



FROM THE QUARTERDECK

AUGUST 2023



CALLING THE SHIFTS

Much of success in life and in sailing is the fine honing of one's skill to anticipate what will come next. This intuition is often on display on the race course, as the competitor who not only assesses the current conditions, but also what conditions

will evolve to during the course of the competition, ends up in the lead overall.

Our Club is no different, as it has for decades looked ahead and anticipated what would not only be needed, but also be transformational. This combination of foresight and willingness to change, invest and grow has built the vibrant, sailing-dedicated club we know and love today.

The 84th Annual One Design regatta was a great example of this anticipation in action. Many new ideas and approaches were tried this year and the results were astonishing. With 95 boats spread over 13 fleets, with several new classes joining the AOD format, participation increased by 66% over the prior year! In a time where many events are seeing declines, this shows the potential FBYC has to support the growth of One Design sailing on the Chesapeake Bay - the little miracle that is AOD, matters!

A special thanks go out to the entire team of volunteers who made this happen, so ably led by AOD event chair Jon Deutsch and PRO Jim Raper. We had a tremendous turnout of our Offshore, Junior and Cruising division members to support this event and it shows what we can do as a club when we all lean in together. Kudos to everyone who helped and found a new formula for success - we all had a great time and learned a lot. I can't wait for next year's AOD to see what we do next!

AOD also helped me appreciate the strategic improvements we have historically done as a club to make FBYC such a great place to sail. For example, I did not, for even a moment, take for granted improvements such as having the new water system supply in place - it removed a major

worry and let us all focus on the event instead. Having the space on the Fishing Bay side of the campus to smoothly run such a large event, was also a great reminder of the benefits we reap today from those who came before us and made it possible.

Improving FBYC for the future has been fully on the Board's mind since we held focused long-term planning meetings earlier this year. Several key opportunities for improvement are upon us as we approach our 100th(!) year in the not so distant future. How we use the Club is always changing, but we need to plan and prepare today to realize these benefits tomorrow.

With that in mind, we are forming three committees to quantify our options to improve:

- 1. Our support fleet** - focusing on *Mr. Roberts*, do we have the right platforms to properly support our on-the-water sailing events and operate cost effectively?
- 2. Our waterfront** - focusing on the Fishing Bay waterfront and dock, are we configured in the best way possible to host and support meaningful sailing events?
- 3. Our event infrastructure** - focusing on the main Clubhouse catering kitchen and event facilities, how could we best configure them to support events and the volunteers who make it all possible?

If you would have an interest in serving on one of these key committees, please contact me at commodore@fbyc.net

I would also like to close out this month's Log with an invitation to the membership to nominate yourself or someone you feel would be a great addition to serve on the Board in the coming year - please reach out to Joe Roos, our member-at-large and chair of the nominations committee and let him know your thoughts and recommendations.

With your support, we can all catch the next shift - see you sailing at the club!

~ Mark Wensell, Commodore

SPECIAL NOTICES



BOARD MINUTES & COMMITTEE REPORTS

We invite you to view the Board Minutes and Committee Reports at the following website as an appendix to this Log:

<https://www.fbyc.net/members-only/board-minutes/>



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Invited

INVITING FRIENDS TO JOIN FBYC JUST GOT EASIER

We've updated our membership application and made it easier than ever to submit. Our new Google Form is online and ready to receive new members. Just send the QR code or link to your friends to apply. It's a great time of year to invite other sailors to get involved with our Club!

For more information about how to join our Club and our application process, please visit: <https://www.fbyc.net/club/membership/>



Start Your
FBYC Membership
Application Process
today!



ARTS ON FISHING BAY (#2 for 2023)

Our second featured artist for the 2023 season is Carol Vaughn. Carol began sailing when she met husband David Tabor. Together they have been a team, racing *Dianthus* in FBYC series races and more recently in the arduous 2023 biennial Bermuda One-Two. Carol's paintings, reflecting her love of sailing and FBYC, depict familiar scenes with the unique eye of a gifted watercolorist. We invite all members to visit the Main Clubhouse second floor to view and enjoy Carol's art.

