



# HALLOWEEN YACHT CLUB

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### COMMENTS FROM THE COMMODORE

Kenneth M. Makowski

Dear Fellow HYC Member:

As much as I hate to say it, Decommissioning Day is upon us. Over the years we have debated the name of this event – seeking something not so sad, but so far, we have not been able to come up with an alternative. In any event, there is another month and a half of good boating weather to look forward to before winter storage takes over our thoughts. We can look back at the great weather delivered this past season. Almost every weekend saw picture perfect weather, and despite gas prices and economic concerns, many were able to enjoy a full season of boating related activities. Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> is the Decommissioning Day race and picnic and I hope to see many of you there. (See pg 3.)

Once again, an important reminder; the work hour year ends on September 30<sup>th</sup>. All berth holders are required to put in 8 hours during the work year. Any hours not fulfilled will be billed at \$80.00 per hour. There has been a lot of work activity this past month which is good to see and the Club looks better, but there is still a lot to be done. Please call our Club Steward, Diane, or Julius Magyari for work that has yet to be accomplished.

Traditionally the Club has held a Columbus Day dinner on the Monday celebrating the holiday. This year, Entertainment Committee Chairman Willie Rich and his crew have dreamed up something a little different. On Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, (the actual Columbus Day) we will have a Columbus Day Feast beginning at 2:00 P.M. The Feast will run all afternoon and there will be various stations set up for food and refreshments. This event will be similar to the set-up we had on Opening Day which was very successful. (See insert for sign up and details.) This should be another spectacular event.

At the September Board of Governor’s meeting the proposed slate of officers and governors for calendar year 2009 was submitted to the Board by the Nominating Committee chaired by Past Commodore Peter Palmisano. (See pg. 2 for the proposed slate.) Each year, officers and governors are elected for terms of one year at the Annual Meeting in November and they are then sworn in at the January meeting. In

accordance with the By-Laws of the Club, officers are expected to serve 2 years in each position and governors are expected to serve 4 years. The By-Laws provide for an alternate slate of candidates or for an individual alternate for officer or governor. In order for alternates to be considered, an active member in good standing must submit a petition to the Secretary signed by 20 or more active members in good standing by the October meeting of the Board of Governors. For details please refer to the Club By-Laws.

I also want to thank those officers and governors who are stepping down at the end of this year for their many hours of dedicated service devoted to the operation and government of the Club. They are; Treasurer, Bruce Aiello and Governors Chris Blazey, Nellie Guernsey and Charmaine Rawsthorne. It takes a lot of time and effort to operate and govern a Club as large as HYC with a substantial membership and very active social calendar. Those who step up to this challenge deserve our special thanks.

A reminder, for the election of officers and governors to take place at the Annual Meeting, a quorum of at least 40 members must be in attendance. Please mark you calendars for Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 P.M. This is your Club; please show support for your elected officers. As an added incentive, there will be pizza fritte and refreshments served at this meeting. See you there.

Ken

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## SEPTEMBER FISHING REPORT: AUGUST FISHING

August is usually a slow month for fishing in Long Island Sound. But as the LI Sound “clean up” progresses into its 20<sup>th</sup> year the fishing keeps getting slower and slower and slower.

Bluefishing has gone from a steady pick down west at the weather buoy to a slow crawl. 10B, once the August blue fishing hot spot, isn’t holding the fish that it used to. Chopper’s last two forays over there resulted in only a smattering of blues with one or two bass thrown in. Although the last week of August saw Ron Lombardo, who was bait fishing down by Captain’s Island, nail a 12.25 lb. bluefish which now leads our bluefish list.

For the pluggers who do get out it’s been spotty at Smith’s Reef. Any action is before the sun rises or after it sets. Even then it’s a boom or bust of small fish – either they’re there or they’re not.

Porgies are the headliners, if you consider porgy fishing a sport. Since there are so few meat fishermen in our club (guys who fish for food) we still don’t have a porgy in our book. Porgies are delightful, shiny little champions, bite readily and fight like champions. It’s cleaning porgies that is not a pleasant task. Filleting them is fun up to a point. But scaling porgies is the devil’s own fiery purgatory. Scales, scales, scales all over everything.

Perhaps the highlight of August fishing is the annual WICC \$25,000 bluefish contest. Approximately 4,500 anglers throughout the entire Sound spend two days trying to hit the money fish. Since this is an annual contest, which covers the entire Sound and has thousands of participants, it gives a good picture of Soundwise fishing. For the past twenty years I’ve been averaging out the weights of the top twenty bluefish caught. This year I compared the top twenty fish taken in 1998 with the weight of the top twenty fish in 2008. The numbers were so startling that I triple checked them. 1998 – average weight of the top 20 fish was 17.4 lbs. – this year, 2008, it was down to 14.3 lbs. – a 20% decrease in weight in only 10 years.

What’s surprising this August is the lack of peanut bunker which usually are swarming in inshore waters. Blue snapper fishing is spotty. Also, after two or three banner years there are absolutely no blue crabs.

Our first fall front came through just before the Labor Day weekend, setting up the Fall fishing pattern. Monarch butterflies are migrating South on their journey to Mexico, which is still one of major migration mysteries.

As water temperatures decrease, anglers’ spirits rise. Hopefully, the fishing can only get better.

*Art Glonka, 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. Svarg  
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

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

## SAILING NEWS

### Twilight Series Racing

#### Summer 2008

#### Final Results

##### First Division

1. Bouree	Doug Abel
2. Nine Kids	Jack Alexander
3. Sea Dancer	John Nequist
4. Crow’s Nest	Bill Heller
5. Rights of Mann	Milt Mann
6. Kaleidoscope II	Bruce Blasnik
7. Soup Bone III	Tom Campbell

##### Second Division

1. Flo III	Jim Goodrich
2. Milagro	Joe DiLeo
3. Summertime	Peter Vanderwaart
4. Pink Flamingo	Jamie McCreary
5. Sally E	John Reffner
6. Assignment	Stan Jesudowich
7. Phunsuch	John Iscaro
8. Rejoice	Joe Cali
9. Meant to Be	Gerry Falbel

## 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.

## Classified Ads (cont'd)

### 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:** 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, [jmagyari1@hotmail.com](mailto:jmagyari1@hotmail.com) or Club Steward, Diane Branter. A year to date summary is presently posted.

**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 44" 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.

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**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).

**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).

### Saturday, September 13, 2008 Decommissioning Day Events

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM IN ITS ENTIRETY

#### ◆ Closing Day Race

**First Gun 10:20 A.M.**  
**Yes, I want to enter:**

Open to **all** HYC Sailors (*It is not necessary to have raced in the Twilight Series*)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclose check for \$25.00  
Payable to HYC Race Committee



#### ◆ Decommissioning Day Picnic – 1:30 P.M.

Yes, I/We will be at the picnic. Number attending

\_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a check for: \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  
Payable to HYC Entertainment Committee  
\$6.00 per person; children under 6 are free.

Checks due Thursday, September 11, 2008.

**Don't miss the event; join your friends at HYC!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS – LOTS HAPPENING!

- Saturday September 13<sup>th</sup> – Decommissioning Day
  - Closing Day Race – 10:20 A.M. *(See Page 3)*
  - Picnic 1:30 P.M. *(See Page 3)*
  
- Sunday October 12<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 P.M. Columbus Day Feast  
*(Note date change; see Insert)*
  
- Tuesday November 11 – 8:15 P.M. – HYC Annual Meeting