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From the Publisher and Editors

The NSYC is in Commission for its 151st year and remains for people who love sailing!

On behalf of everyone on your Blinker Team, we hope you and yours are well and progressing well to a post-Covid life. As sayings go, "A smooth sea never made a skilled sailor." This too shall pass."

With many of us seriously involved with plans for this year and beyond, our Cruising, Racing, Junior Sailing, Boat Share, Social and Education programs are at, "Full Throttle"...all while seriously honoring Covid-19 protocols! We "Zoomed" through this Winter and Spring! The best news of all...steady arrivals of member boats at their Club moorings with our launches going to and fro!

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★★★★ From the Commodore

I am honored and delighted to be serving a third year as Commodore as we begin our 151st year. It is a time to come together as a family after a long winter with renewed passion for our sport and to celebrate the beginning of a new season at North Shore Yacht Club. It is a time to show your support and to share the enjoyment of our Club with your fellow members while continuing to social distance. It is time to celebrate the camaraderie we feel in our mutual love of sailing and the water on this beautiful harbor as we smile behind our masks that we will continue to wear.

As most of us are fully vaccinated, we are thrilled to be able to re-open the club this year in a much more normal setting. We will be having our social gatherings again although some will be limited in numbers. We will continue to social distance and wear our masks as we protect our non-vaccinated members and all of our guests and our children. It is important that we continue to keep everyone safe so that we all can enjoy the club this season.

We had a wonderful Commissioning, although due to space restrictions it was by invitation only. We had a beautiful sunny day with a bag piper in a kilt, a live performance of the National Anthem and a wonderful spread of food and drinks. I want to thank Julie Lim and Arlene Kase for hosting the Commissioning. These two capable and experienced women took on this daunting task and exceeded all expectations and I thank them very much. I also want to thank Peter Hirschhorn, our Rear Commodore for setting up and manning the bar throughout the party.

Our Club is in good shape with brand new walkway railings that are up to code and do not need painting anymore. We also are expecting our new float any day now. Both these things were due to the damage inflicted by the uninvited 60 foot powerboat that visited our club last summer during Tropical Storm Isaias. The work party got the house in good shape and the launches are in the water and running beautifully after Victor had its engine overhauled this winter.

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We have a wonderful sailing instructor arriving June 3rd who will be available for lessons on UnderToad and will also be running our Junior Sailing Program. Last year we had an extremely successful Junior Program and we are fully sold out again for this year. Our Boat Share Program has reached its capacity for this season, and we are delighted to have added to their ranks.

Please reach out to the Boat Share Members and show our NSYC spirit by inviting them sailing on your boats. It is a wonderful experience for them to spend time sailing other privately owned boats and learning from their owners which will hopefully "kindle their passion" for owning their own boat in the near future and becoming Active Members of our club.

We are again very fortunate to have our highly skilled and experienced Club Steward, Captain Vic, working hard to get the club opened and running and a great team of launch drivers in place. I am very lucky to have an extremely dedicated Bridge and outstanding Membership Chair Mary Lu Dempsey-Palafox, that go way above and beyond, and I could not do it without them. I thank them all for their devotion to this club. Without their endless volunteer hours this club would not exist. Please consider joining a committee and helping the bridge with their duties. There will be new positions available on the Bridge next year, and volunteers are encouraged to contact me if they wish to serve.

As a member owned club, it is the strength and commitment of our members, our friendships, and our common goals that will help us move forward and as I said last year, and it is still true:

We are stronger together !!!
Linda Kulla, Commodore

Junior Sailing by Linda Kulla

We are about to embark on our 5th successful season for the Junior Sailing Program at North Shore Yacht Club. Our program is fully sold out and has a waiting list. We will be running 4 two-week sessions with 6 children in each.

We will be using our Picos and Optimists and this year will be bringing in our Laser for the more experienced and older sailors. We purchased a radial rig and sail so that it will lower the weight limit needed to properly control the boat.

We are planning to build a new dinghy rack on a floating dock to house the junior program boats. We plan to put this dock on a mooring in our mooring field to keep the children out of the channel into the marinas and away from the launches.

Tim Tyler, our sailing instructor will be arriving from Georgia on June 3rd. Tim grew up sailing in Larchmont and is very familiar with the area. He is a level 1 sailing instructor and has been the head sailing instructor at Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club in Melfa, Virginia and Augusta Sailing Club in Appling, GA.

Tim had a successful career in Navy Reserves and the US Department of Defense. He has authored two books and speaks French, Spanish and Dari. Currently Tim is a graduate student at Harvard University with plans to become a history professor.

Tim will be staying with Robert Coles while he is here and will be available for adult sailing lessons as well as crewing on any members' boat that is in need of crew.





