

Outward Bound

Wolf Trap Race was a bounding success. Bounding because its reaches and beats brought enough shifts and gusts to keep crews constantly alert. Bounding because the sharp, clear air of the Bay framed the course with a brilliance that lifted spirits as well as prows. And bounding because its 26 entries marked both a rise in participation and the largest distance series turnout of this

season. As that event transpired, a new fleet was born: the FBYC J/70s held their first "Fleet Event", an informal race and social chaired by Noel Clinard to welcome new J/70 owners David Hinckle, Walter Bundy, and Mike Karn as they joined existing owners Noel, Lud and Blake Kimbrough, and Drake Johnstone to comprise the 6 class boats required for official fleet status at FBYC. But when it comes to sailing well, eating well, and sharing their friendship with one another, our Cruising Division members have few equals, as Sam Stoakley's summary of the Potomac River Cruise will reveal elsewhere in this month's LOG. Our cruisers are proving that their participation also is alive and well with eight boats making their way up the historic Potomac shores to the Capitol Yacht Club in DC, preceded by an impressive flotilla of 12 boats under the leadership of Norman Camp and Sydney Fleischer journeying to Cape Charles and Kiptopeke. And, delightfully contrary to our expectations, the Optis are back on Fishing Bay, participating in a new fall private training program (with the assistance of FBYC) under the leadership of Bo Bragg; rumors of the demise of this Junior Sailing season are clearly premature. In the end, it is moments such as these that we will remember about the 2013 season more than anything else.

We will also remember individuals: Rob Whittlemore, over the winter challenging the One Design fleets to travel and compete against the best sailors from other clubs as a means to grow one's skills, and, as if to prove the point, partnering with John Wake to sail the Flying Scot Florida winter circuit as a stepping stone to a third place finish in the FSNACs and an outstanding first place finish in the Flying Scot Atlantic Coast Championship Regatta at Toms River Yacht Club in September; Will Crump, dominating Atlantic Coast J/80 racing with first place finishes in both the NYYC Annual Regatta and Annapolis Race Week; Jon Deutsch, once again singlehandedly chairing the Laser Masters, an event that has become his trademark for Laser sailing at FBYC and is now recognized by Laser sailors throughout the region as one of

their best organized venues. These are but a few examples of the commitments to sportsmanship and volunteerism that operate in tandem at FBYC.

There are some changes on the horizon that are more than tweaks. Our Annual Meeting and Awards Party in November is rescheduled for the 16th rather than the 9th, and has been renamed (Commodore's Ball) and reconfigured (shortening the awards presentations) to emphasize the party part (why not!). Besides the Annual Meeting itself, you will have an option to attend cocktails with dinner and dancing, or dessert and dancing only. Observe your emails and website for future details. The awards ceremony will be changed as well. The winners of the Blanton Bowl, Baker Bowl, Nott Memorial, Performance, Patrick Gibson Memorial, Windward Start, and Barber Trophies will be acknowledged as a group at the Commodore's Ball but will actually receive their awards at their respective Divisional Closing Day Regattas in October. Group photos of all adult and junior winners will be taken after the awards presentations in lieu of individual photos during the ceremony. For those receiving awards and those who are not, the time will move faster but the fun will be the same.

A quartet of ad hoc committees is currently at work addressing the interrelated issues of membership recruitment, event modernization, young adult participation, and adult sailing access. Each of these focuses on an area of deficiency or decline that cannot be solved by continuing to conduct our programs or membership policies as we have in the past. Failure to change invites further stagnation. Next season, we might expect redesigned major events, new member incentives, social programs focusing on increased young adult participation, or capital investments such as club owned keelboats, designed to improve access to adult sailing and attract new members who need such access as a condition for being able to join. This will be about Club growth and, figuratively and literally, about bringing our daughters and sons back to the Club.

This is an exciting period, in the way that change is always exciting, but also a period that invites self-doubt and internal debate. As your Commodore bearing witness to all this, it has been immensely satisfying and affirming to see our volunteer leaders pull together, start to find common ground, and debate difficult issues that challenge our conventional notions of Yacht Club operations. I am convinced that this inward focus will result in a club that once again sees itself as outward bound.

George Burke

FBYC BOARD HIGHLIGHTS - September 2013

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Commodore George Burke.

REAR COMMODORE – MATTHEW J. BRAUN

HOUSE – **Joe Roos** is evaluating the replacement of the grill outside the main clubhouse. The new Wi-Fi upgrade is complete. An antenna was added downstairs in the main clubhouse for better coverage.

