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COMMENTS FROM THE COMMODORE

Kenneth M. Makowski

Dear Fellow HYC Member:

The two biggest events the Club hosts were held in the past month and by all accounts, they were the most successful in the Club's history. Opening Day dawned with perfect weather, including comfortable temperatures. Festivities began with the traditional boat parade organized by Secretary and Fleet Captain, John Reffner. More boats participated this year than in past years and each was greeted with a cannon salute by the Commodore. While this was taking place, Head Chef and Governor Willie Rich, along with his capable crew, were busy in the kitchen preparing food and refreshments. Raffle tickets were being sold and the Ship's Store, thanks to Vickie Druehl, was doing a brisk business. The Opening Day ceremonies began shortly after noon with Joe Avellar as the Master of Ceremonies. Fleet Chaplain Bernie Weiss conducted the opening prayer and blessing of the fleet. Special guests were introduced and the Commodore presented the officers and governors their flags for the year. Perhaps the biggest reason for the success of this year's Opening Day can be attributed to the reconfigured food set up. Many thanks go to Willie Rich and crew for organizing multiple food tents spread out on the Club grounds, each dispensing a different food item. In addition, thanks to a donation of a large fryer from the Italian Center, we were able to offer pizza frite all day long. For the first time in memory, there were no long lines at the food tents. In fact, the food servers could be seen waiting for their next customer. This was a much welcomed improvement and will be continued for upcoming events. Past-Commodore Mike Aide did his usual great job in chairing the Opening Day Committee and securing the bounce house and entertainment. Special thanks go the Rick Preli for providing and setting up several games for everyone's enjoyment. The third annual raffle was held with four prizes this year. Again, as in past years, four members were winners of the prizes. When it was all said and done, the raffle added another \$20,000 to the capital fund for much needed Club improvements. The day concluded with the traditional barbecue. Many members and guests stayed all day long which was nice to see and others joined the festivities later in the day as their schedules allowed. Thanks to the army of volunteers that made this event such a resounding success.

The second big event was the Mayor's Cup Race held on

Sunday, June 8th. We were blessed with favorable winds and weather. Forty-one boats participated in five divisions. The Club hosted 200 members and guests after the race for food, refreshments and awards. For the first time in a very long time, the Mayor attended and presented the awards to all the winners. (For race results – log onto www.hyc.net). Many thanks are in order starting with John McGuinness, Chairman of the Mayor's Cup Committee; The Breakwater Irregulars for providing the Race Committee; Peter Palmisano for providing the Committee Boat and spending more than 4 hours on the water; Willie for providing the food; The Protest Committee; Peter Vanderwaart and the sponsors who donated much needed funds and give-away items. And lastly, but certainly not least important, special thanks go to Nellie Guernsey for all her behind-the-scenes work that contributed to this great race's success. Four days after the race and she was still exhausted, so say thank you when you see her.

Upcoming events that are rapidly becoming fully subscribed are the Dock and Dine being held on June 28th, the Clam Bake on July 12th and the Cruise to Milford Yacht Club on July 18th – July 20th (see last page for complete summer list). We are also considering the reinstatement of the fish fry considering our newly acquired fryer.

Have fun this season and enjoy the summer. See you on the water and around the Club.

Ken

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JUNE FISHING REPORT

We're just going into the 4th inning of our 9 inning western Sound fishing season and the ballgame maybe getting interesting. As usual, the first two innings, March and April, were scoreless since winter flounder and blackfish populations are at all time lows. Sadly nobody seems to care.

The 3rd inning, May, was marred by lousy playing weather – cold, wind and rain (my Yankee Gas bill showed that May 8th was 6 degrees colder than May 7th - 56° vs. 61°). The alewife run up the Mianus River was late, but when it started it was big – 80,000 fish through the counter at the top of the fish ladder. There were very few stripers following them this year. Bruce Park also had alwives but no stripers. Ring's End Road in Darien is just finishing a major re-hab on the bridge which will also include a fish ladder.

With the poor weather and the high price of fuel, a lot of anglers are just plain disgusted and have not even bothered to put their boats in the water – for what? There are plenty of open spaces at Cove, Cummings and Czescik marinas.

