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# The Blinker

of the North Shore Yacht Club

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## From the Editors

Each issue of the Blinker reminds us just how capable, energetic and vibrant our members and families are and this issue is no exception. Recognition for professional and community service abounds! Members of all ages thrive as "doers" whether by land or by sea as cruisers and racers as their activity calendars overflow while perpetuating our reputation as those who love to sail. This season, our Cruisers ventured to a wide variety of ports-of-call on their own, or by Club-sponsored occasion and target cruises and racers thrived with their own passions as this issue portrays. As a successful naval operation would say, "Bravo Zulu!" (well done!) Please "turn-the-pages" of this issue for another round of evidence, enjoy and

NSYC had an active cruising and racing season in 2014. See Ron Gold's and Ken Magida's articles in the *Cruising Corner* to sample their cruising experiences. During our racing season we sponsored two regattas -- the Open Regatta (the NSYC Day Race) in June and the Moonlight Regatta in August; there were six club PHRF races; and we provided Race Committee's on fourteen days. All in all, we supported our racing program and had a racing presence on Manhasset bay on over twenty occasions. With the experience gained from this year's racing activities, we look forward to building a cadre of knowledgeable race officers and continually improving our racing program for next and future years.

Also, look for a major redesign of NSYC.net coming soon! New facilities and features are planned, as well as an updated and modern format. We are actively working on finalizing the new web site now and expect a smooth transfer before year's end (same name, NSYC.net) and we'll look forward to your comments. Our thanks to Ben Shapiro for his dedicated work developing our *new* NSYC.net.

***"Share the NSYC Passion!"***

Bill Palafox, Editor in Chief  
Marian Weissman, Editor

## ★ ★ ★ ★ From the Commodore

Spring meeting, Fourth of July, Clambake, club raft-up and a Summer that flew by all too fast. We had fun and kept expenditures down. Thanks to our alert Bridge, Treasurer Jeff Koch, Trustees Richard Raskin, Bill Palafox, Charles Cannam, Ed McAndrews, Ken Bordieri and Roy Israel and our determined employees, Captain Vic and Marian Giradin.

As we transition to another Fall meeting on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> Jim Thompson, has found a new Fleet Captain, Richard Ronzoni, as Linda Kulla moves up to Rear Commodore, Ken Magdia to Vice Commodore and Lloyd Herman to Commodore. Club Secretary, Mary Causin, retires to pursue other causes, and in her stead will be former Fleet Captain, Leo Camp.

This has been a challenging 8 years for the Bridge. The club is better now, thanks to so many hard-working members. "Betters" includes new lower deck and strengthened sea wall, handicap lift, new ceiling that has been strengthened and repaired properly with fans to cool, a strengthened walkway supported with cross members, new decking on all the four dock floats, the basement cleaned-out of over 25 years of old junk (thanks to Super Storm Sandy), upgrades to bathrooms and a new water heater.

We still have room for new members, always remembering that most new members come through us, the current members.

Of course, thanks to all our Committee Chairs and their Committees. Excellent launch service, Cruising, Racing, Education, Entertainment and a commitment to our community remain cornerstones of NSYC. Special thanks to Marc Epstein as Race Chair, Bill (getting it done) Palafox's organizational and leadership skills, and the sound support from Bob Ebenau, Roy Israel, Richard Raskin and others as the Club transitioned, towards Team-Based Race Committees. More will be revealed at the Fall Meeting and the November 22nd Dinner Dance.

As always, Lili and I thank you for your friendship and support.

***Don't give up the ship!***

Thank you,  
Paul Robert Meilink



## Dates to Remember

- Saturday, October 18, 2014 at 0900 hours  
Fall Membership Meeting, at the Clubhouse. A continental breakfast will be served.
- Saturday November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6 p.m. To 10 p.m.  
**North Shore Yacht Club Dinner Dance Open bar / hors d'oeuvre and sit down dinner, at the Sea Cliff Manor.**
- Last day of launch service is Nov 9
- Work parties will be held:
  - Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>
  - Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>

## B\*L\*I\*N\*K\*S

- **NEW SOCIAL ASSOCIATE**  
Andrea Watson, [agwatson@sailingpress.com](mailto:agwatson@sailingpress.com), Port Washington, New York

### From the Treasurer

- We are seeking members who are interested in participating in the club's audit committee. You should have accounting, auditing or financial experience.

