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From the Commodore!

Greetings to you all, and a hearty WELCOME to our newest members joining us as 2021 came to a close. We are so excited to have another young family among these and look forward to getting to know all of you better.

I'm excited to get this year underway and that excitement stems from the enthusiasm I see from our membership; be it a workday on the Club's Catalina, the Adopt-a-Highway event, or the Social Committee's planning and preparation of upcoming events. Many have stepped up to take charge organizing these events. Stay tuned, we're all in for a treat this year!

We are thankful to Mark Vallaster, who has stepped in to be the editor of the Binnacle, and to Susan Forsyth who has stepped back into chairing the Membership Committee. The old adage, many hands make for light work, is well applied to the CFYC. Please join us on one (or more) of the committees to keep CFYC the Premier Yacht Club of Southport & Oak Island.

If you've not attended an Open Bar Night (Fridays & Saturdays), come on out! Hours are 4-8pm, and many of your fellow members are the bartenders...they really like the company! Light snacks are available, and you're welcome to bring your own pizza or any other carryout in to enjoy yourself while you have a drink and chat with other members and the transient boaters visiting Safe Harbor. There have been many boating stories shared these past months. You may not know, but the Club was gifted funds to purchase a new bottle cooler by an anonymous donor. It has been ordered, but with lead times we won't receive it for 3-6 months. This addition will make things much easier behind the bar! We are so very blessed to have received this gift.

Keep in mind; 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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Volunteers Needed!

In planning for the future of the Cape Fear Yacht Club, the Board of Governors is looking for one or two people to step up to fill the shoes of **Fleet Captain** and **Youth Sailing Director**. These positions are most important roles within the CFYC. Currently Rich Alt holds both positions as Fleet Captain and Youth Sailing Director, but due to other commitments is looking to have someone(s) mirror him to learn the ropes and take over. Rich is not going anywhere and will provide all the educational materials and background on both positions for as long as the new appointees want.

1. 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)
2. The YS Director's position is both administrative and hands on. It does require the office holder to spend a good share of 6 weeks (June-Aug) with the young instructors, students, and a great bunch of skillful club volunteers each day, Monday-Friday, for the six weeks of the program. While that may sound on the surface to be a daunting prospect, Rich and the other volunteers will be there to make the transition as smooth as possible.

This position oversees the following:

- Youth Sail Program (a 27+ year old program that is tried & true with well documented lesson plans and teaching tools, and works with Club volunteers.)
- Liaison with Oak Island Parks & Rec. in hiring youth instructors and student registrations

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



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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.

Brett & Christina DeMarfio, Member #536



Brett & Christina came to CFYC via the website and most recently enjoyed an evening at the Clubhouse during the Christmas Family Night where they met several other members...some from the same area of Long Island, NY! Currently splitting their time between NY and their new home in Leland, they are looking to move to the area full-time soon. After owning their own small fishing boats for many years, and most recently a jet boat, they have joined the Freedom Boat Club in Southport. Brett, a chef, and Christina, an artist, are looking to be socially involved and volunteering their time. Some of their areas of interest are the Bar Committee, Clubhouse Rentals/Private Events, and Social Committee. There is certain to be several members that can share like-kind experiences, and we look forward to seeing Brett & Christina again soon.

Kimberly Johnston, Howard Owens & Atticus Johnston, Member #535



Those familiar with this past year's Youth Sailing Camp already know about Atticus, 12, who spent several weeks with the program and will be returning this coming year to learn more! He has a goal...to be a future Youth Sail Instructor, a goal we can all support. Ken Adams has stayed in touch with this family and convinced them to become members.

Kimberly is a Family Law Advocate and Howie a financial planner, when he is not heading a fishing team for a charity tournament. All three love the water and are enthusiastic to lend a hand with social/event planning, communications, asset management, and youth sailing. We are excited to have them join us and share their talents!



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Al & Pat Nobel, Member #534



Al & Pat come to us via Don Feather & Rich Perlini and Safe Harbor Marina...they're all neighbors. Al is a professional boat captain who moves boats up/down the coast, is certified to teach & knows a thing or two about repairing boats. He and Pat have owned more boats than they can count and their interests include cruising, fishing, teaching, public speaking, and enjoying friends. They look forward to joining in on socials, Youth Sail and possibly being a Sunday Brunch speaker. Welcome to the Club, we're excited to have you!

Charles & Kim Michaux, Member #533



Charles, an IT Sr. Account Manager, and Kim, a CPA, found us by walking up the street from Safe Harbor and looking in one day while some were there working to prepare for Youth Sail Camp. They are looking forward to meeting other fellow boaters and since they are new to boating, learn from the experiences and guidance of others. They look ahead to the day they are experienced and comfortable enough to do the "Loop" on their 37' Fountain Pajot that is slipped at Safe Harbor. It's always good to have another boat added to our "fleet" and we welcome you to CFYC!

