



# HALLOWEEN YACHT CLUB

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### COMMENTS FROM THE COMMODORE

Kenneth M. Makowski

After the dust settles from the presidential election, it will be time for HYC to hold its annual meeting. This year, the annual meeting falls on Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. As prescribed in our By-Laws, a quorum of 40 members in good standing must be present for the election of the slate of officers and governors for 2009. As you may recall, the past two years we have not had a quorum at the meeting and we've had to resort to extraordinary measures to elect the slate. It has cost the Club money in extra mailings and notices to get the required number of members present to conduct the election. This year, there are no alternate candidates or alternate slates, which means that the Secretary casts one vote in favor of the slate, representing the membership, however, there must be the 40 members present to make this happen. As always, this meeting also includes food and drink and as an enticement, pizza frite will be served. Please mark this date on you calendar and make an extra effort to attend. Your Club depends upon your support.

At the October Board of Governor's meeting, it was announced that coordination of our dredging project, with other projects and, more importantly, the availability of "clean" capping material, continues on its slow course. We are now accustomed to this slow progress and are prepared to work with the delays. More disturbing is the revised estimate of the cost of the project based upon today's costs. Where we were originally looking at approximately \$200K in 2004, we are now looking at something like \$325K for the removal of 8,500 cubic yards of material. Recently, our Finance Committee Chairperson, Nellie Guernsey and I met with a JP Morgan Chase (where we do business) Regional VP, to investigate what financing vehicles are open to us. Although we have no hard assets, we are in a good financial position. We have several options, although not in the traditional, long term, secured loan sense. A special committee is being formed to put together a recommended financial package to accomplish the dredging. This may be creative and include a tiered assessment, drawdown of some of our capital funds and some sort of loan. Any and all suggestions are appropriate and are welcome.

Winter storage has begun in earnest. There are still a lot of spaces left for in-water storage and a few left for land storage. Please contact Tony Loglisci for in-water storage and Dennis Vagnone for land storage. The Board of Governors has approved continuation of the raffle for next

year. This is an extremely important fund raising activity. The proceeds go directly to the capital improvement account, most recently funding the replacement and expansion of our clubhouse deck. This has allowed us to accommodate many more members and guests at our various functions. The next project on the horizon is the dredging of the lagoon as just noted. Please consider the long term viability of your Club when contributing to the raffle or writing your check for dues, fees and assessments as we go forward. We are very fortunate that our existing lease is the longest in our Club history (20 years). It is incumbent upon everyone to insure that the Club will continue to exist as a functioning boat club into the future.

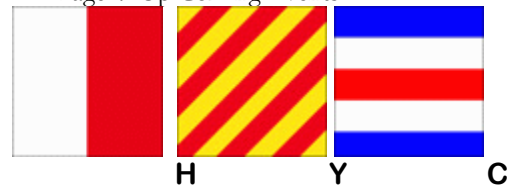
Those of you who have visited the Club recently may have noticed the new sunscreen shades that have been installed on the porch. Special thanks go to Dennis Vagnone and our Steward, Diane for their timely installation. Although there are some of us who would like to roast the Porch Crew, these shades will provide for their comfort during the summer heat and perhaps they will come up with better suggestions for solving the problems of the world.

Lastly I would like to remind you that the Commodore's Holiday Reception will be held on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. All are invited. This is the one and only special occasion where "dress-up" is permitted. The Club will be in full regalia and the food and drink served are of worldwide renown thanks to Master Chef Willie and the tireless efforts of outgoing Welfare Committee Chairperson, Charmaine Rawsthorne. As I will be stepping down at the end of my term this year, it will also be one of my last chances to thank everyone for their contributions in an official capacity. I hope to see everyone at the reception.

*Ken*

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**OCTOBER FISHING REPORT: SEPTEMBER FISHING**

September’s fishing was bluefish and porgies with a few striped bass thrown in. Chopper’s wire liners had a slow pick at 11B and my bucktailing and plugging excursions turned up small stripers, 20"-24", and 6 lb blues. Mako Fred found these same small fish at Smith’s Reef and the Three Sisters. Porgies were everywhere you dropped bait, but Halloween has only 3-4 porgy fishermen.

Adult bunker were jammed into both branches of Stamford Harbor as well as the channel between Cummings and West Beach. Shore fishermen were snagging bunker and catching predator blues with an occasional striped bass. The question came up, was it good that we’re keeping these bunker in place or were they balled up because the predator blue fish were forming their own bunker buffet? Bunker ball up into large groups as a protection against predator attacks. In a large group there is a lot of visual disruption which makes it hard to catch individual prey. I cut open a few fresh bunker and there was absolutely nothing in their stomachs. This probably indicates that fear rather than food is keeping them in place. The question still remains, why aren’t we seeing any peanut bunker this year?

Snappers were a medium pick during the fall and they were favoring fresh bait, spearing a small piece of bunker or even clams rather than the traditional snapper popper.

Fishing Pier Update: A couple of years ago the Cummings Beach fishing pier (built in 1964) was swept away by the winds and waves of a fall hurricane. Originally it was to be completely replaced by the Marine Division of Parks and Recreation at a cost of \$600,000. That didn’t sit too well with the budget people so it was turned over to City Engineering. Ed Gentile, Ass’t City Engineer, informed me that there was \$300,000 in this year’s capital budget for the job. They’ve hired Norwalk Marine to survey the pier and see what can be rebuilt into the new pier. There are new pier codes in place to strengthen these types of piers against storm damage. Hopefully this job can be completed in 2009, but don’t hold your breath.

October supposedly is striped bass month. Now if we can only get through those pesky bluefish and at these bass.

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

**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 PROPOSED SLATE**

**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

**NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING**

The Annual Meeting of Halloween Yacht Club will be held on Tuesday November 11, 2008 at 8:15 P.M. The nomination of the proposed slate will be voted on and it is necessary that 40 members be present. Make every effort to attend so that the nomination of the slate can be ratified. Refreshments will be served.

**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.

**DIESELS FOR DUMMIES**

Past-Commodore Bernie Weiss will again be teaching his Diesels 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](mailto:bw@pro-pub.com).



*Pizza frite makers, Mike Aide and Dennis Vagnone at the Columbus Day Feast.*

## 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](mailto:editor.halloween@sbcglobal.net).

**Work Hours:** A list of work hours performed for 2008 will soon be posted. Check the bulleting board to insure that all of your 2008 (10/01/2007 – 09/30/2008) work hours have been recorded.

**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:** 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:** 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](mailto:sabbott3@juno.com)

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## CLASSIFIED ADS (cont'd)

**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:** 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).

**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](mailto: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 Vanderwaart  
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

## BERTH HOLDERS - IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, October 31: Dock water turned off.

Sunday, November 2: Summer berthing ends.

Saturday, November 8 (7 A.M. start) Fans Installed.

Sunday, December 7: Winter berthing begins – summer berth holders must vacate berths.



Peter Weissman would like to stay in touch...he can be reached at: [stormx2407@aol.com](mailto:stormx2407@aol.com)

HYC mourns the passing of member, friend and neighbor Gene Tamburri, 1941 – 2008, the owner of a 22' Sea Hunt.

**UPCOMING EVENTS – LOTS HAPPENING!**

- Tuesday, November 11 – 8:15 P.M. – HYC Annual Meeting
- Sunday, December 7 – Commodore’s Holiday Reception