



# NEW YORK SAILING CLUB

## NEWSLETTER

Spring  
2010

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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.NewYorkSailingClub.org>**

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### COMING EVENTS

**May 23: Sunday : GOING INTO COMMISSION DINNER – Stuyvesant Yacht Club.**

Cocktails: 5:30, Dinner: 7:00. Details on enclosed flyer. Please get your reservation in ASAP.

**June 12: Saturday – Annual Club Picnic: TBD**

#### *On the Water Schedule*\*\*

**May 29-31: Saturday - Monday: Memorial Day Weekend – Huntington Harbor.**

Saturday - boats depart and pick up moorings at Huntington Yacht Club. Sunday – Corinthian day sail on boats (around 11 a.m.) followed by dinner at the Yacht Club - appropriate attire required. Monday – sail home. We will need moorings for two nights, so reservations are definitely needed. Please contact Bill Shrage ([sailshrage@aol.com](mailto:sailshrage@aol.com)). Corinthians, contact Rear Commodore Scott Stevenson ([Dulcenea9@hotmail.com](mailto:Dulcenea9@hotmail.com)) for placement or crew requirements on boats.

**June 27: Sunday: – Jamaica Bay Sunset Cruise, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.** A 3 hour narrated cruise along the backwater marshes of Jamaica Bay aboard the 120 passenger boat *Golden Sunshine*. Leaves from Sheepshead Bay Pier 2. The cost of \$45 includes guides, wine & cheese, fruit, drink, and snacks. The American Littoral Society requires a check for the total cost to reserve space. It usually sells out 2-3 weeks prior to the date, so please let Bill Shrage know if you're interested.

**July 3-July 5: Saturday - Monday: July 4<sup>th</sup> Weekend – Oyster Bay.** Saturday – boats depart and raft up in West Harbor. Sunday – switch to moorings at Sagamore Yacht Club and Corinthian day sail on boats followed by dinner ashore. Monday – sail home.

**September 4-6: Saturday – Monday: Labor Day Weekend – TBD.** Possible destinations Norwalk, CT, Manhasset Bay, Jersey City or Atlantic Highlands (sail down to New York Harbor might be nice if currents allow for a reasonable schedule).

(\*\*) I would like to hear from those who plan on participating in any of the *On the Water* events well in advance of the date so I can make necessary reservations in a timely manner. Please email me at [sailshrage@aol.com](mailto:sailshrage@aol.com) or call me on my cell phone (203-216-2219). — *Bill Shrage*

**From the Commodore:** -- As many of you know, we have lost our dear fellow member and board member, Leon Levy, who passed away on April 17<sup>th</sup> after a tough battle with cancer. On behalf of the Board and all club members, we extend our deepest sympathies to his family and friends in this time of sorrow. His presence will be sorely missed by us all. I have taken the liberty of sharing with you my personal thoughts on my friend later in this newsletter.

As for sailing, after a seemingly long drawn out winter season I want to welcome everyone to the 2010 sailing season. After a bit of spring weather reaching into the 90's teasing us with a touch of summer, we now are experiencing a bit of return to the winter chill, but I think warmer weather will soon allow us to get on with our commissioning work. We have a nice calendar of events planned, including various rendezvous at Glen Cove, Huntington Harbor, Manhasset Bay, Oyster Bay, and, of course, our *Going Into Commission Dinner* on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at one of our favorite haunts, Stuyvesant Yacht Club. We are well into planning our annual week-long cruise and Fleet Captain Bill Shrage has provided you with the tentative schedules. More details will follow as the itinerary hardens up. Let's all work to make this a wonderful season! Any and all suggestions are welcome. -- *Lloyd Sarakin*

**From the Rear Commodore:** - Well, Spring has sprung and skippers are busy getting their boats ready for the season. This is a good opportunity for Corinthians (non-boat owners) to help out and get some sailing time in return for their efforts and also for skippers to get to know potential crew. Here's where the Rear Commodore can help! (Hey, its my 'job'). Please contact me for crew placement throughout the coming sailing season. This is especially important for our big holiday cruises. Below is all my contact information in one handy place.

Cell: 516-658-9010

Home: 631-864-9584

Office: 212-422-2787

email: [Dulcenea9@hotmail.com](mailto:Dulcenea9@hotmail.com)

Happy Sailing! -- *Scott Stevenson*

**From the Fleet Captain:** - Below are the dates and destinations for our 2010 Annual Club Cruise. The "On the Water Schedule" is on the front page under **COMING EVENTS**. The expanded cruise schedule is on the last page of the newsletter.

### [Annual Club Cruise](#)

**July 17<sup>th</sup> to July 25<sup>th</sup>** - One Week – Tentative Ports and Activities:

Saturday 7/17 – Black Rock Harbor

Sunday 7/18 – Clinton – Cedar Island Marina

Monday 7/19 – Old Lyme – CT River

Tuesday 7/20 – Deep River – Brewers Deep River Marina (2 nights)

Wednesday 7/21 – Deep River – Gunkholing Selden Creek (#1 gunkhole of the year on the East Coast according to CoastalBoating.net) followed by dinner at the Gelston House and theater at the Goodspeed Opera House

(*Carnival* at 7:30 p.m.)

