world.

To this end, your flag officers have challenged your board and membership committee to explore new initiatives for recruitment and retention. The board has approved new categories of membership to help retain young adults. For graduating young FBYC members who are losing their family membership eligibility, the economic incentive to remain members ought to be particularly attractive. These young adult family members can now retain individual membership for less than the price of a daily cup of Starbucks coffee, and with no initiation fee requirements. Apart from the numerous intangible benefits of FBYC membership, this may be the best bargain for lifelong recreational access to the Bay available anywhere. For recruitment, the membership committee has started recording and contacting sailors who have expressed a desire to know more about FBYC. Our goal is to document their sailing interests, track them, nurture them, and expedite their introduction to club members, all of which are prerequisites for attaining sponsorship and entering the membership application process.

How can you help? Remain the good hosts that you already are, but pay attention to whom you meet at sailing events, and record the names and contact information of potential new members to pass on to me or others on the membership committee*. We will start the process of documenting and tracking. But don't stop there. Be available to act as a greeter or nurturer of prospective members when we ask for your help. Expect a call sometime this season from a member of the committee asking you to meet and host a prospect. Be proactive with us. Our mantra is "TRIE" (track, record, invite, and expedite). With your help we can "trie" together and help the sport to flourish in the future.

* membership committee members are Mayo Tab, Tom O'Connell, Ed O'Connor, Elizabeth Staas. Cathy Clark, Noel Clinard, David Hazlehurst and Lud Kimbrough.

IN MEMORIAM ELIZABETH CHAPMAN ROUGHTON

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Elizabeth Chapman Roughton, of 1600 Westbrook Avenue, Richmond, VA 23227, died on January 22, 2008. She was predeceased by her husbands, George M. Chapman in 1982 and Peter R.W. Roughton in 2004. She is survived by her sons, George M. Chapman and Edward C. Chapman and their spouses, grandchildren and greatgrandchildren. Peter Roughton joined Fishing Bay Yacht Club in 1953 and served as Commodore in 1959 and 1960. In 1987, he was elected to Life Membership. Elizabeth became a member in 1993 after her marriage to Peter. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Featuring DAVE PERRY, Rules and Tactics Expert February 22 and 23, 2008

FBYC and the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society ("LLS") have arranged for Dave Perry, renowned expert on sailing rules and tactics, to present the 2008 Winter Program in separate sessions on February 22 and 23. For more about Dave Perry, see the adjoining box. Dave is entertaining and incredibly funny and will impart precise interpretations of rules and tactics in a memorable way. **Proceeds** from this program will also benefit the LLS's Leukemia Cup Regatta.

The program will have two sessions, each providing a different focus. On Friday, February 22 at 6:30 pm (with Cash Bar) and Program at 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm at Dominion Resources Auditorium in Innsbrook Corporate Office Park, 5000 Dominion Blvd., Glen Allen, VA 23060, Dave will present his observations as Rules Advisor and Afterguard Coach for Victory Challenge, Sweden's 2007 America's Cup campaign, explaining "What happened and how it will make us better sailors."

The session on **Saturday**, **February 23 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm (with on-site registration, coffee and confections**

at 8:30 am, a mini-Sub lunch, and Q&A, Soda and Chips at 4:00 pm) at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, 1627 Monument Avenue, in Richmond will be an interactive two part seminar on "Positioning Yourself To Win," providing an advanced look at tactical positioning at key areas around the race course with applicable rules and decision making processes in each.

The registration fee for the Friday session is \$25 per adult and \$15 per Junior under 18. The registration fee for the Saturday session is \$35 per adult and \$15 per Junior under 18. A discounted fee for both programs is \$50 per adult and \$25 per Junior under 18. You are encouraged to attend both sessions.

Please save the dates and watch for further notice of on-line registration or use the mail-in registration coupon below.

