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From the Publisher and Editors

“What’s the purpose of the Blinker?” It’s a question that we ask ourselves for each issue—and the answer is always the same; to keep the members of NSYC informed. Informed about current events, sailing, social occasions, and NSYC. And of course, about our members. On that note we commemorate the last passage of Davene Jaeger and Pat Ziev.

We also want to keep you informed about future events and plans; launch schedules, races, parties and other club and community activities. The scope of our reporting is broadened by your contributions about sailing, the community, and personal happenings. And then, the Blinker itself, stored on NSYC.net, becomes a part of our archive of the past.

With this issue we’d like to introduce what we call *EZ Navigation*. Now, from the homepage, just click on the index entry (on the bottom of this page) and directly go to your section of interest, scroll here and there, or just click a button on the top of the page and return here, the HOME page. The Blinker also contains other links; to web sites (as the link to our web site above shows), e-mail addresses, and to other more extensive items. Look for them.

So, with warmest regards to our fellow sailors, have a great 2016, smooth “navigation” and enjoy your Blinker!

Bob Ebenau, Publisher
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Marian Weissman, Editor

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★ ★ ★ ★ From the Commodore

If you are like me, you have looked outside a few times, or more, in the past months and thought, “I should have left the boat in the water.” With weather more like spring then winter, it only seems natural, especially with our winter sport options limited by the lack of . . . winter! (And I write this after packing for a trip to the Catskills where I had hoped to cross-country ski and snowshoe and instead will be hiking.) While winter may eventually be coming for us on more than just HBO, for most of us, spring is really what the sailor in us looks forward to, with a return to the boatyard as we prepare the boat for launching after the winter respite.

The Club has not taken a respite over the “winter,” with the newly refurbished furniture and carpet in the main room. If you have not seen and tried the new furniture, do so, and let Linda Kulla know what you think. She put a lot of effort in making the Club marvelous place to while away a random hour or two in the winter, quiet and warm, with our beautiful view of the water.

There are also changes afoot on the Bridge. Jeff Koch had to resign as Treasurer due to boat issues which cause him to become an associate member for one year. Roger Lifson has agreed to step up and finish the balance of Jeff’s term. Please give him your gratitude and encouragement as he gets up to speed with the various tasks of the Treasurer. It is because of members like Roger that the Club is able to move forward into its 146th season.

Lloyd Herman
NSYC Commodore





B*L*I*N*K*S

NEW ACTIVE MEMBER for 2016

- **Peter & Laurie Hirschhorn**, *Windrift*, Catalina 309, Port Washington NY 11050
- **Eddie Flores**, *Taina*, Sun Odyssey 349, Forest Hills, NY 11375
- **Andrew & Joy Weingarten**, *Inclination*, Jeanneau 349, Hewlett Harbor, NY 11557
- **Roger & Leslie Lifson**, *Bird Song*, Cape Dory 25, Port Washington, NY 11050

NEW SOCIAL ASSOCIATES for 2016

- **Brigitte Mueller & Giulio Varsi**
Port Washington, NY 11050
- **Barry & Linda Balcourt**
Port Washington, NY 11050

Welcome Aboard!



Dates to Remember

- Feb 7 - Officers' Cocktail Party/Open House - 2PM
- Feb 11 - Education - Thurs, 7:30PM. *Around Long Island*
- Feb 27 - Book Club - Sat, 9:30AM, "Finest Hour"
- Mar 5 - Auction - Sat, 5PM
- Mar 10 - Education - *Boat Speed*. Thurs, 7:30PM
- Mar 19 - St. Patrick's Day Party, Sat, 6PM
- April 2 and 3 - Work Party
- April 9 and 10 - Work Party
- April 16 - Spring Membership Meeting Continental Breakfast - Sat, 9:00AM
- April 16 - Start Launch Service
- May 15 - Commissioning, Sun, 4PM (sharp)
- June 4 - NSYC Day Race

SAVE THE DATE – CLUB AUCTION MARCH 5

Always an entertaining event, the Club has not held an auction event in many years so there should be a good supply of valuable and useful boating items available for auction. In addition, we plan to have raffles and door prizes and we will be serving a meatball and spaghetti dinner. Keep the date open and start to assemble your goodies at home. If you have any questions, or if you would like to volunteer to assist, please contact a member of the Committee; *Ken Magida, Paul Meilink, Robert Grubman.*



Share the Spirit! NSYC's 2016 Ambassador Program

History tells us that NSYC members are the most common source at recruiting new members. For those members providing new member referrals resulting in NSYC membership, each receives an appreciation gift card from NSYC. **Good news...the program continues in 2016!**

Being an effective "Ambassador" is easy. Just enthusiastically, "share the NSYC spirit" whenever you encounter individuals with potential interest in Club membership, or are in a position to recommend our Club to others (other boaters, boat yards, brokers, sail makers, etc.). Club brochures and contact cards are located on the Club's bulletin board and outside the front door.

Even if you just forward a candidate's contact information to Mary Lu Dempsey, our Membership Chair, (516-767-1760, mludempsey@msn.com), be assured that she will contact them with enthusiasm. Brochures and club contact cards are included with your billing and always available in the holder at the Club's front door.

