



NEW YORK SAILING CLUB

NEWSLETTER

Winter
2011

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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>

COMING EVENTS

March 24 - Thursday: Eric Forsyth's film "Fiona Challenges the Northwest Passage"; This one-hour video depicts Eric's sailboat *Fiona's* eleven-month circumnavigation of North America starting from Long Island, NY, through the Northwest Passage and down to the Panama Canal and home through the Windward Passage. Dinner at 6:00 p.m., social at 7:30 p.m.. Parlour Restaurant, 250 West 86th Street just off of Broadway. Take #1 train to 86th

April 21 - Thursday: Nicole Maher, The Nature Conservancy: Our Advisor, Sally Small, has used her "From the Advisor" column (p. 2) to give us an overview of this organization's most noteworthy and timely mission. Check it out. We are so pleased that we can help them spread the word. Dinner at 6:00 p.m., social at 7:30 p.m.. The Parlour Restaurant, 250 West 86th Street just off of Broadway.

May 15th - Sunday: Going into Commission Dinner. Stuyvesant Yacht Club: cocktails, 6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. More information to follow.



Annapolis Boat Show – 2010

From the Commodore: -- Well, by the time everyone gets this hopefully we will be recovering from a long and hard winter and starting to stir from a long hibernation (except for those skiers who have enjoyed a great ski season). I didn't make it down to my boat as often as I would have liked this winter but on the few occasions that I did, she was riding well in her slip, still mostly covered with the canvas cover I luckily decided to use once again this winter. It was rough shaking off approximately 75 lbs. of ice during one January weekend which managed to collect on one low corner. I was near the water though for much of the time- unfortunately it was in my living room- damn ice damning...lol.

We are looking forward to an exciting 2011 season and really hope everyone will take advantage of the many events we will have on the calendar, both on and off water. We have a general meeting at the Parlour on March 24th and I urge all to come out and see everyone after the long, dreary winter. This is especially true for new members and applicants. Corinthians should especially take advantage of these events so you can meet the captains who need crew. The sooner these meet ups happen, the earlier we can get you out on boats this season. If you do not come to events it is very difficult to get placed on boats-captains and potential crew need to meet each other so we can avoid too many mutinies. Also, the Board is looking for input from all members on adding to the diverse array of speakers and topics for the off-water meetings. Any interesting or exciting events, topics, or personal adventures can make great topics for members to share with each other. Please let the board know.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank our Board member, Bill Shrage, and his wife Laurette, for all their past hard work in putting together great cruises and on-the-water events. Unfortunately, due to current work commitments, Bill will not have the time to devote to being Fleet Captain this season. However, we do hope they will still be active members and look forward to enjoying the season with them once again. Walter Friedrichs, a past Fleet Captain and Board member in various roles through the years, has graciously agreed to take on that responsibility once again with help from the rest of the board. Hope to see you all soon! — *Lloyd Sarakin*

From the Rear Commodore: -- Greetings from your Rear Commodore! Winter will soon be releasing her icy grip and our skippers will be awakening their boats for the annual rites of Spring fitting out. Volunteering is a great way to learn a thing or two and to develop crewing opportunities. Corinthians and Skippers may contact me for crew placements and availability for Spring fitting out. Also, feel free to utilize the Club Roster and the monthly Thursday evening socials to meet and greet each — *Scott Stevenson*

From Our Advisor: Speaker Nicole Maher from The Nature Conservancy will talk about the work that the Nature Conservancy is doing in the New York area. It will prove to be an interesting and informative presentation of interest to all boaters. The following information is from their website:

One of The Nature Conservancy's projects to address global warming is assessing whether Long Island's wetlands are keeping up with sea level rise. In order to measure how wetlands are responding to sea level rise, The Nature Conservancy has joined forces with environmental partners to develop a network of measurement stations to monitor wetland elevation in and around Long Island and New York City. In select wetlands, The Nature Conservancy is installing devices to measure marsh elevation for the first time. In time, these benchmarks will provide measurements of wetland elevation changes around Long Island.

"We are trying to determine whether or not our wetlands are keeping up with sea level rise on Long Island," said Nicole Maher, wetland specialist for The Nature Conservancy on Long Island. "Anecdotal evidence suggests that many of Long Island's marshes are not keeping up with sea level rise and are, in fact, drowning. We rely on healthy functioning salt marshes for two reasons: 1) to protect coastal water quality, provide food and habitat for many recreationally and commercially harvested species and 2) to protect the coastline from the brunt of storms. In sum, the loss of healthy salt marshes impairs the health of the whole coastal ecosystem and all of the recreational and economic activities that depend on it," continued Maher.