KITCHEN HELP!

FBYC sailing and social season is in full swing! We've hosted hundreds of people for sailing, food, socializing and fun ever since the kickoff at Memorial Day weekend. And the kitchens on our campus are at peak usage. To keep our facility safe and free of pests, please remember to observe the following guidelines when you are volunteering or in charge of events involving food:

- The obvious one - clean up, before and after. Wipe down counters, put away dishes you have used (ideally, back where they came from), take out the trash.
- If you have leftover food, either take it with you, or if you think someone else at the club can use it - label it, date it, store it properly. Food should never be left on the floor. Food left for too long takes up valuable storage space on shelves and in the refrigerators, attracts pests, smells bad, and becomes another thing Ben and Brian have to deal with when they are doing regular maintenance.
- Another option is to donate food to the local food bank - Hands Across Middlesex is a good one.

As with all aspects of this volunteer run club, many hands make light work, and we all benefit from keeping high standards along the way. Thanks for your efforts!

NEW MEMBERS



APPROVED FOR MEMBERSHIP
JULY 2023



James Daley III & Rachel Bowker

James Daley III & Rachel Bowker – James & Rachel have been interested in sailing, especially in and around the Chesapeake Bay. Their goal was to find a location near Richmond where they could do just that. From their initial contact with FBYC (primarily with Ron Jenkins), it was evident they'd happened upon something much greater. Over the last couple of weeks in getting to know the members and the Club, especially at the Adult Sailing Festival, they found a place to really call home. They previously completed an ASA KeelBoat certification in a large cruising boat, and have decided that the smaller, more responsive FBYC boats we offer are a better fit for them. Individually, James is interested in racing and crewing. Rachel has similar interests, but with a greater interest in day sailing. As much as they hope to learn and use the resources provided by the Club, they also want to be able to give back and continue with the hospitality they have experienced. *Sponsors: Ron Jenkins & Geoff Cahill*

Duncan & Caroline Jones – FBYC has long been a part of Duncan's childhood and his family's as well. Duncan and Caroline are excited to get back to sailing and being at the bay with the recent purchase of a catamaran. As previous members of the Club for 10 years, their kids grew up in the Junior Program and enjoy sailing. Now that they have graduated from college and Duncan and Caroline are empty nesters, they look forward to cruising



Duncan & Caroline Jones

and participating in FBYC activities again. Their parents, Charlie and Stella Jones, joined the Club in 1972 and it has meant the world to their family. *Sponsors: David & Alison Lennarz and Charlie & Stella Jones*



Ben Clore & Laura Aimone

Ben Clore & Laura Aimone – Ben and Laura have decades of sailing knowledge and experience. Their kids have been afloat on-and-off their entire lives and had a great time with Opti Kids and Junior Week. They are excited to find a new community of sailors in Deltaville. The Clores are from Charlottesville where Ben owns and operates a restaurant, Oakhart Social, and Laura is an aquatics instructor. They currently own cruising catamarans, one that they sail on the Chesapeake Bay and a second that they use seasonally in the BVI. They discovered FBYC when looking for a junior sailing venue for their children, whom they describe as “basically semi-feral pirates when we are in the BVI and really love being on the water”. The result: Ben and Laura have come to the realization that FBYC is a great fit for all their family's local sailing needs. *Sponsors: George & Lyons Burke and Timothy & Diane Dalsaso*

2023 Stingray Point Regatta!

Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, SEP 1-3, 2023

*Like sailing and live music?
How about great food and fun
with friends old and new?
Get ready for the highlight
of the Summer!*



This year Fishing Bay Yacht Club will host its 29th Annual Stingray Point Regatta to be held September 1st through the 3rd Labor Day Weekend. We have made a few changes that will make this event welcoming for sailors of all sailing and racing experience levels. Whether you are an experienced racer with a fine tuned crew or a cruiser that just wants to have fun with friends and family---this event is for you!

