

Mainsheet



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From the Commodore

I know it does not feel like it but with children returning to school and Labor Day approaching Summer is coming to a close. It has been a busy season here at our club. Our new Sailing Director, Holly Murray, has done an outstanding job organizing and running our sailing camps. Holly is now in the process of putting together sailing lessons for our adult members. Our Juniors had a great showing at the Junior Lipton and as I write this column we are preparing for the Lipton at Buccaneer Yacht Club. Many of you have enjoyed our porch socials and I am happy to tell you our first annual Toga party was a huge success. Even though Summer is ending we still have several more months of hurricane season. Please check your boats and lines to ensure your vessel is safe and secure. We have already been using our email blasts to notify members of conditions and storms that approach our area. If you have not seen these e-mails please go to our website and register to receive them.

We will be announcing our nominating committee at the September meeting. They will be charged with providing nominations for our Board of Governors, Bridge Positions, Harbor Committee, Membership Committee, and Long Range Planning Committee. I would like to encourage all equity members to ask yourselves if you would be interested in serving on one of our committees. We will have descriptions of the various committees and committee member responsibilities available in the club to help you decide if you would like to serve our club.

September is also the month we host the Wadewitz Regatta. This is always the biggest regatta we have and Rear Commodore Chris Dabney will need lots of help. Don't worry if you have no racing experience we have needs for help in many areas including registration, directing parking and other duties. Feel free to stop Chris, Vice Commodore Randy Fitz-Wainwright or me to talk about ways you can be a part of this event.

Even though Summer is ending we have many months left of parties, porch socials, great dining and of course our beautiful sunsets here at the club. Hope to see all of you here enjoying these activities over the next few months.

Gary Garner,
Commodore

FYC Knost team at Pass Christian

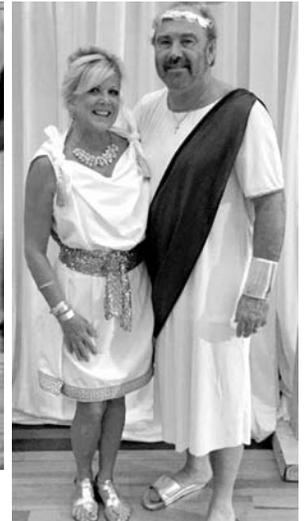
Last month FYC competed in the Knost Regatta, the women's Capdevielle Regatta, at Pass Christian Yacht Club. The weather was not the best with the tropical wave hanging over but the team finished 5th. The ladies who sailed were Cassidy Wainwright, Sara Shipman-Myers, Randy Fitz-Wainwright, Martha Payne and Mignon Bishop. Past Commodore Carl Wainwright came over to help and support the team

Thank you,
Randy Fitz-Wainwright
Vice Commodore



Party down like collegiates

The toga party was a huge success! There were so many versions of the "Toga." But everyone looked great, so much creativity! The band was excellent, so much good rock and roll music, we thought they were the original "blues brothers!" For those that did not make it, you missed a wonderful night of entertainment! Everyone was excited and much fun was shared by all!



Next dance is the Halloween dance; start thinking of your costumes now!



Hurricane preparedness is everyone's job.

Your boat, your home & your club must be part of your plan.

The Harbor Hurricane Preparedness Plan is ready for you to download and review on the FYC website

<<http://fairhopeyachtclub.com>> Don't be unprepared!



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The Layline ~ Sailing Director Holly Murray



The summer was fantastic! There were plenty of sailors attending summer camp and regattas throughout the GYA and beyond. With the passing of summer comes one of the best times of year to enjoy sailing on the bay. Fall

will bring Opti, Laser and 420 clinics. We have many opportunities to choose from which include: Learn to sail, Learn to race and Advanced Opti clinics.

Sunday Scot racing will be hosted Sept 11, Sept 18 and Oct 2. Be rigged and ready for a 1400 start. If you don't have a set group to sail with, email me and we will put you together with a skipper or crew! We will welcome any age and skill level that would like to participate. Want to learn about Race Committee? We would welcome any volunteers to come out and help with the RC boat on Scot Sundays.

W3 Women, Wind and Wine! Come and enjoy an evening on the bay, brush up on your sailing skills or come learn a little about sailing. No experience necessary! After sailing we

can relax with a glass of wine and enjoy the sunset!

When? Mondays – Sept 12, Sept 19, Sept 26, Oct 3

Time? 5:30pm – dark

Cost? Free

I will have a limited number of available spots so call me and reserve yours today!!

