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Newsletter

Our Most *Colorful* Event! **The May Kentucky Derby Party**



From Your Commodore



It's August already? Where has the summer gone? Hope you are enjoying this exceptionally warm season and have participated in several of the great FSYC events already in the books. Many more are still to come.

This year, more than ever, we say a big thank you to Willis Carrier, the inventor of air conditioning in 1902.

August, September and October are great boating months. The river usually behaves and the temps seem to moderate. Fleet Captain, Bob Ware, has planned several upcoming offshore events for the club. Please plan to participate and enjoy the river breezes.

Several of our members are having fun by taking our club's burgee with them while traveling around the country and the world. They are taking photos of themselves holding up the burgee in front of places of interest. If you wish to participate, please email your photos to us and we will post them on our website on "The Traveling Burgee" page.

Our in harbor events are more popular than ever. This is due to great event planning on the part of our event hosts and members looking for a good value for their recreation dollar. It's amazing what "better" TGIF buffets, beers, wines, pastries and coffee can do for attendance.

Speaking of attendance, we are sure you know we are busting at the seams at the Clubhouse/Patio and we are exploring ideas to potentially expand our facility and add more space. We will keep you posted on this topic.

In closing, we hope you are having a fun summer at Four Seasons and enjoying all that the Yacht Club and the Marina have to offer.

See you on the docks!

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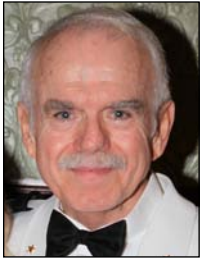


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From the Vice Commodore



We have two new Sponsors this issue: **Don ShROUT's Nationwide Insurance Agency**. Don and Betty's son is a real professional. I have insured my boats for 30 years with Nationwide and can tell you they are very competitive.

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Maintenance Issues: Sometimes we get to the boat and despite our best preventive maintenance, something isn't working right. We are lucky to have a plethora of sponsor's that can help us. For parts and accessories of all kinds, see **Lodders Marine, Hern Marine, and The Ships Store**. Having run the Great Loop, I can tell you that our Ship's Store is the best I have ever seen. **Battery Giant and Geo. Hust Co.** sell batteries. Geo. Hust Co. also sells or repairs alternators, starter, trim tab motors and more. For outboard motor sales and service see **Allcraft Marine** –just down the street on Kellogg. For engine/transmission/shaft alignment problems, call Past Commodore Glenn Feilhauer at **Queen Engineering**. Glenn repaired the crane/davit on DancingBaehr. Glenn is expert at most mechanical repairs. It's HOT.. A/C not working? Call Carl at **Dockside Air**. Canvas torn ? Call **Huber Auto and Boat Tops**. If you need shrinkwrap this winter, call **M & T Services**. Our Sponsors that can repair just about anything include Gary Hill's **Eastern Hills Auto and Marine**, 28 years experience ; Jeff Leeke's **PPP ON-SITE MARINE SERVICE**, in his 26th season; and the BIG shops of **WASHINGTON MARINE** and **FLERLAGE/ SEARAY** - these two have been servicing boats since they dug the river.

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Safe Boating

Captain Bill Baehr - FSYC Vice Commodore
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From the Fleet Captain



Attention Captains and Deck Hands! Spring has sprung and gone and the heat index is well over 100 degrees. This is River Rat weather. Put on your personal floatation device and jump in. The hot temperatures just make the cold beverages that much more

refreshing. Plan a cruise, load up on fuel, ice, snacks and, of course the fun. E-mail me your Summer Adventure on the River and I will send you a sticker "Ohio River Rat". Send your stories to fastbuck410@yahoo.com.

Hard to believe but we are halfway through our Yacht Club season. May 26th was the 'Annual Fishing Tournament'. A record crowd of anglers, young and old reeled in over 80 fish. Small, large and a turtle see the story in this issue. On June 2nd we had the annual 'Blessing of the Fleet'. Thanks go to Tom and Linda Aultz for a job well done. Once again the Gods have casted good fortune upon all who participated.

