



FROM THE QUARTERDECK

APRIL 2025



READY FOR SPRING, SUMMER AND BEYOND

Hello to all. I'm sure you have felt the change - the days are longer, the sun feels warmer and all our surroundings are bursting with life. So is FBYC! We are ready to welcome members, visitors, family and friends to the Club in celebration of all that we have to offer. Here's a glimpse of what has been happening these last few weeks.

We have already tackled many tasks on our campus. Brian is working hard to get the Club ready for the season. Thanks to all who came out for Clean-up Day on March 22. It was more like fun than work, seeing so many friends. As they say, many hands make light work, and we did just that. David Hinckle and Allen Mason did a fabulous job organizing the helpers. Ongoing large projects include our pool surround, which is coming along nicely; the concrete work is done and the fencing will be back in place soon. In addition, pilings are being installed to help shore up the Fishing Bay dock; this is normal maintenance and ensures that we can continue to use the dock safely while we consider the options for eventual improvement. Steve Montgomery and his crew of painters painted the foyer of the clubhouse, and it looks amazing. Many thanks to all.

Along with all of our other preparations, we are sharpening our skills to be ready for the sailing season. CPR and AED class, organized by Donna Alvis, was taught by the Middlesex County Rescue Squad and well attended. The US Sailing Basic Race Management seminar is happening March 29 due to the efforts of Gene Kendall, and I am so pleased to hear we have filled the class. Crew Training kicks off on March 25 - thanks to Joe Roos and his team for making sure we have crew candidates who are prepared and engaged. Sign up for the FBYC Food Safety zoom class to be certain we use proper cleaning

and food prep techniques in the kitchen. With so many volunteers preparing and serving food, consistent food safety practices will go a long way to keeping everyone healthy.

April 26 is Opening Day, and it is always a wonderful event. Please register early so we have accurate headcounts to provide the best experience for all. I hope to see you there.

What about your sailing plans for the summer? Is the boat ready? Do you have crew? Did you register for the races? Did you sign up to host one of the after race socials? Brian makes it very easy by setting up the coolers with ice and drinks. You just provide a few snacks, help clean up and you are done.

Have you registered for Junior Week? Coach Jim Clary is leading the fun this year, with ample help from Parker and Kim Garrett, Ticia Berg and many more. This event literally takes an army of volunteers to make it a success. No matter your skill with sailboats or children, there is a job for you! Please reach out to Jim and let him know you'd like to help.

Looking ahead, our long range planning committees are getting closer to sharing their findings and recommendations. Maintaining and improving our facility with good financial sense is part of our duty to the membership. Expect more details regarding their findings at the mid year club update.

We are fortunate to have new members joining all the time. Remember what it feels like to walk into a room and not know anyone? Please make every effort to say hello, introduce yourself, and help newer members learn all the information that someone else may have forgotten to share. Even though our membership committee does a fabulous job sharing all the details, it is just too much information to take in the first time. So if you see someone

SPECIAL NOTICES

you don't know, say hello, introduce yourself, and you may discover you have a lot in common.

Lastly, I have to thank Susie Wright and Paul Almany for doing such a great job on the Winter Program/Alaska presentation. It was fun to see so many friends and we loved sharing our experiences, even though they might have been slightly different. It was an amazing trip. This summer I am really looking forward to being at FBYC. Let's make the most of it!

~ **Mary Almany, Commodore**



SPECIAL NOTICES



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



**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/>



**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!



APRIL 2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday April 1
Crew Training Class 2

Saturday April 5
Community Advisory Board Meeting
Private Event - Cycotte Memorial Celebration

Tuesday April 8
Crew Training Class 3

Friday April 11
Crew Training - Meet The Skippers

Saturday April 12 - 13
Race Committee Training

Saturday April 19
Crew Training - On The Water 1

Friday April 25
Opening Cruiser's Party

Saturday April 26
**Offshore Opening Day Regatta,
Blessing of the Fleet and Social**

Sunday April 27
Offshore Spring Race 1

For more events, look at our website!

SPECIAL NOTICES



FOOD SAFETY AND FBYC KITCHEN PROTOCOLS
April 16th, 6 - 7 PM

Calling all members who volunteer or use the Club kitchen for race socials, Wednesday night suppers, event socials, and more!

