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It's hard to believe that this will be my final letter to you. So you will excuse me if this one is a bit longer than my usual efforts, there is much to say. These last two years have presented both triumphs and challenges. We welcomed new members and sadly had to say goodbye to some very dear friends. Our Bylaws were revised and approved, and our club is stronger than ever. We have seen establishment of a successful and proactive Club Marketing Program and attention to some much needed infrastructure repair and improvement. Additionally, the social activities have been well attended. Through it all, it has been my honor and pleasure to serve as your Commodore. The amount of encouragement, advice and support I received through my term was incredible and very much welcomed and appreciated. I also had an outstanding team of dedicated Officers, Trustees, Committee Chairs, Committee Members and Volunteers that made my job easier. My sincere thanks to all of them!

In the last two years, our club faced two major and unprecedented hurricanes (Irene and Sandy) and two early Nor'easters. During the recent Hurricane, some of our fleet suffered damages with a total loss of one of our boats. We did sustain some damages to our decks, docks and basement and through the heroic efforts of our Club Steward Captain Vic and several brave members who during the height of Sandy, saved our dinghy dock and the boats tied to it from certain destruction and with limited damage. We are now taking stock of what will need to be repaired and what our insurance will cover.

It must be said that the combination of these storms have hit us with a one-two punch to our bottom line...more about this below. I am glad to say that the damage to our bulkhead was not as severe as our contingency plan expected. The cracks in the seawall did extend completely through the wall and would have gotten worse if not attended to and there was some erosion of the ground behind but not as extensive as feared. This resulted in a reduction in the cost of the project. Our new seawall should take us well into the next century! Many thanks are owed to Trustee Richard Raskin for expertly shepherding us through this very complicated project. Some of the savings will be put toward replacing the lower deck, which had to be removed for the project but was also previously damaged by Irene.

Now about that bottom line. Our operating expenses have increased due both to the required storm damage repairs and increases in costs of fuel, insurance etc. The Budget for 2013 includes a moderate dues increase. Your Bridge has the fiduciary responsibility to make sure our Club operates on a sound financial footing while at the same time balancing the impact these increases can have on our membership. We attempted to approach this increase in a balanced increment this year but as always, we will need to closely watch our expenditures going forward. Our investments as reported at the Fall Membership meeting are still sound and our Club is on solid financial footing. You will be receiving an updated dues and fees schedule sometime in December.

As always, one solution to the budget pressure are new memberships and you should know that our Membership and Marketing Committees are working overtime to attract new folks, but you can also play a part as word-of-mouth is still the best way to get prospects interested. Part of the North Shore experience is our volunteerism; it is a good way for us to reduce our operating expenses and to get to know our fellow members. Please consider putting some of your skills to work for the betterment of the Club and answer the "call". There is work that needs to be done prepping the Club for the winter season. In addition, there are always the "Spring" work parties to get ready for Commissioning as well as Committee Work. Also, our "House" could use some TLC as well. I hope to see you during some of these events.

Finally, the task of successfully operating and keeping our club off the "rocks" is not an easy one. Your new Commodore, Paul Meilink, and new Bridge, are ready, willing and very able to take on the challenges facing us in the coming years, and I ask that you join with me in our support for them in their efforts.

Rosemary and I wish you peace and happiness in the coming Holiday Season and we will see you at the Club!

Fair winds, calm seas and steady as she goes!

Butch Rufino,
Commodore, NSYC





From the Publisher and Editors

Wow! As we approach the 2013 mark we can proudly look back and confirm that the NSYC remains a vibrant, friendly, secure, strong and service-minded Club despite a “water line” hit by Sandy, the “storm of the century.” Not to be counted out, NSYC responded with its own successful versions of “efforts and work party of the century.” For these and many other reasons, this Blinker issue is exceptionally robust and is our “year-in-review.”

Along with Bob Ebenau’s efforts, we anticipate more frequent Blinkers thanks to the addition of Marian Weissman and Bill Palafox as co-editors, supplemented by contributions from Mary Lu Palafox...all working closely with Bob.

Please always remember...this is our, your and everyone’s Club and the Blinker is yours too. Your advice, input, suggestions (and even help) are always welcomed.

With warmest regards to our fellow sailors! Enjoy your Blinker!

