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From the Commodore!

Spring Forward! The CFYC surely has a spring in our step as we quickly move forward and open the season with already having enjoyable parties and lively Bar Nights. I want to thank the many members who have already helped plan and host these wonderful events...Souper Bowl, You Float My Boat Valentine's Dinner, Mardi Gras Party & Parade, Trivia Night.

Our Friday & Saturday Open Bar Nights are being well attended and with the Snow Birds beginning to return on their voyage back north, we expect to have more guests from the transient dock paying us a visit. Our bar has shown to be a great place for that cocktail or wine before heading out to dinner at a nearby restaurant, or to meet up with other members for some shared fellowship. Remember, we have bar snacks available and there are a few decks of cards kicking around if you're so inclined!

I want to give a big shout out to my volunteer bartenders! Without them, we would not be able to function all these hours. HOWEVER, we still need more people to help behind the bar! It's really very easy and we're happy to train you if you've never tended bar before. Please let me know if you're interested!

You will notice a theme throughout this edition of the Binnacle; a need for volunteers. Our Club is growing and so is the need for all members to become involved in some way or another. We have a thriving community outreach program through the Youth Sail Program, Adopt-a-Highway Program, the two holiday Flotillas, the Wooden Boat Show, the Summer Farmer's Market in Franklin Park, etc. These programs along with the fun and entertainment we enjoy are only possible by the help of many hands.

I'd like to introduce Lauren Marchetti and Kimberly Johnston, our new grant writers. They will be looking for ways to apply for grant monies to help grow our Youth Sail Program to better serve the youth of our community as well as continuing to promote the Club as a whole. Thank you ladies for providing your talents in this important area. Anyone knowing of any grant programs available that may fit our needs please contact either Lauren or Kimberly.

I wish to thank Mark Vallaster, who stepped in to be the editor of the Binnacle for the first two editions this year. Mark has decided to go back to school and along with undergoing a complete renovation/rebuild of his home with Ginger, will not be available to continue as editor...SO...if you would like to lend your talents to produce our Binnacle on a bi-monthly basis, please let me know! More volunteer opportunities will be posted as you continue to read.

Another announcement I would like to make is that Susan Forsyth has now been named to the Board of Governors to fill the seat vacated by Lee Roberts. Per the By-Laws, Susan will serve out this year and if she wishes to continue for another, her name will be put to the Nominating Committee when it convenes later this year. Susan has been a member of this club for over twenty years and has served as Governor before and brings much knowledge and insight to how the club has progressed over the years.



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She also currently serves as the Membership Chairperson. We thank Susan for her commitment to CFYC.

I hope the Weekly Update email helps everyone keep abreast of events happening, and you can always refer to the calendar on the website, <https://www.capefearyachtclub.com/events>

A reminder; if you refer a new member, you are eligible for a \$100 rebate on your dues the following year (not to exceed your membership cost). Let the Membership Committee know if you have any questions. It's just one way to say "Thank You" to all our wonderful members!

See you all at the Club!

Deborah Alt, #453

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Youth Sailing Program Update

While the tempo of the Youth Sailing Program has its ebbs and flows, there are always plans to be made, and executed, throughout the year. For brevity I will list the ongoing projects that a host of volunteers contribute to. Though I would be remised if I did not highlight the program's two lead vessel maintenance specialists, Norm Smith, and Will Long.

- Oak Island storage lot cleared of two trees ready to fall onto our fleet equipment.
- Skiff serviced by Ron Snyder so as to be ready for the Blessing of the Fleet on April 3, at 2PM in the Yacht Basin (Provisions).
- Whaler is now being serviced at Ron Snyder's (Please note for all you boat owners that Ron and all other boat maintenance shops already have a six-week waiting list.
- Working with Oak Island on a more structured sailing camp scholarship policy for underserved youth in our community.
- Finalized pay scale for sailing instructors for the 2022 season.
- We have commitments from both 2021 sailing instructors, wanting to return for 2022. We potentially will have two young men who have been students for two years, but are too young to be hired by Oak Island, as interns this summer.
- May will begin sailboat workdays where we will clean and inspect all the vessels, their rigging, and sails. Please think about volunteering, no experience needed.

