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HEADLINE NEWS

FROM THE COMMODORE'S DESK



Greetings one and all, well, I made it through my first Board meeting as Commodore without anyone throwing tomatoes or hatchets, whew dodged another bullet. I'd like to thank the Board and attending members for their patience. Actually, the rather lengthy Board of Directors meeting was very fruitful; you'll find more coverage on it within this Letter Log.

Speaking of the Letter Log, remember it now on-line, all of it, and in living color, at www.fwyc.org on the opening page. Just click on the **Letter Log** cover, and the links directly below the cover. The **Calendar** is located on the left of the opening screen up near the top of the listed links. Not only is it in color, it's free, no postage, no handling. Many members have come into the office to remove their names from the mailing list, and I thank each of you. If you feel you're a candidate for the on-line version, just stop by the office and have a word with Sandra.

Thanks to all that attended the **Awards Banquet and Installation Dinner** on January 27th. The day was full of good times, good food, to say nothing of all the well deserved awards which were well deserved and handed out. Congratulations to each and every recipient.

At the January **Board of Directors** meeting, many items were discussed, passed and resolved. The 2008 Budget & the Repair & Replacement plan were approved. Three By-Law changes were approved, a new Honorary Membership list was approved, and two new suggestions for By-Law modification introduced. The newly elected Board had their hands full, but with each and every vote, nod of the head, or discussion item, I'm proud to say that the input was well thought out, and always in the interest of the Club and its membership. We have a great board of Officers this year, one that you can be proud of.

I must end this note with a bit of sorrow, that being for our very well respected **Past Commodore, RV Tye** passing on, on Friday, Jan 18, 2008. I'm sure I speak for everyone when I send my deep sympathies to his wife Ann. We all share your loss.

David Vaughan

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Installation and Awards 2008

Vice Commodore's Report



R PAIR & REPLACEMENT PLAN - With the 2008 budget now approved by the 2008 Board of Directors, we can now start moving forward in getting the individual projects funding approved over the coming months. For your information, here are the projects and their funding we plan to accomplish this year:

R/R Mechanical Equipment
R/R Marine Equipment
Yearly Budget Toward a New Flying Scot to be purchased in 2012
Kitchen upgrades
Repair Old (south side) Sail Loft
Landscaping
R/R Security Equipment
R/R Audio/Visual Equipment
Upgrade Interior Bathroom
Install lighting in dry storage
Replace patio furniture
R/R Dining Room Furniture

Of course, none of these projects could be accomplished without club members volunteering their time to make our club more enjoyable. Throughout the year, I will be asking for volunteers to help accomplish these tasks in any way you can help. Our leaders in various capacities are:

House: Leslie Hanley

Dock & Dry Storage: Tim Miller & Ric Shepherd

Planning: Ron Giordano, Skip Harrington, Cathy Vaughn, Bob Fisher, Bob Biehl, Tom Morris, and Darren Cooke

Training & Education: Lynne Reynolds

Marine Equipment: Buck Robbins

TRAINING & EDUCATION – Lynne Reynolds already has one of her training & education projects on the 2008 schedule.

CPR INSTRUCTIONS will begin with our staff on 1 & 8 March followed by general membership training on 12 April. Mark your calendars for this date and more information will be coming to you via later Letter Logs and also posters in the lobby.

Other training schedule throughout the year include: Skipper Saver, Cruise Planning, Race Management Seminar, and assistance will be given to our Hurricane Lady, Phyllis Seaton, with her Hurricane Planning.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve as your Vice Commodore for 2008.

**Ron Giordano- rggr222@cox.net
Vice Commodore**

“WOW” WOMEN ON THE WATER

All the ladies of Ft. Walton Bch. Yacht Club are invited to come to the monthly WOW luncheon. We meet the first Thursday of every month. February's meeting is on the 7th. The fun starts at noon. Hope you can join us. We have great door prizes and some special Valentine surprises.

If any of you ladies would like an e-mail notice of up coming meeting and events please contact or e-mail me, Jackie Chapman. I am still working on our e-mail list for 2008. (jackiec@cox.net)

You may want mark your calendars... our March meeting is on Thursday the 6th.

New Marine Equipment On Hand!!