'Boat Photo Day' came with a big splash. A beautiful day for this new event saw 14 boaters having action shots and video taken of their boat. This will be bigger and better in the years to come. One good idea would be to use your boat photo on your Christmas card to share with family and friends. Thanks go to Bill and Jo Baehr. Great idea and a great job, well done.

On water Upcoming events: Aug. 4th Beach Party, Riverbend Concerts, New Richmond River Days, Labor Day Fireworks, Smith's Camp Overnight, Docktoberfest Zinzinnati and The Great Fall Raft-up. "Go Have Fun!"

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From the Rear Commodore



When the weather is really hot I have found that it is best to be out on the river early in the morning as soon as the sun comes up. There is no-one on the river, it is quiet and this makes it possible to actually notice nature instead of noticing the boats, their associated wakes, or their various um...

"bow" ornaments.

Peace and quiet is nice; I typically walk to the front of the boat, toss in the anchor then head back to the stern and lounge in the nice wicker chair that my wife purchased. Last week I watched a deer head down to the river bank and then swim all of the way across the river. I did not realize that deer could swim. This deer left Ohio and swam all of the way to Kentucky. I thought about calling someone in Frankfort to let them know about the deer's change in residence.

Every once in a while you can hear a fish jump out of the water. The splash even wakes up my dog who is usually lounging on her foam mattress securely tied to a cleat. I wonder briefly if the fish jumped out of the water in a desperate attempt to relieve himself for a second from the toxic waste in the water, or if it was just for fun. Since today there are no fumes or foam on the surface I assume the later reason is correct.

Well it's been about 10 minutes that I have been enjoying nature and it is starting to get a little boring. I start thinking about the wicker chair. It was comfortable at first, but now it is starting to bother my back. I shift in the chair to relieve the pressure. The chair is not really wicker; it is molded to look like wicker. It's a good thing I guess wicker would not last long in the hot summer sun. Now I am wondering about the equipment that would be needed to mold a plastic part of this size. I never considered it until now, but the tool for a part this big must be enormous! I finally get out of the chair, and flip it over in an attempt to locate the witness marks that would indicate how the tool opened to eject the part.

OK the nature crap is over, and now it's starting to get a little hot so I look for my coast guard approved foam noodle and jump in the water with the dog. OK that's better I can relax again. The water feels pretty good early in the morning, there is not much current and it is easy to swim around the boat for a quick inspection. From this perspective the boat looks like a cruise ship. Her sides stay pretty clean since the birds and the spiders haven't figured out a way to poop on a vertical surface.

Next I reach underneath the boat to inspect the nature that is taking place on the boat's bottom. There is a forest of green goo growing down there. It is spoiling the smoothed contour of the boats hull robbing the vessel of performance wasting fuel and reducing my top speed. I hate nature.

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Boat Photo Day

14 proud boat owners had action photos and movies taken on June 23rd by hosts Bill & Jo Baehr, video by Jo's son Jeff Aubrey and photos by their friend Rod Therien.

The movies and pics will soon be on the Club's website.



Pizza & The Great Loop Photo Presentation

On August 6th, Bill & Jo Baehr presented a summary slide presentation of their 5-month, 6100 mile Great Loop cruise from 2003 & 2004.

Approximately 20 members enjoyed the show at the Clubhouse.



Mini Boat Races

The Mini Boat races were held at the Clubhouse July 28th. Jacob Woeste's big R/C was really "FAST" and Tyler Sander's R/C Cruiser was "COOL". Capt Bill's 1948 Sailboat was predictably "SLOW" but went a loooong way.

But look at the pics of those "mini cheerleaders". They are really cute!



The Blessing of the Fleet

Saturday, June 2, 2012 - All boaters were welcomed to join this annual event. Our host, Captain Tom Aultz and his first mate, Linda cruised their boat Serendipity down river to St. Rose Church where they set anchor. Our Club Chaplain, Reverend Dean Griffith and his wife Carol broadcasted the ceremony for all to hear on VHF radio. As the flotilla of boaters cruised by Serendipity, Chaplain Dean Griffith blessed each boat and their crew.

This centuries-old Italian Rite calls on Divine Providence to safeguard ships and crews from the dangers of the waters. The ceremony was also to ensure that the Captains would return to port and have good fortune. This blessing was essential to commerce and pleasure craft, plus ensured the safety of the boats as they travelled to and from the harbor.