This is a critical activity needed to help protect the club's assets and financial well-being. Time spent in audit activities qualifies as hours worked towards the club annual work requirement. If you're interested or would like to recommend someone please contact our Treasurer, Jeffrey Koch:

[jeffkoch@intersessions.com](mailto:jeffkoch@intersessions.com)

201-926-5170.

- **Judy Raskin – Super Lawyer!**

2014 was an exceptional year for Judy Raskin as she was named as Super Lawyer in the Elder Law category by Super Lawyers. The Super Lawyers list represents the top five percent of lawyers in New York State.

Super Lawyers is a rating service of outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high-degree of peer recognition and professional achievement.

The selection process includes independent research, peer nominations and peer evaluations.

**Judy, Congratulations!**

## NSYC Supports MBYC's Knickerbocker Cup... "The British Came"

*What does a "college dorm" have to do with world class Match Racing?*

Just ask those Port Washington residents that housed three Match Racing Teams from the USA and seven teams from the rest of the world in support of MBYC's 2014 Knickerbocker Cup for almost a week in late August. For Mary Lu and Bill, who housed two members of Great Britain's Match Racing Team, it reminded them of their days with their own children with a portion of their home filled with 6 foot+ sailors, sailing gear, overweight luggage, over-stocked refrigerator, pending wash and 24/7 support.

Spiked with racing, spectator boats, receptions, bar-b-q's and galas, made for real fun for all for a full week. But alas for the Brits housed with Mary Lu and Bill ...the overall champs for the week went to the Swiss Team who now will be invited to the Argo Group Gold Cup, a World Match Race Tour event.





## REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

SEPTEMBER, 2014

I am pleased to be able to again report that the clubhouse is in very good condition. The members seem to be enjoying the lower deck. Capt. Vic has replaced the burners in the bar-b-que so that is now functioning well.

Thank you to all of the members who have assisted with segregating the recycled containers so they can be properly disposed of. And – thank you to launch operator Cole Martinez for attending to their disposal.

Work parties are scheduled for November 15-16 and November 22-23, if needed. I look forward to seeing as many Members as possible so that we can accomplish the work that needs to be done to the Clubhouse this time of year. Remember that the Club year ends November 30 so this is a last opportunity to fulfill your work hours requirement, if you have not already done so. If you have fulfilled your requirement for this year, we hope to see you anyway. It is a good chance to mingle with other Members.

Maybe the best part of this report is that there is nothing remarkable to report.

Respectfully submitted,

**Ken Magida, RC**

## VISIONING COMMITTEE

*I am pleased to report that Commodore Paul Meilink has appointed me as Chair of a new Visioning Committee. This committee is charged with drafting a long range plan for the Club. At this point in time, I am looking for any thoughts you may have as to where you would like to see the Club head in the next five, ten or even more years down the road. I am not asking for any commitment of time from you and will make it as easy as possible for you to communicate your thoughts to me. You can call me at (516) 428-4577, email to [ken.magida@yahoo.com](mailto:ken.magida@yahoo.com), or just speak to me at the Club. Of course, if you want to volunteer to sit on the committee, I welcome your participation. I am hoping that the committee will be able to make its report by the Spring of 2015.*

**Rear Commodore Ken Magida**







## Message from the Fleet Captain

Calling all members to personally experience the Esprit de Corps of the North Shore Yacht Club! Come join your fellow members as we work together and bond as friends and sailors and ready our club for the Winter Season.

