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FROM THE COMMODORE'S CORNER

So far so good... the hurricane season has been uneventful so far. I don't want to tempt fate so there are no predictions!! Vice Commodore Vaughan will give you more detail on the Eastern Sea Wall and I'm also sure that you have seen all of the work going on. It's going to be noisy and messy for a while but that's the cost of progress.

**DON'T FORGET: Sunday 22 Oct
– the Annual General Membership
Meeting
Sunday 12 Nov – the Annual
Election**

Life Members – Some months ago we opened a discussion with our life members. This resulted in a number of questions about whether life members are to pay minimums and a whole lot of other questions. Life members are "... held to the highest standards of the club and will be considered a token of great honor as well as an award for service..." We currently have 21 remaining life members and no candidates have been nominated or elected since 1997. Following review and discussion by the Board and a special committee, it has been recommended that this category of membership be discontinued.. This will require a ByLaw change. The proposed change is noticed elsewhere in the Letter Log.

We are very proud of Life Members. In the future, we will be examining and recommending other ways to honor those members of FWYC who continue to contribute to the growth and success of our Club through their efforts.

Wet Slips, Docks – The Dockmaster continues to keep us up to date. There are still outstanding leases and lease information that need to be brought up to date. Vice Commodore Vaughan and Linda Wright (Dockmaster) will be following up. Also, don't forget to update and upgrade your ground tackle, chafe gear, chain, rode, etc... It's a long season.

WebSite – Allen Chapman, working with the LetterLog team (Jan Campbell, Naomi Brown and Bob Lester) has gotten the August Letter Log on the Website (<http://www.fwyc.org>) and I'm sure that this one will be there shortly. As I said before, this is a good way to see the beautiful covers and artwork and have better fidelity for pictures. Since the LetterLog is in Adobe Acrobat format, it is also possible to download each month's issue and keep it in glorious color. Please enjoy it. Let us know how you like it.

WOW (Women on the Water) of FWYC – Lynne Reynolds

The Women on the Water met on Aug 9th (the meeting is the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 12:00 noon until 1:30 pm). This group is open to ALL LADIES of FWYC. There is no special agenda, no special requirements – just your interest in the Club and a chance to get together. The group continues to grow and we look forward to welcoming even more people on Sept 13th. Mark your calendar. If you have any questions call Lynne Reynolds at 850 897-7323.

The Point – The Point Lottery has been very successful. Thanks to all of you who have participated by loaning the Club money for a 2-year term.

Submerged Land Lease - As much as I had hoped, and reported here, that "...following a technical revision of the drawing we will have satisfied all requirements for the Florida Dept of Environmental Protection", we have been notified that there are additional surveying

requirements that must be met. No major problems - we continue to “work” this issue and will keep you posted.



Food and Drink - My comments last month about “brought in food” were a topic for spirited discussion at the Board meeting. The ByLaws (House Rules) mention that “...Only food served within the cocktail lounge can be eaten at the bar, unless previously authorized by the Club Manager.” On all other instances, the ByLaws are silent. As I said, we had a spirited discussion about how to regulate “brought in food,” do we want to allow “brought in food,” where to allow “brought in food”, where to prohibit “brought in food”. The bottom line is that we can write more and more detailed House Rules. What good does that do? Who's going to be the food police?

Our Club is there for your use and enjoyment. Obviously, we would like to have you purchase lunch, etc at the club and support our dining room and kitchen as much as possible. By the way, if you're planning an outing, the kitchen can prepare sandwiches etc for you if you give them a little advance notice. Use your own good sense. This is YOUR Club.

Membership – Our membership is slightly lower than this time last year. We've had a number of members move away and several of our older members have resigned because they are not able to use the club. We have a membership committee (Bill Denny, Bob Fisher & Tom Reynolds) to investigate ways in which we can enhance our membership. If you have suggestions, let us know. The other great resource in enhancing our membership is YOU... If you have a friend or colleague that would be a good candidate bring him or her in with you

and let them know what our Club is all about. If you would rather, contact one of the Membership Committee and we will follow up for you. You, our members, know people who would enjoy the advantages and benefits of FWYC.

Our People Assets

Prentice Thomas

We wouldn't have been able to get started on our Eastern Sea Wall without the professional archaeological expertise of our member, Prentice Thomas. When the additional regulatory requirement raised its head unexpectedly, Prentice was there to enable us to meet this requirement.

Prentice, thanks for the donation of your time and expertise to the Club.