Many thanks go to Chaplain Dean Griffith and his wife Carol for all the many years blessing our fleet. The Four Seasons Yacht Club salutes you both. Thank You.

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Women In Boating

Captain Tracy Cole hosted Women in Boating on July 21st with Captain Tom Aultz giving an excellent Yacht Club and Ohio River history presentation. Then, the ladies rode 'Dancing Baehr' down to lunch at Riverside Four. Thirteen pretty ladies enjoyed the pretty weather.



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Health and Welfare



July has been designated as national air conditioner appreciation month. It just so happens that we have Willis Haviland Carrier, the Father of Cool, to thank for the invention of air-conditioning.

This brilliant man from Cornell University invented the chill making machine in 1902 – and we certainly needed it in July 2012. More than once I witnessed empty docks due to the July heat wave...and August doesn't look to be much better.

So as the outside temperature continues to increase this may be a good time to remind everyone of the importance of food safety.

There are really only 2 rules for food safety

Rule 1... Keep hot foods hot (140 degrees)

Rule 2....Keep cold foods cold (40 degrees or lower)

I've uncovered these simple guidelines for food safety and would like to share them with you.

Plan ahead: decide what you are going to eat and how you are going to cook it; then plan what equipment you will need.

Pack safely: use an insulated cooler or pack foods that have been frozen.

Never bring meat or poultry products without a cold source to keep them safe.

If using a cooler, leftover food is safe only if the cooler still has ice in it. Otherwise, discard leftover food.

Keep raw foods separate from other foods.

Protect yourself and your family by washing your hands before and after handling food.

Following these common sense guidelines will ensure that you and your friends will be safe when you share your next meal together.

Sherill Pattison - FSYC Health & Welfare Committee
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Recipes

Here are two recipes that are both light and refreshing... enjoy.

BLT Pasta Salad

<http://allrecipes.com/recipe/blt-pasta-salad/photo-gallery.aspx>

Ingredients

1 (7oz.) pkg rotini pasta, cooked and drained
8 slices of bacon, cooked and crumbled
1 cup Mayonnaise
1/4 cup of lemon juice (dont be afraid to use this much, it's ok, I promise)
2 teaspoons of sugar
1 large tomato, seeded and chopped
1/4 cup of green onion, chopped
2 teaspoons chicken flavored instant bouillon
4 cups lettuce, thinly sliced
salt and pepper

Directions

Combine and enjoy.



The Mojito

<http://allrecipes.com/recipe/the-real-mojito/photo-gallery.aspx>

Ingredients

10 fresh mint leaves
1/2 lime, cut into 4 wedges
2 tablespoons white sugar,
or to taste
1 cup ice cubes
1 1/2 fluid ounces white
rum
1/2 cup club soda

Directions

Place mint leaves and 1 lime wedge into a sturdy glass. Use a muddler to crush the mint and lime to release the mint oils and lime juice. Add 2 more lime wedges and the sugar, and muddle again to release the lime juice. Do not strain the mixture. Fill the glass almost to the top with ice. Pour the rum over the ice, and fill the glass with carbonated water. Stir, taste, and add more sugar if desired. Garnish with the remaining lime wedge.



Membership Committee



The first run of plastic membership cards have been ordered, received and delivered to our members. Thank you to Dock Captains Tom Adams, Jim Sutliff, Tom Woeste and Rob Sander for helping hand out some of the cards. The cards that were not hand delivered have been mailed. A second run of plastic cards for those who renewed/joined after the June 30th cut-off date will be ordered soon and mailed out immediately upon receipt.

Thanks also to Tom & Linda Aultz for re-organizing the badge boards with me and to Nell Witherby for re-organizing the Bridge & Dock Captain badge board. They are now in alphabetical order across the boards. (See the photos in this Newsletter.) Thanks to Mary Alice Koch for helping me re-organize the badges after the last TGIF! Bob Ware donated a large magnetic white board which greatly increased our badge board capacity. Thanks Bob!

