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From the Publisher and Editors

An unusual year, to say the least! One would think that Covid-19 would have caused the NSYC to "Ease-the-Sails and Throttle Back." Not so! Just take a look at this Blinker's articles and you'll see that we're certainly "NSYC Strong:"

- The Colgate 26 Boat Share, Jr. Sailing, Cruising and Racing Programs thrived and were well-attended
- Our children had a ball...check out Junior Sailing and Kids' Korner
- Our Launch Service never let up, and we recognize our launch drivers contribution
- We weathered storms
- Social events like the Open House, Commodore's Cup and the Service Awards parties were great successes
- The Fall Membership and Decommissioning Zoom meetings were well-attended and effective
- Membership inquiries were brisk, and we welcome our newest members
- The Website and Eblasts kept us informed and together.

Our 150th Anniversary plans remain strong and on the radar for 2021. We're "NSYC Strong" and well-prepared for 2021, and we look forward to the joys and challenges of the New Year!

Be Safe and Be Well!

Season's Greetings, Happy New Year to All

the Blinker

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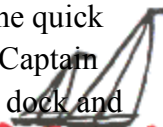
★ ★ ★ ★ From the Commodore

The noise you just heard was a giant exhale! I have been holding my breath since March and am finally feeling the exhilaration of successfully finishing off our 150th year during a world-wide pandemic. Although we had to put off a lot of the pageantry and social affairs of the season, we were able to continue with the one thing that matters most to our club members, sailing. We brought our usual stellar launch service and Captain Vic and his launch drivers kept us all moving this summer.

Everyone followed the directions and mandates we provided, and we kept our distance while slathering on the hand sanitizer like suntan lotion. We sported all kinds of masks, from NSYC burgee decorated gators to a variety of colors and designs. Our racers could not be discouraged, and we entered weekend one-design races and hosted many NSYC races. Our boat share members even entered a few of those races. Way to go BSP!

Our junior sailors took over the docks and upper deck during the weekdays and brought such laughter and joy to the club. They all had a wonderful time, and everyone learned to sail. We had all levels of skill and ages 6 to 14, and the instructors were able to keep them all engaged with various activities. Having this program and running it successfully every year, even during a pandemic, brings such life to the club and much attention. Even though we hope camps will reconvene this summer, everyone now knows we run a stellar junior sailing program, as our waiting list was endless, and it should remain popular for years.

Although we did unfortunately get hit by the tropical storm Isaias, and had an unwanted visit from a rather large powerboat, we were lucky that due to the quick assistance of some of our club members and Captain Vic, we were able to shore up the railing and dock and





enable us to finish the season. We hope that the work to professionally repair and replace the damage will begin shortly. We also hope to install another float this winter next to the present dinghy dock to accommodate the Lasers and inflatables.

As the season winded down and restrictions lifted slowly, I threw the Commodore's Meet Up on the upper deck with all precautions for food handling and social distancing in place. We did the same for the Open House and have a few prospects on the hook for next year. Lastly, I hosted a small cocktail reception for the trophy winners from the racing program.

So, the boats are all out of the mooring field, the house is buttoned down for the winter, and we can let out that sigh of relief, WE DID IT! Many thanks go to all of you for doing your part, and a big THANK YOU to Captain Vic for being my right hand! Here's to 2021, may it have no resemblance to 2020.

We are still holding out hope to celebrate the successful conclusion of our 150th year and have plans for the elaborate dinner dance to be rescheduled at the Glen Cove Mansion next October. We presently are expecting the International Sailing Canoe Association for their annual regatta to take place July 9-12 for with the original trophy in hand and miniature trophies of the cup being awarded for the top three finishers. Hopefully the science will win out in the end and we can all enjoy the 2021 season respecting or fighting the science of wind, seas, and weather.

Lastly, thank you for all your support and your many votes of confidence you have shown me this year. It was a challenge and I am proud of what we accomplished. I am looking forward to serving you as Commodore for another two years. Seriously, what else could go wrong?

I wish you all a very happy and healthy holiday season and look forward to 2021.

Be well,
Linda

Fom Rear Commodore -November 2020

As our sailing season is now officially over, I wanted to update our membership with the latest information regarding our clubhouse in preparation for the winter.

The back-deck awning has been removed and any repairs necessary will be taken care of over the winter by the local canvas shop here in town that originally made it.

This past weekend with the help of Roger Lifson, Warren Greenhouse and Gary Cohen, we brought out the winter bubbler system from the basement. We are holding it on the lower deck for the time being. As repair work on our floating dock will take place sometime this fall, we will hold off the installation of the bubbler until the dock repair work is completed so as not to interfere with the workmen. The back-deck furniture was brought down and stored in the basement for the winter.

Currently, we are not planning on any further work parties for house projects. Due to Covid-19, we are trying to keep people out of the house when possible. Come springtime and if Covid is under control, we can arrange work parties for cleaning the house interior.

I wish each of our members a safe winter. Please follow the guidelines from the doctors and scientists so that we can get control of the virus and bring our lives back to normal. Use the off season to create projects that will keep you busy. It will help pass the time and before we know it, spring will return, and we can be back on the water.

Peter Hirschhorn
RC





Boat Share Program *Under Toad*

Ahoy NSYC sailors, I am happy to report that the Boat Share Program was very successful this season offering a great opportunity to Social distance, forget about the virus and enjoy the sailing season aboard Under Toad!

UT was enjoyed by the Boat Share Skippers and friends as often as they wished and the effort and expense of owning a boat were shared.