The Appointments Committee – The Appointments Committee has replaced and improved the Club Bulletin Board, this task being accomplished by Pat Tye, Karen David, Karen Gercak, and Lynne Reynolds. As well, a montage of the Officers of the Club has been hung in the foyer. This is a permanent composition in which the pictures can be changed whenever officer changes are made. The Art Committee has again transferred new pictures to the frames in the Dining Room: many thanks to these ladies for their continued efforts.

All members are reminded that Board meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 pm and are open to the membership.

Tom Reynolds, Commodore

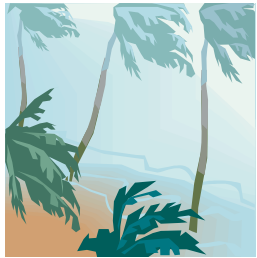
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Vice Commodore's Briefing Room

August is now behind us and we've made it through the first half of hurricane season without incident.

As long as Cathy Jones (The Hurricane Lady) does not wear her "special hat" we know we're doing OK. That said, just a friendly reminder, ensure your boat is ready to be taken from the docks and out of dry storage in case our



day in the proverbial hurricane barrel does come along. Many of us noticed that several boat owners have already placed additional safety lines on their boats, some maybe for the season, others possibly for the Poker Run of a few weekends ago.

Around the Docks: Speaking of the docks, we've got a few projects going there, and Linda Wright is heading of some of them. First we still have a few holdouts as it regards boat owners obtaining new leases. If you think you might fall into this category, contact Linda or anyone in the office, they will be glad to help

We have also selected a contractor to perform the work on the docks. We need a few pilings, and a bunch of cross member braces under the walkways replaced. We can expect this work to begin in the next 60 days.

Additionally, several boat owners have noticed their "zincs" degrading faster than normal. The problem appears to be near the bulkhead, and maybe up the main dock a bit. We're are doing some in house checking of our systems before calling in a marine electrical contractor to help us find the

source of what might be stray voltage entering the water.

The Point: As everyone knows who's been to the Club in the last 30 days, work has begun on the retaining wall at Smack Point, and the vinyl sheet piles are being installed daily. Soon we'll see other work such as tiebacks, backfill, and the Rip Rap being placed back on the waterside of the wall. Please be patient with the contractors as they see to their work. Also note the limitations to both vehicular and trailer parking. Once the wall is completed, sprinklers installed, grass and bushes planted, the area will once again be opened for parking.

The House & Grounds: You'll note some improvements around the House, in the form of plantings, hanging baskets etc. We all have the office staff to thank for this, as they wanted to take on a project to spruce the place up a little. Expect more in the near future. Many THANKS, Pat, Sandra and Rhonda.

Some have you have noticed that both the Gazebo and the Brinkmann pavilion have been "leveled." We had this work accomplished by the contractors working the point, for very little fundage. After all these years of the two buildings being a bit out of kilter, with just two hours work, and no materials, they are once again level to the world.

Speaking of the Brinkmann pavilion, a selection of ladies, headed by Shari Seaton, the Dry Storage Manager, have taken on the task of revitalizing the pavilion. On October 14, 06, a bevy of activity will be buzzing about the building. The shower will be reinstalled, lighting installed, electrical service made operational, the roof repaired, and stairs installed on the North side. This will be a ladies project, where I'm told no men are allowed to touch a tool, but we must sit on the way side and cheer them on. Come one come all, come join the fun and the improvements to one of our best assets at the club. Shari states

that all volunteers are welcome, just bring your self, and a positive attitude and good is bound to come of it.

One last item, that had a good ending, that being the electrical fire that occurred early in August up in the attic. Both Tanya from the dining room, and Carol Langford deserve a pat on the back for their quick thinking, and organization skills during a time of crises. Thank you ladies. Seems the air conditioner that serves the Commodores room short circuited resulting in burned wires, circuit boards, fan motors etc. The fire was contained within the unit, so much so that the fire department had a hard time finding the cause. All has ended well though, as the manufacturer is replacing the unit for free, with FWYC only having to pay for installation. This project should be complete by the first week in September.

Well folks that's the news from the Vice Commodores desk, see you 'round the club.

David Vaughan,
Vice Commodore
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REAR COMMODORE'S PARTY CHAT

Western Night was on **August 26th**: Cowboy boots and cowboy hats and lots of bandanas –it was Western Night at the FWYC. Carole Langford and Mary Harrison were the party chairpersons and provided a great evening for our members. Jim and Mike, a dynamic duo of keyboards and percussions, provided the appropriate western music plus lots of

great dance tunes. Their vocal talents are terrific and we will plan to have them back. The tables looked great in their red and white checks -topped with lots of great decorations. The “Western Buffet” with Ribs, Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, provided the energy for all of the dancing. It was great fun and a wonderful evening for everyone attending.

