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From the Publisher and Editors

At last! Gradually warming days, brilliant skies, boats returning to their moorings and, best of all, hearing the NSYC launch service response "...be alongside shortly..." herald we're, "In Commission" for our 145th year.

Already, our Memorial Day and other cruises are history and with more on tap. The May 30th Day Race, Borden Cup and Epstein Trophy Club races are history and with more on tap... each signaling a great season for NSYC. At the "Friendly Club," we are all refreshing old and new friendships.

As you peruse this large and inclusive issue, you'll surely find something of interest whether past or future events, updates, reminders and topics of interest.

Check- out "Kids Korner" for a smile! Make sure to peruse your website (www.nsync.net) with current cruising, racing, social and activity calendars and it's "members only" section. Of course, plan to attend our special Social, Education, Cruising and Racing events. As said,

"Catch the Fever & Share the Passion."

Your Blinker Team thanks the many members who contributed to this Blinker.

See you on the water and at the Clubhouse!

Bob Ebenau, Publisher
Bill Palafox, Editor in Chief
Marian Weissman, Editor

★ ★ ★ ★ From the Commodore

For the past few years, my first sail of the year has also included a call to my Mom. It's one of my little traditions. Set the sails, making sure everything is squared away (it is the first sail of the season, so there is always the chance for extra excitement), lock the wheel and sit back and call Mom. Call lasts as long as Rendezvous will steer herself or until I have to do something needing two hands.

This year, why not start a new tradition. Take a non-sailor out sailing. All the better if it includes a little kid (life jackets are in the men's room). Our sport, and all its traditions, will live and die on whether there is a new generation of sailors out there. So do your part and take some "newbies," as Cap't Dave has been heard to call them (and who has taken a few of them out sailing), and if you are lucky, they will invite themselves back time and time again. And if you are real lucky, they will join you in the boatyard next spring, and then you know you have them hooked.

And if you see me sailing with Rendezvous in a groove and me on the phone, don't worry, it is only Mom, and Rendezvous sails better than I do in any event.

Lloyd Herman

NSYC Commodore



**B*L*I*N*K*S****NEW ACTIVE MEMBERS for 2015**

- Rich and Caroline Leone, *Sea Jam*, Catalina 27
Port Washington, NY 11050
- Peter and Susan Rossi, *Freedom*, C&C 34
Malverne, NY 11565

NEW AFFILIATE MEMBERS for 2015

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

NEW SOCIAL ASSOCIATES

- Mark and Kori Schneider, *Key-Li*, Hunter 41
Port Washington, New York

Welcome Aboard!**WE HAVE A NEW CLUB SIGN**

The New Member Buddy Pizza Lunch held on Sunday, May 31st was well attended. Many members of the Bridge mingled with our new members and their Buddies. It gave everyone a chance to get to know one another, share sailing stories and talk about our hopes for a terrific summer. Our hosts for this party were new members, Kori and Marc Schneider assisted by Arlene Kase and Linda Kulla. A special thanks to Marc and Kori for handling the ordering, set up and clean up for this event.

On February 27, 2015 a fundraiser was held at the Polish Hall in Port for the folks burned out of their houseboat at Haven Marina

Among the impacted residents are George Martin and Pia Haselbach, good friends to the entire Port Washington community in many ways and good friends and colleagues to many of us in NSYC. George is Manager of the Manhasset Bay Shipyard.

**Dates to Remember**

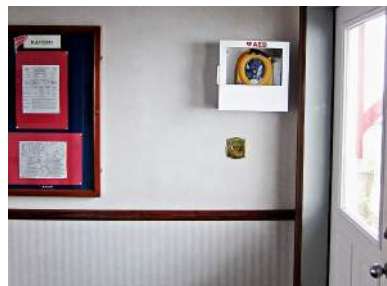
- July 4th Holiday Cruise: July 3-6
- Theme Party: Sat. July 18
- July Target Cruise: July 25-26
- Snyder Cup: Sun. July 26
- Lobster and Clam Bake: Sat. August 15
(**PENDING: Host is needed!**)
- Smith Cup: Sun. August 16
- August Target Cruise: August 22-23
- NSYC Moonlight Regatta: Sat. August 29
- Labor Day Cruise: September 4-7
- Visitor Open House: Sat. September 12
- Commodore's Cup & Raft-Up: Sun. Sept 20
- Oktoberfest Die Hard Cruise: Sept 26-27
- Fall Membership Meeting: Sat. October 17
- Oktoberfest: Sat. October 24
- Dinner Dance & Awards: Sat. November 21

AED for Club

We have installed an automatic emergency defibrillator (AED) which is located on the wall by the front door. In the event of a cardiac emergency, the unit is ready and available for use. Capt. Vic and all launch operators will be trained in its use, as are many of our members.

The unit is portable so it can be used anywhere - not just in the Clubhouse. Please note that there is a green indicator light on the front of the unit which flashes approximately every 10 seconds and which indicates that the unit is functioning properly.

(Please do not touch the unit except in an emergency when it is needed. Do not turn it on or off or remove the battery/pad pack as that only reduces battery life. Also, the pad pack is 'single use' and if it is opened, it will need to be replaced.)





Vice-Commodore's Report – June 2015

I am pleased to report that the AED has been installed in the downstairs hallway in an alarmed cabinet. I hope that we never need to use it but, like safety items on our boats, its presence gives us all peace of mind. I encourage all members to take a CPR/AED course to become familiar with this significant life-saving technique. Courses are available through the Red Cross, local hospitals, etc. If there is sufficient interest, I will attempt to arrange for a class to be given at the Club.

The new sign has been installed on the dock and it provides clear notice to all entering by boat who we are. I am attaching a photo.

The Legacy Committee held its organization meeting recently and is working towards implementing a program to encourage members to show their love and appreciation for the Club by way of financial donations. I am certain that you will be hearing more from me on this subject in the future.