The Virginia Chapter of the LLS is celebrating its 10th Regatta, which will be July 11-13, 2008 at FBYC. The weekend will be filled with exciting races, fun, good food, and entertainment. Leading up to the Regatta, sailors and their crews raise funds for the LLS to compete for prizes and a "Fantasy Sail" with

the National Regatta Chair, sailor and expert Gary Jobson.

The LLS is the world's largest voluntary health organization dedicated to funding blood cancer research and providing education and patient services. LLS offers a variety of programs and services in support of their mission: Cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. LLS is a nonprofit organization that relies on the generosity of individual and corporate contributions to advance its mission. Since its founding in 1949, LLS has invested \$550 million in research grants. Now about \$50 million annually, LLS' grant programs are among the most prestigious in the fields of hematology and oncology.

To learn more about the program with Dave Perry, please visit www.fbyc.net or contact Noel Clinard at nclinard@hunton.com or call him at 804-788-8594. To learn more about The LLS and the Leukemia Cup Regatta, please visit www.lls.org or www.lls.org or www.leukemiacup.org/va, or call Molly Tanner at 757-723-2676, ex 202.

Registration By Mail

Check Session(s) and Insert No. of Attendees
Friday Session (\$25 adult; \$15 Junior)
Saturday Session (\$35 adult; \$15 Junior)(includes Mini-Sub Lunch)
Both (\$50 adult; \$25 Junior)

Mail registration with check payable to: Noel Clinard, 6010 York Road, Richmond, VA 23226

About Dave Perry and the Winter Program, February 22-23, 2008

to sail in Sunfish, Blue Jays and Lightnings at the Pequot Yacht Club in Southport, CT. An early standout, in 1971, he won the Clinton M. Bell Trophy for the best junior record on L.I.S. At Yale, he was captain of the National Championship Team in 1975, and an All- ing education; and in March 2001 Dave received the American in 1975 and 1977.

plishments include: 1st, 1978 Tasar North Americans; 5th, 1979 Laser Worlds; 1st, 1979 Soling Olympic Pre-Trials (crew); 10th overall, 1981 SORC (crew); 3rd, 1982 Soling Worlds; 1st, 1983 Star South American Championship (crew); 1st, 1983 and 1984 Congressional Cup; 2nd, 1984 Soling Olympic Trials; 6th, 1985 Transpac Race (crew); 1st, 1988 and 1992 Knickerbocker Match Race Cup; 1st, 1994, 1999 and 2003 Ideal 18 North American Championship, and 1st, 1982 & 2006 U.S. Match Racing Championship (Prince of Wales).

A high level coach and rules expert, Dave was recently the Rules Advisor and Afterguard Coach for Victory Challenge, Swe-

nary experience forms the basis for Dave's talk on Friday evening, February 22, including lots of live action shots from Valencia. His eyewitness presentation of "What happened and how it will make us better sailors" will entertain us all.

Dave is an extraordinary teacher, coach and sailing official. He has led hundreds of US SAILING seminars in over 50 one-design classes; directed U.S. Olympic Yachting Committee Talent Development Clinics, and has served on US SAILING committees, including: Olympic, Training, Class Racing and O'Day Championship. He is currently Chairman of the US SAILING Appeals Committee on which he has served since 1985, and is a US SAILING Senior Certified

Dave grew up on Long Island Sound, learning Judge. In 1992 he was voted into the Sailing World Hall of Fame; in 1994 he received an honorary Doctorate of Education from Piedmont College; in 1995 he became the first recipient of US SAILING's Captain Joe Prosser Award for exceptional contribution to sail-Other racing accom- W. Van Alan Clarke, Jr. Trophy, US SAILING's na-

tional award for sportsmanship.

Dave is a preeminent expert on the racing rules and tactics and is the renowned author of Winning In One Designs, Understanding the Racing Rules of Sailing, and 100 Best Racing Rules Quizzes. Dave will autograph his books on sale at these programs.