Ever wondered how far in advance you can reheat that barbecue? How soon you can fire up the grill and how long you can keep those burgers hot? How do you keep that potato salad fresh on a buffet? And how DOES that dishwasher work?

Join professional chef and club member Wade Thomas as he walks us through food safety in the FBYC Kitchen.

- Safe reheating and food temperature maintenance
- Sanitizing prep areas
- Using the available equipment in the kitchen (oven, warmers, dishwasher)
- Answering all of your social kitchen questions!
- Maybe even see a preview of the recommended plan for redesigning the club kitchen with food safety and volunteer usability in mind!

Questions? Contact Julie Ann Wash
julieann.wash@webnext.net

Sign up now and let us know you are coming!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080C4FA5AA2BA4FF2-55786073-zoom#/>



CLUBHOUSE LOBBY AREA PAINTED!

With the loss of Brian's assistant, the planned painting of the Club House Lobby couldn't be accomplished by staff this winter. A team of members organized a painting party and finished up by mid-month. All wall hangings were removed and cleaned, and then the walls, doors, and trim were washed and then freshly painted. Julie Chapman, Ron Ricci, Rick Peterson, Roland Anderson, Richard Rogers and Steve Montgomery all pitched in to make it happen. Brian provided the paint and supplies.

Many thanks to the team for helping to make the Clubhouse ready for the season!

(picture above of Ron and Rick)



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/>

SOCIAL



**Opening Day Regatta and Blessing of the Fleet
Saturday, April 26, 2025**

We welcome all racers, cruisers, their families, and guests to this family-friendly event to kick-start a great year of sailing. A great tradition at Fishing Bay Yacht Club, Opening Day begins with an Offshore Regatta. Visit <https://www.fbyc.net/events/2025/250426-offshore-opening-day/> to sign up now!

Race Schedule

- **0900:** Flag Raising and Skippers Meeting
- **1100:** Warning for the first start

Opening Day Social Events

- **1700:** Ric's Place Bar open
- **1730:** Blessing of the Fleet
(Bar will be closed during the Blessing of the Fleet)
- **1800:** Dinner and dancing - Music by "Second Wind"

Dinner tickets are \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members, and \$15 for children under 16

Dinner Menu

- Stationary Appetizers
- Classic Shrimp Cocktail - *Gluten Free*
- Sherried Virginia Crab Dip
- Tropical Fruit Display
- Assorted Seasonal Fruits and Berries

Slider Station

- Bourbon & Brown Sugar Glazed Pork Loin Sliced and served with an Apple Relish & Petite Potato Rolls
- Cajun Flower Dusted, Seared Market Fresh Fish with a Lemon Butter Sauce
- Southern Style Potato Salad
- Roasted Spring Vegetables

Fresh Baked Petite Cookies



WINTER PROGRAM RECAP

On a rainy, windy evening, March 20th, FBYC members and guests gathered at the Westwood Club in Richmond to catch up with friends and listen to Paul and Mary Almany talk about their big adventure last summer to Alaska. Covering thousands of miles in their "rig", Paul and Mary ventured across the U.S., north through Canada, and traversed into Alaska (multiple times). Paul and Mary showed us beautiful pictures of wildlife and landscapes, but probably more compelling were the stories of the people they met along the way. From reuniting with lifelong friends after many years, sharing tokens with remote small town mayors and helping stranded internationally known motorcycle endurance riders, Paul and Mary's presentation gave us land based stories that we won't soon forget! To cap off the evening, Paul provided tours of the "rig" which was parked at the Westwood Club's parking lot!

As with all winter programs, this year's event gave members and friends an opportunity to connect and catch up since last year's closing day. We look forward to seeing everyone on land and sea for the upcoming Opening Day!

If you're interested in a certain topic or speaker for next year's Winter Program, please reach out to **Susie Wright**, 4sjwright@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome Aboard

APPROVED FOR MEMBERSHIP



Graeme Alderman – As a child, Graeme grew up sailing on the Fishing Bay Junior Race Team. He has sailed, when possible, ever since. He followed his sister Madeleine into the junior program at 6 years old entering the Green Fleet. Over the summers, he raced optis, laser radials and 420s until he left for college. As a college student, he served two summers as the head optimist coach at the South Carolina Yacht Club. Graeme is following in the family tradition of joining Fishing Bay Yacht Club which started with his grandfather Frank D. Hargrove, Sr. who joined FBYC in the early sixties and eventually became Commodore of the Club.

