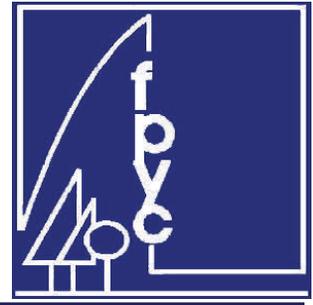


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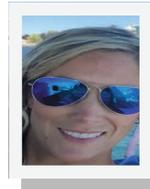
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From the Bridge...

Stephen Middleton, Commodore



This will be my final Scuttlebutt article “From the Bridge...” and I can say without any reservation that I have very much enjoyed serving as Commodore. I can also say with equal certainty that next year I plan to enjoy NOT serving as Commodore. This feels like exactly the right time to pass the baton (or maybe it should be “pass the batten” given the nautical theme?) I am looking forward to a very relaxed 2018, my first full year as a retiree.

Of all the commodore’s responsibilities, I consider maintaining our relationships with other yacht clubs and our good standing as part of the yacht club community as primary. This has been both a personal focus and a source of satisfaction. We know that the opportunity to visit other clubs, receive free mooring and enjoy the facilities, is considered the major FPYC benefit by a majority of members. We have worked hard to improve our relationships, in large part by removing the contentious restrictions in our reciprocal policy and simplifying the administration of the process. The first steps to simplify the policy and increase the number of slips available were taken before my term. Historically, the very limited number of reciprocal slips funded by the club and gas dock misunderstandings about eligibility have been a significant source of ill-feeling from other yacht club members. Today it is much simpler and more inclusive. We now provide a free night to any visiting yacht club member and have no restriction on the number of slips available - any vacant slip can be assigned by the gas dock staff.

Other complaints came from visiting boaters who, having to travel a fair distance to get to Fifty-Point, called to reserve a slip, only to find that this made them ineligible for a reciprocal mooring. Visitors with larger boats can now call to reserve and are encouraged to do so. For smaller boats reservations are not really necessary, but they can now call ahead to get confirmation from the marina that slips are indeed available. As a bonus, the opening-up of our policy, while eliminating significant sources of irritation, has not had any measurable effect on the cost of our program. The number of annual visitors has remained relatively consistent with an average of 330 per year over the past ten years. There are other steps that can be considered and one will be proposed at the AGM on November 19. Don’t miss it!

The other source of satisfaction and enjoyment in the Commodore’s role comes from the opportunity to work and celebrate with great people. So, thanks to all of you who have volunteered your time and contributed to our social and cruising events. The club could not continue without the people who just show-up and pitch-in. And a special thanks to the outgoing, continuing and incoming members of the board.

Finishing their terms as Board Members:

Jeff Shrubb—Treasurer

Cindy Shrubb—Membership

Bill Wickett—Social

Sue Millar—Cruising

Jayne Herring—Scuttlebutt/Communications

Continuing in their roles for 2018:

Betty Van Klink—Secretary

Kim Short—Social

Judie Galvin— Cruising

Heidi Kirk—Director at Large

Chris Pollard—Membership

...continued

From the Bridge...

New Board Members for 2018:

Karen Maddeaux—Treasurer

Dean Maddeaux—Membership

Deb Hauser—Scuttlebutt/Communications

Dave Spragge—Cruising

Peter Collins—Social

Board Members Changing Roles for 2018:

Jay Kirk—Vice-Commodore to Commodore

Stephen Middleton - Commodore to Past Commodore

Now there are a few things I need to note about these board changes:

Jayne is retiring from the board after 5 years. That is a lot of work producing a lot of issues of Scuttlebutt. On behalf of everyone out there a Great Big Thanks! As the list shows, Jayne is handing off the editing of Scuttlebutt to Deb Hauser; however, she will still be helping with email communications and announcements.

Jay is taking on the Commodore's role. I know he is wondering what he is getting himself into. Been there, felt that. I will be around as Past Commodore. My take on this role is that I will be there to advise, opine, or provide historical context when asked. Otherwise the objective is not to get in the way. I expect someone will let me know if I do.

I have just looked back at my first article, written for the December 2014 edition. It opens with the sentence, "So here I am, less than a week into my term as commodore and missing my first deadline for the Scuttlebutt." Maybe the slow start was a factor in my taking three years to complete a two year term? Possibly, but it could also just be due to my slowing down as I get older. Still, it feels good to know I got this one in on time.