Dave's experience, writing and background make him uniquely qualified to deliver the second FBYC Winter Program on Saturday, February 23, which will be an interactive 2 part seminar on "Positioning Yourself To Win", giving an advanced look at tactical positioning at key areas around the race

"At the One Design Seminar in 2007, Noel Clinard and I watched Dave captivate a crowd of racing sailors, following the Mount Gay cocktail party, with a talk on cool moves to win under the racing rules. "Acting out" many of the situations, Dave was entertaining and incredibly funny, while imparting precise interpretations of the rules in a memorable way. We immediately approached Dave with the hope he would speak to FBYC members and are delighted he worked us into his harried speaking schedule for 2008." **Ric Bauer**, FBYC Commodore.

den's 2007 America's Cup campaign. This extraordi- course with applicable rules and decision making processes in each.

> Dave speaks to audiences of all ages and experience, including audiences of active youth sailors. He was the Director of Athletics at Greens Farms Academy, a K-12 coed independent day school in Westport, Connecticut for 21 years, coached the 1981 World Champion U.S. Youth Team; and given seminars in Japan, Australia, Sweden, Argentina, Brazil and Canada. He has been the Youth Representative on the US SAILING Board of Directors and the Chairman of the U.S. Youth Championship Committee. Accordingly, his program will be of great interest to our juniors with experience and dedication on the junior racing

February 2008 · www.fbyc.net · page 6 CREWING ON A RACING SAILBOAT 2008





A Basic Skills and Knowledge Course Sponsored by Fishing Bay Yacht Club

This course consists of three classroom sessions and two to three optional practice sessions on the water on board racing sailboats. It is offered by Fishing Bay Yacht Club (FBYC) to give sailors and non-sailors alike the basic information, understanding of terminology and confidence to crew on a racing sailboat. Since the course was first offered in 1989, it has introduced over 450 people to the sport, many of whom are still actively racing as crew and as skippers.

Participants in the three week-night classroom sessions in Richmond will also have the opportunity to participate in on-the-water training sessions at FBYC Sunday March 30, Saturday, April 5, and Sunday, April 13. The classroom curriculum includes just what you need to know for your first confident venture on a racing sailboat: the basics of what make sailboats go, sailing terminology, sail controls, deck and race course layouts, crew positions, crew etiquette, appropriate dress, racing rules, and safety. Following the last classroom session, there will be a social gathering for participants, instructors and FBYC's racing skippers. All participants will receive written materials that complement the classroom sessions and include FBYC's 2008 racing schedule. The on-water sessions will place interested participants with FBYC racing skippers and crews on their boats for a practice session to tune up for the racing season, followed by a chance to ask questions and get further information in an informal "debriefing" session.

Classroom instruction will be provided by experienced FBYC racing skippers and crew and supplemented by demonstrations and hands-on practice. The object of the course is to teach the basics, prepare newcomers to the sport for what they will encounter on board a racing sailboat, and give participants a solid introduction to a sport that will give a lifetime of enjoyment.

WHEN: 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Wednesday nights, March 26, April 2 & April 9, 2008 WHERE: RETREAT HOSPITAL Board Room, Robinson St at Grove, Richmond, Virginia HOW MUCH: \$50.00 (Includes printed Course materials, refreshments and last night social) WHO to contact for registration and other information: Jim Snowa snowaville@verizon.net, or (Office Phone) 643-6196, (Home Phone) 323-1510.

Or – go to <u>www.fbyc.net</u> – look on the left side and click on "Crew Training Registration".

Carib 1500

Friday, November 2, 2007 was a very cold and an extremely "breezy" day. You may not remember that, but I do as that was the Friday before we were scheduled to set sail from Hampton to Tortola in The British Virgin Islands on Sunday, the 3rd. "Noel" had been blasting for a few days and I don't mind telling you that I was a bit more than just concerned about beginning this 1500-mile voyage in those kinds of wind and sea conditions. Joe and I made a trip to Hampton to stow away our gear on board "Reflections" and to meet with Sam and Nancy Stoakley for another rundown of equipment and respon-Our final meeting sibilities. would take place on Sunday morning upon the arrival of Don Nash, a long-time friend of the Stoakleys, who completed our crew.

