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From the Publisher and Editors

Our Spring Membership Meeting is behind us, the May 3rd "First Friday" was great, Summer Season Launch Service just started and our 149th Commissioning for Saturday, May 18 at 1600 hours is just hours away. One can already feel the early activities for our 150th Commissioning next year!

Full season Cruising, Racing, Race Committee, Launch Service schedules and Club Calendars are now current on the website and in the soon-to-arrive 2019 Club Directory...all in readiness for 2019!

Already, our Cruising Chair, Ron Gold, has announced our Memorial Day Cruise.

NSYC Club races take-off with our Saturday, June 1st Day Race Open Regatta...entries now accepted on our website... see "Racing" at www.nsysc.net. And, thanks to Frank & Jodi LoPresti for providing their J-40, Resolve, for the race's Committee Boat.

Meanwhile, our Boat Share, Junior Sailing Programs are busy readying for their seasons.

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*Bob Ebenau, Publisher**Bill Palafox, Editor in Chief**Marian Weissman, Frank LoPresti, Judy Raskin - Editors*

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★ ★ ★ ★ From the Commodore

As I sit down to write this, the launch is running, boats are arriving and it is only days until Commissioning. You can feel the excitement at the club as folks gear up for the season. We had a great Spring Meeting with good attendance and sharing of ideas and suggestions and the club is being readied for the season.

You will notice quite a few changes and improvements this season. I want to thank Andris Ledins, Carlo Zaskorski, Peter Hirschhorn and PC Warren Greenhouse who really took on the project of bringing our deck up to code, doing it "in house" and saving the club thousands of dollars. This was volunteerism at its finest!

New this year, if you are used to sailing pre-season or post-season, our launch service is being covered by Matt Meyran, the Water Taxi. We are sharing the expense of the driver with Port Washington Yacht Club and Manhasset Isle Civic Association (MICA) during this period of very small usage. We play a flat fee and are spared the wear and tear on our launches, taxes on wages, and fuel. Matt staged the service from our docks, so there was little change in the service and we will reap the financial benefits.

You will also notice an expansion of the fleet for the Junior Sailing Program. We now own 5 Optimist Dinghies, 2 Lasers, 2 Picos, 1 Paddle Board and are actively looking for a new chase boat. The new chase boat will double as the Race Committee boat and will be more fuel efficient than our previous Race Committee boat which we plan to sell. My hope is that this expanded fleet will be used by the Boat Share Program as well as regular members. We are just working out the details of the concept and will let everyone know as soon as we are ready to roll it out. Our Sailing Instructor will be arriving on June 10th from Ireland and we will be preparing the fleet for use by club members and junior sailors.

There is one more new thing that I want for this year, but it is really an old thing. I want to really bring back the cooperative club where volunteerism is embraced and life-long friendships are made. As I keep saying, we are stronger together! Come down and volunteer. So much of the work is done by a select group, and they should not be the only ones enjoying the comradery. Ask Captain Vic what still needs to be done to improve the appearance of the club. Call me up and tell me which social event you want to host. Join a committee and get involved! When I joined this club I was so impressed how everyone worked together at the work parties and chatted and really enjoyed each other. I met members that first year and immediately felt at home at the club. This is what makes our club different. It is what makes us special. It is in our DNA! So let me know how you can help to make this season even more outstanding. Stand up, be counted!

Looking forward to our 149th commissioning,

Linda S. Kulla

NSYC Commodore





Rear Commodore's Report

April 2019

It's April and that can only mean that the new sailing season is almost upon us. Many of our members are probably already working on our boats getting ready to put them into the water. We are making sure that everything is ship shape.

At the club house, we are doing the same thing, getting our house ship shape so that everyone can enjoy our "summer home". We've been busy over the winter months taking care of some necessary maintenance to ensure our house remains in good condition for years to come.

With the aid of some skilled members and expert advice, we have installed metal tie rods under our upper deck to the main building. This was done by attaching the joists of the deck to the joist of the building. This has added extra stability to our deck.

Another project underway and one that will probably be completed by time you are reading this in our Blinker report is a new deck awning frame. Most of you probably know that near the end of last season, a sudden squall came through while our deck awning was still up and seriously damaged our frame. A new replacement frame has been designed and will be installed shortly. This along with the new awning we installed last season should give us protection over the deck for many years to come.

At the end of our dock has stood our Tea House for many years. I think it's fair to say the roof of that structure has seen better days. The roof has been completely removed and an entirely new awning structure has been designed and will be going up shortly. This will remain up year round. The roof color will be red, matching our deck awning. It will have the name of our club along with our burgee logo boldly printed in front so any transients coming for a stop over should have no trouble finding our club.