Thursday 7/22 – Branford, CT – Bruce & Johnsons Marina

Friday 7/23 – Port Jefferson – Setauket YC (mooring)

Saturday 7/24 – Northport Harbor – Centerport YC (mooring)

Sunday 7/25 – Homeport

— *Bill Shrage*

## **FROM YOUR ADVISOR**

### ***Sally Small***

Your Board has scheduled an exciting sailing season for 2010. Not only will we have the usual rendezvous on long holiday weekends, Bill Shrage, our Fleet Captain, has put together a fun-packed itinerary for a cruise up the Connecticut River. It will only be for one week, so we encourage all boat owners to join us. Please contact Bill if you can make it. While there are no "official" Corinthian daysails scheduled, we encourage boat owners to contact their favorite foredeck apes and ape-ettes and take them out sailing for a day sometime during the summer. We are here to share the sail and need all hands on deck for that.

On April 15, 2010, the club turned 40! From the April 14, 1970 newsletter: "*We are one year old! In one year we have gone from a splinter group of 50 absolutely terrific people to a plank group of 100 absolutely terrific people. Do you remember what it was like before the Sailing Club?*" I, for one, can't remember what it was like before the Sailing Club. On May 23, 2010 at our Commissioning Dinner, we are planning a big celebration for the 40th Anniversary. See the attached flyer for details. As the club turns 40, we have again become a splinter group of 54 absolutely terrific people. Although membership has declined over the years, the enthusiasm and love of the sea of its members has not waned. The Board is determined to keep our sails full and by and our keels off of the reef. A membership campaign is under way to help build up our beloved club. We hope to get a large turnout to the May 23 party to help share sailing stories and adventures.

We were very saddened to hear of the death of one of our wonderful members, Leon Levy. He was a kind soul who was always there to lend a helping hand to others, whether it was towing a disabled boat or giving a kind word to a distressed friend. At the cocktail hour on May 23, there will be a photo show celebrating his life. He was only a member for a few years, joining in 2007, but made a significant impact on the fabric of our club. Once you got to know him, you became a friend forever. He will be sorely missed. Sail True, Gilligan.

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## **Member's Corner**

Additional crew sought for racing on my C+C 29 *Evelyn* weeknights and some weekends. We are a friendly bunch sailing out of the Stuyvesant Yacht Club on City Island with an active racing schedule. Reliability and willingness to learn more important than experience. Contact Bob Dryer [bobdryer@comcast.net](mailto:bobdryer@comcast.net) or 973-325-5838 home; 973-214-0093 cell.

# *In Memory of Leon Levy*

*By Lloyd Sarakin*

*I would like to share my thoughts here about the passing of my dear friend Leon Levy.*

*As many of you know, Leon was my closest and dearest friend in addition to being my sailing buddy from the first day I got my boat. As luck would have it, in October of 1997, I motored my new-to-me 1987 Catalina gently into my new slip at South Minneford Yacht Club right next to Leon who had recently purchased his Cape Dory and we immediately became the best of friends. Did you ever experience the feeling of meeting someone where you were totally at ease in the comfort of your friendship? That was the feeling I had with Leon. I can remember having that feeling the first day I met Leon when I felt so lucky to have landed next to this man and share our common interests in boating, sailing, food, wine, cars, family, and the thirst for more boating knowledge. How could I know so much about this person in the hour or 2 when I had just met him? Chalk that up to Leon's outgoing nature, his openness, his friendliness, and his obvious zest for life. I am sure I came home that day with a big wide smile on my face looking forward to our future adventures. I was not disappointed. Leon and Ruth became the best of friends with my family and I in a very short period of time. From our first trip to Block Island when we were cruising newbies to the rest of our trips with the club, we always had the best of times and his good nature and fun loving attitude was infectious to all. Some of you may have also experienced the art of having a debate with Leon. Whether it was politics, religion, sailing, boat maintenance or whether you were on a collision course with a barge, it was always a challenge since he was always right regardless of the facts. This activity always provided hours of entertainment while the wind died down. Leon also always knew what to say and how to make all feel comfortable and welcome. A funny remark, a silly gesture, buying a round of drinks, taking his after dinner drink home in a Tupperware container, extending a helping hand, or suddenly dressing up in a doctor's gown, he was known to bring levity to a situation and put smiles on people's faces. During his retirement which was way too short, on an unusually warm sunny day during the work week, I could always count on a phone call early in the morning commanding me to take the day off, "... it's a perfect day to go sailing." I never needed a second request. We were on one of our boats within the hour. I will miss him and our friendship greatly. I love ya buddy.*

