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From the Publisher and Editors

"What's the purpose of the Blinker?" is a question that we ask ourselves for each issue—and the answer is always the same; to keep the members of NSYC informed.

But, *informed* about what? Well, of course, NSYC events—parties, cruises, races, ..., each reported and pictured as the Blinker editors, and you, our NSYC members, see and record them. The scope of our reporting is broadened by your contributions about sailing, the community, and of course, personal happenings. We are continuously impressed with your input, and of the spirit you demonstrate during work parties and all other activities as lifetime memories and friendships are formed.

In this issue, we have reported recent and upcoming events, parties, new members, a bunch of racing news, some of our history, and sadly, the passing of one of our most active and respected members.

Does this adequately summarize our club? Well, no. How can you summarize the spirit of NSYC in word or in pictures? You have to live it to fully appreciate the meaning of NSYC to each of us. But we try, anyway, to capture those moments which bring us together as a club that has continued for the better part of 150 years to serve as our gateway to sailing and to the Corinthian spirit of our ardently followed pastime.

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

★ ★ ★ ★ From the Commodore

The future of NSYC? Why do we come? It is not just a inexpensive place to keep your boat.

What else can be equated with the pleasure of walking down the dock heading to your boat, and that good feelings that can be shared with many.

Our predecessors 100 years ago made it possible for us to enjoy and share today, by giving their time to the club back then.

All that give, get much in return. As members we are helping to pass the mariner tradition on.

Your help at the club is requested for the next year. E-mail me at Htwoo@optonline.net.

On behalf of our board and all members, a great thanks is owed to Rear Commodore Robert and Diane Dunn and Fleet Captain William and Diane Fish, as they stand down, for their support and help, with their involvement in keeping our club going and for their kind gift of time in assisting the bridge.

All are welcome to attend a Bridge meeting when you can, they are every Second Tuesday night each month @ 7:30 PM.

Three cheers for Captain Vic, and another successful summer of great Launch service!

Please attend our clubs fall meeting and save Saturday November 16, 2013 for the Dinner Dance at La Parma.

Thank you,
Paul Robert Meilink
 Commodore, NSYC





Dates to Remember

- *Launch Hours:* Post Season, Oct 15
- *Fall Membership Meeting:* Sat. Oct. 19, 0900 hrs
- *Work Parties:* Sat. & Sun Nov 16, 17, 0900-1600;
Sat & Sun Nov 23, 24, 0900-1600
- *Dinner Dance: Nov 16-:*
La Parma 707 Willis Ave., Williston Park

B*L*I*N*K*S

NEW CHAIR LIFT TO 2nd FLOOR AND TERRACE



NEW SOCIAL ASSOCIATE

- **Howard & Alese Goldman**
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Alese1214@yahoo.com
Manhattan, New York

AMERICA'S CUP: PART 2

- Dawn Riley, Executive Director for Oakcliff Sailing.
Sponsored by the Nautical Council. October 24, 2013,
7:30PM – Port Washington Public Library

NSYC Members in Boating Times

Learning to sail is an adventure that can lead to a life long passion. Arlene Kase and Dave Goldsmith describe their learning and teaching experience in this article in Boating Times—follow the link below to learn their story:

[Boat Mentors Are Hungry to Help : Boating Times Long Island](#)

NSYC Launch Needs You

Do You Ever Wonder Why the Launch Boats Never Break Down?

A small group of dedicated NSYC members perform necessary routine scheduled maintenance on the diesel engines four times a year. Jim Thompson, Ken Magida, Richard Ronzoni, Leo Camp, Bob Kovach and sole female, Arlene Kase are responsible for changing the oil, the oil and fuel filters and other general maintenance during the season, as well as the preparation of the engines for Spring commissioning and Winter decommissioning. All other mechanical issues are in the hands of our very capable Steward, Captain Vic, who manages other repairs that become necessary as needed.

Launch committee members earn work hours while providing the membership with a valuable service. Although each member puts in more than the 8 hour requirement, all of the members think that being on the committee is a worthwhile and rewarding experience. Each member, if asked, will tell you that performing this routine service instructs each of us on how to do the maintenance on our own engines, thus helping us to economize. Membership on the committee helps each of us to improve our skills while at the same time sharing our skills with one and another.