Keep an eye out for adult sailing lessons coming this September. We will offer an eight hour US Sailing course taught by a Certified US Sailing Instructor.

As I look around your beautiful area and learn more everyday about the bay, I realize there is a wonderful opportunity we should all take advantage of, discovering what is in our own backyard. There are many rivers, creeks and small bays that would be interesting to explore. If you would be interested in participating in a kayak group to explore some of these areas, please contact me. The FYC trailers can support plenty of kayaks that are willing to travel for an adventure nearby.

See you on the water soon! Holly Murray
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Know Your FYC - Sabe Fink WHAT'S NEW IN THE KITCHEN AND DINING ROOM???

Chef Rob Jur is excited! He's got all sorts of new ideas as to how to make food and presentation better for FYC members and their guests. "I'm always trying to respond to members' requests and preferences," he says. "It's my job to keep the members happy, and I am having fun doing it." Chef's newest menu items, starting this month, are two small cheese boards, suitable for sharing, which can be served as an appetizer for a table or can stand alone as a small plate or a snack in the bar or on the porch as well as in the dining room. One selection, priced at \$15.00, consists of all English cheeses with appropriate accompaniments. The other is a selection of artisanal Wisconsin cheeses, also with a variety of accompaniments, priced at \$18.00. There will be suggested beer pairings, as well as wine pairings, for each selection.

The ever-changing "small plates" menu has been extremely popular, according to Chef. "We want to hear what people like," he says. "We like trying out new concepts, new combinations, this way, but we want feedback and we promise that we consider it when we plan the menu." At this time, popular new items include Escargot Gratin, Smoked Salmon Cake, and a Soup and Salad duo with crab salad and gazpacho. Check it out, and let your server or Chef Rob know what you love – and what you don't.

Another "by popular demand" event returning to FYC this month is the Chef's Table, available for groups of four on certain dates throughout the month. The Chef's Table is right in the thick of the action, in the kitchen,

and consists of a five course meal, including a special dessert, and wines chosen by Chef for each course. The cost is \$80.00 per person, and of course it is by advance arrangement only. This is a great special-occasion or celebration event, and the kitchen can accommodate two to four such dinners a month depending on what other club events and member events are scheduled.

Chef Rob and dining room manager Pauline Stewart have been working on all sorts of creative new ways to arrange the rooms for club and private events, and dramatic new food presentation concepts. "We plan to have all sorts of exciting things up our sleeves by the time the Commodore's Ball rolls around," he says. "I think the membership will be impressed – and pleased." He also notes that football season is upon us, and that the club will have game day gatherings many Saturdays in the fall, with food specials and maybe some surprises. "If members want to plan a gathering for a particular game, we are happy to see if we can accommodate them," he says. Both the crawfish boil and Caribbean Night were very successful, he says, and members can expect to see them on the calendar for years to come.

"Essentially, it's all about the members," Chef Rob says in summary. "My staff and I are here to make sure the members use and enjoy their club. The club is busy all the time, and members seem to be taking full advantage of the facilities and having a good time. I want to continue to build on that and respond to their needs in any way I can."

Junior Commodore's Report

Happy fall, everyone! The juniors had such a fantastic summer sailing, and we hope everyone else did too! I have been so proud to have people in our program go as far as Texas, Rhode Island, and Seattle to sail this summer, but I couldn't be prouder of the new sailors we have gained and having the opportunity to see them sail in a regatta for the very first time this summer. What a great summer!

As summer draws to a close and all of the juniors begin school again, it is again time for fall sailing. The students at Fairhope High School will soon start back in High School sailing, sailing everywhere from Florida to Louisiana before the school year ends, and our younger Optimist sailors will begin practice as well! Starting on September 10, Opti practice will be on Saturdays and Wednesday afternoons. Club 420 and Laser practice will be on Thursdays. Please contact Holly Murray for more details.

On August 20 and 21, many of our juniors competed in the Galloway Singlehanded Regatta in Gulfport, Mississippi. Singlehanded sailing is a great way for young

sailors to build confidence in their abilities and independence in the boat. Many Opti sailors had a great time looking back at the progress they've made since Galloway last year, which was their first regatta! We had a great showing in the Opti fleets, especially out of Nate Hartwell (3rd place white fleet) and Cruz Dabney (green fleet). In Laser 4.7s, our own Sara Boyd placed 1st and Parker French placed 2nd! Camille McGriff came in 3rd in the Laser Radial fleet, and Pete McGriff won the GYA Singlehanded Championship in the Laser Standard fleet. Congratulations, sailors!

