



FROM THE QUARTERDECK

JANUARY 2025



PREPARATIONS

Greetings. I hope your holiday was warm and bright.

The new year brings new opportunities to prepare, to listen, to engage and to act.

Truly, the preparations for 2025 began in September - working on the nominating committee, planning for our 2025 Schedule of Events, organizing long range planning committees, and preparing the budget for 2025. The board and our Club members have done a great job of being responsible with expenditures. We are in a good financial position to plan for future expenses, and there are always expenses involved in maintaining and improving our facilities. Even with this sound approach, there is a 3% dues increase this year. In an effort to bring our boat storage fees in line with market prices while still offering members a fair rate, you will see that boat storage fees also increased by 5%. Our slip rental fees have remained the same. Fortunately, we have the space to offer storage and will continue to offer competitive and convenient options to our members.

Every year at this time we begin with a new board and varying perspectives. We look back to the experienced board and Club members who have knowledge and wisdom to share, lessons learned. We are counting on you. We look forward to fresh ideas and new approaches that keep the members engaged and attract new members. New trustees are learning the processes. New division commanders will be asking for your help, so please share your expertise. Please also make room for new ideas.

Our long range planning committees are launched or just launching, led by Mark Wensell, Steve Montgomery and Joe Roos. We expect to see some proposals from these teams in March. Also in March, look for our Winter Program. We are always glad for any excuse to get together. Don't forget cleanup day, followed by sock burning.

As boat owners and Club members, we use these colder months to prepare for all the good things that come with warmer weather. Projects on the house side and our fleet are tackled by Ben and Brian. The boats get hauled and preparation for the next sailing season begins. Repairs are made - some handy folks tackle these repairs, and when the task is beyond our skill set, we seek professional help. Speaking of professional help, watch the Log and website for information about USSailing Race Management training being offered at FBYC in March. Thanks to Gene Kendall for arranging this training, and please make it a priority if you are interested in expanding your race management skill set.

Another item to keep on the radar is Junior Week Registration. We fill up fast. Our camp delivers much more than just sailing skills every year. Member Registration preference period usually opens February 1.

Now is a good time to decide where you want to volunteer within the Club, if you haven't already. Or perhaps you want to try something new? Help out with Junior Week. Maybe you'd like to work to help keep the Club beautiful - cleanup day is a lot of fun, and we are all so glad to see each other that it doesn't seem like work. There are so many ways to help out and meet more members. If you need any guidance, our membership engagement team, led by Caroline Patrick, is there to help. Look forward to more specific member engagement activities this year.

The 2025 calendar of events is up, although still subject to change. Check the website often, and plan to be a part of the fun. Happy New Year.

~ **Mary Almany, Commodore**



SPECIAL NOTICES



**BOARD MINUTES
AND 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



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**

Our membership application is easier than ever to submit. Our 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!

SPECIAL NOTICES



2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday January 25
Board Planning Meeting

Saturday March 22
Spring Clean-Up and Sock Burning Party

Tuesday March 25
Crew Training Class 1

Saturday March 29
US Sailing Basic Race Management Seminar

Check out the website for more 2025 events!



US SAILING BASIC RACE MANAGEMENT SEMINAR IS COMING TO FBYC, SATURDAY, MARCH 29

Attention all FBYC members! The FBYC Race Management Committee is pleased to announce that a Basic Race Management Seminar is coming to FBYC on Saturday, March 29, 2025. Taught by experienced US Sailing Certified Instructors, this course is for anyone who wishes to learn about running sailboat races, from setting up starts, setting courses, finishing, scoring and everything in between. This course is for those newly interested in race management, those with experience who want to deepen their learning, and for those wanting to apply for or renew their US Sailing Certified Race Officer status.

A limited number of seats will be available (25), so it is imperative that FBYC members register early before the class fills up. The course is expected to attract participants from multiple fleets and locations in the CBYRA area. The US Sailing registration site is live. You can register at Registration closes Wednesday, March 19, 2025. You can register at <https://shorturl.at/EAbra>. Scroll down until you see the Basic Race Seminar at Fishing Bay. Walk-In registrations will not be allowed.