Drowning wetlands can spell trouble for a variety of reasons: wetlands help protect coastal communities against rising waters, in addition to cleaning/ filtering the water in our harbors and bays; and, wetlands are home to hundreds of important fish, shellfish, birds and other wildlife. The loss of wetland habitat on Long Island could have devastating effects. "With knowledge of how our wetlands are responding to sea level rise, we will be better able to alleviate the threats to these systems and manage our coastal zone to facilitate wetland migration," continued Maher. — *Sally Small*

December 4

Change of Watch

by Sally Small, Advisor

The 40th annual Change of Watch for the New York Sailing Club was held on Saturday, December 4th at the “new” Morris Yacht & Beach Club. The new building is quite beautiful and the food was delicious. The ballroom facing the water was a little large for our smallish, but enthusiastic, group of 32 members and guests, but gave us plenty of elbow room for dancing. MYBC set up a wooden dance floor and Commodore Lloyd Sarakin’s band “The Retros” entertained us with some great dance music.



The Awards Table.

As is traditional, I gave out the service awards as well as the gag gifts to deserving members. Many thanks went to Malcolm Milligan, Malcolm, Jr. and Mary Donohue for being our webmasters. The Malcolms received 2 thistle kilt pins to honor their Scottish ancestry.

The Winsome Trophy, which was donated by John Mahoney many years ago, is for service to the club. The most deserving person for 2010 was Geraldine Gaal for doing a yeoman’s job of getting out the quarterly newsletter and helping to keep us informed. Thanks again, Geraldine.

The Retro’s and Club members in the Holiday spirit. (L to R), Randy Kamen and Mark, Dave and Inge Spungen, Carl Stone, Lloyd and Lisa, Fleet Captain, Bill Shrage and Diny.





Long-time members reminiscing: (L to R) Mary Donohue, Malcolm Milligan, Kurt Krimphove, Sally Small, Fred Freder, and Myrna Truitt.

fear, ship happens and I am usually able to find something appropriate. This year was no exception.

Five boats went on the 2010 club cruise: *Rhapsody in Blue II*, *EKKO II*, *Great Escape*, *Wild Thing*, and, of course, *Pegasus*. While we were at the dock at Clinton Harbor, we were about to head to the Connecticut River. Things were stowed down below, the dishes were done and the engines were turned on. My log reads: "Clinton. Engine on 10:00 AM. Engine off 10:05 AM". Just as we were about to leave the dock, a frowning Bill came over holding his magical Blackberry, which showed the local radar with huge storms rapidly heading our way. Thus, the "10:05 Engine off" note.

Unfortunately, the Friedrichs on *Wild Thing* left much earlier, at high tide, because of a 6½ draft. He didn't want to

go aground (again) and the shoaling at Clinton is notorious. *Wild Thing* got caught out in 45+ knot

winds, heavy rain, lightning, thunder, etc. Leona said: "I'm **NEVER** getting on a boat again!". To commemorate this event, I gave all the cruisers a tiny cell phone, which also had lip gloss in it so you don't get chapped lips. On it I pasted the radar photo from *Pegasus* which showed the storm. Yikes! Thanks again Bill for saving most of us. Isn't this day and age of high technology a wonderful thing?

For several years Kurt and I have cruised on *Pegasus* alongside Walter & Leona Friedrichs on *Wild Thing*. They are more energetic than us because every time we get into a harbor, they immediately get off the boat to "stretch their legs" and go find a copy of the *New York Times*. They kindly bring one back to Kurt, knowing that he is a newspaper junkie who has to keep up with the latest news. Since Walter has become our own personal newspaper

The Etta Morton Trophy is for seamanship and sportsmanship. The trophy went to 2 stalwart sailors who battled wind and waves against all odds whilst sailing in a small boat during the club cruise. If that isn't seamanship, I don't know what is! The award went to Mary Ann and Scott Stevenson.

The Board presented Commodore Lloyd Sarakin with a beautiful cutting board with his boat *EKKO II* engraved on it. This was to thank Lloyd for putting up with us for these few years. Maybe he can stay on forever and we could name him "King Lloyd the First?"

