

FISHERS ISLAND FOG HORN

OCTOBER 2018



News and Information about
Fishers Island, NY

48TH H.O.G. TOURNAMENT

The 48th H.O.G. was held at the Fishers Island Club to benefit the Island Health Project on Sunday, September 2, 2018. The net proceeds from the tournament support medical care for all Fishers Island residents and visitors. With a Shotgun Start at 10:30 am, the 23 teams traversed the course, took on 'lawn game' challenges and had a beautiful day. As Golf Pro Dan Colvin remarked, "With 23 total teams it was a very healthy H.O.G.!" Many thanks go to this year's co-chairs Bob and Margaret Warden, the many volunteers and the FIC. Golf teams of six are encouraged to dress up and have fun in the H.O.G. (Harbor Open Golf).

2018 HOG Results – Parade: 10 teams perform in the annual parade. These are this year's prize winners!



2018 HOG Results – Tournament

- **Long Drive** Jack Foyle
- **Closest to the Pin** Nishan Vartanian
- **Bartol Award** Tom duPont
- **Net Golf 1st** Teddy Harrington, Chris Edwards, PB Weymouth, Kent Sednaoui, Dicky Riegel, Chip Pollard
- **Net Golf 2nd** Andrew Burr, Ethan Brown, Mason Horn, Nishan Vartanian, Todd Cavaluzzi, Andrew Kegarise
- **Net Golf 3rd** Toby Noyes, Peter Baccile, Chip Burr, Harry Yerkes, Will Peishoff, Chip Burr, Edmund Redd
- **Low Gross** Whit Hayes, Avery Scoville, Matt Locasio, Ted Ahrens, Matt Fox, Brian Carroll
- **High Score** Kevin Coleman, Nick Goss, Ned Harvey, Tom Parker, Peter van Hengel, Josh Parsons

Stay tuned for H.O.G. 49!
There might be a few
surprise twists in 2019!

EBB & FLOW

ENGAGEMENT

WEDDINGS



Samantha Finan & Jonathan Pavlik
9/1/18 the Race, Fishers Island, NY



Macy Reed & Zack Schmalz
in Manchester, VT 12/16/17



David Patterson & Jamie Farmer
in Aspen, CO 8/25/18



Isabel Burnham & Sebastian Kandell
on Fishers Island, NY 9/2/18



Sarah Fiske & Ryan Laroche
on Fishers Island, NY 9/8/18



Brian Carroll & Sarah Hopkins
in Baltimore, MD 9/14/18



Annie Harvey & James Maher
in Watch Hill, RI 9/15/18



Samuel Schmader & Laurie Barth
in Leesburg, VA 9/15/18



Daniel Gillan and Kate Gardiner
in Chicago, IL 9/28/18

COYOTE

The following story was written by Peter Hansel, a friend and houseguest of Kit and Marnie Briggs, about an observation he made off of North Hill in the early morning hours of August 26. Peter is an avid sailor and has sailed around Fishers in past years.

By Peter Hansel
August 2018

It was a beautiful pre-dawn Sunday morning, August 26, when I had pulled the kayak into the water near Flounder In on the north side of Fishers Island. I could see South Dumpling about a half a mile to the north with North Dumpling beyond that. I was hoping to find some stripers or bluefish as I trolled or casted near the point. The sun peaked over the horizon about 6:00 and the tide was running to the west at a pretty good clip. The paddling was easy and it was hard to keep my mind focused on fishing with such beauty all around.

On one of my passes of the point and just before turning to head back east, I noticed something in the water ahead. It was moving so I knew it wasn't a lobster pot. A seal possibly? Not really moving like a seal so I decided to paddle closer for a better look. Soon I could make out a couple of ears so that pretty much ruled out a seal. Oops, got a hit! No, no, it's just seaweed. Reel in, clear the line, back in pursuit. The animal seemed to be making for a small cove on the west side of the point although the flooding tide had obviously pulled it well to the west. As it approached shore, a flock of Canada geese on the beach scurried into the water and began raising a racket. Curiously, they didn't swim away but were determined to maintain eye contact with this intruder who perhaps saw this welcoming committee as a good omen. Finally it got close enough to touch bottom. Its shoulders, then its haunches and finally its full body came ashore. A brief pause, then a shake to expel the cold salt water ending with its long fluffy tail. The handsome coyote took a few breaths to survey its new domain, unconcerned about the fisherman in the kayak, and then loped into the nearest brush. Gone like a shadow as a cloud passes over the sun.