During this spring we have another structural project planned to help repair some of the back decking that over the years has deteriorated in spots. We plan to replace a few of the joists under the deck just outside our back entrance. At the same time, we will fix or replace a few other structural supports on our deck to ensure many more years of use.

You can image some of the abuse our structures have sustained over the years from some of the sever storms.

We are fortunate that much of the work on our structures are being complete in-house by several highly skilled members who have stepped up to accomplish these projects. The cost savings has been enormous for the club. Thank you to Carlo Zaskorski, Andy Ledins and Warren Greenhouse for the work put in. (yes, I pitched in as well)

Our Spring work parties have been planned for the weekend of April 6th and 7th. This is the chance for many of our members to get their required 8 hours of club chores on the books. If you miss this chance, not to worry, we will have other opportunities during the season to fulfill your work requirement.

I ask everyone to remember that the clubhouse and our facilities is your home on the water. Please help us during the season to keep it clean and in good shape. If you notice something that you feel needs our attention, please feel free to contact me so it can be addressed.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our 149th commissioning next month.

Peter Hirschhorn

Rear Commodore

Mark Your Calendars - Dates to Remember

(Club Directory, Website (www.nsync.net)
& Event Announcements for further details)

- Sat, May 18th, 1600 , NSYC 149th Commissioning
- Sat, May 18th, the 2019 Boat Share Program launched
- Sat, May 25th, Memorial Day Cruise
- Wednesday, May 29th, Education Event:
"From Sails to Wings -- a Journey"
A presentation of the design and building of a home-built NSYC member and veteran sailor, Dan Herron.
- Sat, June 1st, Day Race Open Regatta
- Sat, June 1st, 1600 , Collation after NSYC Day Race
- Sat, June 8th, June Target Cruise
& Snyder Cup Cruising Race combined
- Sat, June 15th, 1000, Buddy Brunch for New Members
- Sun, June 23rd, Epstein Trophy, Single-Handed
- Fri, June 28th, Launch the 2019 Junior Sailing Program!
- June 29 to July 7th, July 4th Cruise
See Cruise Announcement & Club directory
- Fri, July 12th, 1800 , Friday Happy Hour
- Sun, July 14th, Borden Cup, Full Crew
- July 20 to July 21st, July Target Cruise.
- Sat, July 28th, Smith Cup, Double-Handed

DID YOU KNOW?

- Important! Give Capt Vic several day's heads-up before bringing your boat to the Club.
- **Insurance Certificates:** A copy of your liability insurance, with minimum coverage of \$300,000, naming the NSYC as an additional insured, must be on file with the Club. If uncertain of your status, please contact Fleet Captain Roger Lifson (fleetcaptain@nsync.net) or call (917-842-0106). Please email a copy to bookkeeping@nsync.net, or place a copy in the bookkeeper's mailbox.

It's Your Website...nsync.net!

- Cruise our website for current Club Calendars, launch, social, cruising, racing and race
- Committee schedules and helpful links.
- Members Only? Access "Members only" features on our website by clicking the homepage "Log In" establish a user name and password and enjoy!
- Past Blinkers? Check website, "Members" pulldown
- See Captain Vic for NSYC caps, lapel pins, car magnets and burgees?
- BoatUS Discounts: Join or renew BoatUS Membership (www.boatus.com) at a discount using our unique BoatUS Cooperating Group Number: GA85149Y
- Nautical Gear? Our website to "Membership" then >>> Ship's Store. Or direct to:
<https://www.captainsquartersuniforms.com/>
for perfect clothing and custom items for sailors





Fleet Captain report on Work parties

April 6—7, 2019

Roger Lifson

Over the years NSYC members have joined the spring work parties to catch up with old friends, make new friends and to meet new members. While the intention is to open the club for the season, our additional goals are to build a community and to create an opportunity for everyone to make a contribution to the club.

This spring the work parties were held on April 6 and 7 and the weather was perfect.

On Saturday morning we pulled the furniture out of the basement, put the bubbler away, prepped the launches to be commissioned and cleaned the upstairs closet in the club house.

Our Commodore Linda with the help of new member Madeline Hochheiser carried all the furniture up from the basement while Madeline's husband Don and Brigitte Mueller helped me put the bubbler away. Assisting Adriana Pinon Eluto on kitchen detail was her son Ben. Ben was also put in charge of sorting the toy chest.

