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Greetings Fellow  
Cape Fear Yacht Club Members!

"From the Commodore" is on hiatus this month. After 12+ months of being homebound (like the rest of us), Frann, Norm, Ella & Fenn took to the road mid April. They are headed to parts unknown in the Southwest, but their itinerary does include visits to several National Parks & deserts.



Norm, being the kind of guy who knows how to treat a lady, went out and purchased a new RV for the trip. He assured me that the salesman told him it was state-of-the-art transportation... and low mileage. (See photo above)



We wish Norm & Frann safe travels. They'll need it!!!



## Cape Fear Yacht Club Adopts a Highway

Our club is always looking for opportunities to contribute to our community. The **Youth Sailing Program**, **Blessing of the Fleet**, **Holiday Parades** and **Wooden Boat Show** all add to the atmosphere that makes Southport/Oak Island so enjoyable.

Maintaining the appearance of our local roads is one more way **CFYC** can preserve the charm of our community. To that end, we will be taking part in the **Adopt a Highway Program**, which is operated by the **NCDOT**. Club members and community volunteers will be able to help maintain a stretch of **Rt 211 (Howe St.)**.



Under the program, CFYC will be responsible for policing the roadside litter a minimum of 4 times a year. NCDOT provides safety vest and bags, we provide the tools and manpower.

First clean-up will be **May 15th**. Contact **Ted Brockman** at [capefearyc@gmail.com](mailto:capefearyc@gmail.com) if interested in helping out.



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# COMING ATTRACTIONS

May 5th - Cinco de Mayo

June 5th - CFYC Youth Sailing Golf Tourney

June 9th & July 7th - Bar Nights

June 26th - CFYC Open House Fish Fry

July 24th - Jimmy Buffet Party

Information will be emailed to you regarding individual events & how to attend

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## NAUTICAL NIBBLES

### New engine switch cutoff requirements:

A new boat engine **Cutoff Switch Law** went into effect on April 1, 2021. The law requires individuals operating recreational vessels **less than 26 ft. long** with an engine cutoff switch installed to **use a lanyard or wireless engine cutoff switch link**.

This law applies to all boats that currently have a functioning engine cutoff device installed at the helm, wirelessly, or on an outboard engine. It also applies to boats manufactured beginning January 2020.

### Exceptions to this law include vessels where:

- the main helm is within an enclosed cabin
- the motor is incapable of 115 pounds of static thrust
- or the vessel isn't operating on plane or at displacement speed, for example, while fishing or docking

Penalty for not complying is **\$100** for **1st time offense**.

### What is an engine cutoff switch?

A safety mechanism, the engine cutoff switch shuts off propulsion machinery when the operator is displaced from the boat's helm. An **ECOS link** is the device that connects the operator to the engine cutoff switch. The link must be attached to the operator, the operator's clothing, or the operator's personal floatation device. The link, typically a coiled lanyard, may also be an electronic fob.

### How does it work?

Sudden and forceful turns on boats can eject an operator from the helm area or off the boat. Once in

the water, an operator could be in danger of encountering a spinning propeller, especially since unmanned boats often start traveling in circles at the point where the ejection took place. If an operator wearing an **ECOS** link loses the helm, the boat's engine stops immediately, allowing the operator to regain control. Once the operator reinstalls the link to the switch, the boat can be restarted.



Engine cutoff devices help prevent unnecessary accidents, injuries and deaths caused by a recreational vessel operator being unexpectedly displaced from the helm, including when the operator is thrown overboard. In that case, a runaway vessel poses a propeller-strike hazard to everyone in the water and a collision hazard to all vessels on the water.

To learn more about the new law, check out the **U.S. Coast Guard website for additional information and FAQ** at <https://uscgboating.org/recreational-boaters/engine-cut-off-devices.php>



### Prepare for any crisis:

Learn how to handle any emergency while underway by taking Emergencies on Board webinar. **To enroll:** <https://usponline.lmscheckout.com/Course/view/1814309>



## 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)



## 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)



# St. Patrick's Day Curbside Pick-Up Dinner

Thanks to all members who participated in making the **St. Patrick's Day Curbside Pick-Up Dinner** a **HUGE**



success! Sponsored by the **Membership Committee** and **Catered by Wallace Catering**, **50 Dinners** consisting of tasty corned beef, cabbage, carrots & potatoes, were served while adhering to COVID restrictions. Home baked soda

bread biscuits provided by members of the Membership Committee, were included in each dinner, as were **NC Lottery Scratch-Off Tickets** handed out by **Carl Ward**.



Everyone felt a touch of the **Luck of the Irish!!!**



# CFYC Hoedown

**It Was a Packed House!** Members & Guests gathered April 7th around the **Chuck Wagon** for some fancy **Two Stepping** and **Barbecue** in their best **Western Attire**. **Deputies** were appointed, but luckily no arrests were made.



# CFYC Bar Committee

The first meeting of the **Bar Committee** met on Tuesday, April 27. The purpose of the **Bar Committee** is to have responsible support staff/volunteers identified to operate CFYC's Bar, following all NC State laws and mandates, as well as those rules set by the CFYC. **Nine members** so far have graciously stepped up to help keep our bar operating successfully. There are opportunities for others to join in. For more information, please contact **Deborah Alt** at [debann.alt@gmail.com](mailto:debann.alt@gmail.com)

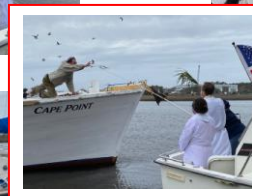


# BLESSING OF THE FLEET 2021



The annual **Blessing of the Fleet**, the East Coast Yacht Clubs' official start of the boating season, took place on **Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 2PM**. **Will Long** on **Long Weekend** was Captain of the Blessing Boat and **John Allen** was Captain of the safety boat.