Please consider the Ambassador Program. It's easy to "Share the Spirit."



DID YOU KNOW?

- See the current Club Calendar and Bylaws at www.nsync.net . Click "Membership"
- Check our Ship Store for perfect clothing and custom items for sailors. www.nsync.net . Click "Membership"
- For NSYC caps, lapel pins, car magnets
See Captain Vic





Rear Commodore's Report December 2015

The work parties were held November 21st and 22nd. Fleet Captain Richard Ronzoni graciously oversaw the stowing of the deck furniture and the canopy, as I was out of town.

As soon as the Club was decommissioned, the work on refurbishing the clubhouse began. The furniture was removed from the clubhouse and disassembled. Then the wood was beautifully restored to its original color and the pieces were returned to the upholstery house.

Then the work of re-upholstering began, which was a major undertaking. Not only did the furniture have to be reassembled, but all of the inside of the chairs were rebuilt as well with new commercial grade products. Then the new upholstery fabric which we had selected was applied.

Meanwhile the wooden tables were also disassembled and removed for refinishing along with the two coffee tables.

While this was happening, the carpet was ripped up and new commercial grade carpet was laid over an improved, heavier padding.

Now everything has come together and is back in place, brand new and restored. All of the pieces are now commercial grade and up to current code for fire safety. The results are beautiful, and hopefully everyone will enjoy the refreshed clubhouse for many years to come.

Linda Kulla

NSYC Rear Commodore



new upholstery & carpet

Happy Holidays from NSYC Swedish Members

Dear Fellow Sailors at NSYC,

This photo was taken the day we left our mooring at the club and headed for Chesapeake Bay.

“ChAT” was loaded onto a cargo ship which arrived in Sweden without incident on August 29th. Two days later, we tied up at our new dock, and eventually hauled the boat on December 8th. There is yet no sign of snow or ice at Latitude N 58 degrees :)

We miss the club members, Capt. Vic's helpful support, and our spot in the mooring field very much and hope to come visit sooner rather than later!

Happy Holidays!



Dear Peder, Eva and Children,

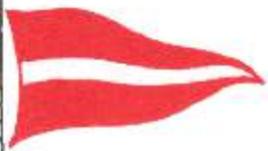
Your fellow sailors at NSYC welcome your Holiday Greeting (attached) from Sweden and extend the same to you in return.

We, as well, miss you all and your 48 foot Bene-teau, Chat. As of yet, at 40 degrees north latitude, we too have missed the white stuff thus far.

Again, our NSYC Board and all NSYC members wish you and yours Happy Holidays and look forward to your next visit sooner than later.

Happy Holidays!

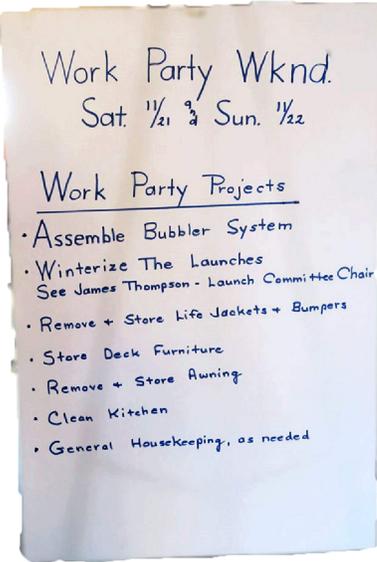




NSYC Work Party—November 21, 2016

Great weather, great team work; all of our agenda finished in ONE day! A very, very successful work party.

Three guns !!!



NSYC Legacy Committee

At the Fall meeting and de-commissioning, I spoke about the work of the recently formed Legacy Committee which the Bridge established to look at ways in which the membership could be encouraged to express their love and appreciation for the years of joy and friendship experienced at NSYC.

As its first effort in this regard, a program has been established to encourage members to waive the redemption of their certificates. These certificates were purchased by almost all members at the time they became Active Members and are refundable when a member leaves the Club, provided the member makes a written request to the Bridge that the certificate be redeemed. In practice, a substantial number of people do not request that their certificates be redeemed. To enhance the finances of the Club, the Legacy Committee and the Bridge are looking to encourage members to commit to waive the right of redemption, the effect of which will enhance the Club's balance sheet immediately.

The actual cost of doing this is small when spread over the years of membership. For instance, the holder of a \$1,500 certificate who has been a member of the Club for 20 years, is adding only \$75 per year to the cost of his/her annual membership. I think that all will agree that this is a very small portion of the actual annual expense of owning and operating a boat. Further, by the time a member leaves the Club, the payment was made a long time earlier and has not earned any interest. Therefore, it is not money which will be missed. Yet, it is a means of recognizing the enjoyment derived from your NSYC membership.

Please contact me if you have any questions or if you would like to participate.

Thank you.

Ken Magida

Chair, Legacy Committee

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NSYC Book Club Saturday December 19, 2015

On a cold blustery morning in late December, members of the NSYC met on the 2nd floor Great Room, overlooking white-capped Manhasset Bay for the club's inaugural book club meeting. There, relaxing in the club's swanky new chairs, members chewed over Matthew Algeo's *The President Is A Sick Man* while enjoying fresh baked bagels and cream cheese along with piping hot coffee.

