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From the Publisher

NSYC means many things to our members, but of all it's our friends, Club activities, and our water front and mooring field that predominate. This last issue of the Blinker for 2011 and the first for 2012 features portraits of our members at our various Club events and meetings; their happy or contemplative features, well known to us, highlight the camaraderie that is the hallmark of NSYC. We see ourselves and friends and remember these occasions for what they have contributed to our lives, and for what they promise in the new year.

And what better way to highlight our water front than with this wonderful picture by Paul Meilink of our mooring field on a quite evening in the fall. Its beauty and serenity reminds us of all that we have enjoyed in sailing this past year, and holds the promise of what we look forward to in 2012.





Dates To Be Remembered:

- **Jan 26; NSYC Education Committee;
Boat Maintenance Seminar**

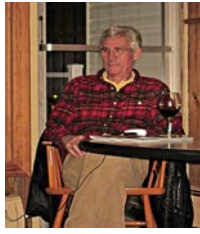
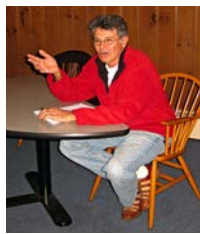
North Shore Yacht Club Buddy Brunch

Held on Sunday, October 30th, new members and their Club buddies met at the Mediterranean Marketplace. They were joined by our Fleet Captain, Bob Dunne and his wife, Diane. Our Membership Chair, MaryLu Dempsey and Trustee Bill Palafox and Rear Commodore Lloyd Herman and his wife, Julie were also present. Arlene Kase, Buddy Chairperson and Trustee Ken Magida hosted the event along with Richard and Judy Raskin. Our new members, Ted and Hanna Glazowski and Ken and Chris Pierce reported that they were very happy that they joined North Shore because of the warm reception they received. They, and everyone that attended the brunch, are looking forward to another year of great sailing.Arlene Kase

Cruising Seminar December 8, 2011

Al Bernstein and the education committee organized a wonderful Cruising seminar for the Club. Robert Coles, Warren Greenhouse, and Paul Meilink were able-bodied crew helping Ed and Shayna Hodes transport *Sinan*, their new Jeanneau 43, from Tortola to Bermuda on May 1 to may 8 on their way back to NSYC. They described how this disorganized and over-stuffed, but very seaworthy vessel was put into appropriate 'cruising' condition; what equipment they needed, used and broke during the passage; and, most importantly, their excellent interpersonal relationships which made the voyage not only a success, but a pleasure and a memorable event.

Three guns for all !!!



Continued Tracking of the Hodes Caribbean Cruise

This tracking site shows EJ & Shayna's journey through the Caribbean.

<http://www.hawkettracking.org/narc/files/trackinglarge.htm>

Mary Lu Palafox

NSYC Crews Recognized for Exemplary Life Saving Conduct

Crewmembers of NSYC boats *Serenity* and *Vision* were awarded the David Pryor Sportsmanship Award for exemplary conduct while saving a fellow sailor's life.



Left to right: Bernard Armstrong, President YRA, *Serenity*: Jacques Blinbaum, skipper. *Vision*: Marc Epstein, skipper, Mike Beck, Steve Harkavy, Bill Palafox, Mary Lu Palafox.

The Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound (YRA of LIS) recently held its annual meeting where a significant portion of the agenda celebrated achievements on the water. Crews from two NSYC boats figured prominently as recipients of the prestigious David Pryor Award for Sportsmanship for 2011.

The David Pryor Sportsmanship Trophy was awarded to eight very deserving crewmembers from NSYC boats *Vision* and *Serenity* for exemplary conduct for saving a fellow sailor's life in September 2011.

As the citation accompanying the award reads in part...

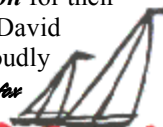
"Vision and Serenity were returning from a regatta at 9:00PM in pitch dark conditions, when a crew member on Serenity was struck by a boom during a jibe, knocked unconscious, and thrown into the dark waters without a life jacket. Fortunately, a floatable flashlight went overboard at the same time helping to locate the unconscious sailor.