Our launches were serviced by PC Jim Thompson, PC Ken Magida, Arlene Kase, Marvin Covitz, PC Lloyd Herman, Neil Hassall and Leo Kamp.

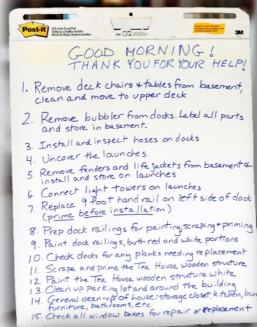
In addition to prepping the launches, Lloyd, Neil and Gary Cohen took a ride over to Gulfway Marina to look over Under Toad, the club's Colgate '26 and to prepare Under Toad for the season.

Others who attended on Saturday were Bob Ebenau, Frank LoPresti, Guilio Varsi and Leslie Lifson.

On the morning of April 7th new member Colin Schneider swept the parking lot and then joined new member Peter Regina and Dean Verola to start scraping the dock railing in preparation of painting them this spring. Richard Raskin climbed a stepladder and sanded the 6x6 verticals on the teahouse to prepare them for painting prior to the placement of our new awning.

Karen Verola cleaned out the refrigerator and with her second wind washed the windows. Lastly, PC Mary-Lu Dempsey and Bill Palafox took their green thumbs to the window boxes to clean out last years leftovers and prep them for spring planting.

Thank you to everyone who participated in helping to ready our clubhouse and grounds for the sailing season so we all can all enjoy the clubhouse for the season.





B*L*I*N*K*S

New Members for 2019

6 New Affiliate Members

- Cotten, Clifford & YiWang
Port Washington, NY 11050
Seafarer 26'...PARC
- Hochheiser, Donald & Madeline
New Hyde Park, NY 11040
Pearson 32'... *Acceptance*
- Parker, Neill, NYC, 10001
Hunter 37.5'...*Dolcezza*
- Schneider, Colin & Jaime Petcove
Long Beach, NY 11561
Hunter 33'...*Offline*
- Stross, William
Port Washington, NY 11050
Hunter 39'...*Wallula*
- Wachter, Gary & Carol Ott
NYC, 10011
Catalina 42'...*Joelle*

4 New Active Members

- Alvarez, Donald & Janet
Garden City, NY 11530
Tanzer 22'...*Voyager*
- Oswald, Robert
North Bergen, NJ 07047
Cabo Rico 36'...*Adriana*
- Regina, Peter & Diana
Albertson, NY 11507
Catalina 25'...*Hope Floats*
- Verola, Carmine (Dean) & Karen
Great Neck, NY 11021
Catalina 27'...*Sea Jam*

6 New Social Associate Members

- Ciano, Angela
Flushing, NY 11358
- Crawford, Guy
Port Washington, NY 11050
Catalina 30'...*Big Sur*
- Ling, Alan & Tina Di Yin
Port Washington, NY 11050
- Moreno, Joseph & Linda
Port Washington, NY 11050
- Spence, Evan & Karina
Port Washington, NY 11050
- Spoonhower, Paul & Kathleen Walsh
Spoonhower
Port Washington, NY 11050

NSYC EDUCATION

Automated Radio checks

Do you sometimes wonder if your VHF works? We know we are supposed to check our VHF radios when we get on our boat. You don't want to have an emergency and not be able to be heard. The Coast Guard frowns on radio checks on Ch 16. You don't want to be one of those sailors who clog up working channels with a radio check.

There is an easy solution. Sea Tow, from many of their locations, offers an automated radio check. In western Long Island Sound, set your VHF to Ch 27 and key the Imic. Ask for a radio check as you normally would. Sea Tow will then repeat your transmission back to you, letting you know that your VHF transmitted and is receiving. An easy solution to check your radio.

As you travel further east, Huntington responds on Ch 28 and Stony Brook/ Port Jeff is on Ch 27. If you travel further afield, the Sea Tow website has a locator that shows all the stations that offer an automated radio check along with the correct channel.

Remember our member Dan Herron will speak on Wednesday May 29th at 7:30PM.

He will present From Sails To Wings-A Personal Journey. Sailboats and airplanes have a lot more in common than you may think. Dan Herron will talk about taking on the project of a lifetime-building a high performance aerobatic airplane in his basement.

Future NSYC Education Topics

The Coast Guard will be returning this year to speak about safety, communications and AIS. More details to follow.





Junior Sailing Program for Spring 2019

The Junior Sailing Program is about to launch its 3rd season with many new and exciting additions to the program.

