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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. Since my last update in the March Binnacle, a lot has happened! **Frann and I** embarked on an RV tour of the desert southwest on **April 15<sup>th</sup>** and just returned Father's Day.



The reason I share this is that after **67 days** on the road, so

much great stuff has been happening at the **CFYC**! I would like to take this opportunity to thank **Rear Commodore, David Rhodes** for stepping up and taking the helm in my absence. Without his help we would not have been able to travel on such an extended trip. With the lifting of most of the COVID-19 restrictions by the NC Governor on May 15<sup>th</sup>, things have really ramped up at the club. **David**, the **Board of Governors**, and our various **Committee Chairs & Members** have really been busy!



To summarize just a few of the accomplishments that have occurred recently I have to start with our membership drive. As you might expect, and like many organizations our membership numbers suffered throughout 2020 and early 2021 because of the pandemic. Our **Board of Governors** in conjunction with the **Membership and Communication**



**Committees** developed a strategy to increase membership. This integrated approach includes a **Membership Special, Community Outreach, and Social Media Communications** which has resulted in a **16% Increase** in new memberships since its launch in late March. Our members have also been working hard being **AMBASSADORS** to the club and bringing in many of those new members. We have a lot of

**momentum** going into the summer season and with our **Open House & Fish Fry** I look forward to welcoming more new members soon.



Another area where the club has succeeded is the kickoff and execution of the **2021 Youth Sailing Camps**. The club is proud to have operated a Youth Sailing camp for **24 consecutive years** (except for 2020). Our **Fleet Captain, Rich Alt** has devoted a lot of time and effort working with our partners at **Oak Island Parks & Recreation** to ensure that Sailing Camps in 2021 were a reality.



As of this writing, the second of two **Optimist Sail Camps** is wrapping up. Four Sail Camp weeks remain including one Optimist week and three **Club 420** weeks. The sail camps are always highly anticipated, but a few spots are still available. There are also volunteer opportunities as members are always welcome to come down to the club and help with the camps. **Contact Rich Alt for details.**

I have only mentioned a few areas where the club has excelled. There are so many more. We held our first successful **Adopt-A-Highway** clean-up event on May

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15<sup>th</sup> with **22 folks** participating. If you did not get a chance to participate before, the next clean-up is scheduled for **August 21<sup>st</sup>** and is conducted every 4 months so come out and have some fun cleaning up Southport and enjoying a cookout afterwards! David Rhodes also had the pleasure of accepting the **Golden Pineapple Award** from the Southport-Oak Island Chamber of Commerce for **Best Non-Profit!** There have also been several social events including **Cinco-De-Mayo** and **Taco Bar Nights**. I will save updates on **Bar Operations** and cruising for a future update.



So, as I started this update, after 67 days, a lot of great stuff has happened. Imagine what we can do with the whole second half of this year! I am so proud of what our club is doing, **and it is an honor to be your Commodore.**



Fair winds and following seas!  
**NORMAN SMITH, CFYC COMMODORE**



## Cape Fear Yacht Club Adopts a Highway

### TRASH TALK!



Cape Fear Yacht Club's debut in the **NC DOT's Adopt a Highway** was a **Great success!** During this first event we honored the memory of **David Theron Smith** in recognition of his commitment to our environment.



All told we fielded an enthusiastic group of **17 VOLUNTEERS**, combining both member and non-member participants. For 2 hours our intrepid group combed the weeds and swales of **Rt 211** accumulating **24 bags of debris**. Along the way we were greeted by grateful toots from passing motorists.



The reward - a cookout served by the **Social & Bar** committees at the clubhouse.

Stay tuned for next **AAH** event on **Saturday, August 21st**. *Details coming soon.*  
**Contact Ted Brockman at [capefearyc@gmail.com](mailto:capefearyc@gmail.com) if interested in helping out.**



## COMING ATTRACTIONS



## 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:dcfhrhodes@gmail.com)**



# CFYC Taco Night

IT WAS A PACKED HOUSE!

65+ Members & Guests gathered on June 9th around the buffet table in their finest **Sombreros** for some excellent **Tacos** and trimmings. There were **Margaritas & Cervezas** on hand to wash it all down on an absolutely **beautiful** night!



## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### Social Planning Committee

July 20, 2:00pm - CFYC Clubhouse  
August 10, 2:00pm - CFYC Clubhouse  
September 14, 2:00pm - CFYC Clubhouse

### Membership Committee

August 11, 10:00am - CFYC Clubhouse  
September 8, 10:00am - CFYC Clubhouse  
October 13, 10:00am - CFYC Clubhouse



## CFYC LAUNCHES THE 2021 CRUISE SEASON!!!

Don Feather & the Cruising Committee have been busy planning and the boating schedule has been posted! We hope you can join us.