SOCIAL – The date for the Annual Meeting and Awards Party has been changed to November 16. The Awards Party name has been changed to Commodore's Ball. **Caroline Garrett** discussed some of the ideas the Special Events Modernization Committee has come up with for future social events.

WEB MASTER – **Strother Scott** reported that for various reasons the September 1 goal with CO+LAB to get the member database up and running online did not happen. **Jon Deutsch** was invited to speak to the Board about working toward a new website. He said that in order to make the best technology decisions and chart a pathway to what we want our website to be with all of the capabilities we want, he plans to spend the next couple of months plotting out our to-be website. He will be working with the web committee and meeting with various Board members on their respective areas to craft a vision for the site that sets us up with a site that will take us for the next 15 years. This process should take up to two years. The first step is knowing what we want and plotting it out so we can obtain quotes on both how to build what we want, how long it will take and what it will cost. Jon will produce some documents outlining the vision for the site, the organization of the site, the content of the site and the process for the site and bring that back to the various board groups to react to and give feedback on.

HISTORIAN – **Jere Dennison** is working on a 75th Anniversary book that should be completed by Opening Day 2014.

OPERATIONS MANAGER – Two private events have been approved to be held at the club in October, one on October 12 and the other on October 19.

VICE COMMODORE – JOHN B. WAKE JR.

OFFSHORE DIVISION – A new printer for scoring has been installed in Fannie's House. Paul Wash plans to hold two to three sessions for JavaScore training by the end of October.

ONE DESIGN DIVISION – A meeting is scheduled for October 16 to plan next year's one design racing schedule. We expect to receive a bid for the Flying Scot ACC's for September 2014. **Jon Deutsch** chaired a great Laser Master's Regatta last weekend with just over 40 boats participating.

CRUISING DIVISION – The September 26-29 Captain's Choice Cruise will be led by **Andy Soyars** and **Joe Schott** will lead the October 10-13 Captain's Choice Cruise. The Cruising Division is already discussing plans for next year's cruises.

JUNIOR DIVISION – A Coach Hiring Committee for the 2014 sailing season has been formed. A group of 15 Opti sailors are

continuing to practice and race at the club in a program supervised by **Bo Bragg** and **Doug Amthor**. Plans are being made to make this a permanent event in the Spring and/or Fall. The new RIB was finally delivered and is at the club.

TROPHIES - There will be a Trophy Committee meeting following the October Board meeting for the purpose of reviewing the nominations for some of the perpetual trophies and choosing the recipients.

NEW BUSINESS – **Noel Clinard** presented a letter addressed to the Board requesting approval for the J-70 Fleet 5 to be recognized as an Offshore Active One Design Fleet at FBYC. The fleet has met the requirement of six enrolled boats and believes they can maintain the participation requirements. In addition to the letter, Noel also presented the Articles of Association of the J-70 Fleet 5. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the motion passed.

George Burke appointed Finance Chair **Mason Chapman** as Chair of the Finance Committee. He advised that there are three task forces in operation at this time: Offshore Task Force, the Special Events Modernization Committee, and a Membership Task Force. Their reports need to be posted by the time the Finance Committee meets for the first time.

There will be a slight increase in the price of club burgees effective October 1.

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

**SEPTEMBER 2013
MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

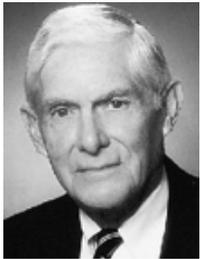
DEATH
Mr. Oliver L. Hitch



Trophy nomination request

The Trophy Committee, headed by Ed O'Connor, requests nominations for Perpetual Trophies by October 8. A complete list of these awards, along with a description, can be found at www.fbyc.net.

SPECIAL NOTICES



IN MEMORIAM
OLIVER L. HITCH
2/25/1925 – 9/6/2013

Oliver L. Hitch of Richmond, VA passed away on September 6, 2013. He is survived by his devoted wife, Victoria; his daughters, Lindsay

Goodale (Tad), Anne Martin (Alex), and Beverly Burch (Jeff); seven grandchildren; and two great-grandsons.

Oliver was born in Salisbury, MD but grew up in Marion, OH and Alexandria, VA. He attended Randolph Macon Academy and the University of Virginia. His college years were briefly interrupted during WWII by his service in the Navy as a radio signalman on a PBM. He completed his studies at University of Virginia after the war and attended law school. Oliver spent his career in the insurance business, first as a field underwriter and then moving on to the agency side in Richmond with Carneal Insurance. In 1960, he founded the Hitch Agency, which was merged in 1981 with Alexander & Alexander of Virginia. At age 70, he retired from that agency and reopened the Hitch Agency for another five years.

