



FROM THE QUARTERDECK

NOVEMBER 2023



BACK AT THE DOCK

As this Log is being published, we will have reached the quintessential end to our sailing season - the **Closing Day Regatta** and **Oyster Roast**.

This event has turned into one of the most anticipated of the year with a fun pursuit race and the

best oysters in Deltaville, all shared with the people who made the season special. I am looking forward to seeing what our PRO, Len Guenther and Social Chair Donna Alvis have planned!

2023 has been a year when we tried new ideas and invested in ourselves and our club. The result has been that we end the year with new lessons learned and ideas on how we could raise the bar next season. This constant cycle of renewal is one of the core strengths of Fishing Bay Yacht Club. While we have many traditions we cherish, like all sailors, we yearn to find something meaningful each time we leave the dock.

Implementing a new idea, we moved our **Annual One Design (AOD) Regatta** to July instead of August to see if a different weekend would increase participation. We definitely saw many more boats on the start line this year. Jon Deutsch and his crew planned a wonderful weekend and we had over 100 boats to register! Our juniors were able to attend AOD this year and were thankful for a regatta at home in the middle of their busy season. Having all ages of sailors compete on the same race course highlights that sailing is an intergenerational sport!

2023 was the inaugural year for the **Rescue Regatta** with Middlesex County. As the name implies, the regatta benefits Middlesex County's Volunteer Rescue Squad. FBYC was pleased to work with our neighbors on an event which provided an opportunity to sail and mingle

with the Deltaville community. It was such a success that another regatta is planned for 2024.

Together we made many strides to improve our club, some long-awaited such as the tie-in to the new county water system. While it may have been easily taken for granted, our on-site water system for years was critical infrastructure, maintained by expert members and our dedicated staff, that had to function perfectly for us to be able to host any event, much less a major one. Through the efforts of those who contributed before and on this project, we are in a much better place to serve the future needs of the club.

Because the Club is ever-changing, we must continue to invest to support its strength. We tackled key projects like a new electrical system and an upgrade to the West Dock. We renewed our waterfront landscaping with sodded grass lawns and the Club has never looked better or been more enjoyable to walk barefoot across!

As the sailing season comes to a close worthy of celebration, we hope to see everyone at the upcoming Commodore's Ball at the Country Club of Virginia on November 11th. If you attended or even just heard about what a great time was had at this year's Stingray Point Regatta, you will be able to once again get the chance to enjoy the band "Tidewater Drive". Expect to see a lot of dancing and great music - please check out the great dinner choices as well. Sign up soon on our **Events page** here: <https://shorturl.at/bjxHZ>

Looking back over the year, I would like to say a heartfelt thanks to everyone who volunteered and gave not just their efforts, but always their passion to help our club continue to thrive. FBYC is a continuing miracle as it is run by sailors, for sailors and that keeps it true to its mission and values. I am greatly appreciative of everyone who took a leadership role this year as well. Working with this amazing group of people to realize the promise of this sailing season, has been an honor.

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SOCIAL

Thank you for the opportunity to be your Commodore this year - it has been a journey that has greatly deepened my love for this club and my appreciation for the members who make it special.

~ Mark Wensell, Commodore



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/>



Would you like to feature an article or share a story in **The Log**? Please email **Julie Chapman** at chapman.julie3@gmail.com



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/>



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!



2023 Commodore's Ball, Annual Meeting & Awards

Saturday, November 11
Country Club of Virginia (CCV) St. Andrews
Registration is OPEN



9 Piece Band, "Tidewater Drive"
to entertain and assist in our celebration and
dancing the night away

5:45 Bar opens accompanied by
Candied Bacon & Nuts

6:00 – 7:00 Annual Meeting
All are Welcome

**7:00 Bar Open and Dining commences via
several food stations to include:**

Pasta Station: Focaccia and Caesar Salad Grilled
Chicken Farfalle Pasta, Roasted Vegetables, Pesto
Cream Penne Bolognese, Italian Sausage, Short
Rib, Marinara, Parmesan

Steak Frites Station Carved Marinated Hanger
Steak Truffled Steak French Fries, Romano
Cheese Chimichurri, Tarragon Aioli Baby
Arugula Salad with Dijon Vinaigrette

Southwest Station Includes: Street Corn
Chopped Salad, Roasted Corn Cotija Cheese,

Pico de Gallo, Chipotle Ranch California Shrimp
Tacos San Diego Taco Sauce, Avocado, Pico de
Gallo Guajillo Chicken Tacos Pineapple Pico,
Cilantro, Salsa Roja Carnitas Tacos Crispy Pork,
Cotija Cheese, Pickled Red Onions

**Passed Desserts to commence immediately
following Annual Awards:** Mini Flourless
Chocolate Torte, Mini Key Lime Tart, Mini
Cheesecake Circle with Strawberry Coulis

7:45 – 8:15 Annual Awards Presentation

9:30 Dining Stations to close

11:00 Event ends

Price Per Person: \$65 Adult and provided with
one drink ticket, \$35 Children under 15 (non-
alcoholic beverages provided at no charge)

Cash Bar – Tickets can be purchased in advance
online or at the event. <https://shorturl.at/bjxHZ>

We hope to see you there!



