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Update from the Commodore

It may be wintertime but there sure is a lot going on at the Cape Fear Yacht Club! Your leadership has been busy planning for a great 2020 season. As I mentioned in my previous update, we are focusing on our Initiatives for 2020;

- Strengthen Financials
- Social Event Involvement / Member Participation
- Focus on Yachting
- Improved Club Communications

First of all, if you are not already aware, we did have a bit of bad news over the winter concerning our clubhouse. Apparently, the dishwasher had been operated sometime in December and sprung a leak. It went undetected until early January at which time, Joe Rodriguez, with help from his co-house chairs, Steve Hurbanek and John Allen, made repairs. But, damage to the facility was sustained and an insurance claim for repairs was initiated. Our contractor, Servpro has been at the clubhouse since February 17th performing remediation and restoration activities. Unfortunately, the repairs have resulted in the cancellation of the St. Patrick's Day party and will require the Commissioning to be rescheduled after repairs are complete.

The implementation of the annual billing policy combined with the transition to credit card billing has been largely successful. Although some members still prefer to pay dues by check, the use of credit cards has streamlined the billing process and improves predictability for club financials. Please consider transitioning your annual dues payments to credit card next year.

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Our social scene led by Ginger Vallaster and Linda Schrum has been amazing! I hope you all have seen the pictures and updates being provided by Ted Brockman on our website and CFYC Members Facebook page. Since our last publication the club has hosted a Chinese New Year's Party, a Souper Bowl Chowder Cook-Off Party, and a Red and Wild Valentine's Day Party! We also had Cruise Planning and Wine Tasting Bar Nights. If you have the winter doldrums, it's because you haven't been participating in these wonderful events! Please let your social committee know how you want to get involved.

Our yachting season is being actively planned and is getting ready to be in full swing. A well-attended cruise planning meeting was led by our Cruising Chair, Don Feather. Many exciting cruise destinations were discussed and Don is collecting input now to finalize locations and dates. One cruise that is planned is to Port City Marina for Azalea Festival with 9 boats attending! Now that's the way to kick off the cruising season! We also have the traditional Blessing of the Fleet planned for March 15th. It's a great opportunity to get your boats out and enjoy the water!

Fair winds and following seas to all!

Norman Smith- Commodore

A New Trailer for Youth Sailing!



Our new CFYC Youth Sailing skiff trailer, which was donated by an anonymous donor, was delivered last month. Commodore Norman Smith and Vice Commodore Joe Rodriguez swapped out the old trailer with the new trailer. It's a big improvement in safety and reliability for the program!

Other Youth Sailing News:

The Youth Sailing Program will be purchasing a new utility trailer in the coming days and Oak Island Parks and Recreation has offered to construct a new rack to hold the Opti sailboats.

At a yet to be determined date at the end of May the Youth Sailing Program will be looking for volunteers to make the fleet ready for the upcoming season.

As it stands now the youth sailing volunteers and paid instructors will begin their final inspection of the fleet, reorientation with the vessels and review of the lessons plans the week of June 7th, 2020.

The three individual opt classes are scheduled the weeks of June 14th, June 21 and July 5 with the week of June 28-July 4th an off week due to Independence Day.

Please note: we need help during the 4th of July Festival for the CFYC Float in the parade.

Don't Miss the Blessing of the Fleet

The Cape Fear Yacht Club will sponsor the 2020 Blessing of the Fleet at 2 p.m., Sunday, March 15th at the Southport Waterfront (Please try to arrive by 1:30 PM to allow for lining up logistics and safety guidance). The Southport Historical Society cannon, THOR, will fire a round to initiate the ceremony. The Blessing Boat Flip Flop, a 36 foot Tiera sports fisherman, skippered by Dave Weigel, will be anchored near the city pier.

All boats, power and sail, big and small, pleasure, commercial, Coast Guard, paddle and kayaks are encouraged to participate in this annual event.

Boats are to gather between Marker 18 in the Cape Fear River and Marker 1 in the ICW monitoring Channel 78.

A safety boat will assist with lining all vessels up in order and then the procession will proceed past the Blessing Boat to receive a blessing and flower.

