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From the Editor

Sailing is for the most part a relaxing, and sometimes challenging, activity. We cruise, day sail and at times race, but at the fringes of our sport there are those singular events when the excitement and intensity has to be seen to be believed, even virtually.

Jim O'Brien, our past commodore and long-time sailor, has provided us with a video of such an occasion. Here, compressed into three minutes, we are taken round-the-world aboard the winner of the Jules Verne Trophy race, *Banque Populaire*; a trimaran of incredible power and speed. Click on this link to see the action:

⇒ <http://nsyc.net/racing/vid.htm>



And, hey, this example raises the very real and exciting opportunity to post our own videos of NSYC events, on and off the water, on NSYC.net. Let me know and we'll do it!

....**Bob Ebenau**

Dates To Be Remembered:

- **Spring Membership Meeting, Saturday, April 21, 9:00 AM**
- **Work Party, Sunday, April 22, 8:30 AM**
- **NSYC 142nd Commissioning, Sunday, May 20, 4:00 PM**

★ ★ ★ ★ From the Commodore

Well Spring is here and that means it's time to uncover our boats and get them ready for splash down. So too, activity is picking up at NSYC, work progresses on getting our club House, docks and launches ready for the coming 142nd season at North Shore.

There is still time to join a work party, volunteer to host a social activity, sign up for and work race committee, and also this year, volunteer to man our club Booth at the annual Port Washington Harborfest (Please contact committee chairs to volunteer). All these activities are ways to meet the Clubs annual 8 hour work requirement, so please join in.

Finally, there are two very important events that are just around the corner, one is the Spring Membership Meeting, Saturday April 21st at 9 AM. I urge you to plan to attend to learn how your Club is doing and have an active say in its future direction. Also and just as importantly, the Club Commissioning will be held on Sunday May 20th at 4PM. It is an opportunity to link back to our founding Fathers and continue a tradition that goes back over 140 years. It is also a time to meet your Bridge, reconnect with members we have not seen during the off season, and welcome our newest members, of which we have quite a few this year.

Please come in your finest yachting outfits reflecting the respect and tradition of the day. Men are requested to wear a tie and sport coat, women traditionally have worn bright spring frocks. I hope to see you there!

Rosemary and I wish you all the best this Season of Renewal.

...**Commodore Mario (Butch) Rufino**





B*L*I*N*K*S

New Members:

Burton and Jo-Ann Herz; of Greenwich, Ct.; *Duet*, a BHM 32



Paula Kaminski Davis; of Port Washington, N.Y.; *Her C Gem*, a Colgate 26



Howard and Judith Herschman; of Great Neck, N.Y.; *Sails Meeting*, a Hunter 45



Ken and Mary Lu Moran; of Westbury N.Y.; *Whimsey*, a Catalina 30



New Members: (continued)

Michael Perlmutter and Barbara McGlamery; of Manhattan, N.Y.; *Pearl*, a Cape Dory 30



Michael and Leah Didriksen; of Port Washington, N.Y.; *Calliope Girl*, an S&S 34



Kenneth Bordieri; of Commack, N.Y.; *A Capella*, an Alerion 28



Lynde and Andres McCormick; of Manhattan, N.Y.; *Eventyr*, an O'Day 35



Consolidated NSYC Calendars for 2012

SOCIAL CALENDAR

Event	Date	Time
New Year's Day Rendezvous	Sun, Jan 1	1500
Officers' Cocktail Party	Sun, Feb 12	1700
St. Patrick's Day Party	Sat, Mar 17	1800
Spring Membership Meeting	Sat, April 21	0900
NSYC 142 nd Commissioning	Sun, May 20	1600
Collation After Open Regatta	Sat, June 9	1500
Theme Party	Sat, July 7	1900
Lobster & Clam Bake	Sat, Aug 11	1800
Commodore's Raft-up	Sun, Sep 9	1600
Fall Membership Meeting	Sat, Oct 13	0900
Dinner Dance & Awards	TBA	TBA

RACE COMMITTEE CALENDAR

May 12
 May 13
 June 2
 June 3
 June 16
 June 17
 July 7
 July 8



July 28
 July 29
 August 18
 August 19
 September 8
 September 9

RACE CALENDAR

NSYC RACES

Borden Cup:	Sun Jun 3	Full crew; in the Sound
Open Regatta:	Sat June 9	<i>Open to all clubs</i>
Smith Cup:	Sat Jun 16	Two Handed; in the Bay
Epstein Trophy:	Sun Jul 8	Single Handed; conditional
Moonlight Regatta:	Sat Aug 4	<i>Open to all clubs</i>
Snyder Cup:	Sat Aug 18	Two handed; conditional
Commodore's Cup:	Sun Sep 9	Full crew; in the bay