Oliver joined Fishing Bay Yacht Club in 1988 and raced on Brent Halsey's *Stormking*. Victoria became a member when they were married in 2004. They spent much time together aboard *Victory*, a Morgan Classic 41 that they sailed around the Chesapeake Bay. Their winters were spent in Florida and the Bahamas. They lived at Roane Point on the Piankatank River at one time and later in Deltaville on Jackson Creek; however, they were living at their Richmond home at the time of his death.

Oliver loved hunting with the Dove Club, sailing and spending time with family and friends at Roane Point, and in service to his church and community. He served on the boards of Covenant Woods, UMFS, and was past president of the Richmond Ballet and the Kiwanis Club of Richmond. As a member of Reveille United Methodist Church, he served on numerous committees and as a greeter for Sunday services. In addition to being a member of Fishing Bay Yacht Club, he was also a member of the Commonwealth Club, West Richmond Businessmen, the Dove Club, and the Vero Beach (FL) Country Club.

The funeral service was held on September 11 at Reveille United Methodist Church, 4200 Cary Street Road, Richmond, VA 23221. Burial took place at Hollywood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Reveille UMC, the UVA Alumni Association or the charity of your choice.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE



NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS:
MEMORABILIA SOUGHT FOR FBYC
75TH ANNIVERSARY PUBLICATION

By Jere Dennison
Historian

Way back in the 1980s, I recall (inexplicably) a droll remark by Commodore Ian Lorimer at our Annual Meeting. Basically the gist of what he said was: "A wise man once intoned that we shouldn't worry about where we're going because we'll know when we get there!" I suppose we have now "gotten there," at least to our 75th year in 2014 which began at Urbanna in 1939. Three-quarters of a century...wow, that's even older than your Club Historian.

As part of the celebration being planned for next year, your Historian (along with a small committee of club elders) has been tasked with producing a history publication that will encompass the highlights of all 75 years.

While we have much material to work with, we may have room for more that would be meaningful in memorializing our history. So, if any of you have photos, anecdotes, or other memorabilia from the past that you would like to propose for the booklet, please submit them to me as soon as possible via email: jerepaula@verizon.net or jeredennison@hotmail.com. Or call me at 804.398.0165 to discuss. Thanks.



The Annual Awards Party is now the...

COMMODORE'S BALL

Saturday, November 16, 2013

cocktails • dinner
short awards presentation
Motown band • dessert bar

The Country Club of Virginia
Westhampton Club House
6031 St. Andrews Lane • Richmond, VA

6:00-6:30 annual meeting
6:30-7:00 cocktails & appetizers
7:00-8:30 dinner & awards
8:30-10:00 dessert & dancing

DINNER, AWARDS, DESSERT & DANCING

Adults \$45.00 • Non-member Adults \$55.00

Prices above include one glass of wine. One more if you steal your neighbor's while he/she is claiming a trophy.

Cash bar

Teens (13-17) \$30.00 • Children \$15.00

New Option • DESSERT & DANCING

Join the party after the awards presentation for desserts and live music

Members \$15 • Non-members \$25

Bulk rate 4 pack - dessert/dancing tickets for \$50
8:30 pm - 11pm • Cash bar

Register online by Nov. 13th
Questions? Contact Connie Garrett
sailconnie@gmail.com

*date change from Sailing Events book

MEMBERSHIP NEWS YOU CAN USE

Doug Anderson, Secretary/Membership Chair

It's been said that sailors are a superstitious bunch. Maybe so, but consider all of the unknowns the early sailors faced. They ventured out to sea without adequate charts or adequate knowledge of weather and sea conditions. They faced challenges unknown on land, and many times their boats and equipment were not up to the task. Often they didn't know where in the world they were. Fear of the unknown breeds superstition. Through trial and error they conquered their fears, but the superstitions lived on for centuries, and a few of the traditions still do. Most sailors today would be hard pressed to cite examples of these superstitions, or even some of the traditions. The unknowns are now known.

Key developments in the age of sail were the chronometer, the compass, the sextant, and longitude & latitude. We use GPS, chart plotters, and smart phones; few of us even know how to use a sextant. In the lifetime of many current Club members, boat construction has evolved from wood to fiberglass and many other materials. Sails are now made from many different polymers and glues. Hemp and wire have been replaced by Dacron and a host of aramids as the lines on our boats. The long-established is no longer, but that's not all bad; in fact, the changes have brought us much that is good.

