



# HALLOWEEN YACHT CLUB

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### COMMENTS FROM THE COMMODORE

Kenneth M. Makowski

Dear Fellow HYC Member:

It has occurred to me that almost every time I write this column, I am speaking to you about a recent party or event that has surpassed all those held previously. This again holds true to form. It is amazing and gratifying that we continue to outdo ourselves. Perhaps we have finally figured out the formula for success. The Dock and Dine on Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> was attended by over 80 members and their guests. Everyone contributed to the food and drink and there was more than enough left over for the porch crew to have lunch on Monday and Tuesday. The DJ played the music everyone wanted to hear and the volume was kept at the proper level for conversation during dinner. The new deck held everyone firmly with no hint of any shaking, even during the vigorous dancing that concluded the event. For the first time we had an official bartender in the form of our Steward, Diane Brantner, and she proved to be the consummate professional. Special thanks go to Diane and Vice Commodore Tony Loglisci for organizing the event and insuring that the contributions were well coordinated.

The Fourth of July Weekend was less than perfect as far as the weather was concerned, but the annual Fireworks Party at the Club on July 3<sup>rd</sup> was a resounding success. The Club provided a keg of beer and the grills were in use throughout the evening. As usual, the Club was packed with members and guests seeking the best spots to view the fireworks; from their boats, the docks, the deck and the HYC grounds. And, of course, we had the usual attempts at gate crashing by the general public. Thanks to the various volunteer gate keepers who kept a lid on the crashers and also thanks go to "Pepper" Giannattasio for donating another keg of beer and bushels of cherry stone clams for members and guests on Saturday.

We have had further communication on the progress of the lagoon dredging project now that we have the official permit in hand. Finding cap material for the Halloween Yacht Club project is the biggest challenge of the job. Capping material is required for the HYC material since it was found to be contaminated by runoff. There was a recent meeting between consultants and the dredgers to address upcoming projects in Long Island Sound and the potential for cap material. At that time, it appeared as if North Cove was going to be dredged, and that material was a good source for capping for several different projects in

the area. Recent feedback from the Army Corp of Engineers indicates that the North Cove dredging project may be postponed - therefore the cap material will no longer be available. This is problematic for several jobs in the area. Without the cap material source, it will be difficult to finalize a contract with a dredger. Therefore, we may not have our lagoon dredged as soon as we anticipated. Due to these events, the Berthing Committee has been juggling berthing assignments as they have become available to free up the spaces at the end of "D" dock. This is the shallowest area which has seen several HYC boats hitting bottom or getting stuck this year. At the last meeting, the Board voted to keep the end of "D" dock free to make access in and out of the lagoon a little better while we wait for the dredging.

The Board also voted to allow the Berthing Committee to optionally assign small or large boats to one berth on "A" dock and to the parallel spaces on the main dock. Also, extensions were granted to several berth holders to occupy their spaces late due to legitimate circumstances. A reminder, these extensions are only good for 2 weeks and a berth holder must request a further extension if the space is not occupied by July 15<sup>th</sup>.

Have an enjoyable and safe boating season and I'll see you all around the Club

Ken

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## JULY FISHING REPORT: JUNE'S FISHING

Hits, runs and misses along with surprises and mysteries in the fourth inning of our annual fishing game.

June is big striped bass month and true to tradition, but bass followed the bunker and the live bait and chunkers hit some home runs. June 7<sup>th</sup> and Tony Cologero hit the ball out of the park with a 45" 42 lb'er. Even better, he kept it alive in his bait well, brought it back to the Club where it was weighed and measured and then released. After all who really needs a dead 42 lb. striper which is a prime breeding female?

June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Banana Stan steps up to the plate and hits another of his super long balls. He seemingly can do no wrong, since each time he heads his Retriever out, he wire lines up fish. The third was exceptional, trolling west of Captain's Island in broad daylight he's hauling in fish all the way back to Westcott Cover. Total tally, 144 blues and 21 bass – he kept six bass into the 30's. Poor Stan's hands, he had to do all the heavy hauling getting the fish into the boat and unhooking. "Best day of fishing I've ever had." Probably the hardest too!

Same stance and swing – Stan just keeps trolling 130' of wire umbrella rig and the blues and bass follow like mice after the Pied Piper – maybe there is something to the theory of boat hull and prop acoustics that can attract fish.

The Parker brothers (Mike Pirri and Phil Caruso) keep swinging steadily at their 4 A.M. game, picking up bass and blues on live bunkers and chunks everywhere from Colanders to Captains' Island.

Surprises – how the hot fishing south of Captain's Island has cooled off so fast. Ron Lombardo's trips to the west were total errors. The Chopper's count of bass and blues is way down. Schools of bunker have become scarce. Last few years they choked the harbor at the Show Boat in Greenwich, not now.

Biggest surprise – the dense schools of sand eels – from the beaches to offshore where they dimple the surface. Blues and bass underneath, birds on top. Haven't seen them like this for 30 years. Why now – probably food and temperature.