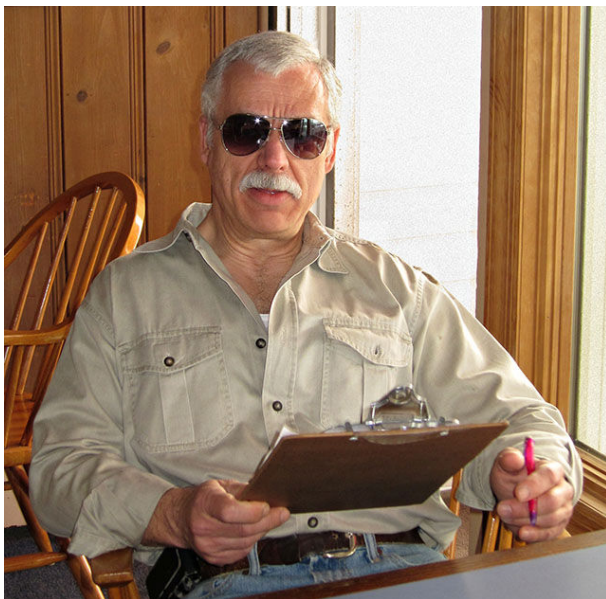
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WORK PARTY

Saturday March 24

PIZZA LUNCH AND REFRESHMENTS WERE INCLUDED!

Regards,
Bob Dunn
Fleet Captain





Another Education Hit at NSYC! “Local Knowledge” ...or ...“Going the Right Way”

Rounding out the third of the NSYC 2012 Education series on March 22nd, attendees were treated to a very special program featuring one of our most knowledgeable sailors, Ron Fink. The attendees consisted mostly from NSYC and neighboring Port Washington yacht club sailors and their crews.

Using charts and other references of our Manhasset Bay and the Sound, Ron shared his extensive Manhasset Bay and Long Island Sound knowledge accumulated over 30 years-plus as a sailor, racer, fisherman, kayaker and power boater which we all know contributed so well to his racing successes. The knowledge he passed on will help anyone enjoying our waters.

Based on his own experience and conclusions, Ron turned riddles into reality. To mention a few...

- How does our Bay work with a southerly to south-westerly breeze? ...a northerly to north westerly?... easterly?
- Finding the breeze...geography, wind shadows and wind blocks versus height of the land (Examples: Wind shadow to weather – full force – 20 times the height of the land...Wind block to leeward – full force -9 times the height of the land)
- Tides and currents
- Observing other boats
- Making the Right Decisions
- What Wins Races?
- Obtaining needed information
- How does this information translate to other venues?

Since safety is paramount, we'd be negligent not to include Ron's specific tips here...

- Plum Point Beach – Stay out half way between the grass and the Green Can.
- Barker Pt.–Stay outside the line from “Y” to “I”
- Great Neck shore – Stay away.
- Hewlett Pt.– There are large rocks to the west.
- Success Rock – It is big and buoy swings.

The camaraderie among sailors and munchies were great!...the presentation even better! Attendees walked away with a wealth of information and good will. Whether a casual sailor, cruiser, or serious racer, those not attending will surely wish they were there!

Thanks Ron!





NSYC Education Scores Triple Play! January 26th

A cold, damp January 26th evening immediately warmed-up as NSYC's education event, **"Boat Maintenance Panel Discussion"** completed a very successful "Triple-Play" on electronics, rigging and boat maintenance subjects. Of course, a log on the fire helped too!

With real world experts on hand and an audience of very interested sailors, the panel discussion included subjects we sailors often (and sometimes not so often) consider. In an interactive manner, the panel of professional experts answered a variety of questions submitted from the audience, such as...

- Lighting, electrical/electronics preventive maintenance, lightning strikes:

- Think about LEDs for your boat;
- Moor or anchor next to bigger boats;
- Keep connections clean and free of corrosion;
- Update the software to your electronics.

- Recommended batteries, their care, charging and winter care:

- Top them off on a regular basis so as not to let them sit discharged for a long period;
- AGM batteries recommended;
- Don't let batteries run down during the season;
- Hard charge with shore power whenever possible.

- Engine preparation, preventive maintenance, fuel, fuel filters;

- Change all of your filters in the off season and make sure all intakes are clear;
- Manage your fuel tank according to your use;
- Top-off and don't let tank get too low.

- Bottom prep and painting and new/stricter environmental regulations:

- Lots of new environmental regulations coming our way;
- If the bottom is not holding paint, it may be time to do a thorough cleaning and repaint;
- Red Cayenne pepper in your paint!!!