Conceived as a diversion from Winter's lingering and lonely months away from our club friends and vessels, the book club fancied itself as an opportunity for members to gather in the Great Room while discussing interesting and varied nautical writings. With an assemblage of attorneys, engineers, business owners, educators and craftsmen, the book club was an enormous success. Club shutterbug, Bob Ebenau, in attendance to take photographs for the *Blinker*, had not read the book but was so engaged with the lively discussion, joined in and provided some great insight. In fact, before the end of the meeting, several members had selected its next book (Michael Capuzzo's *Close To Shore*) and scheduled January 30th for the date.

When asked by several members 'why should I join NSYC's book club; I'm already in two in my neighborhood,' I reminded them the importance of supporting our club. Moreover, we have some incredibly intelligent people at NSYC and having an opportunity to share opinions during the 'off season' provides great joy.

If you would like to participate in the next and third meeting of our book club, kindly email the undersigned (howard@dlsny.com).

Howard Goldman





NSYC OKTOBERFEST

Saturday October 24, 2015

A new event was added to the NSYC social calendar. On Saturday October 24 we held our first Oktoberfest. Much like the NSYC's long history of getting together to celebrate the sport we all enjoy, Oktoberfest began long ago to celebrate a royal wedding in Munich. This yearly beer celebration is the largest social festival in the world; we hope you will make our Oktoberfest a part of your annual NSYC must attend social events.

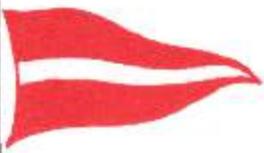
Much research and planning went into the evening's menu which consisted of all authentic Oktoberfest foods: five kinds of sausages, German potato salad, red cabbage, sauerkraut, pretzel rolls and more. Of course there was plenty of imported German beer and wine, enough to make certain that our celebration was a true festival. It was all topped off with delicious apple strudel for desert.

As the accompanying photos show, NSYC members did what they do best, eat, drink and be merry. The gregarious Richard Raskin even came in character, note his Oktoberfest costume complete with improvised lederhosen.

Another Oktoberfest is planned for 2016. We hope to see you all there with or without lederhosen but with a hearty appetite and thirst not only for good food and drink, but for plenty of comradeship in good old fashion NSYC style.

Ken Bordieri & Mallory Kant





NSYC FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 17, 2015
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A time to play and a time to nosh before the meeting's start.



Commodore Lloyd Herman calls the meeting to order for the reports and decommissioning, and thanks Warren and Barbara Greenhouse for the delicious breakfast. Commodore Herman explains that the expenditure of about \$5,000 on a minor boat accident within the fleet, launch repairs and overage of launch service will mean a probable increase of dues for 2016.



Vice Commodore Ken Magida reports on establishment of a Legacy Committee whereby members can donate their club certificates before leaving the club as well as Strategic Planning committee activities including job descriptions of all board members as well as employee responsibilities



Rear Commodore Linda Kulla describes furniture restoration and new carpeting, updating past commodores' photos, and scheduling November work parties.



Fleet Captain Richard Ronzoni thanks Captain Vic for his work above and beyond the call of duty and the success of the launch program and its operators, as well as for the preparedness of the fleet and mooring field despite the late Spring.





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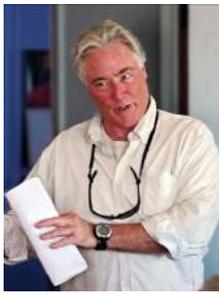


Nominating Committee Chair Jim Thompson presents the 2016 slate of officers and trustee. They are the same as 2015:

<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>TRUSTEES</u>
Commodore – Lloyd Herman	Through 2016 – Ken Bordieri
Vice Commodore – Ken Magida	Ed McAndrews
Rear Commodore – Linda Kulla	Through 2017 – Roy Israel
Fleet Captain—Richard Ronzoni	Charles Cannam
Secretary – Leo Kamp	
Treasurer – Jeffrey Koch	
	Through 2018 – Bill Palafox
	Richard Raskin



ByLaw Committee members Helene Goldsmith and Ken Magida explain the proposed amendments.



Auditing Committee Chair Charles Cannam reports that all financial reports are in order and funds were deposited in the proper manner.



Cruising Committee Chair Ron Gold describes the success of all cruises but would like more participation.



Education Committee Chair Alan Bernstein speaks on the variety of programs this year as well as the diversity of the participants from other clubs and the Port Washington community in general, expecting to continue this excellent program.



Commodore Herman reports for the Entertainment Committee stating all the activities were successful but more volunteers are needed. He also reports for the Finance/Investment committee stating investments are generally stable despite volatility of the market, with an increase of about \$10K over this time last year.





NSYC ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 17, 2015



Launch Committee Chair James Thompson reports on about \$3,875 spent on repairs to the club launches, the result of basic wear and tear and should not arise again for years.