The Strategic Planning Committee is looking for assistance from anyone with experience or an interest in human relations. We would like to formalize our employment policies. Please contact me if you have such experience.

Arlene and I were honored to represent the Club at the Commissionings at Port Washington YC and Northport YC. Both of those Clubs have reciprocated by sending representatives to our Commissioning.

As I submit this article, Alan Bernstein and I are planning to leave on Cool Fire for a cruise down the New Jersey coast. Our plan is to depart on Tuesday, May 26 and stay out approximately one week. Unfortunately, we were not successful in recruiting additional boats to join us. I will report on our trip later in this Blinker.

I wish you fair winds and safe sailing this 2015 season.

I would appreciate hearing from you if you have any comments, questions or suggestions. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

KEN MAGIDA
NSYC Vice-Commodore





Fleet Captain's Report

Please remember that your dues must be paid up to date and a copy of your insurance naming the NSYC as an additional insured must be on file with the Club before you will be able to bring your boat to the Club this season. If you are uncertain of your status, please feel free to see me or email or call me.

There will be a list of boats posted in the lobby whose owners have not complied with the rules. If your boat is on the list you will not be allowed to bring her to the Club until your account is current and there is an insurance certificate on file. You can either mail the certificate to the Club or place it in the Fleet Captain mailbox in the lobby.

The Launch Summer Season hours as follows:

Sat May 16 through Mon Sept 7

Weekdays	0900-2245 hours
Sat & Sun	0800-2245 hours
Holidays: May 25 and Sept 7	<i>Sat & Sun schedule</i>

Richard Ronzoni,
NSYC Fleet Captain

DID YOU KNOW?

- The NSYC 2014 Directory has arrived.

Pick-up your copy in the Club's street-level passageway and peruse the Table of Contents for valuable information.

- The Launch, Cruising, Racing and Social schedules are in the NSYC member Directory and on the www.nsync.net website.

- Check our Ship's Store for perfect clothing and custom items for sailors. Click "Membership" on www.nsync.net website.

- NSYC burgees, caps, lapel pins, car magnets. See Captain Vic

- Reciprocal privileges listing, Club Rules, Bylaws

Click "Membership" on www.nsync.net website for access. Follow prompts to register for members-only access to these selections. Reciprocal privileges hardcopy is also posted at the Club.

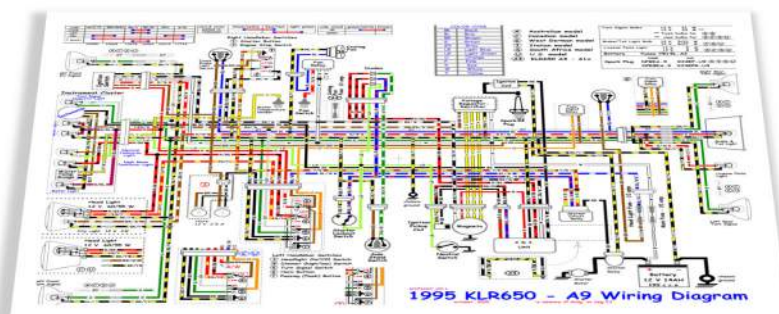
Dingle, Dangle, ...Dongle?

NSYC-USE OF CHROMECAST DOGLE

We are glad to announce that the Club has installed a Chromecast "dongle." The dingle, I mean dongle, is a 'thingy' for people who want to cast (broadcast) from computer/phone to the TV. It sort of dangles from one of those input holes on the back of the TV. But, only items which can be viewed in a Google Chrome browser can be viewed on the TV. You cannot cast a Word document, or a movie stored on your computer, unless you can view such with Google Chrome. *Got that?*

To use the Chromecast Dongle:

1. Turn on TV and cable box using Cablevision remote control
 2. Connect computer to NSYC Wi-Fi.
 3. Using Chrome browser, open Chromecast. (If needed, download from: Google.com/Chromecast/setup)
 4. Cast to NSYC. (TV should automatically switch from cable to your Google Chrome screen.)
 5. When done casting to the TV, please do the right thing and reset everything to TV. To return to TV:
 1. Exit out of Chromecast.
 2. If TV does not automatically switch back to cable station:
 - a. Make sure cable box is still turned on.
 - b. Use Sony TV remote (often found near the stereo- please return to there) to change program source to TV:
 - i. by pressing the INPUT at top left.
 - ii. Then press up/down arrows to desired position and then press center button to select source shown on TV.
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|---------|-------------------|
| HDMI1 = | Cable TV |
| HDMI3 = | Chromecast dongle |



Simplified Schematic





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Pleasure before work - Socializing before the meeting and enjoying the buffet breakfast of bagels, muffins and Danish, and members settle down for the meeting, reading reports while waiting for the meeting to begin.



Commodore Lloyd Herman calls the meeting to order and thanks all past commodores as well as all committee members and their chairs.

Rear Commodore Linda Kulla thanks Captain Vic for his assistance and lists the work accomplished during the spring work parties. She also outlines plans to refurbish and improve the Club House.



Commodore Herman introduces Richard Ronzoni, the new Fleet Captain, reviews changes in the Club's insurance and establishes a Human Resources Committee to write job descriptions for each of the Club's employees. He also invites members to join the new Committee.

Rear Commodore Kulla donates a Moonlight Regatta Plaque, bearing the names of past winners, to the Club, Commodore Herman accepts.

Vice Commodore Ken Magida discusses the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) now kept in the lobby, cautioning not to wear down the battery by turning the AED's power off. Please do not remove it unless needed. Captain Vic and the launch operators will be trained in the use of the AED.





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Treasurer Jeffery Koch explains his report, showing that 2014 was a pretty good year with improvement in cash flow due to higher dues, lower expenses and lower capital expenditures this year.



Fleet Captain Richard Ronzoni reports the spring work parties went well despite low attendance and we will have two launch drivers, Cole Martinez and Mike Petty this year.



