



HALLOWEEN YACHT CLUB

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COMMENTS FROM THE COMMODORE

Kenneth M. Makowski

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Dear Fellow HYC Member:

The HYC winter berthing season has ended and the summer berthing season begins on Sunday, April 20th. Doesn't that sound great? All winter only berth holders must be out of the lagoon by April 20th and everyone else should be in their assigned summer berths. And a reminder, all 2008 registrations and insurance documents are due to be filed with the Club when renewals come due. Also, summer berth holders have until July 1st to occupy their assigned berth. Another reminder, those members wishing to have a dinghy at the Club, either in the water or on the west bank, have until April 15th to submit a wait list card (no fee required). At the last meeting, the issue of removing the winter deicing fan brackets was raised. Last year, some 25 brackets were removed by berth holders and/or the Steward. Re-installing the fans required a lot of additional work, and the continued removal and re-installation of the fans is hastening the deterioration of the wood which is something we really don't want to have happen to our docks. Therefore, we are requesting that berth holders do not remove these brackets. If a berth holder feels that a specific bracket is a navigation hazard, then it needs to be brought to the attention of the Deicing Committee for disposition. Thank you all for your cooperation.

On Tuesday, March 18th we made a presentation to the Stamford Harbor Commission on the silting, debris and contamination coming from the pump house outfall into the lagoon. Thanks go to Peter Palmisano, Tony Loglisci and Steve Blazey for attending and making appropriate and meaningful comments. As a result, the Commission is inviting the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA), which controls the operation of the pump houses, to their next meeting. HYC will also be present. Thanks to everyone involved, including those

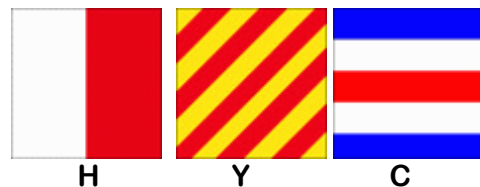
members of the Commission who are also HYC members. We are finally getting the exposure we need on this issue. More news to come!

Several activities of note have taken place recently at the Club and if this is any indication, we are off to a very busy season. The St. Patrick's Day dinner was held on March 17th with Willie Rich cooking for a full house. The Stamford Power Squadron held its Change of Watch brunch on March 30th with the District Commander presiding. Both the Power Squadron and the Coast Guard Auxiliary continue to hold their meetings at HYC. Several meetings have been held on the Mayor's Cup Race and the Cat Boat Association will also be meeting at the Club. John Reffner, Fleet Captain of Sail and Club Secretary, is doing an excellent job in promoting boating activities on the Sound and bringing some of these organizations together and to our Club. John is also organizing a massive boat parade for Opening Day.

The traditional annual work parties are changing this year. At the present time only one general work party is scheduled for April 26th. For the rest of the necessary work, work parties will be assembled for specific tasks. Julius Magyari is compiling a list of the required work. With the help of the Work Party Committee and the Member Records Committee; members will be called to volunteer their services. Remember that for 2008, the work hour assessment is \$80.00 per hour for work not completed by berth holders who are required to put in 8 hours of meaningful work towards the general upkeep and running of the Club. This is just one of the many ways we are able to keep our dues and fees at such a low level compared to what is commercially available. Thanks to all.

Six weeks till Opening Day!

Ken



APRIL FISHING REPORT

Our 2008 Fishing Derby kicks off at 12:01 A.M. on 12 April. The green porch derby logbook has been updated for the new season. Entry's still the same: \$10.00 for each individual fisherman, \$15.00 for married couples. Give the entry money to any fishing committee member or to Diane, our steward, and put your name on the sign-up page. We're shooting the brass porch weighing scale with some WD-40 and will calibrate it against some known weights – such as sacks of potatoes at Grade A. There is porch talk of a weekly \$5.00 pool for the largest bass but only among those anglers involved.

State fishing regulations have been taken off the web for both CT and NY. Most are pretty straight forward. But fluke size and seasons may be adjusted since the fluke are still being grossly over fished. CT's minimum size will be 19", while NY's minimum size jumps up to 20.5" – that's a really big fluke. Nothing is going to happen until the Sound's water temperature reaches the low 50's in mid-May. If past patterns hold true it will be a Captain's Island and to the west fishery.

Remember winter flounder, our premier spring fishery. Taking a dozen fat flats on clams and worms was as much a spring ritual as Opening Day was to trout fishermen. Today's catch numbers are dismal and getting worse. In 1987, a scant 20 years ago, NY anglers caught 5 million plus winter flounder, last year the number was 14,200! Connecticut catches are just as bad – mid-1980s a million plus flounder, last year 3,800.

