

Notice of Race – 2024 - NSYC Annual Race to the Cruise

Snyder Cup Race and Target Cruise to Cold Spring Harbor

June has come and so far has provided some fine weather, notwithstanding the lack of wind on last weekend's Day Race. On Saturday, June 22nd, we get to join together with an event that offers something for everyone. First, we have the Snyder Cup Race, and after we are done showing off our racing acumen, we meet up in Cold Spring for a cruising event. A great 'two-for' and just the thing for some of us that cannot make up our mind (remember my boat is Indecision).

The race part is a relaxed but competitive event so that all can enjoy and participate. There is no countdown to the start, fighting for position and the 'favored' side of the pin, or tactics to master. Simply you get to Gangway Rock G-27 and keep it to starboard and take down your start time as you pass it. Then sail East, choosing to go North or South of Execution Light, to Red Bell R '32A' which is located about mid-Sound between Stamford on the North and Oyster Bay to the South. Take down your time as you pass the Bell on either side, and you have finished the race!!!. You can then text me or the race committee you start and finish times. Since the race is a PERF handicap event, you should provide your rating to the race committee in advance or arrange for the committee to provide you with a rating. Details on the technical side will be provided in a memo from the race committee. Easy and fun and challenging all in one as distance races are not your usual windward leeward or around the buoy race. Distance, but not too far. Also, your choice as to when you leave so you can decide your strategy for current and wind that think is the best, as long as you finish before 4:30 PM, so you have time to make it to the raft up and second part, the cruising part, and can anchor and join in the party. If you are just racing, still not too far to return to the club after participating.

Speaking of the cruising part, the target is Cold Spring Harbor. Basically, a fairly straight run South from R 32A into Oyster Bar Harbor and down into Cold Spring Harbor. The town of Cold Spring is located at the bottom of the harbor on the Eastern side, and the Western side is Cove Neck, which separates the Cold Spring from Oyster Bay. About a little past halfway down the harbor there is room to anchor North of the beach club and its swimming area in 8-17 feet of water with good holding ground for anchoring. We usually anchor there and then dinghy over to fellow members boats to share some food and drinks and/or dinner depending on the attendees' preferences and choices. It is a beautiful spot and good rest and just enjoying the view of the trees and houses on the shore, or for swimming or kayaking or dinghying around the harbor. On Sunday, more relaxing or exercising or visiting to other member's boats, and then hopefully another sail back to Port Washington to complete a great weekend cruise.

We hope you will come and enjoy this unique event. A chance to have a great sailing experience and race and also the beauty and enjoyment of anchoring out in a lovely harbor. If you have any questions, contact me by phone or text and I will be happy to answer them. In the past we have made sure that everyone is welcomed to participate, even arranging for anchoring assistance in Cold Spring Harbor, navigation to the buoys or to the anchorage or any other questions whether new to cruising or racing or both.

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