>>> PLEASE HELP US KEEP THE BADGES <<<
>>> IN ALPHA ORDER <<<

A BIG THANKS to our members who recruited new members this year! This is the best way to increase membership. Keep spreading the news that FSYC is the best value for entertainment in Cincinnati!

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Fishing Tournament

The 3rd Annual FSYC Fishing Tournament was held Saturday, May 26, 2012. Approximately 45 enjoyed a day of fishing, prizes, and catered lunch at the Clubhouse.

A total of 85 fish were caught that day (plus 1 turtle). All were released and returned safely to the marina waters. Awards went to Jacob Woeste for the Biggest Fish (a 32" gar), Aeryka Merritt for the Smallest Fish (4 3/4"), Zack Hartman for the Most Fish Ages 12 & under (caught 13), and Cameron Roesel for the Most Fish Ages over 12 (caught 13).

This year's catch count was the highest ever with 85 fish and 1 turtle. In comparison, 27 was the count in 2011 (high water year) and 63 in 2010. The biggest fish hit an all time record this year at 32" compared to 18" in 2011 and 17 1/2" in 2010. The smallest this year was also a new record at 4 3/4" compared to 6 1/2" in 2011 and 5 5/8" in 2010. With the most fish caught by one angler in each age group coming in at 13 this year, we were down a bit from the record of 20 set in 2010.



Attendance has ranged from 45 this year to 50 in 2011 and 40 in 2010, so this continues to be a great event.

A huge thank you goes out to those yacht club members who donated prizes for the random drawings. Everyone in attendance had a chance to win Reds tickets, a fish pillow, and an awesome chocolate fish!

These prizes were over and above the trophies and fishing-related prizes won by those named earlier. A great time was had by all. Looking forward to next year.....plenty of time between now and then to practice the perfect cast!

Tom Woeste



Pizza & Jammin'

Our tummys were full of pizza and our ears were filled with music August 3rd at the Clubhouse. Host VC Bill Baehr started the evening singing college drinking songs and then we were all saved by Rear Commodore Phil Mayleben who brought his guitar and got us mellow with 60's & 70's classic smooth songs. Then, "Bear" Jim England got us roaring and laughing with "I Used to Work in Chicago". It was a memorable night.



Work like a Captain, Play like a Pirate!

Pizza and Boats I've Owned

June 8th at the clubhouse we enjoyed Pizza and historic photos. And we saw a neat wooden model of Capt Tim Koch's first boat. Tim made the model but he and his father actually made the real boat of plywood when Tim was a teen. Capt Bill Baehr had a photo of his first boat which was only as long as the beam of his current boat. Now that's progress. Capt Norma Buckner had photos and literature going back to her families boats.

When you're a boating fanatic it's all very cool.



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Treasurer



Dear FSYC Members:

What a great summer we are having, the river is perfect, hot but that is why we have boats.

First and foremost I would like to thank all of the Dock Captains and event Host for all of their hard work with their events so far this year. I am very happy to report that all of our events have been under budget. This is no easy task as everyone knows that these event budgets are very tight. Every Host has done an outstanding job. Please show your appreciation for their hard work with a "Thank you".

I am also happy to report that the Club is in good financial shape as we have met our membership goal for the year. As you may know we base our operating budget on the number of members for the clubs operating capital.

Thanks to Jo Baehr, Membership Chairperson, for all of her hard work with recruiting new members and working on those renewals.

Happy Boating!

Brenda Adams - FSYC Treasurer
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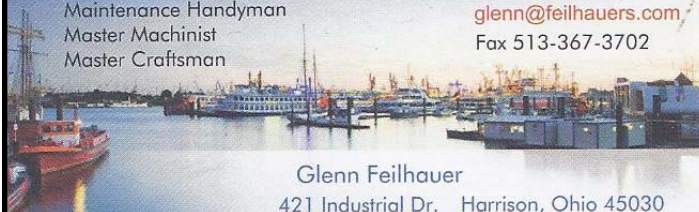
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Quartermaster



The 2012 Boating season is well into summer. All with the clubhouse is fine. The new choices for beer seem to be to everybody's enjoyment. We as a club can sure go through it. All of the events this year are being very well attended.