The launch committee encourages new members who have mechanical skills and dedication to become a part of the team. There is also room on the team for members who want to learn under the tutelage of the more skilled current members. Engine work is done on four Sunday mornings: late Fall, early Spring, early July and close to Labor Day. Please contact Jim Thompson if you would like to participate, [516 333 3445](tel:5163333445) or biknboat2@aol.com





Treasurer's Report – October 1, 2013

As your Treasurer I would like to give you an update of our financial status. We had a good year in terms of meeting our budget projections on the expense side. The only unbudgeted expenditures were the stairlift and the parking lot repair.

The stairlift has been an item discussed for many years. Until this year, the consensus was that a stairlift was a practical impossibility due to expense, legal and structural issues. Through the diligence of Secretary, Linda Kulla and Trustee, Richard Raskin, who did extensive research, it was determined that the total cost of the equipment and installation was \$3,800 and there were no legal or structural impediments to the installation. In light of the need for the stairlift by some of our members, the Bridge made the decision to install it.

Trustee, Richard Raskin also took the lead in connection with the condition of the parking lot. It seems that conventional wisdom is to treat the parking lot asphalt every few years. Apparently, our parking lot has not been treated in many years. Also, the drains in the parking lot were not functioning and needed attention. Richard negotiated a contract to dig out the drains and coat the parking lot surface for \$2,300. The Bridge determined that this was a fair number and a small expenditure to protect the integrity of the parking lot and the building.

However, on the revenue side the picture is not so rosy. Our dues revenues this year are approximately \$12,000 short of the amount budgeted. This shortfall in dues, when combined with the repairs to the seawall and lower deck have resulted in cash balances which are about \$30,000 less than they were at this time last year.

We are currently working on the 2014 budget which will be discussed at the October Bridge meeting. We do not expect any drastic changes in expenditures. However, we do expect that we will lose several active members before the 2014 sailing season which will further impact our finances. I plan to make a complete budget report at the Fall Membership Meeting on October 19 and ask all Members to attend as there will be much to discuss.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Magida, Treasurer





NSYC Raft-Up: All Hands on Deck!

September 8, 2013

Thanks to Sugar Magnolia, Fred, Randi and Josh Polanieki and Sails Meeting, Howard and Judith Hirschmann for making the club raft up a great success. In blustery winds we settled for a safer, warmer and sunnier anchorage back in the mooring field. We were joined by Lloyd and Julie Herman of Rendezvous, Richard Raskin and Judy of Osprey, Ken Bordieri of A Capella, William and Mary Lu Palafox of Old Flame, Ken Magida and Arlene Kase of Forever Young, Ed Mc Andrews of Delight, James Thompson of Cherokee Rose, Ron Gold of Indecision, Marvin Covitz of Herbie B II, Ed and Mary Causin of White Hawk, and Neil and Monika Dorman of Curds Away, plus many others that made it so enjoyable.



NSYC Guest moorings

It is always great to visit other yacht clubs around the Sound, but it is also nice to be the host yacht club. While there are free mooring available around the town dock, people keep coming to North Shore Yacht Club. On Labor Day weekend there were 24 boats from the Atlantic Highlands, NJ Yacht club visiting us. The weekend before, August 23 & 24, Gerrit Argento of Greenwich on his Pearson 36, Cutter, was so happy with his visit he wrote a letter to Captain Vic, thanking him: "This visit tops many marinas past and no doubt future." How's that for a friendly yacht club? Thanks Captain Vic!

2013 Knickerbocker Cup Housing

As 2013 Knickerbocker Cup competing teams from Australia, Denmark, Great Britain, Greece, Switzerland, the US Virgin Islands and the United States descended upon Port Washington for the August 29 thru September 1 series, a call was made to the community to help house these world class racers. Kudos to Bill and Mary Lu Palafox for housing two members of the USA team from Long Beach.

Thanks!

Gail and I want to thank all of you who called and sent cards to us during my recent illness. Your concern and support meant a great deal and helped us through this difficult time. It is great to have good friends.

Thanks for being there!