New for 2023 we will feature a separate course for the cruising and non-spinnaker classes. This course will be a simple triangle sailed around inflatable marks set at a pre-determined gps location. It is the same type of course used in the Leukemia Cup Regattas held years ago. This simple format makes for a much more relaxing race that is lots of fun. FBYC welcome sailors of all levels to join in this fantastic weekend on and off the water enjoying the best part of the Chesapeake Bay. This event has fabulous meals and an incredible 9-piece party band that has kept our sailors dancing thru the night after great days of sailing.

We hope that you will join us for a terrific weekend. For more information visit us on our website, www.fbyc.net or on Facebook at the Stingray Point Regatta page. If you have questions please contact David Hinckle via email at david@bpsva.com.



RACING



**JERE DENNISON LEGACY REGATTA
SET FOR AUGUST 5, 2023**

Calling all Skippers 60 years young or better! This is your event! Sign-up and attend the Jere Dennison Legacy Regatta on Saturday August 5, 2023.

This event honors Jere Dennison who served in FBYC leadership roles for over 40 years. While his achievements with the Club are too numerous to mention, he was the Club's youngest Commodore, created the Club's comprehensive Austin Memorial Library, and was Club Historian for over 15 years. Jere was an avid one-design sailor who completely understood that sailing is a lifelong adventure - an ancient legacy to be passed on from generation to generation!

We encourage all classes of boats to participate—we especially invite the Flying Scot, Melges15, Typhoon Fleet, Windmills, Mobjack, Lasers, Front Runners, San Juan 21 and any Classic boat. The older the better. You sail it, we will score it. Open to members and non-members of FBYC. This is a one-design event, open to boats 25 feet or less at the waterline, and targeting skippers 60 years plus. Crew can be any age. Please review the Event Notice (8/5/23) on the FBYC Event website for details and sign-up through Regatta Network.

All boat Fleets scored for Prizes will be awarded trophies for skippers 60 years plus. In addition, boat Fleet skippers who are 70 years plus and finish first in this age group will receive the Vintage Skipper award for their respective fleet.

This is a Great event to have fun sailing and Honor our FBYC friend, Jere Dennison!

Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/3w4ssxtw>



Jon Deutsch - Fishing Bay Dock on Sunday with no wind.

84TH ANNUAL ONE DESIGN REGATTA RESULTS

Sailors from all over – including Seattle, Tampa, and large contingents from North Carolina and Maryland – came to Fishing Bay Yacht Club's 84th Annual One Design Regatta this past weekend. When all was said and done, 95 boats across nine fleets hit the waters of the Piankatank. The Championship course, with its seven fleets and six starts, set up in Hills Bay and each fleet completed four long races on Saturday. Fishing Bay YC welcomed two multi-hull fleets this year, six Isotope catamarans and nine Weta trimarans, marking respectively, the first ever trimaran fleet and the first catamaran fleet since the early 90's at this event. Unfortunately, the wind did not hold into Sunday, and only the two Opti fleets were able to complete additional races.



Paul Almany - Scott Adam being presented the John R. Hawksworth Memorial Trophy

The John R. Hawksworth Trophy for the top sailor in the most competitive fleet went to Scott Adam of Midlothian, VA sailing in the thirteen boat ILCA fleet. Scott won three of the four races and came in second in the last race to second place finisher David Waiting from Severn Sailing Association. Even the ILCA Third place award was competitive - Jon Deutsch (FBYC) and Mike Moore (DGYC) tied for 3rd with the tiebreaker narrowly tipping in Jon's favor.



Paul Almany - Melges 15 race start

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The Melges 15 fleet was the largest fleet with fifteen boats racing, including several experienced racers but new Melges owners. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the wide range of conditions and very competitive racing. Parker and Kim Garrett were the top Fishing Bay boat finishing 3rd while the Stout family from Severn Sailing Association took the top two spots with Wilson and Brian Stout bested by their parents Alex and Lorie Stout.