Every year my biggest fear is that people won't screw up and I will not have any material for the gag awards at the change of watch. But, never



Mary Ann and Scott Stevenson, with survival gear in hand.



Leona receiving her 'emergency' cell phone.

delivery man, I presented him with a NY Times baseball cap. Thanks again, Walter.

Last year Elle Hochberg joined the club after having sailed in the “minor leagues” for 20 years with Ed Vogel. She moved up to the major leagues after careful negotiations with the Steinbrenners and Yankee management. She has done a great job as crew for several of our boats and has started taking navigation classes. I presented Elle with a “Rookie of the Year” card to commemorate her first full year as a member. Keep up the good work.

The most coveted award I give out is for “Foredeck Ape of the Year” which goes to the crew member who has exhibited the most energy, enthusiasm and help over the year or, in the case of the recipient for 2010, over the years, plural. It is used to acknowledge good crew members for their ability to help skippers with navigation, provisioning, maintenance, keeping afloat, drink pouring, brow mopping, preparing gourmet meals, etc. This recipient is well deserving and I can’t believe that I’ve never presented her with this most prestigious trophy. The “Foredeck Ape” award for 2010 went to Mary Donohue. No more need be said...



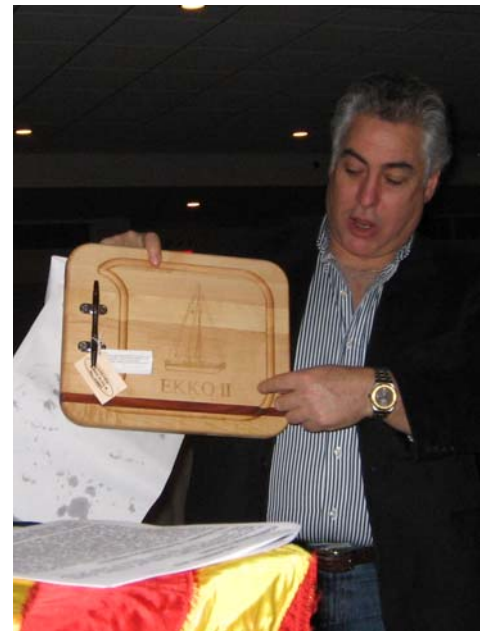
Sally presenting Walter Friedrichs with his official NYT's baseball cap.



Hardy NYSC members enjoying the fete and the season; (L to R), Elle Hochberg, Mary Ann and ‘Santa’ Scott Stevenson, Richard and Rosemary Haggblad, Geraldine Gaal, and Kris Ohlen.

member last year who was in dire straits. He would take off of work to take our beloved member Leon Levy to the hospital for treatments for his fatal disease. The award was presented to Lloyd Sarakin for his help and caring of Leon. Well deserved... Thanks, Lloyd.

The final trophy presented was the Nauti-Lass Trophy. It was donated by our beautiful member Phyllis Litman to honor our departed member Jack Brown. The trophy goes to a member who has helped a fellow sailor or sailors in the Club in a remarkable way. The recipient for 2010 went above and beyond the call of duty to help one



Commodore Lloyd with his new Ekko II cutting board.

October 6 – 11

Annapolis Boat Show

by Sally Small, Advisor

As a change of pace for 2010, Fleet Captain Bill Shrage came up with the idea of going to the Annapolis Boat Show instead of having a traditional rendezvous. Eight people wended their way south to that wonderful town which was full of yachties and a ton of boats: All sizes, all shapes (both the yachties and the boats). It is where, in 2001, that Kurt and I first laid eyes on the Sabre 362 and never looked back. In attendance were: Bill and Laurette Shrage, Lloyd Sarakin, Geraldine Gaal, Kris Ohlén, Elle



Elle, Geraldine and Lloyd enjoying the day outside of the 'in-famous Pussers Caribbean Grill.

Hochberg, and Kurt and Sally. We all stayed at the Hampton Inn where Kurt and Sally were able to reserve a suite and therefore

hosted the cocktail party after Saturday's show. There were many exhibitors who were willing to take your money in exchange for interesting nautical items. If you have never gone to the Annapolis Sailboat Show, it is highly recommended. The weather cooperated with bight, sunny skies, not too hot, not too cold. We went to Buddy's Crabs and Ribs restaurant for dinner, but only Kurt and Sally braved the hammers and picks whilst eating those tasty morsels. Should this be a yearly event?