Crew from Serenity immediately called 911 and jumped into the water to locate the injured sailor. Crew from Vision supplied rescue lines and flotation while another scrambled to Vision's stern platform to assist hauling in the sailor and continue mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. A Coast Guard boat from the Town Dock picked up the injured sailor and rushed him to shore and to a waiting ambulance to take him to the hospital. This act by both crews saved the sailor's life and was a real team effort.

All seven individuals risked their lives and have collectively earned the David Pryor Sportsmanship Trophy: On Serenity, they are: Jacques Blinbaum, skipper, Klaus Marreck, and Peter Hirschhorn. On Vision, they are: Marc Epstein, skipper, Mike Beck, Steve Harkavy, Bill Palafox and Mary Lu Palafox."

NSYC also congratulates the crews of *Serenity* and *Vision* for their heroic efforts at saving a fellow sailor's life! The actual David Pryor Sportsmanship Trophy and its citation are now proudly displayed in the NSYC's trophy case.

... Bill Palafox





FLEET CAPTAIN'S LOG

Thanks to all those who participated in this seasons' work parties. Tasks completed include installation of the bubbler system; launch preparation including oil changes, waxing of the hulls, and stowage of the life vests; general work in and around the clubhouse; power washing the moorings; and painting the mooring balls.

I look forward to the upcoming work parties in the Spring when we can all work together again towards a common goal with our fellow yachtsmen and yachtswomen and enjoy camaraderie while maintaining our club. Good tidings and a happy new year to all.

P.S. I found this on-line:

A Non-Offensive Multicultural Seasons Greeting To All

"Best wishes for an environmentally conscious, socially responsible, low stress, non-addictive, gender neutral, winter solstice holiday, practiced within the most joyous traditions of the religious persuasion of your choice, but with respect for the persuasions of others who choose to practice or not practice a religion at all; plus, a fiscally successful, personally fulfilling, and medically uncomplicated recognition of the generally accepted calendar year but not without due respect for the calendars of choice of other cultures whose contributions have helped make our society great without regard to the race, creed, color, religious, or sexual preferences of the wishes."

Best Wishes,
Bob Dunn
Fleet Captain





Fall Membership Meeting

October 15, 2011

On a beautiful Saturday morning the members of NSYC met to accept and ratify the amended bylaws. Committee reports were heard and we all were gratified to receive a report of the Club's continued financial good health. Of course, wonderful sailing remained through November, but as of now the NSYC formally decommission the 2011





NSYC Dinner Dance

November 6, 2011

see all the pictures at: <http://www.nsysc.net/gallery/gallery.htm>

Annual Dinner Dance Party

Sunday, November

Kudos to Joe Stigliano for another well planned entertainment event. 56 sailors and mates came to the party of the year at the luxurious Swan Club in Roslyn Harbor. Live music was provided by Joe and Jeanette Fuoco, a versatile duo who played a variety of tunes from the 50's, 60's and 80's. No table was without a smile. Bill Palafox and Lilly Meilink were spotted on the dance floor dancing the Flamenco while Joe Fuoco played "Malaguena" on the Spanish guitar. Also starring on the dance floor were Lloyd and Julie Herman and Mary Lou Dempsey. The Hors d'oeuvres served by the staff provided an interesting assortment of gastronomic treats. For those who ordered steak, the prime ribs were cooked to perfection. Eddie McAndrews generously provided imported cigars to those who wanted a quality smoke.

Sailing and service awards were given to those in recognition of their excellent achievements this season including one award for heroism for rescuing a man overboard. All in all it was a grand evening to finish off yet another successful year of sailing.

Bob Dunn

Fleet Captain

Photos by Bob Ebenau





NSYC Dinner Dance

November 6, 2011

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Auction at NSYC

December 3, 2011

*'Do I hear three, three—now how about four, four, four—five, now five—going once, twice—**SOLD** to the lady in the red dress.'* So went the patter from Paul Meilink, our indefatigable auctioneer throughout the fun filled evening. Books, objects *de arts*, radar reflectors, flags, life preservers and other sundry boat paraphernalia were dispensed vigorously; and there was even a model boat building contest, won by Arlene Kase, all ably organized and hosted by Joe Stigliano.





New Year's Day at the Club

Good food, brought by our members; lots of sunshine and mild temperature; a glistening bay; and the company, on this most relaxed day of the year, of all our good friends. So, what's not to like?