A big thank you and well done to Evan S, Paul S, Adriana E, Neil H, Anthony F, John D, Ernie G, Victor M, Carlos H, Captain Vic, Richard R, Bill P, Mary Lu D Linda K, Jaime E, Robert C, Lloyd H, Marc E for working on Commissioning and decommissioning & great efforts this season keeping UT in Bristol Fashion and Ship shape! The engine has been taken, by John Delaquila, to Jimmy at La Motta's to be winterized, It will need to be taken to and stored in Bob Ebenau's garage, the Battery was given to Capt. Vic. The sails are in my Garage.

The Post sail report set up by Bill & Richard worked well to inform of repairs needed so they could be completed quickly to keep UT in service.

UT was looked after when issues arose by Richard Raskin, Bill Palafox, Robert Coles, Marc Epstein, Lloyd Herman, Capt. Vic & CZ. UT will seek volunteers to replace worn cam cleats & fair leads for ongoing maintenance.

We had a great season and we are looking forward to March and April for commissioning the Toad!

Respectfully submitted

Carlo Zaskorski





North Shore Yacht Club

Fleet Report 2020

Ahoy NSYC Sailors, I am pleased to report that with Commodore Linda's leadership, the Flag and Trustees great efforts and Captain Vic's skilled hand, the Club members were able to enjoy a great sailing season offering a respite from the virus. Most of our boats were at their moorings early in the season despite an initially uncertain world.

Sailing in Long Island Sound is the ultimate social distancing. PC Lloyd Herman was very gracious in taking several members for a sail in Rendezvous. Spectra was delighted to have at her helm, Neil, Paul & Kathleen our Boat share skippers.

NSYC floating dock damage, Capt. Vic has received a proposal from Eric Melrose to repair the floating dock and railings before next season. Lloyd, Linda and Capt. Vic are following up with the specifics.

Launches & RC/Jr. Sailing -Mako, are shrink wrapped and winterized.

Guido began working on the Victor launch Diesel and reported that it was running - well- fast starting, no smoke and not burning oil so no need to replace bearings, rings, pistons etc.

SV Delos has been sailing around the world, broadcasting her adventures on U Tube. She picked up one of our town moorings. Recently and you can see her passage from NY Harbor to Manhasset Bay(as well as her sailing adventures around the globe) on U Tube

Looking forward to next season. It is almost December and the winter will go fast. Soon it will be March and time to remove boat covers, change fuel filters, make lists and begin commissioning our fleet! Soon it will be time to think about our racing schedule and plan cruises. Wishing everyone all the best and safe winter. See you in the boat yard in March!

Respectfully submitted
Carlo Zaskorski





NSYC 2021 Slate of Officers

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Commodore – Linda Kulla
Vice Commodore – Richard Predmore
Rear Commodore – Peter Hirschhorn
Fleet Captain – Carlo Zaskorski
Secretary – Gary Wachter
Treasurer – Colin Schneider

Trustees for a 3 year term

Roger Lifson
David Posner

Trustees Through 2021

Karen Verola
Bill Palafox

Trustees Through 2022

Jamie Ebenau
Evan Spence

B*L*I*N*K*S

New Members Since Last Blinker

4 Social Associate Members

- Taj & Dawn Rubel-Herbert (2020)
Port Washington, NY 11050
- Purani, Chet & Veera (2020)
Manhasset, NY 11030
- Becker, George & Nancy (2021)
Mineola, NY 11501
- Singh, Surinder & Norma DaRosa (2021)
Brooklyn, NY 11238

1 Affiliate Member

- Koleda, Yustin & Eileen (2021)
Port Washington, NY 11050

Beneteau 21



Welcome Aboard!



"But Just Don't Fix It"

Ahoy NSYC Sailors:

This season, while performing my duties as Fleet Captain, I had an opportunity to work with Captain Vic. I often made suggestions about how matters relating to the docks, launches or moorings could work, I quickly learned that Captain Vic, who has been with the Club for many years, had developed means and methods for areas having to do with the safe operation of the Club.

For instance, someone adjusted the spring line on the workboat before the last storm and caused a lot more damage to the dinghy dock and also broke the brand new prop on the workboat.

So, here is a friendly reminder: "Unless it is specifically your responsibility, or you have been asked to do something, please do not come into the club, or down to the docks, and touch things that you think are not right. If it is not broken or is broken, please just don't fix it. Instead, please call me, Capt. Vic, or even Commodore Linda, if you think something is really wrong **"but just don't fix it."**



Become a "Friend" of NSYC Never Really Leave Us.

If you were a boat owner during your membership with NSYC, when it sadly becomes time to resign your membership, not to worry...you can remain our "Friend" forever. If you are a boat owner who paid for your Capital Certificate and decide not to redeem it upon resigning, we will leave your boat photo on the wall and list you in the ongoing Club directory as a, "Friend." Three members have recently done just that. We thank them and welcome them aboard as,

"Friends."

They are:

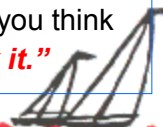
- Helene Goldsmith

- Jane Murphy

- Mario Rufino & Rosemary Furno

If that day ever comes, just send in the resignation request with your Capital Certificate and indicate your decision not to redeem it, and it will happen....but don't leave us too soon, we have many more exciting years ahead!"

Thanks, **Linda**





Junior Sailing Program

As we planned and anticipated our needs for 2020, we hired a very qualified sailing instructor from South Carolina to teach our program this summer. With a tremendous amount of help from Captain Vic, we purchased a Mako 20 to replace the race committee boat and, also serve as the junior sailing boat. We did a bit of a “square dance” as we sold and purchased engines to get the fleet as we wanted it. The old race committee boat became the work boat, and the work boat was put into the dump before it sank. The Mako was fitted with a prop guard for obvious safety reasons. We were ready to go; 5 Optimists, 2 Pico and 2 Lasers and a better chase boat.