Besides the 5 Optimist Dinghies we already owned, we have now added 2 Lasers, 2 Picos, 1 paddleboard, 2 kayaks to our inventory. This is a substantial addition to our fleet which reflects the commitment by the Bridge to this program.

The Picos are 2 person boats with jibs and are the new “it” sailboat for growing non-racing junior sailing programs. The Lasers are fast and fun single handed boats for those who have already mastered the Optis. The paddleboard and the borrowed kayaks will keep the children occupied in no wind days.

We are actively searching for a new chase boat that will double for the Race Committee Boat. We plan to install a prop cage prior to the start of the junior sailing program to insure the safety of the junior program.

We have hired a very qualified sailing instructor who hails from Dublin, Ireland, Mark O'Connor. Robert Coles has graciously offered Mark housing for the summer. Mark will be available starting mid-June to offer adult sailing lessons.

We will be utilizing the US Sailing's STEM Education Series Educator's Guide to work with the children during bad weather days on STEM experiments and activities that revolve around sailing.

The sessions are almost entirely full, so anyone interested in joining the program should reach out immediate to jrsailing@nsyc.net to get a registration form.

Linda Kulla

NSYC Commadore

First Friday on the Deck

May 3, 2019

Despite cool cloudy weather in the 50's, our Friday night barbecue was a success. The forecast was for rain but we had approximately 60 enthusiastic people coming with at least 7 children. So, we decided not to cancel the first barbecue and hope for the best. I was told that “sailors” are strong and don't mind eating in the rain. We were lucky; it never rained, and members were ready for a party.

The food consisted of barbecued chicken, black bean veggie burgers, hamburgers, and hotdogs. We also served a colorful lettuce salad, macaroni salad, potato salad, cole slaw, and pickles. Dessert was an ice cream bar with delicious toppings and coffee.

Conversation typically trended to talk of the upcoming season and whose boats arrived at the mooring field. We also chatted about and upcoming races and cruises. We are all excited about the 2019 sailing season

A hearty thank you goes out to the co-chairs Arlene Kase and Ken Magida, and Karen and Dean Verola. We also appreciate the teamwork of Madeline Alkon, Sid Alkon, Marvin Covitz, Barbara Greenhouse, Mallory Kant, Peter Hirschhorn, Julie Lim, Lloyd Herman, Bill Palafox, Kori Schneider, and Joel Ziev.





New Year's Day at NSYC 'a great day for a party'

Thanks again to Nancy and Bob Kovach for hosting our New Year's Day informal get together at the Club on January 1st, 2019

A champagne toast to the New Year, led by Commodore Linda Kulla and Past Commodore Ken Magida, welcomed all and the New Year. Members were, "ready for a party" with record-breaking attendance of 51 guests compared to past New Year's Day parties.

This warm, sunny day, temperatures in the 50s, was warmed even more by sumptuous snacks, appetizers, main courses and desserts supplied by members. Everyone who attended deserves special thanks for contributing to these delicious treats....a major reason for party success.

Another reason for the party's success was the Club Movie, "What Members do in Winter" presented by Judy Raskin and narrated by Marian Weissman which brought numerous chuckles and pleasant memories to all.

Besides tremendous thanks to Nancy and Bob, thanks to Julie Lim Herman, Barbara Greenhouse, Arlene Kase, Karen Verola, Jim Thompson and Ken Magida (champagne opening and pouring) and all the rest that contributed to success.

Special thanks to Peter Hirschhorn who made sure all the needed supplies were on hand and assisted with setup of the bar and kitchen and to Captain Vic who did his usual very appreciated job of setting up the furniture, supplies and coffee.

Actually, a glorious sunset did not wrap up the day as NSYC camaraderie "just kept things going."

Happy New Year!





Officers' Cocktail Party & Open House

Saturday, February 2, 2019

A bright, clear, breezy and cold day was warmed by approximately 70 members and families, guests and prospective members at a vibrant February Officers' Cocktail Party and prospective members Open House.

This event is the opportunity for the Officers and Trustees to thank all members for their contributions during the year which make NSYC such a wonderful place for all of us. It is also an opportunity for us to invite potential members and guests to visit and learn about us.

The selection of food supplied by the officers and trustees this year was very diverse, interesting and delicious... people enjoyed all that was offered. The complimentary bar tended by members and mostly Gary Cohen was a huge success. The afternoon was a great opportunity to meet with old and new friends, talk sailing and pass another day counting down to the April 13th start of Launch Service.

Bill Palafox





NSYC's St. Patrick's Day Party

March 16, 2019

This year's St. Pat's party at NSYC was another very special event!