### Work parties will be held:

- Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>
- Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>
- Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>

*The work party starts at 9am sharp! Please sign in with me, your fleet captain, to get your assignment.*

The following are the tasks to be completed. Please send me an email to let me know when you are coming and what project you are volunteering to accomplish at: [LSKulla@optonline.net](mailto:LSKulla@optonline.net). There will be more opportunities offered on the work party dates:

- Assemble the bubbler system
- Store the deck furniture
- Remove the awning
- Winterize the launches
- Clean the kitchen
- Clean the club house
- Re-organize the office

Please remember to log in your hours of work to be sure to get credit. The work hours' book is located in the kitchen drawer to the right of the stove.

**Fall launch service is as follows** (*it was changed slightly from the directory listing to better accommodate the needs of those using their boats this Fall*) :

- September 2<sup>nd</sup> thru October 13<sup>th</sup>:
  - ⇒ Weekdays 0900-1145 & 1300-1945
  - ⇒ Friday & Saturday 0900-2245
  - ⇒ Sundays 0900-1945
- October 14<sup>th</sup> thru November 9<sup>th</sup>:
  - ⇒ Monday-Thursday 1200-1645
  - ⇒ Friday-Sunday 0900-1745

Thanks to everyone who sent in their insurance certificates naming NSYC as an additional insured. We had almost 100% compliance. Please remember to send in your renewed certificates before you bring your boats to the Club next year.

Thanks again for a wonderful 2014 sailing season!

**Linda Kulla, NSYC Fleet Captain**





## Supper and Song on the Deck

Sunday, June 14 turned out to be a perfect day for a party, organized for the Club by Ken Magida and Arlene Kase! Many of us went sailing before settling down to hamburgers and hot dogs, cooked by Ken and listening to Warren Schein sing old favorites. Charlie Henry accompanied Warren on the keyboard.

Several people brought other goodies to be barbequed. Jodie and Frank LoPresti brought veal sausage from Ottomanelli's, and a butterflied leg of lamb. Mario Rufino brought a marinated tenderloin of venison from a deer he shot himself, very delicious! Debbie Cohen brought a farrow salad. Sliced pineapple and watermelon with cookies completed the meal. The weather cooperated and everyone had a wonderful time. Thank you Ken and Arlene for a lovely evening!



## Famous Club Member!

The members of our club are a varied lot of sailors and while we sail together, we sometimes don't realize what unique individuals they are and what they do when they are not sailing. The **Port Washington News** published the September issue of **Port Washington Magazine** and in that issue was a long article about Port Rowing. And who is "the acknowledged rowing guru of Port Washington"? None other than our own Monika Dorman!

Being a rower herself for many years she saw crews coming out in Hempstead Harbor and was "very annoyed and jealous" that there were none from Port Washington. So with the help of two others she started the Friends of Port Rowing. Port Rowing now well established and growing. For more details see, "WE PULL FOR PORT – Why Port rowing is booming" by Andy Newman in the **Port Washington Magazine**. Way to go Monika!



Founders and leaders: From left, Mitch Tamkin, Steve Panzik and Monika Dorman.







## 2014 Pride in Port Community Honoree **DEBBIE GRECO COHEN**

***The Pride in Port Committee unanimously voted Debbie Greco Cohen the 2014 Pride in Port Community Honoree. She was selected for all of her volunteer work on behalf of the community. Greco Cohen truly represents the spirit of Pride in Port.***



A third generation Port Washingtonian, Debbie spent nearly 20 years working in Manhattan for several well-known advertising agencies before starting her own marketing communications agency in 1999.

Shortly after forming her Port Washington-based advertising agency, *Greco Integrated Communications*, Debbie decided to use her marketing expertise to help her community. She first joined the Chamber of Commerce's HarborFest committee in 2001, becoming a member of the Board of Directors of the Chamber in 2002, then the Executive Board in 2005. She has served on the Board of Directors of the Port Washington Senior Citizens Center for over ten years, including having served as president for four years. Debbie is also a Board Member of the Port Washington Crisis Relief Team and assists with various activities for many other local organizations.