Fishing Bay Yacht Club is as much a home to Graeme as anywhere he has lived. He has traveled to several countries and close to 40 states, and in that time, has never seen a place as beautiful and as good as the Chesapeake Bay. There are few places better to sail and no places he would rather call home. Graeme's enthusiasm for sailing and racing has remained strong. Whether occasionally racing a Flying Scot or working on his grandfather's vintage Cougar Cat, he has embraced both the sport and the joy of being on the water. He would be honored by the opportunity to give back to a place he loves so much.

Sponsors: Joseph & Wendy Roos, Dale Hargrove Alderman



NEW MEMBERSHIP WINE TASTING EVENT RECAP

Membership Engagement Chair, Caroline Patrick, and her husband, Ian Patrick, hosted the second annual wine tasting event at their Richmond home on March 15th. New members from the past several years were given priority sign-up to secure their spot. The event brought together 20 guests for an evening of camaraderie and connection! Flag officers, long-time members, and new members had the opportunity to get to know one another while sampling a carefully selected variety of wines from a local sommelier. Lively conversations flowed as guests shared their love for sailing and excitement for upcoming Club activities. Ending the night by relaxing around the fire pit set the stage for new friendships and future adventures on the water.



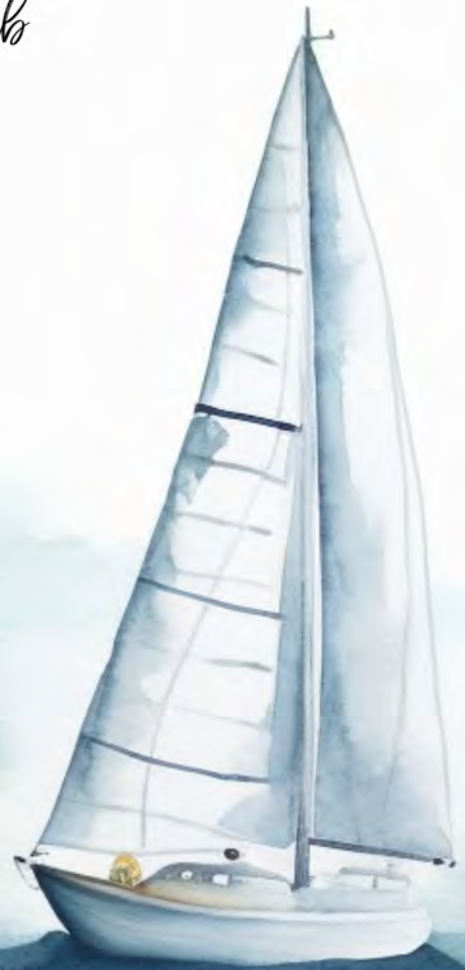
Photos by Paul Almany.

Please join us in a Celebration
of Life Ceremony to honor

Debbie Cyotte

Saturday, April 5, 2025
3:00 PM

Fishing Bay Yacht Club



Please RSVP to Patti Manning
pattimanning24@gmail.com • 919-880-9458

RACING

ONE DESIGN SAILING – READY, SET....

Hi folks, you heard it from me in the March and February Log, but it is imminent now (less than a month away). Our first One Design race and the beginning of our **Spring Race Series** (4 races scheduled and scored as a high point series for Flying Scots and Melges 15s) begins on **Sunday, May 4**. We welcome juniors, novices and seasoned skippers alike. So check and clear your calendar and sign-up on Regatta Network. <https://www.fbyc.net/events/2025/250504-onedesign-od-spring-1>

Yes, it may still be a little chilly on the water, so now is a good time to check your cool weather gear. Remember, with these boats where you get wet and spend time in the water dress for the water temperature not the air temperature! I've been at the Club a lot this month and the water has been clear and beautiful but still cool, and the spring winds have been showing their strength. We're wishing for a nice mild breeze come May to start out the season.