I look forward to a fun and active fall from the juniors and an exciting season of racing as we begin to break out our cold weather gear again.

See you on the water!

Camille McGriff
Junior Commodore



Junior Calendar

FYCJR MEETING
1ST WED-6:30PM

JUNIOR RACING

September 10

Chappell-Sitt -PYC.

September 10/11

Back to School Regatta -PontYC

Dinghy Challenge

• **GYA Laser Circuit**

• **Laser, c420**

September 24/25

Wadewitz Regatta - FYC

• **GYA c420 Circuit**

October 1/2

Cressy Eliminations ISSA - SYC

October 8/9

Jerry Ellis Regatta - BYC

Juniors sail at Galloway Singlehanded Regatta



L to right: Team FYC-Jr; Parker French, Camille McGriff, Cruz Dabney, Nate Hartwell, Sara Boyd and Pete McGriff



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Restaurant & Bar Hours Of Operation
(251-928-8888 for Dinner Reservations) **Happy Hours 4-7pm EVERY NIGHT!**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
11am-8pm	4-9pm(Bar)	4-9pm(Bar)	4pm-9pm	4pm-9pm	11am-10pm	11am-10pm

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18 Porch Social 6-8pm	19 6pm PotLuck	20 Taco Tuesday!	21 Beer & Bingo	22	23	24  Wadewitz Regatta FYC
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**Weekly dinner specials: Wed: Fried Catfish;
Thurs: Country-fried Steak;
Fri: Prime Ribs; Sat: Baby-back Ribs**

Come join us!

For our guided sunset tour to
Middle Bay Lighthouse

hosted by the Alabama Lighthouse Association
Friday, September 30, 2016
on Delta Safari's Osprey



Departing from the Grand Hotel Marina,
Fairhope, Alabama

Boat leaves promptly at 5:30 p.m.

Boarding begins at 5:00 p.m.

\$45 per person paid in advance
Includes Wine and Hors d'oeuvres
(Need 25 people to make it happen)

USN Montgomery Crew

Seven sailors from the crew of the USN MONTGOMERY joined FYC members for an afternoon sail on the bay. After their sail they went to the porch social and stayed until about 8:30 PM. We are told they really enjoyed the day and the time off from the ship.



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30	31 6pm PotLuck					

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WHAT's Happening at the Club!

MEMBERSHIP MEETING NIGHT Pasta Buffet! Chef Rob has put together a special Pasta Buffet on meeting night so you can enjoy a meal prepared for you before attending the meeting. For \$10, you can choose the pasta, sauce and ingredients you like.

THURSDAY & SUNDAY Fun Races: Join us! Sign in at the bar to know your handicap. Join the after sailing fun at the bar to talk about your race.

Monday night Pot Luck: 6:00, Bring a dish and enjoy the evening with FYC members.

Tacos on Tuesday: Sunset on the Bay and tacos. What could be better!

3rd Wednesdays: BEER & BINGO

2nd Fridays: Movie night and supper

for our young members while you enjoy the service in the Dining Room.

3rd Fridays: Seafood Jubilee: Local Crab, Oysters, Fish and Shrimp for a great meal.

September 3/5: SIR THOMAS LIP-TON CHALLENGE: Across the bay at Buccaneer Yacht Club, this is your chance to see the coveted trophy and watch a hard-fought 3-day regatta with the best of the GYA competing in our back yard. Join the spectator fleet and support Team FYC.

September 9: AUXILIARY LUNCH moved to 2nd Friday because of Labor Day. "Meet & Greet" 11:00; 11:30 meeting. Renew \$10.00 dues by October 1st. Election of officers October 7 meeting.



September 8: ROMAN STREET band will play in our dining room, 6-8p.m. Reservations recommended!

September 18: PORCH SOCIAL from 6-8p.m. Jim Coleman trio will be playing!

September 24/25: OUR OWN FALL FESTIVAL OF SAILING, THE WADEWITZ REGATTA: be a part of all the festival, on the water or ashore, this will include the GYA Lightning Championship for the Overton Cup.

October 29: HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY: The Modern Eldorados will be playing and more information will be published in time for you to get your costume ready.

NOVEMBER 6: Daylight Savings Time will end and change the time of the Porch Social



FYC Auxiliary News



TOGA NIGHT

Toga Night

was held last Saturday Night August 20, and IF you missed it, you missed a great evening of comradery, music AND some great music!