Breakfast is going good, all the dock captains like having the donuts delivered. We all need extra sleep after most Friday nights.

A very special Thank You to Gary Weber of A-Dock. Gary has been graciously donating All the coffee to the clubhouse this year. Thanks to Tom Dalton who brings us water each week from his home so the marina's water will not spoil Gary's Wallingford Coffee. Thank You to Captain Mike Garrity for power washing the clubhouse and back deck.

Remember to have someone take your towels home to be cleaned after your event. If you need anything special, please feel free to contact me at any time. A quote from a famous First Officer once said, the needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few or the one. Can you guess who this First Officer is.

Thanks again!

Tom Adams - FSYC Quartermaster
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A-Dock News

Summer is in full swing and so it seems is A-Dock. Yes we are the place to be. Only 2 or 3 boat slips left open this year. We have a lot of new people on our dock, as well as new boats and even a few new dogs.

Thanks to all for your help with our TGIF party. Still looking for a assistant dock captain. I am going on 5 years and have other responsibilities within the club.

Remember to keep it safe out there. Not much else for now.

Tom Adams
Compromise A-52
"A" Dock Captain

B-Dock News

What a great way to start a new boating season! It's nice to see all the new people on the docks. Looks like quite a few new faces have arrived from Manhattan Harbor as well as other corners of the world. We welcome you all and hope you join our fun filled yacht club.

Speaking of fun, B-Dock had our first annual progressive dock party in June. Thanks to fellow dock captain Rob Sander and his lovely first mate, Kris for initiating the event. We started with shots of Patron and ended with "pudding shots" Great food was prepared and a great time was had by all. Thanks to all fellow B-Dockers for your participation. For some of the B-Dock folks, it was their first venture to out to Brown County (B-105). We did anoint our newest member into the FSYC swim team prior to the event, congrats go out to Gary B. Watch for him in your next Olympic swim event-he is definitely gold medal material.

As of this writing we are planning on departing this weekend with fellow boaters from D-Dock traveling down to Smugglers Cove for some fun, relaxation and great food at Ruby's Steakhouse located inside Belterra. Who knows, maybe one of us will win enough money to pay for fuel so we can return home.

See you all on the docks soon.

Tom Woeste
B Dock Captain

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C-Dock News

The best NEWS from C Dock is that Peggy Murray, Bill Murray and Dennis Stautihar are on the mend from medical issues. A big thank you goes to Wayne Shannon and his buddies for providing us with beautiful music at the C-Dock "Big Easy" TGIF. Undertaker" has moved up to a larger boat and Capt's Tracey Cole and Gregg Tepe continue with the remodeling of their "Kings Craft".

Submitted by Jo Baehr, Dancing Baehr C-044



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D-Dock News

Summer came fast, and D-Dock has been making the most of it. Things got underway with the customer appreciation event at the Sandbar. Several members secured tables, and many D-Dockers crowded around. Nell kept us in stock on the elusive chicken wings, and Jason was sure to tip the wait staff to keep the beers coming. It may have been cheaper just to buy them, but we won't tell him that. We also had our fist member of year to join the Four Seasons swim club, not once but twice in the same night. Although Chris was the first, our own dock captain Dave quickly followed. I am told that no adult beverages were involved; maybe it was a training exercise. Other than the occasional pet, our own dog Port and neighbor Rigel included, the swim club has slowed down, although we are always on the watch for new members.



With the river and weather cooperating, people have been using their boats. Many have been out to the popular anchor and swim spots at Ross and the beach across from Coney Island. Some have been downtown watching the Friday night fireworks after the Reds games, or just outside Riverbend hoping to hear one of the many concerts. One boat even brought a stray channel marker back, right Mikey? Fourth of July proved to be one of the hottest weeks this summer, with temperatures in the high nineties and heat index in excess of 100. The heat still could not deter Captains Dalton and Scherer from leading an armada of boats, or should I say yachts to Manchester Islands for a week at anchor. It is a coin flip for which



used more fuel, the engines or the generators which ran non-stop. We went in the other direction to stay at Turtle Creek for a few days with the Hyde's and even Mike Trainer making the trip. Except for a short stop to fix some steering lineage on Hyde-n-Sea, and to add some oil on Rosie's Boy, all went well.



