



Lasers battle it out at Trick or Treat

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Tricky winds and Treats ashore



The real reason Natalie helped Eddie after the first race!

Catalina 22.

Chris Dabney and Joe Comer ran the race with Eddie Hodge on the race committee boat (with the assistance of Natalie Hodge, his daughter, after the

The Trick or Treat Regatta was held on October 8 in extremely blustery weather with shifty winds. The classes were Optimist, Laser, Rhodes 19, Flying Scot, and



first race).

Due to the weather conditions, sailing was challenging, and many of the Laser sailors went for involuntary swims, some on more than one occasion. Following the race was an awards/Trick-or-Treat ceremony at the gazebo, with each crew member taking their chances with the witch's cauldron.

Other than the weather, everyone had a great time and hope to have a bigger and better regatta next Halloween.



And then the Party Season starts! Halloween was a magic evening

Rockin' to the tunes of the area's favorite honky tonk band – **The Modern Eldorados** – a great time was had by all at the Halloween Party on Saturday, October 29. Even our wonderful staff got in costume. Costume awards went to: **Frankenstein** (Rick Byne) – **Best Male**; **Black Widow** (Lynn Saye) – **Best Female**; **Windblown** (Erik Schmitz) – **Most Original**; **Penguins** (Ernie Berger and guest) – **Best Overall**. Choosing the winners was tough! Other great costumes were Harry Potter, Little Red Riding Hood and the Big Bad Wolf, the Roaring '20s, Cow Girls and Aliens, Zorro, Heinz Ketchup and French Fries, and so many more.

Photos from the evening are on the FYC web site's Photo Gallery.



The staff got right into the spirit of the night with costumes of their own.



The Nominating Committee Report is on Page 2. Nominations from the floor will be taken at the November 2 meeting. The final slate will be in the December issue



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From the Commodore

We're coming up on another very busy time of year – the holidays. The season got started with the Halloween Party on October 29. What a great time that was. The tunes of The Modern Eldorados were fantastic, the costumes were great, and it was just an all around good time. Kudos to Rick Byrne (Frankenstein) for being able to walk around all night in 4" platform shoes. I think I saw him stumble only once.

The Commodore's Ball will be held on Saturday, December 3, beginning at 6:30pm. I hope all of our members will plan to attend. If you have a nomination for the Ed Coley Award, presented to an FYC member for outstanding service to the Club during the year, please submit your nomination to PC Paul Ring. Also, nominations are being accepted for the 2 Junior Awards, Ed Marty Award, presented to the most outstanding Junior and Boat Cohen Award, presented to the most improved first-year Junior. Nominations for these award may be submitted to the FYC office, Attn: EdMarty or Attn: BoatCohen.

I encourage all of our members to remember our staff as we come up on the holiday season. A holiday bonus is given to staff from donations by FYC members. FYC has one of the friendliest, most efficient staffs along the Coast. This has been told to me by so many who visit our Club. They all do an outstanding job and we are fortunate to have each and every one of them.

Be sure to check the calendar for all of the events coming up in November and December, including Roman Street in the dining room on November 10, Doc Rogers and the Rock Dodgers in the ballroom on November 19, holiday music by PC Barbara Brown and Jean O'Connell in the dining room on December 2 and 9, and many other events.

It's your Club. Use it, enjoy it.
Cathy Cromartie

Nominating Committee Report

Commodore: Cathy Cromartie
Vice Commodore: Dan Herzog
Rear Commodore: Eric Reuss
Fleet Captain: No nomination at this time.
Fleet Surgeon: Dr. Bill Goetter
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Junior Report



It's that time again, nominations are being accepted for the 2 Junior Awards, the Ed Marty Award, presented to the most outstanding Junior and Boat Cohen Award, presented to the most improved first-year Junior. Nominations for these awards may be submitted to the FYC office, Attn: EdMarty or Attn: BoatCohen. These awards are the way the adults in the club acknowledge that there are future leaders coming up through our outstanding Junior program.



