



NEW YORK SAILING CLUB

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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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*Warmest Wishes for a Wonderful Holiday
Season and a Shining 2008 to All!*

COMING EVENTS

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January 17, 2008, Thursday: “From Dinghy Brat to Master in 45 Years.” Gary Cassidy, a skipper of the Oyster Bay oyster sloop, the *Christeen*, will describe his experiences at The Parlour. His is a story of sharing a passion with others from the Florida Keys, to cruising Long Island, Block Island and Vineyard Haven Sounds. He’ll describe his adventures in building an iceboat with ice skates and how his ice boat ‘returned.’

He’ll inspire us with his description of a Deaf Sailor’s Project and Developmentally Disabled Sailing Program he designed. He believes that sailing is a great equalizer and uniter of people. Gary is an instructor for Coastal Cruising and Bare Boat Certification Courses with Oyster Bay Sailing School.

Dinner at 6:00pm and presentation at 7:00. Come early to get a good seat. The Parlour, 250 West 86th Street and Broadway, near the #1 subway stop at 86th Street.

From the Outgoing Commodore: New York Sailing Club can celebrate its newly minted incorporation with New York State as a Social, Type A Club, with an ‘Exist Date’ of November 13, 2007! Congratulations to us! This will provide greater protection to our Board and members and enable us to obtain insurance for rafting and cruising. Previously our insurance only covered regatta/racing. You can learn further details by talking to our Board members.

To sum up some of the accomplishments of this Board, we can thank Sally for her hospitality to us at her pied-à-terre in Manhattan, for taking minutes of Board meetings and sending them out by e-mail, and for her listening ear and good judgment as Advisor of the Club. Thanks go to Walter for processing the NYSC brochure through an inexpensive print shop and for subsidizing the cost of the brochure. Thanks go to Geraldine for her beautiful newsletters, full of select photos and quotable quotes. Thanks go to Susan Wheeler for handling our finances, calling up banquetters and processing our dinner reservations at Stuyvesant Yacht Club for the *Going into Commission* and *Change of Watch* dinners. Thanks to Scott for a wonderful on the water season, for e-mailing and calling skippers about details and for providing guidance on the Board as a past Commodore. Thanks to Lloyd for formatting and coordinating the designs for the wonderful brochure and for inviting us to Minnefords for a fun picnic he arranged. Barbecuing and greeting all, he was the host with the most. And finally, thanks to Chris for his efforts to bring in new members through the Spring and Fall mixers on the water, for leading the Hudson River trip, and for the web outreach meetup site endeavor.

I wish to commend and thank all skippers who invited crew on their boat, and crew who helped out on boats physically, cognitively and socially. The Club owes a debt of gratitude to Malcolm Milligan Jr. and Sr. for designing a beautiful website, coordinating multiple suggestions from Board members, and for maintaining the calendar notices and newsletter updates monthly. -- *Mary Donohue*

From the Commodore: As I made my way through the access roads to the midtown tunnel last week, it seemed to be literally snowing leaves! I drove to my lonely deserted marina and performed the winterization, thus closing the 2007 season for my vessel, *Arcturus* (unless we do some crazy winter sailing which has happened a few times before). Looking back, it was the best summer ever! Here's the speech I had prepared for the *Change Of Watch* dinner that I failed to bring to the event. Oops. Hope it makes up for my impromptu oration, which even MY FRIENDS said needed some work.

This year, as a team, through various methods, we were able to reach more prospective members than my memory could recall in the last ten years or so that I have personally been involved with New York Sailing Club! It is exciting to watch the Club grow! Advertising through Google, Club flyers and brochures, reciprocal web links with other sailing sites and through a Meetup Group has all worked! The Meetup Group may be viewed at <http://sailing.meetup.com/75/>. The reciprocal web links may be seen at www.newyorksailingclub.org. The brochures, you saw on your place settings at the event.

Our subscribers on the Meetup Group have soared from 0 to 233 people since April 17th, when it was launched! Many of whom have submitted applications to join the NYSC! 17 of our events have been promoted through the Meetup and were attended by people since April, which makes it one of our busiest seasons yet! We offered more things to do and attracted more prospective new members than in a long time! Congratulations to Mary and last year's Board and the volunteers from our Club who made it all possible!

Thanks to everyone who braved the freezing cold to come to the Stuyvesant Yacht Club for our *Change Of Watch* gala. It was a wonderful night and special mention should go to Peter and SYC's catering staff (Carlos and Debbie) for creating a fantastic feast. Thanks to our Mistress Of Ceremonies, Sally Small, for doing a great job of toasting and roasting those who stood out in one way or another for the last season.

