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

COMING EVENTS

July 16 – 24: Saturday – Sunday: "Small Boat Cruise"; various ports on Long Island Sound.

August 18: Thursday: "Adirondack Evening Sail" New York Harbor. Coordinator and contact is Susan Wheeler (212) 879-4991. Details will follow by EBlast.

September 3 – 5: Saturday – Monday: "Labor Day Rendezvous"; TBD

September 10 – 11: Saturday – Sunday: "Annual Club Picnic"; South Minneford Yacht Club, City Island, NY, (picnic date September 10)

September 15: Thursday: "General Meeting"; TBD

Do you know who these New York Sailing Club "juniors" are? Advisor Sally Small lets you know in her column.. We look forward to seeing them, and their Father, soon.

Okay, Dad, now that you're back, let's get on the water!

Do they make pdfs this small?

From the Commodore: -- Well the sailing season is underway after a strange spring we really didn't have. Our first on the water event was a huge success with 4 boats showing up in Huntington and 20 people joining for the dinner at the Huntington Yacht Club. A fun time was had by all - as you can see from the pictures. Please make an effort to join us at our upcoming on-the-water events described below by the Rear Commodore. We want to continue the fun throughout the season, and -------- the more, the merrier.

We would also like to extend our wishes for a speedy recovery to our member, Bill Shrage, who had a slight boating accident and hurt his leg. Bill is a caring, sympathetic individual who didn't want his wife, Laurette, to feel bad about the injury to her leg on last year's cruise. So the compassionate person that he is, he fell off his own boat to make Laurette feel better. Thanks Bill, feel better soon…. — *Lloyd Sarakin*

From the Vice Commodore: We have received a two membership applications for the Clubs consideration:

Prospective New Members

Michael Kunkel is from Flanders, NJ. He is a member of the Society for the Education of American Sailors (SFTEOAS) and has taken courses with the US Coast Guard Auxiliary and the American Red Cross. Michael has been sailing solidly for the past 3 years with a lot of experience on small boats such as daysailers and Aqua Finns. He has raced in EBYRA races and has taught at the Red Cross and (SFTEOAS). He has been on a few cruises and did a 10 day yacht delivery from Fort Lauderdale to Martinique. (What a hardship!) He is interested in learning more about sailing and meeting up with other sailing enthusiasts. Please look out for him at our future events. If anyone has any questions to ask about Michael, please contact me at **pegasusnys@yahoo.com**. We'd like to welcome him into the club as soon as possible.

Mike, helping Sally with the dishes aboard Pegasus. What a guy!

Tara Aken is from North Arlington, NJ. She is a "newbie" to sailing and is the girlfriend of Michael Kunkel, our other potential new member. Since Michael is an experienced sailing teacher, he has promised to teach her everything he knows. I told her that everyone has to start somewhere, and the New York Sailing Club is as good a place as any. In her application, her reason for joining is: I want to experience sailing and learn how to sail to enrich my life." I can't think of a better reason than that, or a better place to do it than the NYSC. She is interested in learning more about sailing and meeting up with other sailing enthusiasts. Please look out for her at our future events. If anyone has any questions to ask about Tara, please contact me at **pegasusnys@yahoo.com**. We'd like to welcome her into the club as soon as possible. — *Sally Small*

While Tara enjoys a 'dark and stormy' on Pegasus. My kind of gal!

From the Rear Commodore: -- Greetings from your Rear Commodore! As you can see from our *Coming Events*, we have several events where Skippers and Crew can get to meet to get to know one another. For crew placement you can reach me at: 516-658 9010 (cell) or 631-864-9584 (home). — *Scott Stevenson*

From Our Advisor: — I, too, was so sorry to hear that our dear member Bill Shrage has injured his leg and will be out of commission for a while. I hope it heals fast Bill! You need to get back on the boat for some "down time". Let us know how you are doing.

I just heard that Michael Penney is home from Iraq and will be back sailing with us later this summer. Thank you again, Mike, for your service to this great country of ours. He also told me that his family has expanded since we saw him last: A beautiful little girl Abigail (6 months old) and a handsome little boy Mike, Jr. (2 ½ years). Little Mike looks just like his handsome Daddy! I guess Mike wasn't totally busy with his duties over there or there wasn't a lot of nighttime social life available for the 3 years. (LOL) Hopefully the wee ones will inherit a love of the water from Mike and they will become future New York Sailing Club members. Congratulations to both Charleen and Mike for their beautiful family. Welcome Home! — *Sally Small*

What Happened this Spring

by Sally Small, Advisor

41ST ANNIVERSARY COMMISSIONING DINNER

On May 15 we held our 41st Annual Going Into Commission Dinner at Stuyvesant Yacht Club. It turned out to be a beautiful day and the steward, JJ, set out wonderful appetizers and a tasty buffet. It was great to be out near the water again after such a long, cold, snowy winter and a miserable rainy spring. The turnout was modest (about 30 people) but the ambience was warm and enthusiastic. Hope it is a presage of the summer to come.

79TH STREET BOAT BASIN

Elle Hochberg, Elizabeth Smith and Carol Stanis enjoying the evening.