Blinker Committee Chair Bill Palafox thanks all who worked and contributed to the Blinker and commented on the working of the website. As Marketing Committee Chair, Bill also discussed all the possible avenues of recruiting new club members.



Membership Committee Chair, Mary Lu Dempsey-Palafox welcomed the Club's 2015 newest members; 4 New Affiliates: Edward Flores, Peter & Laurie Hirschhorn, Roger & Leslie Lifson, Andrew & Joy Weingarten. 2 New Actives: Rich & Caroline Leone, Peter & Susan Rossi. 1 New Social Associates: Mark & Kori Schneider.



Mentoring Committee Chair Arlene Kase reports on the success of the buddy system and invites members to become mentors.



Flags are lowered and the club pennant retired. The sailing season is over and sailors are left to work on their boats in dry dock and dream of next summer.





NSYC Dinner Dance and Sailing Awards

Saturday, November 21, 2015

This year's Dinner Dance, organized by Harold and Corinne Michels, and by Debbie Cohen, was held at Sea Cliff Manor with about 40 members joining the festivities. As we've come to expect from the Dinner Dance, there was good food, drink, music and, most importantly to us, camaraderie with our fellow club members.





NSYC Dinner Dance and



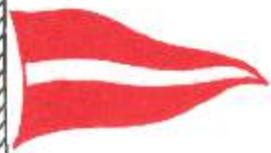
Charlie Cannam, Race Committee Chair, gave out the awards for our club races and for the two regattas that we hold, the Day Race and the Moonlight Regatta. The details of the race results are in the *Racing Form* pages of this Blinker, but we note that our awarded skippers are:

- * Marc Epstein – *Vision*, (our winner for Best performance in Sailing Yachts)
- * Richard Raskin – *Osprey*,
- * Roy Isreal – *Dybbuk*,
- * Joel Ziev – *Sundance*,
- * Dan Herron – *Liquid Courage*,
- * Paul Meilink – *Sounion*,
- * Charlie Cannam – *EnGarde* (our winner of the Rosenberg Trophy)

Richard Raskin gave his own awards to his hard working *Osprey* crew – Arlene Kase, Rosemary Rufino, Alan Bernstein for their contribution of seamanship and comradeship.

Commodore Lloyd Herman presented the *2015 Matthew's Trophy for Outstanding Service* to Mary Lu Dempsey-Palafox.





NSYC Dinner Dance and Sailing Awards

It's in the name—Dinner Dance—and dine and dance we did. Throughout the evening and into the night this annual celebration was another happy event to mark the year!

Music for dancing was provided by the Phoenix Brothers with Warren Schein as the DJ.





NSYC New Year's Day FEELING THE LOVE

Over the past several years I have reflected on the warm, cooperative spirit Nancy and I have felt at our Club's New Year's Day gathering. Unable to attend this year, I relied on Nancy to fill me in on the day's events. Here are some items she reported to me:

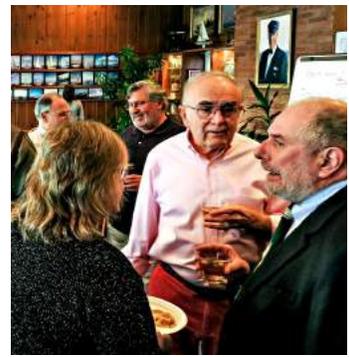
- Captain Vic once again helped enormously to make light work of our preparation for the event;
- Lloyd, Ken, Bill, and Jim T. were cheerful, efficient assistants with set up, bartending, and clean up;
- Thanks to Julie and Mallory for assisting Nancy in keeping the kitchen running smoothly. She was touched that so many others provided help as needed;
- Yet again, members brought a wonderful variety of refreshments for the enjoyment of all;
- The room was filled with joy, compassion, friendship, and love;
- Thanks to Lloyd for soothing music and a toast that touched our hearts;
- The log burning in the fireplace and the new carpeting and upholstered furniture contributed to a cozy ambience;
- The day was chilly with hovering black clouds outside but nothing could dampen our spirits within.

New Year's Day at the Club has always been a high point in our calendar and I was eagerly looking forward to it this year. It was disappointing to have to miss but you can imagine my thrill at receiving written greetings from so many friends.

More than that, I was especially eager to hear if one of our members, who had just lost a spouse, attended. I was so glad to hear that this member did attend and that many members were there to console and to give support in a time of need. These are two testimonials--the support given to me and to this bereaved member--of our members' care for each other.

So dear friends, as we face the joys and challenges of 2016, can you feel the love? I certainly can. And my thanks to all for another stellar beginning of a new year.

Bob & Nancy Kovach





ICW: Intra Costal Waterway on Stars and Stripes

11/15

Me (Frank Lopresti), Ed MacAndrews (also of NSYC), Pete (the owner of “Stars and Stripes”, a 43’ Chris Craft Roamer) and Pete’s friend TJ did the ICW fall 2015 delivery. We motored Pete’s boat from the north end of the Chesapeake near Baltimore to the beginning of Florida near Jacksonville. We took 9 days. Some of the trip was along the ICW and we made a couple 120 mile “off-shore” jumps. But the entire route was “ICW”; the jumps were from inlets off the ICW back into inlets back into the ICW.