46 NSYC Members enjoyed this annual Spring event because,... "Everyone Is Irish On St. Pat's Day...." and we also celebrated Commodore Linda Kulla's birthday! So,... We Ate, Drank and Became Irish!

With many arrangements by Linda Kulla and with decorations, food and bar setup details provided by the Deborah & John Trainor & family, and an event-appropriate play list of music in the background, there was steady cheer throughout the evening. More followed!

As we enjoyed the delicious St. Pat's buffet, all joined in an Irish sing-along guided by a booklet prepared by Pat Hopkins and Carlo Zaskorski, with Pat leading the singing.

Next, the attendees were treated to the very 15 talented Petri School of Irish Dance Step Dancers...all dressed in traditional Gaelic attire. With this completed, the evening rolled-on with a vibe resulting in much enjoyment and laughter.

Special thanks to Linda Kulla for many of the arrangements, Bruce Logan who ordered the delicious Irish fare, the Trainor family, the spontaneous help from members and Capt. Vic which made this party a very enjoyable success.

Bill Palafox



NORTH SHORE YACHT CLUB ST. PATRICK'S DAY 2019 SING-A-LONG

North Shore

PG SONG LIST:

1. WILD ROVER
2. PARTING GLASS
3. ROSE OF TRALEE
4. RED IS THE ROSE
5. WHISKEY IN THE JAR
6. IRISH LULLABY
a.k.a. TOO RA LOO RAL
7. ORANGE AND THE GREEN
8. DANNY BOY
a.k.a. LONDONBERRY AIRE
9. WHEN IRISH EYES ARE SMILING





NSYC ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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With thanks to Carol and PC Yehuda, the breakfast fare of bagels and muffins, with coffee, tea and juice was offered to the members gathering for the meeting on a wet gray morning. After chatting and catching up, **Commodore Linda Kulla** called the meeting to order, welcoming the members and introducing the Bridge: **Treasurer John Trainor**; **Secretary Ruta Ledins**; **Rear Commodore Peter Hirschhorn**; and later Fleet Captain Roger Lifson. She also named the Trustees. The fall minutes were approved.



Commodore Kulla reminded the members this year's Commissioning will be Saturday, May 18th at 1600 hours so members are asked to arrive at 1530. Proper attire is expected: no jeans, shorts sneakers or flip-flops. Lloyd Herman and Julie Lim will be hosting the event and would like volunteer help.

Recognizing the work of Club volunteers, Linda reminded members of the awards from the Dinner Dance; Bob Ebenau received the Matthew's Service Award and Roberts Coles was recognized for his extensive efforts in the Junior Sailing program and Boat Share program.

First Fridays will continue this season but check the schedule as some may be on a Saturday or the second Friday. Also, the cost will be \$10 per person for food, and \$5 for beer and wine.

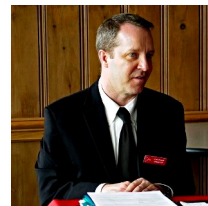
The launch service has been changed during the pre-season, April 13 through May 1 and the post-season, October 8 through November 11, as the Club will use Matt Meyran's water taxi instead of the Club launches. If he is not at the club he will be reached on Channel 9 or 71. This is a trial program to save money.

Before turning over the meeting to the Committee Reports, Linda named and thanked those **members who have been working on committees and programs** and stressed the importance of volunteering at NSYC. The Club depends on volunteers! In addition to the regular committees, there is a special committee set up to celebrate the 150 Commissioning of the NSYC and they are interested in ideas and volunteers. Members are needed on all committee as NSYC depends on member volunteering. "We are stronger together," exclaimed our Commodore!



Rear Commodore Peter Hirschhorn reported the back-deck connections to the building have been reinforced. The tea house roof is being replaced with a red roof awning and the deck awning and new structure should be replaced by the end of April. Repairs to deck joists and the dingy rack are planned.

Treasurer John Trainor explained there are sufficient funds for the beginning season and all bonds are covered. Also, less money has been spent so far than last year.





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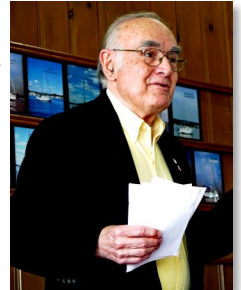
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PC Lloyd Herman, Auditing Chair, described the committee's role to monitor the NSYC bookkeeping and invited members to join his committee.

