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### **A Word from the Commodore**

I can't believe we're already heading into August; the summer just flew by! You might notice we won't be having any big social events in August; it's the dog-days and we thought we'd acquiesce to the heat and work to prepare for the upcoming fall events. However, the Bar will be open on Friday and Saturday evenings (5-8pm), so come and bring you neighbors and friends to have a relaxing evening.

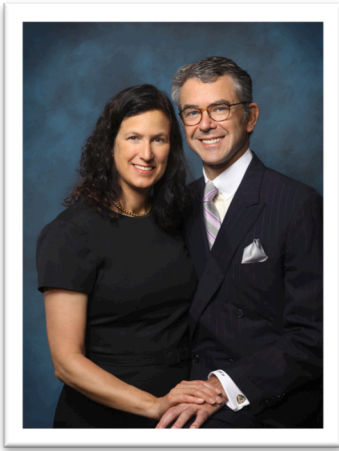
By now, you should be aware of our biggest event of the year happening on Monday, October 10...the CFYC Youth Sail Golf Tournament and Signature Prime Rib Dinner. The monies raised through this event are used to fund the Youth Sail Program; insurances, instructional materials, fleet equipment replacements and repairs, etc. The fees collected by Oak Island Parks and Rec are not shared with us, as OKIP&R handles all the registrations and hires our Youth Instructors.

If you are a golfer and wish to participate, please contact me right away. There is a limit of 100 golfers allowed in this tournament. If you are not a golfer, there are still items you may be interested in...raffle items are now being collected and bundled in special packages to win. Tickets will be ready soon for purchase. An email will go out announcing when sales begin. You do not need to be a golfer to enjoy the Prime Rib Dinner furnished by Wallace Catering. The cost of this dinner will be \$40. RSVP's for the dinner only is a MUST. Another way to show your support is to sponsor a hole. Your name and up to two lines may be purchased for \$100. These signs will be posted throughout the course on the day of play.

We currently have a great group of people working as the Tournament Committee, with several sub-committees formed to give added support. Please consider what you may help with when you receive a call from our Committee Chairs, Linda Schrum or Ann Carper. Remember, all donations to the YS Program are tax deductible.

*Deborah Alt, Commodore 2022*

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE – We keep growing!



### **Peter & Valerie Purcell, #543**

Dr's Peter and Valerie Purcell, Live in Blowing Rock, NC and have a 27ft Saffier Sailboat which is in Safe Haven Marina. They plan on retiring to this area. They want to participate in social events and making contacts with the yachting community. They have experience with powerboats but this is their first sailboat.

You've come to the right place! We look forward to sharing.

### **Allison Fox**

Former Marylander, Allison started her southern migration from the Annapolis area two years ago.

One year ago, she became a full time resident of lovely Southport. She's hoping to become involved in social, educational and charitable groups in the area. "Thank you for accepting my application. Looking forward to enjoying the Yacht Club and making new friends!" So are we, Allison!



### **Andrew & Cindy Kowal**

Andy and Cindy Kowal split their time between Oak Island and Alexandria, Virginia. A retired Army officer, Andy still works in the defense and intelligence community. Cindy has worked with the non-profit Communities in Schools for nearly two decades. They have two sons, both of whom are also Army officers. Andy and Cindy enjoy the outdoors, the arts and travel and spending time on the water on their Sportfish, "Bluefin".

Welcome aboard!



## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE, Continued

### **Jerry & Leigh Kutz**

Jerry & Leigh joined the Club after visiting us several times with Harri & Heidi Beutler. They love the atmosphere and are interested in joining the Bar Committee.

Jerry is originally from Long Island, NY and is a retired firefighter where he ran the Marine Division. He holds a 100-ton Captain's license and has owned boats since he was 14.

Leigh is a retired RN and is looking forward to becoming involved with Events.

After owning several boats, they have downsized to a 17' Boston Whaler and two kayaks...yea! More Paddlers!!



### **Jim and Christy Blair**

Jim & Christy live in Wilmington. They joined the Yacht Club because they wanted to enjoy the boating community and have fun. They own a 41' Morgan sailboat. Their interests in volunteering are with the bar, and social...two areas we can always use more help in! Sponsored by Al Noble, we're happy to have you with us!



Remember, members receive a \$100 rebate for each new membership they bring into the club. Rebates are paid the following year after dues are collected and all new members continue their membership. Added benefits to being a CFYC Member is the use of the Clubhouse for personal/private parties, free of charge after 18 months of being a member (some restrictions apply & must be BoG approved). Also, all members receive a reciprocity card. This card permits you to visit hundreds of other participating clubs around the country.

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## July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade – Thank you for your support!