On Saturday, friends drove us back to Hampton with our last minute items. docks at Blue Water Yachts were a beehive of activity and the wind was still blowing. Weather experts working with the 1500 Organization continued to give briefings to the cap-tains through out the day to keep them aware of a possible delayed start. Many captains and crew were making last minute repairs, installations, and completed repairs, provisioning, one on "Obsession", our new changes to meet recommendations by the 1500 safety staff who had inspected each vessel. One boat was making a shopping list for food provisions, can you believe that! Pink flags, the talked about the weather! official Carib 1500 flag, were wildly flapping from every boat. significant drop in the wind and bring "goodies" to be enjoyed on Some had more than one. had participated in that number the ocean on two trips, one on And then----Captain Sam of 1500 trips. Those who had "Oriental Express" and the last said---"It's Time. Let's do it!"



The Grog Island cruise was a staple in year's past. Alas, Grog is gone. Still, we'll resurrect this fun event the weekend of July 19/20. I know that is 6 months away. But last year, we only had one other boat join us on our cruise (my parents).

After a short sail around Windmill Point, we will anchor and raft in the bite at the mouth of Antipoison Creek. Upon arrival, we'll take the beachhead for the afternoon. On shore activities planned for kids AND adults, maybe even a pirate guest. SAVE THE DATE!

Stayed tuned each month for a history of naval rum.

etc. were busy talking with boat in the last three years. We friends from previous trips and took two-hour watches during meeting all the newcomers like us. Stories from previous years were exchanged and everyone minded myself of this as the

A the air was electric with anticiboat displaying more than one pation, or was that just me! Joe pink flag indicates that the boat and I have sailed to Cape May in ten.

the night hours and had no I continually reproblems. start time drew closer. Sunday arrived with a wishers came to see us off and the way and those last minute "necessities" that were forgot-

And then----Captain Sam

out of the slip, and waved a final we had experienced strong goodbye to our friends on the winds overnight, consequently, dock as well as those on other we also had very high seas which boats. As we made our way out made food preparation by Nancy of the channel to the start area and her assistant, yours truly, an ing on the boom to retrieve the at Thimble Shoals, we looked for unsafe activity. the other three Fishing Bay Nancy held a basket of breakfast its way up the mast. Then the boats. Ted Stedman's "Seanchai" had a crew of three: Steve one or two choices to sustain us Sanderson, Doug Seldon, and until lunch. Joe Bishop. Todd Gehr, Paul Nezi, and Jim Tinglely crewed fun than I had imagined. I did for Whitey and Nancy Lipscomb, read a couple of books, but not ning the motor is allowed and on "Destiny". The fourth FBYC all that I had brought. Sam and the total time is calculated to alboat was "Valiant "owned by Nancy continued improving low for the total number of "mo-Wes Jones who had a crew of their already well-honed talents tor" hours.) The spinnaker sock

two, Michael Soberick and Tom Reddy from Maryland.

We finally did see all three as all 70 boats jockeyed for positions at the start line. I must say it was "a more gentle and kinder" start than most of the ones that I remember from our "racing days." We did have a good start and I think it was just ahead of "Destiny". With the start behind us, our thoughts

turned to setting the coarse and the sails. The seas were much better than I had imagined on Friday or Saturday. God does We watched answer prayers! the shoreline until the sunset, at which time Joe and Sam intently worked on getting THE "sunset picture", hoping to outdo Nancy Lipscomb who would be doing the same.