Our next board meeting is Jan. 29th. Thanks to those who agreed to serve again and to those who are joining us for the first time. Your input and assistance will be greatly appreciated in the coming new year! I'd also like to thank the NYSC as a whole for giving me this chance to serve as Commodore. Although it is definitely a lot of hard work, it is an honor and an opportunity to serve with talented and dedicated people. I am really looking forward to working with them. I'll do my best to continue Mary's and the previous Board's great work to improve the Club for all.

On behalf of the New York Sailing Club, I'd like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season and a great New Year! See you in 2008! -- *Chris Hulbert*

New Members

From the Board: For the Club's consideration are:

Stephen D. Klyce: Steve and his wife have recently relocated from New Orleans to Manhasset Bay, Long Island. Steve has years of recreational sailing, cruising and racing experience, starting with a sunfish as a child, moving up to racing J22s and then to racing his Tartan 4600 - which alas he did not bring with him to New York. He has raced in the PHRF fleets on Lake Ponchartrain, the Gulf Coast and offshore races on the Gulf of Mexico. Steve has not only helped with race management in the New Orleans areas, but also with regattas in Greece. An experienced skipper, helmsman, navigator, Steve also crewed on deliveries of boats up to 70' where his systems maintenance knowledge -- and cooking skills -- came in handy.

Patricia Smith: Pat spent 2 years working as professional crew on a 120 ft mega-yacht between the Caribbean, Florida and Maine. She has completed navigation, fire safety, flower arranging, launch operation, STCW Maritime Certification, First Aid/CPR, engine systems and meteorology classes. Her sailing experience includes delivering a 30 ft. catamaran from Florida to North Carolina, sailing small dinghies in various bays in the Caribbean, and cruising New York to Nantucket this past summer. She has raced in the Heineken Regatta and our Club's Corinthian Race. Patricia is the assistant organizer of the New York Sailing Club's Meetup Group. She hopes to earn her captain's charter license, either the 6 pack or 100 ton, and start a charter business. Patricia is currently working on a book about injury prevention and exercise specifically tailored for sailors.

Change of Watch Dinner – December, 2007

Mary Donohue, Commodore



Know this one Chris?



Sure do, Lloyd.

To the strains of “*The Sloop John B*” and “*Sailing*” by Christopher Cross, our twin keyboarders, Chris Hulbert and Lloyd Sarakin played a duet to open our annual gala *Change of Watch* celebration with a sing-a-long. Many people joined in on “*Winter Wonderland.*” Most members seemed so anxious to catch up on news from their friends that they just enjoyed listening to the melodies. Chris and Lloyd make a great team in playing their harmonies together...echoes of their summertime concert in a raft-up in Oyster Bay.

The appetizers were delicious and we enjoyed the cocktail hour, seeing old friends and meeting new guests. The dinner was great with Peter Suib as our chef for the extensive buffet. During dinner we listened to CD's brought by a number of members.



Ralph and Carol Swinburne (left) enjoying the festivities with Les Bernstock and Joyce Buerkle

The *Change of Watch* of officers followed dinner, with the new Board stepping up with Chris Hulbert as Commodore, Lloyd Sarakin as Vice Commodore, Carol Halterbeck as Rear Commodore, Leon Levy as Fleet Captain, Jeanette Westphal as Assistant Fleet Captain, Susan Wheeler as Treasurer, Geraldine Gaal as Editor/Secretary and Walter Friedrichs as Assistant Secretary. Sally Small remains on the Board as advisor. Officers' flags were presented to each Board member as they take over at the helm of the Club.

The Awards: The *Bill Woodward Trophy* was presented to Mark Mitchell, who was the skipper on Chris Hulbert's boat *Arcturus* for the Corinthian Race held in June. Mark was awarded a keeper trophy and the perpetual trophy was given to Chris. The *Winsome Trophy* is for service to the Club. For her extra work helping to organize some meetings,



Betsy Haggarty accepting the Winsome Trophy Award

as well as editing various writings, this year's award was given to Betsy Haggarty. The *Etta Morton Trophy* is for seamanship and sportsmanship. This year it was given to Lloyd Sarakin for all the times he helped out other boat owners by towing them when they broke down or standing by when someone went aground. The *Foredeck Ape* award is given to the best crew member of the year. It



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was presented to MaryAnn Stevenson for her valiance in stormy weather and high seas on *Great Escape*, and for her patience with Fleet Captain Scott, who was on the phone 18/7 organizing the on-the-water events!

After dinner dance music was played on CD's brought by our dancers, and the music enticed us to polka, Lindy and slow dance. It was a festive occasion, with a view from City Island of the Throgs Neck, Whitestone and George Washington bridges twinkling in the darkness and a silhouette of the Empire State Building discernable in the distance.



Lisa Ferrara, enjoying a quiet moment



New Fleet Captain Leon with his stalwart '1st mate' Ruth

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!