Bob Ebenau, Publisher

Bill Palafox, Co-Editor

Marian Weissman, Co-Editor

Dates to Remember

- New Year’s Day at the Club: 1500 hrs

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B*L*I*N*K*S

- **Paula Davis**, always present with the Pizzas! Paula performing her work hours by planning & providing for the pizza party for the 2012 Buddy/Mentor Party as well as the 25-member strong work party following Hurricane Sandy.
- **Zach & Alex Herron**, up to now crew of J105 Liquid Courage, took the gold as part of the (4-man) crew with the Port Rowing team recently in a PA Regatta ... This sport has blossomed in popularity in the past year. Thanks to NSYC’s own **Monica Dorman** for providing the initial impetus & much inspiration!!
- **Senior Citizens’ Center November 28 Gala Honors Debbie Greco Cohen at the Swan Club.** Debbie has served on the Board of the Port Washington Senior Citizens Center for nine years, four as their Board President. Additionally, this NSYC community-minded volunteer is the first vice president of the Executive Board of the P.W. Chamber of Commerce as well as various committees with Weber Middle School’s HSA. In 2010, Debbie was inducted into the Town of North Hempstead’s May Newburger Women’s Role of Honor for her many community-wide contributions. Debbie, NSYC is most proud of you!!!
- **Gary & Karen Panariello - J80 Class – First Place – 2012 American Yacht Club Fall Series**

The yacht racing community is always attracted to stories of successful husband-wife yacht racers. Gary and Karen Panariello of Manhasset and North Shore Yacht Club are the perfect example of a couple sharing a mutual passion.



Try this:

Solid first place finish in the American Yacht Club Fall Series Regatta in September:

J80 Class, 9 races, 6 boats, 5 1sts, 4 2nds

First overall...anyone can be proud of this!

Gary and Karen, we point with pride! **Congratulations**





NSYC Meets Super Storm Sandy's Challenge

In the last two years, our club faced two major and unprecedented hurricanes (Irene and Sandy...aka, the "Super Storm") and two early Nor'easters. We survived them all.

As Sandy battered the area, the impact and damage increased on Monday, October 29 and throughout that night. Some of our fleet suffered damages with a total loss of one of our boats. We did sustain some damages to our decks, docks and basement. The storm destroyed the lower staircase, which is now under reconstruction by the membership under the direction of the new Fleet Captain, Bill Fish. The dinghy docks suffered some damage. The storm trashed the basement, resulting in a classic post-storm mess filled with old and new very-jumbled-tumbled rubble.

Before and throughout Sandy's onslaught, the heroic efforts of our Club Steward, Captain Vic, assisted by a variety of brave efforts from the Club's friend, Ken Kraft, and later by NSYC members Gary Cohen and Paul Meilink, prepared for the super storm, stayed on top of its evolving impact and took immediate remedial actions with our fleet. These actions not only reduced the storm's impact on our fleet but also saved our dinghy dock and the boats tied to it from certain destruction resulting in limited damage.

Despite Sandy's challenge, again the spirit of North Shore Yacht Club's volunteerism stepped to the plate. On Saturday, November 10, a large member "Super Work Party" completely emptied and rearranged the contents of the basement and filled a large construction dumpster with rubble and trash, which was later removed.

Looking back, we can surely expect tales of Sandy to abound. She took a big swing at NSYC but the NSYC spirit of response helped to avoid the devastation so frequently seen throughout the area. Looking forward, we can be proud of our club spirit and the fresh look emerging with our bulkhead, seawall, lower deck, staircase and basement.

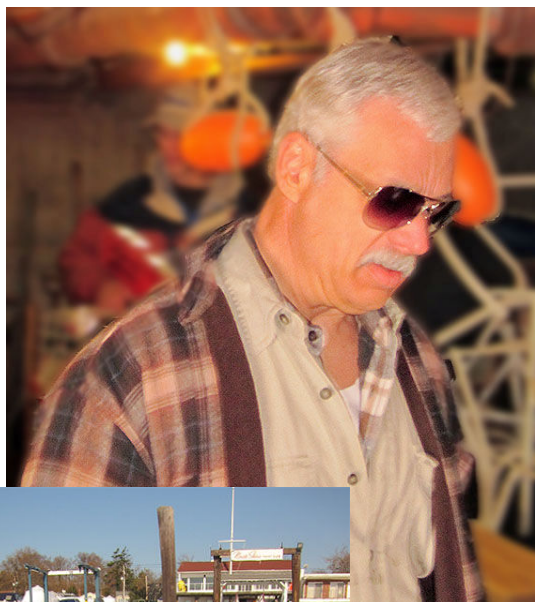




NSYC Work Party Refits Club, After Sandy's Challenge

November 17, 2012

Under Bob Dunn's energetic leadership, NSYC's last work party of the year put the final touches to a remarkable recovery from the damage wrote by hurricane Sandy.





Spring Safety Tune-Up

Friday May 4, 7:30 PM

A superb education event for all boaters to review safety rules and equipment requirements and start planning for a safe boating season!

Featured Speaker was Ron Ferina

Ron holds a number of certifications from United States Power Squadron, ASA and has taught the Basic Safe Boating course and selected topics in Seamanship, Piloting, Sailing and Marlinspike over the last eight years.

Topics covered by Ron:

- Safety Equipment and Preparedness
- Required and Recommended Safety Equipment
- Vessel Safety Check
- Man Overboard Review

We had a great evening of interesting discussion led by Ron with participation from experienced cruisers and racers. This event was open to all, including community visitors, which was another step towards NSYC community outreach.