Bruce and Gail Logan





Lower Deck – “The Phoenix Flies!”

Flashback...

In the recent past, our club faced two major and unprecedented hurricanes (Irene and Sandy) and two early Nor'easters. Some of our fleet suffered damages and losses. We sustained damage to our decks, docks and basement while also pursuing a new seawall.

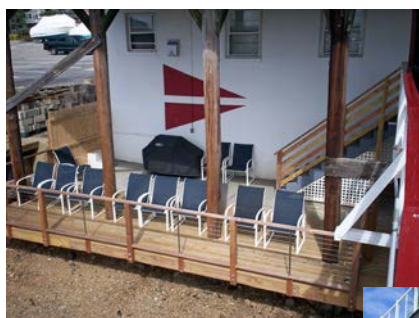
Fast forward...

While our successful new seawall should take us well into the next century, our efforts turned toward replacing the lower deck and its dinghy storage, removed for the seawall project and previously damaged by Irene. Here, a cadre of members tackled a “Sow’s Ear-to-Silk Purse” or “Flight of the Phoenix (mythical bird reborn from its ashes) project with gusto. With the exception of a few finishing touches, this undaunted crew has created the “Silk Purse” and the Phoenix is flying!

Kudos and much, much thanks goes to this band of dedicated NSYC men and woman!

Bill Fish
Gary Cohen
Captain Vic
Warren Greenhouse
Ed McAndrews
Mary Lu Palafox
Bill Palafox
Richard Raskin
Joe Stigliano

Alan Bernstein
Ken Bordieri
Bob Dunn
Ron Fink
Mark Grebler
Bob Kovach
Richard Ronzoni
Ben Shapiro



Upcoming Education Committee Events

Tentative Date - November 7

Man Overboard Participant Panel Discussion -
What Did We Learn From an Actual Rescue Attempt?

January, 2014

In Depth Safety Equipment Review

February, 2014

Racing Strategy

March, 2014

Cruising Roundtable

April, 2014

Safety at Sea - Offered at NYS Maritime Academy by
The Storm Trysail Foundation and the New York Yacht Club in conjunction with the Maritime College of the State University of New York will host a hands-On Safety@Sea Seminar on Saturday, April 5, 2014.

All of our agendas are Fluid, so we invite member input and assistance in getting programs together. If you have an idea, please shoot it over and we'll try to put it into motion

Also:

The Education Committee will research the details to do a winter cruising in the Caribbean for those who are interested.. While this may stretch the mission of the Committee, we will gladly shoulder the burden of determining the feasibility of doing this event. If you are interested, please drop the Chairman a line at abernstein@albernconsulting.com

Then:

Butch Ulmer, famous sailor and racer and owner of UK International has been a good friend to NSYC for many years. This year he is offering free pickup and delivery of sails next spring for any NSYC members who may want to use the excellent services provided by his firm, UK International located on City Island. For the next month or so, they will pick up by boat and after that, their truck will stop by NSYC on a regular basis. If you are interested in using this service, Identify your sails, let Butch know and inform Capt. Vic to determine a convenient spot where they may be left..

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Alan H. Bernstein
NSYC Education Chaorman





NSYC Ambassadors – Thank you!

Thanks to our recently announced NSYC Ambassadors!

**Marc and Barbara Epstein
Arnold and Leslie Sucher
Larry and Judy Sobel
Peter and Geraldine Frank**

These eager members have been instrumental in bringing new members aboard and earned a gift card from NSYC when the candidate they referred signed a membership contract.

Being an effective “Ambassador” is easy. Just enthusiastically mention NSYC whenever you encounter individuals with potential interest in Club membership or are in a position to suggest our Club to others (other boaters, boat yards, brokers, etc.).

Even if you just take a candidate member’s contact information, Mary Lu, our Membership Chair, (516-767-1760, mludempsey@msn.com) will contact them. Brochures and club pitch cards have been included with your billing and always available at the Club’s front door.

Thanks to our new Ambassadors!