CFYC Youth Sailing program & Membership Committee braved the weather and entered one of the largest floats in this year parade. A HUGH thank you to the members of the Membership Committee along with our Rear Commodore, Hervey Andrews, Fleet Captain & YS Director, Rich Alt, Sailor-in-training (and member), Atticus Johnston along with his mom, Kimberley, for decorating our 420 with patriotic spender! Due to the rain, the parade began early and ended in record time, but along the way we saw many of our CFYC members cheering us on. Thank you all for coming out! We look forward to next year!





## Youth Sailing Program 2022

As we begin our last week of Youth Sailing Camp and prepare for the Ed Harper Memorial Regatta next weekend, we want to acknowledge the members of our club who have volunteered their time, talents and in some cases, their boats. Without these volunteers this program could not function and be the successful program it has become. Our volunteers help insure our campers' safety, and mentor our Youth Instructors as they teach six weeks of classroom and on-the-water skills to these young people. These volunteers begin each day at 8am, prepping for the day and don't leave until all the campers have been returned to their parents and all boats and equipment is stored...one recent evening didn't end until after 5:00pm. If you see any of these fellow members, please let them know how much their dedication to this program is appreciated.



- Rich Alt, Fleet Captain & Program Director
- Hervey Andrews, Rear Commodore
- Ken Adams
- Ed Schrum
- Billy Coleman
- Al Noble
- John Bates
- Trey Green
- Atticus Johnston
- Harri Beutler

## A New Fleet Captain Tapped

As most of you know, Rich Alt has been the Fleet Captain and Youth Sail Director for the past several years. With Rich's new obligations as an elected official for the City of Southport, he had informed the BoG earlier this year that this would be his last year in this capacity. After much thought and conversation, I am happy to announce that John Bates, a long-time CFYC member, who is newly retired, has agreed to take over the reins. He and Rich will work the rest of this year transitioning and reviewing the future needs and direction of our Youth Sail Program and our assessing the needs of our fleet. All those interested in working with the Youth Sail Program in the future, please let yourself be known to John.

John holds his Captain's license and was instrumental in bringing us the instructor and classes for the Captain's License and 1<sup>st</sup> Mate earlier this year. John and his wife, Lori, own a sailboat slipped at Safe Harbor Marina and John loves to race. With the worst of Covid behind us, he is hoping to resurrect our sailboat racing events.

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## Where Are They Now...

Beginning as a YS Summer Camper...he continues his journey...  
A focus on Joe Harazim

Joe entered the YS Program as a student at age 11, and then came back the following year. During the second year as a student, towards the end of the week, Kim Sniffin offered Joe a paid internship starting the final week of that season. \$100 dollars for a week of work was a lot for 12-year-old Joe. He worked mostly behind the scenes while being taught boating skills, which was a blast for someone who couldn't drive a car yet. Joe worked as an assistant instructor from the age of 13 to 16, then head instructor from age 17-23 (2009-2019 total)

Joe attended UNC Charlotte for a Bachelors in Mechanical Engineering Technology, and was commissioned as 2nd Lt in USAF with a pilot slot through ROTC.

Joe completed his Undergraduate Pilot Training (UPT) in March 2022, Roughly 200 flight hours between the T-6 Texan II and the T-38C Talon. Just before UPT graduation, he received his next aircraft assignment, the F-16.

This training will be in Luke AFB, AZ, starting in September 2022 (Known as "B course").

Joe's last hurdle before beginning the F-16 B course is Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals (IFF) at the 49th Flying Training Squadron, which he began in May and will finish at the end of the July. UPT teaches you how to fly, while IFF teaches you the basics of how to fight while you fly. Very fun and tough flying, you're max performing the 60 year old T-38 in simulated dogfights against skilled instructor pilots, all of which have prior experience flying fighters before coming back to instruct.



*Joe, Any funny stories in sailing you wish to share?*

“The program got really fun and more open to returning, older/bigger students when we got the fleet of 420s. Students moving from a small, slow, single crew Opti to a larger, faster, more challenging 420 with another crewmember was very rewarding. Once the students learned the basics in the basin, the 420s allowed us to sail much further and really push the students and instructors. We routinely had the students sail to Southport, across the Cape Fear to Bird Island, and even to the new Oak Island Bridge a couple of times. I remember on the higher wind days we'd be out in front of Southport or crossing the Cape Fear River and there'd be that crew of 2 smaller students absolutely ripping along, 50 degrees of heel, completely hiked out, confident as hell as there were other power boats, barges, and ferries coming through. The kids would have huge grins, and I'd have a huge grin while hollering that they're killing it. Stuff like that still makes me smile. That and slow, completely avoidable capsizes in both the 420 and Opti; where the student had several seconds to react, but instead yelled and froze as they slowly went from right side up to upside down-ish. Looking back I can't believe we managed to teach students, sometimes as young as 8 or 9, to sail a 420 proficiently. I remember that boat could kick my butt physically and mentally as a 21-

year old, and there's someone who weighs less than half my weight and is half my age pulling it off.