Prior to being named Honoree for the 2014 Pride in Port celebration, Debbie was inducted into the Town of North Hempstead May Newburger Women's Roll of Honor in and was Port Washington Chamber of Commerce Small Businessperson of the Year in 2005.





## NSYC's Ice Bucket Challenge in Support of Fran and Alan Bernstein

NSYC held a very successful ALS Ice Bucket Challenge on September 6<sup>th</sup> to show our support for Fran and Alan Bernstein and all others who are suffering with ALS. The way it worked is that I challenged very one in the club to make a donation to the ALS cause or you get a bucket of ice water thrown over there heads and shoulders. Some people choose to make the donation and avoid the ice, some people took the ice and some people took the ice and made a donation. In the end we raised money to for the ALS Foundation that supports medical research towards the end of finding a cure for ALS and offers programs to improve the lives of those living with ALS and their caregivers.

### What is ALS?

Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), often referred to as "Lou Gehrig's Disease," is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord. Motor neurons reach from the brain to the spinal cord and from the spinal cord to the muscles throughout the body. The progressive degeneration of the motor neurons in ALS eventually leads to their death. When the motor neurons die, the ability of the brain to initiate and control muscle movement is lost. With voluntary muscle action progressively affected, patients in the later stages of the disease may become totally paralyzed.

#### The following people took ice and/or made donations or both:

Howard Goldman  
Linda Kulla  
Cecile Kulla  
Bill Palafox  
MaryLu Palafox  
Jim Thompson and MaryLou Cross  
Fred, Randi and Josh Polaniecki  
Richard Raskin  
Alan Bernstein  
Ken Bordieri and Mallory Kant  
Marvin Covitz (and Melanie)  
Arnold and Leslie Sucher  
Charlie Cannam  
Ed and Mary Causin  
Arnold and Brenda Turock  
John Thompson III  
Capt. Vic Geryk  
Cole Martinez  
Paula Davis  
Frank and Jody LoPresti  
Andy and Marian Weissman  
Ken Magida and Arlene Kase  
Lloyd Herman and Julie Lim

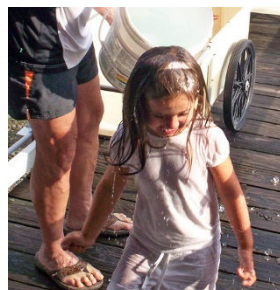
Contributions can be made to:

<https://www.crowdrise.com/TeamALSNYC2014/fundraiser/fightforfran>

or to: ALS, New York Chapter #42, 1724 Broadway,  
New York, NY 10004

We thank you all,

*Richard Raskin*







## Salsa Night Club Soiree

Saturday, July 19

Everyone who attended our thanks Debbie and Gary Cohen and their cadre of NSYC members for...

**\*\*\*Putting all of the details together\*\*\***

As always, other unnamed members pitched-in to this success.

The Club moved "South of the Border" on this summer night where our senses were enlivened with the sounds and aromas of Latin American music and cuisine.

Members wore their dancing shoes as Gary's salsa music-filled iPod played all night. All types of Latin American food were served along with a special Latin drink concoction.

Debbie, as usual, cooked many of the delicious dishes while Gary got the iPod play list together.

It was a lovely time to catch up with fellow members, as well as, getting to know some of our new members in attendance. Everyone who was unable to attend missed a terrific time.

*Hasta la Vista!*



## NSYC 2014 Raft-Up:

September 7, 2014

### **All Hands on Deck!**

Thanks to this year's raft-up boats:

*Sounion*, Paul & Lili Meilink

*White Hawk*, Ed & Mary Causin

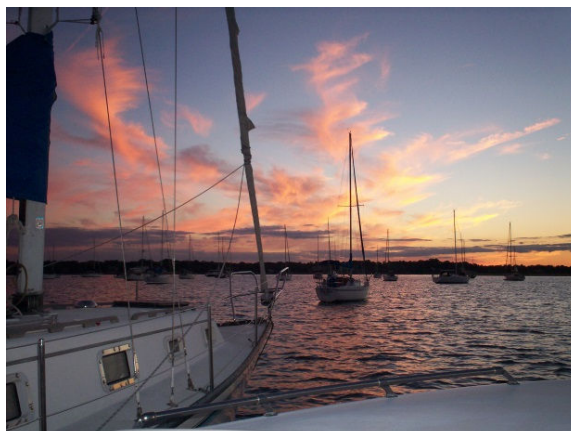
*Rendezvous*, Lloyd & Julie Lim Herman

*Sojourn*, Robert Coles

for making the Club's raft-up a great success.

In perfect weather, we settled for a safe, warm and sunny anchorage back in the Club's mooring field. With ample eats and refreshments, we welcomed recent travelers, told our tall tales and enjoyed camaraderie and a beautiful sunset.

***As always, another enjoyable raft-up!***







## Lobster & Clambake

August 16, 2014

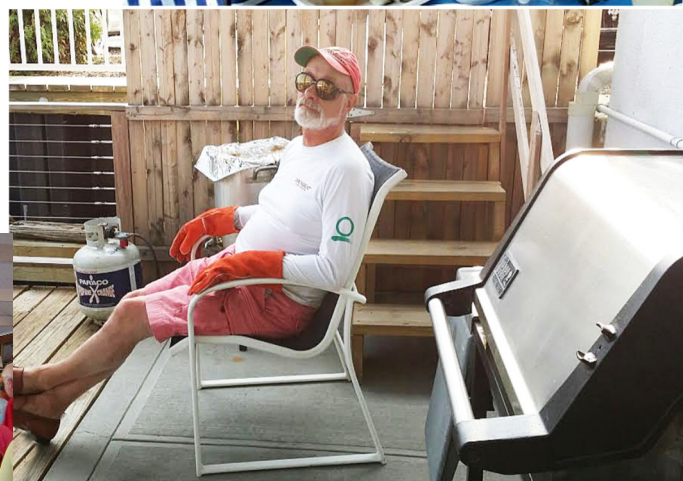
*No big deal—with 144 years of doing 'our thing,' we make it look easy.*

Thanks to all our tireless volunteer help with the clambake. This ever-popular event was 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 Terry Magro, Paul & Lili Meilink, Jody and Frank LoPresti and Barbara Greenhouse for their help.

(As usual, other members pitched in. If we missed anyone, please forgive the oversight and accept our thanks.)





## The Racing Form

### NSYC 2014 Smith Cup

September 20, 2014

*A great day for racing!*

*Congrats to Richard Raskin and crew for a first! All of you smoked the Bay and beyond.*

*Thanks to Mother Nature and our own Race Committee (Bob Ebenau, thanks for quick turnaround on the scoring)*

*Note the very close corrected times.*

### SMITH CUP

September 20, 2014

DIVISION: 6 Starting Time: 13:32:00 Course: BSCs Distance: 5.97

BOAT NAME	Boat Type	SAIL #	OWNER	H'CAP	Start Time	Finish Time	Race Time	Corrected Time	Position
Osprey	Alerion 28	390	Raskin	183	13:32:00	14:47:06	1:15:06	0:56:53	1
Sundance	Pearson 30	257	Ziev	186	13:32:00	14:48:44	1:16:44	0:58:14	2
Liquid Courage	J-105	50872	Herron	99	13:32:00	14:43:18	1:11:18	1:01:27	3
Dybbuk	KOD	15	Israel	200	13:32:00	14:53:45	1:21:45	1:01:51	4
Her C Gem	Colgate 26	279	Davis	165	13:32:00	15:03:03	1:31:03	1:14:38	5
Adventure-Us	Hanse 345	123	Bordieri	150	13:32:00	DNF			