# Sweet Memories



*With Ruth.*

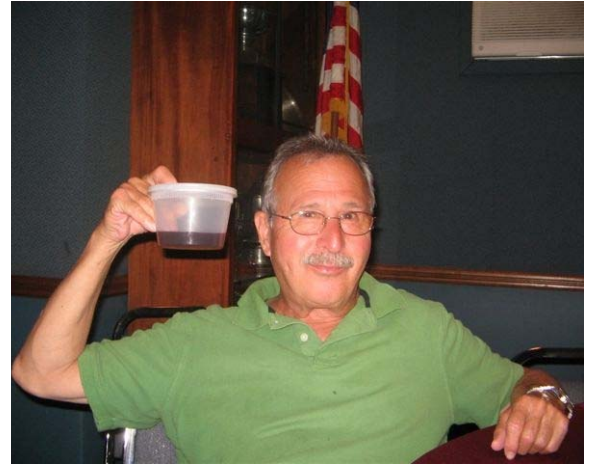


*Chilling out.*

*On TIME OUT: down the river, on the Sound, just relaxing.*



*Doctor On Board.*



*Here's to you all.*



*Front to Back:  
Laurette & Bill Shrage,  
Phyllis Litman,  
Carol Halterbeck,  
Lloyd Sarakin,  
Ruth and Leon.*





*New York Sailing Club*  
*Going Into Commission Dinner*  
*and*  
**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration!**  
*Sunday, May 23, 2010*

STUYVESANT YACHT CLUB  
 10 Centre Street, City Island, New York  
 CASH BAR - APPETIZERS AT 5:30 p.m. - DINNER AT 7:00 p.m.  
 \$50 PER PERSON

The Going Into Commission Dinner will be at Stuyvesant Yacht Club on City Island. This year we will also be celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. If anyone wants to bring photos to share, please do so. There is a CD player at the club so if anyone wants to bring their favorite dance music, we can do that. There will be appetizers during cocktail hour (5:30-6:30 p.m.) and a sit down dinner from 7-8 p.m. The menu is:

- Appetizers:** Spinach & cheese phyllo triangles; chicken satay; fried calamari; stuffed mushrooms; eggplant salad, cheese platter, vegetable crudité with dip.
- Dinner:** Choice of: Mediterranean Skirt Steak; Chicken Marsala; Stuffed Sole.
- Vegetables/  
Salad:** Roasted potatoes with onions; mixed vegetables; mix green salad with various dressings; bread, rolls, and garlic bread.
- Dessert:** Sheet cake & fresh fruit platter; coffee & tea.

The \$50 price covers food only. A carafe of red wine and white wine will be served at each table, compliments of the NYSC. A cash bar will be open for spirits and sodas.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Reservations: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate entrée choice: **Skirt Steak**  **Chicken Marsala**  **Stuffed Sole**

**Please make checks payable to New York Sailing Club and send to:**  
**Yvonne Raptis**  
**196 Scholes Street – Apt. 2B, Brooklyn, NY 11206**  
**tel: (917) 657-7769**  
**Please send your reservation and check before May 10<sup>th</sup>.**

## Annual Club Cruise

July 17<sup>th</sup> to July 25<sup>th</sup> - One Week – Tentative Ports and Activities:

**Saturday 7/17 – Black Rock Harbor**

33 miles from City Island

23 miles from Oyster Bay

18 miles from Stamford

Current: Ebb starts 4:23 AM  
Flood starts 10:37 AM

**Sunday 7/18 – Clinton – Cedar Island Marina**

34 miles

Current: Ebb starts 5:25 AM  
Flood starts 11:34 AM

**Monday 7/19 – Old Lyme – CT River**

13 miles

Current: Ebb starts 6:29 AM  
Flood starts 12:36 PM

**Tuesday 7/20 – Deep River – Brewers Deep River Marina (2 nights)**

7 miles

Current: Ebb starts 7:36 AM  
Flood starts 1:39 PM

**Wednesday 7/21 – Deep River – Gunkholing Selden Creek (#1 gunkhole of the year on the East Coast according to CoastalBoating.net) followed by dinner at the Gelston House and theater at the Goodspeed Opera House (*Carnival* at 7:30 PM)**

**Thursday 7/22 – Branford, CT – Bruce & Johnsons Marina**

33 miles

Current: Ebb starts 9:38 AM  
Flood starts 3:39 PM

**Friday 7/23 – Port Jefferson – Setauket YC (mooring)**

22 miles

Current: Flood starts 4:27 AM  
Ebb starts 10:31 AM  
Flood starts 4:31 PM

**Saturday 7/24 – Northport Harbor – Centerport YC (mooring)**

19 miles

Current: Flood starts 5:14 AM  
Ebb starts 11:18 AM

**Sunday 7/25 – Homeport**

23 miles to City Island

Current: Flood starts 5:55 AM  
Ebb starts 11:18 AM

*The  
Thimbles*