As I turned to renew my course, I wondered where he had come from. South Dumpling was the nearest point but how much had he been set by the tide? Maybe he embarked from some place farther east or maybe he had a better internal compass that I gave him credit for. I also wondered what would have happened if he had misjudged and been carried beyond this point. He could have easily been swept into the Race, far far from the next point of land.

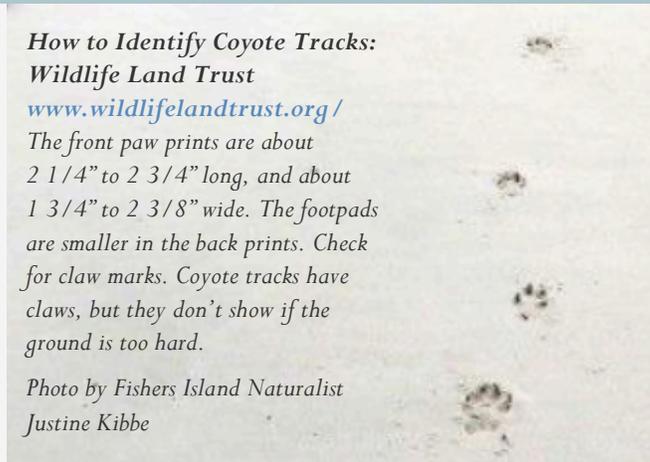
We had an occasion to walk back to that beach in the cove later that morning and my wife pointed out to Marnie and myself the coyote tracks in the sand. No shadow, no illusion, it was real.

How to Identify Coyote Tracks: **Wildlife Land Trust**

www.wildlifelandtrust.org/

The front paw prints are about 2 1/4" to 2 3/4" long, and about 1 3/4" to 2 3/8" wide. The footpads are smaller in the back prints. Check for claw marks. Coyote tracks have claws, but they don't show if the ground is too hard.

*Photo by Fishers Island Naturalist
Justine Kibbe*



1:53AM 8/14/18 HHC Watermelon patch

October 2018

Since the story above was posted, we have received several comments about coyote sightings. This, in particular, is interesting from Dave Denison, "I liked the story "The Intruder" in the latest Foghorn. I didn't know if you heard but a coyote had been stealing and eating the watermelons I was growing on the Hay Harbor golf course – I had 4 different gardens and he found all four. He probably ate 30 watermelons over the summer. Now I know how he got here!"

"I think the coyote might live in the Navy property since I have seen tracks on the beach along the second fairway. Maybe he just likes to walk the beach. I have attached a photo of him and two short videos, taken with a nighttime infrared camera lent to me by Terry McNamara. One showing him eating a melon and one showing him picking up a butternut squash and, disappointed that it didn't seem to be good to eat, putting it back down again."

Find the videos at www.fishersisland.net/the-intruder/. Thank you to Dave for sending these images to finyinfo@gmail.com

BOLERO WELCOME ABOARD



If former Fishers Island Yacht Club (FIYC) Commodore John Nicholas Brown and his Captain Fred Lawton could see their cherished “comfortable cruising boat with a turn of speed”¹, they would be extremely pleased.

By Jane T. Ahrens

Photos by Jane T. Ahrens unless noted. (To view all photos and use reference links, visit www.fishersisland.net/bolero-welcome-aboard/)

Bolero returned to West Harbor in August 2018 during a Long Island Sound cruise with owners Ed Kane and Marty Wallace who have painstakingly restored her to her original glory – cedar decks and all.

This 73' racing yawl has a marvelous history and a promising future. Designed in 1947 by Olin Stephens of Sparkman & Stephens for John Nicholas Brown (who was undersecretary of the US Navy from 1946 to 1949) and built by Henry S. Nevins in City Island, NY, she was launched in 1949. *Bolero* immediately set the pace for numerous trophies including the 1950, 1954 and 1956 Newport Bermuda Race. “Only the best materials were put into *Bolero*. Double-planked cedar and mahogany were carefully laid over white oak frames. Monel strapping along the inside of the hull and around the chainplates and mast step added additional strength to the structure. Post Orford cedar was used instead of teak to lighten the hull by 1,500 pounds. The two masts were state-of-the-art aluminum. (No one would deny that *Bolero* was a classic, yet she was never conceived with wooden spars.)” ~ *In the Spirit of Tradition: Old and New Classic Yachts* by Jill Bobrow

Several owners later, *Bolero* was found in 1989 by Gunter Sunkler in the weeds of a canal in Fort Lauderdale. Sunkler took three years to find all the pieces that had been taken from the boat including masts, booms, sails and more ². She was restored by 1995 and recommissioned in 1996. Then, fast forward to 2010 at Rockport Marine in Maine. From *Yachting Magazine*'s article: The Ageless Beauty of *Bolero* *The latest refit of Olin Stephens' classic yawl promises many more years of life for this yachting icon.* By Grace Trofa, 12/21/2010

