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Commodore's Comments

by Howard Cabezas
Happy New Year!

SV Ruthie

I love starting a fresh new year!

Did you make any new year resolutions?

I used to make a long list... Lose the unhealthy weight, food, activities, and attitude... You know this list, right? Worthy goals in pursuit of health, happiness and fulfillment, but often they left me feeling deprived and overwhelmed.



This year, I am taking a different approach.

Rather than focusing on restriction I am choosing expansion!

Expanding the amount of time, I spend on the water: Sailing, motoring, teaching, learning, relaxing, replenishing, eating, sleeping, playing, enjoying!

Expanding the time spent with family and friends while afloat is precious. With limited space, resources and distractions onboard I am immersed in learning about myself, and others, in new and kinder ways.

For me, sailing offers me a lightness of being, connecting me to all of creation and to my creator and for this I experience gratitude.

Instead of cutting things out of my life that don't serve me, I choose to gift myself those things which I most treasure, where I can continue to learn and grow, that which adds to the quality of my life, awakens my soul and where I can be of service to others.

Sailing affords me all these things and more.

How about You?

How does sailing make you feel?

And what is the carryover of these feelings onto your life, friends and family, work, spiritual practice, etc.?

I'd love to know!



Dick Rodabaugh, R.I.P.

It is with sadness that we mark the passing of former FLYC member Richard Rodabaugh. Dick passed away on Monday, December 10th, 2018 at the age of 91. He was predeceased by Freda, his wife of 59 years. He is survived by a brother, two sisters, multiple grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Dick was the former owner of *Vixen* and spent

many happy days on Dock 4 with his friends in the marina.

Healthy trails to happy sails!

*****Annual meeting is at my farm, dish to pass, March 2, 2019, at 5:30pm. The address is 5510 County Road 14, Alpine NY and as a reminder... Our house is heated by wood stoves and gets HOT. Awards and elections will be discussed and handed out. *****

-Howard

Secretary's Column

by Sue Morris

SV Sails Call



Notice of Annual Meeting

There will be an upcoming meeting, per Commodore Howard, on Saturday March 2nd, 2019 at 5:30pm. Location is Howard Cabeza house.

Please bring a dish to pass.

- Sue, FLYC Secretary

From the Treasurer

by Denis Kingsley

SV Tark



There is little financial activity during these non-sailing months, so we remain solvent.

Only about three months to launch – Lord willing and the lake doesn't rise!

- Denis, still cooking the books.

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Socially Speaking

by Maggie Martin & Lynne McGinnis

We are planning the 2019 social calendar. We hope to see you all at the events and have not made too many changes from last year.



Most of the events are on Saturday evenings and on the actual holidays (Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day) this time. As always, feel free to bring guests. A \$5 donation per guest is required and can be paid at the event. Don't forget to sign up at the bulletin board in advance.

We have a date for a nautical swap morning on June 8 at 9:30 am, so save your boating items and check out everyone else's stuff! We will set up in the Marina.

SV Sacre Bleu & SV Brewster

We expect to be back at Smith Park for the Commodores Dinner this year. We hope that BBQ chef Mike will be available to help us out cooking steaks.

The Saturday morning coffee klatch will be under the awning on dock 5 Saturday mornings at 9am for anyone who is interested. Bring your own beverage and an item to share.

Let's hope that the winter flies by and sailing season will be here soon!

- Maggie & Lynne

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News, Announcements & Awareness Items

Free Vessel Safety Checks

Don't forget to get a Vessel Safety Exam of your boat for the next sailing system. Provided as a free public service by America's Boating Clue (Seneca Sail and Power Squadron) this exam will check your boat to Coast Guard standards. Items checked include necessary safety items such as PFDs,

emergency signalling devices (flares for example) and proper registration of your boat.

See Ray Margeson, Mark Erway, Charlie Faussold for details.

- Ray Margeson

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First Month on a Dream Boat

By Maggie Martin & John Chesebrough

SV *Sacré Bleu*



[The following article is a blog/journal kept by Maggie Martin and John Chesebrough of their first month on a new boat and their introduction to the lifestyle of “live-aboards”. -Ed]

January 27th

Closing down the house to prepare to be gone for three months. Drain the pipes, find foster care for the dog, put the overwatered plants on artificial life support... we scam up to Syracuse in the evening, drop off at the Amtrak station where we ride the train to Rochester. After a midnight taxi ride to the airport hotel with two gregarious, non-English-speaking drivers, we ride the shuttle in time to catch our flight the next morning, with four oversized pieces of luggage. One is my offshore kitchen, one contains tools for the repairs needed on a 49-year-old vessel, one is watercolor paints and paper, books, and the smallest is our natty nautical wardrobes. We shift contents to satisfy airline weight restrictions and then we carry all we can. The “boat chatter” starts before the plane boards. Other mariners are on their way to Florida, too. We are seated with a fellow yachtsman, who gives us new skippers good advice: Get mirrored sunglasses or you will go blind.