Those contributing art work are Cheryl Hill, Olivia Autrey, Nancy Fitzpatrick, Margaret Meyers, Vivian Weaver Susan Gilbert, Diane Siefert, Tracy Hirsh, Sophie Hirsh, Kathy Lambert, Nan Boroughs, Ellen Lacy, Nan Bruce and Gwen Ledger.



JOIN US FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR

Membership in the Auxiliary enables members and spouses of members to play an active role in the club. Though we are an independent organization within the FYC , where part of our mission can be supportive, development or just to have fun! The next meeting will be on September 9th in the Jubilee Room. There will be a greet and chat time starting at 11:00. Orders for lunch will be placed between 11:15 and 11:30. There will be a program and a business meeting. The meeting is usually completed by 1:00. Please, make plans to attend!

LADIES NIGHT

On Monday, August 22, The Auxiliary sponsored LADIES NIGHT in the ballroom. The room was filled with many happy conversations telling of vacations and summer fun activities.

Art on a Limb



This program is a project of the city of Fairhope celebrating the cities beautiful downtown trees. Teams such as ours, will each decorate a tree. Funds raised will be used to support the Eastern Shore Art Center's community outreach efforts. This committee of seventeen artistic members of the FYC and FYC Auxiliary are supporting the project by contributing a painting on a sail which will be hung from a yachting steering wheel. Our committee is composed of Vivian Weaver, CY Fitzpatrick, Susan Gilbert, Kate Gibson, Tracy Hirsh, Sophie Hirsh and Jo-Anne Crawford.

FALL FASHION REMINDER

<p>“Fall Fashion Show and Shopping Spree”</p> <p>September 29, 2016</p> <p>Chat & Shop Time 10:30 – 11:30</p> <p>11:30 Lunch</p> <p>Fashion Show 12:00</p>		<p>Tickets \$25 Each</p> <p>Contact: Kirksey McIntosh 895-0762 or Diane Siefert 709-0423</p>
		<p>Group Table Tickets \$30 Each</p> <p>Group Table Hostess Deserves Table & Days Prior to *Event</p>

Club Sailing - *the John Helmstadter Report*

We've seen boats out sailing; isn't anyone sharing the results?
No report from club sailing.

Marine Safety & Insurance - *David Barr* **CHECK YOUR LIFE JACKETS!**

On July 20, the U.S. Coast Guard issued a safety alert (07-16) to remind vessel operators to routinely inspect their lifejackets to ensure they are suitable for service.

Recently, Coast Guard inspectors in Key West, FL discovered two vessels that had over 60 lifejackets that had to be destroyed because the unicellular foam buoyant material within the nylon outer shell had significantly degraded, broke apart, and crumbled to dust. The lifejackets had been properly stored, kept dry, and not under direct sunlight; however, the location was very hot at times.

Type 1 "Ferryboat" jacket



The nine-year-old lifejackets were the Type 1, 160RT model distributed by the now-defunct The Safeguard Corporation of Covington, KY and were manufactured in China.

The Coast Guard strongly recommends that vessel owners and opera-

tors inspect their Type 1 unicellular plastic foam lifejackets for potential indications of failure or degradation, specifically:

Compression: The lifejacket may be compressed from many years of stowage.

Loss of resiliency: The lifejacket is excessively hard, stiff or its foam is brittle. Normally after compressing the lifejacket to about half its initial thickness, the foam should expand to its original dimension in a short period of time.

Shrinkage: A physical reduction in size may be indicated by "wrinkling" of the coating on vinyl-dipped type or by a loose fitting shell on a fabric-covered lifejacket.

Manufacturer: While the potential for problems applies to all older PFDs, those affiliated with The Safeguard Corporation should be closely examined.

Any questions or comments regarding lifejackets should be sent to the Coast Guard at: HQS-PF-fldr-CG-INV@uscg.mil.

Type 1 "Offshore" jacket



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Dr. Lea Theodore
Timothy Douglas
Alfred Hardman
David Wilson
Jason Will

Invited to Out of Area Associate:

Fred Seale

Invited to Transitional:

Cassidy Wainwright
William Nicolson

Members invited to Equity

Paul Myrick
Kyle Henderson
Rebecca Harris
Tom Scheck
Michael Heiser

**Welcome aboard,
Mike Landers, Chair**

HARBOR REPORT

Just a gentle
reminder that
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your lines are secure
and preparations
are made.

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