Charlie Cannam, Chair of both Audit and Race Committees invites members to participate in racing and volunteer for Race Duty on May 30 for the Club Race and on August 29 for the Moonlight Regatta. He also reports the Club's books are done perfectly.



Ron Gold, Cruising Committee Chair outlines the cruising agenda planned for the 2015 season, including "target" cruises in June, July and August as well as an Oktober Fest cruise in late September.



Tim Mummers, Entertainment Committee Chair reports all upcoming events have hosts except this year's Lobster Bake on August 15. He is asking for volunteers. Also, an Oktober Fest event may be added to the calendar.



Secretary Leo Kamp, a Finance Committee member, reports the Club's investment portfolio rose by 9.6% over the past 12 months.



Jim Thompson reports the launches are ready to go but VICTOR may need major work soon.





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Bill Palafox, Marketing and Communications Committee Chair and Trustee, reviews communication venues, Blinker, E-Blasts and the Website as the ways to keep members informed. He also lists the many ways the NSYC has to market itself such as Open Houses, Education Events, Co-marketing with Port Sailing School and Ads and Promos.

"Catch the Fever & Share the Passion"



Mary Lu Dempsey-Palafox, Membership Committee Chair brings us up to date on our membership. There are two new Affiliates: Edward Flores and Andrew and Joy Weingarten; one new Active: Rich and Caroline Leone and one new Social Associates: Mark and Kori Schneider. She also reports the Club no longer rents to non-members.



Arlene Kase, Mentoring Committee Chair explains how new members are paired to a "Buddy" and are invited to attend a Buddy Brunch which will be held on May 31 this year.



David Goldsmith thanks the members for all the good wishes sent to him after the St. Patrick's Day party and more wishing him speedy recovery during a recent hospitalization.



Howard Goldman would like to find a charity that the NSYC could work for and/or sponsor.





NSYC EDUCATION

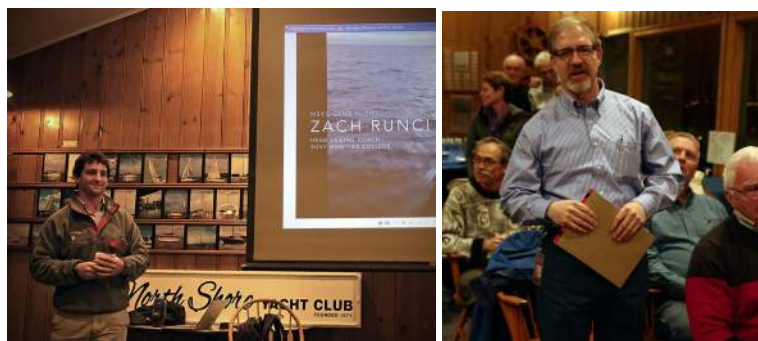
Alan Bernstein, Education Chairman

Racing on Long Island Sound

February 5, 2015

Zach Runci, has been sailing and racing since he was five years old and is now in his third year as head coach of SUNY Maritime's Sailing Team. After giving us his thoughts on some fine points of racing such as starts, mark roundings and spinnaker sets, he then went into more detail on several other critical racing situations, especially boat clearance at various points in a race. He then gave us great picture of what sailing on the college team level can be, the SUNY Maritime program and the rigors experienced by the students.

In closing, he shared his perspective as team coach and talked about overall strategy for winning races over a given season. The audience discussion was spirited and Coach Runci was terrific with his clear and concise explanation of racing rules.



Long Island Sound Environment

March 1, 2015

The Education Committee invited the Long Island Sound Study (LISS) to give a presentation on their work combating the pollution of Long Island Sound. Amy Mandelbaum, the Outreach Coordinator briefly explained the organization, but she quickly turned the presentation over to our own NSYC member, Joel Ziev LISS Member of the Citizen Advisory Committee.

Joel explained how the major watersheds flow into the Long Island Sound and impact the conditions of the water. 24 million people live within 50 miles of the Sound and we need to clean up and protect these waters. In 1994 LISS completed a Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan that identified 7 issues:

- low dissolved oxygen (hypoxia)
- Toxic contamination
- Pathogen contamination
- Floatable debris
- Living resources and habitat management
- Land use and development
- Public involvement and education

After explaining the issues and what is being done, Joel explained how it is important to work on small manageable issues and not be overwhelmed by the magnitude of the problem. He described his success in cleaning up Sheets Creek with local help. He found 5 cranes buried among the rest of the debris and was able to remove them all.



Sheets Creek





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Alan Bernstein, Education Chairman

Sail Design & Shape

Tuesday March 24, 2015

Mark Washeim, one of our favorite presenters sponsored by the NSYC Education Committee, returned to NSYC on March 24th to share his thoughts on sail design and sail shape. As an expert sail maker and sail user, he presented fascinating approaches to getting boats to sail fast ranging from the sails themselves, the equipment involved, sailing techniques and what we might expect to see in the future.

Of special interest, was Mark's discussion regarding the evolving sail "foils" and their use and how they may influence the future of sailing.

The audience left with a better feel for sail design and shape and a lingering provocative question, "What will sails look like and be made of in the future and what boats will use them?"

Sail Trim Seminar

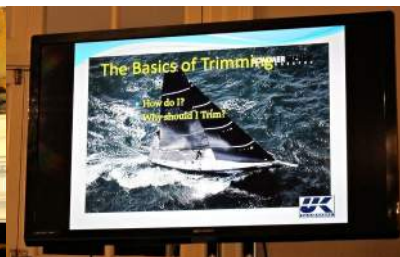
at Manhasset Bay Yacht Club

April 30, 2015

Although this seminar was not a part of the NSYC education program, it was well attended by NSYC sailors eager to learn and discuss the fine points of sail trim. It was also an opportunity for us to share sailing expertise, hospitality and comradery with our other Manhasset Bay yacht Clubs.