That evening, we had a delicious dinner, not complete with wine, however. That delicacy would be waiting for us at the finish. All the meals on our vovage were spectacular, except

bars from which we could make



with Sudoku in addition to reading. Joe and Don also read during the daytime hours when they were not on watch. The days were never boring; neither were they tense with "issues" or "Chinese fire drills." Day watches were two-hours but this became whoever really wanted to sit behind the wheel. The overnight watch was in three-hour segments. The first hour would be with the person scheduled before you. The second hour we were alone and the third hour the next watchman joined us. And, of course, everyone would

So we took off the lines, motored one. Several days into the trip be called if conditions warranted a full crew. Wednesday, the 7th, was the most eventful day. was beautiful, with light winds. The first event was Sam stand-Co-captain topping lift that somehow found guys decided to fly the spinnaker, which lasted only a brief time before we lost all wind and The trip was much more had to turn on the motor. (This is a special race in which run-

> had become fouled in the take down and eventually was repair by Joe.

> Our next event of the day was the sighting of two whales!! That was spectacular. And then, the drama began. The sun turned to clouds and we literally watched the "birth" of eight, yes, I mean, eight waterspouts!!!! All but one was a good, safe (if there is such a thing) distance from us. The one

exception began to follow us and was gaining! We decided to take a 90-degree turn to starboard so, hopefully, it would miss us if it did, indeed, continue coming Again, God was toward us. watching over us and the waterspout began to lose momentum. We returned to our course and continued to watch the sky. The winds continued to build, as did the sea during the overnight and into Thursday. The winds were 15 to 30 mph and the seas ranged 10' to 15'. "Reflections" handled both very well as did her crew. Sail changes and adjustments were made without did enjoy the "FRESH" Mahi for whose captain had talked to the any problems. The only loss suf- dinner that evening and Sam captain of one of our boats when fered was that of Joe's favorite was finally able to have a posi- they were on a collision coarse Leukemia Cup hat when he went tive fish report. All total, three with each other. The QE's capon deck to solve a minor sheet fish were caught on the trip by tain was very gracious in agreeproblem.

ning at seven, the organizers of it frozen for Sam and Nancy tion. He also questioned, "Why held a roll call. Each boat was to enjoy later. called to broadcast their loca-

was comforting to listen to others who you know are "out there" with you even though you can't see them. There were those times when we listened to the problems and equipment failures that occurred on other boats that made us very thankful for "o" problems. During the coarse of the trip, only three boats sustained major problems. I was very thankful for the meticulous

preparation of equipment and supplies done by Sam and Nancy, a major factor in keeping us from making any such reports.

Friday, November 9th was a very important day----we crossed the halfway point! We enjoyed a celebration breakfast and Sam showered!!

On Saturday, 10th, we finally landed a beautiful Mahi after diligently putting out 3 lines every day with "guaranteed" fish catchers. There was a major flurry of taking pictures and securing the "fish cleaning" gear, including the "rum." We

our persistent fishermen. Only ing to alter his course to ac-Each morning and eve- the first one was eaten with part commodate the sailboat's situa-

Our second Sunday at sea here?!!" tion, weather and sea condi- brought two major events. One tions, discuss any issues or ques- was exciting and the highlight of lage Cay dock by one of the 1500 tions, and to report the size and a beautiful day with a nice wind. kind of fish caught that day. A pod of dolphin came over to These reports were very helpful play with us and show off their bottle of champagne to be enin knowing what kind of weather little ones. The second less exwould be ahead of us as reported citing was the discussion and now the party begins!!! We did by those in faster boats. And it numerous calculations of our enjoy seeing friends we had met



fuel supply. Retaining enough fuel to reach our destination was very important and could be helped significantly by good, favorable winds. These calculations became a daily, sometimes more often, activity, especially those days with light or no wind. The double rainbows on Tuesday helped us celebrate sighting land, having winds that sustained us to our destination. We crossed the finish line at 1636 hours for a total time of 8 days, 23 hours, and 36 minutes.