Two peas in a pod, Lloyd and the Latitudes & Attitudes dude, Bob Bitchin.



Bill and Laurette, pricing a new boat, or just getting directions to their next port-of-call?



Kris and Elle, relaxing inside of Pussers.



NEW YORK SAILING CLUB - 2011 SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Jan. 29	Seminar – Bernie Weiss - GPS	Halloween YC
Feb. 17	General Meeting	Parlour Restaurant
Feb. 12	Seminar – Cold Water Survival IN LIS	Halloween YC
Feb. 26	Seminar – Boating Accidents & Incidents	Halloween YC
March 24	General Meeting – Eric Forsyth’s film “Fiona Challenges The Northwest Passage”	Parlour Restaurant
April 21	General Meeting – Nicole Maher from The Nature Conservancy	Parlour Restaurant
May 15	Going Into Commission Dinner	Stuyvesant YC
May 28 – 30	Memorial Day Rendezvous	Huntington YC
June 11 & 12	Corinthian daysail	Skipper’s harbors
June 16	General Meeting	79 th St. Boat Basin?
July 2 - 4	July 4 th Rendezvous	Oyster Bay - Sagamore YC
July 16 – 24	One week cruise	LIS Locations
August 18	Adirondack sail	NY Harbor
Sept. 3-5	Labor Day Rendezvous	TBD
Sept. 10 - 11	Annual Club Picnic (picnic date Sept. 10)	So. Minneford YC City Island, NY
Sept. 15	General Meeting	79 th St. Boat Basin?
Oct. 8 - 9	Columbus Day Rendezvous	TBD
Oct. 20	General Meeting - Speaker TBD	The Parlour
Nov. 17	General Meeting - Speaker TBD	The Parlour
Dec. 3	Change of Watch	TBD

Parlour Restaurant - 250 West 86th St. – NYC - Broadway and 86th St. -tele: 212-580-8923

**NYSC monitors channel 16 & 72 on the VHF.
Schedule is subject to change. Please check the website for updates.
Website: www.nysailingclub.com**

NEW YORK SAILING CLUB
2011 Membership Renewal
Please return by April 15, 2011

To remain a member in good standing and to ensure that your name and particulars will be in the membership roster, please send your \$60 check for your dues to:

Yvonne Raptis
196 Scholes St. #2B
Brooklyn, NY 11206

Make your check payable to:
New York Sailing Club

Review the latest Roster!!!

Check Area Codes, ZIP codes, email and cell phone numbers.

Any corrections, call Yvonne at (917) 657-7769 to review your listing.

Please provide below your name and any changes from the previous listing. If there are no changes please so indicate.

Name: _____ Phones: (H): _____ (B) : _____
Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
Email: _____ Fax: _____ Cell: _____

Boat Owners

Type or class of boat _____ LOA _____ Hull color _____
Name of boat _____ R/T _____ Call # _____
Sail # _____ PHRF Rating _____ Race w/ spinnaker? _____
Home port: _____ Winter yard: _____
Experience: _____

Corinthians

Experience racing _____
Experience cruising _____
Seamanship courses last two years _____
Special skills (spinnaker, helm, navigation, cooking) _____

All Are you interested in chartering? _____ Summer? _____ Winter _____ Do you own a car? _____
In the past year, did you accomplish any sailing feats that might interest other members?

WAIVER AND RELEASE

In consideration of my membership and participation in any New York Sailing Club Inc. event, I hereby release and agree not to sue and forever discharge New York Sailing Club, Inc. and its predecessors, successors, assigns and the officers, directors, agents, representatives, attorneys, employees, committees and members past and present, from all actions, causes of action, suits, debts, demands and claims (including attorney's fees) including but not limited to any claims arising out of Federal, State or local laws, claims for personal injuries or tort claims wrongful death or any other claims whatsoever regardless of legal theory which I, my administrators and assigns hereafter can, shall or may have for, upon, or by reason of caused directly or indirectly by my membership and participation in the club. I understand that in connection with any on the water activity, that the safety of my yacht and crew and the decision whether to start or continue to participate is my responsibility and not that of any person sponsoring or undertaking such race or activity. I will inform all crew members of any yacht which I sail in any such race or activity of their responsibilities for their safety. I agree that this waiver is binding on my heirs, representatives, successors and assigns.

Signature (required): _____ Date: _____

Print name: _____