Dave Coughlin of UK Sailmakers, an energetic and knowledgeable speaker, discussed the details of sail aerodynamics, effects of sail trim under various conditions, and surprisingly and informatively, the contribution of the hydrodynamics forces of foils (keel) on boat performance. If Bernoulli's principles of fluid flow and vector analysis is your thing—this was the seminar for you!

The audience of racers thoroughly enjoyed Dave's presentation and MBYC's hospitality.



St. Patrick's Day Party - 2015



As the snow melted in the Club's parking lot on this festive March 14th Day, the members of NSYC and their guests enjoyed the Club's annual St. Patrick's Day Party greatly. With two dominant themes...

Everyone's Irish on St. Patrick's Day & Let's Eat, Drink, and be Irish!

...it was truly an Irish event with the members and the Club decked in shades of green. This year we enjoyed a delicious catered traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner with all the accompaniments.

Entertainment was provided by the **MIXED NUTZ TRIO** Acoustic Band playing Irish Music as well as music from the 60's and 70's
It was truly a night where we were all Irish!

Special thanks goes to Captain Vic and volunteers, Debbie and Gary Cohen, Lloyd and Julie Herman, Bruce and Gail Logan, Linda and Cecile Kulla, Tim and Alison Mummerts and Family, Mary Lu and Bill Palafox for all their help in making the party a success,
as well as all the guests who attended.

Gail and Bruce Logan





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Once again members of the North Shore Yacht Club happily gathered to open the new sailing season. The ceremonies were started with the playing of bagpipes. Honorary Boson, David Goldsmith rang the bell for the Officers' Call and the Bridge, past Commodores and guest Commodores assembled on the deck where Charles Murphy offered the invocation.

Commodore Lloyd Herman led the proceedings with introductions and remarks, thanking members for their contributions to the Club. New members were introduced to the Club and past members remembered. James Thompson led the Memorial for Harold Hecht and the bagpipes played Amazing Grace. Our national anthem was beautifully sung by our own member Jane Murphy and after a champagne toast and a proper three-gun salute, the season was officially opened.

The afternoon concluded with delicious food organized by Fred and Randi Polaniecki and served with the help of Julie Herman and her cadre of volunteers. The warm afternoon was enjoyed by the members as they socialize and plan for summer sailing.

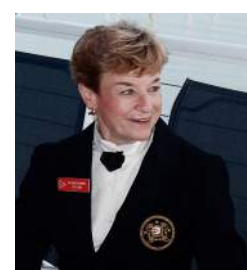




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We're Commissioned!





Cruising Corner 2015

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As promised by the forecasts, the Memorial Day weekend was a sparkler with beautiful weather and plenty of winds, although at various times and places.

Four boats came on the cruise, Indecision, White Hawk, and two new members Key-Li and Taina. The destination was Northport and the terrific hospitality of Northport Yacht Club. The Club and all its staff could not have been nicer and more welcoming. Following a tradition of sorts, we gathered at the bar on Saturday evening for drinks before walking into town for dinner at the Ritz Café.

While the wind was up and down on the way to Northport, the wind blew briskly all night long and it was certainly a night for sleeping bags and extra covers, and of course a night cap on the back of the boat with some nice rum.

Sunday was another beauty and the wind did not let up the whole day. Ed Flores on Taina took the opportunity to test out his new boat and had a great sail back to Port Washington, while the rest of our crew enjoyed a relaxing day in town and on our boats at the mooring. A rendezvous at the NYC bar for cocktails on Sunday evening was followed by another trip to town for dinner at the Main Street Café for what they and Newsday claim are the best burgers on LI, and we were not sure they were not right about that.

After another great night on the boat, it was a final trip to Northport to Tim's Shipwreck Diner for breakfast before leaving for our home port. What started out as a motoring trip and an opportunity to charge the batteries, turned into a hold onto anything you can sail back to Port Washington with big winds providing an exciting sail on the edge.

Enjoyed every moment, even with all the hard work and tacking we had to do fighting what was reported to be 20 plus knots with gusts reaching 25-30 knots. We learned later that two more members decided that the Sunday was perfect for a sail, and enjoyed the confines of Oyster Bay (Wynsum and Caliope Girl) and also a great sail in those gusty winds on the return trip on Monday.

All returned home safely and looking forward to more cruises over the summer. The first trip is always highly anticipated after the long winter and this one did not disappoint. Hope that whatever you did for the holiday weekend was safe and enjoyable. Our next Target Cruise is to Norwalk Yacht Club Father's Day weekend June 20-21. We hope you can make the trip as it is a nice Club, beautiful harbor and an easy sail. We plan on rafting up for a cocktail party at around 1800 hours. For those who want to participate, we are also planning on a potluck BBQ back at NSYC after what we hope will be a great sail back to the Club. Until then, get out and enjoy with fair winds and calm seas.

Ron Gold P/C

NSYC Cruising Chair
gold@kll-law.com
cell 917-579-5267





2015 NSYC BLUE WATER CRUISE

Last fall, Alan Bernstein and I hatched a plan to sail off-shore and thought a trip to Chesapeake Bay would be fun. We soon realized that the distance was too great and scaled down our expectations to Cape May, NJ – a reasonable expectation for 7 to 10 days. Our efforts to enlist others to join us were not successful and on Monday evening, May 25, we packed Cool Fire and settled in for a good night sleep on the mooring.

Tuesday morning we left the mooring at 0730 hrs. and headed out of the Bay and into the East River. By 1000 hrs., we were waving goodbye to Fran who was on her balcony on York Avenue. All was going beautifully according to plan until we exited Lower New York Bay and found ourselves fighting a 20 knot southerly. We passed Sandy Hook and had a great sail in the ocean but were getting no closer to our immediate goal of Manasquan Inlet which was to be our first stop. We adjusted our plan and headed for my friends' mooring at Keyport YC which provided a great sail on the beam. We explored Keyport, met my friends for dinner and had a great stay.