North Shore Yacht Club

Fleet Report May 2021

Ahoy NSYC Sailors , Members, Social Associates, Boat Share Sailors !

Welcome to our 151st -almost normal, Season.

The following are some highlights:

NSYC floating dock -Capt. Vic expects Eric Melrose to replace the floating dock, hopefully soon. When it arrives, the planks will be installed, will take two days

Launch service is underway! from the dock section attached to the pier. C. Vic has been organizing the launch program. Several of last year's operators have returned, Bruce, Joe and Brandon, Matt . Alex, in training, is a town resident and is new.

Vic has advised that **members should not bring their boats to the current dock** because there is only space for the launch. The launch will ferry supplies out to the boats. Vic suggests members perform work on their boats at the yard prior to coming to NSYC.

JR Sailing Dock-As soon as the new dock arrives Captain Vic has a plan to modify the existing dock to serve Junior Sailing. It will be set on a mooring.

Vic advised that there is not time this season for installing the current dinghy rack onto the new Jr. Sailing platform and constructing a replacement, a larger dinghy rack to accommodate inflatables.

Under Toad-. A work party was organized, with great response from 9 Boat Share sailors, for May 8th , at Gulf way, for the commissioning of UT and she was sailed to her mooring by Evan , Paul & Chris. & Pedro. UT is available for sailing boat share members who are urged to follow the protocol on the NSYC website for Boat Share Program

<https://www.nsync.net/sailing/boat-sharing-program/program-documents/>

Please send in your certificates of insurance to me and NSYC Bookkeeping nsycbookkeeping@gmail.com





June 2021 – Rear Commodore (House) Report

Our club has officially opened after our wonderful commissioning ceremony last weekend. The mooring field is starting to fill up with member boats. It is starting to feel a little like “normal” again.

The club house is open for “business” and ready to be enjoyed by all. Everything is in working order and ready to provide all our members a wonderful place to come out and enjoy the beautiful views of our harbor. Feel free to bring a meal and sit out on decks and enjoy our million-dollar views. My family and I love grabbing a meal next door at Butler’s Flat and sitting out on our deck. Makes one feel like we have one of the beautiful estates that line our harbor.

The kitchen is available if you feel so inclined to make something. Please make sure to clean up afterwards and leave it in the same condition you found it. The grill on the bottom deck is also available if you feel the urge to grill. If you are not sure how to use it, please ask someone who knows if Capt. Vic is not around. Please be sure to turn the grill off and **do not** put the cover on while the grill is still warm.

As always, if you find something that is not in order, please bring it to the attention of a bridge member or send an email to me and I will address it ASAP. We want everyone to start enjoying our club again as most of our membership appears to have been vaccinated. (the full list is posted on our front door).

We look forward to seeing everyone this summer and hopefully out on the water sailing.

Peter Hirschhorn
Rear Commodore

Spring 2021 Open House Another Success!

On April 11 prospects and NSYC members alike were again impressed with the turnout of both club members, prospective members and people who wanted to know about NSYC.

Despite observing Covid-19 Protocol, this Open House’s results were again encouraging. As always, this was a NSYC Team effort, as NSYC members teamed-up to greet and meet prospects gathered by a variety of NSYC marketing programs. Interests ranged from those with and without boats to our Boat Share and Junior Sailing programs.

Stimulated by the Open House (thanks to Board Members who served as hosts), there were 9 applications to review at the April 21st Board meeting which followed. (3 Affiliates, 1 Social Associate, and 5 Social Associate / Boat Share). Open Houses at NSYC, currently held twice a year, have evolved as a popular and effective way to attract prospective members, nurture their interest and add new members. Combined with our own Harborfest Town Dock exhibits, website, literature, Education, Ambassador programs and member referrals, we’re able to attract and sustain steady interest in our Club.

As Mary Lu, Bill and many members know so well, follow-up with all attendees and other prospects is always ongoing and Open Houses contribute to that need.

Our Next Prospect Open House, slated for Sunday, October 24th will be a combined Officers’ Cocktail Party/Open House.





Ahoy NSYC Under Toad Sailors & Shipmates!

As we see this year's vicious viral gale finally moderate and spare us, NSYC

Under Toad Sailors celebrate and welcome spring and our return to some form of normalcy by

launching our old reliable friend, Under Toad!

We had a great commissioning on Saturday! May 8, It was all hands on deck with 9 UT sailors working aboard U T and on the dock!

Thanks to Jamie Ebenau for bringing the outboard, Victor Mora for picking up the sails from Marc Epstein, and Lloyd Herman, Paul Spoonhower picked up the fuel tank, gas and the battery.

