



June 4th, the Marathon fleet heads down the Bay

Wadewitz bust presented to membership

At the June 1st General Membership meeting Past Commodore Paul Ring presented to the membership a bronze bust of founder and first commodore Otto Wadewitz. The bust complements the model of Commodore Wadewitz' yacht, the *Rex* which Paul similarly gave to the club on November 2nd. Both are now displayed on the north wall of the bar, the bust being mounted directly above the model's display case and together memorialize Commodore Wadewitz for his role in the founding of Fairhope Yacht Club.

The idea for the bust came from Louis Zadnichek. Last February he and Paul were enjoying conversation over a drink at the bar when Louis suggested that Paul sculpt a bust of Commodore Wadewitz to replace the photograph displayed above the model of the *Rex*.

This scenario seemed all too familiar to Paul, for two years earlier, perhaps seated on the same bar stools, Louis had challenged Paul to build the *Rex* model. Paul had some model-making experience which was a reasonable basis for Louis' proposal. After thinking it over for a few days Paul accepted the challenge and over the course of a year and a half created a detailed scale model of the *Rex*.

But this new challenge was different and Paul protested, "Louis, I've never

Louis was persistent and finally Paul agreed to attempt the bust, but with no promise of success.

Paul began his bust-sculpting education by checking out *MODELING A LIKENESS IN CLAY* from the Fairhope Public Library. Guided by it, he did two practice busts, the first of himself and the second of Past Commodore Barbara Brown. The second turned out somewhat better than the first, which was encouraging and Paul felt more hopeful about the Wadewitz project.

When he began the Wadewitz bust he also began his second figure sculpting class. He explained to his instructor, Fran Neuman, that he would like to sculpt a bust rather than do figure studies with the rest of the class. Fran graciously agreed and, along with conducting the class in figure studies, she patiently gave Paul the guidance and inspiration he needed.

When the bust was nearly complete, he invited Bob Bung, Commodore Wadewitz' grandson to preview it. Bob has a clear memory of his grandfather and good times aboard the *Rex*. When Bob declared the bust to be a good likeness, Paul felt success was at hand.

Encouraged by Bob's comments, Paul displayed the nearly complete bust to several groups at the Club to solicit donations to finance the alchemy of turning clay to bronze, an expensive process. A number of members generously responded and in just a few days the cost of casting the bust in bronze was fully funded.

Under Fran Neuman's continued tutelage, Paul completed the final details and it was time to deliver the bust to a foundry. Fortunately, there is a foundry in Fairhope, owned and operated by Corey Swindle. This greatly simplified the casting process by eliminating the need to pack and ship the fragile clay sculpture and further made possible an in-person discussion of the process and options with Corey. Corey's work was flawless and the bronze bust exactly duplicates Paul's clay sculpture.



Bronze casting of Otto Wadewitz



PC Paul Ring with Otto Wadewitz grandson, Bob Bung

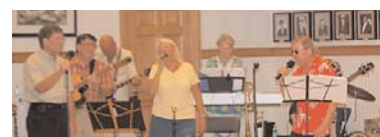
sculpted a bust before!"

"Aren't you taking a sculpture class at the Art Center?" asked Louis.

"Sure, but it's the first time I've attempted sculpture and besides, we're doing figure studies, not busts." explained Paul.



Doc Rock & the Rock Dodgers will be playing: July 22, 6:00pm – pre Jr. Lipton party; August 20, 7:00pm - Children's Cup Regatta



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From the Commodore

Summer is in full swing! The 1st two sailing camps are through and were a great success. In fact, they were so successful that we've had to add a 5th session which will begin on July 25. There are still about 10 slots available for that session. So if you missed getting someone signed up for summer sailing lessons, there's still an opportunity. Summer Sailing Applications can be downloaded from the FYC web site. Our instructors – Hannah Schrubbe, Ian Rupp, Eddie Adams and AJ Pereira, along with several assistant instructors – are doing a great job.

The Jr. Lipton Challenge will be hosted by FYC the weekend of July 22-24. The week before the event (July 18-22) we will need help getting ready to host all of the GYA teams, parents, coaches and spectators who will come to FYC. Each afternoon that week we will need to prepare – whether it's setting up tables and chairs beneath the building, grounds pick-up, moving boats or any number of other needs. If you can volunteer an hour, 3 hours or an entire afternoon – we can use your help. Just come down to the club and let us know you're there and available to help. We will also have a beach clean-up on Saturday, July 16, beginning around 8:00am. Bring gloves, rakes and shovels, and we'll probably need a 4-wheeler or two to drag logs.

Besides our on-going events – Thursday & Sunday fun races, daily happy hour, Monday night pot luck, Taco Tuesday and 1st Sunday Champagne Brunch - other events coming up in July and August are Disco Night and the Children's Hospital Charity Regatta and Silent Auction. Also, the FYC House Band will play on Friday, July 22 and again on Saturday, August 20. I again thank each of you for supporting all of our events.

Even though it's hot outside, it's a great time of year to be at the Club. The sunsets are magnificent, the beverages are cold, the Tiki Bar is open and the pool feels great. It's your Club – use it, enjoy it.

Cathy Cromartie,
Commodore

HARBOR REPORT
Just a gentle reminder that
Hurricane Season is here.
Please make sure all your
lines are secure and
preparations are made. Do
not wait until the last minute.

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Welcome to Fairhopeville!

If you have never sailed a Dauphin Island Race and want to make the sail, many skippers will be looking for crew in the coming months. Come by the Club and let Pat or the Commodore know and they will get the message out to find you a ride. In the mean time, why not stop by and sail with one of the Thursday night or Sunday afternoon fun racers.