Then Covid hit and we thought we were derailed! We waited to hear if we would be able to run our program while sleep away camps and day camps in the area closed for the season.

Our instructor from South Carolina declined to come to NY as we were not even clear if we would run the program and he got another full-time job. And so, we waited. Then we gambled and moved the program forward quickly.

In the end, 2020 was an amazing year for the Junior Sailing Program as the camps closed due to Covid 19 and left parents scrambling for something for their children to do. They turned to us, and we were successful in quickly producing a quality program. We sold out the program in the manner of a few days. We ran four 2-week sessions. Each session had a head instructor and a junior instructor who came from Queens so there was no need to house them.

The kids sailed, swam, and did some STEAM experiments. One group through an impromptu dance party and another group of girls made up songs about sailing at the club. The instructors set up relay races with kayaks, swimming and sailing and also ran a scavenger hunt. Towards the end of each season the kids sailed across the harbor to get ice cream at Inspiration Wharf.

We had 31 students in the program spread over the 4 sessions. We had income of \$37,744 and expenses of \$8819 netting us \$28,925. Not that we want a repeat of 2020; we did find the silver lining, and everyone learned to sail and had a wonderful experience.

Linda Kulla, Commodore





Thanks to Our Club Steward & Launch Operators!

The NSYC Board recognizes the contributions made by our Club Steward, Captain Vic Geryk, and the Launch Operators and supports any NSYC members who also want to recognize them, especially at this special time of the year.

Thank you Captain Vic!

Captain Victor Geryk
73 Orchard Beach Boulevard
Port Washington, NY 11050

Launch Operators

For those members who would like to show your appreciation to the NSYC launch operators for the 2020 Sailing Season, they are listed below:

Bruce Logan 21 East Jefferson Ave Mineola, NY 11501	Declan Walsh 11 North Court Port Washington, NY 11050
Matt Kane 7 Woodland Drive Manhasset, NY 11030	Joseph C Giunta 32 Pequot Ave Port Washington, NY 11050
Michael Petty 9 North Court Port Washington, NY 11050	Jacob Gochman 120 Lincoln Blvd Merrick, NY 11566
Brandon S. Meyers 19 Seagull Lane Port Washington, NY 11050	

Mark your Calendars

Jan 10, 2021, Sunday, 1700 Hours

Via Zoom – “Tom Hughes’s Adventures”

An NSYC Education Event!

Tom Hughes and his wife, Sara, recently circled the globe aboard *Unconditional*, their Oyster 50-footer. For this exploit, Tom recently received the Delano Trophy, The Corinthians’ top award. Via Zoom, Tom will tell us about his adventures and show pictures of the beautiful sights they saw. He will discuss the course they sailed in the Pacific, how they kept their boat supplied, the best and worst weather they encountered, the merits of sailing alone versus in a “rally” with other boats, and much more.

(The specific Zoom invitation link will follow as we approach the event.)

DID YOU KNOW? It’s Your Website...nsyc.net!

****Members Only?** Access “Members only” features on our website by clicking the homepage “Log In” establish a user name and password and enjoy!

- Then access Board and Membership meetings, **Online Payments**, Club Regulations, Bylaws and more!

****Past Blinkers?** Check website, “Members” pulldown. No need to login.

****NSYC Ship’s Store:** Check NSYC’s Ship’s Store for perfect clothing and custom items for sailors at www.nsyc.net . Click “Membership. No need to login.

****NSYC caps, lapel pins, car magnets and burgees:** See Captain Vic

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****NSYC Ambassador Program...Do it!** A Referral Program accompanies the NSYC Ambassador Program whereby Ambassador Recognition and accompanying gift card is earned by a referring member when a referred Affiliate member becomes an Active member, or - when a referred Social Associate member becomes a second year Social Associate member.

Just forward your new member candidate’s contact information to Mary Lu Dempsey, our Membership Chair, (516-767-1760, membership@nsyc.net) to get the process rolling.





"NSYC Strong" – Open House **Sunday, October 25th, 2 to 5 PM**

Thanks to all who made the NSYC-sponsored **October 25th, Open House for Prospects** a success! It started slow but then came on with a life of its own and **"NSYC Strong!"**

Despite a cool, breezy and cloudy day in the low 50's with Covid-19, we hosted 10 prospective membership prospects, some with children, some with and without boats. The afternoon rapidly evolved into a vibrant event with loads of "Sailor Talk" ably demonstrating the plusses of NSYC membership...all despite masks and social distancing!

Net, Net ...a pretty good chance to bring on new Affiliate and Social Associate / Boat Share members from this event alone. (next Open House planned for Feb 2021)

Special thanks to Commodore Linda for the sumptuous snacks and beverage fare served with "Covid-19 Guidelines." As always, many thanks to Captain Vic for a timely set up and facility prep.

Thanks to the NSYC members and hosts who brought their children...thanks to the children too!

Meanwhile, our Membership and Marketing Teams will sustain the progress made towards converting prospects into members.

In addition to Open Houses, Harborfest Town dock exhibits, a website which demonstrates what we have to offer and collects leads, media outlets and attractive literature, referrals by current members have always been a great source for new members...Check out the "NSYC Ambassador Program"





Tropical Storm Isaias at NSYC

Tropical Storm Isaias hit the NYC and Long Island area with sustained winds of 50 to 65 mph and 3 to 6 inches of rain early in August 3 to 5. About 2.2 million homes and businesses were left without electrical power after the powerful tropical storm Isaias whipped through the mid-Atlantic and Northeast.

