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### ***Hello fellow Cape Fear Yacht Club members!***

I hope this message continues to find you all in good health and safe. It is hard to believe that almost a year has passed since the current board was voted in at the 2019 Annual Meeting. Little did we know at that time what would transpire in 2020.



First, I would like to express my gratitude to Past Commodore Linda Schrum and her Nominating Committee for picking such a fine group of folks for the 2020 Board of Governors. It has been a pleasure working with this board to improve club operations, finances, and policies. This board has participated throughout the year with excellent attendance and engagement in regular board meetings. We have had some challenging decisions and discussions, but in the end, the best outcome is achieved. This is a testament to the ownership and engagement of this board.

Second, I would like to thank all the members who have stepped up to perform critical functions for the club either as committee chairs or volunteers. As I will discuss, this has all occurred with the backdrop of a global pandemic. I hope to detail some of these contributions at the annual meeting. As you know, we got off to a remarkably busy start in 2020. We hosted several social functions, repaired the clubhouse and even managed to squeeze in the Blessing of the Fleet! All of this of course before the pandemic put a halt to our normal functions. But, as I have mentioned before, the board took the opportunity to improve financial operations including credit card billing for memberships. The board also



made several improvements to the bylaws strengthening our membership, social, and clubhouse rules.

We have had several member suggestions of holding limited club social events in an effort to get back to normal. Others members have expressed deep concern with club social gatherings. The board has continued to monitor the recommendations of the Center for Disease Control, North Carolina Governor and Brunswick County. As of this writing, North Carolina remains paused in Phase 3 prevention efforts. North Carolina has seen an increase in hospitalizations and trajectory of cases in recent weeks. There is certainly fatigue and frustration with the impacts of the ongoing pandemic and the board will continue to explore the best and safest path forward for all members. This may involve having some limited social functions for those members comfortable with the potential risk of attending such events. I understand that many of you would not attend social gatherings at this point. As you might understand, the board is trying to satisfy a diverse membership with many different points of view. Certainly, we wish to serve the membership the best that we can.

In the meantime, there is some official club business that we must attend to. We are now collecting proxies for the upcoming 2020 Annual Meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. The club has a CISCO WebEx account that will accommodate up to 100 participants. So, if

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you are available, I encourage you to get on the call and find out the latest with the club. We will also be voting on the slate of officers for the upcoming year. With this being a virtual meeting, we will be challenged to ensure we have a quorum of virtual attendees and proxies in order to conduct business. I hope to see you all virtually at the Annual Meeting!  
***Fair winds and following seas to all!***



***Stay healthy, stay safe, and volunteer!***



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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 Dina Rhodes so we may follow up with cards and phone calls as needed. You may contact Dina at [dcfrhodes@gmail.com](mailto:dcfrhodes@gmail.com)



## ◆ ◆ Event Marketing ◆ ◆ & Management Committee

**Congratulations & Best Wishes** to club member Lee Harrington and his bride Jessica Carney. The couple was married on Saturday, October 17th at CFYC with a small number of family and friends there to celebrate with them.

**Wishing you lots of love & happiness!!!**



Please contact Joanne Allen if you would like to host your own celebration at our clubhouse.

**Joanne Allen**

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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 email David Rhodes at [binnacle@capefearyachtclub.org](mailto:binnacle@capefearyachtclub.org)



## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Welcome to our newest members **Joe Harazim** and his fiancée **Kylie Zelesnik**. Joe is a pilot in the USAF & had been involved with the CFYC Youth Sailing Program for 12 years. Kylie is currently a student and will be working for the USAF. **We wish them all the best!**



# Youth Sailing Program Update

Ray Bolling and the Oak Island Golf Club will be setting the date for the CFYC Youth Sailing Golf Tournament in the coming week, just past the dead line for this Binnacle. Once the date is set we will push out a blast to all the members to please **"Save the Date"**.

Additionally, we will set a date in the near future for all who wish to help in the planning of the tournament and fund raiser to come together (mostly likely via teleconferencing) to formulate a operational plan and start dividing up tasks. If interested in helping out please contact me. I already have the names of 7 club members who offered to help before COVID struck.



COVID also put a big crimp in our working with Brunswick County on a boathouse at Dutchman's Creek Park. As some of you may have seen, Brunswick County Parks & Recreation is meeting in November to

discuss priorities for the coming year. Ray Bolling will be working to set up a meeting with the P&R Board to continue the discussion on the boat house that the

Sheriff's Office would like to partner with CFYC in building. Thanks to Rich Bandera, the CFYC has an architectural drawing encompassing the needs of the Youth Sailing Program and the Sheriff's Marine Unit. For perspective, this is a concept that may not be completed until 2022 or 2023 due in part to the COVID shut down of

government meetings. However, the County has stated they are interested in paying for the building and the CFYC would sub-rent the part of the boathouse that is being designed to meet our fleet's needs.



We have already started outreach to identify perspective youth sailing instructors for next summer's CFYC Youth Sailing Camp. If you know of someone who might be interested please contact me.

Best regards!

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