Marinas will be notified of the Club events. However, Captains will need to make their own slip reservations. If you plan on cruising to any of the events, please Contact Don Feather at [donfdsm@gmail.com](mailto:donfdsm@gmail.com) ASAP.

For our boating enthusiasts, who would like to join the cruisers at the event(s), Boz Skaggs and Melissa Etheridge tickets are SELLING FAST!

Please mark your calendars and plan your accommodations as needed. Additional details are available on the CFYC website on the Events page at [www.CapeFearYachtClub.com/Events](http://www.CapeFearYachtClub.com/Events):

June 11-16: Cape Fear Blues Festival in Wilmington and R&R at Bald Head Island  
**Canceled**

July 13-18: Cape Lookout Bight Anchorage by Way of Several Ports

August 14-15: Wrightsville Beach for Dinner @ the Bridge Tender Restaurant

October 22-24: Boz Skaggs at the Wilson Center in Wilmington

November 6-8: Melissa Etheridge at the Wilson Center in Wilmington

Dec 31-Jan 2: Ring in the New Year in Little River, South Carolina



\$5\* Taco Night @ the Bar  
Wednesday, June 9th from 6:00 - 10:00



## CFYC Bar Committee

### Bar Committee Members Needed

The **CFYC Bar** will soon be open for *Casual Social Enjoyment*. In order to do so, we are in need of several **more bartenders** to join us. Please contact **Deb Alt** at [debann.alt@gmail.com](mailto:debann.alt@gmail.com) for more information and/or to volunteer.



## CFYC MAY WORKDAY

Thanks to **WILL LONG, HERVEY ANDREWS, Trish Harris, GEOFF GALLAGHER & David Rhodes** for meeting at the club on **5/22**. **Paint** was in abundance as the outside decks and breezeway received a fresh coat of paint. The results were **outstanding!!!**



# MEMBERSHIP UPDATE!

PLEASE GIVE A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS:

**Margo Morrow & Monty Dworzanski** (Member 458)

Welcome Back, We missed you!! Our dear members have returned, and Margo has already become a valuable member of the Social Committee. If you didn't already know, Margo once operated her own B&B before retiring. Monty is one of the chefs at Oliver's Restaurant on the waterfront in Southport. Margo's granddaughter (who lives in England) is a graduate of our Youth Sail Summer Program and hopes to return.



**Austin & Conny McCormack** (Member 516)



Austin & Conny were brought to us by Billy & Donna Coleman. They are both retired and enjoy traveling. Austin & Conny own a vacation home on Caswell Beach, where they became friends with the Colemans, but live in California most of the year. We look forward to seeing them at the Club when they vacation here for the months of May & October.



**Rich & Susan Kassel** (Member 518)

Rich & Susan come to us through David & Susan Forsyth. Rich is still working and travels to/from Atlanta every other week where he is an insurance advocate for homeowners. He is also a coin collector for over 60 years. Susan is a mural artist and currently taking classes in silversmithing. She is looking forward to becoming involved anyway she can. The Kassels are looking at purchasing a boat sometime in the near future and would love to talk with other members for advice. I'm sure our members can be of help!

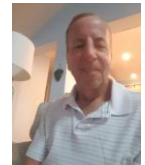


**Peter Brown** (Member 519)

Peter comes to us via Ted & Georgette Brockman. He enjoys saltwater fishing, tennis and running. Peter is looking for more social opportunities, and what could



be a better place to find that? Already involved with the Social Committee, Peter hopes to find some fishing buddies among us. I'm sure we can accommodate!!



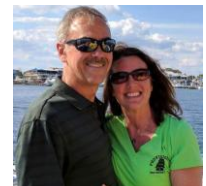
**Charlie & Susan Payne** (Member 520)

Charlie & Susan are brought to us by their dock neighbor, Don Feather. They enjoy cruising and fishing and are looking to join in doing so with others. Charlie, a mechanical engineer, has mad skills in building and repairing (something that can be useful with our clubhouse) and Susan, the owner of a Real Estate firm, is ready to jump in and lend a hand in several areas of need. They also are the owners of SuperDroid Robots. Maybe they will speak at a Sunday Brunch in the near future!