On 8 March Fred Stunkel and I attended a supposedly fisheries meeting in Bridgeport. Its theme was "LI Sound Fisheries – Flourishing or Floundering?" The problem was that they didn't even have one fisherman or lobsterman on any of the panels! It was sponsored by the EPS's LI Sound Study (which basically doesn't have the faintest clue as to even where LI Sound is) and the Connecticut Fund for the Environment/Save the Sound (whose major task is raising money to support their staff). Out of the 130-140 people in the room there were perhaps 6 or 7 guys like us who actually get out on the water. Both Fred and I talked about closing the lobster and winter flounder fisheries down – no one had a clue about what we were talking about and the States' response was DA!

Back in 2003 our stakeholder group had petitioned the National Marine Fisheries Service to declare the winter flounder an endangered species in LI Sound. After 18 months of silence the petition was denied. Now the winter flounder is not only endangered, it is close to extinction!

So, for now, oil up your reels, change your lines, charge up your positive attitude and "Gentlemen, start your engines!"...and let's all go fishing.

*Art Glowka Chair
Fishing Committee: Larry Halleck, Mike Pirri, Fred Stunkel*

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SAILING NEWS

HALLOWEEN YACHT CLUB BOAT PARADE

There will be a "Parade of the Fleet" on opening day, Saturday May 17th. All boats are welcome. We will gather at Red "4" in Westcott Cove at 10:30 A.M. and parade back to the docks. Strike your colors and join the parade. Call John Reffner at 203-348-8098 and leave a message with your name, and your boat's name, to register for the parade. There will also be a sign-up sheet at the club.

RACING

The Twilight Racing Series begins on Thursday, May 8th with a tune-up race. The first race of the Spring Series will be held on May 15th. The twilight racing series is a major boating activity at our club and there are several ways to participate. If you have a sailboat - join in the fun of friendly competition. If you want to learn more about sailing, join as a crew member and gain valuable boating experience. If you have a powerboat, volunteer to be a race committee boat and if you want to learn about race management, join the race committee. Entry forms are available at the clubhouse and must be returned by April 16th. For information on how to get involved, contact John Reffner, 203-348-8098 or jareffner@cs.com.

WORK PARTY... WE GOOFED!

Saturday, April 26th will be our primary "Work Party Day." Information letters have been mailed to all members – read it carefully and plan your time accordingly. Return the cards to Muffy Bayne. In case of serious rain requiring a postponement, the correct rain date is Saturday, May 3rd. Let's hope for a nice day on April 26th so that we can accomplish our goals!

OFFICE MIRACLE MAKE-OVER!

The HYC office has been updated – thanks to House Chairman, Jules Magyari and his merry band of workers. Jules, Tony Cologero, Frank Santorella, and Patrick White were untiring in their efforts to empty the office, remove the ancient desk and then perform magic! We now have an up-to-date modern modular office with lots of work space, storage files, and down lights on the work area. This took place on Saturday, April 5th. The miracle continued on April 6th when Mike Stroz and his wife, Stephany, did the rewiring

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NOTICES:

Raffle Tickets: Remember to send in, or drop off your tickets at the club by opening day – May 17.

E-Newsletter: Continuing with this issue the HYC newsletter will now be sent electronically to all members whose e-mail address is on file. If you have a specific e-mail address you would prefer contact: editor.halloween@sbcglobal.net

Work Hours: Get your work hours in now – early in the year – before the boating season. The 2008 charge for non-worked hours is \$80.00/hour + tax. Contact Jules Magyari, House Chairman, at the Club: (203) 348-5510 or jmagyari1@hotmail.com

Steward Diane Brantner's Hours: Sunday; 9:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday; 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. Off on Wednesday.

Ship's Store: Vicki Druehl has taken over the operation of the Ship's Store. Vicki has experience with selecting and selling merchandise in the Stamford school system and she would like to stock new items. If you have any suggestions contact her at (203) 323-2897 or druehl@optonline.net

Web Site: HYC Member Sean Mulligan has volunteered to redesign our website and is our new webmaster. He has begun to rework the site. Look for the enhanced website in the near future.

Pet Behavior: The Commodore has reminded us we must observe and obey our rules regarding pets at the Club – all pets on a leash and no dogs in the kitchen or the corral at any time.

Classified Ads

The newsletter can accept **marine related** ads placed by HYC members (6 line limit). E-mail copy to editor.halloween@sbcglobal.net

For Sale: 1974 17' Aquasport fiberglass planing runabout. 1986 Nissan 70 hp 2-stroke ob w power trim/tilt. Both in v.g. condition. All systems fully operational. Fully loaded + Uniden VHF radio, Humminbird depthsounder/fishfinder. Vessel runs well, handles easily at 20 mph. **\$3,500** or best offer. Jay Louden: 637-1328.

