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COMMENTS FROM THE COMMODORE

Kenneth M. Makowski

THE DREDGER HAS ARRIVED!!

Saturday afternoon, November 29th, saw the arrival of the dredging equipment which was greeted with enthusiasm and fanfare by several members, officers and governors. It was Diane, our Steward, who first spotted the enormous barge rounding Smith's Reef with her binoculars from the rooftop of the clubhouse. Congratulations on being the award winning spotter. Use of the Club fountain is the prize for this extraordinary effort. Layout of the dredging perimeters began immediately and by the next day, the first load of material was already on its way to the New Haven dump site. Many thanks go to all those involved with this project, but we can't thank Past Commodore Peter Palmisano enough for spearheading this effort that began in 2003. For the next two weeks dredging will continue during periods of high tide. I urge you to come down to the Club and witness this event personally. It makes for great conversation and picture taking.

The end of my term as Commodore is rapidly approaching. Once again I would like to thank everyone for giving me the opportunity to lead this Club for the past two years. It has been a pleasure to write these "comments" each month to let you know what is happening at your Club. At the January meeting the new Bridge and Board will be sworn in. I want to thank the outgoing Board members who have served the Club so well; Chris Blazey, Steve Blazey, Nellie Guernsey and Charmaine Rawsthorne. Dennis Vagnone announced his resignation from the Board effective immediately as he and his wife Nancy will be spending more time in the warm weather of North Carolina.

Commodore-Elect Tony Loglisci already has big plans for the coming year, one of which is he wants to learn to sail! I know that we can expect great things from this new administration.

See you on the porch!

Ken



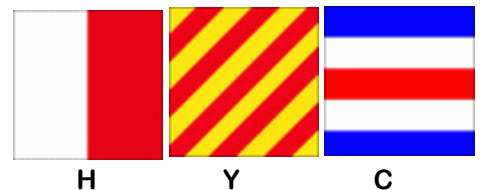
November 29, 2008. Gwenmor Marine's 110' dredging barge approaches HYC lagoon to begin the long anticipated dredging operation.

Photo: Nellie E. Guernsey

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NOVEMBER FISHING REPORT

Without a doubt, one of the most popular fish species in Long Island Sound is the bluefish. From snappers to cocktails to harbor blues up to slammers, they're eagerly sought by recreational anglers. According to CTDEP – Marine Records, the early 1980s were the heyday of bluefish when 16-18 million were caught each year – but we also had plenty of bunker. Recent bluefish catches have been averaging 2-4 million a year – mainly snappers; cheap and fun to catch and easily prepared to eat.

Bluefish are sought because of their aggressive feeding habits and spirited fight. Seventy species of prey have been found in their stomachs. During the heyday of the 1980s garbage pails of bluefish were a sign of fishing prowess but most ended up being thrown away because they had become soft, mushy and smelly. Recently, bluefish have become more catch and release which has risen from 33% to 66% of the total catch.

But with the decreasing numbers of take home sport fish; striped bass, flounder, fluke and blackfish and the increasing cost of food, it's time to rethink the bluefish's reputation as poor table fare. Three or four boats in our marina target bluefish with wirelines and chunk bait. These bluefish are iced and given to ethnics and immigrants who relish this source of free fish protein and obscure their fishiness with their own ethnic sauces and spices.

Bluefish are going to be around for a long time because fortunately they have the greatest natural defense mechanism against over exploitation – they don't freeze well. These same oils and dark flesh that give the bluefish their explosive fighting ability turn into a rancid acid when bluefish are frozen and then thawed.

Yet with a little careful preparation, bluefish can be turned into delicious filets that can be baked, fried and micro-waved. Since they are firm fleshed they can become the basis of flavorful fish soups or bouillabaisse. The secret is to bleed the bluefish as soon as it is caught; after all we bleed meats as soon as possible. I simply cut off the tail and place the blue, tail first, into a bucket of water. The fish is still lively and will bleed out in about ten minutes. Then it has to be iced down well, before and after it is filleted. What you now have are white bloodless fillets, full of natural heart healthy Omega-3 fats. This is the opposite of some of the smelly, rag like blues I've seen landed and the ugly grey – purplish bluefish fillets sold at Grade A for \$6.00/pound.

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

UPCOMING HYC WINTER WORKSHOPS

See page 3 for details. First workshop: January 24, 2009

NOTICES

WINTER HOURS Steward Diane Brantner: Sunday; 9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday; 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. Off on Wednesday.