**Dan & Debby Haberek** (Member 521)

Dan & Debby are new to our area and own a home on Oak Island. Long time boat owners, they primarily did their boating in fresh/lake water, but are now learning about boating in salt water and navigating this area. They own a 27' Hunter Sailboat and have a slip in Indigo Marina. They are looking forward to volunteering at the Club, cruising, crewing & fishing with other members, & enjoying making new friends. We welcome you!



**Robert Gabel** (Member 523)

Robert is a recently retired physician. Sailing since he was 9 years old, he is looking to enjoy sailing with other members and perhaps join in some regattas. Of course, he brings with him medical skills, but also experience as a public health officer and an understanding of the National Incident Command System. I already know of several members who would perhaps enjoy some cocktails and share experiences... and they all love to sail too!!



**Rose Blucher** (Member 524)

Rose contacted us to inquire about using her reciprocity card she has as a member of the Kent Island Yacht Club (near Annapolis, MD). After learning more about the CFYC and our community involvement, she decided to join us! Rose is a semi-

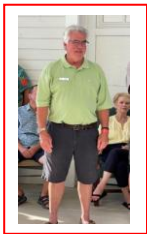
retired educational consultant and lives in Leland. Having grown up with a Merchant Marine father, Rose began her boating career as a girl with a rowboat. She has always enjoyed everything about the water. She currently owns a power boat and two ocean-going kayaks. I know there are several members who enjoy kayaking as well!

**Welcome!!!**

**Deborah Alt**  
Membership Chairperson



Was the CFYC **OPEN HOUSE FISH FRY** a Success? **Most Definitely!** Just ask the **70+** Members and Guests in attendance. The **FISH** was delicious, the **Beer** was cold, some great **WINE** selections were poured, and the **Weather** couldn't have been any better. What more could you ask for?



## MISCELLANEOUS REMINDERS

**ED HARPER MEMORIAL REGATTA**  
July 31st & August 1st



**CFYC YOUTH SAILING CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
July 11th - Spaces Still Available



## Safe Harbor at South Harbour Village A New Corporate Membership! A New Opportunity!

The **CFYC** was approached earlier this year and asked by the new owners & management of the **South Harbour Village Marina** if we would consider their application for membership. After lengthy discussions headed by **Rich Perlini**, the BOG decided we would give this new type of membership a try.

**Safe Harbor** owns and operates the world's largest boating network and has locations throughout the USA. Their location at **South Harbour Village** provides several of our members a home for their boats and is a short walk from their docks to our clubhouse. The Marina has worked with many of our members since the hurricane last year in providing priority slip space. Not only does this marina service many of our members, it is also a busy transient dock for boats moving up and down the ICW. Many of these boaters are looking for a place to grab a refreshment & relax.



For many years it has been asked of the BOG to provide "**Open Bar**" hours, where our members may come and enjoy a refreshment, watch a ball game, and just sit and enjoy the fellowship of others with a common interest of boating.

We now have the opportunity to open the Bar more often to serve not only our members, but also a limited number of transient boaters. The **Bar Committee** is working to secure bartenders on **Thursday, Friday & Saturdays from 4-8pm**. Bar snacks will be provided and outside food is acceptable to bring in as well. "Open Bar" hours will not interfere with any Club Events, as Club Events have priority.

**Safe Harbor** has also expressed interest in supporting our **Youth Sail Program**. We look forward to their added participation with this all-important mission of our Club. Our logo and a link to the CFYC website will soon show on the Marina's webpage.

We welcome **Mike Bianchi & Ian Cummings** and look forward to long lasting relationship with **Safe Harbor** at **South Harbour Village Marina**.



# 2021 CFYC YOUTH SAILING PROGRAM!

This summer's CFYC YOUTH SAILING PROGRAM is off to a fast start. 2 weeks of the 6-week program have already sailed. Winds have been strong, but our sailors have withstood them. Campers came in as LANDLUBBERS on Monday and leave for the most part on Fridays as competent sailors.

A big shout out to the following: **Rich Alt** (intrepid CFYC Fleet Cpt.), **HERVEY ANDREWS, Ken Geiman, JERRY RUDDEN** (and boat), **Ken Adams, JOHN BATES, Norm Smith, Oak Island Recreation, CFYC YOUTH SAILING SPONSORS,** and our absolutely fabulous instructors **Kaitlyn Inglett** and **Julia Morris!**

**Thank  
You!**



**CFYC**  
**Board of Governors**  
**Wish All**  
**CFYC Members &**  
**Families a**  
**Happy, Healthy & Safe**  
**July 4th!**



**THE END**