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From the Bridge...

Stephen Middleton, Commodore



So here I am, less than a week into my term a commodore and missing my first deadline for the Scuttlebutt. Some New Year's resolutions will definitely be in order!

I have enjoyed the past season as Cruising Director and both Ann and I had a great time meeting and getting lots of help from so many people. It is based on that experience with the members of FPYC, that I am looking forward to serving as commodore, although not entirely sure what it entails.

My first official act is to extend thanks on behalf of the whole club to Brian and Ruby for their contribution over the past four years. It is an admirable record of hard work and hours dedicated to serving FPYC and its members and it is very much appreciated.

Secondly, I want to welcome and thank the 2015 Executive. I am fortunate and look forward to working with a great group of people who bring both experience and new perspectives. This is a combination that can help keep me out of trouble and challenge me to think about how to improve the way we do things.

Outside right now everything is snow-covered and it feels like winter is settling in for the long haul. Inside I am looking forward to the next sailing season and finally getting around to installing the solar panels I have been thinking about for the past few years.

In the meantime, Ann and I wish you all a great holiday season and I promise something epic and inspiring for the January Scuttlebutt...or maybe not.

Cheers and have a wonderful New Year!

Stephen



2015 Commodore's Ball

This year's Commodore's Ball was held at Jordan Harbour. We had a wonderful evening of music, fun and laughter along with some great food. It was wonderful to see how well our members 'clean up' and great everyone looked in their best attire. Thanks to Gerri for organizing and to Doug for providing a great soundtrack to a wonderful evening!





Special thanks to Paul Charles for providing these wonderful pictures



Annual General Meeting

The members of Fifty Point Yacht Club held their AGM on Sunday, November 23, 2014, at Ingledale House. The meeting was attended by 33 members who elected the following members to the 2015 FPYC Executive:

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Cindy Shrubb and Brian Sommers
Chris Almeida and Sue Millar
Gary Cooke
Gerri Waud
Dave Goede



Passing the Torch

By Brian Weber

If you did not attend our Annual General Meeting November 23 at Ingleddale House, you missed that Stephen Middleton was elected as Commodore. The official passing of the torch to Stephen was at the conclusion of the meeting.

So it has been for four not so long years, I move into the role of Past Commodore. Looking back, you wonder where the time has gone. Moving into the position of Commodore, I had a wish list of things I wanted to accomplish. Unfortunately, it became more of maintaining the status quo.

We have had so many great people on the Board over the years and they volunteer their time and expertise as well as a core group of dependable volunteers, who will always help. It is always great to see that many of the volunteers on the Board as well as volunteers represent all docks at FPYC.

Your 2015 Executive is comprised of members from C to J dock. Unfortunately at this time we do not have a volunteer on B or A dock, so please let Stephen know if you are willing to step forward and volunteer your time.

Over the past four years, we have truly been blessed by the addition of many new members who have taken an active participation in FPYC including some younger members who bring an entirely new perspective.

It should be noted that if FPYC could have ever been considered as an old boys club, we now have five ladies on the Board out of 12. Involvement by our lady members was a goal to add additional balance and ideas to the club.

Words cannot adequately express my gratitude to all those that help make the past four years easier as Commodore. I am looking forward to stepping back and helping out when, or if, it is required.

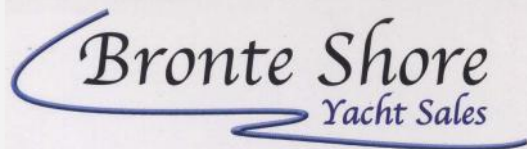




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Race Report December 2014

By Garry Cooke

At the AGM I decided to run again as the race director for the club in order to keep options available for members that wish to race. I believe that racing is a vital part of any yacht club. Racing provides an avenue to gain experience in all weather conditions, owners and crew learn how to handle the boat in many conditions and thus remove the anxiety about weather conditions while cruising. We hope to race in two different formats this year to cater for all people:

The first is a cruiser style 'pursuit' race. We will try and run these at least one Saturday a month and have a BBQ afterwards. The pursuit race is organized so that every boat has its own start time, in this way there will only be one type of boat crossing the start line at any one time, thus making it less congested at the start, without other boats being near.

The other format will be regular format racing on Tuesday evening with Newport YC.

We will also be doing some races during the club cruises for those that wish to participate, and the format for those will be discussed in the new year.

World Racing Events:

The big event underway at the moment is the Volvo Ocean Race. They are using a one design 65 foot sailboat this year, which is making the racing very close.

The fleet is currently in the Indian Ocean having just left Cape Town, heading for Abu Dhabi. I have been following the team SCA, who are unfortunately in last place at the moment. Team SCA is an all women team skippered by the well-known English sailor Sam Davies. Check out the website www.volvooceanrace.com.



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Christine's Galley



Loaded Cauliflower & Chicken Casserole

Ingredients

3 boneless, skinless chicken breasts cooked and cubed
2 head cauliflower
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8 ounces Monterey Jack cheese, shredded
1 bundle green onions, sliced
3 ounces bacon pieces (cooked)
1 garlic clove, minced
Salt & Pepper

Instructions

Preheat Oven 350
Steam cauliflower until tender
Combine cheeses in large bowl (remove 1/4 of cheese set aside for topping)
Stir chicken, onions, bacon, garlic into cheese
Stir cauliflower into cheese mixture and season with salt & pepper
Pour into 9 X 13 glass baking dish
Top with additional cheese
Cover with foil and bake 25 minutes
Remove foil and bake an additional 5 minutes, until cheese nice and brown

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Wind, Weather and Waves

By Doug Nixon

Colorado Low

Ever wonder what a “Colorado Low” is? Read on...

The Colorado Low is an area of lower pressure that develops in the vicinity of Colorado on the eastern side of the Rocky Mountains. The Colorado Low is the third most frequent synoptic system that influences the United States, trailing only the Alberta and North Pacific Lows. This storm system generally wreaks havoc on forecasters as it can bring an array of weather features and forecast challenges throughout the Southern Plains and the Upper Midwest before moving into the New England States. From heavy snow and torrential rains, to super-cell outbreaks and strong winds, this storm system has it all.

Generally, the Colorado Low is a re-development of a previous system that entered the west coast. Whether North Pacific or South Pacific Lows, these systems will typically dissipate as they move into and over the Rocky Mountains where rugged terrain in the mountains increases the friction leading to dissipation. The Bermuda High will allow for southerly flow to pump an influx of Gulf moisture into the southern plain states. Do not be fooled by the name of this system; this low doesn't necessarily have to develop in the state of Colorado. Many cases have shown that this system can form in the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles and possibly western Kansas. A precursor of the development of this low will be a trough that develops on the lee side of the Rocky Mountains.

The most typical track of the Colorado low is from western Kansas off to the Northeast towards the Great Lakes and southeastern Canada.



“Weather forecast for tonight : Dark”

George Carlin

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Pub Nights 2015

We would like to run pub nights again starting in the new year, so we are looking for members to share their knowledge, interests, experiences, pictures etc.

The group are getting tired of listening to me, so please contact one of the executive if you would like to share something with the club members.

If you are interested in sharing your expertise, or would like more information, please contact Garry Cooke



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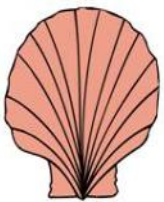
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