The June 16 meeting at the 79th Street Boat Basin turned out nicely as usual: Eleven hungry people attended. Even though bad weather and/or thunderstorms were predicted, they did not arrive. It was not crowded when we first got there so we had luck getting tables in the "rotunda" area. However, by the time we left, it was as if all of New York City had discovered our quiet, secret place. The rotunda area seemed larger than in the past and they added a lot of tables around the outside. There was a huge party which took up a lot of the inside space as well as the tables near the water. The rotunda worked out fine. Sorry not everyone could come. The weather held out and the burgers are the best!

Susan Wheeler, Walter Friedrichs and Mary Donohue. Yup, the food's that good.

STAR CLIPPER ALUMNAE

Malcolm Milligam on the Star Clipper. He and Mary Donohue did a fantastic sail — from Lisbon to Athens — in April/May.

Read Mary's dynamite story of their adventures on our website — www.nysailingclub.com.

In February, Kurt and I had the pleasure of sailing in the Caribbean on the Star Clipper Line's ROYAL CLIPPER, a beautiful 5 masted tall ship. We sailed to various and beautiful islands, such as St. Lucia, St. Kitts, Dominica, Iles des Saintes (Guadaloupe), Antigua and Martinique with a few extra shore based days on Barbados. A highlight of the trip was sailing along the coast of Dominica alongside the STAR CLIPPER. It was a beautiful Caribbean day with lots of sun and pretty clouds making for perfect photo opportunities. It is a highly recommended sailing adventure that I hope everyone gets to enjoy someday.

Sally & Kurt – a little rum, a lot of sun and just look at that ship!

Memorial Day Rendezvous Huntington Harbor

by Sally Small, Advisor

The rendezvous on May 28-30 was held at Huntington Yacht Club. It is a beautiful club with great views of the water. Four of our boats attended in spite of fog and light wind early in the morning. Kudos go to Don Devaney on SILENT REACH for single-handing all the way from City Island on Saturday. On Sunday he was joined by his loyal crew Bernice Moll. On Saturday, PEGASUS, with Sally and Kurt and gourmet cook Kris Ohlén ghosted through the fog across the Sound and navigated it successfully in spite of having a broken radar dome.

Huntington Yacht Club.

Lloyd Sarakin, JoAnn Valery Hayes, and Marie Heaney out for sail.

On Sunday, Mary Donohue and Malcolm Milligan (a.k.a. the "M&Ms") joined the crew of PEGASUS for a bit of drifting out in Huntington Bay. Later on Sunday, Commodore Lloyd arrived on EKKO II with wonderful crew Ruth Levy. Marie Heaney and the tribe sailed (motored) out on the LILLI B. On board were Carol Spinelli, Bo'sun Louise Villani, her friend JoAnn Valery Hayes and a few ringers (Scott and Mary Ann Stevenson). Unfortunately, the Stevenson's boat was not ready for polite company as yet, so they helped Marie navigate the LILLI B. Technically, that would have made 5 boats in attendance at the rendezvous. GREAT ESCAPE was there in spirit, if not physically. A

Catching a little wind and a lot of sun on Lille B. (l to r) Scott Stevenson, JoAnn Valery Hayes, Marie Heaney, and MaryAnn Stevenson.

Lilli B crew member Carol Spinelli.

The well-earned, and enjoyed, dinner.

Ruth Levy and Lloyd Sarakin enjoying the day.

A grand summer sight, harbor twilight.

few Corinthians came out for the day sail (controlled drifting) on Sunday. Perhaps the gods of the wind thought that the sailing club was still running races, because the light winds came from the north, south, east and west, creating much cursing and gnashing of teeth on PEGASUS. Due to the heat (and no wind) PEGASUS and company went back to the mooring early and the intrepids Mary Donohue and Sally Small took advantage of the beautiful swimming pool at HYC.

We had dinner at the yacht club on Sunday night. Past Commodore Jean Wolschlager Rosenzweig and her husband Herbert came to dinner with 2 friends. The menu was varied and tasty and everyone had a great time. On Monday morning we were awakened to thunderstorms but they blew away by the time breakfast was done. There was no wind again so we had an uneventful motorboat trip back to our respective home harbors. On the plus side, we have to keep the economy going by filling up our gas tanks with fuel.

Lilli B crew: (above) JoAnn Valery Hayes and (below) Captain Marie Heaney.

Etc.

Boat for sale

1972 Irwin 28-foot sailboat with 3-foot centerboard keel, Atomic 4 gas engine, 1996 North mainsail, 2005 Doyle roller furl (Furlex), spare headsail, no working electronics, compass. Asking $1,000 but negotiable. Located at 58 Woodbine Drive, Springs (in the Hamptons). Call Myrna Truitt, 631 728-7601 or 718 263-9846.

For Sale

Sally Small still has a lot of beautiful New York Sailing Club mugs for sail. They are $10 each. If you would like to buy one, please contact Sally at **pegasusnysc@yahoo.com**. Sally can bring them to a meeting or rendezvous or if she needs to ship them, the cost for shipping will be added. Don't miss out!

Elle sez: "Buy one of these BEAUTIFUL mugs!"