Last year's honorees, above, the Ed Marty Award went to Cassidy Wainwright with Commodore Carl Wainwright and Randy Fitz-Wainwright and at right, Payge Patnaude accepts the Boat Cohen Award from Lewis and Kathy Wiles, grandparents of Boat Cohen

2011 Junior Sailing



Dogwood in March started our season



White Trash took honors in the DI race with Juniors at the helm in May



420's participated in the Children's Hospital race in August



Summer Sailing Camp introduced a new group of juniors to sailing



Jr Commodore Robert Adams took the trophy at the Rhodes19 Regional in July

From the Junior Commodore

This month our Juniors Mitch Powell and Margaret Ollinger represented our club sailing Optis in the Southeast Qualifiers for the National Opti Sailing Team. A few of our Juniors sailed in WFORC with Greg Smith and they had a great time and did well. Ellis Ollinger is still hosting Opti practices on Wednesdays for those who want to go sailing. The Go Daddy Bowl is in November so be ready to sail.



See you at the club,
Robert



The Wadewitz in September brought juniors from around the GYA to compete



A lone Opti sailor braved the winds to sail in the Trick or Treat Regatta to end the year

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November ~ 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Thanksgiving Day Buffet Only Bar closes at 4PM		1	2 6:30 JrYC Meeting 7:30 M'ship Meeting	3	4 Prime Rib Night	5 GoDaddy.com Regatta 
6 2pm Sun Race	7 6pm PotLuck	8 Taco Tuesday	9 6:30 M'ship Comm.Meeting	10 <i>Roman Street</i>	11 Prime Rib Night	12 Game Day Specials
13 2pm Sun Race	14 6pm PotLuck	15 TacoTuesday	16	17	18 Prime Rib Night	19  Past Commodores' Regatta <i>DrRogers & the Rock Dodgers</i>
20 2pm Sun Race	21 6pm PotLuck	22 Taco Tuesday	23	25  Thanksgiving Buffet	26 Prime Rib Night	27 Game Day Specials
27 2pm Sun Race	28 6pm Pot Luck	29 Taco Tuesday	30	Check out our Weekly Specials! <i>Every Friday: Prime Ribs</i> <i>Every Saturday: BabyBack Ribs</i>		

One of our own!

USNA Midshipman 4/C Tyler Martenstein, son of FYC members Michael and Tina Wettermark, has secured a spot on the US Naval Academy Off-Shore Sailing Team competing this month in the McMillan Intercollegiate Regatta on Chesapeake Bay. He will crew aboard a Navy 44 a boat specially designed for the Naval Academy. GO NAVY!



Dauphin Island Race 2012

It's time to really get thinking about Dauphin Island Race and how the membership can help make this race as successful as 2008. Here are some ideas.....

Get your friends together as a group and place a "Congratulations Sailors" Ad in the sailing brochure, solicit your boss to place an ad in the sailing brochure, contact a business and sell them ad space in the brochure. The rate sheet is on the web site under the link Dauphin Island Race for you to download.

Don't hesitate to contact Randy Weaver for ideas. His e-mail is randyvivian@bellsouth.net

October Membership Report

**Promoted to Equity:
Dan Wilder**

Sponsor: Joseph F. Graylee, Jr.



Henry Pell Brown
Sponsor: George Pereira



Ernest L. Berger
Sponsor: Elizabeth Mancini



**Welcome aboard,
Marie Bidney, Chair**

Email pictures mainsheet@fairhopeyachtclub.com before the 20th of the month for inclusion.

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18 <i>Santa comes to FYC</i> 2pm Sun Race	19 6pm PotLuck	20 Taco Tuesday	21	22	23 Prime Rib Night	24 Close at 4PM
25 	26 6pm PotLuck	27 Taco Tuesday	28	29	30 Prime Rib Night	31 New Year's Eve! 

HOLIDAY HOURS: Sat, 12/3- restaurant 11-4; Commodore's Ball 6:30PM
Christmas Eve: Bar menu only 11-4, close at 4PM
Christmas Day: Closed ~ New Year's Eve: Bar menu only 11-4, Party 7PM
New Year's Day: No Brunch, Bar menu 11-6, Close at 6PM

Holiday Events at the Club:

In November:

Thursday, November 10, Roman Street, our home town favorite musical artists will give an encore performance. Take advantage of this opportunity, these guys are terrific young performers and are getting so popular that this might be the last time you'll get to enjoy them in an informal setting.

Thursday, November 24, Thanksgiving Day, a Buffet with seatings at 11:30, 12 and 2pm and laden with your favorites from Chef Rob: Baked Whole Fish, Prime Rib and Turkey, six Thanksgiving favorite Vegetable dishes, three Salads, Shrimp Bisque, three Dressings, breads and eight Desserts, everything to make your day easy and fulfilling! Price: \$22.95 for adults, \$10, children 3-10 years.

