

Fairhope Yacht Club
General Membership Meeting
September 6, 2017

Officers present: Commodore Randy Fitz-Wainwright, Vice Commodore Chris Dabney, Rear Commodore Scott Hartwell, Fleet Surgeon Dr. Rick Childs, Treasurer Brian Snider and Secretary Bill Meck

Absent: Fleet Captain Philip Durant

WITH A QUORUM PRESENT, THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER in the Ballroom of the Clubhouse at 7:32 PM with **Commodore Randy Fitz-Wainwright** presiding.

Minutes: **Minutes** of the August 2, 2017, membership meeting, which had been posted on the Club's bulletin board, were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer **Brian Snider** reported on the Club's financial condition as of July 31, 2017. On the "minus" side, he reported that revenue from **lounge and restaurant** operations was below budget through the end of July (but trending upward since then); on the "plus" side, **utility, tax, and payroll** costs were below the amounts budgeted, and entrance fees are above the amount budgeted. Overall, year-to-date **operating results were within budget**. On a motion made and seconded, the members voted to approve Brian's report.

Board of Governors

Martha Payne reported on behalf of the Board of Governors that FYC's application for **dredging Fly Creek's main-channel** has been filed with the U.S. Corps of Engineers, kitchen operations under Chef Jacob Merritt are going well, and the Board has authorized a contract for **repairs to the four boat lifts** at Pier "A."

Commodore & Committees

Restaurant & Bar. Chef **Jacob Merritt** said the kitchen was adding a **walk-in food warmer** to store prepared foods. He reported that food offerings (BBQ, etc.) and beverage offerings (bushwhackers) for the **Wadewitz Regatta** would be diverse and plentiful and he answered questions asked by the members. He concluded by saying the dessert menu would soon include blueberry cobbler and chocolate cheese cake.

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Fleet Surgeon: Dr. Rick Childs

Rick presented a Power Point presentation about **Hurricane preparedness**. He said preparations will be influenced by knowledge of your home's elevation as only homes below 30 feet above sea level are at risk for a storm surge while all homes are at risk for wind damage. **Prior to a storm**, stock up on water, food, batteries and prescription medications, store yard furniture and fixtures indoors, and disconnect the power cords to major appliances. **During a storm**, stay in a "safe room," that is, an interior room without windows in the home's interior. **After a storm**, reconnect electrical appliance one at a time to avoid overloading the breakers, and dispose of any refrigerated foods that experienced temperatures above 40 degrees for longer than 2 hours.

Fairhope Yacht Club Auxiliary. **Martha Payne** reported that the Auxiliary's next meeting will at 11:00 AM Friday, September 8th. The meeting's agenda will include the **election** of new officers.

Vice Commodore & Committees

Insurance and Safety Committee, **David Barr** reporting:

David warned about the risk of **hornet** stings, reporting that one FYC member was startled (but not stung) by a hornet's nest found inside a trailer hitch coupler. To kill hornets, David recommended the Raid and Eliminator brands of wasp and hornet spray. To treat hornet stings, David recommended **hydrocortisone** cream. Addressing another nuisance, David said the best way to protect the paint on your car from lover bugs remains Pam spray canola oil.

Membership Committee, **Bob Kinler** reporting:

Reporting for Committee Chair Mike Landers, Bob said the Membership Committee is scheduled to interview **seven associate** applicants and **ten equity** applicants at its September 13 meeting. Also, Bob asked the Commodore for a vote on **Linda Baham**, which the Committee had reported to the membership at last month's meeting as the Committee's nominee to fill a Committee vacancy. On motion made and duly second, the members **voted to approve** Linda's appointment.

Rear Commodore

Rear Commodore Scott Harwell announced that FYC's Lasers were preparing to compete on September 23-24 and that FYC's annual **Wadewitz Regatta** would be held on September 30 & October 1. Wadewitz will have six separate race courses. Racing events will include a National Sunfish Class race and a regional GYA Lightning Class race.

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Waterfront Director Holly Murray reported that **high school sailing** was off to a strong start. Also, FYC's racing teams are training one Sunday every month. And, a special **Fall Clinic** is scheduled for newly-trained juniors who want to be sailboat racers.

Anchors Needed. For the Regatta Committee, **Martha Payne** asked for donations of used **anchors**, anchors lines, chains, and shackles which are needed to set racing marks and are always in short supply.

Juniors Sailing. **Elizabeth McGriff** brought **eight junior sailors** to the meeting that she introduced individually as she reported their completion of the summer racing season. FYC's juniors competed, often placing, in 4-5 **regattas**, plus 13 **local events** and training **clinics**. Also, she reported that the juniors helped staff the **Summer Sailing Camp**, which was another success, with 158 campers and 35 "Bay Buddies" participating.

Sunday Fun Races. **John Helmstadter** reminded the members that Sunday, September 10, the **Fall Series** of Fun Races will begin. Races are held every Sunday at **2:00 PM**.

Entertainment Committee. **Christine Banjanin** reported that **Roman Street** will stage a repeat performance at FYC on September 14th, there will be a **Porch Social** on September 17th, and planning is underway for a special **Halloween** event of October 28th.

Building & Grounds. **Chad Allen** reported that, at the swimming pool, the **decking** around the infinity end of the pool is being repaired and enlarged and a fence is being designed to enclose the baby pool. And don't forget: On Saturday, September 16, Buildings and Grounds needs volunteers to help with the season's last **beach clean-up**.

"For the Good of the Club"

Commodore Randy Fitz-Wainwright encouraged members to clean up any messes they make while enjoying the Club property and avoid spoiling other people's enjoyment of the property.

David Barr reported that FYC member **Carl Black**, who is making his second solo circumnavigation of the globe, has reached New Zealand where he will stop over for a time. Also, David said to wish good luck to FYC member **Jerry Weeks** whose Caribbean cruise is paused in Puerto Rico which seems to be in the path of Hurricane Irma.

UPON MOTION MADE, seconded, and adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 P. M.

Submitted by:
Bill Meck

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Secretary