## The Racing Form

### NSYC SUMMER RACE RESULTS

#### BORDEN CUP Double Handed PHRF June 8, 2014

1 <sup>st</sup>	Liquid Courage	Dan Herron
2 <sup>nd</sup>	En Passant	Bob Ebenau
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Osprey	Richard Raskin
4 <sup>th</sup>	Adventure-Us	Ken Bordieri
DNF	Engarde	Charlie Cannam

#### EPSTEIN TROPHY July 26, 2014

<i>Div I – Spinnaker</i>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Liquid Courage	Dan Herron
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Engarde	Charlie Cannam
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Vision	Marc Epstein
<i>Div II – Non Spinnaker</i>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	En Passant	Bob Ebenau
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Osprey	Richard Raskin
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Calliope Girl	Michael Didriksen
4 <sup>th</sup>	Dybbuk	Roy Israel
5 <sup>th</sup>	Sojourn	Robert Coles
DNF	Adventure-Us	Ken Bordieri

#### MOONLIGHT REGATTA August 9, 2014

<i>Div I – Spinnaker</i>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Engarde	Charlie Cannam
<i>Div II – Non Spinnaker</i>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Vision	Marc Epstein
DNF	En Passant	Bob Ebenau
DNF	Osprey	Richard Raskin
DNF	Coolfire	Alan Bernstein
DNF	Sounion	Paul Melink

#### ROSENBERG TROPHY J-105 One-Design Spinnaker Race August 24, 2014

1 <sup>st</sup>	Engarde	Charlie Cannam
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Liquid Courage	Dan Herron
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Vision	Marc Epstein
4 <sup>th</sup>	Georgetown IV	George Marks

#### COMMODORE'S CUP September 7, 2014

<i>Div I</i>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Engarde	Charlie Cannam
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Liquid Courage	Dan Herron
<i>Div 2</i>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Dybbuk	Roy Israel
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Osprey	Richard Raskin
DNF	Sundance	Joel Zief

#### SMITH CUP September 20, 2014

1 <sup>st</sup>	Osprey	Richard Raskin
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sundance	Joel Zief
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Liquid Courage	Dan Herron
4 <sup>th</sup>	Dybbuk	Roy Israel
5 <sup>th</sup>	Her-C-Gem	Paula Kaminski
DNF	Adventure-Us	Ken Bordieri





### Notes from the July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Cruise

The weather on Friday was a bit rainy but there was plenty of wind. Rob and I motored to Northport through the chop and on the nose winds. Not a bad trip with the awning up and dodger to keep us dry. Definitely thankful for my full keel boat in those conditions those as pretty comfortable trip.

Ken and Arline on Forever Young made it there later in the day and the Olofssons on Chat came over from Oyster Bay where they had spent the prior week while the kids were taking some sailing lessons. Weather did clear up on Sat and Sun which were both glorious with wind, great temps and low humidity. Terrific for all activities.

Sailed over to Oyster Bay on Sat and Adventure-Us with Ken Bordieri passed us as he was going to Northport. Once in Oyster Bay at anchor, we were able to watch the World Cup on an iPhone. Talk about the mix of technology and sailing! Met up with Jim and Linda O'Brien on Wynsum and Mary and Ed Causin on White Hawk, and even had a late night arrival by Chat who returned to OB from Northport after another great day.

The attached picture was taken by a friend on his IP 35 when we were sailing out of Oyster Bay on Sun on the way back to Port Washington. One of the best sailing days with winds up between 18 and 25 knots and beautiful sunny blue skies. Hope to see you at the club over the weekend.

***Ron Gold, P/C Cruising Chair***



### A Cruising Story

*Ken Magida*

On July 10 2012, Arlene and I cruised to Essex YC. A tiny white-haired lady came into the bar and we struck up a conversation. She said that day was her 91st birthday. She told us that her husband died many years earlier and then her friend died but that she had enjoyed many years of sailing with both of them. She owned a Nonesuch 26 which she could not take out alone any more so she made an arrangement with a young family who used the boat and took her sailing. I asked to buy her a drink and she said 'yes'. At 91, she was the oldest woman I ever bought a drink.