Ron Ferina, presenter

- USPS Certified Instructor; 8 years exp.
- Advanced Certifier, B.O.C. Program (USPS and USCG; UN resolution)
- SAIL Committee Chair, D3; USPS
- USPS Education Rank of JN (Offshore Nav part A)
- Over 10 years experience sailing (thanks to many of you)
- Several ASA & USSA courses and certificates (from which I will share my experience)

Thanks to Our 2012 Launch Operators

May your Holidays be Happy and your New Year "Comes Alongside Shortly" with happiness, health and prosperity!

Thank you!

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COB

• FIVE ASPECTS OF COB:

- PREVENTION –
- INITIAL RESPONSE
- RECOVERY – GETTING TO THE PIW
- RETRIEVAL – GETTING THE PIW ABOARD
- TREATMENT – FIRST AID

PRACTICE --- PFDs --- STAY CALM





142nd Commissioning

May 20, 2012

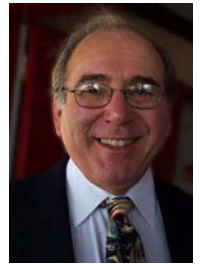
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No big deal—with 142 years of doing ‘our thing,’ we make it look easy.

Dressed in our nautical best....some ceremony!...a pause to remember our past members who are always with us in spirit; meeting and greeting friends, members (some new) and honored guests; then eating, schmoozing, drinking and celebrating our continuing fellowship, the upcoming sailing, cruising, racing season and NSYC's bright future.

Three guns !!!...as Navy salts will say, a big “Bravo Zulu” (aka “well done!”)





NSYC Shares its Secret!

Some have said that North Shore Yacht Club is one of Manhasset Bay's "Best Kept Secrets." Well, after this spring's activities, one could say with fingers crossed, "The Secret is Out!"

We've got a club to be proud of! Safe moorings, access to the Sound and New York Metro area, great launch service, cruiser and racer activities, education programs, friendly people, the price is right and Port Washington is a great destination. Very attractive features, advantages and benefits to prospective members!

Come Play on Manhasset Bay: In April, NSYC, along with eighteen other local organizations and services, exhibited in the Port Washington Public Library's, "Come Play on Manhasset Bay" event at the library. Exhibitors ranged from outfitters, yacht clubs, sportsmen's clubs, fishing charters, rowing and kayaking, sailing schools to water taxi, power squadron and boat pump-out service. Exhibitors interacted with visitors and with each other. NSYC was surely in the mix. While Marian Weissman and Arlene Kase registered visitors for prizes, Mary Lu Dempsey and Bill Palafox, with frequent moral support from Linda Kulla and daughter, CeCi, staffed the NSYC exhibit. Not only did the event share our secret with visitors, we shared it with the rest of the community's most active water-oriented organizations...all in a good position to share our secret too!

HarborFest Exhibit: Maintaining the spring "Share our Secret" campaign, along with many other exhibitors and activities, the Club exhibited a strong presence at Port Washington's HarborFest on the Town Dock on Sunday June 3 which commenced as beautiful, crisp spring day. With the Club's booth up by 6:30AM, club members staffed the booth until about 3:30PM when a micro-storm decided to bring the dock day activities to a screeching halt. Thanks goes to our NSYC members who staffed our booth with two-hour shifts each, shared our secret and qualified visitor conversations resulting in 13 leads worth follow-up. Thanks to Mary Lu Dempsey, Rosemary Furno, Arlene Kase, Ken Magida, Bill Palafox, Butch Rufino and Stephen and Phyllis Sax for their tireless efforts and smiling faces while representing our Club!



At the Port Washington Public Library



At Port Washington's HarborFest on the Town Dock





BUDDY/MENTOR PIZZA PARTY

The Buddy/Mentor Brunch, often held in the Fall, evolved into a well attended successful pizza party held at the Club Saturday, June 2. More than 40 members and their children attended.

Welcome aboard new members: Paula Davis; Ken and Mary Lou Moran; Howard and Judith Hirschmann; Ken Bordieri; Michael and Leah Didriksen; Burt and Jo-Ann Herz; and Adam Perlmutter and Barbara McGlamery.

Everyone thanks Rear Commodore Lloyd Herman for his expert bartending and one of our new affiliates, Paula Davis, along with Arlene Kase, Buddy/Mentoring Chairperson, for hosting this party.





NSYC's Community Service Team – Another Model Boat Regatta Hit!