For Sale: Trimaran – Corsair 24 MK II, \$39,500. Fast is fun! This trimaran has a strong class association with many regional racing and cruising events. Small cuddy cabin allows overnighting. Wide side nets allow a gang to be aboard. Regularly sails between 7-12 knots, has 20 knot potential. Contact Jamie McCreary at (203) 978-0785

For Sale: 1992 SeaRay 290, single IO engine with just 600 hours. In slip on B Dock at HYC. Great family boat; sleeps 4 minimum, 6 if friendly. Fully equipped, Coast Guard approved. Available now for finalizing sale in spring at \$12,000. Call (203) 358-0275 or (203) 219-3455. Peter Weissman

For Sale: Lippincott 19' Fiberglass Lightning Class Sailboat #10776. LOA 19'; Beam 8', Draft 4'4" with center board down. Sitka Spruce spar and boom. Mahogany rudder. 3 main sheets, 4 jibs, 1 spinnaker; cockpit cover– galvanized 2-wheel trailer w/swivel jack. \$2,500 or best offer. Contact Capt. Al @ (203) 322-5851.

For Sale: GPS. Raymarine Pathfinder RL70. Black/White w/Raystar 120 antenna. Includes 2 Cmap chart chips; Narragansett Bay to Cape Cod (4/22/02) and Hudson River (6/11/04). Asking \$250.00. Contact John Pugliesi: (203) 667-5904 or jpugliesi@frattaroli.com.

Office Miracle Make-Over (Concluded)

and made all the necessary connections to bring the HYC computer and internet connection – including our wireless capability – back on line. Thanks to each and every one of you!

Classified Ads (cont'd)

Fiberglass Repair Work: Larry DeLuca has completed certification work in the following areas of boat repairs and install: General Fiberglass Repair, Poly Flake Repair, Gel Coat Repair & Color Tinting, Non-skid Install & Repair
Contact Larry at 203-968-9897

Boat Washing & Spring Prep: Contact Andrew Glassman for boat washing, waxing, teak and chrome cleaning and bottom sanding and painting. (203) 554-0322 or (203) 322-3996.

Wanted: HYC member with 20' sailboat looking for a sailing mentor for the coming season. If interested contact Nieves Rutkowski: (203) 918-7324.

Wanted: Junior Day Sailer. If you have a Sunfish, Hobie, Opti or Laser for sale contact Charlotte Addison: (203) 968-9742 or ccaddison@optonline.net

2008 BRIDGE

Commodore Ken Makowski
Vice Commodore Tony Loglisci
Rear Commodore Rich Kondub
Treasurer Bruce Aiello
Secretary John Reffner

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Christopher Blazey Willie Rich
Stephen Blazey, Jr. Michael Stroz
Nellie Guernsey John Svagr
Julius Magyari Dennis Vagnone
Mike Pirri Peter Vanderwaart

Committee Appointments

STANDING COMMITTEES AS DESCRIBED IN THE CLUB BY-LAWS

Fleet Captain of Sail John A. Reffner
Fleet Captain of Power Tony Loglisci
Fleet Chaplain Captain Bernie Weiss
Fleet Surgeon Lester J. Krasnogor, M.D.
Nominating Committee Peter Palmisano
House Committee Jules Magyari
Finance Committee Nellie Guernsey
Membership Committee Peter Vanderwaart
Cruising Committee Stan Zebroski
Entertainment Committee Willie Rich
Berthing Committee Tony Loglisci
Welfare Committee Charmaine Rawsthorne
Club Improvement Committee/Long Range
Planning Peter Palmisano
Hospitality Committee Bruce Patterson
De-Icing Committee John Svagr
Work Party Notification Committee "Muffy" Bayne
Newsletter Committee Ron Glassman
Docks Committee Steve Blazey
Electrical Committee Chris Blazey
Insurance Committee Paul Troy
Member Records Committee Nellie Guernsey

Additional Committees

By-Laws and Rules Kenneth Makowski
Education Bernie Weiss
Fishing Derby Art Glowka
Liaison Officer (Community Affairs) Bernie Weiss
Mayor's Cup John McGuinness
Opening Day Mike Aide
Power Squadron Liaison Mary Howland
Ship's Store Vicki Druehl
Web Master Sean Mulligan
Steward Diane Brantner

UPCOMING EVENTS – LOTS HAPPENING!

- Raffle tickets – Get them in now; too late *after* Opening Day!
 - Saturday April 26th – Work Party
 - Sunday June 8th – Mayor’s Cup Race
 - Saturday June 28th – Dock & Dine on the new Trex Deck
 - July 18th – 20th – Cruise to Milford Yacht Club *Power + Sail*
- Saturday August 2nd – Oyster Bay lunch raft-up party on HYC mooring