Wednesday was a grey day and we did not motivate quickly. The wind continued out of the south and we gave up hope of getting further south. We finally left the mooring after lunch, intending to return, but the sailing was good and we adjusted our plan to go to Atlantic Highlands YC just a few miles to the east. AHYC is located in a municipal marina behind a sea wall which took a beating in Sandy so everything is brand new and first class. Wednesday night is their race night so the place was hopping and they served a great buffet dinner. We met several people who come to visit us each year and made new friends, as well.

Thursday, there was a threat of rain and it was another grey day but with less wind. We decided to take Alan's fast dink and explore the Navasink River. Red Bank is about 10 miles up the river and it was a nice ride. We enjoyed lunch and a walk to explore the town which is very nice – many interesting restaurants and shops. We had plenty of food on board so Alan cooked up a great dinner and then we went ashore for a nightcap.

Friday morning we went ashore for breakfast and explored the town. It is very accessible from AHYC and there are many shops and restaurants. We then headed to Sheepshead Bay in Brooklyn. It was a beautiful sunny day and the wind stayed out of the south at almost 20 knots. We were having such a good time, we just kept going east of Rockaway Point for a while. We finally turned around and sailed into Jamaica Bay and Miramar YC. This presented a much different experience as Sheepshead Bay is a bustling community just outside the YC entrance. We walked down Emmons Avenue and stopped at Randazzo's for appetizers and then went to Limani, a great Turkish restaurant. We had a delicious fish meal overlooking the bay where we met some very nice people. It was early and launch service ended at 2100 hrs. We decided to go back for the dinghy and leave it at the dock so we could stay ashore for a few drinks. We wound up in a karaoke bar where Alan was a star.

Saturday we left at about noon to take advantage of the current up the East River. The wind was blowing 20+ out of the south and we had a nice ride. After we turned east by Rikers Island, the wind picked up to 25+ and we had a thrilling ride back to the Club. We made plans to spend the night at Morris YC with Ron Gold on Indecision but it would have been a rough night in those winds in the anchorage open to the south. Instead, we arrived at NSYC at about 1600 hrs. and concluded our adventure over dinner at Sullivan's Quay with Ron, Ed and Mary Causin from White Cloud and Ken Bordieri and Mallory Kant from AdventurUs.

The trip was a lot of fun. We had great sailing and camaraderie. Hopefully, we can do a similar trip next spring and more people will join us.

Ken Magida

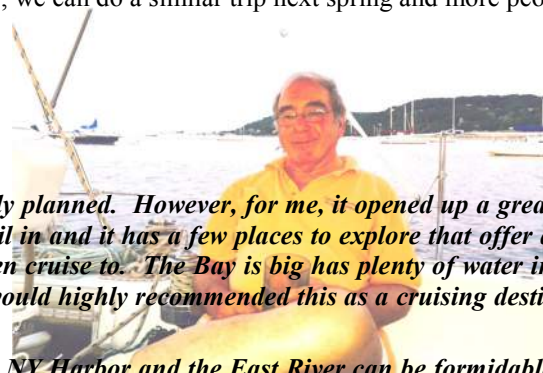
I would add a 'Captain's Note;'

As Ken indicates, this turned out to be more of an exploratory trip than originally planned. However, for me, it opened up a great new place to go when the tides are right. Raritan Bay is a really nice place to sail in and it has a few places to explore that offer a different atmosphere than the usual New England type towns than we most often cruise to. The Bay is big has plenty of water in most places, we had very little traffic and the wind was strong off the ocean. I would highly recommended this as a cruising destination and it is possible to do as a long day sail or an overnight.

We did, however, learn a few things and one of them was that ship traffic in the NY Harbor and the East River can be formidable and a review of traffic safety rules is in order for anyone going south. The other thing was that we were open to adjusting our itinerary to the conditions. While we started out thinking Cape May, the weather reports for that destination would have meant sailing when conditions during the tail end of the trip would have been consistently bad. Adjusting our plan made sense and saved us three days of foul weather experience. An experience neither of us need for our resumes at this time.

We are trying to put together a cruising roundtable for the summer and will make a plan with PC Gold to do it ASAP

Alan Bernstein,





Free chart plotting software installed on a laptop or iPad for your boat....

Formerly I used a 3 ½ inch chart plotter for navigation. **NOW, I can use my laptop with free chart plotter software!** I have all the functionality – speed, heading, tracking, routes, waypoints – all the functions of my little plotter — but on my large laptop, or on a tablet. The software is **OpenCPN** which may be installed free on your laptop or iPad. Charts are free – a single download from NOAA got me the entire Northeast Coast chart collection with all the various scale charts for our region (choose Coast Guard District 1 for our area or just get New York State if you are worried about having sufficient disk space). You control which scale chart is displayed.



The charts are either vector (ENC), so they don't break-up as you zoom in, or raster (RNC), so they look just like the printed charts you are (hopefully) used to using. You can use both type, as you wish.

If your computer doesn't have a GPS receiver you can get one for around \$30 with a USB connection. Links for downloads and GPS receiver/antenna:

