

Fairhope Yacht Club  
General Membership Meeting  
March 6, 2019

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Officers present: Commodore Chris Dabney, Vice Commodore Scott Hartwell, Rear Commodore Philip Durant, Secretary Joe McIntosh.

Absent: Fleet Captain Mark McCullins; Fleet Surgeon Dr. Robbie Rux.

Others: Treasurer Carolyn Roberson.

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The meeting was called to order by Commodore Chris Dabney at 7:30 pm. A quorum was present.

Memorials: none.

Minutes: Minutes from the previous meeting were available and posted on the club bulletin board outside of the lounge.

Guests/New Associates: The commodore welcomed new members and visitors.

Commodore's Report: Chris Dabney

The following reports were heard:

- Board of Governors: Randy Fitz-Wainwright reported for the board: The Fairhope city council voted at its regular session to join with the FYC in sharing the cost of dredging the Fly Creek channel. Work should begin soon and should be completed in 30 to 60 days. Randy also noted that a pool gate card swipe system would be implemented for access to the pool area. This project should be completed in about 2 -3 weeks.
- Treasure's report: Carolyn Roberson  
Carolyn gave the financial report for the month ending January 2019. Carolyn noted that operating cash was a little below budget, while the harbor reserve fund has been fully funded. Carolyn also noted that the 2019 fiscal budget had been prepared and was being reviewed by the Board.
- Restaurant Manager: Jacob Merritt  
The Easter meal menu would be posted soon, and there would be a new spring menu prepared for May. The position of dining room hostess has been created and a new hire would be forthcoming.

Vice Commodore Scott Hartwell

-Insurance and Safety - Dave Barr

Dave reported that our current insurance carrier was preparing his 2019 proposal and such would be available for board review at the April BOG meeting.

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Dave also reminded all to be aware of the barnacles on the pier and wharf posts as these not only could cause serious scraps and cuts, but such could become infected from the bay waters. And lastly, Dave cautioned all to be sure and wear appropriate shoes around the outside of the club.

-Harbor Committee - Scott Laughlin-

Scott noted the following:

- There are 3 - 4 dry slips available.
- Work will be done on all of the walkways around the wet slips.
- Additional boat lifts will be added.
- Looking a pricing a metal floating dock to replace the junior's wooden "barge".
- Some fire extinguishers around the club will be replaced.

-Juniors Report - Holly Murray -

Summer Camp registration will open April 1. If you would like to be notified of the day camp registration opens, please go to our website. March will provide our young sailors with several opportunities to get out on the water. Our Advance Optimists have been gearing up for Gulf Coast Champs to be held in Bay St. Louis, March 9 and 10. Our Spring Clinics are open for registration. The start date is April 4, sailing Thursday afternoons from 4 pm to 6:30 pm and most Saturdays from 9 am to 3 pm. You can find the registration on our website. Please see the Mainsheet for additional information.

-Associates - Barbara Brown -no report.

-Entertainment - Angel Overton -

A number of activities are up-coming; please see the calendar of events in the Mainsheet.

-Mainsheet- Nancy Fitzpatrick - mainsheets are completed and available. Additional pictures of events at the club are available in the electronic version of the mainsheet on the club website. Contributors were asked to get their submissions in early.

-Auxiliary - April Singleton -

We are holding our Spring Fashion show on March 26 from 10:30 to 2:30. It will feature Greg Peterson of Channel 15 News as emcee. The FYC Auxiliary sponsored show is being billed as Beautiful You - Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon. Tickets are now on sale for \$25.00 for the luncheon and reservations are required. Contact Kate Gibson- [kategibson11@usa.net](mailto:kategibson11@usa.net) or text 251-209-4429; or call or text CY Fitzpatrick at 650-823-5333; or Anne Nix at 251-591-4700 to make your reservation.

- Building and Grounds - Chad Smith.

No report.

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- Membership Committee - Jill Godard.

Invited to **Associate** membership were Kimberly Chelain, Andres Christensen, Charles Brake, and Philip Lavoie.

Accepted to **Equity** membership were John Hart, Patrick McDonald, and Bruce Record.

Rear Commodore Philip Durant

- Race and Regatta Report: Dogwood regatta scheduled for March 23rd and 24th; and the Wet / Cool doubled handed regatta will be the 30th and 31st of March.

The Race and Regatta committee will begin meeting in February, please come out and give us a hand.

- Sunday Fun races: John Helmstadter

Things are a changing in the wind. A meeting was called to sort things out and “tweak” our Sailing Instructions to make the Sunday Races better meet our goals of being FUN and providing a venue to practice and improve our skills. We agreed that the more boats participating in a race, the more FUN it is for everyone. Please see the mainsheet for race scheduling and results.

Fleet Captain Mark McCullins

Phillip Durant report for Mark and noted that some of the club's power boats need some TLC and help is needed.

The April 5th draw down fund raiser event will be used to upgrade some of our equipment.

Old Business: none.

New Business:

Nominations were taken from the floor to fill a vacancy on the Membership committee.

Daryl Haskew was nominated by Jill Godard, and seconded by Nancy Fitzpatrick. The position will be voted on at the May general membership meeting as 30 days will not have passed as of the next meeting in April.

Good of Club: none.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Joe McIntosh, Secretary