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COMMENTS FROM THE COMMODORE

Kenneth M. Makowski

Dear Fellow HYC Member:

For those that follow my introductory comments, and for those who don't, it has been done again – another great HYC event. Sunday, August 3rd was the Second Annual HYC Brunch on the deck. The weather was perfect and the food was superb. More than 70 members and guests enjoyed the mid-day event. Master Chef Willie & Crew did another spectacular job. Was it my imagination or was there Vodka and Champagne in the drinks?

An important reminder; the work hour year ends on September 30th. All berth holders are required to put in 8 hours of work during the work year. Any hours not completed will be billed at \$80.00 per hour. For those that put in zero hours, your invoice for next year will add \$640.00 for the 8 hours not worked. Not a small amount. There are a significant number of berth holders that have not put in the required number of hours as of this writing. Please call the Club Steward or Julius Magyari for work assignments. Another reminder; it is sad to say, but the invoices for winter storage, both in the water and land storage have been mailed. Payment, along with the contract is due by August 31st. Please do not miss this deadline.

On July 22nd an article appeared on the front page of the Stamford Advocate regarding the Stamford Harbor Commission. The gist of the article was that the Stamford Harbor Commission submitted to the Mayor a proposed charter that would empower the Commission, to a degree, to recommend to the City Council issues for consideration; and to give the Stamford Harbor Commission authority to implement some much needed changes to the *status quo*. Several members of HYC were interviewed and quoted in the article. Many subjects have been addressed by the Commission in the past, only to fall on deaf ears. We at HYC are privileged to have three of our members on the Commission. Some of the issues of concern are the safety of all who use the Westcott Cove channel; coordination of various dredging projects, and the silting/debris problems associated with the pumping stations operated by the WPCA, one of

which discharges into our lagoon. Hopefully the Commission's charter will be approved by the Board of Representatives and we will then have another advocate on the team looking out for the interests of all local boaters.

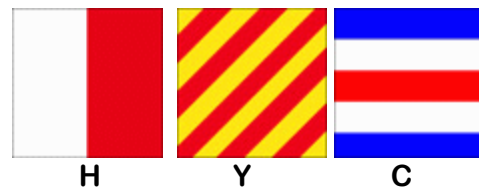
Special thanks go to long time member Larry Halleck for donating a brand new and very sophisticated weather station to the Club. It has been installed, works beautifully and does not require any maintenance or attendance. It measures everything you can imagine including rainfall. It operates wirelessly and has a sense of humor as well. When the rainfall gets beyond a certain rate, as in a heavy rainstorm, it displays "It's Raining Cats And Dogs." Please join me in thanking Larry when you see him at the Club.

It's not too late to enjoy the best of the boating season. For the next two months we have a host of activities scheduled. Most are low-key, come as you are. There is the Power Squadron Day Race, The Stamford/Denmark Race, The Vineyard Race, Decommissioning Day/Picnic, Closing Day Race, Columbus Day Feast, and who knows what else. Look elsewhere in the Newsletter for exact dates and times.

Have an enjoyable and safe remainder of the season and I'll see you all around the Club.

Ken

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AUGUST FISHING REPORT: JULY'S FISHING

As usual, July always starts off with the big bang of fireworks as we celebrate the 4th of July. In the Sound early July brought a frenzy of fluke which moved inshore during the first two weeks. The fleet concentrated on the Cows jigging decent fish using squid strips and smelt. A couple of guys I know simply buy a 3 lb. box of frozen whole squid at Grade A. They pop a whole squid on a hook and liff drift. Still we only have two 6.5 lb. fluke in the book.

When fluking died off, stripers and blues took over. But the stripers are becoming vampires, completely disappearing as soon as the sun hits the water.

Next bluefish became the headliners; drop a fresh piece of bunker or a jig on the reefs and bluefish would slam it. The wire liners, Chopper and Banana Stan, are still heading west to UCONN's weather buoy and are hitting bluefish. The Chopper's crew drags 250' of wire, Stan 170' – they both worked. Then the blues moved toward the Connecticut shore. Surprisingly all these blues were fat – please, please – somebody cut a couple open and see what they're feeding on so we know what's holding them down there.

While our guys are feeling a bit like Custer at the Battle of the Little Big Horn – “Have you ever in your life seen so gosh darn many Indians?” – (blues), the party boats Klondike and Shamrock were getting *mezza mezza* catches – but their only tactic is jigging.

Porgies are a pick and a half; plenty around but trying to get through the sand porgies 6"-8" to find a humpback or two 11"-15" 2 lb. fish is a chore.

Lion's Mare jelly fish flooded the Sound in July with their pulsating gobs of reddish bodies and white tentacles. They're supposed to be a cold water species. They feed on zooplankton which is becoming scarce so they're slowly shriveling up and sinking to the bottom.

Lobsters are nil. What buoys you see between Colander's and Tod's are whelk-conch pot fishermen – reduced to trapping these critters at 85 cents a pound for the Oriental market.

There is some seasonal normalcy since we're starting to see snappers and peanut bunker. Both by the way make excellent fluke bait.