NORTH SHORE YACHT CLUB 2013 FALL WORK PARTIES

The two Work Party weekends scheduled for this fall are:

Nov. 16 & 17 (Sat. – Sun.) from 0900 to 1600

Nov. 23 & 24 (Sat. – Sun) from 0900 to 1600)

The traditional free pizza lunch will be served each workday at noon

PROJECTS NEEDING ATTENTION:

Install bubbler system

Prepare launches for winter storage

Stow life vests, remove fenders, lower the light towers

Clean exterior surfaces – docks, ramp, decks, etc.

Clean interior surfaces, halls, bathrooms, etc.

Prep railings at ramp & teahouse for painting – Scrape and sand

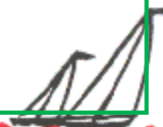
Install intermediate railing at new stairs to lower deck

Put all patio furniture away

Clean kitchen – cabinets, appliances surfaces, etc.

Polish trophies

Bring tools and equipment as: scrapers, brushes, rags etc. for the job you choose to do





***Megali Diaskedas* (Great Fun) at Greek Isles Theme Party**

Club members dressed in breezy, summery clothing and enjoyed a gorgeous summer evening on the deck as Greek music played all evening during the Club's summer themed party on July 20.

A variety of tasty Greek fare was catered from Ayhan's and a tasty, fruity drink made with Greek Metaxa brandy was a huge hit. The party was hosted by Debbie Cohen, with terrific support by Julie Lim, Terry Magro, Lili Meilink, Judy and Larry Sobel.





Clambake August 10, 2013

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No big deal—with 143 years of doing 'our thing,' we make it look easy.

Thanks to all our tireless volunteer help with the clambake. We had 63 guests this year up from ~ 40 last year thus making this event a smashing success!

Many thanks to our servers, cash collectors, bartender, set up and teardown crews for the many tasks that go into running an event like this. Special thanks to the cooks too for getting the steamers and steaks done just right.

Kudos to Paula Davis, Rosemary Furno, Linda Kulla, Terry Magro, Jody and Frank LoPresti, Jim O'Brien, Butch Rufino and Janice and Jerry Silverman. We all appreciate the wine supplied by Bob Dunn and, of course, to Neil Dorman who provided the pot and cooking station to steam the steamer clams!

(If we missed anyone, please forgive the oversight and accept our thanks.)





Cruising Corner

Autumn Cruising

As fall is ushered in by cooler weather, but fresh breezes, we prepare for the last part of our sailing season. It is time to sift through the boat or our homes to pull out that perfect fleece, sailing vest, jacket, sweat pants or favorite knit sweater, and maybe change over on the personal antifreeze and make sure there is a bottle of good scotch or bourbon on board. It is also the time to think back and enjoy the memories of the mid-summer season with visions of anchorages, great sailing days, sunrises, sunsets and moonlit skies. I hope that all had a great season so far and enjoy the balance of the year.

I was lucky enough to get away and enjoy an extended cruise that had me visit a number of favorite harbors including Oyster Bay, Northport, Port Jefferson, Essex and Shelter Island. Each has its own charms and character and offerings. Some provided quiet time and others numerous choices of activities, such as being in Shelter Island and having Greenport and all its assets just a short walk and ferry ride away. Not only was I lucky in getting to visit these places, for the most part, and unexpectedly for the summer in the Sound, I actually sailed a good portion of the trip.

But enough about my trip, which I could go on for quite a while talking about (which is no surprise to most of you). It is your turn to tell us about your cruising this summer. Not that we are giving a "how I spent my summer" writing assignment, however, we would love to have some short cruising reports and notes from you to publish in the Blinker. Is there a harbor you visited that was new to you? Was there a new facility or restaurant or shop in a place you visited that you can share with your fellow members? Did you find that perfect anchorage or a problem one that you can report on? These cruising notes and sharing of ideas are like our own cruising guide and will assist members in visiting places you have been. I know we all have our favorites and not so favorite spots and stories, so take a few minutes to share.