Consider supporting your fleet and joining the class association:

Flying Scot
<https://www.fssa.com/>

Melges 15
<https://www.melges15.com/class-association>

ILCA (Laser)
<https://ilcanasailing.org>

Do you have questions about your fleet at FBYC or ideas you would like to share? Contact your fleet commander:

Flying Scot – Kevin Drawbaugh
kevin.drawbaugh@gmail.com

Melges 15 – Paul Almany palmany@kiloflag.com

ILCA (Laser) – Mike Toms mtoms@aol.com

We have a new option available for our Race Committee this year (their choice) - a *starting sequence option*, as outlined in **Appendix U of the US Sailing Prescriptions** — more casually referred to as a 3 min. or whistle start. Why this option? Several reasons:

- No watch required for participants
- Quicker starts and less waiting for multiple fleet starts
- Possibility of more races
- Fewer people needed to run races

The Club has an auto horn system that should be ready soon for our RC.

You might want to familiarize yourself with this start sequence if it is unfamiliar to you. If you like setting your watch, practice setting up your race watch for a 3 min. start.

Here is a copy of the basic info from Appendix U:

Signal	Sound	Time before start
Attention	Series of short sounds	Before the warning
Warning	3 long	3 minutes
Preparatory	2 long	2 minutes
	1 long, 3 short	1 minute, 30 seconds
	1 long	1 minute
	3 short	30 seconds
	2 short	20 seconds
	1 short	10 seconds
	5 short, 1 second apart	5 – 4 – 3 – 2 – 1 seconds
Starting	1 long	0

Here is a link to US Sailing Prescriptions if you don't have a copy:

https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/US-Sailing-Prescriptions-for-2025-2028_FEB12_2025-1.pdf

Again, this will be the choice of the PRO so be sure you check with them at the Skippers meeting. They may opt for RS 26 (The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2025-2028, Part 3: 26), 5 min. start, as we have typically used.

Here's a refresh on the 5 min. starting system, it is a combination of flags and horn signals:

Minutes before starting signal	Visual signal	Sound signal	Means
5*	Class flag	One	Warning signal
4	P, I, Z, Z with I, or black flag	One	Preparatory signal
1	Preparatory flag removed	One long	One minute
0	Class flag removed	One	Starting signal

There don't seem to be any major changes to the rules with the new sailing rule book coming out this year (The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2025-2028), but there have been some changes. Take a moment and familiarize yourself with the new rulebook, available as an app with a US Sailing membership:

<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/rules-officiating/the-racing-rules-of-sailing-2025-2028/>

Finally, we are hoping our race winners will stick around after racing during the social and awards part of our day, to give the fleet some insight into your win and the day's racing with a winners report.

I look forward to seeing you on the water and at the Club, One Design Commander - Holly Sears, onedesign.commander@fbyc.com

CRUISING UPDATE FOR APRIL

Attention Cruiser's - our season is about to get kicked off! On Friday April 25th, the Cruiser's Opening Dinner will take place in the FBYC main clubhouse. Cocktails will start at 6:00 and dinner will follow. Please visit the FBYC website to sign up. Capacity is limited to 50.

The first cruise of the season is scheduled for May 3rd & 4th. Doug & Alison Selden will lead a cruise to Carter's Creek. They plan a stay at the Seabright Marina (just past RRYC as you enter the creek) and dinner at a local restaurant. Doug & Alison plan to drop a car in Irvington before the cruise to assist with transportation to dinner.

Please check out Brian & Anne Holdaway's plans for a Father's Day cruise to Yankee Point Marina over June 14th & 15th. It promises to be a lot of fun! Steve & Margaret Montgomery are working on plans for a 4th of July cruise. Please mark your calendar and stay tuned for details to follow soon. If you would like to lead a cruise, please contact Stuart Gregory to discuss.



ADULT SAILING



TUNED AND READY

We had an awesome turnout for the Club Boat Work Day on March 22! The weather was sunny and cool, and the energy was high as our crew of skilled and enthusiastic volunteers jumped the gun and got an early start on prepping the six Flying Scots in our Club Boat Program for the 2025 season.