Tortola was a beautiful sight! There were two cruise ships in port. One was the QE II are all these sailboats out

We were met at the Vilstaff who helped secure the lines and presented us with a chilled joved later that afternoon. And

> in Hampton and meeting with our fellow Fishing Bay sailors to exchange stories, highs and etc's of the trip. We understand that someone on "Destiny" lost a fishing rod overboard. And.....Wes Jones made us all proud by sailing "Valiant" into 2nd place in his class. Way to go Wes!!!!!

Don's wife Donna had flown in to join us. So, on Wednesday, the six of us on "Reflec-

tions" set out to enjoy some island hopping along with Whitey and Nancy on "Destiny" for the remainder of the week. sailed to Peter Island and Cooper Island, with an overnight anchor in Trellis Bay where we went by dinghy to The Last Chance Restaurant on Marina Cay. On Saturday, we joined the other boats in Virgin Gorda. This was the point of departure for Joe and I. We caught a ferry back to Tortolla in order to catch our flight back at 7 o'clock on Sunday morning. Each island was gorgeous and each restaurant was a memorable meal.

The Carib 1500 - 2007 is now a wonderful memory and I am sure Joe joins me in thanking Sam and Nancy for asking us to join them on this adventure. Would I do it again?Probably yes, even after all the reservations I had when this all began.

By Carolyn Schott

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Who can be a sponsor? How do you sponsor someone? Who is a good candidate? How much does it cost? And how long does it take? All these could be answered at our membership section of the web site in the FAQ section, or by asking any committee member. But let me get you started:

*Any member of FBYC can sponsor a candidate by introducing

them to other members. It only takes two members willing to write letters of recommendation to get the ball rolling.

*An application can be acquired from the member section of the web site, George Burke, or anyone on the membership committee.

*Good candidates are those that have a passionate, thriving interest in sailing, like us.

*Membership is actually very affordable, possibly less than a monthly cablevision bill. These are some near approximations based on yearly costs averaged monthly. For example, the cost of membership for a young family, whose primary member is age 30, at current rates, is \$73.00 per month for the first five years, and this includes the initiation fee. A single adult age 25, with no children, could join for \$37.60 per month for the first five years. Costs are even less, \$27.00 per month, for those who are past

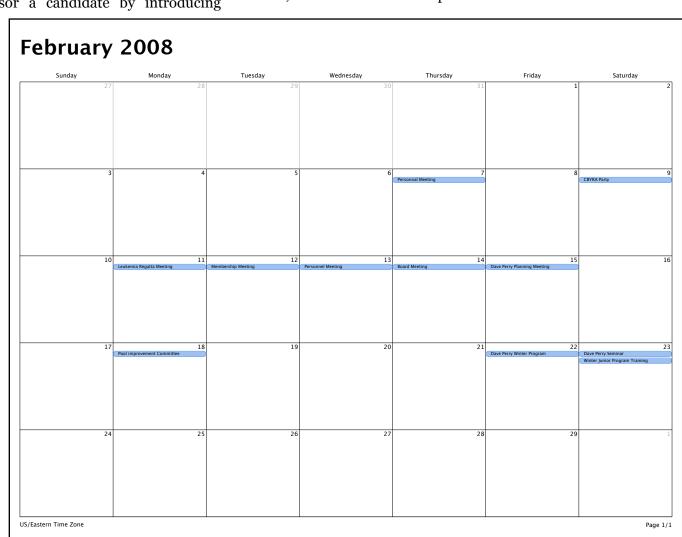
junior members, age 22. Ask me. I'll show you.

*The time it takes for the membership process is approximately 60 days. During this time sponsors should continue to introduce the applicant to other club members and get them involved in club activities.

The obvious point of this is that we should be open and proactive in our pursuit to introduce others to our Club, our passion and our sport of sailing. This will help us get more boats on the starting line, add cruisers to the raft up, and improve the health of the club and sailing in general. So I hope you will join us in this initiative to grow our club and the sport of sailing with active, involved racer/ sailors. Let's share the fun. Let's share our treasures.