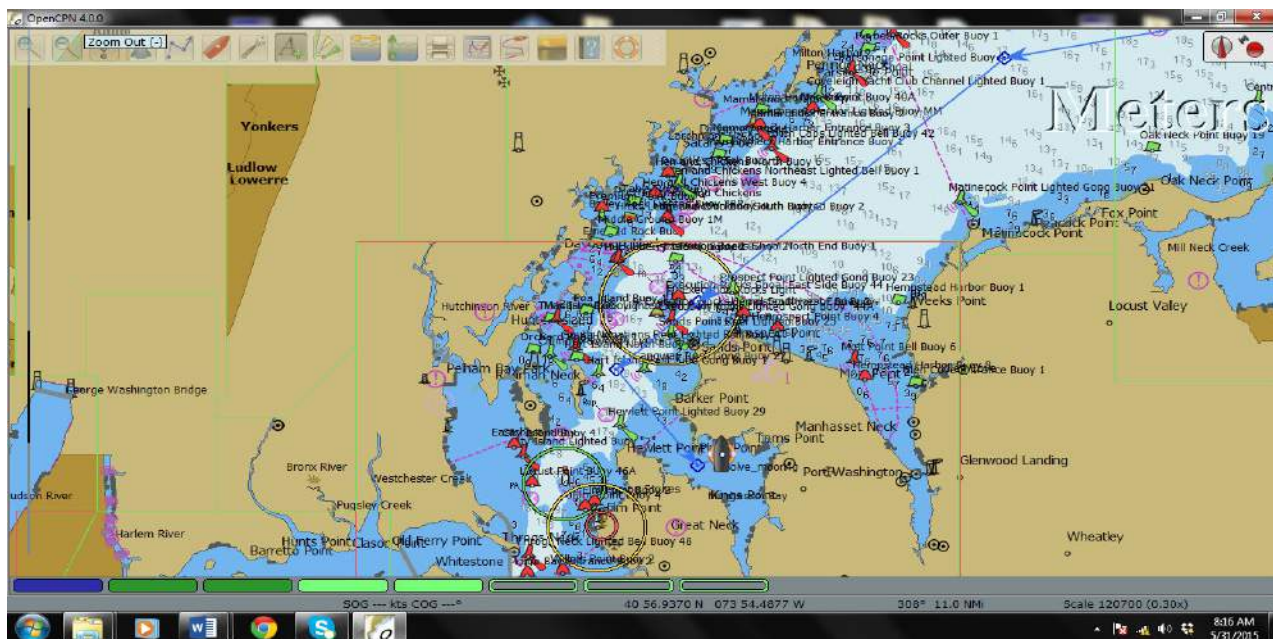
- For the software for pc or Apple - <http://opencpn.org/ocpn/download>
- For the NOAA vector charts - <http://www.charts.noaa.gov/ENCs/ENCs.shtml>
- For the NOAA raster charts - <http://www.charts.noaa.gov/RNCs/RNCs.shtml>

For the GPS receiver/antenna - go to Amazon and get the GlobalSat BU-353-S4 USB GPS Receiver by GlobalSat. Buy a USB extension cable and get free shipping.

If you have an AIS receiver, this can be overlaid onto the laptop chart plotter display. Current and tide info can also be added.

Feel free to email me at: frank.lopresti@nyu.edu

Frank Lopresti



Display uses the entire laptop screen. Zoomed in – our harbor on a raster chart.





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ATTENTION CRUISERS!

We have spoken for years about the desirability of having a way for us to inform each other of our cruising plans and whereabouts while we are on the water. I have started to look into ActiveCaptain.com as a vehicle to accomplish this.

Bear with me while I start to explain the steps to be taken:

1. Log in to ActiveCaptain.com and set up an account with your email and password.
2. Download ActiveCaptain Companion on your phone or tablet from the Apple or Android app store. You can also do this on your computer but I assume that most people will not always have the computer on the boat or powered up. Then log in with your Active Captain account.
3. You cannot go any further unless you have an eCard for your boat. You get this from eboatcard.com. When setting up the eboatcard, you can insert as much or as little information about yourself and your boat as you wish.
4. When you get this accomplished, send me an email and I will circulate the information of who has joined from the Club to everyone who tells me they have joined. Then let's play with it and see if it has any value.

Safe sailing,
Ken Magida, VC



The Racing Form

From the Race Chairman

I would appreciate this opportunity to express that my passion is sailing, which I more than assume is also your passion. Sailing takes on several different meanings with one universal goal: getting out, raising the sails and enjoying being one with the breeze! I think we can all agree no matter your sailing preference, sailing is what we all love.

Although my sailing preference is more towards racing, as Race Chair my goal is to interest all NSYC sailors in racing, even if just a little. Your participation in Club racing means a lot to me and to your friends at NSYC.

Please treat this racing column in our Blinker as a forum to tell other NSYC members what racing means to you, to relay your racing experiences, and to express how racing at NSYC can be improved and be more attractive to member participation. My intention is to widen and simplify our Club racing to enable all NSYC sailors to come out for a fun competitive spin around the buoys!

Now, speaking of a fun competitive spin around the buoys, check out the results of our 26th Annual Day Race and the Borden Cup. There is more to come with the Epstein Trophy and the three other NSYC Club series races. And don't forget the Moonlight Regatta. Come on and join us and contribute to our racing heritage on Manhasset Bay.

Thank you

Charlie Cannam

NSYC Race Chair

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NSYC 2015 Borden Cup

June 6, 2015

Strong and consistent NW wind, excellent weather and close competition marked this year's double-handed Borden Cup. The race course went from the 'Wart to Hart Island, then to the south of Manhasset Bay and finally back to the 'Wart.

A racing start, and the use of a whisker pole to wing out the jib, added to the excitement and made this race challenging for skipper and crew. Our NSYC racers came through splendidly. Congratulations to all for their great Corinthian spirit.

Thank you all,
 Bob Ebenau
 NSYC PRO



Results - 2015 NSYC BORDEN CUP

June 6, 2015

DIVISION:	II	Non-Spinnaker		DIV II. START:	1:35 PM	DISTANCE:	6.27	COURSE:	JpUp
BOAT NAME	SAIL #	OWNER			H'CAP	FINISH	RACE TIME	CORRECTED	POSITION
Vison	637	Marc Epstein	J-105	NSYC	D 99	2:43:32 PM	1:08:32	0:58:11	1
Sundance	257	Joel Ziev	Pearson 30	NSYC	D 186	2:56:00 PM	1:21:00	1:01:34	2
Calliope Girl	4546	Michael Didriksen	S&S 34 TR	NSYC	D 171	2:54:45 PM	1:19:45	1:01:53	3
Osprey	390	Richard Raskin	Alerion 28	NSYC	D 183	2:56:05 PM	1:21:05	1:01:58	4
Adventure-Us	123	Ken Bordieri	Hanse 345	NSYC	D 150	3:03:30 PM	1:28:30	1:12:50	5
Elusive	186	Alan Helman	Sonar 23	NSYC	D 190	DNF			



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NSYC 2015 Day Race

May 30, 2015

Greetings NSYC sailors:

For this year's Day Race we had stunning weather, delightful breeze and perfect course.