On July 9, 2014 we were again at Essex YC and I saw a woman at the launch dock who I thought was the same person. I asked if she owned the Nonesuch 26 and she said 'yes'. I reminded her of our last meeting and she told me her birthday was the next day. I asked to buy her a drink but she declined saying she needed to spend some time on her boat before her son and grandson showed up to celebrate with her.

The following evening we were at the Gris when Jean and her son and grandson came in. This time she let me buy her a drink – though now she only drinks fruit juice. Jean is an amazing lady who still has lots of energy. We watched her dancing the jitterbug with her son. Now the oldest woman I ever bought a drink is a 93 year old. This is the part of cruising that Arlene and I enjoy the most – meeting new people.





## WEATHER MAXIMS

Ken Bordieri — (from Cruiser's Forum)

The trouble with weather proverbs, rules of thumb, and maxims, is not so much that they're all wrong - but that **they're not all right, for all times in all places.**

The following explanations represent a very limited portion of weather science.

While they may not transform you into an expert, they should help you to understand how you can predict major meteorological events a few minutes, hours, or even days in advance.

### **Expect cloudy skies and uncertain weather when:**

- \* barometric pressure decreases;
- \* night temperature is higher than usual;
- \* clouds are moving in different directions at different altitudes;
- \* small hair-like clouds are present high up in the sky;
- \* in summertime, clouds turn dark in the afternoon.

### **Expect showers when:**

- \* cumuli (small cotton wool-like clouds) form rapidly in early afternoon (spring or summertime).

### **Expect good weather when:**

- \* barometric pressure rises;
- \* temperature decreases rapidly during the afternoon.

### **Expect prolonged good weather when:**

- \* the setting sun is like a fire ball and you can look at it directly;
- \* barometric pressure remains constant or rises slowly;
- \* morning fog dissipates within two hours of sunrise;
- \* the sun turns red when it sets.

High-Pressure systems are associated with clear skies and low probabilities of rain, while Low-Pressure systems are associated with clouds and high probability of rain.

The way the wind direction changes can help predict the weather:

*"A veering wind will clear the sky; a backing wind says storms are nigh."*

*"A backing wind indicates the approach of a low pressure cell from the southwest."*

## **Buys-Ballot Law:**

Since atmospheric pressure helps determine the weather, knowing from which way the wind is blowing can help you to locate where highs and lows are relative to your position. For example, if you stand with your back to the wind, a high pressure cell will probably be to your right, and a lower pressure to your left. If your right is west, then you can predict fair or improving weather, because weather systems usually move from west to east. (Northern Hemisphere only)

## **Boating Weather Safety Rules (from NWS/NOAA)**

- Keep an eye out for the approach of dark, threatening clouds, which may be associated with thunderstorms; a steadily increasing wind or sea; any developing decrease in visibility such as fog; and any increase in wind velocity opposite in direction to strong tidal current. A dangerous rip tide condition may form steep waves that can breach a boat.
- Check radio weather broadcasts for the latest forecasts and warnings.
- Heavy static on your AM radio may be an indication of nearby thunderstorm activity.
- If a thunderstorm catches you off guard, remember that not only gusty winds but also lightning poses a threat to safety.
  - Stay below deck if possible. Keep away from metal objects that are not grounded to the boat's protection system.
  - Do not touch more than one grounded object simultaneously or you may become a shortcut for electrical surges passing through the protection system.
  - Put on a life jacket and prepare for rough waters.





## SEA-LEGS Boat Donation Program

Arlene Kase

When the time comes to recycle your boat, or sails, or out-board or inflatable, please consider donating that item to Sea-Legs, Inc., a non-profit public charity. There it will serve a worthy cause and find new life at the hands of the Sea-Legs crew, most of whom are children who start this unique program at age 9.