Jerry and Gail Ault fired up their pristine Searay and hosted a group for Aquapaloosa. The weather held out, and a good time was had by all aboard; Witherby, Kruse, Feldhaus, Allerding, Atwood, and Boyle. It is hard to believe that not one of our 14 poker hands made the

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D-Dock News (continued)

leader board, but Jerry won 1st choice of the captain's prizes. We will look for him walking up and down the dock when it is raining, modeling his new umbrella. The July D-Dock TGIF party seemed to be enjoyed by



everyone, or at least for the several people who have commented to me. The food was good and the Margaritas were a big hit. Thanks again to Melanie and Cheri for supplying the machines and to all of those who helped setup, serve and cleanup. We are now looking forward to enjoying the remaining TGIF's.



As I write this, it dawns on me that summer is half over. It is nice to know that there are still several activities planned for the back half of the summer. There is a group consisting of: Gail Force, Nauti DogII, Whatever She Sez, and Absolutely heading to Smuggler's cove as I write this.



I am sure there will be a few stories to hear when they get back. Jimmy Buffet is coming soon and several D-Dockers are already strategically planning their anchor locations.



The Labor Day fireworks are not far away either, and always prove to be an eventful day. I am hoping that this year's raft will be as nice as or better than last years.



Fireworks 2011 (D-Dock)

I am optimistic that the weather and river will cooperate for the rest of the summer.

Pat Boyle

Education Committee



RIVER SWEEP 2012

Our 2012 River Sweep, sponsored by ORSANCO, was a great success again this year. There were no unusual discoveries this year, although the kids had a great time investigating fish skeletons and the skull of an unknown creature.

We came back with the usual assortment of tires (where do they come from?) soccer, basket and base balls, and lots and lots of cans and plastic, filling close to 100 trash bags.

We were able to clean up from the mouth of our harbor almost to the mouth of the Little Miami. The closer we got to the Little Miami, the more trash was found, making it somewhat apparent that the majority of the trash in the Ohio river comes from it's tributaries.



The good news is that, as in years past, we are finding less trash.

ADOPT-A-STREAM

The organization Rivers Unlimited, of which FSYC is a member, is holding their annual clean up of the lower Little Miami on August 11.



ADOPT-A-STREAM (continued)

Their Adopt-A-Stream program is modeled after the Adopt-a-Highway program and enlists organizations such as scout groups, church groups and outdoor related businesses to continually monitor and clean portions of the Little and Great Miami rivers.



FSYC is the first club to adopt a portion of the Ohio river and as a follow up to River Sweep we will do a minor clean up at a date to be announced, probably on the 25th right after Coffee and Doughnuts. Contact me at tim.koch@fuse.net if you want more information about the Little Miami clean up on the 11th.

MINI COURSE

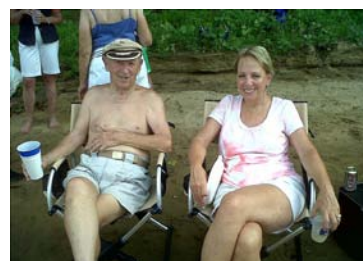
The education committee has held two mini courses thus far this season. The first covered Boating apps, and generated a lot of interest and information about the topic. One thing I came away with is, as in everything, you get what you pay for. You might want to avoid free or inexpensive apps in favor of an app that has a solid organization behind it. Our second was a round table discussion that touched on many topics, not the least of which was fixed fire extinguishing systems on boats. For all of you out there with these systems it is important to have your equipment properly inspected by a qualified technician every few years so that you can be certain that it will work if you ever need it.

Our third and final mini course will be held on August 11th and will focus on preventative maintenance and "what do I do if....." scenarios. We hope to get a couple FSYC members to lend us their expertise and show us the ropes.

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Beach Party

Fleet Captain Bob Ware and June Harrison once again hosted this event. This year's Beach Party – Dinghy Races saw a dozen boats plus lots of "Sea-Doo's". The day was filled with food, races & games. We'll report the winners in the next issue as we are pushing this article in at publishing deadline, just to show you the photos



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