**Rector Father Eric Mills & Rev. Lisa Erdeljon** from **St. Philips Church** presided over the event. It was a brisk windy day and I believe the 15 boats in attendance benefited from the **spiritual guidance** from on the water & above. A big thank you to **CFYC Fleet Captain Rich Alt** (pictured below hard at work) for organizing the annual event.



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**&**  
**Management Committee**

Joanne Allen has stepped down as **Chair** of this committee. CFYC would like to thank Joanne for all her work. **Lynne Geiman & Dina Rhodes** will be taking over the reins. We appreciate their stepping into this very vital role!

**Thank YOU!**

Please contact Lynne or Dina if you would like to host your own celebration at our clubhouse!

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**CFYC LAUNCHES THE**  
**2021 CRUISE SEASON!!!**

**4 Cruises Have Been Scheduled for the 2021 CFYC Cruising Season**

**June 1th-13: Wilmington Cruise**

**July 28 - Aug. 3: Morehead City - Cape Lookout Cruise**

**November 5-7: Bald Head Island Cruise**

**December 31: New Years Eve Cruise**



All dates & locations are proposed & will be firmed up shortly. Please provide any feedback to Don Feathers.

For more information contact Don Feathers:  
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**MEMBERSHIP UPDATE!**

PLEASE GIVE A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS:

**Ron & Joyce Snyder** (Member 510)

Joyce is an Executive Assistant with Springer Eubanks in Wilmington, and Ron, is the owner of Snyder Marine, located before the Oak Island Bridge off of Long Beach Road. Our members might recognize Snyder Marine as being one of our major Youth Sail Sponsors, and many of you boat owners have used them for maintenance and repairs of your boats. Ron & Joyce will soon be relocating their home from Wilmington to Southport, and are excited to be a part of the local boating community and our club, and we're excited to have them! We thank Joe & Debbie Rodriguez for being their sponsor this first year of membership. **Welcome aboard!**



**Marc Duggins & Bettie Thorne** (Member 511)

Marc is a retired teacher, and Bettie a retired court reporter who owned her own agency in Raleigh. They own a 16' sail boat and a 23' power boat, and are looking forward to new fellowship and enjoying the water with like-minded people. They hope to become involved in giving of their time to helping others. Billy and Donna Coleman brought Marc & Bettie to us and will be their sponsor this first year of membership. **Welcome Marc & Bettie!**



**Christopher & Eileen Pope** (Member 512)

Christopher & Eileen are both executives with Bank of America, and currently live in Charlotte, however, their vacation home is a Power Carver kept at South Harbor Marina. As they near retirement, they are looking forward to contributing to the overall boating community. Christopher has been a scuba instructor and enjoys teaching and sharing information. Eileen is as well a Master Diver. Don Feather and Ann Carper brought the Pope's to us and will be their sponsor this first year of membership. **Glad to have you with us!**



**Kenneth Adams** (Member 513)

Ken introduced himself to us at the Wooden Boat Show back in 2019 and has kept an eye on us since.



He comes to us after retiring as a former GM of Manhasset Bay Yacht Club and hopes to contribute to enhancing our club. Ken's father was a member of the Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club and an avid yachtsman who competed his whole life. I'm sure Ken has many a good story to share with us. Ken's wife, Thea, though unable to be active in the club, will hopefully be a guest from time to time. Steve Bourne, one of our Governors, has agreed to sponsor Ken during his first year of membership. **Ken, we're looking forward to seeing you again soon!**



**A. Theodore & Linda Eckenhoff** (Member 514)

Ted and Linda were first introduced to our Club through Tai Chi this past year.

Ted is a retired Buick Dealer, and Linda, a retired teacher. They were both also farmers in their past life. Ted, once a Commodore of the Ocean City (NJ) Yacht Club, is looking forward to becoming active in our boating activities and pitching in where needed. We thank Perry Hunt for bringing the Eckenhoffs to us and serving as their sponsor this first year of membership. **Ted & Linda, it's great to have you join us!**



**Aaron & Heidi Largent** (Member 515)

Aaron & Heidi also were first introduced to us through Tai Chi classes. Aaron & Heidi's interests lie in power boating and fishing, and are hoping to network with locals interested in boating and socializing.



Aaron, an engineer, and Heidi, working in Business Development, hope to put their talents to work here with our Club. Again, we thank Perry Hunt for bringing the Largents to us and serving as their sponsor this first year of membership. **Aaron & Heidi, welcome aboard!**

**Deborah Alt**  
**Membership Chairperson**



# 2021 CFYC COMMISSIONING!

On **March 20th**, **Thor** roared twice, the **trumpeter** sounded the **National Anthem**, **Father Eric Mills** gave the **Invocation**, the **Flag was raised**, and the **2021 CFYC Commissioning** was underway. The Commissioning signals the official opening of the Clubhouse, which was not a day to soon after the previous year we all had. **Commodore Norman Smith** gave a great speech welcoming all members back to the clubhouse. Did I mention that the **Bar** was open?

