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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.

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COMING EVENTS

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July 7-8, Saturday and Sunday: Raftup at West Harbor (Oyster Bay). Bring a dish to share. Some folks have expressed an interest in dining at Wild Honey Restaurant in Oyster Bay on Saturday evening. Please let me know if you are interested in doing this by Friday so I can make a reservation (about 8:00-8:30). Reserve moorings with Scott Stevenson: dulcenea9@hotmail.com. or Lloyd Sarakin: Office: 201 930 7483; Cell: 201 819 2293; Lloyd.Sarakin@am.sony.com.

July 21, Saturday: BYO-BBQ at South Minneford Yacht Club. 140 City Island Avenue, City Island (Bronx). 3:00 p.m. *It's a grand view for a great event!* The marina supplies the grills and picnic tables for the barbecue, but we supply the food, drinks, and people! You must RSVP to Lloyd Sarakin. Information needed: coming BY LAND or BY SEA, how many in your party; if driving, can you take passengers and where are you coming from; if sailing, do you need a slip. No one should come empty handed, we suggest you bring something that can be shared with at least 10 people.

July 28, Saturday: Inter-Long Island Sound Club Cruise. Contact Scott and Lloyd for details.

August 16 or 23, Thursday: Adirondack Cruise Around New York Harbor. Contact Susan Wheeler for details and reservations, 212-879-4991. This is always an enjoyable event...out of Chelsea Piers.

September 15, Saturday: Hempstead Harbor Yacht Club. Picnic and barbecue. Reserve moorings with Scott or Lloyd.

September 27, Thursday: Meeting at West Marine at 12 West 37th Street, NYC, 6:00 p.m. with a 15% discount for purchases made by NYSC members and applicants. VISIT ahead of time and ask for the manager, John Raleigh, to have him obtain any purchase you wish to make which is not in stock. Gathering at Jack Demsey's, 36 West 33rd Street afterwards.

From the Commodore: Congratulations to the Board for producing a beautiful brochure to represent the club to be given out to interested sailors. Many people gave pictures, wording suggestions, and Lloyd did the layout electronically, It's a well balanced, attractive advertisement for our club. Walter got the best price from a printer, and followed up to get all the margins in their narrow boundaries, and the paper selected. We mailed out brochures to all members early in June. We hope you received yours. If you have a friend you'd like to give one to, let us know, and we'll send you one.

Congratulations to our Vice Commodore, Chris Hulbert, on winning and placing in several races this season: for Chris' boat, a 1st in Glen Cove and a 2nd in Hart Island, both NYSC races, and a 3rd and 4th in two races recently in Block Island Race Week!—*Mary Donohue*

The Summer Starts with a Jubilant June!

*June 9th — Oyster Bay's West Harbor Raftup & Mixer
by Commodore Donohue*



How it starts

The New York Sailing Club had a great mixer with four boats in the raftup in Oyster Bay's West Harbor. *Bead Game*, Lee Hirsh's boat put down an anchor, joined by *Arcturus* (Chris Hulbert), *Great Escape* (Scott Stevenson) and *Ekko II* (Lloyd Sarakin).

We were pleased with the turn out as the Sound waters were rough that day, rough enough to cause a new boat to turn back, and another boat to lose its steerage.



*New friends
and old –
hearty souls
all!*

About six new people joined us, bringing a variety of food to share, prepared by grilling and galley gourmets. Commodore Mary Donohue distributed the new brochures to the new people. We enjoyed getting to know them and their sailing experiences.

The highlight of the afternoon was the concert of dueling keyboards played by Chris Hulbert and Lloyd Sarakin on the deck of *Arcturus*. Billy Joel, watch out! You have competition in Oyster Bay.



Lloyd and Chris: Duet or Duel?

Oyster Bay seems serene and environmentally correct with its pump out boat, free to residents, but beware of rogue waves that apparently swing in from the Sound southward, bounce off the town dock and ricochet northward into West Harbor. When there were only two boats left is the raftup, they were lifted, sequentially, five feet above each other!

*Mary Ann
Stevenson, on
Great Escape,
enjoying the
call of the sea.*



JUNE 23, 2007 CORINTHIAN RACE

Report from the Committee Boat By Sally Small

In 1994 the Woodward Trophy was started to honor the late Bill Woodward who embodied the spirit of the New York Sailing Club, because he went out of his way to get new members involved and provided so many with memorable sailing and learning experiences. The Woodward Trophy was established as a perpetual award, to be presented at the Change of Watch Dinner to the "guest skipper" who wins the annual "Corinthian Race". By being chosen as a guest skipper, a person will have earned the confidence of the skipper of the boat raced by demonstrating that he or she has practiced the art of sailing, improved his or her skills, and is capable of command.