According to a tally from PowerOutage.US, the outages were concentrated in the tri-state area: As of Wednesday evening, power was out for more than 687,000 customers in New Jersey, some 634,000 customers in New York, and more than 678,000 customers in Connecticut. In all, outages stretched from North Carolina up to Maine.

Isaias brought hurricane-force wind gusts to Long Island, according to unofficial reports from the National Weather Service. Peak wind gusts reached 67 mph in Greenwich, Connecticut, 68 mph at Newark Airport in New Jersey, and over 75 mph in multiple parts of New York's Suffolk County, the weather service said.

And, “yes”, NSYC was impacted in a significant way!

Approximately 25 NSYC members prepared their boats for and weathered the storm, but NSYC’s floating dock was damaged by a 60 ft. power boat that broke loose (see photo). The dock was temporarily repaired by Capt. Vic. and is serviceable. A temporary safety railing was also constructed on the South side of the dock.

Capt. Vic. met with insurance adjusters, PC Lloyd Herman who is representing NSYC. Eric Melrose whose company builds docks is preparing estimates for repairs options.

While our docks “bucked” violently during the storm, Work Boat, Junior sailing Mako & both launches were OK.

Under Toad, was storm prepped by Anthony, Victor & Paul who removed her sails and installed additional safety pennants and was recommissioned by Victor, Neil and Anthony and has been sailed with no issues. UT has some repairs are underway.





NSYC FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 17, 2020

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In keeping with the Covid-19 safety protocols, the fall membership meeting was virtual with the members participating through computers via ZOOM, as we did for the spring membership meeting.

Instead of bagels, members chatted as they signed into the meeting which was called to order by Commodore Linda Kulla at 9:33am. After welcoming the 39 members attending the meeting the Commodore thanked the Bridge: Peter Hirschhorn, Carlo Zaskowski, Colin Schneider, Ruta Ledins and Trustees: Roger Lifson, Ed Flores, Bill Palafox, Karen Verola, Jaime Ebenau and Evan Spence for their hard work during the year. Also, she gave a special thanks to Captain Vic for keeping the Club safe and running smoothly as well as helping with the Boat Share and the Junior Sailing programs.

The minutes of the Spring Membership meeting were approved and since all the reports were emailed to the members they were not read aloud. Members were invited to address the meeting with questions about any of the reports.

Regular launch service will be continued through November 15 with Matt Meyran's Water Taxi

The 150 Anniversary celebrations have been cancelled with plans for a do-over next year. PC Yehuda Rosenstock has been in contact with the Sailing Canoe Association and is planning to host the rescheduled regatta on July 9 – 2021. He had small replicas made of the original cup to present as trophies to the winners.

In other business of the Club: Rear Commodore Peter Hirschhorn is working on apparel and gear for the Ship's Store and Commodore Linda Kulla had custom silk ties made with the NSYC burgee all over in navy and black, available for \$35. While volunteerism is crucial to the Club, the Bridge as decided to waive the 8 hours of work requirements for this season due to the pandemic. There will be small work parties where needed. Due to a conflict of interests, the new bookkeeper hired in the spring is not available so the Club is looking for a new bookkeeper. Finally, in the spirit of transparency, the Bridge meeting minutes are now posted on the website.

Comments about reports:

RC Peter Hirschhorn – will post requests for help with cleanup of kitchen and furniture. There was discussion about damage done to the docks but costs are not clear. It is covered by insurance with \$25,000 deductible. There was also discussion about fixing loose piling so that small boats could tie up at high tide and then clean below the water line during low tide.

Fleet Captain Carlo Zaskorski – some discussion of cleaning Under Toad and dinghy sails – could be washed and hung out to dry at the club rather than sent out for cleaning.

Treasurer Colin Schneider – no questions but drop in Active members noted – only 41 this year. Someone





NSYC FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING October 17, 2020

asked if the deductible \$25,000 for the insurance could be taken out of the investments. Also signatures on the accounts need to be updated.

Nominating Committee's Proposed slate of Offices was accepted:

Commodore – Linda Kulla
Vice Commodore – Richard Predmore
Rear Commodore - Peter Hirschhorn
Fleet Captain – Carlo Zaskorski
Secretary – Gary Wachter
Treasurer – Colin Schneider
Trustees 2021-2023 – David Posner & Roger Lifson

Thanks to Eddie Flore for his 3 years as a trustee and Ruta Ledins for her outstanding service as secretary.

Audit Committee report – Dean Verola, Chair and Woody Greenberg – no questions

Bill Palafox: Membership & Marketing, Race Committee, Blinker, and NSYC Website.

Always need volunteers and will have an Open House on October 25th, looking for new members. Thanks to Marian Weissman for Blinker work, and Frank LoPresti and Dan Herron for website work.

Racing Committee Bob Ebenau – stated that there were 4 Club races this year with over 30 boats involved.

Boat Share Program Adriana Pinon – *Under Toad* well used this season and even entered some races.

Buddy Program Arlene Kase – every new member has a buddy.

Directory & Insurance Lloyd Herman – no questions.

Cruising Committee Ron Gold – no report as very little cruising. Some clubs were open and others were not accepting visitors. Need ideas for next summer and suggested an overnight cruise to the Statue of Liberty in June, 2021. Oyster Bay is always a good cruise and please post your cruise destinations for other to see.

Education Committee Richard Predmore - If the club cannot be open for education events, perhaps some events could be on ZOOM this winter.

Junior Sailing Program Commodore Linda Kulla – It was a very good year, 31 students in 4 two-week sessions, netting \$28,925. Lasers were also used. The program needs help and someone else to take over the program.