The **Annual Gourmet Dinner & Dance** is on **September 23rd (Saturday)** Chef Mark will be providing his skilled approach to dining for this annual food extravaganza. Chef Mark has described his menu and it sounds fantastic:

***Appetizer:** Roasted Duck, Wild Mushroom and Potato Tart w/ amaretto, sage and brown butter sauce*

***Salad:** Pickled Cucumbers, Asparagus and Wakame Seaweed Salad w/ Sun dried Tomatoes and Champagne Vinaigrette*

***Entrée:** Tortilla-Crusted Grouper, sautéed Baby Carrots, and Southwestern Orzo with Tomatillo Sauce*

***Dessert:** White Chocolate Mousse and Passion Berry Tart w/sauce-trio and Fresh Berries*

Dinner will be accompanied with two wines and a representative from Southern Wines will be on hand to describe the wines. It promises to be a dining experience not to be missed. Unfortunately, the event is **SOLD OUT**. All reservations have been filled at this time and there is a waiting list. If you were late in calling we are very sorry. Watch the column and plan to call Sandra early for our next events.

Rat-a-tat-tat - the Roaring Twenties Party is back on for **September 30th (Saturday)**. The FWYC dining room will be decorated, as a 1920's speak-easy. There are two important reasons for setting the delayed party on Sept

30th. First, the date was available for the band we had hired for the evening – so, Pat was able to negotiate the new date and save our deposit. Second, the date falls into the billing cycle following the Gourmet Dinner Party – so, our members do not have two parties on the same bill. The big entertainment surprise has been revealed – **Stage Crafters** members will be providing a **Cabaret Show** with song and dance numbers from the 20's. Club member Ed Kelley, local little theater star Jane Judkins and their friends have planned and practiced their entertainment surprise. The **“Sugar Sweet Trio”** will provide dance music for the rest of the evening. Please note that Glenda, Party City Manager, has gone to special effort to stock items for the Roaring 20's party – dresses, special “pearl” beads, cigarette holders, Fedora Hats for the men, etc. Be sure to check them out before the party. Dressing up for the party is a fun part of the evening. However, your participation is more important to all of us. So, no shoulder holster, no stripped “gangsta” suit, no flapper dress or hat – no problem, ...make your reservations. See you in the Roaring 20's on September 30th. Come and enjoy the fun

International Dining Night –Germany, is October 14th Saturday. Chef Mark will again transport us to Europe for an evening of international Flavors. This time, in keeping with the season, we will visit Germany for dinner during their annual festival of October fest. Chef Mark is working on the menu for the evening and it will be posted in the lobby soon. You can anticipate that the price will be approximately forty dollars for a four or five course German menu. Please wait until the menu for the evening is posted in the lobby and after you have seen it do call Sandra for reservations.



Halloween is on Tuesday October 31st. I've spoken with the Halloween Party folks and it looks like this year's party will be a Taco Tuesday/ Halloween Party Spectacular. Everyone looks forward to our Taco Tuesday evening. Now the icing on the taco is a chance to add our annual Halloween Party to the mix. Great decorations, great costumes, great tacos and additional fare and it should be a terrific party. As in the past this is a “Show up, don't sign up party.” Costumes or casual is always your choice, but do plan to be at the club on Tuesday October 31st. See you there.

Thank you to our terrific Entertainment Committee members for your continued outstanding support and contributions to our club. Below are the dates for our planning and decorating in August, September and October. I'm looking forward to seeing each of you at the following scheduled events.

Looking ahead...

- Entertainment Committee Meeting on September 12th at 7pm
- **Annual Gourmet Dinner** on September 23rd (Saturday)
- **Roaring Twenties Party** on September 30th (Saturday)
- Entertainment Committee Meeting on October 10th at 7 pm
- Third **International Dining Night (October Fest)** on October 14th
- **Annual Halloween Party** in the Lounge on October 31st (Tuesday)
- Entertainment Committee Meeting on November 14th at 7pm

Thank you, to all of our members, for your great support of our club's activities. Please stop and let me know how things are going. Your feedback and your ideas really do help us stay on target.

Bill Denny
Rear Commodore

The Fleet Beat

From the Fleet Captain

The GYA Capdevielle Weatherly Regatta was held at Gulfport on July 22 & 23. Those at the helm and crewing were Jonathan Seaton, Jeff Brown and Jim Coulter. With 12 clubs participating our sailors came in with an overall 9th.