Sea-Legs sailors are typically not the children of families with long maritime traditions. They would not have access to the sea or feel comfortable aboard a boat without a deliberate introduction. Yet most of these new sailors learn fast and enjoy the maritime experience well enough to return, week after week; year after year. Eventually these children become apprentices, earn wages and gain vocational skills. Sea-Legs, Inc. remains the small non-profit organization that it was when formed in 1998. It gained the status of a public charity under section 501©3 of the tax code. Donations to Sea-Legs are tax deductible. Boat donations are essential to the program's mission and its success.

Arlene Kase and Ken Magida met representatives of Sea-Legs at the Newport Boat Show this September. They were very impressed with the programs offered these kids. Their headquarters are in New London, CT. Members of the staff will happily discuss your donation. We were told that they will gladly pick up from Manhasset Bay. Do you need another reason to seriously consider this organization? Contact Richard Lathrop PhD, Founder and CEO @ 860 442 2704, cell: 860 912 5393

Email: [Captain@virtualvoyages.net](mailto:Captain@virtualvoyages.net)

Visit: [www.sea-legs.org](http://www.sea-legs.org)

## Spotted in Manhattan

Howard Goldman

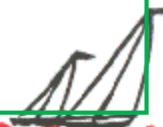


## What's Wrong With this picture?



**Choose one:**

1. Sail Backwards Cup
2. J-105 Dryer (on delicate)
3. Instruction Manual lost
4. Spinnaker Dysfunction  
(seek immediate help if longer than 4 hours)
5. All of the above







## BOAT/US

While recently trying to sort out a snafu with my BOAT/US renewal, BOAT/US determined that Julie and I were not members of the US Power Squadron (not that we ever were) and therefore not entitled to the 50% discount that we have been provided with since we joined in 1995. Being fairly tight with my money (I know, sounds silly owning a boat), I asked what other organizations they gave the discount to and learned they do for yacht clubs that are a "cooperating group." North Shore was not, but since all it took to become a cooperating group was me asking them to sign us up, we are now.

If you are a member of BOAT/US and not getting a 50% discount on your base membership fee (normally \$30.00), when you renew provide the new NSYC cooperating group number to BOAT/US:

### GA85149Y

If you are not a member of BOAT/US, I personally recommend it. Besides the various discounts and services BOAT/US provides, as a boaters' advocacy group lobbying on all boaters' behalf, it is a modest sum to spend to support our pastime. You can find more information at: [www.boatus.com](http://www.boatus.com).

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## Kid's Corner

*Arlene Kase*

All of our cruising kids had some really great times sailing aboard their family sailboats this summer. Cecile Kulla, 5, and Josh Polaniecki, 13, want to share some of their thoughts with us.

### ***Summer Sailing Aboard Windy***

*Cecile Kulla*



I had a lot of fun sailing with Mommy this summer. My favorite times were when we brought my friends Leah and Vivienne sailing too. We took turns steering the boat. One time we also brought their baby sister, Stella, and she wanted to steer too. She is only 2 and Mommy said she was pretty good.

I liked sailing around the big lighthouse where they took naughty people in the olden days.

My favorite thing is to have snacks on Windy. Mommy gets angry when I get the goldfish all over the cabin and cockpit.

I loved the ice bucket challenge for Fran. I got really cold. I had fun playing with the ice with Jake. I want to do it again!

### ***Fun Things Do in the Sound***

*Josh Polaniecki*



My family's sailboat is a 38 foot Beneteau named Sugar Magnolia. My family and I sleep over on the boat all the time. The longest I have lived on my boat was two and a half weeks. When Arlene asked me to write for the Blinker she said that I could talk about really fun things to do in the Sound.

One thing that is really fun to do is go to the annual Huntington Lighthouse Music Festival. Many people raft their boats together, listen to the music, kayak and dinghy around, and BBQ. Another fun thing to do is to visit other yacht clubs. One of my favorite yacht clubs is Centerport Yacht Club. They have a very nice pool with a diving board. The restaurant there is really good, but not as good as hanging around NSYC with Captain Vic.

*The children are a refreshing and wonderful addition to our Club. We enjoy watching them grow into sailors with a love of the water.*