As familiar as the present state of sailing may seem to us, we live in a strange new world that a sailor of the past, even as recently as the 1960's, would hardly relate to. It may be equally true to say we are not relating fully, or effectively, to all these rapid changes either. The age of sail has passed, replaced by the world of recreational sailing. We don't earn our income from sailing; we spend our income on sailing; that is the crux of the matter we face as we confront our future.

Interest in sailing is still with us, as it has been in every past generation, but our ability to go down to the sea in ships faces some challenges. First, it's another form of recreation, competing with many other types of recreation, most of which are less expensive. Second, in addition to the cost of a boat, the lack of local lodging is a problem for members at a club like FBYC. Third, it is recreational expense paid with discretionary time and money, and only the more affluent, generally over age 50, have those resources today.

These are the challenges we confront as a destination yacht club, and we are faced with developing new ways of fulfilling our mission (Article III of our Constitution and you'll want to read the LRP proposals, too). The unknowns need to be confronted. So, as a co-owner of FBYC, hoist your Club Burgee and actively join in the task of steering us into the future.

How to Join FBYC! Prospective Members are encouraged to see membership info on the Club website (fbyc.net). On the top line above the Logo, see "How to Join FBYC." FBYC welcomes applications for membership.

NOMINATIONS FOR LIFE MEMBER STATUS

The purpose of awarding Life Member status is to recognize a member whose contributions are distinguished by their depth, breadth, superior quality and lasting impact. This is an “you know it when you see it” intangible. The compelling rationale for the nomination should be self-evident. Any Club member may nominate another member for Life Member status.

The following is an initial filter for identifying possible candidates:

- 75 years of age
- 20 years as a Club member
- 3 major leadership roles
- A history of significant contributions to the Club (such as, fund raising, community service, national sailing organization roles, continuous service, etc.)
- Leadership that produced new programs and services or took existing programs and services to a new level
- Significant contributions to the sport of sailing beyond FBYC
- Actions that result in greater recognition of FBYC

Ultimately you have to grapple with “What is the overwhelmingly compelling reason to nominate this Club member for the honor of Life Member status?” Many of our Club members are noteworthy in their participation, volunteer service, likeability, the Club thrives because of them. From time to time however, one member stands out from the rest of us as a uniquely significant member. We feel compelled to recognize his or her contributions with an act of gratitude by awarding that person Life Member status.

Submit nominations by NOVEMBER 1 to Doug Anderson, Secretary & Membership Chair

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS REGARDING THE 2013 LONG RANGE PLAN

By Noel Clinard, LRP Chair

As Long Range Planning (“LRP”) Chair, Noel Clinard poses and answers some common questions about each Sub-Committee area from the recently posted 2013 LRP (Go to www.fbyc.net; members, Planning, and scroll down to current plan).

Q: The LRP for “Community Relations” calls for a display at the Maritime Museum, periodic dinners with the Board of Supervisors, and development of a High School Sailing Team. Given our other challenges, how can we afford resources to do that?

A: A better question is how can we afford not to? We are located

in a relatively rural county with splendid natural and cultural potential which is undeveloped. FBYC needs to give back to the community an equal measure of what we get out of it. Our contribution has grown significantly in the last decade, but we can do better.

Q: Although the club membership is divided somewhat into the “silos” of the One Design, Offshore, Cruising, and Junior Divisions, don’t we have a wonderful and compatible membership of sailboat enthusiasts?

A: Yes, as far as it goes, but there is “something rotten in the state” of membership. Increasing numbers are aging out of active membership each year. The vast majority are over age of 50 and recruitment of younger adults is paltry. Participation in every division, save the Junior Division, is radically shrinking. The majority of current members have NEVER nominated a new person, of any age, for membership.

Q: Aren’t those problems true of sailing clubs everywhere? Isn’t the economy a factor?

A: Yes, economic conditions and demographic trends are certainly a factor, but other clubs are attacking these trends with ambitious and creative programs. So can we.

Q: Like what?

A: US Sailing cites “club-owned boats” as one of the most effective weapons for reaching younger demographic groups who want more convenient recreation than that afforded by individually owning and maintaining a boat. But we have to figure out how to allocate the costs of club-owned boats to the membership generally and to those who would use them.

Q: What about dues and fees? How do we answer those who say they are too high for the modern family with many competing interests?

A: The money to pay for club programs has to come from somewhere, especially the expanded programs called for by the ambitious LRP. If we can’t raise the dues and fees to fund programs or offset declining membership, then we need another approach.