Not many yacht owners would have the fortitude necessary to endure a 95-percent, 22-month refit. Wallace admits, “We swallowed hard but we couldn't pull the plug on *Bolero*. She is an iconic part of the yachting scene, and it was a do-or-die situation.” “They have now owned *Bolero* for more than [18 ³] years — longer than the Browns — and there are many memories. Kane remembers an occasion when Olin Stephens came to the yard. He was then 95, and while Kane was trying to figure out a way to get Stephens aboard, even contemplating the use of a forklift, he turned around and discovered Stephens had climbed the 12-foot ladder and was already busy surveying the deck work.” ~ www.yachtingmagazine.com/ageless-beauty-bolero. At Mystic Seaport's 2017 Antique & Classic Boat Rendezvous Ed Kane and Marty Wallace received a special citation for commitment to classic yacht restoration.

Although the Brown family was grounded in Rhode Island, they spent most summers on Fishers Island as John Nicholas Brown's wife Anne Kinsolving had her family ties here. They bought land looking over the north end of West Harbor and built their modern house Windshield, designed by architect Richard Neutra in 1938.

Many thanks to Captain Casey Fasciano who helped arrange our visit and to 1st mate Barbara Krasinski and who was so nice to give us a welcoming tour, with last minute notice, one morning in late summer. Thank you to FIYC's Ian Crary for masterfully steering the launch to *Bolero*'s mooring in the harbor and patiently maneuvered along side... while I not so gracefully climbed aboard.

¹Quote by Brown in *Sailing at Fishers* by John Rousmaniere, page 85; ²Learn more about that restoration in the book *In the Spirit of Tradition: Old and New Classic Yachts* by Jill Bobrow, beginning on page 60; ³Over 18 years in 2018, almost twice as long as the Browns.

OCTOBER GARDENING

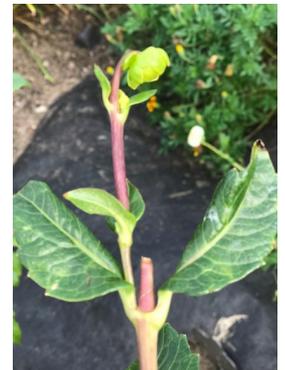
FROM MÉLIE'S GARDEN

This summer I saw the most glorious arrangement of dahlias and when I inquired where they had come from I was told that Christabel Vartanian had grown them. In September she very graciously gave me a tour of her beautiful dahlia garden.



Christabel has grown dahlias for many years on Fishers Island with the assistance of Paul Tombari. The garden is charmingly hidden in a large grove of hemlocks, which gives it shelter from the wind blowing up from Isabella Beach and the dahlias were in spectacular bloom! When Paul retired last year, Christabel sought additional dahlia growing advice from Jim Hennigan. He is the brother of Charlotte, who owns Thames River Greenery in New London and he produces superb dahlias for her to sell in her shop. Jim helped Christabel dig up her dahlias around Columbus Day last year. (You are supposed to dig dahlias up after the first frost, but frost often doesn't come to Fishers until the beginning of November, when many gardeners have already left the Island. So Columbus Day weekend is often when one has to do the job here.) The two of them washed the dirt off the tubers and let them dry for 24 hours. Jim then showed how to divide the tubers and find the "eyes" which will produce the stems next year. He advised Christabel to wrap the divided tubers in Saran Wrap and store them in a Styrofoam cooler. The next challenge was to find a place to put the coolers during the winter. The spot cannot be too hot or the tubers will dry up and shrivel or too cold and damp where they will rot. The Vartanians keep the heat in their house at about 50 degrees during the winter, so under the stairs to the basement appeared to be the perfect place to store the coolers of saran wrapped dahlia tubers.

This spring the tubers were in good condition. Both Paul Tombari and Jim Hennigan recommend planting the tubers in pots in the spring to give them a head start. I put my tubers often in the same pots that I have forced bulbs in after I have removed the spent daffodils or hyacinths. I then place the pots with the planted dahlia tubers in a protected area in my garden near a stonewall. I transfer the dahlias to my garden once the soil warms up in June. Christabel does the same thing and fertilizes her plants with Ozmocote or Fish fertilizer when planting and repeats this fertilization in late August. Her beds are mulched with sweet peat, which breaks down and enriches the soil. She waters the dahlias with a soaker hose on a timer and she tests the soil by putting her finger in to feel if the soil is too damp. If it feels too wet, she turns off the soaker hose for a couple of days because even though dahlias like water, they do not want to get too wet and rot. She then showed me how she pinches the buds off her plants, so there is only one bud left on the stem to mature. This puts all the energy into that remaining bud and one glorious flower is produced.