Membership Committee Mary Lu Dempsey Palafox – new members:

New Affiliates: Robert and Carolyn Harrison
New Actives: Donald and Madeline Hochheiser; Carol Ott & Gary Wachter;
Neil Parker & Giulia Alimonti; Colin Schneider & Jaime Petcove
New Social Associates: John & Michelle DellAquila; Taj Herbert & Dawn Rubel;
Chitrang (Chet) & Veera Purani

Thanks to Mary Lu and Bill Palafox for all they do for the NSYC membership

New Business is that the Dinner Dance for 2020 is cancelled so there will be a small awards ceremony on November 8 to present the Service Award and racing trophies.

Matthews Trophy for Outstanding Service to the club goes to PC Lloyd Herman for endless hours of insurance claims, editing the directory, sewing UT sails and other major repairs to keep her sailing.

Film by Gary Wachter commemorating NSYC 150th season was shown to members. [NSYC 150th Anniversary Film](#) .

After the movie, there was discussion of **Warren Greenhouse's suggestion** that the Club offer special incentives, such as reduction of membership fees, to prospective members if they sign up by December 31, 2020.

Richard Raskin thanked Commodore Linda Kulla and the Bridge for all their work during this difficult season.





Cruising Corner 2020

NSYC Cruising Corner - Notes from the Helm

November is almost half way finished as I am writing this for the Blinker, which seems amazing to me and strange at the same time. The moorings are empty and boats are on the hard and being covered and prepared for winter and the off-season.

A bittersweet time for all of us who love the sport we have chosen to pursue and enjoy. Days are short and we have had some extraordinary weather with many warm days in November, that only tempt us to think, "Maybe Gary has the right idea about keeping the boat in the water and sailing all winter!" Of course, that pleasant thought goes away quickly as I look at next week's forecast of highs only in the low 40's. However, we can keep the good vibes going in reflecting on this odd past season and dream and plan for next spring and a new season of adventures and celebrations and times together at the Club and on some cruises.

Organized cruises this past season were only a few due to the weather and delays in starting the season, as well as the many restrictions due to the COVID 19 rules and the pandemic. Even with all of that, many of us found that getting out on the boat and going someplace, even if a short overnight trip to Oyster Bay to anchor, was a great way to escape from the confines of our homes and communities. There was still the pleasure of making the trip, even with some sailing to get you there as there were some very decent windy days too, and then the wonderful and fulfilling enjoyment of being on your anchor in a beautiful spot with a sunset of infinite colors and then a sky full of stars and maybe a full moon lighting up the bay.

We sailors have rediscovered the simple joy of that relaxing moment when the boat was put in order and it was time to gather in the cockpit and absorb the scene, maybe enjoying a beverage or some special food before preparing and enjoying a dinner a fresco. Then there is that next morning when the boat is filled with the smell of fresh made coffee and more good karma of breakfast in the cockpit or maybe even an earlier time to be absorbed in the wonder of a spectacular sunrise. There is a purity to these simple moments that we were reminded of as we adjusted and lived through the early months of the season that helped us stay centered and obtain some renewal after the uncertainty and strange times we had to face daily in the beginning of the year.

By mid-season, some regularity returned as many of our favorite or new destinations were being reopened and allowing visits. It did not take long for our members to venture out on their own cruises to take advantage of being able to be on the water and cruise the Sound or even further East. We had to adapt to some new preparations for cruises. Besides making reservations for moorings or dock

space at our intended destination, we now had to inquire as to whether the club or marina was fully opened to us as a visitor. Some were fully open and welcoming us to use the clubhouse or marina, including showers and bathrooms and its restaurants, snack bars and bars, and maybe their pools. In others, there were reduced access that allowed us to use certain areas, such as the visitor's showers and bathrooms, but not the restaurant or bar or the pool. We also needed to know what were the restrictions for launch service or changes in hours of operation.

A little more prep and planning was added to our pre-trip activities and a little less, "get out and just go" was a new norm to deal with. Another new wrinkle to deal with was planning meals and provisioning. What would be open to shop at when you got to a new place, and even if open, what would they have available? Would there be the big and small shops and would the various farmers' markets be open and well-stocked? Many of us took advantage of these as a regular part of our cruising routines. It was nice to find out that while there were some limitations, this part of our trips did not present a problem, and even with the reopening of many venues outside NYC, neither was finding places to eat, even if it was restricted to outdoor dining.

By later in the season, some resemblance of normal cruising returned as more places became available for visits and restrictions lessened, while still complying with social distancing of other measures to protect ourselves and others. The weather also cooperated and August and September and even some of October were filled with days to cruise. I know many of us were able to get away and take advantage of this and have heard many great stories of successful and pleasurable cruises. It was a strange but rewarding season in the end!

From what I have read and heard around, boating enjoyed a resurgence as many people found it a great way to get outdoors and have a great activity and still social distance. Whether this continues is an unknown, as is the prospects for next season and what we hope and pray are less lingering effects of the COVID pandemic. So with a spirit of optimism, I hope that we can, in person or virtually, get together over the winter to discuss cruising plans and issues and prepare for some great adventures for 2021.

Time to get out the cruising guides, charts and go online to start researching and laying out some new and old destinations to visit. Hope everyone enjoys the winter and stays healthy and safe.

Ron Gold, Cruising Chair





Cruising Corner *2020*

These pictures were taken on a cruise labor day weekend

In addition to our club members—FOREVER YOUNG, KEY LI, OFF LINE, RENDEZVOUS and ADVENTURE US—other boats were there from PWYC, so it was a nice weekend. We social distanced very well.

Ken Magida





Taína's Voyage to Atlantic City and More

Although this sailing season was overshadowed by the coronavirus pandemic, the silver lining for my family was that we were able to take two long distance week-long sails this year!