Q: What about the sailing programs which have been the life-blood of FBYC? What are we doing to enhance them?

A: The LRP takes a hard look at our sailing programs and events, trying to discern why they aren’t healthier and more vibrant and growing.

Q: What else is the club doing to promote younger adult members?

A: One of the most ambitious undertakings of the LRP is the “Young Adult Initiative.” Headed by Caroline Garrett, this effort is looking at increasing the influence of younger adults on club management, Board nominations, modernization of club events, facility needs and uses, and myriad other aspects of club life.

Q: The club has great facilities, well maintained, which meet our current needs, don’t we?

A: We do and we are lucky to have them. Just maintaining what

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we have is a staffing and financial challenge. If we want more, we have to figure out how to pay for it and manage it.

Q: What more do we need?

A: Many of our slip occupants are envious of the very expensive concrete floating docks at Hampton and at Fishing Bay Yacht Harbor. One of our recruitment strategies has always been to entice new members with an initiation, dues, and rent structure that is competitive with rents in commercial marinas and offers club camaraderie to boot. But rates are dropping at commercial competitors and options like Stingray Harbor offer camaraderie too. So the old slip magnet is losing its force. Could there be an altered economic model to finance such facilities?

Q: We have what is arguably the finest Junior Program on the Chesapeake Bay, or in the country. Is there anything we need to do to tweak it?

A: The participants love it and enthusiastically do the prodigious volunteer work to support it. It serves as the most fertile recruitment ground for the club. But, we continue to hear observations that it doesn't serve the non-racing Junior after Junior Week. However, material efforts to provide such programs have not been utilized. What more can we do to satisfy that segment of the membership?

Q: FBYC has a great website with many admirers. Why mess with a good thing?

A: We have been an undisputed leader in yacht club website development, but our technology is aging and our long-time webmaster is mortal. We need to begin "passing the torch to a new generation" for which on-line access to information is just expected. The Membership Survey results make clear that the website absolutely, has to work, perfectly, every time. No "Zope Errors" are tolerable to the new generation, schooled on educational, social networking, and corporate systems that work seamlessly. Mobile access has to meet the same standard. A lot of time money and effort will be required by a devoted cadre of geeks to get us where we need to be.

Q: Is there anything else we can do to "market" the club to increase membership and participation?

A: Yes. We tend to think everyone knows we are the premier yacht club in the middle Chesapeake and that we can stand pat. We can't. We need to get ourselves "out there". We need a professionally-produced video and talking points to sow the recruiting field; not some amateur program. Like the website, which has to mirror professionally-produced equivalents, our marketing needs to be at a higher level.

Q: Do we have enough management resources in place?

A: We have two employees, a full-time Club Operations Manager and a part-time Executive Secretary, plus occasional part-time labor and contractors. Do those already have more than they can manage? Can we afford more full-time equivalents? Do we need to outsource more of our operations? How can we manage club-owned boats and other ambitious undertakings?

Q: Can our Board, Officer, and volunteer management be

improved?

A: We can always do better, but the volunteer infrastructure is already heavily taxed. Club service is demanding. Could we use wider participation? Absolutely.

Q: We can't possibly do all this at once. What's the point of a LRP that cannot be achieved in totality, realistically?

A: As the Preamble to the LRP states, none of the plans are mandates for immediate or simultaneous action on each point by our Board, Officers and Management. Instead, the LRP offers a vantage point that frankly assesses our shortfalls and weaknesses, tries to identify cause and effect, and offers a glimpse of alternatives for making our FBYC sustainable into the future.

Q: As just one member, what can I do to help?

A: Web tracking statistics indicate less than 50 members have perused the plan to date. Find out what's in the LRP. Read it. Talk about it to your friends, family and slip neighbors. Make a contribution. Get involved.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Chesapeake Laser Masters regatta RACE COMMITTEE TEAM



The Chesapeake Laser Masters is one of the longest running events at FBYC and running the races has been a group that just keeps coming back each year. Led by PRO Rick Klein, the race committee at the Laser Masters has 30+ years of experience with

this regatta between them. Some have been doing this regatta every year for 6 or more years.

Rick Klein sums it up. "These sailors know racing and they are easy to work with and there's always close competition. I like our group [of race committee] - they are all PROs in their own right and they are a joy to work with."

John Beery talks about the camaraderie in this group of volunteers. "After doing [this regatta] for three years now, it is really turning into a special event that tops the list of all events at the club in-so-far as having fun and participating in such a first rate affair."

