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**Greetings Fellow
Cape Fear Yacht Club Members!**

As always, I hope this message finds you all in good health and spirits. As I write this, I am reminded of the adage that **“the only constant in life is change”**. As the club has emerged from the pandemic-imposed restrictions and enjoyed some recent social gatherings and events, we have once again been forced to consider additional restrictions. The surge of the **Delta** variant certainly requires our attention, and the Board of Governors has responded. I trust you have all seen the message issued **August 13th** containing the **“UPDATED CFYC COVID-19 POLICY”**. The intent of this policy is to keep our members and facility as safe as possible. I know it is disappointing to all of us to impose new restrictions, but these too will pass, and better times are ahead. I look forward to that time.



I hope you have all been enjoying the summer and have participated in some or all the activities that have taken place at the CFYC. Many of you participated in the **Annual 4th of July Freedom Flotilla**. This patriotic event is organized and coordinated by the CFYC in conjunction with the **Southport 4th of July Festival**. We had a great showing from CFYC members. You can see pictures on our social media pages. I would also like to thank **Past Commodore Woody Wilson** and **Fleet Captain Rich Alt** for making this happen. After the flotilla we had **Pizza Night at the Bar**, the **Spring Youth Sailing Golf Tournament**, initiated our **FRIDAY & SATURDAY NIGHT OPEN BAR**, and hosted the **Jimmy Buffett Social**. So, as you can



see, we had something for everyone! Special thanks to our **Social Chairs LINDA SCHRUM & SUZANNE HUNT** for pulling together the social events and **Ray Bolling & Rich Alt** for running the **Youth Sailing Golf Tournament**.

After a year-and-a-half of uncertainty we held our **25th Year of Youth Sailing Camp**. This did not happen by accident and took a concerted effort on the part of our **FLEET CAPTAIN, RICH ALT** to make happen. Rich worked with the **OAK ISLAND PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT** as they navigated COVID-19 protocols. Helping Rich this year was our prior student and now **Lead Instructor, Kaitlyn Inglett**.



Helping her in the instructor role was **Julia Morris**. Together Rich and the instructors held a full 6 weeks of sailing camp. Three weeks in the **Optimist Class** training dingy and then three weeks in the **Club 420** Collegiate 2-person trainer. As the culmination to all this the youth and club

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members are invited to compete in the **Annual Ed Harper Memorial Regatta**. Although there were not enough participants entered to run an Optimist race, **8 teams** competed on **SUNDAY, AUGUST 1ST** for the **1st prize ribbon**. All this activity requires a massive amount of work and Rich, the instructors and many **CLUB MEMBER VOLUNTEERS** provided it. My thanks go out to Rich and all who helped keep this program a crowning achievement for the **Cape Fear Yacht Club!**

One of the areas which the club has put focus on lately is our **SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE & COMMUNITY**



OUTREACH. At last count we were **85 MEMBERSHIPS** strong! It is no coincidence that our membership has grown with an improved social media presence. To that end, I would like to announce that **LEE ROBERTS** has stepped up to assume the role of **Communications Chair**. Lee has experience with social media platforms and brings considerable energy to the job! I would also like to thank **Ted Brockman** for filling this role for several years. Ted will now focus his energy in the newly formed role of **COMMUNITY OUTREACH CHAIR**. An example of this includes the creation of the **Adopt-A-Highway** program for CFYC. If you haven't seen them yet, our signs have been installed on Rt. 211 and Howe Street! The club just completed its second quarterly pickup on **Saturday, August 21st**. If you haven't participated yet, no worries, you will have a chance in future quarterly pickups. This is just one example where the club is seeking new ways to be good neighbors within our community. I would ask that you direct all your **communications requests** to **Lee** and **outreach ideas** to **Ted**. Join me in congratulating both **LEE AND TED**.



In House news, you may be aware that on the weekend of the Golf Tournament we experienced a loss of refrigerant from the Galley side air conditioner unit. Our **Vice Commodore, Joe Rodriguez**, and **House Chair, Will Long** set about investigating the best path forward. After obtaining estimates, it was



recommended that the unit be replaced. The unit is original to the facility (**15 years old**) and uses an outdated refrigerant. The Board approved the replacement and work was completed on Thursday, August 19th. **Thanks to Joe & Will for keeping us cool!**

Now, for my final thoughts, I want to talk to you about **succession planning**. The current board has been sitting since **November 2019**.

Many of our terms are expiring.