A "SPILL KIT" is now available to all members, consisting of:

Containment booms

Absorbent Socks

Speedy Dry, pellets

The Kit is contained within a large plastic storage container near the ice machine. All the items are provided free by the DEP as part of our Clean Marina status. Feel free to put a few socks in your bilge near the engine. Dispose of used spill kit items in the "Contaminated Materials Bin" adjacent to the waist oil drum.



From the Docks

The new dock master Tim Miller, is working hard to get his feet wet on the docks.

Expect to see him around the docks and dry slips measuring and taking notes.

Rick Shepard is taking a hard look at dry storage and coming up with innovative plans and upgrades.

Look for more in the coming months.

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Don't be a victim. Be proactive. Keep your stuff yours.

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*Thought is the wind, knowledge the sail,
and mankind the vessel. - August Hare*



From the dance Floor

Wow! Did you have a blast at the Super Bowl Party, or what? How about Mardi Gras? The parties are already piling up and it's only February!!! Big FWYC thanks goes to Super Bowl Co-Chairs Nancy & Dick Prater; Entertainment Committee members Ginny & Jack Lindsey, Mary Harrison, Vicky Denny, Lynne & Tom Reynolds, Harold & Zorina Fielding, Deborah Deats, David Sly, Leslie Hanley, Sam & Jennifer Grant and Jackie & Allen Chapman; Flash Flood; and, of course, our wonderful staff! These folks worked tirelessly to magically transform our lounge into the world's best sports bar one day then into Bourbon Street two days later. When you see them, make sure to stop & show your appreciation. Also, don't forget to check out the March 2008 Letter Log for a list of all our contest winners!

If you missed this year's first two parties, have no fear...we have more in store for you! Pat, Chef Darell, and the crew will bring you a delightful Sweetheart's Brunch on Sunday, February 16 for Valentine's Day (call the office for reservations). Then the Fleet Captain, Sam Grant, and Tommy Gardner will host a Mongolian BBQ after the Zevin Cup race on Sunday, February 24 (call 4 reservations).

In March, we'll have the St. Patrick's Day celebration on Friday, March 14: drink specials and hors d'oeuvres in the lounge and Chef Darell's Irish-inspired specials in the dining room (along with the regular Friday night menu). Wear your green, or be prepared to get pinched! Also in the dining room, we have our annual Easter Brunch on Sunday, March 23 w

ith two seatings available (call 4 reservations). For the kids, we'll have the traditional Easter Egg Hunt and pictures with the Easter Bunny between meals. Look for more information on the website & in the lobby as Easter approaches.

Also, the Welcoming Committee met in January & we're working hard to put together an inclusive welcoming packet for new members and a grounds tour for all members. This a walking tour of FWYC from the front gate to Smack Point and all points in between (approximately an hour long). During the walk, we'll provide valuable information on club amenities, volunteer opportunities, information and rules. The tour ends with lunch in the Castaway Room. The walking tour will be available on a quarterly basis and is open to ALL members. Specific dates and times will be available through the office—if you're interested in attending, call the office to make a reservation, as space is limited!

...And finally...between you and me (shhhh), here's a sneak peek into SOME of the party plans for 2008: Memorial Day Progressive Dock Party (May 26), Independence Day/Meigs Regatta Hoe Down at the County Fair (July 4 & 5), and Casino Night (TBD). If you're interested in volunteering for any (or all) of these events, please give me a call, drop me an email, or write a note & drop it in my box at the office...we'll need lots of help to pull these parties off!

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From the Water...

Zevin Memorial Regatta

The first two races of the Zevin Memorial Regatta have blown away. Day one, January 6th, 2 Non-Spinnaker boats and 8 Spinnaker racers sailed. After three grueling hours in a teasing breeze, racers drifted into our lounge for spaghetti and meatballs. "Gratzie" David Eames and the Lightning Rod crew for providing the delicious fare. Perfecto!

Day two, January 20th, proved to be a day of mettle. The temperature was hanging around the low 50s while the winds built up to the high teens and low 20s. After only an hour on the water, the racing crews met in the lounge for a great pot of vegetable beef stew, homemade carrot cake muffins, cherry-topped cheesecake bites, low-carb coleslaw and some cinnamon-spiced baked beans. The food was provided by the Breakaway crew and Danny Gross.

Non-Spinnaker

| | <u>Day 1</u> | <u>Day 2</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1 st | Rolling Thunder | Joint Endeavor |
| 2 nd | Ocarina | Ocarina |

A hearty welcome to the crew of Ocarina, our newest racer.