Paul Almany - Weta and Isotope race start

Alan Taylor from Carolina Sailing Club was the top Weta - winning three of the four races. James Thompson of Asheville Sailing Association came in 2nd and Stuart Burnet from Fishing Bay Yacht Club came in 3rd in what was his first ever Weta fleet race. The top three boats were separated by just three points.

J.P. Ayers in his shark-painted Isotope narrowly edged out Stephen Cahoot by just one point to win the Isotope class. John Kirles finished 3rd and all three sailors were from Carolina Sailing Club.

The Portsmouth fleet featured a variety of boats sailing under a timed handicapping system. These included San Juan 21s, Albacores and C420s. The Albacores took the top three spots with Dan Miller from Potomac River Sailing Association first overall, followed by Lloyd Leonard from PRSA/WRYC and David Huber also from PRSA.

Hosting an event of this size, something FBYC hadn't done since 2016, was a testament to the volunteers who came together to make this a great event and had fun doing so. Thanks to the event committee led by Jon Deutsch, Paul Almany and Doug Bendura, as well as the Race Committees led by Jim Raper and Jack Cabell.



Bob Waldrop - Flying Scots sailing downwind

In the Flying Scot fleet, Lake Norman Yacht Club sailors took 1st – Dave Rink and Joel Blade and 3rd – Dave Safirstein while John and Sharon Wake finished 2nd representing Fishing Bay Yacht Club.

The 10-boat Hampton class was led by Randy Stokes from Norfolk Yacht and Country Club, winning three of the races. Latane Montague from Fishing Bay Yacht Club finished 2nd and Will Roberts from Hampton Yacht Club finished 3rd.



Paul Almany - Hampton Start

Many of the FBYC and Norfolk Yacht & Country Club Opti sailors were fresh out of a clinic held the three days prior to the event at Fishing Bay, and were set to test their new skills on the racecourse. The ten boat Red/White/Blue Optimist course sailed five races on Saturday, while the nine-boat Opti Green fleet sailed nine races. Both fleets were able to get out on Sunday and sail another two and three races respectively. Charlotte Stockwell from Norfolk Yacht & Country Club won a tiebreaker against Clarke Garrett (FBYC) to win the overall title in the Opti Red/White/Blue fleet. Sebastian Angus (FBYC) was one point behind to take 3rd.



Jon Deutsch - Serving Dinner - Karen and David Soule, Mary Almany, Veronica Hinckle, Michelle Wharton, Mark and Joanna Wensell, Evie Wensell, and Elizabeth Staas

Thank you to Susan Wright, Steve Montgomery and Jess Deutsch who helped with registration and check in. Thank you to everyone who made parking, docking and launching possible including Mary Almany, David Hinckle, Brian Ankrom, Mason Chapman, Allen Mason, Steve Wirt, Mike Karn, Ken and Debbie Johnson, Ben Boone, John Koedel Jr., Chris Hinkle and many others.

RACING / CRUISING

Out on the race course running the races was Jim Raper, Donna Alvis, Mike and Becky Dale, David and Cathy Clark, Alex Alvis, Steve Gillispie, Peter Dutnell, Rick Klein, Holly Sears, Greg Svoboda, Brad Miller, and Craig Wright. Evie Wensell did the scoring, Mike Chesser helped in the RC planning and Mayo Tabb led the Protest Committee. The Opti course was run by Jack Cabell and Eleanor Patterson.

And finally, a special thank you to Doug and Jennifer Bendura for spearheading the regatta social events. Their fantastic team of helpers included: Karen and David Soule, Veronica Hinckle, Michelle Wharton, Mark and Joanna Wensell, Elisabeth Staas, Joe Roos, Parker and Kim Garrett, Tracy Schwarzschild, Katie Finn, Rick Peterson, Alan Mason, Rob Whittemore, Ian Patrick, Stuart and Kirsten Gregory, John Hubbard, Ryan Wharton and Bill Kitchens and many others.

Congratulations to all of our winners! Thank you for coming and we'll look to see you back next year!