I for one, plan on **stepping down**

as Commodore. As I have said

before, **it has been an honor being**

your Commodore. I feel that the

board has accomplished a tremendous amount of

work and made many meaningful improvements for

the club even during a global pandemic. I hope you all

feel the same. But the time has come to allow new

leadership to guide the club forward. As stated in our

bylaws, we will soon approve a **Nominating**

Committee. This committee will reach out to

various club members to gauge interest in serving on

the Board. In a perfect world, the **Commodore**

position would be filled with a sitting **Flag Officer -**

Vice or Rear Commodore. **FLAG OFFICER**

positions would be filled by sitting **Governors**.

GOVERNOR positions

would be filled from the

general membership. **This**

allows time for new board

members to see the way

business is conducted, learn

the club policies and history,

and generally become

experienced in the workings of the leadership. I ask

you all to consider a role in the leadership of this club

and if interested to contact a board member, or the

nominating committee for consideration. The new

board will be voted on at the **November Annual**

Meeting.

Commodore: Norman Smith (term expires 2021, stepping down)*

Vice Commodore: Joe Rodriguez (term expires 2021)*

Rear Commodore: David Rhodes (term expires 2021)*

Fleet Captain: Rich Alt (appointed by Commodore)*

Governor: Don Feather (2nd term expires 2022)**

Governor: Rick Bonifant (2nd term expires 2022)**

Governor: Deb Alt (1st term expires 2021)**



Governor: Steve Bourne (1st term expires 2021)**

Governor: Rich Perlini (1st term expires 2021)**

* One-Year Term ** Two-Year Term

As I stated, there will be opportunities opening on the board. Please consider your role in moving the club forward into 2022 and beyond.

Fair winds and following seas!

NORMAN SMITH, CFYC COMMODORE



Cape Fear Yacht Club Adopt-A-Highway

TRASH TALK! OR ON THE ROAD AGAIN!



15 club members took to the road at 8:00am on Saturday, August 21st as part of the ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY PROGRAM. The early start gave us a jump on the heat & traffic. We cleaned up the roadway along Rt 211 between Doshier Cutoff Rd. Leonard St.



In total, 972 BAGS (just kidding), 21 bags of debris were collected and volunteers were rewarded with refreshments back at the clubhouse. WHEN YOU ARE OUT ON RT 211, LOOK FOR OUR SIGN WHERE DOSHER CUTOFF INTERSECTS RT 211.



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



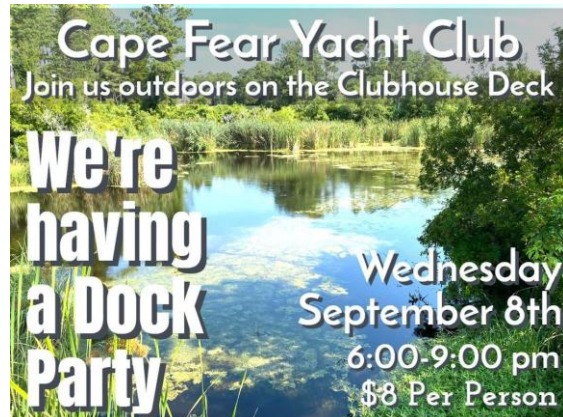
CONTACT INFORMATION ALERT

Attention All Members: If your contact information changes (address, phone, email), please contact Frann Rich at frannisco@ec.rr.com.



COMING ATTRACTIONS

Sail over to the CFYC on Wednesday, Sept. 8th & enjoy dinner and DOCK NIGHT fun outdoors. Menu options: Choice of Sausage & Peppers, Meatballs, or VEGETARIAN - individually wrapped so you may stop by for a "to go" grinder or dine on the deck overlooking the water!



International Night Southport (outside seating) Date to be determined Contact Joanne Allen

joannedoncv@yahoo.com or text 336-817-4988



Commodore's Ball Nov. 20, St James (Possible outdoor venue under consideration)

Contact Margo Dworzanski

margomorrow@juno.com or text 916-616-7621



All events are RSVP dependent and will be held according to current Covid restrictions



ATTENTION ALL PADDLERS!



Don't have a sail or powerboat, but enjoy your time on the water in a Kayak, Canoe or SUP (Stand Up Paddleboard) just the same? Let's do it together!! All those interested in becoming part of this group, meet at the Clubhouse on Monday, September 13 @ 2:00pm. We'll discuss dates, locations/areas to paddle, the need for a guide(s), etc. Please bring your thoughts and ideas to share. See our website to register, www.capefearyachtclub.com/paddle

NEW CFYC COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR

LEE ROBERTS will be assuming the role as **Communications Chair**. As the Committee's web designer, social media administrator & marketing contributor, **TED BROCKMAN** felt it a logical transition and highly recommended Lee for the position. We thank Lee for accepting this critical role in the Club. To ensure a seamless transition for Members, Lee will continue to use the CapeFearYC@gmail.com for all **CFYC Communications** until we are prepared to transition to a new marketing and communications platform. Any questions, ideas, or Club Communications should be directed to Lee at CapeFearYC@gmail.com.