Spinnaker

| | <u>Day 1</u> | <u>Day 2</u> |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1 st | Frantic | Jibe Talkin' |
| 2 nd | Lightning Rod | Lightning Rod |
| 3 rd | Breakaway | Ambush |

Thanks to Lenny Thomas for purchasing Sandy's boat, Cantankerous, and bringing her back out to the race course. An appropriate debut.

Regatta Dates

January 6th, January 20th, January 26th, February 10th and February 24th.

Food will be provided by the Jibe Talkin' crew on January 26th and by the Boondoggle/Madness crew on February 10th.

On the final day of racing, February 24th, FWYC will be host to Sandy's favorite meal, the Mongolian BBQ. The cost will be \$9.95, inclusive. Please join the racers and fill your tummies.

Everyone is welcome. Contact the Fleet Captain or the Office.

GYA Winter Meeting

On the weekend of January 12th, we attended the 2008 GYA Winter meeting in Mobile, AL. After comparing notes with some of the other GYA clubs in attendance, we all agreed to focus on getting more sailors on the water. Cheers to that!

Camaraderie is the key. Friendships build fleets. FWYC will be paring up with Fairhope YC for a Junior 'mixer'. We will be introducing Juniors from both clubs. They have fun. They make friends. They keep sailing. A win for everyone.

With encouragement from our friends in the greater GYA, the Meigs Regatta will grow. Our annual Capdevielle will be host to a variety of small boats and big personalities. Volunteers needed. No exp req.

Frosty Nipple

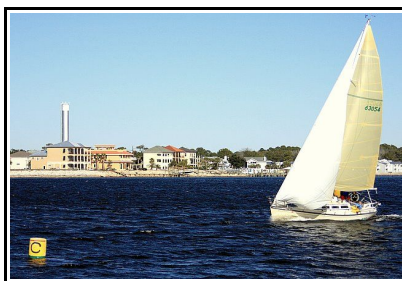
With a bit of frost in the breeze, 9 boats braved the weather and sailed in the fourth Frosty Nipple of 2008. You go, guys and girls. Show us what you're made of.

Top finishers:

| | <u>Race 1</u> | <u>Race 2</u> |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 st | D.Cooke | D.Cooke |
| 2 nd | J.Brown/J.Coulter | J.Brown/J.Coulter |
| 3 rd | M.Stoughton (BBSC) | S.Cooke |
| | <u>Race 3</u> | <u>Race 4</u> |
| 1 st | J.Brown/J.Coulter | J.Brown/J.Coulter |
| 2 nd | D.Cooke | M.Stoughton (BBSC) |
| 3 rd | S.Cooke | D.Cooke |

The next 'Frosty' sails are planned for February 3rd and 17th. Come on out. Watch. Sail. Whatever!?!

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Superbowl Party Cruise

Join us for a great trip to the Caribbean while enjoying Superbowl Sunday in the world class sports bar aboard Royal Caribbean's Navigator of the Sea.

Five nights departing Fort Lauderdale on February 2, 2008 with stops in Ocho Rios, Jamaica and The Grand Caymans.

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- *Outside Ocean View—\$540.50 per person*
- *Outside Balcony—\$640.50 per person*

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Modified Letter Log Format

You've already noticed this addition of the Letter Log is different, the color is gone (*WebEd...LOL, not on the website :)*). While we all loved the color, it took the total dues of over six (6) of our members just to produce the color each month. As a cost savings measure, we've gone back to the black and white format for the time being.

You may have also noticed the newspaper format that the Log has taken these past two months. We can all thank Jan Thomas for 'thinking outside the box' and coming up with some innovative ideas.



We hope you like the new structure, and that it will entice you to create your own article for the Letter Log. We're always looking for new input, stories, etc. Forward any ideas to the FWYC office for consideration.

JANUARY 2008 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

New Members Confirmed: 2

Charles Langham, Non-Resident
Joanna Musser, Regular

WELCOME

A Big welcome to both of you, lets all make it a point to seek out these two and make them feel welcome!!

Current Membership Numbers:

Full Dues Paying Members: **376**
Young Adults: **8**
Life: **21**
Honorary: **12**
Junior Associates: **23**

Number of Members Resigned between Dec 18, 07 – Jan 15, 08: **6**

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