It was 10:15AM, **June 3rd**, a brilliant Sunday at Port Washington's Baxter Pond. A breeze, initially from the west at 8 knots, stimulated 201 third grade Harborfest "skippers" to whoop it up as they anxiously awaited their turn to race their own one-design, pontoon-style sailboats built from milk and juice cartons and basic sailboat accoutrements.....all in the spirit of re-cycling and promoting Port Washington's nautical heritage. Accompanying them were friends, families, pets and just about anyone else....a crowd estimated at well over 400. Within 90 minutes, 20 elimination heats, each with 25 model boats, were run resulting in crowning 6 school champs and the "All Port Champs" for 2012. The School Spirit Trophy was also awarded to the school with the highest rate of participation which was well over 50%.

At the core of this annual, ever-improving event, from beginning to very successful end, were 13 members from North Shore Yacht Club's "Community Service Team" supported by 30 other volunteers along the way.

The "beginning" of this very successful event commenced in 2012's winter as cruisers dream of new and old destinations and boat racers dream of improved sail trim, crew coordination and racing rules. As the ground hog was looking for his shadow, members of NSYC were wide awake and well underway. Mary Lu Dempsey and Bill Palafox, working with neighbor Bill Brakman (MBYC) in his workshop, were busy preparing over 400 model boat kits for use by the third graders to build their own boats later in the spring. Next, came the training of more volunteers as classroom trainers by Arlene Kase and Marian Weissman of NSYC. These freshly-trained classroom trainers, plus Arlene, Mary Lu, Marian, Nancy Kovachs and Bill Palafox of NSYC, ultimately trained over 400 thirds graders in model boat building. Much more than an arts-and-crafts event, an observer could hear trainers emphasizing "bow, stern, port, starboard, main, boom, pontoon, hull, centerboard, sheet, cleat, etc." to the fledgling third-grade skippers. Next up... race day in early June.

As early Junes can go, the weather on race day started, "too perfect" from a sailboat racer's perspective...questionable wind to propel the model boats. The first few elimination heats were propelled totally by Mother Nature. As the breeze dropped, large portable fans supplied by the Atlantic Hook and Ladder Company, assured a breeze for racing. Volunteers made the rest happen.

The crack volunteer team, led by the NSYC Community Service Team with other individual volunteers, Scout Troop 423 and the Ancient Order of Hibernians, kept the action moving forward briskly, under control, with much fun, all clearly validated by cheers and happy faces from the third-grader participants.

- Registration of 201 participants, mentored by Mary Lu, Rosemary Furno, Helene Goldsmith, Dave Goldsmith, Arlene, Julie Herman and Marian Weissman took place in record time
- Ken "Captain Kayak" Magida, Lloyd "Captain Canoe" Herman and Marian Girardin led the on-water team to assure accurate finish line scoring, model boat recoveries and returns to their owners.
- Andy Weissman, with large American Flag in full display on the official starter's platform over the pond, executed perfect and timely starting horn countdowns.
- Butch "CPA" Rufino and Rosemary Furno assured that perfect race results were captured for ultimate prizes.

- Mary Lu and the volunteer scout troop facilitated rapid shoreline recovery of boats completing each of the 20 heats.
- Marian Weissman carefully ushered individual heat winners, despite pressures from the crowd, to the "Winners Circle" in prep for subsequent and accurate run-off heats.
- Bill Palafox, with the Starting and Winner's Circle Teams, maintained a smooth flow of participants to the starting gate for the 30-second countdown for each heat.

Much thanks goes to the support of the schools themselves and the Chamber of Commerce, plus the generous sponsors from The Port Washington Public Library Foundation, The Tepper Intergenerational Fund, Nautical Advisory Council of the Port Washington Public Library, Peter and Jeri Dejana Family Foundation, Manhasset Bay Sailing Foundation, Manhasset Bay Yacht Club, North Shore Yacht Club, Port Washington Yacht Club and Port Sailing School. Of course, success of this popular community event was guaranteed by the month-after-month dedication of the Community Service Team from North Shore Yacht Club.





NSYC Day Race June 9, 2012

The race started on a calm and misty morning, if a slow crawl to and through the line can be called a start, at 10:55 AM, and the two divisions of the NSYC Open Regatta began this year, as it were, with a whimper rather than a bang. It was for good reason that the Sailing Instruction's rule *'Any boat starting 4 or more minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS'* was not enforced with diligence and rigor by the race committee PRO and race organizer Ron Fink. A goodly part of division II would have otherwise been disqualified.

There were eight entries in division I and seven in division II, representing seven yacht clubs. Both divisions sailed the shorter course, for good reason, of 7.2 miles, and both finished in time for the late afternoon party and enjoy beer, franks, hamburgers, chips ...etc.; and to rehash and discuss the results. It goes without saying, although I feel obligated by the great camaraderie and the warm afterglow of the retiring sailors to say it—a great time was had by all.

Three guns to Ron, all who sailed and those who won!!!