OCEAN CRUISING CLUB RALLY MONDAY 12 TO WEDNESDAY 15 JUNE 2023 FROM THE CORROTOMAN RIVER TO DELTAVILLE

This article was written by Beverley Steenkamp. She and her husband, Andre, cruise on their boat SEA DANCER. SEA DANCER is from South Africa, and is currently flagged in Guernsey.

A great experience and opportunity to meet so many really great people! Once again I am reminded that it is always the people you meet and share experiences with that make life so interesting!

We arrived late morning on Monday 12 June and dropped our anchor very close to Bill & Lydia Strickland's home in the Corrotoman River. After waiting for about an hour to ensure our anchor was holding, we jumped in our dinghy and headed over to meet the people who had already arrived.

Note to self – get some boat cards including pictures of both our boat and ourselves so they are easy to hand out. Also make sure you record something about the people you meet and chat to. We met more than 30 people on this rally, all swapping wonderful stories about their adventures



Paul Almany - Opti sailors in a coaching session



Paul Almany - Mr. Roberts at the starting line

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and advice on where to go...but by the time I got down to capturing contact details I found it hard to remember which story went with each person!

On Monday evening we were all invited to the Strickland's home for a BBQ. Each boat was asked to bring a side/ starter or pudding and Lydia coordinated lists so we could see what people were bringing which made it easier to make sure there would be a good variety. Chicken for the BBQ and wine/beer was provided as part of the rally. The food was so tasty and the company was wonderful.

Tuesday morning saw us heading off about 20 nm to Little Bay. The wind gods decided that they would support the motor yacht and force the sailing vessels to motor as well. We tried to fly our spinnakera wonderful picture was sent to us by one of the rally members of us looking a spinnaker flopping around with no air in it and looking up to heavens thinking 'how did that happen' (there was breeze when we started putting it up and once up there was zero breeze – all our instruments showed zero – I thought they were not working!).....and then just as we managed to get the sails up and filled, we arrived in the bay and were greeted by well marked fishing nets and lots of lobster pots. Some rally members braved the rolling waters in the bay to go for a walk on the beach and do a little exploring. The planned rafting evening sundowners were moved to plan B, which was drinks hosted by two of the boats. While we were sorry to see the group split, it was great to meet in smaller groups and be able to chat in more detail with fellow rally members.

The last day of the rally required a further 14 nm sail to Fishing Bay in Deltaville. No sooner had we settled our boat in Fishing Bay, than we received a radio call from the boat anchored next to us, asking if we needed groceries or hardware or boat parts and offering to take us there as they had a car in town! As every long term yachty knows, trying to provision without a car can be tiresome, so it was great to have someone Uber us around. We all gathered on Wednesday night at the Fishing Bay Yacht Club (FBYC) for dinner. Pulled pork supplied by the rally with the participants bringing a starter/side or pudding. I promised myself that I would not load my plate too much – of course that was not to be. It was great to meet some of the local FBYC members, once again adding to the richness of this adventure!

So what do I take away from the wonderful three days spent on the rally?

- When OCC club members organize events they do so superbly. Thank you Lydia and Bill and all the others who assisted you

- Nothing is too much effort for OCC members and port officers. Questions were answered, advice dispensed and help was offered
- OCC members who offer help, really go out of their way to make it happen – Andre and I are not very good at asking, so prompting received from members made it easy
- The OCC website is a great resource – go look at what is available and use the resources
- We leave the rally wishing for more, but grateful for the new friends we have made and hopeful that we will bump into many of them while we continue on our journey.



FBYC members of OCC (and participating in the cruise) were Doug & Alison Selden, Karen & David Soule, Julie Palm, and Lydia & Bill Strickland. Former members, George and Frances Sadler, were a part of the merry band, as well.