CFYC Bar

Join The Bartenders!

It's a bet that many of you were once **BARTENDERS**, be it your **COLLEGE YEARS**, a second job or just at your **OWN HOME PARTY**. Well, revive those skills & join the **CFYC Bar Committee** to help us pour some **enjoyment** for our members & guests. It's easy and we'll train you on the job! Only **requirement** is to take the **ON-LINE TRAINING** and get your certificate - go to server/seller training @ <https://abc.nc.gov/Training>. You'll never be asked to work a shift without a partner and it's a great way to get to know everyone. Please contact **Deb Alt** at debann.alt@gmail.com for more information and/or to volunteer.



CFYC BAR NIGHTS

Bar is open every **FRIDAY & SATURDAY** from 4-8 pm (except in the case of a Club Event or Private Rental). Come have a drink before your **dinner reservation**, enjoy **conversation with fellow members**, or bring a **guest** to show them the club. Feel free to bring your own food. Bar snacks are available **free of charge**.



WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE!

PLEASE GIVE A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS:

Vickie Crane (Member #525)

Vickie joined us after being a guest at our Open House Event in June. Long-time member, John Redington, is her sponsor. Vickie is a retired Director from Sampson County Convention and Visitors Bureau. She's looking to make new friends now that she lives in Southport, learn more about boating, and perhaps help in planning some of our events. Yea!! We're always looking for fresh ideas and volunteers in that area! Welcome aboard Vickie!!



Bill & Linda Sadek (Member #526)



Their marina neighbor, Don Feather & Ann Carper, brought Bill and Linda to us. They own a 36' Carver named Lindy Star. Bill is a retired IT manager and mechanically inclined; Linda is a retired Electrical Product Manager. They're both looking forward to meeting new friends and sharing on-the-water experiences, as well as joining in on our cruising adventures. Good to have you aboard Bill & Linda!

Sarah, Oliver, & Ester Shafer (Member #527)

Rich Alt and Sarah conversed almost daily during Oliver's YS Summer Camp experience this year, and as the program came to an end, the Shafers became one of our newest members. Sarah, a legal assistant, describes herself as a "water rat" and has enjoyed being on the water all her life; she currently owns a 17' Boston Whaler. She wants her children, Oliver (11) and Ester (7) to grow up knowing these joys as well. So far, Oliver really enjoys sailing and I'm sure Ester will be following shortly behind! We are so happy to welcome this young family into the CFYC family!



Tom & Penn Parrish (Member #528)



At a recent women's luncheon at Rusty Hooks, the YS campers sailed by on the ICW prompting a conversation about the origins of the camp and the CFYC between Penn and Deb Alt. A week or so later, Tom & Penn asked for a tour of the Clubhouse and then submitted their request to join.

Tom, a retired beer wholesaler and Penn, a retired teacher, enjoy many activities and are looking to become involved with our social activities. They've already joined our Bar Committee and helped in judging new wines for the bar! They own a 21.5' V-hull Star Deck that they enjoy for fishing and pleasure. It's great to have you as our newest members!



Jim & Sharon Barr (Member #522)

Are new residents to OKI, and are sponsored by Butch &



Kathleen Shirkey. Both have 20 years of volunteering at the Corinthian YC in Tiburon, CA, and experience racing on SF Bay. Kim & Sharon have sailed their boat approximately 24,000 miles & visited 27 countries during a 4 year trip. It's their hope to relocate their Passport 49' to SPT within a year. As well as strong boating skills, Kim & Sharon bring extensive financial management & legal backgrounds. We welcome you & look forward to hearing of your adventures!

Welcome!!!

Deborah Alt
Membership Chairperson



COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Social Planning Committee

September 14, 2:00pm - CFYC Clubhouse

Membership Committee

September 7, 6:00pm - CFYC Clubhouse

To sign up, more information, or any questions, please contact Deb Alt, debann.alt@gmail.com



RICH BANDERA & THE CFYC BURGEES EXCHANGE

This August, **RICH & KIM BANDERA** were vacationing



with family up in **MA** and **RI**. Rich brought a few **burgees** along to hopefully exchange with other **yacht clubs**. Pictured

above is **Rich** (on left) and **VINCE FIORDA**, Treasurer of the **Monomoy YC**, in **Chatham, MA**. Instead of meeting at the Monomoy YC, Vince gave Rich instructions to meet him in a **parking lot** several miles from the club. Vince would be driving a black SUV. Sound like an episode from **The Sopranos? Yahl**



Anyone see Rich around the club lately?