Repairs were tackled, rigs tuned, hardware checked, trailers, rigging, safety equipment and sails inspected with preventive maintenance the name of the game. The boats and their covers got a good scrub too. By the end of the day, the boats were looking clean, shiny, and totally ready for sailing, racing, or cruising up the Piankatank. Big thanks to all our fantastic volunteers - Rex Booth, Bill Prior, Jim Luton, John Wake, Kevin Drawbaugh, Roland Anderson, Frank Murphy, Tracy Schwartzchild, Rick Peterson, Tim Hamnet, Jennifer Velo, Russ Collins, Mark Konesco, Greg Gelburd, Holly Sears, Ron Jenkins and Joe Roos - you rock!

The Boats Are Ready... Are You? Ready to spend more time on the water this year? Join the **Club Boat Program** and get **unlimited access** to our fleet of Flying Scots for just \$100 for the whole season—less than what you'd pay to rent a boat for a single day elsewhere!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080C4FA5AA2BA4FF2-54142650-2025#/>

Whether you're into racing, cruising, or just chilling on a breezy sail, these boats are ready for you from May through October.

Kick Off the Summer at the 5th Annual Small Boat Festival – May 31: Now in its fifth year, this event is perfect for small boat sailors who want to enjoy a day of sailing, light racing, and a fun party afterward. We'll also have in-boat coaching for beginners—or anyone wanting to brush up their skills!

<https://www.fbyc.net/events/2025/250531-training-adult-sailing-clinic/>

ADULT SAILING

Even More Fun with the 2025 Adult Sailing Program:

<https://www.fbyc.net/sailing/adult-sailing/>

We've got a packed schedule of exciting events coming up in the FBYC Adult Sailing Program:

- **June 28** – Adult Clinic with Sea Breeze Racing Option: Get in-boat coaching and a chance to jump into the action.
- **July 12-13** – Women's Clinic: Whether your new to sailing or moving into racing, its all about fun, and building confidence on the water.
- **August 9** – Adult Sailing Clinic: A great way to improve your skills while enjoying a relaxing day on the water.

Check out full details and sign up at www.fbyc.net

Bring Your Crew! Sailing is better when shared. Invite your family, bring your friends, or introduce someone new to the joys of life on the water. The FBYC Adult Sailing Program has something for everyone!



WOMEN'S SAILING CLINIC 2025

A 2-day sailing/racing clinic for women of all degrees of experience and age, with a combination of classroom learning and on-the-water time. There will be a fun spritzer social Saturday afternoon!

Open to members (\$10) and non-members (\$175).

Sign up here

https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=29334



JUNIORS



- **Junior Regatta:** June 21 - 22
- **Summer Sailing School:** Almost every week through August 10th. Wednesday - Thursday - Friday and Saturday - Sunday Sessions.

We are excited for another great summer with the Junior Program. Registration opened for members on Feb 1st, and for non-members on Mar 1st, and several programs are already full.

We are especially excited to have our pro coaches returning for the fourth consecutive year. Rachid Dalibalta is our sailing director and Optimist Race Team coach, and Tommy Pellejero is coaching 420s and Lasers. They are tremendous with both their knowledge and love of sailing, the work they do with our kids, and the effort they put in to grow all aspects of the program.

- **Opti Kids:** Two weekends in June (7 - 8 and 14 - 15)
- **Junior Week:** June 16 - 20



PHOTO SUBMISSIONS

Do you have a photo that you would like to share? We'd love to have your submissions to use in the Log newsletters or other media.

You can send individual photos (if you have a few) or a link to your album. Please submit your photos to: logstreamer@fbyc.net

New Year = New Gear!



B&G Zeus SR



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Baylor Fooks
 (434) 531-0100
baylor@baydigital.net

TRADEWINDS

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

FOR SALE: Swim Fearlessly - "Nettle Net" for sale. 12' diameter, inflatable tube with foot-operated inflation pump. Creates a nettle-free environment, tied to your boat. Used only once. Original price \$700, will sacrifice for \$350. (Current retail is \$800.)
 Chris Lindbloom (804) 615-4465

FOR SALE: Flying Scot #4735 – Ready to race or daysail! Flying Scot #4735 is well-maintained with **racing and practice sails** and includes a trailer. Has been stored in a garage for the last few years. **Located in Deltaville.** \$6,000. Contact Mark Wensell mark.wensell@gmail.com for more details or to see the boat.

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. Sleeps 12 - bookings at tinyurl.com/RosegillHG 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@CodeShopper.Net (540) 840-3404



2025 ADULT SAILING EVENT SCHEDULE

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

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