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ST. MARY'S, MD CRUISE RECAP

St. Mary's College of Maryland hosts five River Concerts on Friday evenings during June & July. On July 7th, 11 FBYC boats were anchored on Horseshoe Bend on the beautiful St. Mary's River having made the trip from Deltaville. Cruisers enjoyed a wonderful performance by the Chesapeake Orchestra on the grounds of the college. Most boats made the trip over two days, some stopping at Horn Harbor on the Great Wicomico, and others on Mill Creek. The Great Wicomico group dined at the Horn Harbor Restaurant and enjoyed a delicious meal. It was tempting to tour Historic St. Mary's City on Saturday morning, but most cruisers left early and headed for FBYC in light of a less than ideal forecast for Sunday. The cruisers would have traded some high temps for a little more wind, but all in all, we had a great time!



CRUISERS TO URBANNA FOR FUN, FOOD, FELLOWSHIP AND FIREWORKS!

Nine boats went to Urbanna July 1st to enjoy the fireworks after a NC Bar B Q dinner the night before at the Club. We stayed at Urbby Marina as our hosts, Amy and Andy Anderson, are as helpful and welcoming as they were last year. They joined the pre-cruise dinner to offer several door prizes and give out slip assignments. (We can recommend Urbby Marina, just past the Town Marina, as a great place to spend time when visiting this great little town!) Those who sailed up in the afternoon had great wind behind them so the ride was fast and easy. Coming home was a bit more challenging as the wind was on the nose most of the way.

Over 30 cruisers, land cruisers and guests enjoyed a buffet that was over the top prior to the fireworks. The fireworks were outstanding after the annual parade of decorated boats. The predicted storm was only a light rain and it stayed away during the dinner and fireworks.

The best news was several boats new to the cruisers group joined the trip this year; we welcome all FBYC members to join us on any of the cruises. The website lists dates and places. We look forward to another big time in 2024; please join us for the celebration of our country's independence.

Margaret and Steve Montgomery



FBYC TRADEWINDS

ONLINE CLASSIFIEDS:
www.fbyc.net/classifieds/ or go to Webtools then Classifieds to view or place an online classified ad.

FOR RENT: Spacious Stove Point cottage on Fishing Bay. 4 BR, 3 full baths, plus detached guest house with bedroom and full bath. Pool and new dock, magnificent sunsets! \$1800/wk, plus \$100 cleaning fee; \$6500/month. Contact Nancy Potts: 860-767-2991 (home), 860-395-6451 (cell), email: nancy.potts48@gmail.com

FOR RENT: Jackson Creek Harbour Condo for Rent
 3 Bdrm Townhouse waterfront condo, 3BR w/ 2 Qns, and 2 Singles or Qn, 2 ½ baths, fully equipped, CATV, Wifi, Pool, Tennis Ct; \$1200/wk. Contact Noel Clinard 804-338-4066.

FOR RENT: Main House at Rosegill. 5 BR house on large farm at Urbanna with pool, dock, beach and great walks. High speed internet. Four night minimum rentals through VRBO at www.vrbo.com/833711 or call Strother Scott 804-405-5999

FOR RENT: Family Tides. Entire home across from J&W conveniently located just minutes from FBYC. Master BR first floor and open floor plan LR/DR. Dormitory-style BR upstairs, sleeps 4, plus second full bathroom. Wifi and Cable TV. Perfect for your family of 6! Plenty of parking for your boat and cars. Visit us at <https://www.airbnb.com/h/StayAtFamilyTides> or Contact Mark Crews: Mark@CodeShoppe.Net (540) 840-3404

FOR SALE: Laser for Sale! Race Ready (newer deck hardware installed, BOTH Regular and Radial Rigs and Sails—some in great condition. Great practice and Race Sails available as well as corresponding sail bags, dolly, new cover and ready to race. Elizabeth Staas: 804-337-3694 estaas@comcast.net



LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Please sign up to help with one of our upcoming regattas or events. *Our Club depends on its members to flourish and grow.* Volunteering is also a great way to meet other members. Please visit this webpage to get a list of volunteering opportunities: <https://www.fbyc.net/members-only/volunteering-fbyc/>



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