EVER WANTED TO BE A LICENSED CAPTAIN OR A FIRST MATE?

We're hosting a **USCG Approved OUPV (6-Pac) Captain's License Course & "First Mate" Advanced Boating Class**. It will be held **3 CONSECUTIVE WEEKENDS** in **January 2022** at the Clubhouse. Discounted rate for **Members is \$550 for the Captain's Course** (56 hrs) & **\$200 for the "First Mate"** (approx. 20 hrs).

The Captain's course and custom "First Mate" class will **RUN CONCURRENTLY**. It has been suggested that it coincides nicely with the **Friday/Saturday Open Bar** and would make a perfect "Date Night" for attendees.

Priority placement goes to CFYC Members, so please send us an email at CapeFearYC@gmail.com if you are interested so we can get a head count **BEFORE** we open the course to the public. Also, please let us know if you have **FRIENDS OR FAMILY** who may be interested in the course. **We hope you join us!**



2021



CFYC YOUTH SAILING PROGRAM



ED HARPER MEMORIAL REGATTA!

The **2021 CFYC-Y\$ Program** was a **success** and

capped off with the **420 Ed Harper Memorial Regatta** on August 1st. As

the British would say **"THE WIND FRESHENED"** and by the time the fleet made it to **SOUTHPORT** it was at the upper level of recommended

420 usage. **The State Port Pilot** gave the program excellent coverage of the regatta starting with a front page, above the fold, and an entire back page of the paper. **THANK YOU MORGAN!**



A **HEARTY THANKS** to all the sailors and a **special** thanks to the **5 safety boats**, we need them all!

During the following week, the **eleven 420 sailboats** were hauled out with the help of **CFYC volunteers** and our **2 youth sailing instructors**.



Twenty of the fleet of twenty-three boats had their masts lowered, towed back to the storage yard, and manually lifted back on their racks.

This program could not have been successful had it not been for the **VOLUNTEERS** who showed up each day of the six weeks of classes under the broiling sun the **VOLUNTEERS** who helped lift and carry the 420s and Optis off their racks at the beginning and end of the season, the **VOLUNTEERS** who fixed several of the fleet's trailers, and the **VOLUNTEERS** who manned the safety boats throughout the eight weeks. A special shout-out to **Snyder Marine** for the emergency repair of our safety boats as well! **I truly thank y'all!**



On **August 25, 2021**, we had our first after-action meeting with **Oak Island Parks & Recreation** and then set about making improvements on how things will be done in 2022. **2021 is in the books and we look forward to a successful 2022!**



Thank You!



SOUTHPORT SUMMER FLAG LOWERING CEREMONY



To honor all those who have served, or are serving our country, members of the **Cape Fear Yacht Club** are participating in the **Flag Lowering Ceremony** at **Southport Waterfront Park**.



Each evening at **7:30** during the months of **August** and **September** citizens gather around the gazebo flag and salute as

the **AMERICAN FLAG** is lowered during the playing of the taps. **15 CFYC Members** are participating in the ceremonies between **August 29th** and **September 30th**.



We hope you can join us in this patriotic event!



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



SOCIAL EVENTS LOOK BACK

The Jimmy Buffett Party

on July 24th was attended by **91 Members & Guests** dressed in **Parrot Head T-shirts & Hats!** **Caterer Robert Wallace** dished out some delicious **CHEESEBURGERS IN PARADISE &**



Hot French Fries while everyone was listening to the **2+2+2 Band**, cranking out some great songs!



In Memory of Amy Gallagher

A Beloved Member
of the
Cape Fear Yacht Club



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Open Bar Pizza Night

The **Beer & Chianti** was flowing on **July 7th** when **BELLA CUCCONA PIZZA** invaded the clubhouse. I never saw many **2 FISTED EATERS** at one time. **4 selections of pizza** were ordered and devoured in record time. **UNFORTUNATELY**, no photos were taken. Excuses heard as to why -
1) I HAD NO FILM 2) I WAS TOO BUSY GORGING MYSELF 3) I WAS TOO BUSY DRINKING 4) WHAT PARTY???

Anyway, the following clip art are fairly accurate depictions of what took place. I swear!



THE END