It didn't take long starting at Can "1", N.E. off Execution Rocks, for all the racers to sail upwind past Hart Island to starboard into Eastchester Bay. There, between our neighboring naval academies, we flipped around Bell "48" at Throgs Neck Bridge, where we were able to enjoy watching all the cars.

Then it was a gorgeous downwind return for us to Can "1", leaving Stepping Stone to starboard, and we all had a fast upwind tack back to Manhasset Bay leaving Gangway to port. We finished at Can "3" on the west side of our mooring area with plenty of time to enjoy the festivities of our after race party on the deck, where we shared the view and after-race camaraderie!

My sincere appreciation to the NSYC Race Committee, to the NSYC House Committee and to all of you for making our Club the sailing home that we all love!

Thank you all,
Charlie Cannam
 NSYC Race Chair

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Results - 2015 NSYC DAY RACE

May 30, 2015

DIVISION:	I	Spinnaker		DIV I. START:	11:01 AM		DISTANCE:	16.00	COURSE:	B
BOAT NAME	SAIL #	OWNER	Boat Type	Affiliation	H*CAP	CORR	FINISH	RACE TIME	CORRECTED	POSITION
Chieftan	43520	Robert Chuda	Frers 45	CIYC	69	1104.0	1:34:31 PM	2:33:31	2:15:07	1
Nordlys	267	Bob Schwartz	J-109	MBYC	63	1008.0	1:38:15 PM	2:37:15	2:20:27	2
Deviation	24	Iris Vogel	J-88	Huguenot YC	81	1296.0	1:46:24 PM	2:45:24	2:23:48	3
Inuksuit	52853	Robert Johnson	X-34	Rockland YC	96	1536.0	1:53:19 PM	2:52:19	2:26:43	4
EnGarde	50872	Charlie Cannam	J-105	NSYC	D 90	1440.0	1:55:10 PM	2:54:10	2:30:10	5
Upsetter	381	Jason Viseltair	J-80	Huguenot YC	126	2016.0	2:07:04 PM	3:06:04	2:32:28	6
Speedway Bo	165	Chris Brady	Colgate 26	Hempstead Harbour	159	2544.0	2:32:36 PM	3:31:36	2:49:12	7
DIVISION:	II	Non-Spinnaker		DIV II. START:	11:10 AM		DISTANCE:	16.00	COURSE:	B
BOAT NAME	SAIL #	OWNER			H*CAP	CORR	FINISH	RACE TIME	CORRECTED	POSITION
Vison	637	Marc Epstein	J-105	NSYC	99	1584.0	2:04:40 PM	2:54:40	2:28:16	1
Osprey	390	Richard Raskin	Alerion 28	NSYC	D 183	2928.0	2:36:29 PM	3:26:29	2:37:41	2





The Racing Form

Pictures of NSYC 2015 Day Race May 30, 2015

at the START



at the FINISH



Collation & Results



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Crew of the Year



*Cow Bay Cruising Association (Thirsty Thursdays)
Crew of the Year 2014 Winners Arlene Kase (pictured) & Rosemary Furono
(note the members of NSYC among the Thirsty Thursdays winners)*

Best Crew Nomination 2014

by
Richard Raskin

I am pleased to have the opportunity to nominate Arlene Kase and Rosemary Furono for this prestigious award.

Both of these ladies had some sailing experience and were or had been boat owners when they started to race with me, but they were not racers. I have been racing for many years and I always made it my practice to have a least one trainee on the boat who was anxious to learn; the boats were big enough and I had enough crew so that it worked well. But when I asked Arlene and Rosemary to be my entire crew, a total of 3 including me, I guess I forgot that other than me we did not have an experienced racer.

So, after the first race last year I was shocked at how much they did not know and what they could not do. I thought: "What did I get myself into?" I thought about making up some excuse to abort the season but they also realized that they were coming up short. Each of them suggested we practice and I teach.

We practiced a couple of times a week, Rosemary came from Brooklyn and Arlene had her own boat and was a very busy lady but she made the time. Instead of me pre-rigging the boat they rigged the boat. We sailed, trimmed, tacked, gibed, put the whisker pole up and took it down.

We gibed the pole, adjusted the halyards, the leads, sail shape; we rounded marks this way and that way. We talked about the racing rules, strategy, approaching marks, currents, winds and tides. And then we did it all over again and again and again.

After a while Rosemary was good enough and confident enough to relieve me on the tiller when necessary; Arlene learned to steer with a tiller for the first time – she is still uneasy about that one. They learned how to anticipate and communicate, how to feed me information and to question what I was doing or about to do so that I had to rethink my strategy.

They learned how to release the genny when tacking; how to position their bodies and use their body parts to initially trim the genny and then to winch her home; and where to sit in the boat under different conditions and points of sail. They went to the gym and worked out.

Each week they got a little better. Each week we practiced some more and each week they grew more confident. Every now and then we finished in the money. We even won some trophies.

These ladies have come a long way baby through their own efforts and determination. I am very proud of them. They are proud of themselves and they have earned the recognition that comes with this award.

Richard L. Raskin, 4/6/15
Osprey, Div. III





In Memorium

**Captain John
NSYC past Club Steward**



Sad passing of prior NSYC, Steward, Captain John Goldstick on 5/7/15, at age 87. Still doing what he loved....working on the water as a bridge tender on the Oakland Park Bridge, Ft. Lauderdale.