The following weekend, July 29 & 30 was the Junior Liptons at Southern Yacht Club. Juniors that raced were Seth Cooke, Ian Cooke, Zach Grant, Justin Mitchell and Nathan Wilson. They finished three races with Justin Mitchell skippering to a 7th, Ian Cooke as skipper for a 13th and Zach Grant skippered for an 11th. Thanks to all the juniors going all the way to New Orleans for this regatta with chaperones, Gail & Scott Mitchell and Darren and Shari Cooke.

The same weekend was the all female regatta, Race For The Roses, at the Pensacola Beach Yacht Club. Congratulations go to the crew on Cantankerous. They had to overcome many obstacles before they crossed the finish line. Sandy Zevin wrote a blow-by-blow description of the three races in last month's Letter Log. He has every reason to be proud of the gals on Cantankerous.

I also wish to thank those that sailed on Rudder Madness. Lots of good experience was the major return for all of us that participated in the Roses Race. Also, thanks to David Seaton & David Sly for sailing RM over to Pensacola Beach so it would be ready for us to board.

It was uplifting to have spectator boats from Ft Walton cheering us on. Thanks everyone

for giving us encouragement.

Following that race was another all female race; the GYA Knost Regatta held at Pass Christian YC on August 12 & 13.. Ft Walton's crews consisted of Jennifer Grant, Faye Black, Jan Hine, Genna Coulter, Linda Wright, Lynn Wooten and Phyllis Seaton. Race #1 was skippered by Jennifer Grant for a 9th, Linda Wright was at the helm for Race #2 for an 8th and Faye Black skippered Race #3 for a 5th. Again, we appreciate all the support from Ft Walton YC coming along and helping whenever possible. Thanks, Jerry Black, Sam Grant, and Jim Coulter.

Our scat boat is now in top shape, (ready for those so called storms). Beattie Purcell volunteered to replace the rub rail, which kept falling off and was easily pulled off. The new rail is now screwed down and there's not a chance it will come off. The fiberglass was also fixed and it is looking great! Thanks for helping the club out with your expertise, Beattie.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

There is a new system for club members wanting to check out Yacht Club and Emerald Coast Sailing Association boats. Junior, Associate Junior and any other club member must go to the office (between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, Tuesday through Friday; and 8:00 am through 12:00 pm on Saturday) to get a key to the sail loft and sail lockers. Special arrangements must be made for Mondays, such as High School sailing, etc. After office hours during the week, the key will be in the possession of an employee in the lounge (or dining room on Sunday morning).

Before the key is given out, the sailor will be given a card to fill out. This card will have information on who is sailing a boat, their sailing skill level and what condition the boat is in when returned, etc. This card must be

filled out each time a boat is taken out. It will take but a few minutes to fill out this card. This action is necessary so we may keep track of who is out on the water in a club or ECSA boat, when they left the shore, and help to keep maintenance to a minimum.

This will be in place no later than September 1. If you have any questions, please call me at 651-0105 or e-mail me at Phyllis4@cox.net.

Come join the fun by sailing our beautiful waters!

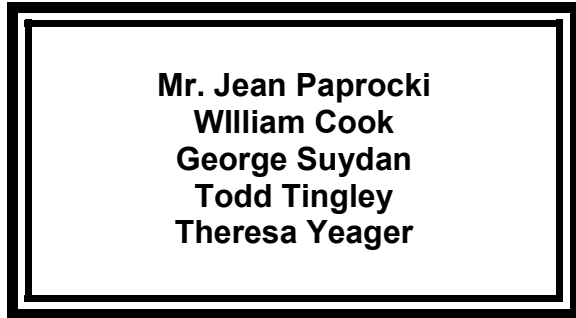
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Portsmouth August 20, 2006

WOW – Women on the Water: The ladies of the FWYC are getting together for monthly WOW luncheons. They have discussed their plans for moving forward with some interesting projects that will raise funds for supporting both club and community efforts. **The WOW meets for lunch from 11:30 to 1:00 on the second Wednesday of each month.** The extended time period for lunch is designed to meet the needs of those ladies who are working and require some flexibility with their lunchtime schedule.
Be sure to talk with Dr. Lynne Reynolds, if you want more details.