Best wishes as we enter a new boating season, Rich Alt



Welcome New Members!

Please welcome our new members! We are excited to have them and look forward to spending time with them at upcoming events.



Bob Holben, Member #175 It's his destiny...it's an honor to pass on the Holben membership number to Bob! Bob's parents were early members and hugely supportive of CFYC for many years...if you noticed, the Bar is named the Neil Holben Room (Neil's carpentry work is everywhere in the clubhouse). His mother, Carol, was our recording secretary for years (among other things). Bob's sister, Ginger, and her husband Mark Vallaster, have been members for several years now too. Bob is a few years from retiring as a "computer techie", and Southport will be his permanent home. We look forward seeing Bob around more often and love that he's carrying the torch!



Wayne & Susan Duetscher- Wayne, a retired US Army-Consultant, and Susan have been past members of CFYC and decided to come back. Wayne was past Commodore at Monmouth Boat Club in Red Bank, NJ. He is a handyman and likes to fix things. Susan was CFYC Membership Chair when they were past members. I might add, she did a wonderful job! At present she is back on the Membership Committee and wants to help out with other events as well. So good to have you back!



Bill & Kim Happer- Bill just retired from Banking. His interests are Fishing, Duck hunting, golfing, and woodworking. Kim enjoys cooking, gardening, entertaining and has joined the Social Committee. So happy to have you!



Walter Simon and Diana Barrett, member #537. Their 43-foot Marine Trader is slipped in Safe Harbor Marina. They live in Denver, CO. But, they hope to call Southport their home someday. They have never owned this large of a boat and are looking forward to learning the waterways and meeting people at the club. Welcome!

Upcoming Events

BLESSING OF THE FLEET 2022

The Cape Fear Yacht Club will sponsor the 2021 Blessing of the Fleet at 2 p.m. sharp, Sunday, April 3 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, 36-foot long, TollyCraft, named "Long Weekend", will be in a slip, bow first, at Provisions in the Southport Tidal Basin. 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



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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 Rev. Eric Mills & Rev. Lisa Erdeljon of 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 sailing/boating season. The Blessing is free to all and all are welcome.

Clubhouse Workdays

Over the next few weeks, watch your email for a message from Will Long requesting some help around the clubhouse. Like with everything, many hands make light works so please volunteer if you are able.

- Men's bathroom storage area (shower) cleanout
- Pressure-wash the front deck and stairs (I have 2 pressure washers if needed - gas and electric)
- Clean up shrub beds and add new pine straw. (Est. \$100-125 for pine straw)
- Re-stain rear steps.
- Attempt to clean cobwebs from Breezeway



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Volunteer Job Opportunities

I have been told that these jobs are both fun and serious resume builders. Please volunteer if you can. As you can see, the club is in need of a number of new positions.

Youth Sailing Director Training

The job of Youth Sailing Director is a very rewarding position where one gets to have a hands-on opportunity to coach, mentor, and cheer on, not only the sail camp participants, but also the youth sailing instructors. I find that a good portion of my time during the first couple of weeks is coaching our young instructors who range in ages from 15-21 years old. To see a 15 or 16-year-old go from an individual who only has to be concerned about them self, to someone standing in front of a class, confidentially instructing and coaching students who represent the entire gamut of teenage emotions, maturity levels, and motor skills, is quite a metamorphosis. My most often used response to an instructor inquiring as to how they should handle a problem is, "so, what do you think should happen?". We start them right off by encouraging decision-making. In the near future I hope to put together an article for the local newspaper regarding the various life paths our instructors have successfully taken.