The Blessing of the Fleet is a tradition that began centuries ago in Mediterranean fishing villages. The blessing from Rector Eric Mills, St. Philips Episcopal Church, and Chaplin of the Cape Fear Yacht Club, is meant to ensure a safe and bountiful season. For

decades it has been embraced by U.S. yacht clubs to mark the beginning of the season. The Blessing is free to all and all are welcome

Cruising into 2020

The cruising season has started off with great participation. The cruising meeting on January 22 had record attendance. Following is a report of the participation in the spring cruises:

-Three boats are confirmed for the cruise to Barefoot Landing to see the Little River Band March 28-29

-Nine boats are participating in the cruise to Wilmington April 3-5 for the Azalea Festival

-Four boats have confirmed for the cruise to New Bern June 1-10

-Five Boats have confirmed the planned cruise to Cape Lookout Bight on July 20-27. This will include 2 nights on anchor in the Cape Lookout Bight near the lighthouse

There is space for more boats on each planned cruise.

Contact Don Feather
at donfdsm@gmail.com if you wish to participate or see the entire proposed cruise schedule for 2020.

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 an immediate 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

UP COMING EVENTS

March Events:

3/15 (Sunday) Blessing of the Fleet

3/19 (Thursday) Bar Night

3/31 (Tuesday) Bar Night

Due to construction at the clubhouse, dates may change.

April Events:

4/15 (Wednesday) Fish Fry

04/18 (Saturday) Beach Clean Up



CFYC, POP and Duke Energy to Conduct Beach Cleanup

The Cape Fear Yacht Club with the support of Plastic Ocean Project and Duke Energy will conduct an Earth Day Cleanup event at Dutchman Creek Park and Boat Launch on April 18, 2020. This community event will take place from 9:00AM-12:00PM and be followed by a BBQ and Open House at the Cape Fear Yacht Club located across from the park.

Participants are asked to bring their own bucket or use "multi-use" collection bags in order to minimize plastic impact to the environment. Cape Fear Yacht Club requests participants with small watercraft (dinghies, kayaks, paddle boards) to cruise the shoreline to retrieve floating plastics, styrofoam and trash.

In case of inclement weather, this event will be held the following day on April 19th from 9:00AM-12:00PM.

Please contact Linda Dobbs at lindajeandobbs@gmail.com with any questions. The Cape Fear Yacht Club and the "Earth" appreciate your support!



Updated Social Policies

One of the initiatives discussed by the Board of Governors was to ensure that our various social events provide a positive cash flow to the club. We simply cannot have social events dipping into our club reserves. To that end, several social policy changes are being implemented to assist event organizers in meeting that goal. They are outlined as follows;

-Improved Event Administration: A) The club will be implementing steps to ensure that event participants and guests are properly registered when they arrive at the clubhouse. This will take the form of a sign-in desk and issue of some type of identification that registration has been completed (hand stamp, wristband, etc.). This is particularly important in some of our larger events where it is nearly impossible to control the flow of participants in and out of the event. B) In order for event organizers to have a predictable budget, they must understand how many folks can be expected for a specific event. The clubhouse also has physical constraints that limit the number of folks that can be reasonably served at one time. To this end, the board has adopted a 7-day cancellation policy for all events unless otherwise

specifically stated. This means that if you RSVP for an event (Evite or otherwise) you will be charged for the event unless you cancel at least 7 days in advance of the event date. This way, organizers have the opportunity to allow additional participants if

registration is full, or to make changes in the event amenities based on participation numbers. Again, this works towards ensuring a positive cash flow.

-Better control of Bar Expenses: All participants will pay their event fees and bar expenses via a credit card on-file or one provided to the bar at registration. Occasionally, participants have left events without settling up with the club.

This requires that members track down individuals after the event for payment. This is not how any other establishment works, and the club is no different .