On Saturday, June 23 NYSC ran the Corinthian Race out of Hempstead Harbor on Long Island. The committee (Kris Ohlén, Kurt Krimphove & Sally Small) on *Pegasus*, sailed from Stamford to Hempstead of Friday in order to be on station by noon on Saturday. The conditions were a challenge to say the least. The winds were 20-30+ out of the northwest. We unfurled just part of the roller furling jib and still did up to 7.5 knots through the water. If we could have raised a bikini top instead of a large jib, we would have done so, but it was what we had on hand.

On Saturday the committee was on station by about 12:10 PM. The conditions were sterling for a race, especially in light of the high winds the day before. The skies were sunny with gorgeous puffy clouds. The winds blew about 10-15 out of the northwest but were a little shifty so it became a challenge for the 3 boats that did race. At 12:45 the committee heard from one of our racers (Lloyd Sarakin, on *EKKO II*) who was running a little behind schedule. We decided to take pity on him, especially due to the fact that he is the Assistant Fleet Captain and had picked up crew in various locations and then had to get from City Island to Hempstead. It was especially prudent on the part of the committee to do this due to the fact that the Commodore, Mary Donohue was also on board. At 12:50 the committee raised the postponement flag in order for the racers to get a little more organized as well as note the course that we posted. Exactly at 1:00 PM the 10 minute warning was sounded with the proper white shape flying from the spreader; at 5 minutes, the blue shape went up and at 1:10 the red shape went up which signaled the start. We set up a triangular course, with the first mark more or less to windward. Since the wind shifted through about 30-40 degrees every so often, I imagine it was a challenge to our 3 racers.

<i>PLACE</i>	<i>BOAT</i>	<i>PHRF</i>	<i>ELAPSED TIME</i>	<i>CORRECTED TIME</i>	<i>SKIPPER</i>
1	<i>Arcturus</i>	204	2:28:16	2:22:28	Mark Mitchell
2	<i>Yeraz2</i>	165	2:30:53	2:30:53	Alexander Galvez
3	<i>EKKO 11</i>	192	2:39:55	2:36:00	Malcolm Milligan

The committee had a relaxing 2½ hours to enjoy the gorgeous day, have lunch, take naps and chat about the state of the world. The total distance for the course was 8.7 miles. The results were as follows:

Arcturus crossed the line 2 min. and 37 sec. ahead of *Yeraz2* in elapsed time and the corrected time was 8 min. 25 sec. *Yeraz2* finished 9 min. and 2 sec. ahead of *EKKO II* and the corrected time was 5 min. 7 sec. ahead of *EKKO II*.

After the race we all went ashore to the Steamboat Landing Restaurant, which is a beautiful outdoor on-the-water venue. *Lili B's* crew with Marie Heaney and Louise Villani showed up at the restaurant but had not raced. We had the honor of meeting the boat's namesake – Marie's Mom Lillian. I think they should have raced and had Lillian at the helm the whole way! Hope to see more of Mom in the future.

June 21st —79th Street Boat Basin

Darkening clouds greeted us as a stream of people descended to the 79th Street Boat Basin Café, at about 6:00 p.m. on Midsummer's eve. We grabbed a table outdoors, overlooking the Hudson River, but, alas, the rain drove us indoors.. Despite most of the space being roped off for private parties, we were able to get two tables together, near the bar, with a third in the 'arm' of the café area, for our growing party. We ordered food and waited to go back outdoors. The din was dense near the bar, so we wrote notes and used sign language to communicate. With persistence from two people, we were able to get a table for ten outdoors, with a side table for three. The food was great, but the skies opened and chased us indoors again. Some of our new people introduced themselves to us, and looked like they were having a good time despite the rain.

The 79th Street Boat Basin Café has been discovered! Next year we should pick a non-Thursday for our gathering there. —
Mary Donohue

June 23th — Exciting Non-Skippers Race Across the Sound

Great gusts moved our three contending boats along in this non-skippers race on Saturday, June 23. *Yeraz*, *Arcturus* and *Ekko II* had a close start across the line on a beautiful ten-star day. Our departure point was off Weeks Point outside of Hempstead Harbor breakwater, then across to R42 bell at Mamaroneck, back to the Long Island side at the G21 gong of Matinecock, and returning to the start. All three boats finished with *Arcturus* in the lead, then *Yeraz* and then *Ekko II*. It was a perfect day for a race. Yes, the gusts were challenging but we rode them out for all they were worth.