The Dauphin Island Race - What's It All About

April 28, 2012 will be the 54th running of this annual sailing event. The race takes place on Mobile Bay and runs from about the middle of the Bay to the foot of the Dauphin Island bridge. There will be participants from at least four different states and about 250-275 boats sailing. The hosting of the event revolves around the four Bay yacht clubs and 2012 falls to Fairhope Yacht Club.

Over the years FYC has become the premier host of the race. From the Warm-Up race, the skippers meeting & party, the trophy awards on Dauphin Island on Saturday night through the D.I. Return Race on Sunday, Gulf Coast sailors will tell

you the best D.I. races are going to be at FYC.

The amount of work that goes into this is enormous and FYC needs your help. In the upcoming months we need volunteers to build, paint, wire, direct traffic, sell t-shirts, serve food, man booths and the list goes on and on.

This is a time when you can really show your support for FYC by being an active in this Club venture. Whatever you can do....we have a place for you! Just give us a call and become a part of the fun.

If, for some reason, you feel that being a volunteer is not for you then you can also help by buying an advertisement in the race bro-



Patty Sue's Diner was a very busy café that night

chure. You can feature your business, your boat or just wish the sailors "good luck" with a brochure ad. The brochure pricing is shown in the left column.

Give us a call and come down to be a part of the Dauphin Island experience. You will be glad you did!



What a crowd!

To volunteer, learn more about the schedule of preparations or purchase an advertisement please call:

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17  Summer-MYC 2pm Sun Race	18 6pm PotLuck	19 Taco Tuesday	20	21	22 FYC House Band	23   Jr Lipton-FYC
24   JrLipton  Weatherly 31	25 6pm Pot Luck	26 Taco Tuesday	27	28	29	30  Weatherly-GYC

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14  Galloway-GYC Women's PHRF-PBYC 2pm Sun Race	15 6pm PotLuck	16 Taco Tuesday	17	18	19	20   Children's Hospital Regatta FYC House Band
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Cruising News: Summer Sailstice

The Summer Sailstice was founded in 2001 as the global annual celebration of sailing held on the summer solstice. It has grown from 200 to over an estimated 10,000 sailors participating world wide.

Our second annual FYC Summer Sailstice event was Saturday June 18, 2011. This year we had boats participate from FYC, MYC and BYC. We sailed to Middle Bay Light House in blustery SW winds of 17 to 22 knots. It was a great day of sailing. It was also an opportunity to get sailers out on the water having fun in a noncompetitive event. However, when there are two or more sail boats on the water it turns into a race. Several of us claim to be first around the Middle Bay Light. With no official race committee boat there is no official winner. The bragging rights will remain unofficial.

One mishap occurred when *Dixie Divas* sail separated. The main sail developed a hole where the stitching came loose. Before long more stitching let go and the main sail came apart. This was unfortunate because John and Charlotte really had that boat sailing good in that heavy wind. We had one injury to Michael Connell's hand. His injury occurred while tacking when he got his finger caught in the jib sheet. Although there were many sailors out on the water to celebrate, the following boats officially sailed in the Sailstice: *Mañana, Iliad, Dixie Divas, Cabbages and Kings, LadyJ,*

Arcturas, Buster, Dulcinea, Promises, Nepenthe, Patriot and Ellipses...

We had planned to anchor out at the Light House and have a cook out. The winds and waves made it difficult to anchor in comfort so we keep sailing. Because we were not able to have the cook out at the Light Houe we returned to the club to eat. Bill Roy and crew cooked at the Gazebo. We had boiled peanuts, Portabella Mushrooms stuffed with crawfish, Jalapeño peppers stuffed with cheese, sausage and wrapped in bacon, pickled shrimp, watermelon, and marinated pineapple and pork kabobs. As it turns out Bill's son is quite a cook on the grill. As you know, it is easy to work up an appetite out there on the water.

Our next cruise will be in July to the Blue Angels. Then in August we will have our cruise and seminar at The Wharf. Don't be left at the dock.

Editor Note: We have news from Mike Turner, visiting sailing venues in England, that we will bring you next month!



Bill Roy and son on *Iliad*

Junior News — From the Junior Commodore

This month was a good one for our sailing program. We had lots of free sails with good turn outs, and our Jr. Lipton team is looking pretty good. In July, we have the Jr. Lipton Regatta to look forward to, which is being hosted at our own club because we won Jr.

Sailing Camp Experiences

Due to unprecedented demand we are proud to offer a 5th session of summer sail camp.

This session will begin July 25 and end August 5.

Opti classes are full 3rd and 4th sessions, but space is available 5th session. Opti sailors rule!

Space is still available for your 420 sailors in remaining sessions. Registration is online or pick up a copy in the FYC office.

Junior sailors who can rig and sail junior boats are invited to attend OPEN Sail Days on

Friday afternoons at 4:30 and Sundays at 2pm.

Your summer sail instructors are ready to see you use your knowledge of sailing!



Liptons last year! Everyone should find a way to get involved with this regatta, or at least come out and watch. If you would like to help, contact the Regatta Chairman Ray Long. The regatta is July 22-24 and the juniors would like all the support we can get so come down to the yacht club, plus we know how to throw a good party.

See you at the club,
Robert



June Membership Report

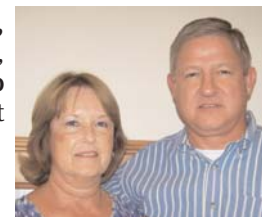
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sponsored by John Helmstadter



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sponsored by Chris Baugh

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with wife Debbie,
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