Then someone shouted "Fish at Hempstead Harbor" and every boat headed west. The big bats were bunker chunking and wirelining umbrella rigs. Bass and blues were taken; bass in the mid 20s and fat blues – 10-12 lbs. Banana Stan made a couple of big hits toward the end of May. He's a mid-day bunker's hour angler. He hit blues and bass twice – 20-25 blues and 4-5 bass dragging an umbrella rig at the end of 230' of wire. He just hit a grand slam homer when he rounded the bases on June 3rd with a catch of 28 bass and 31 blues – but that's a 4th inning story. Yet Choppers first time at bat in the Hempstead Hole resulted in only 3 small blues. The chunkers are working the local reefs with a mix of hits and strikeouts. The Caruso/Pirri/Parker boat team landed bass up to 41" – 26 lbs. with a few more in the mid 20s.

My own fishing has been making a lot of errors, scoring big on lobster pot lines and buoys, while trying to bucktail the reefs, but not much else.

Our 4th inning, June, is usually a big one. But up to now there is only one score in our fishing derby book; a 2 lb. winter flounder batted in by Mike Savino.

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

OPENING DAY RAFFLE WINNERS

1 st Prize	Bill HuntCruise for 2 to Bermuda
2 nd Prize	Mary BattinelliMercury Inflatable & Outboard
3 rd Prize	Peter Palmisano32" Flat Pane TV
4 th Prize	Silvio SciarrettaWeber Gas Grill

BOATING NEWS

Important Berthing Note

Slip holders take note: All berth holders must occupy their designated slip by Tuesday, July 1, 2008 or the slip will be forfeited.

Mayor's Cup



Sea Dancer, Kaleidoscope II, Crow's Nest and Rights of Mann (left-right) work their way to windward in the light breeze.

The Mayor's Cup was raced on a hot and almost windless day earlier this month. Forty-one boats in five divisions crossed the starting line and only four failed to finish. (For final race results log onto www.hyc.net). Many thanks to Breakwater Irregulars for running the race, Peter Palmisano for Race Committee boat, Chef Willie Rich for the great food, DJ Jason Bone and Steward Diane Bratner.

John McGuinness, Chair; Mayor's Cup Committee



Peter Palmisano's Tranquilly served as Race Committee boat.

INTERNET ACCESS ON THE DOCKS?

HYC presently maintains a wireless connection at the Clubhouse and on the deck allowing members to connect to the internet with their laptops.

The Board of Governors is considering extending the Internet access to the docks so that berth holders can connect from their boats.

The BOG is interested in your opinion. Either drop a note in the Secretary's mail slot near the office indicating your preference (see below), send an email to jareffner@cs.com or log onto to www.hyc.net and cast your vote.

- I see no need for Internet Access at the docks
- I would like Internet Access at the docks
- I would like Internet Access at the docks. I would be willing to pay a nominal fee (less than \$25.00/year)

NOTICES:

Outstanding Accounts: If your account is not brought up to date by June 30th 2008 this will be your last newsletter. If you have any questions call the office.

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

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.

E-Newsletter: The HYC newsletter is 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: Remember that the 2008 charge for non-worked hours is \$80.00/hour + tax. For work contact Jules Magyari, House Chairman, at the Club: (203) 348-5510 or jmagyari1@hotmail.com to

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.

Condolences to the family of Morris Gottlieb who passed away last month. He was the first member to join in 1975 and is survived by his wife Muriel.

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: 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.

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

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: Mercury 2.2 h.p. outboard, like new - \$300.00. Stern rail gas grill - \$40.00. 10% of proceeds go to the Ship's Store. Contact Peter Weissman (203) 358- 0275 (home)-(203) 219-3455 (cell)

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



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Oyster Bay Mooring Location

The mooring at Oyster Bay is CB 45 and identified with the HYC burgee. The GPS coordinates are:

Lat 40° 52.7470' N
 Lon 73 ° 30.9789 W

UPCOMING EVENTS – LOTS HAPPENING!

- Saturday June 28th – Dock & Dine on the Deck
 - July 12 – Clam Bake
- July 18th – 20th – Cruise to Milford Yacht Club *Power + Sail*
- Saturday August 2nd – Oyster Bay lunch raft-up party on HYC mooring
 - Sunday August 3rd – Brunch on the deck