During my visit, Christabel gave me a wonderful old dahlia pamphlet she found in a bookstore in Kingston, RI. It was printed for the Dahliadel Nurseries in Vineland, NJ in 1936. Looking through the booklet, I found that the advice on growing dahlias has not changed much in eighty-two years. They describe their dahlias as "potash-fed" and claim that they shipped 8,000 in 1935. They recommend adding a bit of sand to the soil to aid in drainage, so Fishers Island soil is fairly ideal. They suggested fireplace ashes for



potash and bone meal for nitrogen. The pamphlet said, "a top dressing of fertilizer should be applied around August 15th not closer than 6" to the stalk. Dahlias should always be planted in a place with a good circulation of air to prevent mildew. And need a minimum of four hours of sunlight, but thrive with six to seven. Dahlias should be planted in Southern New England between May 15 and June 15". They also suggested starting the tubers in pots and transplanting the plants into the garden when the growth is ideally six inches. "They should be planted four to five feet apart, so the stalk will be two inches from the stake. The same varieties should be planted together because if one fails you will not notice it. Pinch the plant back after planting to two or three pairs of leaves to encourage the plant to branch." They advised pinching out and disbudding to produce larger and stronger flowers just as Christabel had shown me. "Cut flowers in the early evening or early morning – remove leaves and any additional buds and put immediately in water in a cool dark place for a few hours. If flowers wilt, cut off the end of the stem and place it in an inch of almost boiling hot water for 1 to 2 minutes the flower should perk up." And finally, they said to store dahlia tubers at 40 to 45 degrees "so they don't dry out". This is where the Saran Wrap may help in wintering the tubers at slightly higher temperatures in 2018 cellars!

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Mya Montaldo to Abbe and Scott Montaldo 8/15/18



Wyatt Franklin Hoggard 8/16/18 to Cate Guimaraes & Rick Hoggard



Otto Patterson Harris to Seth and Erin Harris 9/1/18



FISHERS ISLAND SCHOOL PRESENTS THE MUSICAL INTO THE WOODS SATURDAY NOVEMBER 17

2018 SEASON SOFTBALL LEAGUE WINNERS



Congratulations to the Pirates Cove Team!

Back Row: Mike Lane, Pat Stevens, Tons. Middle: Kristen Wall, Avery Scoville, Mike Aldrich, Pete Aldrich, Pete Wall, Toolie, Matt Skinner, Billy Wall, Mason Horn, Sean Hubble. Front: Chippy duPont and Patty Wall. Missing from photo: Chris Aldrich, Phil Wall

CALENDAR EVENTS

FI School Teachers Assoc. Golf Tournament

October 14 @ 12:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Fishers Island Club

12:45 pm Shotgun start

FI Fire District Budget Hearing

October 16 @ 5:00 pm - 5:15 pm

FI Fire District Meeting

October 16 @ 5:15 pm - 7:00 pm

FI Firehouse

FI Seagrass Mgmt. Coalition Meeting

October 23 @ 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm

HLF Museum, 2nd Floor

Tuesday, October 23, 2018 is the fall meeting of the Fishers Island Seagrass Management Coalition. The meeting will be held at the Ferguson Museum, from 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm to coincide with the ferry schedule. Please save the date! All are welcome.

Guest speakers, Matias Tong, Data Technician, and Stephen Lloyd, Sr. Spatial Analyst/GIS Manager – both with the TNC – will present their analyses and results of the boating and eelgrass surveys conducted around Fishers Island last year. NYSDEC representative, Vicky O'Neill, will also attend. A complete agenda for the meeting will follow in early October.

FI School BOE Meeting

October 24 @ 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

The October School Board meeting will be held October 24th instead of October 17th

Senior Lunch

Senior Lunch Starts

**October 18 @ 12:00 pm -
1:00 pm**

Union Chapel

Enjoy a delicious home cooked meal, monthly door prize/raffle, seasonal table settings, and interesting conversation.

The Senior Luncheons are held on the third Thursday of the month from October through May – most are held at the Union Chapel unless otherwise noted. So, mark your calendar, and don't miss these lovely get-togethers.

The 2018-2019 dates are: Thursdays October 18, November 15, December 20, 2018 and January 17, February 21, March 21, April 18, and May 16, 2019.

And, what is a *senior* at the Senior Lunch? Anyone age 60+ ♥

The Senior Lunch Committee is **always looking for volunteer chefs and entertainment ideas**. Island organizations are invited to host. Guest speakers are most welcome.