I know for example that a number of members were away for both short and long periods. Some were exploring harbors relatively close to home, while others were up in the Cape, the Vineyard, Newport and Block Island. I know I will miss many but I have heard that Avalon was in the Vineyard, as was Geneva. Odyssey V was also away for an extended cruise. White Hawk circled the Sound to favorite places for its full length, as did Forever Young. Cool Fire was on the run, if only for a shortened cruise and took over Mattituck. Caress was out to the East End for a visit as well. Another East Ender was Sojourn. Chat after a delayed start and completion of paperwork and boat fixes, hit the high seas and the whole family headed up the Sound, got familiar with new cruising places on the Sound and East End and was definitely bitten by the cruising bug. Mediterraena took full advantage of the wonderful and convenient weekend sailing locales adopting Cold Spring as a second home (of course that was intermixed with a visit and sailing in the real Mediterranean). Flo was welcomed back from her sabbatical and although a late return, got back into the swing of things filling weekends with visits to favorite harbor, Oyster Bay.

I leave them and you (since I am sure I either forgot or carelessly left you off my short list) to fill in the details. Short term goal is for all to share and enjoy the ride. Long term may be to start cataloging a list of favorites and hints about things to do, places to eat, etc. for a Club Cruising Guide. To be continued, but only with your help. See you at the Club, or on the water. Fall sailing is the best and I hope you take advantage of it and better yet, I looking forward to sharing it with you.

Ron Gold, P/C Cruising Chair





Oktoberfest Diehard Cruise

The cruising calendar is now complete with the last cruise of the season under our belts, which seem to be tighter than the beginning of the season.

A group consisting of Chat, Sounion, Forever Young and Indecision made their way to Oyster Bay against a typical cruisers wind, dead on the nose from the East Northeast.

The weekend was beautiful with warm temps during the day and cool evenings filled with clear skies filled with stars and barely a sliver of a crescent moon. Fun was had by all and many thanks to Chat and the whole Olofsson clan for hosting a wonderful evening, including entertainment from the family band.

The winds continued from the East on Sunday for the return trip testing the patience of our sailor as the wind was fluky and led many times to dead downwind sailing.

All returned home safely and thinking about if next weekend will allow another getaway with continued warm weather predicted.

But, ...

Maybe we will sneak in another trip before real fall weather and temps return.

Ron Gold





The Racing Form

NSYC 2013 Moonlight Regatta

The 2013 North Shore Yacht Club Moonlight Regatta was held on August 24/25 was picture perfect-Big bright moon, clear skies, stars and constellations clearly visible, wind (a reach, a run and a beat), marks that were easy to find, current that helped you go east and for most of us current then helped you come home, boats and competitors from our club, boats and competitors from other clubs, the Race Committee (Bob Ebenau, Marvin Corvitz and new Social Associate Jerry Silverman) did a proper job, Captain Vic was there to take your finishing time and bring you ashore and then after a little sleep a most excellent breakfast was prepared and served by Ken Magida and Arlene Kase of freshly made French toast with all of the proper accompaniments.

The Spinnaker Division I (3 boats) raced from the Manhasset Bay out to Stamford and back for a total of 30 miles and the Non-spinnaker Division II (3 boats) raced to Matinecook Point, across the sound to Mamaroneck and then back to Manhasset Bay for a total on 18 miles. It is interesting to note that Leverage - PWYC [PHRF rating (-9), with a canting keel], the first boat to finish in the Spinnaker Div. and first on corrected time in the Spinnaker Div., finished among the Non-spinnaker Div. boats.

The first to finish and first in Div. II on corrected time was Mark Epstein and crew on Vision –Div. II at about 2310 and the last boat to finish (as of when this article is being written) was Wolf a J29 – Div. I, with NSYC members Gary and Karen Panariello aboard crewing, at 0223 the following morning. Full results are below.

Aboard Osprey (Alerion 28, Div. II), we saw winds that clocked from SW to S and varied from 4 to 8 knots. After staring in shorts and tee shirts we changed to long pants and light jackets and before dusk all donned our inflatable life vests/harnesses that are equipped with whistles and strobe lights. The night was so clear that aboard Osprey, expertly crewed by Ken Bordieri and Mallory Kant, we were able to keep track of the other boats in our division as we sailed for much of the course.