The seminar is an in-person learning event held on the second floor of the FBYC Clubhouse. With a hard start at 8:00 am it will conclude at 5:00 pm. A continental breakfast will be served 7:30-7:55. Snacks and lunch will be provided for a nominal fee to be collected at the event.

There is approximately 90-120 minutes of REQUIRED pre-course work prior to the In-Person session. About 10 days before your course begins, you will receive an email from Canvas Free for Teachers, inviting you to participate in the course through Canvas, US Sailing’s online learning platform. The lead instructor will email you with additional course information.

The US Sailing course registration fee is \$40. A discounted US Sailing special introductory membership is available for first-timers during the registration process. CBYRA may reimburse the registration fee upon completion, TBD.

If you have any questions, please contact FBYC Race Management Chair, **Gene Kendall** kendallgene@gmail.com



MEMBERSHIP / RACING



**APPROVED FOR MEMBERSHIP
DECEMBER 2024**



David Hoar & April Payne - Fredericksburg, VA - April and David both truly enjoy the relationships they have already established with current club members. They wish to continue with more club events such as one design racing and eventually working their way into race committee assistance and more social events. They both crew on *Battle Rhythm* and *Goin'* with Todd Blekicki and Dennis Hannick. David has been racing with Dennis for two seasons and has gone from a raw newbie to a valuable trimmer and working the pit. His enthusiasm and willingness to learn have added much to the abilities of the crew to race hard and efficiently. David has been active in volunteering to help at the various festivities at FBYC, after the racing. April started racing on David's crew 3 seasons ago and moved up to the bow last year. April has owned that position and she and David help other boats, filling in on crews when needed. April has been active in FBYC and organized the bar for this year's Stingray Point Regatta.

David and April will make excellent additions to the membership of FBYC.

Sponsors: *Dennis Hannick & Todd Blekicki*



WINTER 3 OFFSHORE RACE RECAP

Winter 3 Offshore race did not turn out to be the forecasted mid-sixties temperatures and nor was it the forecasted ten knots of breeze. Despite this, four boats braved the forty-degree temperatures with 13-18 knots of wind.

The order of finishers is listed below:

BATTLE RHYTHM
Wendas
Exit Strategy
Rhapsody

Fun was had by all and the 2024 Offshore season is in the books. We all look forward to Opening Day for 2025!





Wishing you all a safe and wonderful New Year!

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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: "Xenia" Cape Dory Typhoon; Year: 1979; LOA: 18'6"; Design: Carl Alberg; Hull Color: Awlgrip Forest Green; Outboard: 2012 Yamaha 6.5 HP; Total Refurbish 2012; Trailer custom made 2012. Extras: Mainsail, Jib & Spinnaker included, Pro Sport On-Board, Marine Battery Charger, Radio/Built-in Speakers, Anchor, Lines, New Cushions Inside & Out in 2012. Serious Inquiries Only. Contact: Clark Wallace 843-697-4846 or clarkiewallace@gmail.com

FOR SALE:

One (1) Main Sail Cover for a +/- 40' Sail Boat, Dark Navy color, lightly used for an 18'-2 ½" long boom and 5'-0" tall at the mast \$120.00 OBO.

Two (2) Stainless Steel, five spoke, steering wheels one (1) -42" Dia. one (1) 40 ½" in Dia. Lightly used, \$125.00 each OBO. Contact Rick 804-356 8941

2025 ADULT SAILING EVENT SCHEDULE

- March 22: **Club Boat workday (Spring Cleanup/Sock burn)**
 - May 31: **5th Annual Small Boat Festival**
 - June 28: **Co-ed Clinic (With Seabreeze racing Option)**
 - July 12 - 13: **Women's Clinic**
 - Aug 9: **Co-Ed Clinic**
 - Club Boat Charter Season:**
May 1 through October 31
 - Private Lessons:**
Late June through first week in August
- Join the Adult Sailing Nation!**

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- Community amenities include docks, kayak and paddleboard launch, pool, tennis courts and boat storage
- Deeded boatslip with lift



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