Welcome new members:



Proposed ByLaw Change

REMOVE

Section 9. Life Members. The Officers may, at their discretion, bestow a life membership upon any Regular member who has made an extraordinary contribution to the Club. Careful consideration must be given to the words “extraordinary contribution.” This category of membership should be held to the highest standards of the club and will be considered a token of great honor as well as an award for service. Life membership shall be granted, upon request, to a Regular member who has qualified for such membership by attaining the age of 62 and completing 20 consecutive years of membership prior to January 1, 1985. Each nominee will be considered individually. There will be no group nominations. A nominee, in addition to the previous requirements, must have been an active member of the club for 25 years. Nominations for Life Memberships will be made once a year at the January board meeting and announced at the Spring General Membership meeting. Voting will be by secret ballot. A unanimous vote by the Officers is required for selection. The total number of Life Members will not exceed 5% of the total membership of the club at the time of selection. Life Members will be excused from paying monthly dues and any assessments, but will be required to pay the

monthly minimum charge. Life Members will have no vote in club matters. In the event of a Life Member’s death, the Commodore will notify the surviving spouse of his or her option to become a Regular Member or a Life Member. In the event of the death of a single Life Member, the membership certificate (Regular status) may be willed to a member of the immediate family with the approval of the Officers. The person having been willed the membership certificate may then apply for Regular Membership in accordance with procedures outlined in this ARTICLE. There will be no change in the status of the members granted Life Memberships prior to the adoption of this By-Law change (November 2000). Life Members may nominate and sponsor prospective new club members.

ADD

Section 9. Life Members: Effective 19 September 2006, the Life membership category of membership shall be deleted. The 21 current Life Members (noted in Appendix 5) will be allowed to retain all their benefits and privileges (they do not pay dues, minimums, or assessments: they do pay dock fees, dry storage fees and personal Club participation expenses). The membership certificates of each of these current Life members may only be transferred to a member of the immediate family, with the approval of the Officers, as a regular or non-resident membership, with no special benefits or privileges. Recipient of transfer must complete all requirements of membership (sponsorship, payment of initiation and 1st and 2nd reading).

Life Members of FWYC

The following are duly elected Life Members of the Ft Walton Yacht Club

<i>Member No</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>Date of Life Membership</i>	<i>Status</i>
3	Francis	Moon	9/8/1961	current
16	E.P	Beaudoin	8/16/1983	current
77	Fred	Howard	4/22/1981	current
154	Fred	Estergren	6/21/1989	current
183	Mary	Nied	7/22/1990	current
235	Don	Raimey	10/5/1995	current
243	Ed	Horton	1/21/1994	current
272	Michael	Johnson		current
274	Matt	Loar	12/16/1997	current
283	Larry	Tate	10/16/1995	current
284	David	Henderson	12/11/1983	current
291	James	Cox	4/22/1981	current
319	Bud	Reed	3/22/1998	current
336	James	Forsman	11/30/1996	current
382	Joe	Stanley	10/12/1995	current
395	Tom	Whitlock	10/12/1995	current
398	Jim	Yealy	10/12/1995	current
495	Velma	Schubert	10/7/1995	current
504	Robert	Plummer	12/29/1997	current
527	R.V.	Tye	10/5/1996	current
588	Mary	Harrison	10/3/2005	current



Junior Happenings

With the start of the '06-'07 school year, the Friday Fun Sailing activity has been stopped. We will continue the 3rd Friday Dinner and a Movie. The last Dinner and a Movie night was August 18th. Dinner consisted of hard and soft tacos provided by Jeff, Naomi and Shelby Brown. The movie was the latest rendition of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" starring Johnny Depp. Everyone ate a little too much and laughed a little too hard. Join us for the next Dinner and a Movie night, September 15th.

High School Sailing

Area high schools are starting their sailing teams up again. Each weekday afternoon, after school, teams are coming down to the yacht club for practice. All HS team members are now Junior YC members. If you know of a child in high school that is interested, have them contact George Goodall, who can steer them in the right direction. If you are interested in helping out, contact George. He will put you in contact with the HS sponsor and/or the team coaches.

Boat Usage

Starting September 1st, there will be new policies and procedures in place for club boat usage. We are drafting a set of rules that must be followed for each member to use a club boat. Also, there will be boat checkout cards, which MUST be filled out for a member to use a boat. There are several reasons for moving to this sort of accountability, among them is for the club to have some way of knowing what boats need repair, and what boats are not seaworthy. Watch your email for more information on the new rules.

One important note about the checkout cards is that the club MUST have an adult sign the 'Hold-Harmless' clause. If your under 18 child wants to sail on a club boat, you must sign this portion BEFORE he or she sails.

Junior Events

Mark your calendar for these Junior Events!

September 15	Jr. Movie Night
October 20	Jr. Movie Night
November 17	Jr. Movie Night
December 9	Jr. Christmas Party
September 30-October 1	Wadewitz Regatta @ Fairhope YC

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