Many of us who did the race hope that other NSYC boats and members will participate in this event next year and in future years. The Race Committee will do whatever is necessary to increase participation, such as creating a separate division or course for those who have not or rarely race; they will conduct a seminar on sailing at night if people would like. Sailing a night is great fun and very rewarding, and for those who have not done it, you will come to understand that in many ways it is easier to navigate at night than during the day. Many sailors also believe that racing, even occasional racing, contributes to becoming a better sailor and allows you to enjoy cruising and day sailing even more. If you are interested in doing the Moonlight Regatta but reluctant for whatever reasons talk to Bob Ebenau (Race Committee Chairman) or Alan Bernstein (Education Committee Chairman).

*Richard Raskin
'Osprey'*

To all who made the 2013 Moonlight Regatta a success—three guns !!!

NSYC MOONLIGHT REGATTA

August 24, 2013

DIVISION:	I	Spinnaker		DIV I. START:	6:39 PM	DISTANCE:	31.10	COURSE:	'TRADITIONAL'
BOAT NAME	SAIL #	OWNER	Boat Type	Affiliation	H'CAP	FINISH	RACE TIME	CORRECTED	POSITION
Leverage	US46850	Arthur Buhr III	Schock 40	PWYC/STC	-9	12:40:00 AM	6:01:00	6:05:40	1
En Garde	50872	Charlie Cannam	J-105	NSYC	84	1:45:20 AM	7:06:20	6:22:48	2
Wolf	296	C.Rappold / S.Rusu	J-29	None	114	2:23:30 AM	7:44:30	6:45:25	3
DIVISION:	II	Non-Spinnaker		DIV I. START:	6:46 PM	DISTANCE:	18.60	COURSE:	'CRUISING'
BOAT NAME	SAIL #	OWNER	Boat Type	Affiliation	H'CAP	FINISH	RACE TIME	CORRECTED	POSITION
Vision	637	Marc Epstein	J-105	NSYC	99	11:10:39 PM	4:24:39	3:53:58	1
Union	---	Paul Meilink	Pearson 36	NSYC	138	12:24:00 AM	5:38:00	4:55:13	2
Osprey	390	Richard Raskin	Alerion 28	NSYC	177	12:46:00 AM	6:00:00	5:05:08	3



The Racing Form

NSYC 2013 Moonlight Regatta Pictures



The Racing Form

NSYC Club Race Series:

Our Club Race series consists of five races that are held throughout the sailing season in conjunction with the NSYC race committee weekends (see the accompanying schedule of races). This series, unlike the one design weekend races, is for NSYC 'big' boats, those that qualify for a PHRF rating, and is sailed under a variety of formats—but the overall goal is consistent; to provide our members with an enjoyable afternoon's low-key racing fun.

The results of the NSYC Club Race Series are:

Borden Cup:

1 st	<i>En Garde</i>	Charlie Cannam
2 nd	<i>Dybbuk</i>	Roy Israel
3 rd	<i>Osprey</i>	Richard Raskin

Smith Cup:

1 st	<i>En Garde</i>	Charlie Cannam
2 nd	<i>Vision</i>	Mark Epstein
3 rd	<i>Dybbuk</i>	Roy Israel

Epstein Trophy:

1 st	<i>Dybbuk</i>	Roy Israel
2 nd	<i>Vision</i>	Mark Epstein
3 rd	<i>En Garde</i>	Charlie Cannam

Snyder Cup:

1 st	<i>Sundance</i>	Joel Ziev
2 nd	<i>Sunion</i>	Paul Meilink
3 rd	<i>Dybbuk</i>	Roy Israel

Commodore's Cup:

1 st	<i>Osprey</i>	Richard Raskin
2 nd	<i>Sojourn</i>	Robert Coles
3 rd	<i>Sundance</i>	Joel Ziev

NSYC Sweeps CIYC 60th Annual Day Race—Aug. 11th 2013

Charlie Cannam in *EnGarde*, a J-105, and Gary and Karen Panariello in *Courageous*, a J-80, each won their divisions in the City Island Yacht Club's 60th annual Day Race.

Congratulations Charlie, Gary and Karen on your victories and for carrying the NSYC Burgee into Long Island Sound racing prominence.

THREE GUNS !!!