Inshore plugging has died. Only big cinderworm hatch. Mystery, where are the blue claw crabs which came in so heavy the past couple of years?

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

SAILING NEWS

Congratulations to HYC member Jim Goodridge sailing his C+C 25 *Flo III* for finishing first in his division in the Noroton Friends' and Neighbors' Regatta on July 12th and also placing fifth in the Riverside Yacht Club Stratford Shoal Race on June 28th.

The last race of the summer Twilight Series will be on Thursday August 21st followed by a Willie Rich feast at the HYC Club House.

The Twilight Racers would like to extend thanks to HYC members Rich and Noel Kondub for providing their Searay powerboat *Summer Catch* as Committee Boat on Thursday evening July 17th. Jamie McCreary and Charmaine Rawsthorne joined Rich and Noel as committee members that evening.

THE RACK

Any boat – kayak, dinghy, canoe, sail board, etc., must have your seniority number affixed to the hull. Unidentified boats will be removed.

SLIP HOLDERS & GARBAGE

Any garbage that comes off of your boat should be placed in the dumpster – not in the garbage cans on the deck. The deck cans are for “deck garbage” only. By placing “boat garbage” in the dumpster we'll help keep animals off the deck during the night.

VOLUNTEERS FOR DOCK CLEANING NEEDED

A clean the dock project is now underway including pressure washing and a sealant application. We need workers to help complete this project. If you have work hours to fulfill contact Jules Magyari or Club Steward, Diane Branter. Cleaning and sealing the docks will help preserve the life of the wood and it also will help keep boaters from tracking grime onto their boats.

SAVE THE SOUND - CLEANUP

On September 20, 2008 volunteers around the world will be cleaning up beaches and inland waterways. Locally Save the Sound will be the Connecticut coordinator for the coastal cleanup effort. To help out in this endeavor or to learn more visit www.savethesound.org or call (203) 787-0646 ext 113.

DATE CHANGE

The Columbus Day Feast will be held on Sunday October 12th at 2 P.M. – replacing the October 13th Italian Dinner

2008 BRIDGE

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

GOVERNORS

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

NOTICES:

Dinghies on the west wall **must** be tied up to the wire or post – not the racks. Dinghies tied to the racks will be removed.

Fan Brackets: Do not remove the brackets without permission from the De-Icing Committee.

Oyster Bay Mooring: You must sign up in advance (use the blue book on the porch) if you are staying the night on the mooring. No overnight rafting allowed – rafting during the day is permitted. Mooring: CB 45 and identified with the HYC burgee.

Lat 40°52.7470'N; Lon 73°30.9789'W

Newsletter: The HYC newsletter is published each month following the Board of Governor's meeting (first Tuesday of the month). If you have an article or a notice that you would like published leave a hard copy in the newsletter folder outside the office or send it to editor.halloween@sbcglobal.net.

Work Hours: Remember that the 2008 charge for non-worked hours is \$80.00/hour + tax. (Year ends Sept. 30, 2008) For work contact Jules Magyari, House Chairman, at the Club: (203) 348-5510, jmagyari1@hotmail.com or Club Steward, Diane Branter. A year to date summary is presently posted.

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: A number of HYC items are now on sale...please check the price list located near the merchandise case. Merchandise can be purchased by contacting our Steward, Diane, or Vicki Druehl. If you have suggestions for new items or improvements to current items contact Vicki at (203) 323-2897 or druehl@optonline.net.

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 very good 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: 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

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Classified Ads (cont'd)

For Sale: 9' Avon Dinghy-used, \$150.00. Removable hard floor and seat. Doesn't leak. Registered. 4 h.p. (not working). Contact Joe Avellar (203) 644-7472 (cell) or (203) 274-6335 (home).

For Sale: 1984 Catalina 25. In good condition. 9.9 h.p. Evinrude, fin keel, tall rig w/150% roller furling genoa. Jiffy reefing main. Poptop w/enclosure, dinette interior, sleeps 5. Galley w/stove & sink. Marine head w/holding tank. Cockpit awning & mast ladder. In water and ready to sail. \$8,000.00. Contact Ed Abbott, (203) 325-0889 or sabbott3@juno.com.

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

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) 327-9897

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

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

MILFORD CRUISE 2008

Power and sail were well represented at HYC's Cruise to Milford on the weekend of July 18th. The weather was hot, but the pool was delightful. An evening of dining and dancing at the famed JR restaurant was enjoyed by all the cruisers.



Top left, Carol and Vice Commodore Tony Logisci; top right, Steve and Alfreda Blazey Jr.; and bottom (left to right) Club Secretary John Reffner, Sylvia Zebroski (evening photographer) and Chairman of the Cruising Committee, Stan Zebroski.

UPCOMING EVENTS – LOTS HAPPENING!

- August 21st – Final Twilight Series Race & Dinner
- August 24th – The Stamford Sail and Power Squadron &
The Halloween Yacht Club Day Race
- Saturday September 13th – Decommissioning Day/Picnic &
Closing Day Race – 10:30 A.M.
- Sunday October 12th – 2:00 P.M. Columbus Day Feast
(Note date change)