Let us know if you want to get involved for this season. To volunteer or ask questions, just call or email Heather Burnham at (860) 617-3264 or hfburnham@gmail.com



Migrating Tree Swallows 9/18/18 Kibbe Photo

FISHERS ISLAND'S EVENT SCHEDULE

For the most complete and up to date Island schedule including Museum Talks and Children's Programs, FICC Classes and Workshops, Legion Events and more.

PLEASE VISIT THE WEBSITE & SEE THE CALENDAR

www.fishersisland.net/events

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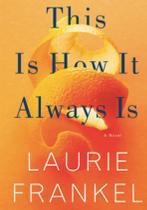


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MONTHLY MEETING
Thursday, November 1
Thursday, December 6
5:30-6:30 @ Post 1045
Veterans, Legion members and the Fishers Island community members are all welcome.

ISLAND COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
5:30 November 13
5:30 December 11
@ the Community Center
Community members are welcome and encouraged to attend the ICB meetings.

LIBRARY BOOK GROUP 10/11:
This Is How It Always Is
by L. Frankel



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@ HLF MUSEUM

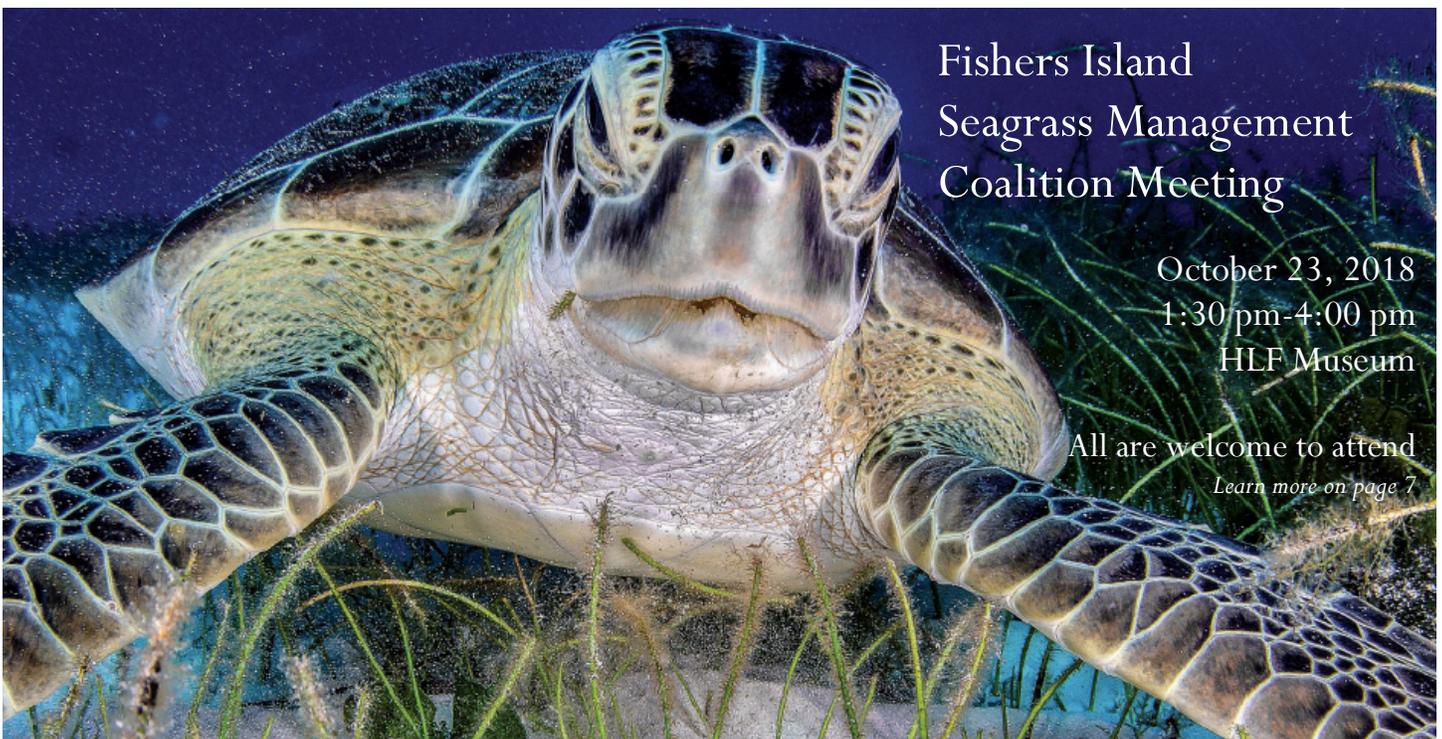


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