43' Chris Craft Roamer



I always knew about the ICW. There are always boating magazine articles about it. This mid-summer, Pete, a family friend, said he was considering taking “Stars and Stripes” down South. From his house on Saint Michael’s Island in Maryland to Fort Lauderdale for its last winter – he has put it up for sale. I volunteered and got Ed to come along.

Leaving Pete’s St. Michaels Island home was a “miss-start”. One of the inboard engines wouldn’t run well. It was good to have an “engine savvy” crew – Ed – to identify the problem. After an overnight repair stop at Kent Island, 10 miles north, in the wrong direction, we started again– this time with 2 engines.

Stars and Stripes would bang along at 23 knots so on our second day we made it 120 or so miles down the length of the Chesapeake to Norfolk’s Inner Harbor – Hampton Roads. In spite of home land security, we found a dock to tie up to, and plug into, at the City Marina. We had another of our many great dinners. Most of the marinas we over-nighted at were in up-scale areas and we had some memorable crew dinners.

The outside jump south from Norfolk is probably Beaufort. Around 240 miles. Stars and Stripes holds about 400 gallons of diesel and uses about a gallon/mile. On “off-shore” jumps into the Atlantic, you only want to enter and leave from harbors off the Atlantic that are “serious”: well-marked and have good draft. Small inlets with shallow channels are dangerous and you certainly don’t want to have to use them when the weather is “up”. Most sailboats are ok off-shore in a blow, but Stars and Stripes was not meant to be tossed around off-shore. We did this leg “in-shore” on the ICW. Additionally, Stars and Stripes radar wasn’t working.



Entering Pamlico Sound, where we went hard aground

By accident we went down the “wrong side” (the west side) of Roanoke Island and so got off the ICW. Stars and Stripes’ chart plotter had perhaps a 5” screen and it was hard to get the “bigger view”. Pre-entering waypoints along the ICW would have been invaluable as we learned the next day when we went aground. I had brought my laptop with NOAA charts and a plotter (see the June 2015 article in the Blinker <http://www.nsync.net/wp-content/uploads/blinker0615c.pdf> for details about setting up the free plotting software). The laptop was our only off-shore charts. We had an ICW chart book but it only showed a few miles off-shore. I would strongly suggest a complete study and reading of all charts before the trip.

On the wrong side of Roanoke Island, there were no marinas. We spent this first night south of Norfolk anchored off Stumpy Harbor, NC, in the Pamlico Sound. Sunset came around 5:30. We couldn’t enter as it was too dark and the water was 4’ in the channel (S&S only needed 3’). .Pete made a great pasta

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Cruising Corner

2015

using prepared meat balls with a home-made sauce. In the morning we were awakened by the shrimp boat fleet

The next day, we lost the ICW and ignored the Neuse River (the correct route) and went aground attempting to enter the Core Sound. The small tide floated us off the bottom and Pete avoided a \$2200 Sea Tow experience – he didn't have a contract. With Pete feeling \$2200 richer, several hours later we entered the Neuse River and made it down the Adams Canal off the Neuse to Morehead City and Beaufort. We spent the night near Swansboro (\$.75/foot) and had shrimp and grits.



Along the ICW, some of the Atlantic Ocean inlets are serious

Following the ICW, at New River inlet we lost the ICW and went up the New River into North Carolina for a couple hours. At each inlet along the coast, the ICW will make a horse shoe course. Care must be taken to follow the correct buoys. The ICW buoys all have yellow diamond marks along with the numeric identifiers. Again, waypoints in the plotter would have been helpful. After Cape Fear we jumped out onto the Atlantic at Little River and got back in at Charleston. The ICW in many places is very narrow with houses and docks and people in skiffs fishing. Big wakes are not acceptable.

We finally reached Fernandina Beach at the St. Mary River. We had the best tapas dinner. This is an annual important migration/retreat for a very small group of boaters. For the best experience, don't rush. Have 2 weeks available for each delivery "North/South". I've since met several sailors who've made the trip repeat-

edly and think about it as a great vacation – I would do it again. I also talked to a NSYC's member who was caught in a storm in one of his "outside" jumps - a dangerous experience. Not all boats are off-shore safe.

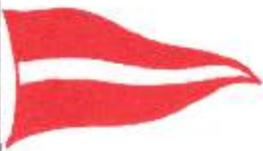


Moorings off Fernandina town marina on the ICW

It was certainly a fun boating experience.

Frank Lopresti





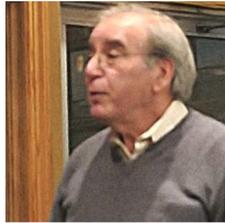
Cruising Corner 2015

NSYC EDUCATION

Alan Bernstein, Education Chairman

Exotic Cruises

January 14, 2016



Presented by Ken Magida

Spanish Mediterranean Aboard the Sea Cloud

On Thursday evening, January 14, I had the pleasure of presenting a slide show of the trip Arlene and I took aboard the historic Sea Cloud to a well-attended Educational Committee event.