First place honors went to:

Div I Spinnaker Division:
Nordlys

Bob Schwartz
MBYC a J109

Div II Non-Spinnaker:
Chieftan

Robert Chuda
S.Minneford YC a Frers 45W





NSYC Moonlight Regatta August 4, 2012

At 6:30 PM, on a clear Saturday evening with a light northerly wind, two divisions started this year's Moonlight Regatta (of course, there was moonlight as well). There were three boats racing spinnaker with a course of 30 miles, and seven non-spinnaker boats with a course of 18 miles.

Over the past 11 years (yes, it surprised me too) this race has become a staple of fun racing unique to NSYC, attracting boats from 5 clubs, both serious racers and those enjoying an evening of competitive sailing with friends and family aboard. This is the type of excitement and camaraderie that our sport and pastime provides. There were couples sailing two-handed, serious racers and groups of friends who dinned well, even if the racing was a bit second place in their priorities.

Breakfast on Sunday morning after the race was provided at the club house for all, with lots of talk and an exchange of experiences of the race. The best performance of an NSYC boat(s) went to En garde captained by Charlie Cannam and Vision captained by Mark Epstein; they took a first in divisions 1 and 2. Three guns for Charlie, Mark, Ron Fink the organizer and PRO, and for all who participated !!!

The results were:

Division 1:		
EnGarde	Charlie Cannam	1
Wolf	Casey Rappold	2
Cinderella	Charles Lamberta	3
Division 2:		
Vision	Marc Epstein	1
Irish Blessing	Ed Gillen	2
Eudaimonia	Dan Catanzaro	3
Sounion	Paul Meilink	4
Annandale	Peter M. Trunfio	5
A Capella	Ken Bordieri	6
Paradox III	Jay Dubowsky	7





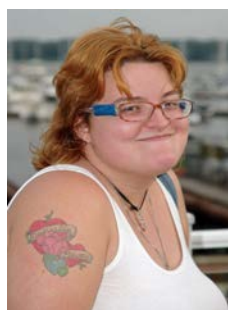
The NSYC Clambake

August 11, 2012

Thirty-five members and guests once again feasted on their choice of either lobster or steak, with clams...two-to-one going for lobster!

This perfect summer event would not have happened without the help of Neil Dorman, Diane Dunn, Warren & Barbara Greenhouse, Lloyd Herman, Nancy Kovach, Bruce Logan, Frank LoPresti, Mario "Butch" Rufino & Rosemary Furno, Bill & Mary Lu Palafox, Joe & Susan Stigliano, and, as always, Capt. Vic.

A repeat fabulous job on this year's Clambake!!!





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Our illustrious 2012 Bridge!



Linda Kulla, Secretary, and Commodore Mario "Butch" Rufino are pleased as the minutes from the April 12, 2012 spring membership meeting are unanimously approved



Membership looking over reports for the meeting, too many empty chairs!



Rear Commodore Lloyd Herman reports on the repairs on the lower deck and bulkhead and what needs to be done. Is Vice Commodore Paul Meilink checking Lloyd's figures?



Ken Magida, Treasurer, reports the Club is in good financial shape as it has no debt and explains how the repairs outlined by the Rear Commodore will be paid for.

(See the Treasurer's Report at last page)



Neil Dorman, Auditor, confirms that the Club is in excellent financial condition.



Bob Dunn, Fleet Captain, reminds members of upcoming work parties and how their 8 hour work requirements help keep operating costs down, keeping the club in good shape.



Arlene Kase, Buddy Mentoring Program Chair, describes the success of the buddy program and asks for members interested in serving as buddies to contact her.



Mary Lu Palafox, Membership Chair, reports on 2 new Active members, 3 returning Active members and 6 new Affiliates for 2012. Keep those new members coming!



Ed King, standing in for Leo Kamp, reports on the Club's investments.





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Jim Thompson – Nominating Committee Chair, presents the new slate of officers and trustee:

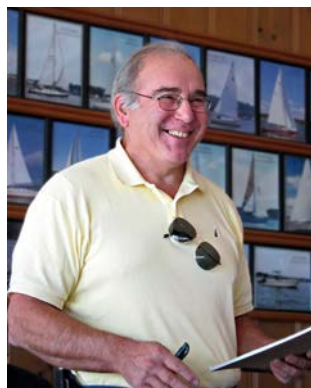
Commodore:	Paul Meilink
Vice Commodore:	Lloyd Herman
Rear Commodore:	Robert Dunn
Fleet Captain:	Bill Fish
Secretary:	Linda Kulla
Treasurer:	Ken Magida

Trustees through 2015:

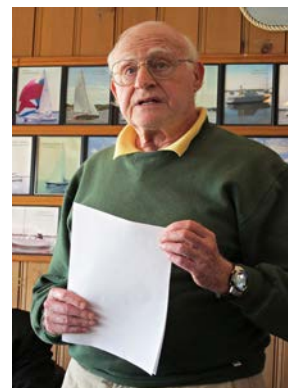
Bill Palafox and Richard Raskin



Bill Palafox, Marketing Committee Chair, describes the many ways to recruit new members, the most important being the members themselves. Happy club members are the biggest recruiters of new members.



