



# NEW YORK SAILING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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**Non-members welcome at all New York Sailing Club functions, on- or off-the-water.**

**Membership meetings, September to April: See below for present venue.**

**Summer-season meetings June to September at various boating venues.**

**Check our web site: <http://www.NYSailingClub.com>**

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## COMING EVENTS

### CLUB:

**February 15, Thursday:** Sea chanteys by Eric, Hillary and Jan for your listening enjoyment and sing-along. Dinner at 6, Social at 7. Jack Demsey's, 36 West 33<sup>rd</sup> Street.

**March 15, Thursday:** "Going Coastal" with Barbara LaRocco, President and 2006 recipient of the Clean Marina Award of New York Harbors. Dinner at 6, Social/Program at 7. The Parlour, 250 W. 86<sup>th</sup> St. (near Broadway). Take #1 or #9 train.

**April 19, Thursday:** "AT SEA IN THE CITY," a presentation by William Kornblum, CUNY professor, author and sailor of New York waterfront harbors. Dinner at 6, Social at 7. Jack Demsey's, 36 West 33<sup>rd</sup> Street.

**May:** Going into Commission dinner and around Hart Island Race. Details to come.

**May 26-28:** Memorial Day Weekend and our on the water program gets underway

### AROUND THE SOUND:

**February 10, Saturday:** "How to Assess Your Risks As A Yacht Captain" presentation by Captain Henry Marx, of Landfall Navigation, covering planning and preparation by the captain, Halloween Yacht Club, in Stamford, CT ([www.hyc.net](http://www.hyc.net)). Reservations advised.

**March 3, Saturday:** "Sound Stewardship: Preserving Long Island Sound's Special Places" a conference sponsored by Save the Sound. Burns Horticulture Center at the Planting Field Arboretum, Oyster Bay. Call 516-922-9200 or visit [www.plantingfields.org](http://www.plantingfields.org) for directions. For further information e-mail: [eschaller@savethesound.org](mailto:eschaller@savethesound.org).

## FROM THE BOARD

In January, the NYSC Board discussed sending the newsletter out to as many people as possible via email. We know that there are at least 5 people who do not have computers and we will continue to send them hard copies of the newsletter. We want to begin this policy in April, after two months of announcing this change in the newsletter. We have heard that a few people still wish to have their copy

printed by the secretary/editor and we are willing to do so. We are changing the policy for budgetary reasons. Please let Geraldine Gaal know by March if you still wish a hard copy. Her email address is: [gbg@nyc.rr.com](mailto:gbg@nyc.rr.com), put "Newsletter" in the subject line

**From the Commodore:** Bill Bacon, of Star Clippers, presented an exciting evening program about their Tall Ship cruisers to about 20 people from NYSC. He showed a DVD of their Caribbean, Mediterranean and Southeast Asia voyages and briefly outlined a near-future destination -- Tahiti. Their trips are well balanced, casual, relatively reasonable. The ships offer superb accommodation and, of course, fine dining. The excitement generated many questions. If you were not able to attend, or want additional information go to [www.starclippers.com](http://www.starclippers.com) for details, photos and virtual tours of their ships.

Join us next month on February 15<sup>th</sup> for Sea Chantey's presented by a trio of singers for a hale and hearty evening with Eric Russell, known to many of you from his membership with us years back. He'll be encouraging those who wish to join in the sing-a-long. Hillary and Jan will round out the singing group.

**From the Treasurer:** Please remember to send your NYSC Renewal Form with updated e-mail addresses and checks for \$60 to Susan Wheeler (421 East 78<sup>th</sup> Street, 1C, New York, NY 10021) by March so that you will be included in the 2007 Roster, which will be mailed in April.

Many thanks to all who participated in our revived 50/50 game. One half of the donations went into our treasury; the other half was given to the holder of the winning ticket - Scott Stevenson! Yeah, Scott! Come to the February 15<sup>th</sup> dinner and participate. You might be the next lucky recipient.

**From the Vice Commodore:** *Florida Fun and Friendliness* - December 31<sup>st</sup> found me in sunny Florida at the Clearwater Community Sailing Center ([clearwatercommunitysailing.org](http://clearwatercommunitysailing.org)). The Center has a full compliment of day sailors ranging from Hobbiecats to Catalinas, all rentable by the hour. Unfortunately, due to high winds they were not putting out anymore boats. Bad Luck. However, the nice club house, or maybe it was fatigue from the 45 minute drive it took me to get there, induced me to stick around and enjoy the liquid amenities. Good Luck. Shortly thereafter a beautiful Corsair 24 Trimarran, with collapsible, retractable pontoons, and capable of speeds up to 30kt, was trailered into the marina. Noticing that the 2 guys who brought her there needed a hand rigging her, I jumped right in -- with both hands. After three hours, not only was I told I had been 'indispensable' but was invited to join them for a day sail the following weekend out on the Gulf of Mexico. Better Luck. Not only was it a beautiful day, but because I had been so helpful - did I mention the filling of cracks and waterproofing of their port-lights I did during the week -- I was made skipper for the day. A Trimarran is an interesting boat to sail, even in light air it moves along pretty well and Rusty, one of owners, was giving me a primer on Gulf of Mexico weather. It is not uncommon to be sailing in perfectly clear weather while watching supercell after supercell storm rain lightning down near the shore. I can't wait to get back there to see that sometime! And, I hope to introduce Rusty and his friend to you when they come up here to sail with our club.

*Forever Pitching:* I was interviewed on Time Warner Channel 56, January 30<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m., and spoke about the New York Sailing Club. I described our events and, of course, plugged the website -- twice. 80,000 to 100,000 people watched the show that night. I will have a copy of the interview and we will try to watch it during one of the 3rd Thursday events.

#### **New Member Application:**

Jon Kliegman, of Parsippany, NJ, has asked to be reinstated into the Club. Jon owns a 1972 Cal 33, *Lickity Split*. He has been an active sailor for 11 years, a member of Stuyvesant Yacht Club, is skilled in navigation, piloting and coastal cruising. Jon is looking forward to resuming his friendships with many club members. He is sponsored by Sally Small and Kurt Krimphove.