Bill Palafox covered many areas: Eblasts, Blinker, Website and Marketing. Eblasts are sent out 2 to 3 times a week so please keep your email address current. The Blinker is published 3 times a year – late December, May and September. Contributing members are Bob Ebenau, Frank LoPresti, Bill Palafox, Judy Raskin and Marian Weissman The website, NSYC.net is maintained by Ben Shapiro, Dan Herron and Bill and includes calendars, instruction, schedules and much more. Register on the site and get a username and password to get all the information. Marketing has several events: HarborFest booth, Fall Open House, Winter Open House, and Educational Events. These events show off our club.



Fleet Captain Roger Lifson declared the launches are ready, Under Toad is being commissioned, work parties are good but low attendance and reminded all that insurance policies must be on file at the Club.

Neil Hassall, Boat Share Committee Chair reported there are 10 Boat Share members and Under Toad will be in the water soon.



Mentor/Buddy Program Chair, Arlene Kase, explained the pairing of new Club members with veteran members and invited new fully active members to be buddies.

Cruising Committee Chair, Ron Gold stated that the schedule of holiday and target cruises is posted on the NSYC Website. He also requested that if members are cruising, please post their plans on the website so others can see.



Investments, Leo Kamp reported the investments are doing well, with one year performance up 6.26%.

Junior Sailing is doing very well, explained **Linda Kulla**. The program has an instructor, Mark O'Conner, new boats, and 12 of the 16 places in the program for this summer are filled.





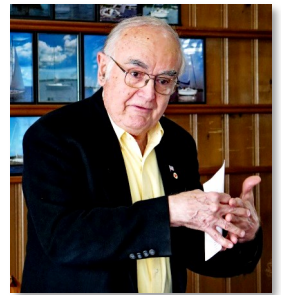
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Membership Committee Chair, Mary Lu Dempsey Palafox named the new members, joining NSYC in 2019. NEW AFFILIATES: Clifford Cotten & Yi Wang; Donald & Madeline Hochheiser; Neill Parker; Colin Schneider Jaime Petcove; William Stross; Gary Wachter & Carol Ott. 4 NEW ACTIVES: Donald & Janet Alvarez; Robert Oswald; Peter & Diana Regina; Carmine(Dean) & Karen Verola. 6 NEW SOCIAL ASSOCIATES: Angela Ciano; Guy Crawford; Alan Ling & Tina Di Yin; Joseph & Linda Moreno; Evan & Karina Spence; Paul & Kathleen Walsh Spoonhower. Reporting on Club rentals, Mary Lu reported one rental and one pending rental.

Race Management Committee member, Bill Palafox, explained there are many options for racing: single handed, double handed, racing starts, cruising starts, Thirsty Thursday racing, Saturday and Sunday racing and Open Regattas inviting other clubs. Notices and calendars will be on the NSYC website. Race Management Committee members are Bob Ebenau, Frank LoPresti, Bill Palafox, John Trainor and Giulio Varsi and Woody Greenberg as Protest Chair.



After the committee reports there was much discussion on how to increase member involvement in the running of NSYC. There were suggestions of requiring new members to serve on a committee and requiring 4 hours of maintenance work on Club through work parties.

There were no conclusions reached during the discussion except to ask members to think of ways to increase the volunteering as it helps develop relationships, increase the camaraderie in the Club and save money.





Well it's early April, the sun was out first weekend and the weather cooperated by having plenty of sun and temperatures in the 60's, just to give it that May feeling and incentive to get the Spring work under way. Mission accomplished, as the cover came off on Saturday and a good winter dirt washing was performed. On Sunday, the hull got her Spring waxing, and is not looking bad for an almost 30 year old. Many more chores to do at the time of this writing, so I sat down to plan out the next few weeks to get her ready for launching the last week in April and then her return home to her mooring for the season. So while I was in the planning mode, I thought I would put together some information about cruising plans for the season, because it's never too early to think about weekend and holiday plans when it involves our boats.

The basic outline of our cruising calendar follows the mix of events that we have had for a number of years, combining the main holiday cruises with a monthly Target Cruise to a convenient not so far away harbor, inviting participation by experience and not so experienced members. The holiday cruises are for Memorial Day weekend, July 4th week, and Labor Day weekend. The Target Cruises have different target for each month, starting with Cold Spring Harbor the weekend of June 8-9, Greenwich, Connecticut the weekend of July 20-21 and Norwalk, Connecticut the weekend of August 3-4.