The Sea Cloud is a 4-masted bark which was built in Kiel, Germany in 1931 by E.F. Hutton as a gift to his wife, Marjorie Merriweather Post. It is 110 meters long and was built to exacting standards with the latest features then available, including watertight compartments then only found on submarines, at a cost of over \$1 million. The vessel was completely refit in 2009 at a cost of almost \$8 million and is in service as a cruise ship for up to 50 passengers with a crew of 60. The USCG Eagle is a sister ship built at the same yard.

We boarded Sea Cloud on October 28, 2015, in Barcelona, Spain for a 7 day cruise down the Spanish Mediterranean coast, with stops in Tarragona, Valencia, Alicante, Cartagena, Motril and ending in Malaga.

Except for the day at sea between Cartagena and Motril, each day we went ashore for guided excursions and lunch. The day at sea included tours of the bridge, engine room, the original restored staterooms and dinghy rides around the ship to take photographs. The sails were raised 3 times during the voyage as doing so is truly an arduous task. Each mast is manned by a crew of six headed by a bosun. There is also a chief bosun who supervises all deck activities. In order to set sail, seamen are required to climb the masts and release each sail from each yardarm. Then they all come down to the deck to raise and trim the sails. When it is time to douse the sails, the whole process is reversed. Roller furling is much easier!

I prepared a hand-out with information on Sea Cloud. If you would like to see it, please send me an email and I will forward it to you.

I enjoyed sharing our adventure with friends, as did Robert Coles who followed my presentation with his own discussion of his Pacific voyage.

Ken Magida
kensailski@outlook.com

To a well attended seminar, two of our members related their exotic cruises with pictures, videos and their entertaining descriptions. They had many memorable adventures, and here are their accounts. (Be sure to click on "the Best of the Pacific" link.)



Presented by Robert Coles
Galapagos >>>

Marquesas >>> Tuamotu's >>>> Tahiti

Robert joined Jimmy Cornell's Blue Planet Odyssey circumnavigation early in 2015...an around the world sailing rally aimed at raising awareness of changing climate and urgent issues facing our oceans. With the Odyssey, Robert departed on March 9, 2015 from Puerto Ayora, a town in central Galapagos, Ecuador as co-skipper of SV Hinckley 50, "Ransom" along with a widely dispersed fleet of 12 other participating boats.

As Robert says, "The most challenging aspect of any expedition is, "the human factor" and has many supporting examples to share from his Pacific Odyssey. See his video pictures at: [the Best of the Pacific](#)



The Racing Form

NSYC Establishes the Race Management Committee (RMC)

It is below freezing outside today but the 2016 Racing Season is on the horizon. Now is the time to be reviewing your sail inventory, remembering your mistakes from last year and figuring out what to do differently this year. It is never too soon to polish the bottom. Similarly, NSYC has updated our racing procedures. A new Race Management Committee (RMC) made up of Bob Ebenau, Bill Palafox and Richard Raskin has been established, and is now hard at work planning the upcoming racing season. We thank Charlie Cannam for his service and contributions as R/C chairman last year. This is our NSYC roster of PHRF open regattas and club races for the 2016 season:

Racing Schedule

Open Regattas;

- June 4th: 27th Annual NSYC Day Race, Full Crew, Racing Start on LI Sound
- August 20th: 15th Annual Moonlight Regatta, Full Crew, Racing Start, Start and Finish in Manhasset Bay

NSYC Races (in-bay starts):

- June 11th: Borden Cup, Racing Start Full Crew
- June 26th: Epstein Cup, Single Handed with Safety Person Permitted, Cruising Start
- August 7th: Smith Cup, Double Handed, Cruising Start
- September 18th: Commodore's Cup, Full Crew, Cruising Start, followed by Raft-up

We are hoping that our three racing Sonars will continue to compete as part of the CBRA, and we will be awarding the Rosenberg Trophy for the best overall performance by a NSYC one-design boat.

A little spice is added for the cruisers—the *Snyder Cup*. We have spoken with Ron Gold, Cruising Committee Chairman, and are contemplating a “*cruising race*” from Green Flasher #1 off Plumb Point to a government mark along the route to a weekend destination in July, with boats talking their own

times and PHRF ratings (supplied by the RMC if needed) being used to calculate the corrected elapsed time and finishing places. If a participant wants to go back to the club or elsewhere after recording their finish time, that would be OK too. The Snyder Cup will be awarded to the winner, with additional trophies for 2nd and 3rd if we have enough entries.

Race Committee Schedule

We hope that members will continue the NSYC Corinthian tradition by volunteering for Race Committee duty on the Worry Wart and for our club races. We would like every racing skipper to serve at least once each season as the Principal Race Officer (PRO) if they feel qualified and hope that other members and non-member crew will volunteer to assist on R/C under the direction of a PRO. The Race Management Committee will be offering instruction for PROs and R/C members at a date to be announced. You can volunteer now for:

Jun 4 Jun 12 Jun 26 Aug 7 Sep 17

Jun 11 Jun 25 Aug 6 Aug 20 Sep 18

If you are ready to signup now just email Bob (rebenau@gmail.com) to reserve your preferred dates.