The CDC recommendations of social distancing this summer due to the ubiquitous contagion prompted me and my wife, Santa, and daughter, Britney, to do more cruising on Taína than we did in 2019. After all, what better and more pleasant way to social distance than to cruise to far away ports on a lovely sailboat like Taína.

We sailed to Newport in July and made stops at Westbrook and Mystic on our leg to Newport and in Mystic, Westbrook and Port Jefferson on our trip back to Port Washington. The weather was lovely throughout the trip and we enjoyed our stays in the marinas of Westbrook and Mystic with their swimming pools that were deserted and all to ourselves.

We were struck by a vicious microburst thunderstorm during our approach to Point Judith that hit us with 45 mph winds, intense whiteout downpour of rain, numerous lighting strikes all around us and even hail the size of M&M candies! We furled the sails, closed all hatches and portals and motored slowly through the storm with 5-6 foot waves. Thank God it was short-lived and lasted only 45 minutes. Taína handled the storm beautifully and endeared me to her even more than ever. I learned how great, well-built and seaworthy a yacht she is that day. When it was all over, the skies opened and a wonderful bright sunlight blessed us as we passed Point Judith enroute to Newport. Then the wind blew well and we unfurled our sails, stopped the engine and sailed all the way to our dock slip at the Newport Yacht Club and enjoyed a drink to our safe voyage!

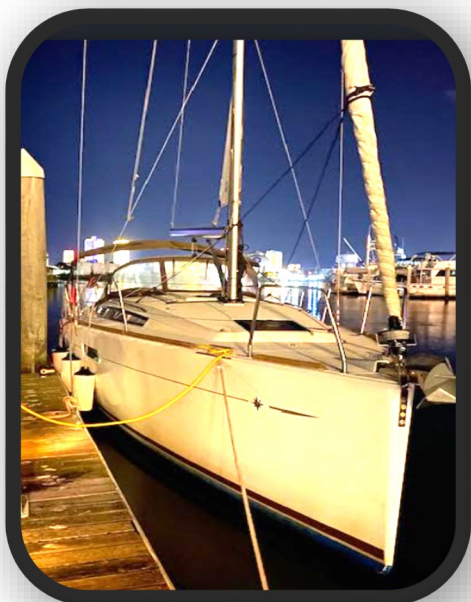
We had a wonderful time in Newport for a couple of days and toured the "cottages" of The Breakers and Rosewood.

We followed that great trip with another week-long sail from North Shore Yacht Club to Atlantic City from September 4th to 11th. We were graced with good strong 20 mph wind during our trip south to Atlantic City with stops in Atlantic Highlands in Sandy Hook Bay, Manasquan and a lovely yacht club marina on Long Beach Island just inland from Barnegat Bay inlet.

We loved our stay in Atlantic City where we docked in the NJ State Marina located in front of the Golden Nugget Hotel and casino. One of the perks you get for docking at this marina is free access to the rooftop pool and bar at the Golden Nugget! We took full advantage of this and had a great day by the pool in a very sunny and hot (96*) day!

As an added bonus, during our sail to Atlantic City we were followed for a few miles by a pod of three dolphins! That excited all of us for a few minutes as we had never seen dolphins during any prior sail on Taína.

Edward Flores





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Racing — a Viral Antidote

Well, maybe a bit overstated but in this exceptional year, 2020, the NSYC racing program brought our members together when our other club activities couldn't. We were able to share our love of sailing in a way that was safe, challenging and convivial. All of our members who raced, served on race committees and who organized and supported our club races benefited and deserve our thanks for a job well done.

We congratulate the recipients of the racing and club service awards that were presented by commodore Linda Kulla. The club race results for the season show keen member interest and participation in our club races.

Especially noted is the work of the RMC, the Race Management Committee who plan, organize and support our NSYC racing program. The members of the RMC are: Bob Ebenau, Woody Greenberg, Frank LoPresti, George Marks, Bill Palafox, Evan Spence, Giulio Varsi.

Three guns for all of their outstanding work !!!



The Racing Form

Results of Our 2020 NSYC Races

2020 EPSTEIN TROPHY -- RESULTS

June 14, 2020

DIVISION:	6A	Nominal Starting Time:	13:35:00	Course:	PDU	Distance:	4.93		
Cruising Start									
BOAT NAME	Boat Type	SAIL #	OWNER	H'CAP	Start Time	Finish Time	Race Time	Corrected Time	Position
Georgetown	Alerion 38	9	Marks	135	13:35:00	15:10:34	1:35:34	1:24:28	1
Vision	J-105	637	Epstein	105	13:35:00	15:09:04	1:34:04	1:25:26	2
Dolcezza	Hntr. Lgnd. 37	53	Parker	141	13:35:00	15:19:20	1:44:20	1:32:45	3
Cool Fire	J37	414	Bernstein	96	13:36:24	15:22:00	1:45:36	1:37:43	4

DIVISION:	6B	Nominal Starting Time:	13:35:00	Course:	PDU	Distance:	4.93		
Cruising Start									
BOAT NAME	Boat Type	SAIL #	OWNER	H'CAP	Start Time	Finish Time	Race Time	Corrected Time	Position
Osprey	Alerion 28	390	Raskin	189	13:36:30	15:14:11	1:37:41	1:22:09	1
Old Flame	Sonar 23	479	Dempsey/Palafox	180	13:35:00	15:18:39	1:43:39	1:28:52	2
Calliope Girl	S&S 34 TR	4546	Didriksen	174	13:38:11	15:23:30	1:45:19	1:31:01	3
Explorer	J-24	1358	Goldman	177	13:37:40	15:24:49	1:47:09	1:32:36	4

