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COMMENTS FROM THE COMMODORE

Kenneth M. Makowski

Dear Fellow HYC Member:

For the first time in 3 years, we had a quorum and then some, at the November Annual Meeting. Some 55 voting members, along with their guests, enjoyed the pizza frite, hot dogs, donuts and cookies served after the meeting. Special thanks go to new members Gordon and Nikita Girvin for their continuing contributions and to Willie Rich, Mike Aide and Bruce Patterson for their efforts in the kitchen. The membership, by show of hands, unanimously elected the new officers and governors for 2009. We all deserve a pat on the back and thank-you to everyone for making this important meeting a success.

Unfortunately, the Annual Meeting began with a challenge to the minutes from the October meeting. This cast a “shadow” over the entire meeting. What was to be a “festive occasion” turned into some lively discussion. This was inconsiderate of the general membership in attendance. More importantly, it was totally unfounded. The **challenge** to the minutes, including the procedure that was followed at the October meeting, was found to be totally wrong and in direct contravention with the Club By-Laws. What transpired at the October meeting followed our By-Laws to the letter, which is what we, as members of the Board, are sworn to uphold. Please do not let the proceedings of the Annual Meeting cast a cloud over your perception of how the Club is managed and how your funds are appropriated.

Now...on a much lighter note, we have some great news. Dredging of the lagoon will commence this year on November 24th. Yes, you read it correctly, next week! The Army Corps of Engineers has identified some clean capping material that will only be available through December 15th. It is a “take it now or lose it forever” proposition. Gratefully, we had a full house at the November meeting. A very professional presentation of this opportunity was made (once again) by our dredging champion, Past Commodore, Peter Palmisano. As a result, the Board voted unanimously to go ahead with the project and approved a spending cap of \$200K. If you recall my last letter, I mentioned an estimate of \$350K. The reason for the lower number is twofold: the project has been scaled back to include only the northeast side of the lagoon (the main access at the ends of A, B, C, D & E docks) which reduces the amount of material removed; the second reason for the lower cost is that the selected dredger has bid

a lower “per cubic yard” dollar amount than we anticipated. Doing only the NE side of the lagoon at this time does not preclude us from additional dredging of other areas at a later date. Our permit remains open for a full 3 years plus one year for an extension. None of us, including our engineer, anticipated this immediate turn of events. We have been expertly advised to take this opportunity, or possibly risk not having capping material available for the duration of our permit. To accomplish this project, Commodore Elect Tony Loglisci has organized a work party to partially dismantle a section of D & E docks. This is required to get the 100 foot long barge into our lagoon. Dismantling sounds worse than it is. Only the last section of E dock and the very end of D dock needs to be removed. We have this well in the hands of capable members. Thank you in advance.

Right around the corner is the annual Commodore’s Holiday Reception. It will be held Sunday December 7th from 3-5 P.M. This is an optional “dress-up” occasion and you will find many of our members donning their holiday finery. Refreshment contributions are made by all Board members, and our capable kitchen staff headed by Willie Rich will offer some “cooked-up” concoctions. It is a fun event and we will also have the traditional HYC holiday punch (Past Commodore Mike Aide’s secret recipe). The punch is exquisitely presented and served in our very classic Italian, lighted and powered fountain. Many Club members have asked to borrow this fountain, but it is much too valuable to part with so it must be kept under lock and key. I know that disappoints a lot of us, especially our Steward.

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OCTOBER FISHING REPORT

Our annual fishing contest is over and the results tell a lot about the 2008 fishing season which was generally weak, with a few expected hot streaks. With the total lack of a spring winter flounder or mackerel fishery, the first bite was in early June when striped bass ignited. June 7th was the hot day when Tony Cologero landed the biggest striped bass, a 45.5", 42.75 lb. fish which took first place. Along with it, he landed a 44", 32 lb. striper which took second place. It is strange that this second place fish was only one inch shorter, but ten pounds lighter!

July brought a minor fluke blitz which lasted about three weeks. Again Tony Cologero was top hook with a 7.1 lb. fluke. This was followed by Walt Isztwan's 6.5 lb. fluke. There were three fluke entered which weighed exactly 6.5 lbs. each, so we picked the longest fish – Walt's 24.5 incher.

Mid July saw the Chopper's wire liners hitting big blues down by the weather buoy. Fed Stunkel's 11 lb. blue lead the field until Ron Lombardo aced him on August 30th with a 12.25 lb. slammer, fishing bunker chunks.

This fall's blackfish bite is a bit of a hit or miss, either you're on them or you're not. This is vertical bait fishing and it comes down to tide, time and luck. Lots of small blackfish throwbacks, but Mike Savino put in the time, caught the tide and won with a 8 lb. black. Subsequently he caught a 9 lb. white chin but no one was around to co-sign this entry. Mike also took the winter flounder prize with a one entry 2 lb. fish.

We didn't have any porgies entered, although there were clouds of them around all summer and they're still here. There were no entries in the sea bass, weakfish or "other fish" categories.