The Racers

Great wind, wonderful crews trying their hands at the helm, and everyone enjoying Long Island Sound. It was a grand day for all!

The racers wish to thank the Committee Boat, *Pegasus*, with Kurt, Sally, Scott, Mary Ann and Kris, for running the race according to Hoyle. We hope they had a good time, too.

Returning to Brewers in Glen Cove, we enjoyed appetizers before going over to Steamboat Landing Restaurant where we were joined by the crew of the *Lili B*. It was a special occasion as Marie brought her mother along, the namesake of her boat. Some boats stayed overnight at Brewers, and others at the restaurant. Race or not, the location is a great place to put in and chill out. — *Mary Donohue*



The 'Relaxers' - Committee Boat Pegasus, on a 3 hour breather!!

June 23rd
Corinthian Race Day
On “Lovely” Long Island Sound
A Participants View
by Chris Hulbert



Here They Come!

The annual Corinthian Race, diligently prepared for by Sally Small and well run by the Race Committee with chartlets, notices of race and so on, and complete with proper burgee etiquette and everything, took place in rough seas and high winds. What a learning experience, what a challenge, what fun!



*Oh, Yes,
Rachel enjoying
the Glen Cove
Race*

At one point during the first leg, which of course is the windward segment, wind gusts approaching 25-30 kts heeled my boat over to where the rail was buried about 1 foot below the water line, and it stayed there for most of the race! Well, I had dropped my reefing tool into the drink last year at Martha's Vineyard, and last week lost the replacement tool, so we raced, unreefed, the whole time -- which, of course, cost us time. *Mea culpa!*

During that stage, *Arcturus* and *Ekko II*'s sterns passed within a few feet of each other -- in opposite directions. Both vessels where “lost”, neither willing to admit it! It was then that a small exchange took place between the 2 struggling boats. *Ekko II* owner, Lloyd Sarakin yelled out to the *Arcturus* owner (yours truly), in a rather authentic "Sopranos style" accent, “where you goin” and I replied back “where YOU goin?!” Well, since the course is a triangle, only one of us could be going in the right direction, it wasn't until I found the pin that I realized it was *Arcturus*. What luck, those pretty LITTLE pastel buoys looked so identifiable when I saw them on the Committee Boat, before placement.



*Lloyd and
Carol
Halterbeck
relaxing
after the
race.*

Unfortunately, the pin was already engaged in yet Another Race! A whole fleet of spinnaker flying vessels arrived at the pin the same time we did! When we got around the 1st pin, without a collision with the other race, I spent 15 minutes trying to locate the 2nd pin, sailing in the general direction where I thought IT was. It turned out that I was lucky twice and we rounded the 2nd pin, quite near to *Yeraz*, who was apparently having trouble finding pins as well. (Did I mention the seas were ROUGH -- those swells hide a lot.)

Although we only beat *Yeraz* -- I believe! As we approached the finish line

and hailed the Committee Boat to let them know of our approach, we were greeted by congratulatory waves from Sally, Kurt, Kris, Scott and Mary Ann — thereby learning we were first over the line — beating *Yeraz* by 2 minutes in elapsed time, the corrected time ended up being 8 minutes - yes, it was a hard and hairy race for all!

Then we all went to The Steamboat Landing, in Glen Cove, was the après-race rendezvous place for the crews and Race Committee where the “could haves”, “should haves”, “well dones” and “next years” were all discussed, accompanied by good food and good liquids.



Malcolm, at the helm of EKKO II

All in all, we took out about 6 or 7 meetup people and a few friends and had a great day out, despite the cold weather and hellacious seas. This was surely the most exciting race I have ever been in and my first win for this season! So, with the 3rd place and 4th place our team received in the two races at Block Island Race Week last weekend, and the 2nd place for the Round Hart Island Race for

the Case, I am astonished to have achieved a 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place in all the races I have been in this year. Thank you NYSC for being a part of a terrific race season. And, as the saying goes, “I’d rather be lucky than good!”

July 1 – Sunset-Moonlight Cruise

The Sunset Moonlight Cruise turned into a great time, in spite of mechanical problems. We had three boats. I got one from the meetup to come and his steering went out again, we fixed it. 22 people showed up and three boats - nobody fell overboard! We had tons of food and drink and Peter and Jilda came out and joined us. They went back at 10:30 and we went back at 3:30 A.M.! It was a good time for all and the moon was magnificent!

*Sun setting...
Now where is
that star to
steer her by?*



Moon rising — not bad at all!

Yesterday's daysail brought a full boat as well and I took out a friend and a couple of the meetup people. It was nice. Windy, but perfect! — *Chris Hulbert*