Darrel Van Hutten [sailor from Deep Creek Yacht Club] adds, "Rick and his team did an amazing job. We all had fun and enjoyed the great race management."

JUNIOR

**JUNIOR RACE TEAM MEMBERS
TAKE THE GOLD!**



Trent Levy wins FBYC's Hawksworth Memorial Trophy

On August 11, Opti Race Team member Trent Levy captured first place in the 34 boat Opti Fleet at FBYC's Annual One Design Regatta, and was awarded the John R. Hawksworth Memorial Trophy! It was a highly competitive fleet, sailed in challenging conditions. The Hawksworth Memorial Trophy is awarded to the winner of the most competitive fleet at the Annual One Design. This is also the first year it has been awarded to a Junior! Approximately 35 FBYC Junior Race Team members stayed for the awards to cheer Trent on. Trent was followed closely in the standings by FBYC's Benton Amthor and Boyd Bragg. On the Laser Radial course, Alexander Hanna took first with Hannah Steadman second.



**Alexander Hanna wins
WRYC's Governor's Cup**

FBYC Race Team member Alexander Hanna won the 2013 Governor's Cup August 4 at Ware River Yacht Club. Alexander was first in the Laser Radial Fleet, which was the largest fleet competing in this year's regatta. Under the Deed of Gift for the Governor's Cup, the winner of the fleet with the most starts at the regatta wins the Cup. This is the first year in its 49 year history it has been awarded to a junior sailor! Alexander has competed on the FBYC Race Teams for a number of years in both Optis and Lasers. Completing the FBYC clean sweep in the Laser Radial Class, Eric Roos and Graeme Alderman took second and third, respectively. FBYC sailor Latane Montague, sailing with his son and FBYC Race Team member Jackson Montague, captured the Hampton One Design's National Championship, which was sailed in conjunction with the Governor's Cup. FBYC juniors also swept the Opti White Fleet, with Latane Montague, Jr., capturing first,

followed by Will Street and Ren Moody; and Amanda Almany finished third in the Opti Red Fleet!

**Hannah Steadman wins Commonwealth of Virginia
Junior Championship Regatta**

In keeping with her winning ways, Laser Race Team member Hannah Steadman won the Laser Radial Division of the Commonwealth Regatta on June 23! It was a competitive fleet, and incredibly, this was Hannah's first Laser Radial regatta! She has sailed with FBYC since age 6, and competed on both the Opti Development Team and Opti Race Team before graduating to the Laser Race Team. FBYC's Alexander Hanna finished second in the 21 boat fleet.

These are just a few of the fantastic finishes of FBYC's Race Team members this past summer. Most of the members of our three teams are sailing into the fall, and continuing to post outstanding results, including as members of our new Fall Race Team program, the CBYRA Corum Cup High Points competition, as well as High School sailing in 420s and Lasers; and are attending regattas from New Jersey to North Carolina! Look for more results in future Logs, and special reports on the Race Teams.

FBYC FALL RACE TEAM



Does FBYC junior racing really have to end at the end of summer? FBYC's Race Teams traditionally finish formally at the end of the Summer, when football, soccer, field hockey, and basketball kick off, but this year the junior sailors wanted

to keep sailing and racing into the fall. Members Bo Bragg and Doug Amthor decided to do something about it, and have organized a Fall Race Team; contracting with a coach, arranging practices, and traveling to regattas. Demand is so high that the team is practicing or racing nearly every week end through the end of November. Practices run from 9 am until 4 pm on Saturday and Sunday at the club.



Victor Diaz de Leon, who was recommended to us by our Laser coach, Gabriel Moran, and is well known on the Opti race circuit, is coaching. Victor is bringing a whole new set of racing skills, including an emphasis on boat speed and strategy, to our Opti

sailors. A total of 16 different sailors are participating! It is the hope of the Junior Division that this program will continue to grow, and we are already making plans for next Spring and Fall and incorporating Lasers. It is not too late to get involved this Fall. Contact Parent Coordinator Bo Bragg at bo@braggco.com for additional information.

RACING / CRUISING

ANNUAL ONE DESIGN

by Mike Toms

Saturday storms and Sunday drifties shortened the 74th Annual One-Design Regatta at Fishing Bay Yacht Club, but it did not dampen the fun for nearly 100 adult racers and the 44 junior one-design racers on hand.

The mid-afternoon thunderstorms that passed through on Saturday curtailed racing after most classes had completed at least two races. Before the storms, conditions were consistent, with 6-10 knot northeasterly breezes across all three courses. The oscillating shifts made for very fun tactical racing and some exciting, close finishes.