Results - 2020 NSYC SMITH CUP

July 19, 2020

DIVISION:	6A	Non-Spinnaker		Nominal Start: 1:31 PM		DISTANCE: 6.66	COURSE: UJU			
BOAT NAME	SAIL #	OWNER	Boat	CLUB	H'CAP	INDIVIDUAL START	FINISH	RACE TIME	CORRECTED	POSITION
Georgetown	9	George Marks	Alerion 38	NSYC	135	1:31:38 PM	2:46:58 PM	1:15:20	1:00:21	1
Vision	637	Mark Epstein	J-105	NSYC	96	1:31:27 PM	2:47:40 PM	1:16:13	1:05:34	2
Cool Fire	414	Alan Bernstein	J37	NSYC	96	1:33:25 PM	2:58:49 PM	1:25:24	1:14:45	3
Dolcezza	53	Neill Parker	Hunter Legend 37.5	NSYC	141	1:32:20 PM	DNF			DNF

DIVISION:	6B	Non-Spinnaker		Nominal Start: 1:31 PM			DISTANCE:	6.66	COURSE:	UJU
BOAT NAME	SAIL #	OWNER	Boat	CLUB	H'CAP	INDIVIDUAL START	FINISH	RACE TIME	CORRECTED	POSITION
Sundance	257	Joel Ziev	Pearson 30	NSYC	186	1:32:46 PM	2:56:50 PM	1:24:04	1:03:25	1
Old Flame	479	Bill & Mary Lu Palafox	Sonar 23 ft	NSYC	180	1:31:26 PM	2:57:00 PM	1:25:34	1:05:35	2
Under Toad	260	Evan Spence & Neil Hassall <small>Boat Share</small>	Colgate 26	NSYC	171	1:33:58 PM	3:04:45 PM	1:30:47	1:11:48	3
Spectra	2979	Carlo Zaskorski	Hinkley 38 SB	NSYC	168	1:34:19 PM	3:05:56 PM	1:31:37	1:12:58	4
Winds of Change	109	Gary Cohen	Commanber 26	NSYC	247	1:31:44 PM	3:18:59 PM	1:47:15	1:19:50	5
Osprey	390	Richard Raskin	Alerion 28	NSYC	189	DNS				DNS
Calliope Girl	4546	Michael Didriksen	S&S 34 TR	NSYC	174	DNS				DNS
Explorer	1358	David Goldman	J-24	NSYC	177	DNS				DNS

Results - 2020 NSYC BORDEN CUP

September 27, 2020

DIVISION:	6A	Non-Spinnaker		Nominal Start:		1:31 PM	DISTANCE:	1.76	COURSE:	P A U
BOAT NAME	SAIL #	OWNER	Boat	CLUB	H'CAP	START TIME (from NOMINAL)	FINISH	RACE TIME	CORRECTED	POSITION
Vision	637	Mark Epstein	J-105	NSYC	96	1:31:10 PM	2:15:35 PM	0:44:25	0:41:36	1
Cool fire	414	Alan Bernstein	J-37	NSYC	96	1:32:54 PM	2:27:55 PM	0:55:01	0:52:12	2
Sojourn	515	Robert Coles	Pretorien 35	NSYC	132	1:32:28 PM	2:30:15 PM	0:57:47	0:53:55	3
Georgetown	9	George Marks	Alerion 38	NSYC	135	1:31:21 PM	2:30:33 PM	0:59:12	0:55:14	4
Zephyr	---	Warren Greenhouse	Pearson 36	NSYC	138	DNS				

DIVISION:	6B	Non-Spinnaker		Nominal Start:		1:31 PM	DISTANCE:	1.76	COURSE:	P A U
BOAT NAME	SAIL #	OWNER	Boat	CLUB	H'CAP	INDIVIDUAL START	FINISH	RACE TIME	CORRECTED	POSITION
Osprey	390	Richard Raskin	Alerion 28	NSYC	189	1:31:43 PM	2:24:14 PM	0:52:31	0:46:58	1
Old Flame	479	Bill & Mary Lu Palafox	Sonar 23 ft	NSYC	180	1:31:42 PM	2:26:30 PM	0:54:48	0:49:31	2
Sundance	257	Joel Ziev	Pearson 30	NSYC	186	1:31:45 PM	2:27:29 PM	0:55:44	0:50:17	3
Under Toad	260	Boat Share Evan Spence	Colgate 26	NSYC	171	1:34:03 PM	2:53:08 PM	1:19:05	1:14:04	4
Andantino	11	Andy Ledins	Bayfield 36	NSYC	189	DNS				

2020 Epstein Cup

The 2020 Epstein Cup single-handed with "Safety Officer" permitted and with a Cruising Start race, took place successfully Sunday, June 14th with two divisions...each with 4 boats.

2020 Smith Cup

A very successful NSYC Double-Handed Club race, with Cruising Start, on Sunday, July 19th on a hot, sultry, day with an unusually strong and shifty breeze. 9 boats started and 8 finished.

2020 Borden Cup

The 2020 Borden Cup race, with up to 3-person max crew, originally scheduled for Sunday, August 16th was postponed to Sunday, September 27th for a very successful race, with Cruising Start and the Club's last race for the year. Despite a cloudy day with a very light breeze, 8 NSYC racers, in 2 separate divisions of 4 boats each, challenged their skills in dealing with "light air." All returning racers repeated, "A Great Day for NSYC!"



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Results of our 2020 NSYC Commodore's Cup and Collation September 13, 2020

Not to be denied the spirit of a post-race Commodore's Cup party, NSYC developed a successful workaround for its members.

- NSYC members viewed party "menu" selections posted on a large window on the upper deck.
- Members then viewed and selected actual menu items through the window and pointed out their selections to Linda (full mask and gloves) behind the window.
- Selections were delivered through a door to the persons who placed their "orders."
- Naturally, members were given a selection of beverage.