Arrival

In Fort Lauderdale we easily find the shuttle to the Keys, now with baggage. He recommends favorite watering holes for Happy Hour. ☺ We comply. Our first night is in a cushy Holiday Inn, with free breakfast!

Life in the boatyard

Chuck, the former owner of our craft, picks us up and delivers us to Driftwood, where *Contessa* is, on the hard, waiting for some TLC. Opening the food locker, a bat flew in my face. The first major task was cleaning interior and stowing my 160 pounds of cargo. Couldn't sleep, maybe because of my two-foot-wide bunk. It is like camping with 100% humidity, and you climb a 12-foot ladder every time to get on. We rest on jack stands. It doesn't get cold-ish until tomorrow.

Motor Cruising

Engine won't start. Everyone has an opinion. They all cost \$100/hour. A lizard lives on this boat with us. Next, we learn

about public transportation and meet a lot of the local homeless population. We walk and spend the first third of our savings at West Marine. The shopping list is very long, mostly stainless and brass hardware, safety items, rope, line, chain, cable, and sea widgets. Then it rained, and we found out where the leaks are. I am covering cushions with my first sewing project. A nearby walking trail leads to the beach and turtle nesting grounds. Started to sketch around boatyard. *Snoopy*, *Pegasus*, *Tiki Tiki*, *Dorika*, *Second Chance*. Why don't we name cars? Sorting out, drying out. John caulked for two days. Washed the fenders, stashed sails. Armies of no-see-ums. Found a coconut!

Nuts and Bolts

The clerk asked us if we were starting a hardware store. Screws, pipe, cord, pads and bungee. Took down the sun cover and installed a solar array. Hard rain. Strolled into the top-secret no-go zone at the marina and got yelled at. Got some great sketches of all sorts of derelict watercraft. Made plans to meet a fellow at Sparky's, he didn't recognize us after we walked two miles in the rain. We met a former NFL player, who is obsessed with fantasy football. He has a lobster boat now. We have 60 gallons of fresh water (in questionable tanks) and propane for the two-burner stove. We stock up on cans of beans, quinoa, gorp, teabags, coffee and powdered milk. Not wine.

Wildlife

Working on engine in Spanish. There was much yelling. Solved the injector problem. Now a rat is clogging the motor box? Bean sprout crop is excellent. Late night call from our tenant, Dr. Ed. Students are running a disco above him. His car won't fit in driveway. I fix everything by e-mail. Back to West Marine to drop the second third of our savings. I got a life ring similar to one that Popeye has. On the bus today I noticed the driver was shoeless. Still working on the rat.

Sailmaker returned our sail and sail covers with patches. Went to a Chinese Restaurant with Jeff, our bodyguard who packs heat and knows how to make, do, and fix everything marine. He owns an island in the Bahamas and told us to check on it for him! Maybe if we ever get in the water and don't sink and are brave enough to head across the ocean! Probably requires a few more trips to West Marine.

Weather

It is negative degrees back home in New York State. Got a call from our Yoga studio tenants – the heat has been not working all day. Students are coming and there is a concert this evening. We call everyone; it is Saturday afternoon. Wait!! The heat just came on. Good karma.

Bill of Sail

John's dinghy. It turns into a legal workout to register our antique boat. And dinghy. (I call it a lifeboat) Tax collector, registration, torn corners, affidavit, crossed out? Make? State? Residence? Finally done!

Did I mention that we are already in love with this boat? It is a 1967 Cheoy Lee Bermuda Ketch, 30-foot, with a new Yanmar engine (soon to be working). It was designed by Francis R Herreshoff, John's great Uncle. It was built in Singapore. She has been named *Contessa* for many years, if not originally. It is bad luck to change the name of a boat – so we don't dare. "Plein Air" sketching and painting in boatyard.

Splashed!

But it didn't make waves..., staying on board. It did not sink!! Making final preparations to take off tomorrow... or the next day... or....

Company is coming. Wash, dry, fold, and taxi back. Lynne and Jim and Carol and Frank. We had dinner at Island Fish Co. Manatees, pelicans, aquatic iguanas.

Ship to Sail

The sailorboys took off at 10 am. For the girls it's a play day. Five hours to round the horn, two by land, one by dinghy. Anchored in Boot Key Harbor. Veggie skewers and snapper on the grill. Johnny rows us into the darkness to find our anchored home.

On the Hook

We are not alone. Floating in the Harbor. Maggie rows, too. Yoga in the pavillion five days a week. There are 300 sailboats, give or take. Green lizard. Hermit crab. Online in the community room, otherwise we are independent with solar

panels, water tanks, and a weekly pump-out. Moved the anchor, I drove boat. Dolphins!

Key West by Bus

Sat next to a pirate. Our dinghy motor is repaired, and the wine comes in little boxes. Life is good. Had a visit from our new German-Canadian friend.