Sailing and flying aren't that different. They can both make you sick, they're both very complex, and you need high amounts of situational awareness, practice, and skill to pull it off safely. Instructing was very high stress at times. Keeping tabs on up to 10 boats at a time, sometimes miles from where you launched, sometimes with multiple capsizes or issues to deal with at once, got a little crazy. Dealing with that kind of stress and responsibility at a younger age definitely helped me perform in pilot training, and still helps me to this day.”

Joe and his wife Kylie are members of the CFYC and expect to return this weekend to race in the Ed Harper Memorial Regatta. They were married at the CFYC Clubhouse in March of 2021.



## Community Involvement

### We are good citizens of Southport

A special “Thank You” goes out to Linda & Hugh Fosbury for their coordination of the CFYC’s participation in this year’s nightly Southport Flag Ceremony. CFYC was responsible for a week in June. Several new members joined in and we all enjoyed being a part of this Southport tradition.



## **Trips, Pix & Tales**

Members are encouraged to share!

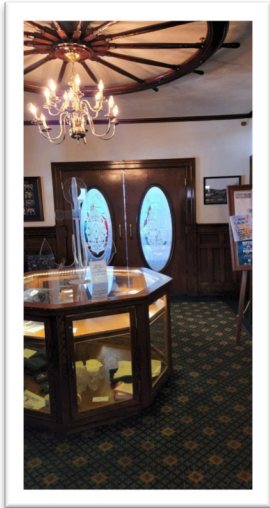
*Submitted by Conny & Austin McCormack*

Conny & Austin McCormack may only be here two months out of the year, but we're not far from their thoughts. After leaving us the end of May, they traveled to Ireland and visited the oldest yacht club in the world, Royal Cork Yacht Club. With a letter of introduction from our Commodore, Deb Alt, they exchanged burgees. CFYC will receive the Royal Cork's burgee in October when Conny & Austin return to Oak Island.



*Submitted by Ron & Kathy Miller*

Ron & Kathy leave us for cooler temps in July till sometime in September, but again, CFYC isn't far from their thoughts. They recently visited Oakmont Yacht Club. Oakmont is the oldest in-land YC in the United States. It is located on the Alleghany River at marker 11.1. The Oakmont Yacht Club has been in existence for 119 years where in 1903, a group of friends who shared a love of boating, ordained the land as the Oakmont Yacht Club. Here are some pictures they sent to share...





**Adopt-A-Highway Event Planned**  
**Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**Meet at the CFYC Clubhouse at 8am**  
**Planned return by 10am**

A Continental Breakfast will be served to Participants

Please R.S.V.P. to Peter Brown, <mailto:psbrown49@gmail.com>

Guests are welcomed!

The CFYC is responsible for the section of Rt. 211/Howe Street, from Doshier Cutoff, south to 12<sup>th</sup> Street.

Please remember water, bug spray and sun screen.

Reflective vests & gloves will be supplied.

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## Keeping Our CFYC Family in Mind

Please help the Membership Committee be responsive in supporting our fellow Members. If you become aware of any member who has suddenly lost a family member, or is recovering from an illness or surgery, please pass the information on to Debbie Ward, [cward4@ec.rr.com](mailto:cward4@ec.rr.com), so we may follow up with cards and phone calls as needed.

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REMEMBER TO CHECK THE CALENDAR ON OUR WEBSITE FOR UPDATES

[WWW.CAPEFEARYACHTCLUB.COM](http://WWW.CAPEFEARYACHTCLUB.COM)

**Open Bar Nights**, every Friday and Saturday evening, 5-8pm. (Unless club has a special event scheduled) Enjoy your Club's VOLUNTEER staff as they pour libations and take part in sea travels & tales. New volunteers always welcome!

## Volunteers Wanted & Needed

Contact the Commodore if you are interested in any of these positions

- Binnacle Editor (bi-monthly distribution)
- Bar Manager(s) & Bartenders
- Marketing Director/Editor
- Website Manager (backup's already in place)

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**Upcoming Meetings:** *Social Committee, Friday, August 5 @ 3:30.*

Co-Chair persons; Kate Perlini, [Perlini.kate@gmail.com](mailto:Perlini.kate@gmail.com) & Susan Kassel, [susank608@gmail.com](mailto:susank608@gmail.com) ALL members are welcome to join.

*BoG Monthly Meeting, Tuesday, August 9 @ 5:00pm (via Zoom)*

The calendar on our webpage will be updated as meetings are announced.

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## The Binnacle

If you have any questions, comments or would like to submit information to be included in the next edition of The Binnacle please send an email to [binnacle@capefearyachtclub.org](mailto:binnacle@capefearyachtclub.org).

Next deadline is September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022