The June cruise to Cold Spring is again being combined with the Snyder Cup, which is a long distance friendly race open to all members. Nothing could be easier, as no tactical decisions or tension involved. Just head out of the harbor, turn East at Gangway Rock, write down the time as you pass the mark. Then have a great sail up the Sound until you pass Red Bell 32A in the middle of the Sound South of Stanford and North of Oyster Bay. When you pass R32A, write down your time again, and then send the start and finish time. You can then join other 'racers' to the anchorage in Cold Spring Harbor for a raft up and overnight, or just the raft up and then return to the club, or just return to the club after finishing the race. Cold Spring is beautiful and it has been a fun evening to join in an early season evening on the hook.

Memorial Day is only a few weeks after Commissioning. It is a good weekend to get on the boat and get away to visit a terrific waterside village. Northport is perfectly suited for a weekend cruise. It is easy to get to sailing up the Sound and then into Huntington Bay and then into Northport Bay. No tricky entrances. Three right hand turns out of our mooring field, and a left into Northport, brings you into a harbor where there are options for anchoring, staying at one of two yacht clubs or getting a mooring from a local marina with launch service. For most of us, we make reservations at Northport YC, which is the first club as you come down into the harbor. Great facilities, including a

pool and snack bar, as well as a full dining room on Friday and Sunday nights, and of course a very friendly membership to welcome you at a spacious bar with a great view of the harbor. The village is just a half mile walk to many shops, restaurants, hardware and drug store, and even has its own brewpub and a couple of bakeries to go along with the required ice cream stores. There is also a theater that puts on very professional productions of Broadway shows. All the makings for a great weekend. The 'race' back home is usually a fun sail too on Monday, as this time of year a breeze is usually present and provides a chance shake out the winter cobwebs (not that the trip there does not offer a similar opportunity, since over the last few years we have been able to sail in both directions on the weekend cruise).

Something new this year is planned for the July 4th holiday. Once again it is a midweek holiday falling on Thursday. In order to provide a little something different, the schedule provides for full week cruise. This will offer the opportunity for those members who can take the time to have a full week of sailing and exploring different places, and also visits to ports where if a member cannot do the whole trip, all are close enough so that a member can join and come and go fitting with their own schedule. Further discussion will take place to get input from members, but the tentative schedule has a visit to Norwalk and either Milford or Black Rock harbor on the way out the first weekend or so. Then a swing across the Sound to Port Jefferson, before heading to Northport and Oyster Bay to complete the week and a return to the club. This plan varies the types of places to be visited providing options for good sailing, moorings at clubs or anchoring out, and would be a great time to take a cruise that gets the summer off to a good start, allowing more experienced cruisers a chance to get out and visit a few more harbors before maybe heading out East on vacation, while also providing less experienced sailors a chance to travel together and take on a new challenge in the company of fellow club members, sharing experiences and enjoying the company over a full week's time.

We will provide more information in email blasts from the club as the events come up, including more details on Target Cruises and Labor Day. Also, for those who have not done so, a late season cruise is a wonderful way to put an exclamation point on the sailing season before making plans for winter storage. That last trip to Oyster Bay is always memorable, and what better way to welcome the Oktoberfest season than pulling out the grill and sharing a fall weekend together.

I guess it's time to get back to work and get some more plans done for launching the boat. By the time you get this editions of the Blinker, I am hoping that your boat is in the water and you are enjoying the beginning of the season. See you at the club. Fair winds and calm seas for a great season.

Ron Gold, P.C. Cruising Chair





Winter Sailing is Both Invigorating and Tranquil

Who are those hardy seamen seen alone on Manhasset Bay sailing all winter long? Well, they are members of the oldest sailing club on the Sound—the North Shore Yacht Club, which prides itself on having members who are true sailors.

While the great majority of sailors in the northeast put their boats into dry dock till the spring, this handful of diehard sailors take advantage of the frequently windy winter days. So far, this winter has provided three out of five days of average wind speeds of 12-20 mph. These are the winds sailors dream of during hot summer days.

So what if it's a little colder! That's why winter clothes were invented, as all skiers know. Our group loves to sail in these fabulous and invigorating conditions. With no other boats on the water, the natural beauty of the sea, air and sky surrounds us in peaceful serenity. The only thing that stops us from sailing in winter is a rare lack of wind or frozen Manhasset Bay.

We know our boat is safe for winter sailing. Our dodger offers protection from the worst winter winds and breaking waves. A winter engine provides that added safety factor. My best advice for any wannabe winter sailor is to make sure your boat is prepared for heavy weather sailing, which includes reefing sails early to ensure you're not overpowered in dangerous conditions. Be sure to wear plenty of warm clothes and never sail by yourself as you are on your own once you leave the dock.