Thanks to Linda Kulla, her daughter Cecile and Anthony Filorimo for making this year's Commodore's Cup Social a success!



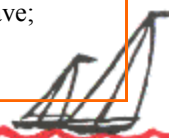
COMMODORE'S CUP FOOD MENU	
Cheese – brie, cheddar, gouda, fontina, Alouette Garlic & Herbs	
Chips – Ruffled Potato, Nacho Cheese Doritos, Tostitos, Pita Chips	
Cookies – chocolate chip, other fancies	
Credent – broccoli, carrots, celery, tomatoes, snap peas – Ranch Dressing	
Crackers – multi-grain, wheat, plain	
Fruit – grapes, pineapple, watermelon, cantaloupe, honeydew, strawberries	
Hummus	
Mozzarella wrapped with prosciutto	
Mozzarella wrapped with hard salami	
Mozzarella wrapped with uncured pepperoni	
Olives – mixed	
Pepperoni	
Shrimp & Cocktail Sauce	
Spinach Dip	



Results – 2020 NSYC COMMODORE'S CUP										
September 13, 2020										
DIVISION	6A	Non-Spinnaker		Nominal Start: 13:30:00			DISTANCE: 6.66		COURSE: UJU	
BOAT NAME	SAIL #	OWNER	Boat Type	CLUB	H'CAP	INDIVIDUAL START	FINISH	RACE TIME	CORRECTED	POSITION
Georgetown	9	George Marks	Alerion 38	NSYC	135	13:30:40	14:52:34	1:21:54	1:06:55	1
Vision	637	Marc Epstein	J-105	NSYC	96	13:30:16	14:53:53	1:23:37	1:12:58	2
DIVISION	6B	Non-Spinnaker		Nominal Start: 13:30:00			DISTANCE: 6.66		COURSE: UJU	
BOAT NAME	SAIL #	OWNER	Boat Type	CLUB	H'CAP	INDIVIDUAL START	FINISH	RACE TIME	CORRECTED	POSITION
Old Flame	479	Bill & Mary Lu Palafox	Sonar 23 ft	NSYC	180	13:30:35	15:02:43	1:32:08	1:12:09	1
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Calliope Girl	4546	Michael Didriksen	S&S 34 TR	NSYC	174	13:32:47	15:11:31	1:38:44	1:19:25	3
UnderToad	260	Boat Share Evan Spence	Colgate 26	NSYC	171	13:30:27	15:10:21	1:39:54	1:20:55	4
Zephyr	136	Greenhouse	Pearson 36	NSYC	138	13:33:49	15:10:33	1:36:44	1:21:25	5
Rendezvous	424	Lloyd Herman	Nonsuch 30U	NSYC	183	13:32:48	15:16:07	1:43:19	1:23:00	6

2020 Commodore's Cup

On Sunday, September 13th, with up to 3-person max crew, NSYC sailors sailed in as fine an 8-boat race as NSYC can have; the wind was strong and the weather fair, a good course was selected, and all shared the camaraderie of keen and friendly competition among club members. And, it was capped with a LIVE after race party on the club deck.





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NSYC 2020 Awards Cocktail Party *A Brilliant Event* Sunday, November 8 – 2 to 4PM

A clear and beautiful sunny day, 70°, winds NW at 3, was a perfect day to cap off the “NSYC Strong” Covid-19 Awards.

Altogether, the 2020 Service Award, 8 Racing Awards and Race Committee Recognition were presented by Commodore Linda Kulla.

- Past Commodore Lloyd Herman was presented the 2020 Matthews Service Award for Recognition for Outstanding Service.
- Andy and Marian Weissman were recognized for their sterling support as Principle Race Officers (PRO) for all four 2020 Club Races actually run.
- Members of the 2020 Race Management Committee, were acknowledged and thanked for their service at making racing a success at NSYC.
- 3 “Division 1” skippers and crews were awarded trophies for strong place finishes in 4 Club races:
 - Georgetown, skipper George Marks & Crew, 3 each 1st place finishes
 - Vision, skipper Marc Epstein & Crew, a 1st place finish
 - Cool Fire, skipper Alan Bernstein, a 2nd place finish
- 5 “Division 2” skippers and crews were awarded trophies for strong place finishes in 4 Club races:
 - Osprey, skipper Richard Raskin, 2 each 1st place finishes, a 2nd place finish
 - Old Flame, skipper Bill Palafox, a 1st place and three 2nd place finishes
 - Sundance, skipper Joel Ziev, a 1st place
 - Under Toad, skipper Evan Spence, a 3rd place finish
 - Calliope Girl, skipper Michael Didriksen, a 3rd place finish
- Skippers George Marks and Richard Raskin were awarded the 2020 McCartney Trophy for their respective Divisions...” For Best Performance in the NSYC Club Races.”

All attendees expressed special thanks to Linda Kulla for the tasty Covid-19 snacks and beverages under Covid-19 Guidelines.

NSYC thanks Marc Epstein, especially, for working with the supplier for the very unique racing trophies awarded this year

.A brilliant and enjoyable day for NSYC !



Kids' Korner

Schneider Family...Kids and Parents Have More Fun

Despite Covid-19, the Schneider kids and their parents, Colin and Jaime, had a great time on the water in 2020!

Whether they were cramming into their Opti, or zooming on the Club's Laser sailboat in Manhasset Bay, or spending time fishing and watching stingrays feed in Oyster Bay, they made the most of the shortened season. Unfortunately, we weren't able to cruise far this season, but we remember the good times we had last year and are already excited about cruising to Block Island and beyond in 2021!

Colin Schneider