I hope to see you at all of our fantastic Winter Programs.

RAB



FBYC Juniors - 08 is bound to be great!

New Stuff!

As of press time FBYC Junior Division volunteers are cloistered by their hearths pulling together the best new spring and summer programs ever, creating calendars, hiring more coaches, finding more volunteers and working out the logistics needed to make it all happen. While Junior Week continues as our centerpiece program, its important to remember that this stalwart is only part of a much larger series of very fortunate events that will get our young sailors out on the

water this season.

Two developing additions to our junior program are High School Sailing and a new Junior Race Development Team. Although they are still themselves under

development, we'll spill enough beans to say that junior sailors that are aging out of the Optimist Class (age 15) should soon have a way to keep racing with their peers plus spend some fun time with friends on and around the water in the spring and fall. The program, which will run in cooperation with an existing high school sailing program, will be open to FBYC juniors ages 14 through 18 and will run from late March till late May. Returning coach Luis "Dingo" Canuto will make an early appearance in mid April to inspire our newfound program with coaching during the week and at regattas.

Also new to the program will be a Race Development Team geared towards up and coming jun-

ior racers who want to build their fundamental skills on the race course before plunging head first into the traveling race team. This Optimist only program will have its own coach and will consist of at-FBYC practices 3-4 days per week with limited travel to local regattas such as the Virginia State Junior Championship at Norfolk Yacht and Country Cub (June 21-22nd) and the Junior Olympic Bay Open Junior Festival to be held at Hampton Yacht Club July 12-13th.

Junior Calendar

We're working hard to get out a calendar of events that covers all local, regional and national events that might be of interest to FBYC Junior sailors but as of press time we are waiting for other organizations to get their calendars assembled before the end of January. Therefore, rather than printing a hard copy calendar here, we'll keep updating our composite calendar presented on the FBYC website at www.fbyc.net/juniors as we receive new dates and other information

about junior sailing events.

KEY DATES FOR JUNIOR PROGRAM

- Optimist Team Trials Annapolis Yacht Club, Annapolis, MD May 1st-4th
- Stewpot Regatta FBYC Deltaville, VA April 26th
- Opti Kids FBYC Deltaville, VA June 7/8th and 1/15th
- Junior Week FBYC Deltaville, VA June 15th-20th
- Virginia State Junior Championship NYCC Norfolk, VA June 21st/ 22nd
- US Sailing Junior Olympics Bay Open Festival HYC Hampton, VA July 12th/13th
- Laser Atlantic Coast Championship Brant Beach YC, NJ July 12th/13th
- ➤ Maryland State Championships Corsica River YC, Centrefield, MD 17th
- ➤ USODA Nationals Patchogue, Village, NY July 23rd-27th
- USODA New England Championship Newport, RI August 5th-7th
 * dates and locations as of press time subject to change

Upcoming Events

We're looking for eyes and ears to attend an FBYC junior sailing program meeting on February 23rd at 4:00 pm at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church at 1627 Monument Ave in Richmond (immediately following the Dave Perry seminar) to allow us the opportunity to explain all of our Junior Program offerings for this season and to provide an opportunity for parents to ask questions and even register with our early bird pricing. Aside from bringing those eyes and ears you can bring those juniors as well since you never know what kinds of prizes or other cool stuff we might find to give away at something like this.

More Help!

One of my goals this season as Junior Division Commander is to find new ways to involve more

folks in our junior sailing organization to help plan and run events and programs. Since one of my New Years resolutions is to become a master at delegation, I'd like to introduce some key folks that will be helping us make this the best season ever for juniors at FBYC. Please feel free to contact any of these highly qualified individuals directly if you have questions regarding their particular area of program management. Also keep in mind that these appointments are only the tip of the iceberg and that each person managing a particular part of

the program will need yet more volunteers to actually make things happen (is this starting to sound like Amway?). In any case, don't be shy about offering

your services as a volunteer as it's a necessary aspect of the program and besides its even fun and rewarding to make new friends and see our kids blossom into sailing prodigies.