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NOTICES *(cont'd)*

Newsletter: The HYC newsletter is published each month following the Board of Governor's meeting. If you have an article, notice or ad for publication leave a hard copy in the newsletter folder outside the office or send to:

editor.halloween@sbcglobal.net

Ship's Store: A number of HYC items are available. A price list is located near the merchandise case. Contact our Steward, Diane, or Vicki Druehl for purchases. If you have suggestions for new items or improvements to current stock 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: 13' Boston Whaler (1989) with 30HP Johnson. Classic Whaler with wood seats in very good condition. Has side and bow rails and 2 gas tanks. Refurbished galvanized trailer included. Engine winterized. Asking \$4250.00. Contact Ron Glassman: (203) 322-0578 or ron@rlgmedia.com

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

For Sale: 1972 Sabre 28. In good condition. Diesel. Roller furling jib, spinnaker and drifter. Sleeps 5, enclosed head. Hydraulic backstay, GPS, VHF, Stereo, Tiller Master, 2-Speed self tailing winches. Call Leon Hecht: (203) 329-9320.

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

2009 ELECTED BRIDGE

Commodore Anthony L. Loglisci
Vice Commodore Richard Kondub
Rear Commodore Stephen D. Blazey, Jr.
Treasurer Maureen C. Bayne
Secretary John A. Reffner

GOVERNORS

Michael R. Aide, Jr. Michael Pirri
Pat Buzzeo William J. Rich
John F. Iscaro Michael A. Stroz
Joseph Magyari John J. Svagr
Julius Magyari Dennis Vagnone
James B. McCreary Peter H. Vanderwaart



You Are Invited To Our Saturday Series Of

FREE BOATING WORKSHOPS

Halloween Yacht Club

10 Seaview Avenue, Stamford, CT 06902-6036 (www.hyc.net)

Open to all - - club membership not required

Sat Jan 24 **Long Island Sound: Our Mediterranean Sea?**

Mark Tedesco, Director of the EPA's Long Island Sound office, will answer our questions: What is the health of Long Island Sound? What's being done to improve the ecology, and who's doing it? Are restoration efforts successful? Where's the money coming from? As individuals, what can we do to help? What about long-term environmental and safety concerns?

Sat Feb 7 **Paint? Polyurethane? Punt? Pout?**

Get the latest dope on bottom paints, hull finishes, non-skid, teak dressings and more from an expert: Scott Townsend, Vice President of Interlux Paint. A Special Presentation! All your questions answered! All your doubts put to rest! Tips, techniques, and technology, too!

Sat Feb 28 **Fiberglass Repairs (minor): Do Them Yourself !**

Zak Mirjavadi, founder (also polymer chemist and chief engineer) of Dolphin Marine Fiberglass Services in Mamaroneck, NY, demonstrates how to apply TLC and maintenance to avoid long-term damage to your fiberglass boat, plus demonstrations on how to make minor fiberglass repairs and modifications.

Sat Mar 28 **AIS / MMSI / Rescue 21: Is Anybody There? Does Anybody Care?**

The USCG, for our benefit, is taking the "Search" out of "Search and Rescue." New technologies and capabilities, and new electronic gear, will enhance our boating safety and enjoyment. Rob Delano, who runs USCG communications in Long Island Sound, will brief us on the new systems and how they work.

All workshops begin at 10 A.M. sharp and adjourn at noon
There is a \$1 charge for coffee and donuts

Admission is free. Due to limited seating, please reserve your place in advance.
Please contact Bernie Weiss - - 203.329.2503, bw@pro-pub.com
or Ron Glassman - - 203.322.0592, rlgmedia@optonline.net

Free Door Prizes !

2008 NEW MEMBERS

Gino Bottino
Hajriz Bojadzic.
Linda Cariri
Marilyn B. Cariri
Patricia R. Ceasar
Jeffrey Paul Condlin
Michael D'Elia

Kenneth H. Delmar
James P. Flood
Gordon J. Girvin
George John Little
Carmen Lorenti
Steven F. Minninger
Steven J. Paske

John R. Reffner
J. Carlos Rivero
Kenneth H. Robertson
Kristin Roberta Sampiere
Samuel J. Starks
Joan Urrata
John E. Wezenski

IN RECOGNITION OF OUR 40, 30, 20 AND 10 YEAR MEMBERS!

Class of 1968:

Leon M. Hecht, Jr.
William R. Heller
Raymond Knebel

Class of 1978:

Calvin E. Cordulack
James E. Goodridge
William H. Parker, Jr.
John A. Reffner
Farrell Joseph Reilly
Donald W. Ryan
Robert W. Sexton

Class of 1988:

Michael r. Aide, Jr.
John J. Svagr
Patrick Vagnone

Class of 1998:

Joseph A. Avellar
Nicoll V. bunnell
Patrick H. Dougherty
Dominick P. Forlenzo, Jr.
Michael E. Kolenberg
Philip M. Lawlor
Bryan K. Munger
Bruce S. Patterson
Charmaine Rawsthorne
Michael A. Stroz
Gary W. Strutt

(All lists in alphabetical order within year; not seniority order.)