It is hard to adequately convey the pleasure one gets from sailing between Manhasset Bay and City Island without any other sails in sight. The water is cleaner, the air is crisp and clear and the camaraderie is unbeatable.

Why are so many sailors reluctant to consider winter sailing? All that is required is a sailboat, an adventurous spirit and plenty of layers of warmth. Then, just relax and inhale the beauty of nature, the many moods of Long Island Sound and the joy of sharing your experience with fellow adventurers!

Submitted by
The North Shore Yacht Club Boys of Winter





Yacht Racing 2019 at NSYC

Our 2019 racing season got underway with a flourish as the NSYC Race Management Seminar was held on April 25. The Race Management Committee, comprising Bob Ebenau, Woody Greenberg, Frank LoPresti, Bill Palafox, John Trainor, Gulio Varsi conducted the seminar with about two dozen 'old salts', new members and those in-between attending. This was a multi-media seminar—using videos, PowerPoint presentation, demonstrations, descriptions, interactive race course development, and shared experiences—the RMC instructed and reviewed NSYC race committee practices and procedures for all race committee members and Principal Race Officers (PRO).



Now, with the active participation of our club members and a growing cadre of trained and experienced PROs we have scheduled the NSYC RC on the following 12 dates:

<u>Worry Wart RC</u>		<u>Club Races (w/Worry Wart RC)</u>	
June	8 – 9	Snyder Cup	Sat. June 8
June	22 – 23*	Epstein Trophy	Sun. June 23
July	13 – 14*	Borden Cup	Sun. July 14
July	27 – 28*	Smith Cup	Sun. July 28
September	7* – 8	Commodore's Cup	Sat. Sep. 7
<u>OPEN REGATTAS</u>			
Day Race		June 1	
Moonlight Regatta		September 14	

All of these RC dates are available, with the exception of the two open regattas whose RC is by invitation.

At NSYC we have a rewarding racing program that spans competitive fleet racing, one-design races, races for cruisers, single, double and full-crewed races, and the list goes on. Including our racers, race committees, our congenial hosts and members at our regatta collations and breakfasts, as well as shared after-race beers on the club deck, well, we've got a lot of the club involved in sail boat racing—it's an integral and meaningful part of NSYC.

When you consider the benefits that the sport of sail boat racing brings to our club, you realize that, at its heart, it's powered by the race committees. It's in serving on the RC, regardless of the four hours work credit that the club provides, that you personally experience club involvement and camaraderie.

So, sign-up with me, Bob Ebenau, NSYC Race Chair, for the fun and satisfaction of a 'Job Well Done' at:

rebenau@gmail.com

Welcome Aboard!



In Memoriam – Last Call

Sad News at NSYC

David Goldsmith



Captain Dave (Goldsmith) loved the water. Not the kind we drink, but the sea. There was no activity he liked more than teaching “newbies” how to sail his boat, “Content.” All he expected was that they enjoy themselves as much as he did, and bring chocolate chip cookies on board for a delicious dessert.

Surprisingly enough, he developed his love of sailing from someone he worked with after he left the Navy, not during his stint as an Ensign in Hawaii (nice place to be stationed!). One of his favorite things to explain to anyone who asked him about his Naval Intelligence position was that it was an oxymoron. If you didn’t understand that, he’d tell you to “google it.”

Dave grew up in Brooklyn, where he met his wife Helene in elementary school. They married shortly after he graduated from Carnegie Tech (now Carnegie Mellon University) and the difficult “90-day wonder” naval academy, so that Helene could accompany him. Their daughter Sue Ellen was born in Honolulu, Hawaii while he was stationed there, and their son Harry arrived a few years later when they moved to Syosset, on Long Island.

Although he participated in many activities and joined quite a few organizations during his lifetime, there was nothing he enjoyed more than time shared with his friends at the North Shore Yacht Club and sailing on the Long Island Sound. Dave was pleasantly surprised when the Oyster Bay Power Squadron presented him with their Gull Award in 2010. He was shocked and overwhelmed when the NSYC honored him with the cherished Captain Dave Perpetual Award in 2017. A week shy of his 88th birthday and 65th wedding anniversary, he took his last breath on January 23, 2019.

Captain Dave will always be remembered with much love by his wife Helene, his daughter Sue Ellen, his son Harry, his granddaughters Alana and Rachel, and the many friends whose lives he touched with love, enthusiasm, and kindness. Sail on forever at peace in “Content,” Cap’n Dave.