This year's key volunteers include:

<u>Junior Division Com-</u> <u>mander</u> – Eric Powers,

eric.powers@mma1.com 804-363-5553. I'll continue to oversee all aspects of the Junior Program and can always direct you to the right person who can help get your child on the water at any of the events.

Junior Lieutenant Commander – Stephan Cost,

costfamily@comcast.net 434-973-8861. Stephan is in charge of Opti Kids and Junior Week and can provide all the gory details of how this fabulous event will unfold.

<u>Junior Race Chair</u> – James Jacob,

james.Jacob@smithbarney.com 703-768-1434. Some of you may have enjoyed watching James' transom on the Laser racecourse over the years but for now just remember he's in charge of mustering the troops to pull off our local junior regattas.

<u>Learn2Sail Director</u> – Nica Waters,

nwaters@tandemfs.org 434-295-1016. Anyone who's had the pleasure of seeing kids learn sailing at Opti Kids knows Nica who will make sure our beginning sailors have the chance to keep sailing well into the summer.

<u>Junior Race Development</u> <u>Team Director</u> – Ted Steadman,

steadman@ceva.net 434-591-0290. Ted has the admirable task of helping us turn beginning sailors into racing sailors this summer, making sure our sailor pipeline stays full.

Junior Fleet Chair - Jay

Buhl - JBuhl@qubicaamf.us 804-360-0760. Jay, along with countless rolls of duct tape will make sure our fleet of junior boats stays afloat and functioning through the summer. He also serves a dual role in arranging the logistics required to get our racing sailors to and from traveling events.

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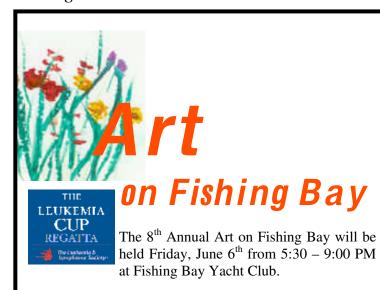
<u>Registration</u> – Danelle Powers –

danelle.powers@honeywell.com 804-706-1427. Being far more organized than the division commander is fortunately in charge of making sure all juniors get registered, fees are collected and the tee shirt isn't two sizes too large.

Upcoming Registration

We'll have both online and paper registration for all events by the end of the month so keep pinging www.fbyc.net/juniors to find forms, information and schedules for upcoming events. If you can't find what you're looking for, feel free to call Eric at 804-363-5553.

By Eric Powers



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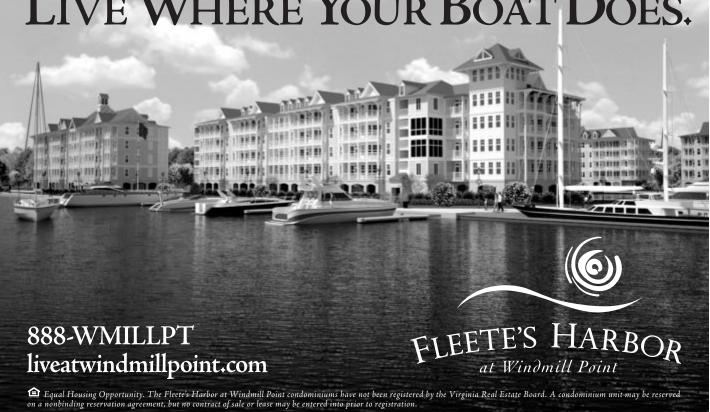




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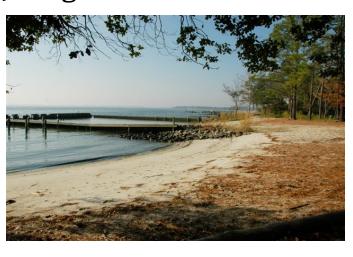
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