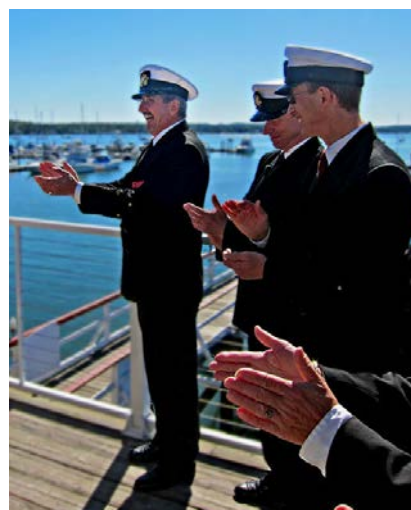
Alan Bernstein, Education Committee Chair, summarizes past events held in the areas of safety, maintenance, racing and cruising. He also would like people to suggest future events for the members to enjoy.



Bob Ebenau, Race Committee Chair, reports on the racing activities of the year and discussed some issues to be resolved next season. He is also looking for more member participation on the Race Committee.



And so another successful sailing season comes to an end as we lower the flag to close the North Shore Yacht Club for the year. Keep dreaming of fresh winds and fair weather throughout the winter, until we raise the flag again in the spring.





NSYC Dinner Dance & Awards

November 11, 2012

The annual party organized by Debbie Cohen was at the Swan Club again this year and enjoyed by all who were able to make it after the devastating experience of Hurricane Sandy. There were almost 50 members present who shared tales of living without power or heat, finding respite in the gracious atmosphere, with lots of good food and warm company. One of the highlights of the evening was Bob Ebenau's wonderful slide presentation, capturing North Shore Yacht Club – 2012 in pictures. The collection of pictures taken by Bob and other members of the club was accompanied by delightfully appropriate music. Just before desert, Mark Epstein gave out the Club Awards to many happy sailors.

EnGarde – Charlie Cannam

- Moonlight Regatta - 1st place - *Spinnaker Division*
- Smith Cup - 2nd place
- Borden Cup - 3rd place
- Commodore's Cup - 2nd place - *Division 1*

Vision – Marc Epstein

- Moonlight Regatta - 1st place – *Non-spinnaker Division*
- 1st in Fleet
- Snyder Cup - 1st place

Irish Blessing – Ed Gillen

- Moonlight Regatta - 2nd place - *Non-spinnaker Division*
- Snyder Cup - 2nd place

A Capella – Ken Bordieri

- Commodore's Cup - 1st place – *Division 2* – 1st overall

Dybbuk – Roy Israel

- Smith Cup - 1st place
- Borden Cup - 2nd place
- Commodore's Cup - 2nd place - *Division 2*

Liquid Courage – Dan Herron

- NSYC Day Race - 3rd place – *Division 1*
- Snyder Cup - 3rd place
- Commodore's Cup - 1st place – *Division 1* – 2nd overall

Osprey – Richard Raskin

- NSYC Day Race - 3rd place – *Division 2*

En-Passant – James Ebenau (Bob Ebenau—owner)

- Borden Cup - 1st place

Sundance – Joel Ziev

- North Shore Day Race - 2nd place *Division 2*
- Reiman Trophy – Best performance of a NSYC boat in the NSYC Open Regatta
- Freedom Trophy – Best two-handed performance of a NSYC boat in the NSYC Open Regatta

Outgoing Commodore Award

2011-2012 Commodore Mario “Butch” Rufino

After the awards and dinner, there was dancing to the music once again provided by Joe and Jeanette Fuoco. A good time was had by one and all!





Dinner Dance Photographs

Continued

(see more at: <http://www.nsync.net/gallery/DinnerDance12/index.html>)



In Memorarian – Last Call



Sad News at NSYC this year:

Marie-Francoise Coles **left** us on October 9th. This Belgium-born wife of Robert loved to sail and cruise until the very end, with her smiling face and warm eyes. She had suffered for many years with cancer. All who knew her surely admired her positive spirit and determination. We, along with her family, will all miss her.



Additionally, in the last few months we also lost two (2) Honorary Members:

- Helen Lyons, wife of our Club's long-time Treasurer, Nelson Lyons
- Frieda Pfeiffer, past NSYC Secretary and also Assistant Treasurer to Nelson many years ago.

Both of these very special ladies were long time, loyal NSYC sailors & cruisers.

We fellow sailors cherish the memories of all three of our very special friends of NSYC.