IN MEMORIAM

June Beresford Hazlehurst

June 12, 1928 - October 15, 2023



*Jesus put the kettle on, I'm coming home for tea. -
Liptons T4:2*

June Hazlehurst of Roanoke, VA, slipped quietly between the sofa cushions on October 15, after 95 years of spunk and mischief. She was born in Coventry, England to Harry Beresford, a poet and a socialist, and Winifred Bentley-Humphriss, a WW1 field nurse and a feminist.

June grew up as a tomboy in Manchester in the '30s with her two older brothers, where she was regularly sent home from school and scouts for unladylike behavior. She was separated from her family and evacuated to Wales when WW2 broke out, a sadness that forever colored her outlook on children and war. She was soon returned to

Manchester, and at the tender age of twelve became a proud member of the VAJFD, the Vincent Avenue Junior Fire Department, a group of neighborhood kids who made a game of dashing from of the bomb shelters to look for unexploded Nazi bombs hanging from trees.

June went on to study nursing and midwifery at Manchester Royal Infirmary. She scrubbed for the first open-heart surgery in England and rode her bike through the back streets of Manchester to deliver countless babies. This influenced her firm lifelong belief that reproductive care is healthcare, not politics. June took holidays with girlfriends riding their Vespa scooters through France, hitchhiking through Italy, and skiing in Scotland with handsome young doctors.

June sailed on a steamship to Newark, NJ for a nursing exchange program in 1957 where she worked at Beth Israel Hospital and experienced the thrill of life near NYC ("so many kinds of beans!"). She returned to Manchester two years later and soon met her future husband, David, who had also briefly lived in the US, having completed a post-doc in Austin, TX. They married after three weeks and had their first child, William, who died of biliary atresia when he was just six months old.

Devastated by their loss and eager to experience the exhilaration of life in the US again, David and June moved to Martinsville, Virginia in 1963 where David took a job with DuPont, and June stayed home to raise their new baby, Tim. Naomi was born the next year, soon becoming the favorite (says Naomi), and June threw herself into creating an idyllic life for her family: sewing, cooking and baking, gardening, arts and crafts, music, camping, story-telling, skiing, and lots of sailing and racing at Virginia Inland Sailing YC at Smith Mountain Lake. June was a trailblazer for women's rights, helping to establish the battered women's shelter in the

Martinsville area and organizing marches for the Equal Rights Amendment and for sensible gun laws.

June and David moved to Richmond in 1983 where they built a wonderful life, racing sailboats at Fishing Bay Yacht Club on the Chesapeake and participating in the Fan District Association. June worked as a realtor, a Master Gardener, and as the head of the Million Mom March's Richmond division. Horrified by the explosion of gun violence in recent times, readers should know that she is looking down from heaven and taking names.

June was known as Grummy (Grandma + Mummy) to those who loved her, and she always had a song in her heart, a twinkle in her eye, and a plastic spider in her purse for an emergency prank. She will be enjoying a cuppa tea on the tip of the moon with David, her beloved husband of 57 years, her infant son William, her brothers John and Michael, her brother-in law Peter, and many treasured cats who sashayed through her life.

Those left to be inspired by her unflinching courage, strength, and humor include her adoring family and friends: her son Tim and his wife Gwen of Cary, NC, her daughter Naomi and husband Bob Delzell of Roanoke, VA, grandchildren Hannah Hazlehurst of Salisbury, NC, Rachel and Alex Corvin (and the great grands, Claire and Elizabeth) of Apex, NC, Zach and Julia Hazlehurst of Apex, NC, and Will Hazlehurst of Raleigh, NC, not to mention Sophie Delzell of Roanoke, VA (grand-kittens Rosie and Peaches), and Fiona Delzell of Richmond, VA; Also, her sisters-in-law across the pond, Jill Hazlehurst of Kingsley, Cheshire, and Cynthia Beresford of Westbere, Kent; and loving nieces and nephews in England and Portugal; and Marianne Downey Yirmibesoglu (Korhan, Pelin, Ela and Aylin) of Roanoke, VA.