Mystery – Early June, still, hot weather, a tan algae bloom developed in the Halloween lagoon. It blossomed and spread as we watched. What is it? Probably UBS (ugly brown stuff) responding to a nutrient food source. Disappeared when weather changed.

Fluke have just started to pick up – the Isztwan's fluke team has had a slow – slow pick.

No shows – cinder worm hatches, comb jelly fish, porgies and sea bass.

Only three fish on the board: Cologero's 42 lb. bass and Savino's 2 lb. winter flounder and 6.5 lb. fluke.

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

## BOATING NEWS

The Twilight Racers would like to extend thanks to HYC members Jay and Sally Gleason for being the first power boaters to serve as Committee Boat for the last race of the spring season on the evening of June 26<sup>th</sup>. *Easy Going*, their 32 foot Grand Banks trawler made an impressive site flying the Race Committee flag. Joining Jay and Sally on the Race Committee were HYC members Linda Gatto and Charmaine Rawsthorne.

## DOCK 'N' DINE

Another HYC Outstanding Success!

Congratulations and thanks to the participating members of Halloween Yacht Club for their enthusiasm and support of our 2008 Dock 'n' Dine on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Even the weather cooperated and contributed to the success of the event.

I was overwhelmed to witness the camaraderie among our members; to say nothing of the excellent food, music and dancing! *Don't miss the pictures!!!* (see insert) It has never been a one man show; it's been all of you going the extra mile for our club and this event. I look forward to more of these "top drawer" events in the future. Be sure to sign up early; even with the new deck there are limits to the number of participants.

Thank you everyone... *Tony Loglisci*

## Good-Bye from Peter Weissman

This had been a long time in the thinking and the planning, and it is now time. Riley and I have made our move to Naples, Florida. Writing the Newsletter for 10 years, running the Ship's Store for 6, serving on the Board for 8 of the last 9 years, helping out at social events and even just sitting around at the clubhouse has made me realize what a big move this is and how hard it will be to replace the times spent at Halloween.

However, Riley is retired after thirty-five years of teaching and we are both ready to adapt to a new lifestyle on the beautiful west coast of Florida. In preparation for the move, we had bought a home in a golfing community and I will assiduously work on improving my game.

More importantly, I have taken and fortunately passed the real estate board examination (It would have been truly embarrassing if I hadn't) and am associated with an office there. I look forward to keeping busy and perhaps even making a living.

I am writing to you, partly as an extended good bye and partly as an invitation to any of you who might be contemplating a visit. I'll be happy to provide you with information as to condos or homes available, vacation rentals and even the names of our favorite places to eat.

The Naples area is truly beautiful year-round; the beaches inviting, the restaurants great and the many golf courses a pleasure to play. Other attractions include the Everglades, a great natural habitat zoo, a symphony concert hall, art shows, and the drive or boat ride straight into Key West.

Feel free to call me, if only for information to make your vacation there more enjoyable and more importantly, to say hello.

*Peter*  
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## 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.

**Boat Registrations:** Make sure that your 2009 stickers have been placed on your boats. The state may be making surprise visits to check registrations.

**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](mailto: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, [jmagyari@hotmail.com](mailto:jmagyari@hotmail.com) or Club Steward, Diane Brantner. A year to date summary will be posted by the end of July.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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:** 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 cuddly 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:** 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.

## Classified Ads (cont'd)

**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](mailto:jpugliesi@frattaroli.com)

**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).

**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](mailto:ccaddison@optonline.net)

## 2008 BRIDGE

Commodore ..... Ken Makowski  
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## Clean Boating Act

Unless Congress passes the Clean Boating Act **before September 30, 2008**, every recreational boater in the country will have to obtain a federal or state permit just to operate his or her boat.

Without passage of the **Clean Boating Act (H.R. 5949/S. 2766) before Sept. 2008**, boaters will face yearly fees, bureaucratic red tape, confusing and potential state-by-state regulations, citizen lawsuits and \$32,000 per day penalties for non-compliance. These permits would apply to deck run-off, bilge water, engine cooling water and any other water-based, operational discharge from a recreational boat, which have never been considered pollutants in 35 years of the Clean Water Act. The Environmental Protection Agency, due to a sweeping court order, is already writing this unprecedented new regulation for these everyday overboard water discharges.

**Tell Congress to quickly schedule and pass the S. 2766/H.R. 5949, the Clean Boating Act of 2008, TODAY to prevent this new regulation!**

The bill passed out of the House and Senate Committees unanimously in May 2008. Boaters need to encourage their elected officials to bring the bill for a vote in the full House and Senate

For letter information use this link:

<http://capwiz.com/boatblue/issues/alert/?alertid=11423171>

## UPCOMING EVENTS – LOTS HAPPENING!

- July 12 – Clam Bake
- July 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> – Cruise to Milford Yacht Club *Power + Sail*
- Saturday August 2<sup>nd</sup> – Oyster Bay lunch raft-up party on HYC mooring
  - Sunday August 3<sup>rd</sup> – Brunch on the deck