Please make reservations now!

In December:

Saturday, December 3, The Commodore's Ball with music by The Rochelle Harper Band and a wonderful spread by Chef Rob.

Sunday, December 19, Santa Claus at the Club for the young and the young at heart.

Saturday, December 31, New Years Eve dance! We've booked the *Blue DeVilles* for this.



Join us for dinner and dancing with a special friend; a GREAT way to ring in the New Year!

Sunday, January 1, New Years Day, Try the Bar menu to get over the night before, greet the New Year on the balcony with Black-eyed Peas and Greens in the afternoon at the Bar.

Game Day Saturdays: As long as the season lasts, come down to the club to watch your favorite team play and enjoy \$0.50 wings and drink specials.

On November 19 at 6:00pm in the ball-room, **Doc Rogers and the Rock Dodgers**, a/k/a the FYC House Band, will make its final appearance of the year.

On Dec. 2 and Dec. 9, **Jean O'Connell and PC Barbara Brown** will entertain with piano and flute Holiday music, and perhaps even piano and harp, in the dining room from 6:00 to 8:00pm.

Travelling to a game in style

Michael Connell has motored in his sailboat Elipsis... to University Harbor, Tuscaloosa, to watch the Alabama football game. John Iannacone was with him during the first part of his trip. They learned to maneuver locks along the way. The total trip takes 21 days cruising at six knots.

Report & pictures by John Iannacone



Lost Bay Regatta Cruise

Blustery winds dogged five of the club's cruising boats for this year's Lost Bay Regatta Cruise, Oct 6-10. Our plan was to form a "spectator fleet" for the annual Lost Bay Regatta in Perdido Bay on October 8. The goal was meeting on Saturday for the race, awards ceremony and party. *Mary Lis* departed Thursday for Ingram Bayou, while *Cabbages and Kings* headed to Bear Point. Winds were from the east around 15 knots, making for good sailing down the bay but sloppy motoring to enter the ICW.

On Friday they rafted for at Ingram for lunch. *Mary Lis* remained there for the night and *Cabbages and Kings* returned to Bear Point. Meanwhile, *Promises*, *Gypsy Wind* and *Church Lady* left Fairhope for Pirates Cove on easterlies building to 18-20 knots. Winds continued to build overnight, leading to some bouncy conditions at the Pirates Cove docks – *Promises'* crew was up from 2-4 AM, fending the boat off the pier.



Saturday's forecast called for 20-25 knot winds and sharp seas in Perdido Bay for the race. Plans for a spectator fleet were more or less abandoned and the non-racing boats met at Barber Marina to greet the racers as they came in. Several "car cruisers" joined us for the evening; dinner catered by Point Yacht Club, followed by the awards ceremony and a band.

High winds continued for Sunday. *Promises*, *Gypsy Wind*, *Cabbages and Kings* and *Church Lady* headed for home, with easter-

lies around 18-20 knots. *Mary Lis* delayed a day, hoping for moderating winds but to no avail, and slogged home into 15 knot northerlies on Monday.



crew in *Church Lady*; and Don and Tracey Faircloth and crew in *Moonglade*.

Report submitted by Mike Turner.
Photos by Mike Turner and Tere Mills

Kudos to FYC racer/cruisers who participated in the regatta, each taking first in their respective classes: Jack and Joan Ardrey and crew in *Gypsy Wind*; Jack Bystrycky and



Just Crusin'

Mary and David Lucas planned a late October departure from the club aboard *Liza* to spend three to six months exploring the Florida Keys.

Carl Black and Yvonne Hoover sailed to Lake Pontchartrain aboard *Spice* for the annual Wooden Boat Festival.

And Past Commodores Barbara Brown and Paul Ring spent a good part of the month away from the docks aboard *Polecat*, cruising Ingram Bayou, Big Lagoon and Pensacola.

The next FYC Cruise is for the Blue Angels Homecoming, Nov 11-13. This trip is always a highlight of the FYC cruising year; sounds like it will be quite an event. Contact me at nautacop@aol.com or FYC Cruise Captain Tere Mills at ttn350@bellsouth.net with any questions. Join us at the Fort McRee anchorage to enjoy the show!



Everyone Said I Needed to Have My Head Examined...