A special thanks to Good Samaritan Hospice who took such good care of Grum and her family in her final months. Without doubt, our mum would not have been able to spend her final years in her home without the stellar love and care she received from Team Grummy: Mary Tootsie Smith, Norma Jean Burdette, Pam Knight, Makhboula Harane, Becky Jackson, Lisa Neilsen, Sunny Wiley (who knows where the bodies are buried), and Heather Millar- all who adored and were adored by Grummy. And the

cats- Dear Lord, the cats-who have been keeping vigil for lo these last four years.

Grummy's final finger to the patriarchy was last week's car trip to vote early in the Virginia House and Senate elections, and we encourage you, gentle reader, to go and vote in Grummy's honor, and then toast her with a glass of bourbon.

If you are so inclined, you could make a donation to Angels of Assisi, Planned Parenthood, or Brady: United Against Gun Violence. Or you could consider adopting a shelter pet.

The family will hold a Bon Voyage Grummy-Palooza for this saucy old gal in early November. Please contact the family for details.

Tally ho, Grummy! Mischief managed.

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Instructor June Hazlehurst hosting a class at the Fishing Bay Yacht Club

CRUISING | RESCUE REGATTA



Urbanna Wine and Oyster Stroll Cruise

The Urbanna Wine and Oyster Cruise on October 14-15 could very well have turned into a disappointment due to poor weather conditions but thanks to the can-do spirit of the FBYC cruisers, it was, instead, a weekend of sailing, laughter and fellowship. The week leading up to the cruise brought the news of rain on Saturday so some boats chose to sail up on Friday and others simply chose to embrace the elements and come up on Saturday. The staff at Urbby kindly allowed us to use their sprawling porch for a happy hour before we put on our foul weather jackets and headed to town for the stroll. We enjoyed wine, appetizers and oysters at various participating businesses as we walked up and down Virginia Street. The wet conditions did not deter a soul. Rather, we enjoyed Urbanna's charm and time together.

Sunday morning brought drier weather, pastry and coffee, and a sail home.

It is such a joy to spend time with the FBYC cruisers. They are not only all skilled sailors, they are also friendly and fun loving, to a person. If you have not joined a FBYC cruise I recommend doing so next season. You will be hooked.



RESCUE REGATTA



ONE DESIGN SERIES



One Design Series Scores for the season are in.

Congratulations to our winners and thanks to everyone who sailed in one of our series events.

SPRING SERIES - MELGES 15

10 different boats participated in a spring event.
6 qualified for the series.

- 1 Justinas Petkauskas & Madeleine Garrett
- 2 John Hubbard/Mike Miller
- 3 Caroline Garrett

SPRING SERIES - FLYING SCOT

9 different boats participated in a spring event,
6 qualified for the series.

- 1 Len Guenther
- 2 Phill Webb
- 3 Joe Nelson

FALL SERIES - MELGES 15

5 boats participated in a fall event,
5 qualified for the series

- 1 Rob Whittemore
- 2 Parker Garrett & Madeleine Garrett
- 3 Justina's Petkauskas

ILCA SEASON SERIES

21 boats participated in an ILCA Series event,
6 qualified for the series

- 1 Scott Adam
- 2 Jon Deutsch
- 3 Mike Moore

For reference in case anything needs to be double checked:

M15 Spring Series

https://www.fbyc.net/media/documents/FBYC_Spring_Series_2023_-_M15_W6HKdWW.pdf

M15 Fall Series

https://www.fbyc.net/media/documents/FBYC_Fall_Series_2023_-_M15_ol4amPV.pdf

FS Spring Series

<https://www.fbyc.net/events/2023/230611-offshore-od-spring-4/20230611-fs-spring-series-high-point/>

ILCA Series

https://www.fbyc.net/media/documents/FBYC_ILCA_High_Point_2023_-_Final.pdf

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: Achilles Dexplorer 4-6 person inflatable dinghy with a hard floor, roll up with carrying case, paddles pump etc. A Mercury 9.9HP short shaft OB comes with it. All in good working order. \$1700 OBO. Will deliver and pics available. Jim Cobb 804.306.6839 jcobb.bay@gmail.com



Need a place to stay in Deltaville over the winter months—working on your boat?

Short Term Lease – 3 Bedroom Apartment in Deltaville. On Fishing Bay, fully furnished, sheets/towels as well as utilities and WiFi included. October – May. Please contact Elizabeth Staas with inquiries. estaas@comcast.net or 804-337-3694.





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