On Sunday, the lack of wind caused abandonment ashore, hence no additional racing. The well-orchestrated volunteer team put together by the event team of John Wake and David and Veronica Hinckle did a superb job of keeping everything flowing throughout the weekend.

Fishing Bay was well-represented at the trophy presentation, with top three finishers in almost every fleet sailed by a member. Fishing Bay top finishes included:

Rob Whittemore and Kevin Clark took the first in the Flying Scot fleet, followed by John and Sharon Wake with a 3rd. In Frontrunners, Matt Braun was 2nd, followed by Mark Stephens. In San Juan 21's, Mike Chesser took 1st and Jeffrey Davis was 3rd. In Lasers, FBYC swept the podium in both full-rig and radial Lasers. In full-rig, Brad Squires was 1st, Jon Deutsch 2nd, and Mike Toms 3rd. In radials, Alexander Hanna was 1st, Hannah Steadman was 2nd, and Graeme Alderman was 3rd.

For the first time since its inauguration, the AOD Championship and the John R. Hawksworth Memorial Trophy was awarded to a Fishing Bay member, Trent Levy. Johnny Hawksworth, as a strong supporter of junior sailing at Fishing Bay and an early alum of the program, would likely find it fitting that the first FBYC member to win the trophy presented in his honor was a Junior sailor. By virtue of coming out on top of the largest fleet, 34 Optis, Trent was the high point scorer for the regatta. Trent was followed by two other FBYC sailors, Benton Amthor, in 2nd, and Boyd Bragg, in 3rd.

Full results are online at fbyc.net.

LEGACY OF SAIL REGATTA BECOMES A REALITY

By Jere Dennison

The third annual attempt to host the ill-starred Legacy of Sail Regatta (fondly dubbed the Geezer Regatta) was finally successful on August 17, 2013. The weather gods produced near perfect sailing conditions in contrast to the 2011 version which was cancelled due to the untimely arrival of hurricane Irene and the

2012 version in which a vicious Saturday northeaster forced its integration with a One-Design series fortuitously scheduled on the following day.

This Regatta, exclusively for skippers over 60, fielded two divisions: Flying Scots and Classic small yachts on a small boat course in Fishing Bay. Nine vintage skippers set off to sail for geezer glory.



At the end of the day following four challenging races, the top geezer emerging in the Scots was Tracy Schwarzchild with his near-professional crew, John Wake. Receiving top geezer honors in the Classic Division

was Chuck Carmichael sailing his handsome Alberg-designed Typhoon Weekender. Special coveted awards for the eldest skipper in each division were enthusiastically received by Doug Anderson in the Scots and Dick Farinholt in the Classics.

Next year let's shoot for at least 20 competitors, and this should be possible with such a large Scot fleet at the club and a burgeoning Typhoon fleet of 16 members prowling the mid-reaches of the Piankatank River. More of baby boomer members moving into the sexagenarian age bracket should also help supercharge the event in the future.

Complete results of the Legacy of Sail Regatta can be found at www.fbyc.net. The picture accompanying this article is courtesy of Patrick Gregory.

Laser Masters



The 42nd Chesapeake Bay Laser Masters Championship Regatta was a fantastic regatta! The weekend was punctuated by fun activities (paddle board relay race, anyone?) and a fabulous Alain Vincey

dinner of crabcakes and steak, but the star was the sailing. Battling lightening winds and postponements, the racers eked out finishes in a tight race for the top spot. Bob Tan from Severn Sailing Association emerged as the 2013 champion, adding to his championship from 2008.

This regatta went incredibly smoothly and that could not have been accomplished without plenty of help. Our race committee

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(see Volunteer Spotlight) gave us some great races and got us on and off the water at optimum times. Thanks PRO Rick Klein along with David Clark, Cathy Clark, Becky Dale, Debbie Cycotte, Ric Bauer, Sharon Bauer, and Ruthanna Jenkins on the signal boat. They had John Beery, Mosby West and Roger Carver on the weather mark boat while Mike Dale and Ron Jenkins helped on the line/gate boat. Alain put on a great dinner and we want to thank the the rest of the fleet members for their help with the land program – Len Guenther, Mike Toms, Brad Squires, Frank Murphy, and Dan Herlihy.