It is understood that some of these changes are a departure from how the club has done it in the past, but this is all done to ensure the viability of the club and ultimately build the value of membership

2020 Membership and Reciprocal Courtesy Cards

Be on the lookout for your 2020 CFYC Membership cards and Reciprocal Courtesy Cards. These will be mailed out to all who have paid 2020 dues by the end of February. If you do not receive your cards by May 6th, please contact Deborah Alt @

debann.alt@gmail.com

To research other clubs participating in reciprocal benefits, access the Yachting Club of America (YCA) website @ www.ycaol.com;

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The Social Scene

Highlights from Club Events

Chinese New Year Celebration

Cape Fear Yacht Club held its first **Kung Hei Fat Choy, Chinese New Year Celebration** on Saturday January. The Lead Hostess for this event was Ronney and Jim Newman supported by Kate Perlini and Ann Carper. Setup was conducted by Dave Smith, Jim Newman and John Allen. On hand for cleanup were Ron and Kathy Miller and Catherine and Dave Smith. Check in process was handled by Linda Schrum



Souper Bowl LIV

We had a great Super Bowl party on February 2nd! A big thank you to all that contributed to it's success: Ginger Vallaster, Linda Schrum, David and Dina Rhodes, Debbie Ward, Kathy Miller, Don Feather, Ann Carper, Colleen Webster, Ray Bowling and Kathy Ridgeway. Delicious food, help with set up and clean up and of course to all of you who came and made the evening fun. Ray Bowling won the coveted Golden Ladle award with his creamy crab chowder. Congratulations to the winners of the Super Bowl squares board....Ginger Vallaster (1st quarter win), Linda Schrum (both 2nd and 3rd quarter win) and Kathy Ridgeway (final game win). Great fun!



Trying Some New Wine

We had a great wine tasting night at the clubhouse. Many thanks to Kaitlyn Clouser and Harris Talbert of Windham Distilling Co. for setting this up!

Stay tune for some new wine selections at the CFYC bar!

Love was in the Air: *Red and Wild* Valentine's Party

Our annual Valentine's dinner/dance was very well attended this year by nearly 60 folks who enjoyed great food, fun, dancing and cocktails. The clubhouse was illuminated by LED clear balloons and decked out with a safari theme and lots of red, black, white and animal print linens. Many members arrived wearing red &/or animal print outfits which added to the overall fun-loving vibe.

The party was lead by Ginger Vallaster & Lisa Fosbury with lots of help from SO many people - from lending decor, making appetizers, selling roses, setting up, check-in, cleaning up, delivering tables... it was a huge group effort and Ginger & Lisa would like to thank the nearly 25 people who graciously helped out. Cheers!



Many Thanks Kaitlyn!!!

We would like to thank Kaitlyn Clouser for her contribution to CFYC over the last two years as our bar manager. Kaitlyn always greeted us with professionalism and a happy smile. She was very instrumental in getting the bar off the ground and making it an asset to our club.

Kaitlyn also worked diligently with Rear Commodore Jeremy Richardson to make sure our social events came off perfectly. Many of these events were actually catered by herself with the help of her family.

Kaitlyn is stepping down to concentrate on furthering her education and assisting her brother Zack in his law practice. She will continue to manage the clubhouse rentals.

Kaitlyn, you will be dearly missed behind the bar by all of us, but it is time you saw our bar from the other side!! We have been fortunate to have worked with you and to have you as a friend and member!

Volunteer Job Opening- Bar Manager

The BOG is looking for a CFYC Member to fulfill the job opening for Clubhouse Bar Manager. Training and support is available

Duties of the Position are as follows:

- Inventory Control for Beer, Wine & Liquor
- Ordering of Beer, Wine & Liquor
- Manage deliveries at the Clubhouse (Beer & Wine)
- Manage pick-up of Liquor Orders (ABC, Oak Island)
- Manage stock of Sodas, Mixers, Water, & Lemons/Limes
- Oversight of ABC Permits (time-sensitive renewals & posting)
- Manage/hire bartenders as needed for functions (coordinating with Social Committee)
- Oversight of Glassware stocks
- Manage Bar Sales Receipts & SQUARE account
- Update of Member's CC's on file as needed. (expiration dates, etc.)

The Bar Manager position will report to the Vice Commodore. Monthly reports will be submitted by the last day of each month.

If you are interested, please contact Joe Rodriguez, Vice Commodore, ssfirejord@yahoo.com or call 910-431-7241.

A Hardy Welcome our New Members!

Jerry and Jeanne Rudden

**Jim and Sheryl Sutherland
(Welcome Back!)**

Welcome to the Club!!