- Hull care and preventive maintenance throughout the boat:

- Clean deck with compound and wax on regular basis;
- Wax topsides regularly according to paint manufacturer's guidelines.

- Rigging inspection and security:

- Look for signs of cracks in rigging, fittings, sheaves, etc.;
- Take your mast down every 3 to 5 years so it can be thoroughly inspected.

- Working with boatyard staffs...open and timely communication emphasized – give them the whole picture to save money on guesswork and confusion.

- Most importantly – pay your insurance premium!!!

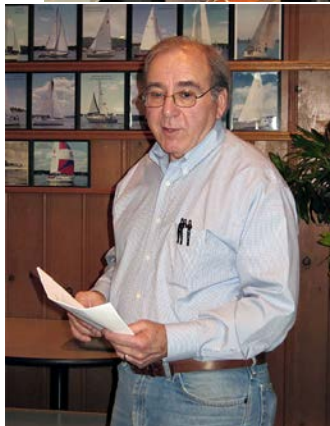
Other very interesting topics included the planning for, and management of, solar and wind power solutions, ultrasound bottom cleaning and the need to maintain most current software.

NSYC thanks the participating panel members (and attendees too!) for making this event a successful education, "Triple Play."

1. Dave James, Rigging Locker
2. Aaron Bleecker and Capt. Charlie Marino, Atlantic Marine Electrical Services Inc.
3. Mark Friel, Brewers Glen Cove Boat Yard.

For more on exciting future education events sponsored by your NSYC Education Committee, stay tuned for announcements throughout the year. Suggestions for future education events are encouraged and very welcomed.... just contact your Education Committee:

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Racing and Cruising for Couples Panel Discussion ***Thursday Evening, February 23, 2012***

Our panelists were:

Charles & Jane Murphy; Barbara & Warren Greenhouse; Andy & Marian Weissman;
Karen & Gary Panariello

We had a great evening of interesting discussion from these experienced cruisers and racers. This event was open to all, including community visitors and was not for couples only!



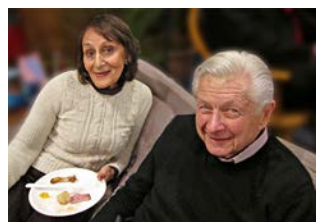


OFFICERS COCKTAIL PARTY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12 at 1700 HRS

at the Clubhouse

Members and guests at the Officers' Cocktail Party, hosted by our esteemed Commodore and the NSYC Bridge.





St. Patrick's Day Party

Saturday March 17, 2012 - 6PM

The Dance Floor was down
and the Stage was Set!

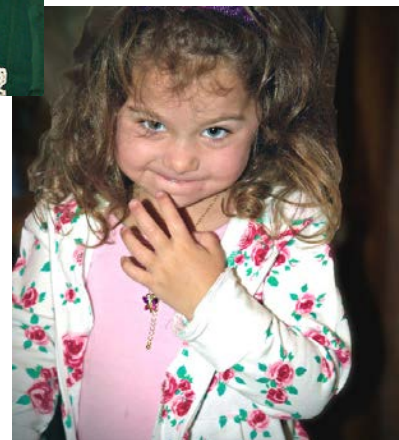
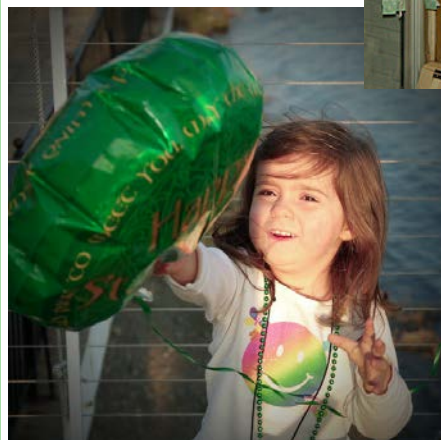
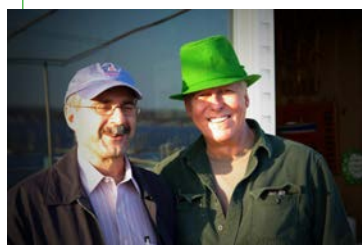
Traditional Irish step dancers
performed at our St. Patrick's Day party.

Dancers were courtesy of the
Inishfree School of Irish Dancing
(Inishfreeny.com)

Good Luck! to All!

*May your purse always hold a coin or two/
May the sun always shine on your windowpane/
May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain/
May the hand of a friend always be near you!*

Joe and Susan Stigliano





St. Patrick's Day Party *(continued)*

see more St. Pat's party pictures at:
<http://www.nsync.net/gallery/gallery.htm>