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**POTOMAC CRUISE TO D.C.
SEPTEMBER 4-14, 2013**



Eight boats from Fishing Bay headed north on September 4th for a 290 NM cruise up the Potomac to Washington, DC. We were blessed with beautiful weather and enjoyed sharing cocktails, hors d'ouvres, and conversation nearly every evening. Colonial Beach was a favorite stop where we spent two nights, visited the Ingleside Winery, enjoyed a nice French-Thai dinner, and watched some captivating catfishing from the docks. Our next stop, Occoquan Harbor Marina, was a very nice facility with a friendly, professional and very attentive staff. Their beautiful patio area was perfect for our cookout with shared dishes. In fact, we changed our plans and stopped there again on the return trip from DC. Our arrival at the City Marina in Old Town Alexandria just happened to coincide with a large Arts Festival that featured some excellent artworks over several blocks of King Street. The many diverse restaurants in Alexandria provided everyone with a chance to savor their favorite cuisine.

The final upstream leg of 5 miles took us to the Capital Yacht Club, a beautiful club just south of the 14th Street Bridge and within walking distance of the Smithsonian museums and the many monuments on the National Mall. It was also adjacent to the oldest fish market in the U.S. with an enormous selection

of fresh fish and every other type of seafood you could possibly want. While we each did our own sightseeing and exploring, a personal highlight for the crew of Reflections was a tour of Arlington National Cemetery and viewing the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. We were very pleased that our dear cruising friend Jane Denunzio joined us for dinner at the Capital Yacht Club.



Our fleet began to splinter somewhat from DC homeward as busy people hustled to meet other obligations. In addition to Occoquan, our return trip included overnight stops at Cobb Island and Pt.

Lookout, Md. We also had the experience of being routed around a live fire exercise of Naval gunnery near Dahlgren. The cruise ended on a very high note as we departed Pt. Lookout on a cool, 55 degrees morning with a brisk NW wind that enabled us to sail virtually the entire 40+ nautical miles to Deltaville.

Participating on the cruise were George & Frances Sadler (*Kittiwake*), Tony & Kate Sakowski and their guest, Will Posten (*Miss Kate*), Ted & Myra Bennett (*Pharos*), Joe & Carolyn Schott (*Obsession*), Doug Selden (*Ithaka*), John & Faye Koedel (*Wings*), Gordon, AKA "Catfish" & Jane Cutler (*Tender Mercies*), and Nancy & Sam Stoakley with their guests Harry & Gerri Bybee (*Reflections*).



Young Adult Members

In September the Young Members enjoyed a tasty evening out at Little Mexico. Coming up we have a day cruise on the Garrett's *Running Tide* on Saturday October 12. We'll take a scenic adventure out into the Bay or up the Piankatank. Drinks and appetizers will be provided. Kids are welcome. Sign up soon by emailing chbokinsky@gmail.com or cgarrett17@gmail.com. As for November, mark your calendars for the Annual Meeting and Commodore's Ball on Saturday November 16.

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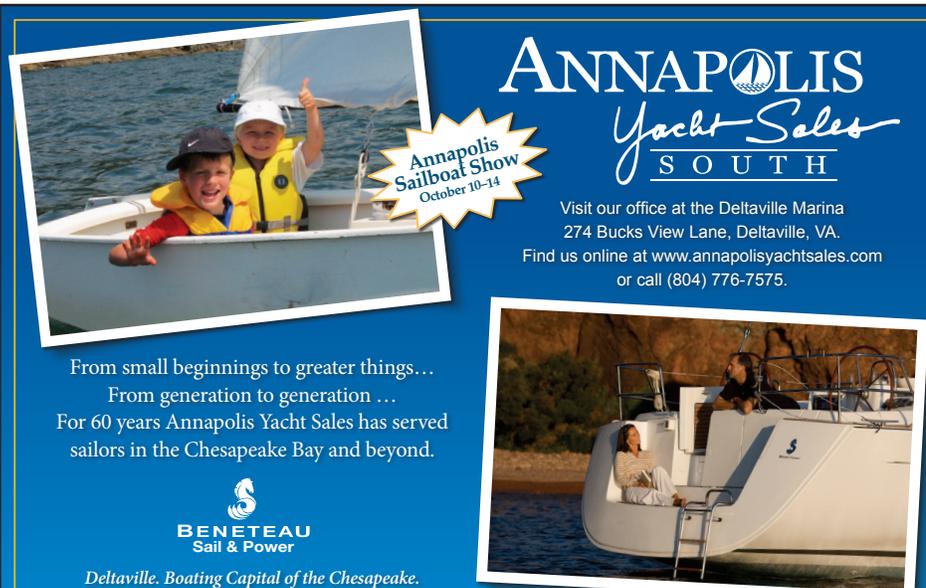
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