Remember, you get four hours of “Work Credits” for each day of Race Committee you serve, and if husband and wife serve each gets credit too. That would fulfill your work requirement for the full year (that was easy).

Enough for now. Time to go back to daydreaming about winning the racing series. We’ll see you in the spring, and hopefully, at the races.

...the RMC





The Racing Form

NORTH SHORE YACHT CLUB 2015 RACING AWARDS

VISION

Day Race Div.II 1st Place
Borden Cup 1st Place
Moonlight Regatta Div.II 1st Place
Reiman Trophy NSYC Day Race
McCartney Trophy for
Best Performance in Sailing Yachts

OSPREY

Epstein Trophy 1st Place
Moonlight Regatta Div.II 2nd Place
Commodore's Cup 1st Place

DYBBUK

Epstein Trophy 2nd Place
Commodore's Cup 2nd Place

CHIEFTAN

2015 Day Race Div.I
First Place

NORDLYS

2015 Day Race Div.I
Second Place

DEVIATION

2015 Day Race Div.I
Third Place

SUNDANCE

Borden Cup
Second Place

CALLIOPE GIRL

Borden Cup
Third Place

LIQUID COURAGE

Epstein Trophy
Third Place

SANTANA

2015 Moonlight Regatta
Div.I First Place

SOUNION

Commodore's Cup
Third Place

EN GARDE

2015 Rosenberg Trophy

Happy New Year Fellow Club Mem- bers!

Thank you for the opportunity afforded me to be NSYC Race Chair for the 2015 sailing season which for me has been a challenging, informative and rewarding experience.

Sure was great sailing weather we enjoyed this year, lots of sun, not too hot, decent breeze all season, only concern I heard was not spending more time out on the water.

As far as club racing is concerned my only regret is that I did not promote and encourage Canvas Racing more effectively in our scheduled club races.

I feel Canvas Racing can be a fun sailing experience for novice racers like a pickup game of stick ball to be enjoyed by all levels of skill coming together to play a simple game for comradery and friendship.

And I would like to stress keeping it *simple* when addressing Canvas Racing.

Going forward I see pressure coming for more stringent defined racing rules for our club races contrary to our history of years of keeping it simple and unencumbered which may be acceptable to club racers but a further discouragement for novice racers in the Canvas Racing Division.

I would like to suggest that our Canvas Racing Division participants be club boats that do not enter any organized sailing races (Thirsty Thursday, Cow Bay Racing Association, YRA recognized events, etc.) and that our novice racers only be subject to basic boating rules of the water or perhaps possibly at most the Basic Sailboat Racing Rules* when participating in our Canvas Racing Division.

That's it, best wishes to all for a happy, healthy and restful winter as we fondly anticipate the coming 2016 sailing season!

Yours in Sailing,
Charlie Cannam
NSYC Past Race Chair

*For PDF copy Basic Sailboat Racing Rules on www.NSYC.net go to Sailing, click on Racing and then click on Basic Racing Rules to download PDF



The Racing Form

INDIAN HARBOR YACHT CLUB 2015 CLASSIC YACHT REGATTA

September 19, 2015

*Ed M., Charlie C. and Frank L. of NSYC
took the challenge!*

Ed M. has a classic wood yawl, a Sparkman & Stevens designed 40 footer, built in the 50s, *Delight* is a delight. A gem in our fleet. Her first owners, a young NY couple sailed and raced her for several years on the Atlantic by - around Iceland and around Ireland and in Europe. She is a sister of *Fidelio*.

On the Friday before the race, the three of us motored the 11 miles to Indian Harbor YC, just past Rye Playland, behind Big Captain Island. Great parties and dinners – a club barbecue/hoe-down the Friday before the race and an award dinner Saturday night after the race.

We were able to go aboard several of the classics tied up at the club dock including *Ticonderoga*, pictured below. In the background along with 2 Q boats – thin, sleek 60 footers. The race was about 10 miles around the buoys in front of Greenwich Harbor. Involved were: 8 Shields, 5 Catboats, 3 classic divisions with about 6 boats in each handicapped division, and a small boat classic division.

Website for results at www.indianharboryc.com.



Frostbiting Roy Israel of NSYC Style

During the “regular” sailing season, NSYC members know fellow member, Roy Israel, and DYBBUK, his 26-foot Knickerbocker One-design sailboat...frequently a top finisher in Club races. Others see Roy racing Wednesday night, Thursday nights and weekends. As the season winds down, contrary to the crowd, Roy is revving up for the winter “Frostbiting” season.

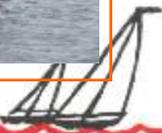
Frostbite is a noun and normally refers to a skin condition resulting from over exposure to cold. Although the word “bite” is both a noun and a verb, the verbalized form of “frostbite” first appeared around 1932 when a reporter who watched a bunch of guys sailing in a snow storm and called them “frostbiters” in a newspaper article and the name stuck.

For Roy, Frostbiting is for people who race small sailboats in the middle of snowstorms and enjoy it! Winter weekends find Roy with the Mamaroneck *Frostbite Association* busy readying his 9-foot Dyer Dhow for racing while dressed in his own proven Frostbite garb.

