



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 May: Raymond's Café, 88 Seventh Ave., New York City.
Meetings usually begin at 7:30 PM and are preceded by a social hour (cash bar).
Full dinner is available.

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

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Commentary: We mailed the 2006 Member Roster on April 28. That was about six months earlier than we mailed the 2005 edition, which was held back as we waited for and urged people to submit their renewals and dues. As promised (threatened?) we did not wait this year. And guess what? We mailed five more in April 2006 than we did in November 2005. This is good news for the Club and for its prospects of renewal and expansion. As a bonus, this year we are renewing the long dormant practice of issuing membership cards, which are enclosed with this Newsletter for members in good standing. These cards can be useful when you visit other clubs.

There is a teeny fly in this ointment. Some members of long standing still have not submitted their renewals and dues. For them, we enclose a reminder so they may remedy their oversight.

May looks to be an active month, at least at its latter end with two very busy weekends.

On Saturday, May 20, we have the **Hidden Harbor Tour** (see enclosed brochure). Because it has become so popular it has also become more complex even as the number of tours has been reduced. There is no longer one tour but many dealing with different parts of the New York Harbor, departing from different places at different times. For more information go to <http://www.WorkingHarbor.org>, or (212)757-1600 and make your reservation in immediately. \$10 adults; \$6 children; rain or shine. If you want to get in as part of the NYSC group, we recommend that you take a morning tour of Brooklyn, North River or Staten Island at 10:30, 11:00 or 11:30 respectively and then meet on the dock for lunch at 1:00 PM. Bring it or buy it.

On Saturday, May 21, the annual **Around Hart Island Race for a Case** will commence at 12:50 PM. The course is from and to Big Tom, around the island in either direction. Call Fleet Captain Mike Penney (917)673-0443 for chartlets and information or just show up.

The day ends with the annual **Going into Commission Dinner** at the Harlem Yacht Club on City Island. Cash bar at 5:00; dinner at 6:00. \$45 per member and or SO; \$50 non-member. Please send your check and reservation by May 15 to Susan Wheeler, Treasurer, at 421 East 78th St. Apt. 1C, New York, NY 10021 (212)879-4991.

And then we have our first holiday weekend on the water: **Memorial Day Weekend**, May 27-29. We will take up moorings at the Huntington Yacht Club in Huntington Harbor. Please check with Fleet Captain Mike Penney [(917)673 0443] for reservations. We will have Corinthian pickup at the HYC dock for a Sunday day sail and will dine at the HYC on Sunday evening. No race. Check with Rear Commodore Scott Stevenson [(631)864-9584] to match up boats and Corinthians. Boats return to home ports on Monday, May 29.

Other Coming Events:

May: See preceding paragraphs.

June: June 10 — On-the-water raftup and mixer, Oyster Bay. Pickup at Town Dock.

June 15 — 6:00 PM. Dinner at 79th St. Boat Basin Café on the Hudson River.

June 24 — Summer Solstice daysail, departing from skippers' ports.

July: July 1-4 — Independence Day, Cold Spring Harbor and Oyster Bay

July 15 — Day sail – Corinthian Skippers' Day

July 20 — Frying Pan Lightship. <http://www.fryingpan.com> Old lightship now an attraction and eating and drinking establishment. 6:30 PM. Rain or shine. Tour, dinner and libations. Pier 63 near West 23rd Street on the North River (AKA Hudson River.)

Aug.: August 5-20 — Club Cruise, schedule below, more details to come.

August 24 — Lower Manhattan evening sail, commercial vessel.

Sept.: Sept. 2-4 — Labor Day Weekend rendezvous, Cedar Point YC and Saugatuck

Sep. 16 or 17 — Club picnic, Hempstead Harbor Club.

Oct.: Oct. 7-8 — Columbus Day Weekend rendezvous, Manhasset Bay

Oct. 7-9 — Optional Hudson River cruise

Oct. 28 — Hallowe'en sail, raftup, Manhasset Bay.

Recap: The April meeting featuring the Coast Guard and Auxiliary was a great success. We expected two speakers; we got four. Lt. Robert Mutto, (Robert.D.Mutto@uscg.mil) Chief of the New York Regional Exam Center, discussed certification and licensing. Two Coast Guard Auxiliary members presented on safety on the seas, in particular about the free Vessel Safety Check. Ralph O. Irizarry, (uscgaux@mindspring.com) Assistant District Staff Officer of Vessel Exams, Activities New York - North presented the outline for Coast Guard Vessel Safety Check. Members can go to <http://SafetySeal.net> for further information.

Crew matters: A major difficulty the Club has always had has been finding effective, efficient ways to bring together Corinthians who would like to crew and skippers looking for crew. A good place to start is before the boats are in the water and owners are up to their necks in bottom paint and sanding dust. Help paint a bottom and be assured of being invited to crew. Let Rear Commodore Scott Stephenson be your matchmaker. Call him at (631)864-9584 (H) or (212)422-4287 (B) eMail_dulcenea9@hotmail.com or use the Bulletin Board on the Club's website <http://newyorksailingclub.com>.

Club Cruise: This is a condensed itinerary awaiting more detail on distances between ports and tidal currents. Sixteen days or seven day option, starting Day 1 Saturday August 5 and ending Day 16 Sunday August 20. Numerals refer to days. Port is end port for that day. 1. Milford, CT; 2. Essex, CT; 3. Mystic Seaport, CT; 4. Layover at Mystic; 5. Greenport, NY; 6. Sag Harbor, NY; 7. Return home or to Montauk, NY; 8. Block Island, RI; 9. Layover at Block Island; 10. Newport, RI; 11. Layover at Newport; 12. (Day sail) Jamestown, RI; 13. Stonington, CT; 14. Clinton Harbor, CT; 15. Pt. Jefferson, NY; 16. Return home.