Now comes the sales pitch... My professional life has changed since last year and the club is in need of someone who is willing to work with the program with the expectation of eventually taking it over. Neither Hervey nor I am going abandon ship and leave you to flounder. One of us should be there every day to lead as well as to mentor and to ensure continuity of the program. The program has established written lesson/safety plans, which are currently being refreshed.

My time commitment level going forward will have to be reduced and the program needs a new face to take over. The program has an ever-increasing number of volunteers for workdays, but we could always use a few more volunteers to attend the actual camp day classes; this commitment can be just for two days or more per week.

Please think it over. Hervey and/or I are more than happy to meet in person to discuss.

Rich Alt, Fleet Captain & Youth Sail Director

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Fleet Captain

In planning for the future of the Cape Fear Yacht Club, the Board of Governors is looking for someone to step up to fill the shoes of Fleet Captain. This position plays an important role within the CFYC. Currently Rich Alt holds the position as Fleet Captain, but due to other commitments is looking to have someone(s) mirror him to learn the ropes and take over for



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next year (with approval of the Commodore). Rich is not going anywhere and will provide guidance and background for as long as the new appointee(s) needs.

The position of Fleet Captain (a voting member of the Board of Governors) is primarily an administrative position as many of the sub-positions are filled with knowledgeable club members. This position oversees:

- Asset management of a fleet of 12-Opti's, 12-420's, two skiffs (used as safety boats for YS), a 21' Catalina, storage trailer(s), and equipment/parts.
- Race Committee & Protest Committee (sponsored sailboat racing inactive at this time, but may be resurrected)
- Flotillas (July & December)
- Fishing (tournament(s)/social event; inactive at this time)
- Cruising; chaired by Don Feather
- Kayaking/Canoeing/SuP Group (group currently formed but without a dedicated leader)

Anyone interested in further information or to apply for the position may contact us at capefearyc@gmail.com

Flotilla Coordinator Volunteer(s)

As you may or may not know, the CFYC co-sponsors two flotillas each year, July 4th Festival Week (event scheduled for July 2nd this year), and Christmas Festival Week, both along the Southport River Front/Old Yacht Basin, and along part of the ICW. Past Commodore, Woody Wilson, has been the lead coordinator for these events over the past several (many) years. Woody would like to have one, two, or three people step up and assist him with both flotillas this year and to take over next year. There are a few meetings to attend while coordinating with the City of Southport & the Chamber of Commerce during the year, and then the day of the event, there are procedures to be followed in preparing the captains of the participating boats and assisting with the judging done from shore. Both of the events are quite fun and the community looks forward to each. Please consider volunteering your time to either or both of these events. Please contact Woody Wilson for more information; wayfarer@ec.rr.com

Cruise Committee Members

Requesting volunteers to assist in planning cruises for the remainder of 2020. Scope of work will include brainstorming locations, available marina spaces on the way and at the final destination, interesting events etc. at the final destination. Please contact Don Feather by email at donfdsm@gmail.com.



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Communications/Social Media

Coordinates with Committee heads to promote activities through Club emails, Facebook, & Instagram. Provides news releases to local newspapers, Chamber of Commerce, DSI, St. James Magazine, etc.

Website Manager

Works with Geoff Gallagher in updating and maintaining our website needs.

Bar Manager

Oversees the operations of the Bar, maintains inventory, places/receives orders, trains volunteer bartenders as needed, hires "paid" bartenders as needed for larger events. Maintain/update Bar Procedures as needed.

Bartenders

Works Open Bar Nights on a rotating basis (on-line calendar available), and small events as needed. May accept orders of beer/wine or pick up liquor orders if needed. Bar procedures are available for reference. State certificate required to be on file. Class is free, on-line <https://abc.nc.gov/Training>

Youth Sail Camp Program Volunteers

Available to assist YS Director, instructors, and campers onshore or in safety boats as needed. Training ongoing. You must know how to swim. Camps run for six weeks, Monday through Friday, 8am – 3pm (rain days are spent in classroom). Volunteer for as many days as you wish. You'll find this to be a very rewarding job!