As a finishing year, 2017 turned out to be very memorable. "The year of the really high water!" A year to stick in the mind, unless of course it is supplanted by "the year of the really, really high water." Going forward, there will continue to be challenges in maintaining good relations between yacht clubs and a significant ongoing challenge, in common with all clubs, in attracting the next generation of members. What the next steps look like, what direction FPYC takes, I leave in the capable hands of the incoming Commodore and Board. Who knows, maybe in future this column will be replaced by the TWEET from the Bridge, complete with all the fake news you need to know. SAD. I hope not but as they say, "Que sera, sera." OMG! Now I'm quoting a Doris Day song from 1956. Definitely time to go...

Stephen

Thanks for the Memories...

It has been my pleasure to produce our club newsletter since December 2012. I have placed the front covers of some of the past issues on this month's edition of Scuttlebutt.

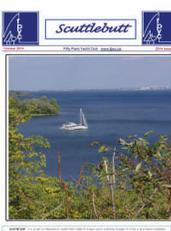
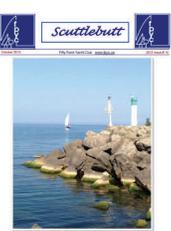
I have enjoyed getting to know many of you and making my own contribution to FPYC...the best club on the lake!

I am thrilled to announce that Deb Hauser (Ohana, D43) has stepped forward to volunteer and will take the helm on Scuttlebutt. I know that she will do an amazing job and I look forward to reading future issues of our newsletter from Deb.

A special thank-you to club members who provided me with articles, photographs, or words of encouragement over the years.

I'll see you around the marina...

Jayne



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

FPYC

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH

2:00 P.M.

Ingledale House

Please plan on attending—we need your input!

*Welcome to your new
Communications Director—Deb Hauser!*



Deb & Troy Hauser (Ohana, D43)



Follow along with our FPYC club members on their travels!

Click on the word [BLOG](#) below to go to each site...

Steve & Lise Denison (Boat—GaYa)
'GaYa on the Move'

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Boat is on the hard in Florida.

Al & Laurie Pollard (Boat—Needfull Things)
'Needfull Things'

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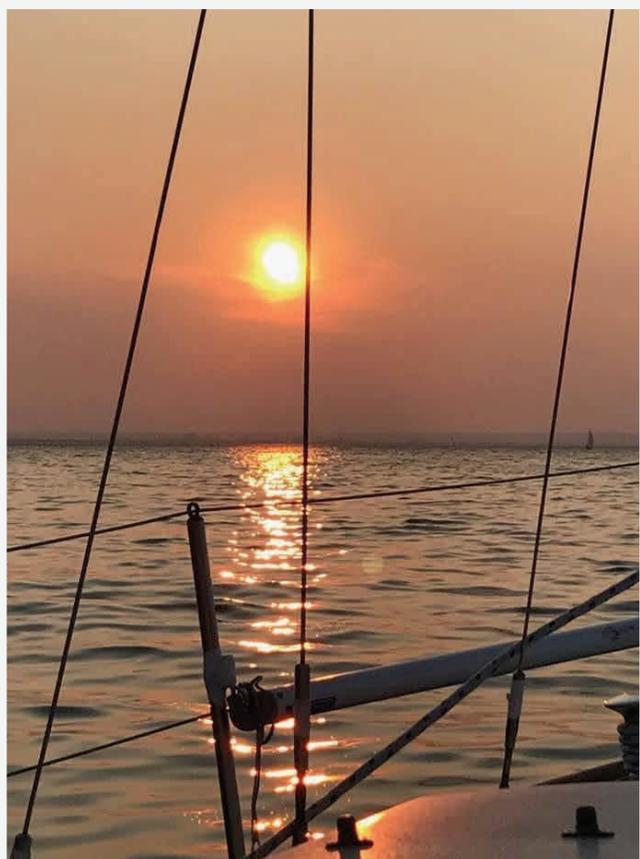
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John, Kathryn, Simon & Wavey Middleton (Boat—Nahanni V)
'Nahanni V At Sea'

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Waiting for dark on July 1st—Photo by Jayne Herring



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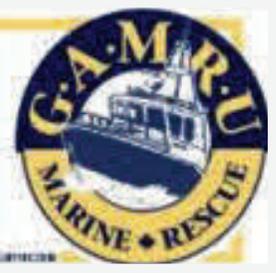
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