Missing this year and troubling: Again no fall blitz and there were no birds bombing bait on any reef. There's been a huge influx of lion's mane jelly fish which we haven't seen in years and no one can explain why. Also, there has been a total lack of juvenile (peanut) bunker this fall. There's been a dearth of blue claw crabs after three banner years. There's been loads of small striped bass, 18" - 26", but legal fish over 28" were scarce. Porgy Reef has just started perking up as a staging area for southward bound blues and bass. Plenty of blues but bass are scarce. 11B was spotty this year although Banana Stan continues to wireline small blues among the jig and bait fishermen. No window pane flounder, not that anyone notices.

Bottom line for 2008 fishing; anywhere from slow to spotty to lousy, except if you were a bunker chunker or a porgy picker.

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

DIESEL FOR DUMMIES

Past-Commodore Bernie Weiss will again be teaching his Diesel for Dummies Workshop later this fall. The 3-hour course will be held on these dates: Tuesday, November 25, 5:30-8:30 P.M.; Saturday, November 29, 9:30 A.M.–12:30 P.M. and Monday, December 1, 5:30–8:30 P.M. A discount is offered to HYC members. For more information and to register contact Bernie Weiss at (203) 329-2503 or bw@pro-pub.com

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMODORE (continued)

This was my last Annual Meeting as an Officer of this Club. It has been my privilege to serve you all over the years. I've now accumulated 35 years as a member of this great Club and I've been an Officer sitting at the head table for 11 of those years. While it has been challenging, to say the least, you've given me the opportunity to lead this Club into the next generation and I sincerely appreciate that...and now I will be relegated to the Porch Crew where we will commiserate about old times and try to solve the problems of the world.

See you at the Club.

Ken

2008 BRIDGE

Commodore Kenneth M. Makowski
Vice Commodore Anthony L. Loglisci
Rear Commodore Richard Kondub
Treasurer Bruce J. Aiello
Secretary John A. Reffner

GOVERNORS

Michael R. Aide, Jr. Charmaine Rawsthorne
Christopher E. Blazey William J. Rich
Stephen D. Blazey, Jr. Michael A. Stroz
Nellie E. Guernsey John J. Svagr
Julius Magyari Dennis Vagnone
Michael Pirri Peter H. Vanderwaart

2009 ELECTED BRIDGE

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James B. McCreary Peter H. Vanderwaart

DREDGING AND WINTER BERTHING

Dredging of the lagoon will commence on Monday, November 24th. The ends of D & E docks have been removed to allow more comprehensive dredging. It is imperative that all summer berthers vacate at once. Winter berthers who are near the main channel end of the docks must move closer to the main dock (dock M). Speak to Tony Loglisci or Diane Branter for more information.

WAIT LIST CARDS

Wait List cards for the 2009 boating season are due by January 20, 2009. If you are looking for dock space, rack space or a dingy spot you must fill out a card – one card for each request.

NEW YEAR'S EVE 1939 – WHERE WERE YOU?

Peter Vandewaart, Membership Committee Chair, recently received an email from Martha Waldner who resides in Washington state. She is in possession of a handful of photos documenting the 1939 Halloween Yacht Club New Year's Eve party. Her grandfather, Otto Ryder, was the Club Rear Commodore. The photos have been posted on our web site in the picture gallery. Click on this link: www.hyc.net/photos/galleries.htm to view them and they are also in this month's newsletter insert. Check them out. If you can help identify any of these people, contact Nellie Guernsey at the club.

NOTICES:

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: A list of work hours performed for 2008 has been posted. Check the bulletin board; it is your responsibility to insure that all of your 2008 (10/01/2007 – 09/30/2008) work hours have been recorded.

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.

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: 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. Call Leon Hecht: (203) 329-9320.

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.

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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) 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

Wanted: One used chart of the waters off Shippan Point and neighboring coves. It can be worn and have coffee stains and writing on it. Contact Pam at (203)-912-6085 or bermuda59@optonline.net

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 Vanderaart
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.....	James B. McCreary
Opening Day.....	Mike Aide
Power Squadron Liaison.....	Mary Howland
Ship's Store.....	Vicki Druehl
Web Master.....	Sean Mulligan
Steward.....	Diane Brantner

UPCOMING HOLIDAY PARTY

Join the Commodore, Bridge and Board of Governors and fellow HYC members on December 7th at 3:00 P.M. for the annual holiday party. It's a festive event, free of charge catered by HYC's in-house *chef-extrordinaire*, Willie Rich.

POWER SQUADRON INVITE

Long time HYC member Gene Boone will recount his 2007 trip down the Nile River on December 1st at 7:00 P.M. All HYC members are invited. See the newsletter insert for more details.

UPCOMING EVENTS – LOTS HAPPENING!

- Monday, December 1 – 7:00 P.M. Stamford Sail & Power Squadron
Presents Gene Boone's Trip Down the Nile
- Sunday, December 7 – 3:00 P.M. Commodore's Holiday Reception