Hauling Out

by Nautical Mom

(the continuing sailing odyssey of Shayna Blum & Eric Hodes in *Sinan*
see: <http://nauticalmom.wordpress.com/author/nauticalmom/>)

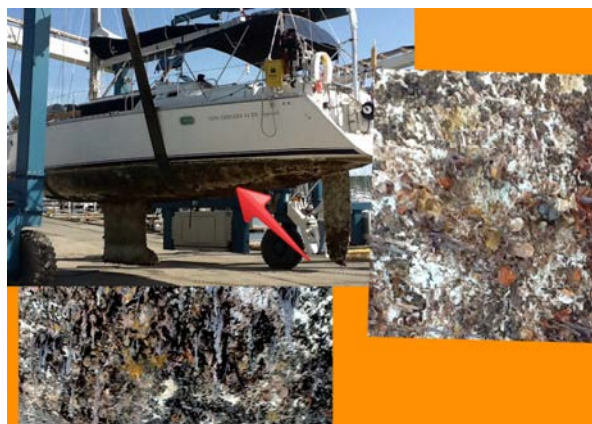
At 7:59 am we rounded the dock heading for the hauling slip at Marina del Rey, anxious to be on-time for our lift. Since there were 3 cranes, we radioed for clarification. "The haul-out facility opens at 8 am" was the curt reply. Gotta love it, 'Island Time', Mon!



When the workers arrived around 8:15 and gestured for us to back into the middle slip, we were ready: I'd made several circles waiting for them and was comfortable with the wind and currents. Everyone had gotten the lines and fenders prepared, and the docking was uneventful. Once tied to the dock, we observed as the men secured straps under the hull at the 'slip points' designated on *Sinan's* rail.

We were all eager to see the growth on the underside of our boat. It had been three months since we'd had her cleaned and that whole time we'd been stationary at the Palmas Marina. On the 15-mile trip up the coast from Humacao the engine had overheated due to barnacle growth on the intake hose. Then when we could get the engine running, we could only make 2.4 knots. This was in relatively flat seas, so we knew it'd be ugly down there.

The engine on the lift started with a deep rumble that continued into a higher pitched roar. It's grating noise drove us back from the machine, as we watched the lifting straps tighten against *Sinan's* hull. Like a mother lifting an infant out of the crib, our boat was raised up out of the water into an embrace and carried ashore. That was when we saw what we'd been so eager to see -- a colorful bevy of ocean life.



Three Months of Growth

Not as bad as the dreadlocks of seaweed I'd imagined clinging to our hull, but still awe-inspiring in a nauseating way, there were growths of every imaginable size and texture. With the boat stabilized above the ground, I was drawn in to examine the heretofore hidden treasure. As my fingers stretched to probe, to quench that desire to 'see' with my hands, a large calloused hand encircled my wrist pulling it back.

Angel, who really lived up to his namesake warned me not to touch it. In broken English he conveyed the perils of getting too close. It was not a moment too soon because it was then that I saw the surface come to life. Squirmy maggot-like worms and tiny crabs came run-

ning to the surface of the lesions. Rats jumping off a sinking ship, I thought as these parasites abandoned their rapidly drying homes. Three intensely exhausting and skin-scorching days spent with Angel as our coach, and we were able to make *Sinan* better than new. She was smooth as a baby's bottom; protected by two coats of bright yellow primer followed by two more of ridiculously expensive blue bottom paint. Everyone in the yard expressed admiration of our hard work so efficiently completed.



A Job Well Done!

We had the yard apply a special coat of shaft sealer to the propeller as a special treat, so now it looks like pure bronze. Gunner, the professional captain of one of the mega yachts said it was worth it's weight in gold for fuel efficiency gained from growth inhibition.

When we launched again, and headed out for the anchorage off Los Palaminos we were motoring above 6.5 knots through the water without pushing the engine past 2,000 rpms. The next day, we sailed at over 8 knots, close-hauled, rail-in-the-water, in only 16 knots of true wind. We sure hope all this lasts and that we'll soon have another opportunity to sail some serious distances with such an impressive performance. Next stop...Cartegena???



A 2-Thumbs-Up Sail...



Looking Back

It's a Mystery...

North Shore YC members have much to be proud of when it comes to their Club. We were the first club founded for the average sailor. Evidence suggests that we held the first one-design regatta on the Eastern Seaboard. And we have risen, phoenix-like, from recessions, depressions, fires and storms. But perhaps the claim to fame we know best is that we are the oldest yacht club on Long Island Sound..

Although the Sewanakha Yacht Club in Oyster Bay was also founded in 1871 it has graciously recognized our claim, and at a recent multi-club affair graciously gave our Commodore pride of place.

With this claim in mind, I decided to search through the Club's surviving records and papers to try to find the minutes of the original meeting, the one I assumed had to have occurred in 1871. I found those minutes in a Minute Book, an old leather-bound yearbook suitable for minutes of meetings or other records commercial or personal. Embossed on the front cover was the date—1872.

