



September – October 2014

# HARBOUR HEADLINES



## Extension of Our Harbour Entrance Jetties Continues

Starting in September, the Association will be adding another 100 feet to the North and South Jetties at the entrance to the Harbour. Based on a study conducted 6 years ago, extending the jetties should diminish shoaling in the channel and reduce the need to dredge the channel in the future, thereby allowing Association funds to address other projects. Construction should be completed before the end of November which will provide ample time for the Association to evaluate the depth of the channel in the Spring.

## Annual Fire Inspection

The Colington Harbour Association passed its annual fire inspection of all its common property elements with no violations. As a reminder, please be careful and never discard lit cigarettes out your car window.



## Covenant Revisions are in the Final Stages

The August 15th deadline for comments from property owners on the Covenant Revisions has passed. The Board is now reviewing comments and making adjustments, as necessary. Following legal review, the Covenant Revisions will then be presented to all property owners for review, consideration and eventually vote at a Special Meeting of the Association. Of note, the Revisions must be approved by a majority vote of property owners to be adopted.

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A native of Richmond, Virginia, Jennifer and her husband, Jay Sylvia, relocated in the late 80's to enjoy the Outer Banks lifestyle. They have been Colington Harbour residents for 15 years and enjoy boating, fishing, water sports and watching the sunsets with their two sons.

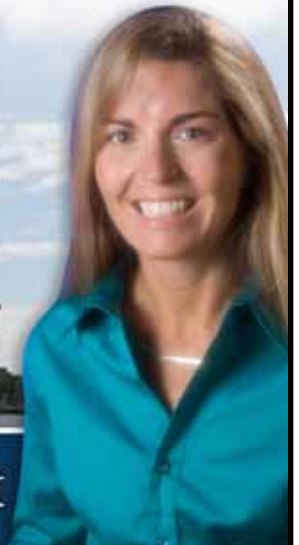
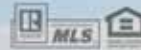
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## Fiduciary Know-How

The mere mention of fiduciary responsibility may scare some homeowners away from Board service, but it shouldn't. Managing the association's finances is one of the Board's most important duties, but it doesn't have to be complicated.

Fiduciary duty means protecting assets, budgeting responsibly, planning for the future, investing wisely and observing laws and regulations that affect association resources. Fiduciary duty requires the Board to ensure that the assessments you pay are used properly to maintain the community and cover insurance, contracted services, utilities and other needed materials and services. The board is obligated to make ethical and legal decisions that best serve the entire association.

*Board members fulfill their fiduciary duty by:*

- **Establishing and adhering to a budget.** A good budget is developed through an objective, step-by-step process based on historical data and careful research.
- **Reviewing financial statements regularly.** The statements include a balance sheet, budget comparison report, income report, check registry and more.
- **Putting policies in place to reduce the risks of fraudulent activity.** These include, for example, requiring two signatures on checks, not signing blank checks and sending payment only when an invoice is received.
- **Hiring an accounting firm to perform an annual audit.** An auditor will look for missing check numbers, missing bank statements, duplicate payments, payments to unfamiliar vendors or suspicious journal entries.
- **Adopting an investment policy.** A good investment policy protects principal, liquidity and yield.
- **Conducting a reserve study and updating it regularly.** A reserve study identifies the expected remaining life of each major component, estimates the cost to replace it and the amount that should be saved on a monthly or annual basis.



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## 2014 Colington Harbour Sailing Regatta

**The Awards Dinner will be downstairs at The Clubhouse. Tickets necessary.**

September 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Colington Yacht Club members and others from our community will welcome sailboats and their crews from Edenton, Osprey and Pasquotank River Yacht Clubs.

Events include a Friday Evening supper at the Pavilion in the Park, followed by Breakfast and Race registration early Saturday morning at the same place.

Colington Harbour beach front or a boat near the beach are two great places to view the competition. Races will be divided into several different classes.

Anyone wishing to take part officially is asked to e-mail Snafoo92@yahoo.com Secretary CYC who will forward to the Fleet Captain, Jason Hathcock, and Greg Florence, Commodore of the Colington Yacht Club.

Albemarle Challenge Cup won last year by Colington Yacht Club



  
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## Colington Youth Sailing Culminates in Regatta

The Youth Regatta was held during a break in the weather, Saturday, August 2, 2014, followed by the awards picnic. After a four week training program, fifteen of the 2014 Camp sailed in three classes; Senior Optimist, Junior Optimist, and Sunfish.

Joe Roberts, Chris Roberts, and Will Roepke finished first, second and third respectively in senior Optimist. Owen McCall, Grace Woerner, and Henry Yerk were the first, second, and third finishers in Junior Optimist class. In the Sunfish races, Amelia Hildebrandt and Chris Roberts finished first and second. Third place went to the team of Drew Whitehead and Will Roepke.