Ah, October on Mobile Bay: the heat and humidity moderate, the football season is in full swing, and it's time for the annual Alabama Marine Sanitation Device (MSD) inspection – i.e., time to get your head examined!

Our friend and Alabama MSD "Special Agent" Tom Batty from Mobile Yacht Club visited FYC on October 2 to conduct required annual MSD inspections and issue the coveted Alabama compliance sticker for FYC members' boats. The inspections were arranged by the FYC Cruising group. Fourteen boats participated in this round of inspections.

Alabama law requires that any boat with installed toilet facilities pass an annual inspection and display a compliance sticker. Portable toilets are not considered "installed" for this requirement. The inspection program helps ensure that marine toilet systems are protected from inadvertent overboard discharge of sewage in coastal and inland waters. Marine police officers in both Alabama and Florida can

board your vessel to confirm compliance. Violations can range from a warning for a first offense to fines between \$100-\$1000. Moreover, improper overboard sewage discharge can lead to substantial fines from the Coast Guard.

Any club members who were unable to participate in the October inspections should contact either Cruising Captain Tere Mills or Mike Turner to obtain information on future inspection dates and locations.

Many thanks to Tom and MYC for providing this service to our club!

Report submitted by Mike Turner



Catalina-22 Fleet 137 News:

"The Fowl River Cruise was really great fun and I highly recommend we do a lot more of these overnight cruises", was the consensus. (John H.) Chris and Kathy on *Sundance*, Pat Noonan with crew Spike and Sadie, and Chuck Newman with crew Susan on *Color 7* sailed to FYC West mark for a rendezvous with John Helmstadter on *Windsong III*, then sailed downwind to Fowl River. The seas were calm, wind perfect NW at 8knts. Entering the river the four boats motored north of Bellingrath Gardens and dropped anchor. Pat took the dogs for shore leave, Chris, John and Chuck rafted up for the fleet meeting and Pat joined in her kayak. The evening was delightful, stories were told, suppers eaten and beverages con-



sumed. The wind was Oknts, moon full, temps cool enough that bugs were not bothersome. Next morning they motored up river exploring, bird watching and sightseeing. Leaving the river, the four boats headed due east to the Mobile Ship Channel and Middle Bay Light. The NW window continued and seas were calm, skies clear, temps cool until the afternoon. Ship traffic at MBL delayed crossing but eventually all got across safely. After the crossing each boat set separate courses up the bay.

Comments included "Don't know when I've had a more pleasant weekend" (Pat N). "Can we do it again next weekend?" (Chuck N.).



Report & photo from Pat Noonan

Sunday club racing report:

Sunday 10/2/2011 The forecast high winds following the passing of a front must have scared some sailors away. Only 4 boats participated today. However, it turned out to be a very nice weather day. Temperature was mid 70's. Wind was NW at 12 to 15 with higher gusts. The course was NW-SW-SE-X. Finish order was Jim Chapman(U-20), Rick Matteis(Olson-25), Jack Ardrey (Tartan34), John Helmstadter(Catalina 22).

Sunday 10/9/2011 Plug was the only one on the race course on Sunday. Don't know if it was because of the Lost Bay Regatta, the Cruise to Perdido Bay, lots of other activities or the strong winds. Anyway, hope everyone had a good time doing what they were doing and will be back on the course next Sunday.


Sunday 10/16/2011 Another beautiful day. On the way out, the wind was NW at about 5, but it backed to West just prior to the start. In thinking that the wind would continue to back, the course was set as W - X - SW - X - E. The wind

did continue to back, but never got above 5. It took nearly two hours to complete the 5 mile course. Finishing order was: Andy Patterson, Dan Herzog, Rick Byrne, Rick Skinner, Jim Chapman, Jerry Hall, Rick Matteis, Mike Dubose (LFYC), John Bystricky.

Sunday 10/23/2011 70 degrees, wind W at 4 to 8 backing to SW. Course was W - S - E - X. Winners were Dan Herzog, Rick Skinner, Rick Matteis, Jack Ardrey, Mike Dubose, John, Helmstadter, Dick Davis (Hobbie 33)



If you are looking for some very nice FYC items for Christmas gifts, Pat Colvin has a number of items for sale in her office, including fleece vests, shirts (both long sleeve and short), caps, burgees, license plates and even some beautiful note cards. She has wine glasses and beer mugs with FYC logos. Pat can also have your own items monogrammed with the FYC logo.



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