CIYC DAY RACE—8/11/13

Division: Spinnaker I (7 boats)

Boat	Skipper	Corrected	Pos
EnGarde	Charlie Cannam	02:33:11	1
Cnderella	Charles Lamberta	02:37:11	2
Eagle	Ernie Bivona	02:50:30	3
Breakaway	Richie Palmer	02:56:56	4
Chaika	Richard Coar	03:06:20	5
Chieftain	Robert Chuda	NO TIME	6
Choucas	Frederic Cosandey	NO TIME	6

Division: Spinnaker II (7 boats)

Boat	Skipper	Corrected	Pos
Courageous	Karen Panariello	02:26:57	1
Kinsale	Michael White	02:48:59	2
Scarlet	Eric weintraub	03:42:56	3
Wild Child	Brad Stone	04:07:03	4
Speedway Boogie	Chris Brady	NO TIME	5
Live Wire	Jim Lynch	NO TIME	5
Excalibur	Charles Hurd	NO TIME	5





In Memoriam – Last Call

Sad News at NSYC



Ron Fink



Ron recently was awarded the NSYC Service Award. The handsome trophy says it all... “In appreciation for two decades of loyal service, including Finance, Racing, Environmental and ever-present Leadership to NSYC.”

Over the past 18 years Ron has served as NSYC Trustee & Treasurer. His Committee work included: Auditing, Race, Moonlight Regatta, NSYC Day Race, Race Protest Chair, Waterfront Protection & Cow Bay Cruising Association. In addition to his love for Rosemary and their children, Ron’s gusto for the water included Tootsie, Rosie, Blue Moon, his kayaks and of course fishing.

All who knew Ron surely admired his positive spirit and determination as he battled cancer over the past 9 months. We, along with his wife, Rosemary and family, will all miss him.

Thank You Ron!



Looking Back

On the Naming of Launches ...

Conferring a name is like doing a conjuring trick. In a few syllables we can, among other things, summon up memories, suggest qualities, or express hope. The name becomes more than mere identification. It takes on a larger significance. This is especially true in the maritime world for boats both large and small.

For example, Nelson's flagship, "Victory" presaged its historic triumph at Trafalgar. "Titanic" ironically implied the too-big-to-fail expectations of its builders. On a smaller scale, sailors give much thought to the naming of their boats. A scan of our mooring field reveals "Osprey" with its connotation of grace and speed; "Avalon" with its suggestion of a magical destination; and "En Garde", an appropriate warning to those racers competing against it.

But between us and our boats lies the Yacht Club launch. What name do we give to such a prosaic vessel? One Club we know named its launch "Courageous," oddly conjuring up images of Ted Turner, Twelve Meters, and the America's Cup, all the while making more stops than an off-peak LIRR train. At NYSC we chose to name our launches "Victor" and "Linnea," after two individuals who won no maritime victories and achieved no international renown, yet are more responsible for the Club we enjoy today than any member, past or present, with the exception of our founder, the revered William Alden.

Victor and Linnea Ostling were members of our Club for nearly half a century. Victor's portrait, painted by Associate Member Terry Shkuda hangs over the clubhouse fireplace. Unfortunately, the only representation of Linnea we have is a small photograph displayed on the wall near the stairs. When the barge, which was our first Manhasset Bay Clubhouse burned, the Ostlings, who owned land nearby, built our present clubhouse and leased it to the membership for a "sweetheart" rent. This low cost lease enabled our Club to survive periodic recessions and concomitant declines in membership. Their generosity continued even after they left this area and moved to Long Island's East End.

After Victor died, Linnea approached the Board with an offer to sell the Club to us at a price of less than half the market value of the property. The Board gratefully agreed and with the help of a bank mortgage (since paid off) and the purchase of \$3,000 bonds by the members, the building and property became ours.

When Linnea died, the Club learned that she had left the Club the amount of \$50,000. That money, wisely invested by our Finance Committee, contributed to the purchase of both our launches, the new floats, house improvements and several other projects. Today the balance of the Ostling Fund exceeds its original bequest.

And so, it is to honor the memory of this extraordinarily generous couple, that the two launches of the North Shore Yacht Club proudly bear their names.

...by Charles P. Murphy

Questions or comments: cpjlmurphy@optonline.net

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