The program is supported by volunteers from Colington Yacht Club and the community, with boathouse space donated by Colington Harbour



Association. Two US Sail Certified Instructors, Al Douglass, and Allan Norton, along with fourteen adults, provide instruction and support to youngsters aged 8 to 15, using ten Optimist sailing dinghies and six Sunfish sailboats. The boats are maintained through the efforts of many CYC members, and

generous support of our advertisers; Bill's Marine, Colington School House, Woodson Dentistry, Soles Reality, High Cotton Barbeque, Duck Donuts, Towne Bank and Dominion Power.

The program also includes The Don and Louise Dow Wednesday Night Youth Sail in CYC members' sailboats, called "the Big Boats," by the young sailors.



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## Colington Fire Department

### Need For Active Volunteer Firefighters Increases

The Colington Volunteer Fire Department has a great need for firefighters as well as folks to help out in non-emergency roles. Did you know that your fire department relies heavily on volunteers? Even though we now have a small force of career firefighters on duty, we are always looking for folks interested in becoming trained as firefighters. We are able to work with you to ensure you get the training you need. If you are at least 18 years old and willing to serve your fellow citizens as a firefighter, the Colington Volunteer Fire Department is looking for you. From folks new to the community, to life-long Colington area residents, if you've got the time to dedicate to your community we'd love to have you. Previous experience is not necessary. Training and equipment are provided free of charge, and all firefighters are covered by Workers Comp insurance. All firefighters must have a valid NC Drivers License, High School Diploma or G.E.D. or be currently enrolled in school.

Volunteer firefighters are tasked with responding to calls for service, helping maintain equipment and attending training regularly. All costs are covered by the department, including insurance and even a state retirement program for 20 years of service. We provide everything you will need, including personal protective equipment and thorough training, to become a competent and safe firefighter.

Our firefighters also respond to non-fire incidents such as medical calls, traffic crashes, extrication, searches, boating incidents, environmental hazards and yes, even an occasional cat in the tree call. Firefighters trained in emergency medical care have even been responsible for saving lives in our community before our colleagues from EMS arrive.

Volunteers receive no pay, but you will enjoy the emotion of being a part of a great community organization. And knowing that you contributed to saving a life or protecting a person's home is a priceless feeling. You may be eligible for a \$250 NC tax deduction by actively volunteering as a firefighter.

Honestly, fighting fires isn't for everybody, but we truly have a need for able-bodied folks. Firefighters must be able to do the tasks related to firefighting and that work can be physically exhausting and is strenuous at times, including wearing breathing apparatus. There is a time commitment as well with minimum attendance and training required. Volunteer firefighters also serve another valuable role in the community by being active in training and response, it saves everyone money! If there aren't enough active volunteers, more money would be needed to hire additional career staff. Volunteering directly saves the community money. In fact, our community insurance rating is affected by several

factors and having enough folks respond to fires is a big one. More information on how you can help is available by contacting the fire station at (252) 441-6234, or drop by for a visit and see first-hand how you can fill a valuable role in this community.

What about non-emergency activities? Can I still help? If going into burning buildings isn't something you want to try, we still have room for you. The CVFD also has a dedicated Rehab unit that responds to structure fires. These folks are regular department members, but there is no firefighting duty. They attend trainings and operate alongside of the firefighters, filling a valuable role on the fire ground getting the crews ready to go back into action. We also have a need in our Support Group. While not actual members of the fire department, these valuable Community Volunteers help out behind the scenes on non-operational activities like fundraising, such as our weekly BINGO games, annual dinners, preparing our annual fundraising letter and a lot more. Fundraising is the cornerstone of our Support Group. There are no training or attendance requirements for Support. The folks that help us out with these tasks are a big asset to us and the community. Even if you can only help the Support Group a couple of days a month, we are happy to have you. More information is available by contacting the fire station at (252) 441-6234, or drop by for a visit.

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## Community Watch Report Crime Report - August, 2014

**Clipper Ct.:** Noise disturbance, loud music

**Colington Dr.:** Four-wheeler on roadway

**Harbour Rd.:** Pyrotechnics

**Kitty Hawk Bay Dr.:** Improperly parked vehicle

**Outrigger Dr.:** Noise, barking dogs

**Soundview Dr.:** Attempted breaking and entering of a  
motor vehicle (nothing taken)

**Colington Dr.:** Neighbor reported a suspicious looking  
moving van at a house that no one was supposed to be  
home at. Later discovered to be a family moving their  
son to college. Everything was OK, good job on the  
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