I was stunned. 1872! How could that be? Had the Club for over a century iterated an original error so often that the error had become truth by repetition?

The entry itself seemed to confirm little. It mentions the location of the meeting—122 William St. in Lower Manhattan—but the date is noted as "Saturday, February __, 1872." The omission of the specific date raised questions. Was the secretary careless? Forgetful? A more serious question arose after closer examination of the entry showed a correction added under "1872." It read "1871" and "see later dates." It was signed "Vaux." C. Bower Vaux was Secretary and Treasurer of the Club in 1881. This "correction," added a decade after the presumed date of the Club's founding, turned the matter into a mystery.

To find some answers I began searching through other surviving records and papers. I found some confirmation of M. Roosevelt Schuyler as first commodore in 1871 as mentioned in the original minutes. Also, the minutes note the acceptance of a constitution and by-laws prepared by our founder W.L. Alden. The Constitution and by-laws are lengthy and indicate a period of preparation that can be reasonably assumed to have pre-dated the February, 1872 date. Common sense also suggested the 1871 date as valid. Many of the original 1871 and 1872 members were still in the Club, and we can reasonably assume they or the succeeding Secretary, W.P. Stevens, who joined the Club in 1880, would have noticed the correction and objected if it were inaccurate. Finally, Vaux would have no shady reason for changing the date. Ours is the "oldest club on Long Island." But at the time of our founding we were located in the City and would not locate to the Sound for many years. Thus, adding a year to our age would have been at that time historically meaningless.

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I still hoped for more evidence or at least clarification. Then serendipity struck. Reading through a mess of unorganized papers I stumbled upon a carbon copy—unsigned, as was the practice—of a letter written on September 14, 1944 by an apparently older former member to a then active member. The writer notes that he, too, "had puzzled over the conflicting dates" in the letter. He explains that the minutes of the first meetings were not formally recorded until a "suitable minute book had been secured" for recording them. So, "for want of a minute book..." He adds that the first meeting should be noted "as of 1871." His credibility is enhanced by his closeness to the Founding Fathers. He speaks of "Alden and Schuyler when I knew them so well." This unidentified member speaks almost as an eye-witness to our history.

Of course questions remain. However, I believe it is safe to say that based on the surviving evidence, North Shore Yacht Club can continue to state proudly and confidently that ours is "the oldest club on the Sound."

...By Charles P. Murphy

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Treasurer's Report – November 14, 2012

As you are aware, we have demolished the lower deck and dinghy racks and the sea wall repair is essentially complete. Richard Raskin is proceeding with the plans to reconstruct the lower deck. In addition, the storm destroyed the lower staircase, which will probably be reconstructed by the membership under the direction of the new Fleet Captain, Bill Fish, and the dinghy docks suffered some damage which will require an unknown expenditure to repair but which will not likely be significant enough to be covered by insurance. In addition, the storm trashed the basement. A large group of members completely emptied and re-arranged the contents of the basement after filling a large dumpster with the trash, which was removed. All of these projects have placed a strain on the club finances.

Notwithstanding these expenditures, our financial condition is sound. We no longer have the significant cash reserves, which we enjoyed the past 2 years, but still, have sufficient cash to fund current operations and we do not have any debt. The difference is that we cannot fund all the foregoing repairs out of current revenues without severely depleting our cash.

The Bridge, in adopting the budget for the coming year, is attempting to continue operations without incurring debt but recognizing that our cash position is not what it has been in the recent past. The Bridge, therefore, reluctantly, adopted several modest increases to the Dues and Fees schedule. You will be receiving the new schedule with the bills to be mailed on or about December 1. Without going into full detail at this time, I merely want to alert you to the fact that there are some changes and briefly outline the key changes:

Dues increases are as follows:

- Active - from \$2,350 to \$2,475
- Affiliate - from \$1,800 to \$1,875
- Associate - from \$390 to \$425
- Secondary - from \$1,175 to \$1,200

In addition, the Bridge has determined that fewer members seem to be fulfilling their work requirement. In an effort to incentivize members to fulfill their work requirement, the Bridge has established that effective December 1, 2012, Actives and Affiliates who do not fulfill their 8-hour work obligation will be required to pay \$400 in lieu of work (an increase of \$50).

As I announced at the Membership meeting in October, some of our members enjoy visiting other yacht clubs and using their facilities. Processing the payments for members' individual charges places a burden on our staff and adds to the expense of our operations. We therefore request that all members settle their accounts at other clubs with credit cards, checks or cash, whenever possible. Although we have had a policy of charging members a \$5.00 per transaction fee for some time, it has never been enforced. The Bridge has now determined that we can no longer absorb this expense. Consequently, effective December 1, this fee will be added to each transaction at another club, when it is invoiced to the member.

Lastly, the Bridge intends to carefully monitor all expenditures in an effort to get us through this difficult year without diminishing our financial strength.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Magida, Treasurer