Johnny not ready to sail yet.... He is going to Chicago for a few days. Independence. Paint, yoga, dinghy..... ZZZZZ.... Reading lots of boat books, traveling by yacht around the world on every page. Had dinner with a neighbor boat. There are guys fishing for lost anchors. We had a "windy day rodeo". People all around us are leaving for the Bahamas.

We Sail!!!

Going out to sea, blowing around for hours. No problem, maybe just a little seasick. Awesome, you can go and go and go. Walked far.... to Pigeon Key over the 7 Mile Bridge. Pigeons!

Moved to a mooring ball. More sailing, swinging in directions with the wind, new view all day and night. Called Deanna, now goes by Lola. Will visit. Warm days, seafood. Bus to Key West, had lunch and big walk in Key West. Returned by bus and made preparations to sail there next.

Great first month of liveaboard!!!!

- Maggie

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Editor's Corner

by Tom Alley



preparing for another season on the water.

Thank goodness!

As much as it pains me to be out of the water, I must admit that having the boat idle did free up some time (though never enough, it seems) for me to study up on things that need

SV Tomfoolery

attention. Among other projects this winter, I am taking some time to take a course in Marine Radar and I'm also learning how to integrate a marine VHF radio with DSC (Digital Selective Calling), an AIS (Automated Identification System) transponder, and a GPS. The latter is a bit complex due to some rules in a race I'm hoping to enter in a couple of years. Still, it's an interesting challenge.

Still, I find myself wishing for warmer weather and the opportunity to be back on my boat – afloat and in her natural element – as I layer-up with boots and jacket and scarf and gloves and...

See you in the boat yard..., soon!

- Tom

2019 FLYC Calendar – *Partial!*

This is the club calendar as it is currently being proposed. Racing and cruising events have yet to be scheduled. A final calendar will be determined at the planning meeting later this winter. Please check the club web site (<http://www.FLYC.US>) for updates as they occur.

Regular/Repeating Events

Saturday Morning Kaffee Klatch. Every Saturday at 0900 from Memorial Day Weekend through mid-September under the awning on Dock 5 at the Marina Bar & Grill.

Post-Mortem Racing Social. After every club race at 1700 on the lawn by the marina flagpole. BYOB/Snack to share. Open to racers and non-racers alike.

February

01 **February Newsletter Publication Date.**

March

02 **Planning Meeting.** Board of Directors.

22 **Deadline for newsletter articles.**

April

01 **April Newsletter Publication Date.**

15 **Earliest possible launch date.**

May

24 **Deadline for newsletter articles.**

27 **Memorial Day Picnic.** (1700)

June

01 **June Newsletter Publication Date.**

08 **Nautical Swap Meet.** (0930)

14-15 **Watkins Glen Waterfront Festival*

16 **Sunday Fathers' Day Brunch.** (1100)

July

04 **All American Picnic.** (1700)

26 **Deadline for newsletter articles.**

August

01 **August Newsletter Publication Date.**

01-04 **NASCAR at the Glen*

09-11 **Watkins Glen Italian Festival*

10 **Hawaiian Beach Party & Luau.** (1700)

September

02 **Labor Day Picnic.** (1700)

06 **Glenora Wine Cellars Vintage Grand Prix.*

TBA **Seneca Yacht Club Barge Race, Geneva, NY*

20 **Deadline for newsletter articles.**

21 **Grape Harvest Festival.** (1700)

October

01 **October Newsletter Publication Date.**

03-06 **Annapolis Powerboat Show*

10-14 **Annapolis Sailboat Show*

12 **Soup/Chili/Chocolate Festival.** (1700)

31 **Marina Haulout Deadline** (per slip contract).

November

09 **Member Banquet & Annual Meeting.** (1600)

22 **Deadline for newsletter articles.**

December

01 **December Newsletter Publication Date.**

** Non-FLYC events.*

Finger Lakes Yacht Club

Membership Application

Membership renewals are due by May 1st. **Annual dues are \$45.**
 Please send this form and a check to:

Finger Lakes Yacht Club, Inc.
 c/o Sue Morris, Secretary
 P. O. Box 14
 Pine Valley, NY 14872

Are you also a member of the U.S. Power Squadron? If so, please check this box.

Application: New member Renewal

Important: Please be sure to include the names of all of your "dependent" family members. This will ensure that membership privileges are awarded properly.

Name(s): _____

Please indicate which areas interest you:

<input type="checkbox"/> Racing	<input type="checkbox"/> Web site
<input type="checkbox"/> Cruising	<input type="checkbox"/> Sailing classes
<input type="checkbox"/> Social activities	<input type="checkbox"/> Junior Sailing
<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/> _____

Address: _____

Phone: Home: (____) _____ Work (____) _____
 Cell: (____) _____

E-mail: _____

Boat Name _____ Type: Sail Power

Make/Model _____ Length _____

Boat Year _____ Location/Slip# _____

By this application, I/we promise to uphold the By-laws of the Finger Lakes Yacht Club, Inc. and to comply with its rules and regulations.

Signature(s) _____ Date _____