Then, it's off to the races against competitors of like thrills with expectations for freezing winds, icy spray, the occasional drenching wave coming into the cockpit and the chance for an unscheduled swim in water cold enough to turn limbs numb in a few minutes.

When asked why he Frostbites, Roy says “To hone my racing skills and maintain (what little remains of) my sanity while awaiting warmer weather and Daylight Savings Time, and to enjoy the camaraderie of fellow sailors year -round.”

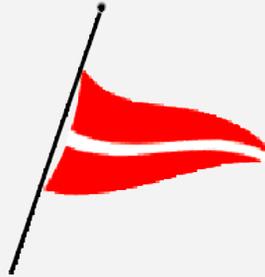
Roy Israel





In Memoriam – Last Call

Sad News at NSYC



Davene Jaeger



"I always enjoyed her gentle and pleasant manner." These words, recently spoken by one of our N.S.Y.C. members, capture both the spirit and being of Davene Jaeger. "Davy", as those who knew her well called her, lost her valiant battle with Congestive Heart Failure on October 28th, 2015, at the age of 92. Up until a few months before her passing, Davy had been living with her loving and supportive sister, Millie. Calls to Davy always found her positive and in good spirit. Her amazing attitude placed her on my personal short list of heroes. As a nurse, Davy first worked at John Hopkins, followed by time spent as a corporate nurse for Avon. Herb was Davy's devoted and loving husband. When Herb's mother became ill, she was taken in by Herb and Davy, and Davy became her personal full-time nurse.

Davy was Herb's loyal first mate and constant companion, and both had been members of the N.S.Y.C. for close to 40 years. They would spend almost every weekend and many weekdays on their Catalina 30. Traveling from New Jersey, their boat, "Hi-Life", would become their floating weekend motel. Herb passed away a few years ago.....his loving wife and constant companion is once again by his side.

Davy and Herb...God Bless You Both...and Rest In Peace

Patricia Ziev

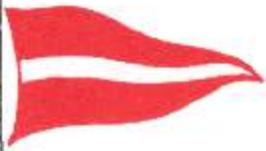


Patricia Ziev passed away on December 19 after a short but intense bout with cancer. Pat along with her husband of 34 years Joel are long time members of the NSYC. They sailed together on Sundance, their Pearson 30.

Pat grew up in Albertson and moved to Port in 1980. She spent her entire 37-year professional career, teaching severely disabled children at the Henry Viscardi School in Albertson.

Pat loved most being with her grandchildren, and since her retirement, traveling extensively with her husband. She was an avid water color artist with many close friends, and a family who truly enjoyed spending time together.

*She was a good friend with a wonderful smile.
She is missed*



Bike MS New York City 2015

On Sunday Oct. 4, 2015, Lloyd Herman, and Alan Bernstein, rode the 30-mile loop around Manhattan to raise money for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

That Sunday was windy and the wind seemed to be in their faces the whole ride. About 12 miles into the ride, they stopped to help 3 police officers change a flat tire, as well as others who stopped for adjustments. Luckily, Lloyd carried sufficient tools!

When they finished the ride, they were presented with finisher's medals and a "top donor" shirt, which Lloyd sent to his sister Deb, who was his top donor. Lloyd raised about \$2350 for this ride, making him part of the "Elite 200" fundraisers for this event.

CONGRATULATIONS!

*Now Alan and Lloyd are looking for anyone to join them on the Bike MS:
New York City 2016 ride.*

KEEP ON PEDELING!



ALS Team 2015 New York Marathon

Fran and Alan Bernstein's son Eric, and their two nieces, once again created a team to run in the 2015 NYC Marathon to raise money for ALS. All were supported by many family members and friends.

*As you may be aware Fran Bernstein, a NSYC member since 2002, has been diagnosed with ALS so they were running in her honor. Altogether, the 'Fight for Fran' team raised over \$60,000 that significantly helped to make the overall total \$246,000 raised by 50 other runners of the ALS NYC marathon team.
VERY IMPRESSIVE!!*

The money goes to research, patient support and services as well as toward awareness and advocacy. Fran and her family are deeply grateful to all the NSYC members, brothers and sisters and friends who helped out by their contributions and support.

The video (see link below) is a documentary about Eric's struggle to do his best time. You might enjoy watching it.



Video Link



Sailing for Scholars

Gala & Regatta

*Hudson River Community
Sailing Benefit Regatta, 2015*

Stuart Israel entered his Team No. 7, “Israel Purdy”, in the Hudson River Community Sailing Benefit Regatta on Oct. 17, 2015. The event raised over \$100K for scholarships to disadvantaged NYC middle and high school students. Stuart’s team raised \$7,400 toward the event. These scholarships enable the students to earn school credit and gain leadership skills learning how to build boats and sail on the Hudson River.

To learn more about this great organization, go to: www.Hudsonsailing.org

“Hudson River Community Sailing develops leadership and academic success in underserved New York City youth through sailing education and provides maritime education and recreation to the community at large.”

WE CAN NEVER HAVE TOO MANY SAILORS!