Captain John left NSYC 15 years ago. Wife Betty, writes, "NSYC was a happy part of his life...we loved our time at North Shore."

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Nat Wainfan, past member of NSYC for 40+ years, passed away 6/15/15 at age 91. Nat was an impressive role model, having suffered a debilitating stroke at an early age; yet continued for another 20 years as a professor at Polytechnic Institute as well boating with his devoted wife, Elsie at NSYC. Our condolences go out to Elsie.





FLAG ETIQUETTE

The United States Power Squadrons (USPS) Flag Etiquette Committee published an Updated Flag Code in 1998 intended to eliminate confusion and help recreational boaters to show proper respect for each flag and pennant flown. The complete publication can be found at http://www.usps.org/f_stuff/etiquett.html.

A brief summary of the relevant provisions follows:

United States Ensign

The U.S. national ensign, sometimes called "50-star" or "Old Glory", is the proper and preferred flag for all U.S. vessels. Your boat should wear it from 0800 until sunset, and when you enter or leave port during daylight or at night, weather and rig permitting. While in port, if you leave your boat and will not return before sunset, lower and stow the national ensign before you go.

Marconi-rigged sailboats may fly the ensign from the leech of the aftermost sail or from the back stay, approximately 2/3 the distance up its length.

At anchor or made fast, the ensign should be flown from the stem staff of all boats. The U.S. national ensign has a 10:19 (approximately 1:2) hoist/fly ratio.

United States Yacht Ensign

The U.S. yacht ensign features a blue canton (the rectangle at the upper corner nearest the staff) having 13 white stars and a fouled anchor. Traditionally, the yacht ensign had a 10:19 hoist/fly ratio like the U.S. ensign. Today it is found with a 2:3 or 3:5 ratio. However, the preferred flag is the 50-star national ensign, especially since the yacht ensign must never be flown in international or foreign waters since it has no standing as a national ensign.

Yacht Club Burgee

The yacht Club burgee contains a unique design symbolic of the organization represented. If your boat is a mastless or single-masted yacht, fly your burgee from the bow staff. Boats without a bow staff should wear a burgee at the truck (top) of a single-masted yacht. On the other hand, if the truck is occupied with instruments or other conflicting gear, a pigstick can be affixed to a halyard so as to carry a flag above the truck. Alternatively, the burgee may be worn at a spreader halyard. If your boat has two or more masts, fly your burgee at the truck of the forward mast. Do not display more than one burgee at a time. The burgee your boat wears should be that of the group in whose activity you are participating, or whose harbor you are entering, if you are a member of that group. Otherwise, fly the burgee of your home organization. Each yacht Club usually has rules that determine when their burgee should be flown.

Officer Flags

The officer flag is worn instead of the owner's private signal on all motor and sailing vessels except single-masted sailboats, where it is flown at the masthead in place of the Club burgee. Fly this flag either singly or under an associated ensign, that is, below the corresponding organizational ensign (not the national ensign or yacht ensign).

The only other officer flag that may be worn simultaneously with the owner's or captain's officer flag is that of a visiting officer of higher rank than the officer commanding the vessel. The visiting officer's flag may be flown from the bow staff (in place of the burgee) or from the port spreader halyard. The starboard-side halyard positions belong to the flag of the owner/captain, the port side halyard positions belong to the visitors' flags.

Size of Flags

Flags are often too small. The national ensign flown at a flag staff at the stem of your boat should be one inch on the fly for each foot of overall length. All other flags such as Club burgees, officer flags and private signals for use on sailboats should be approximately 1/2 inch on the fly for each foot above the waterline of the tallest mast on the boat.

Fly your flags properly and proudly!





NSYC Sets Sail with Port's Third Graders at the *Harborfest Model Boat Regatta* *"It Only Gets better"*

It was a brilliant Sunday, June 7, 10:15AM, wind variable, at Port Washington's Baxter's Pond as well over 200 third grade "skippers" whooped it up and 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 recycling and promoting Port Washington's nautical heritage."

The day's event climaxed a long list of community volunteerism from January to June...inventory, sponsorships, liaison with Port's six schools, training the trainers of 400+ young boat builders, registration, crowd control, race management, awards and more. Much of this success came from a core NSYC leadership team and other talented NSYC members.

The core team for the entire event being:

- Arlene Kase and Marian Weissman: School liaison, training and race day support
- Bill and Mary Lu Palafox: Inventory, sponsorships, registration, crowd control and safety, race management and support, awards and more.
- Richard Raskin, Arlene Kase, Marian Weissman, Bill and Mary Lu Palafox also help train the children boat builders.
- And...thanks to Howard Goldman for capturing photos for this special event!

On race day, even more NSYC members joined 25 other volunteers to ensure success. They are Robert Coles, Marian Girardin, Howard Goldman, Dave Goldsmith, Helene Goldsmith, Lloyd Herman, Julie Lim Herman, Ken Magida, Andy Weissman and Joel Ziev. With Bill Palafox as "PRO," 22 elimination heats were run; six school champions were crowned followed by the final run-off, which crowned the "All Port Champs" for 2015...all accurately and within 90 minutes!

Port's community owes much to the Community Service from NSYC for this event. Some say, without NSYC's support, this event would literally be impossible. Congratulations NSYC!

Bill Palafox
MBR PRO



Kid's Korner

by
Cecile Kulla

I love to go to the North Shore Yacht Club to see all my grown up friends and run around and play. Sometimes there are children at the parties to play with. This winter something really great happened. A new family joined the yacht Club and now I have a new best friend named Emma. Emma and I love to play together. We hide in our special closet together for children only. We both like to play on the iPad. We share lots of games. We have drinks and snacks in there too. I am so happy to have Emma at the Club. I hope that we can go sailing together this summer. Maybe we can have a sleepover on our boats and go swimming. That would be so much fun. I am so happy that Emma is my new friend.

Our Kids ...