John & Elizabeth Kinney, Member #532



John is a Supply Chain VP (sure to be a busy one at this time), and he wishes to learn more about sailing from our fellow sailors. Sailing since he was 20 months old, his goal after retiring next year will be to cruise to the Bahamas, the Caribbean, and on to Trinidad. In the meantime, when the opportunity arises, he hopes to help and participate in cruising with other members, crew as needed and enjoy the company of other sailors. The Kinney's own a 37' Pearson and 14' Larson. Our 'fleet' is growing and we look forward to getting to know John and Elizabeth. Welcome!



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Fred & Ann Waddle, Member #531



Fred, a retired executive with Easter Seals and Ann, a retired HR executive with NCDEQ come to us by way of the Parrish's. Both Fred and Ann have been on the water since their early youth and are avid sailors, kayakers and motor boaters. They look forward to making new friends and volunteering their time to give back to our community. Eager to join in, they immediately began helping out with social and January's Adopt-a-Highway event. The Waddle's own a 20' deck boat and enjoy spending time on the water with friends. We are happy to have them join the CFYC and look forward to spending time with them!

Steve Moore & Stephen Kane, Member #530



Steve, a retired elementary school principal, and Stephen, a realtor, came to us via Debbie & Carl Ward, but have several friends who also are CFYC members. They both enjoy sailing and water activities, and look forward to connecting with our community and meeting other enthusiasts who appreciate all that the lower Cape Fear has to offer. Their interests are in membership, communications, cruising, racing, hospitality, planning events and fundraising. They currently own a Sundance power boat, but I heard recently they may be looking for advice and guidance in buying a trowler. I'm sure some of our members can contribute a word or two here. We welcome both Steve & Stephen, and look forward to the first event they are planning for us...a Mardi Gras party! Exciting!!

Doug & Shari Sorenson, Member #529



Doug & Shari popped in on the CFYC one night during our Open Bar hours. They had walked up from Safe Harbor, where they had docked their Tidewater 210 power boat. They enjoyed their introduction and tour of the Clubhouse, and shortly thereafter submitted their application. Doug, a retired auto body repair shop owner, and Shari, the semi-retired founder of an Architectural Presentation firm are looking forward to getting to know our members. Doug, I hear, can fix most anything mechanical, and Shari is interested in communications and publicity, and the social planning of events. We always have room for people who want to be a part of the bigger mission & picture; and also want to just have fun. Welcome Aboard Doug & Shari!!



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Upcoming Events



Bar Night: *The Superliners: Twilight of an Era.*

Wednesday, January 19th, 2022 at 5:30 PM at the Cape Fear Yacht Club. Please [REGISTER](#) online if you would like a pre-viewing dinner for purchase or plan to attend. Introduction to the intriguing documentary by our own Ken Adams. The **CFYC Bar will be OPEN** on Friday and Saturday from 4:00–8:00 PM! Please visit our CFYC Calendar at www.CapeFearYachtClub.com/Events for more information.

And, don't forget about the [CFYC Ships Store](#) where you can get the latest in CFYC swag!

Other Upcoming Dates – Details to be Announced

Souper Bowl Sunday, February 13th [CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#)

Valentine's Dinner, Saturday, February 19th [CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#)

Mardi Gras, Tuesday, March 1st

St. Patrick's Dinner, TBD

Superliner Night – PostPoned TBD



Fix a Boat!!

Towards the end of last season key members of the Club worked like beavers on a 22' Catalina sailboat that had been donated to the Club. The decades old boat was restored to sailing condition and participated in the annual Stede Bonnet Regatta. Crowds cheered as she sailed past the American Fish Company in a stiff breeze.

Wed Jan 12th a group of volunteers headed up by Rich Alt, Norman Smith, Hervey Andrews & Will Long continued to make improvements to the Catalina. A second Catalina donated by John Bates was found to have structural issues and that vessel was salvaged for parts. These parts were used during this work. Thanks to all those who participated including Ken Adams, Rich Alt, Hervey Andrew, Dan Haberek, Will Long, Ron Miller, Norm Smith, Robert Gabel, Howie Owens



Adopt a Highway

Thank you to all that participated in the January 8th Adopt a Highway event. And Special Thanks to our organizer Peter Brown stepping in for Ted Brockman who's taking a short break. Events like this are not only a great service to our community but great publicity for our club (see picture). Special thanks to all



Lee's post

A huge THANK YOU to the volunteers who braved the cold and joined us Saturday morning to help "crush the litter problem" on 211. Thirteen bags of debris were collected. 🙌 #adoptahighway

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those that participated: Peter Brown, Ted Brockman, Woody Wilson, Hervey Andrews, Ann Carper, Norm Smith, Catherine Smith, Charles Michaux, Kim Michaux, Mary Fortin, Geoff Gallagher, Ann & Fred Waddle, Tom & Penn Parrish, and Joanne Weaver. And, especially Rich Perlini and Ron Miller behind the bar and Kate Perlini for her work on the social committee for this event. For more pictures of the event [CLICK HERE](#). We received a special public thank you post from the Southport Police Department and most importantly, a good time was had by all!!