Our crew bent on the sails and reefing lines, checked the boat and Under Toad left Gulf Way dock, for her mooring under sail! With 9 able bodied skippers and aspiring skippers. Preparation took only two hours attesting the importance of teamwork!

Thanks to Joe Stevens, Pedro Avila, Victor Mora, Peter Li, Evan Spence, Paul Spoonhower, Chris Kvaternik, Jon Hokanson, Josh Glick

Evan Spence, Pedro Avila, Paul Spoonhower and Chris Kvaternik left Gulf Way dock for UT's NSYC mooring

Richard Raskin and Pedro Avila fine tuned the running rigging while on a successful qualifying sail.

Congratulations Pedro on your certification as skipper!

In the spirit of NSYC sailing camaraderie qualified skippers are inviting aspiring skippers as crew

on UT for sailing on Manhasset Bay.

NSYC is pleased to report that the Boat Share program is full and has a waiting list.

Wishing you a fair wind and following sea.

Carlo Zaskorski



when we get under way





B*L*I*N*K*S New Members & Staff for 2021

1 Active Member

- * Robert & Carolyn Harrison
East Meadow, NY 1155
Pearson 28'...*Arrabella*

6 Affiliate Members

- * Edward Coddington
Little Neck, NY 11362
Hunter 23'...*Hunter*
- * Gary & Carol Goldberg
East Hills, NY 11577
Ranger 33'...*Goosebumps II*
- * Yustin & Eileen Koleda
Port Washington, NY 11050
Beneteau 21'...*Tredecem*
- * Shakeel (Shak) Malik & Sara Khan
Port Washington, NY, 11050
Catalina 30'...*Island Thymes*
- * George (Chuck) & Alicia McCarthy
Manhasset, NY 11030
Evelyn 32'...*Speed D8*
- * Peter & Liane Van Slyck
Brooklyn, NY 11217
Beneteau 31'...*OPA's Dream*

9 Social Associate Members

- * Pedro Avila & Laura Kimeldorf
Port Washington, NY 11050
- * George & Nancy Becker
Mineola, NY 11501
- * Joshua & Elise Glick
Great Neck, NY 11020
- * Jon Hokanson & Jocelyn Worrall
Port Washington, NY 11050
- * Chris & Kristin Kvaternik
Port Washington, NY 11050
- * Kevin Lauth & Mary Frances Snyder
Port Washington, NY 11050
- * Peter Li & Kelly Cai
Port Washington, NY 11050
- * Surinder Singh & Norma DaRosa
Brooklyn, NY 11238
- * Joseph & Kristin Stevens
Manhasset, NY 11030

Please welcome

Tim Tyler — our new Junior Program Instructor. Tim will be arriving prior to the Junior Sailing Season to be available for lessons on *Under Toad*. Once again, Robert Coles is hosting our instructor....Thanks Robert!

Jane Stevens — our new bookkeeper who is a pleasure to have on our team. If members have any invoice or payment related questions, they can email her at bookkeeping@nsyc.net





DID YOU KNOW?
It's Your Website...NSYC.net!
Public and Members Only access

Public Access...the website is loaded...From a current Club Calendar to descriptions of our offerings, Education Zooms, our schedules and more!

Members-Only...first establish a username and password at "login."

Members-Only Contents:

- Club Directory
- Board and Membership meetings
- Online Payments
- ByLaws
- Club Regulations
- Boat Share and Laser Sailboat Reservations and Post Sail Reports

Nautical Gear, Member Benefits, Discounts:

- NSYC caps, ties, lapel pins, car magnets and burgees: See Captain Vic
- BoatUS Discounts: Join or renew BoatUS Membership (www.boatus.com) at a discount using our unique BoatUS Cooperating Group Number: GA85149Y. NSYC members have over 25 benefits and services at discounted prices.
- NSYC's Ship's Store for perfect clothing and custom items for sailors at www.nsync.net Membership pulldown

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NSYC Ambassador Program...For those referring new members:

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.

Insurance Certificates As required by Club rules, each vessel in our mooring field is required to carry \$300,000 in liability coverage and to have the Club named as an additional insured on their policy. Before you bring your boat for the season, you must have a current certificate of insurance listing the Club as an additional insured on file at the Club. Please send yours to fleetcaptain@NSYC.net.

Club Directory! The 2021 Directory booklets are now in the Club lobby in a US Post bin. Please stop by and pick yours up.

- They are in alphabetic order; please try to maintain it!
- If you note any corrections or need to update your entry for any reason, please advise by e-mail to Directory@NSYC.net.
- A PDF of this Directory is already on our nsyc.net website (login with username and password to access it). Updates will be done periodically and posted in a PDF on the Club website.
- Monthly Board Meetings have been moved back to the 2nd Tuesday of each Month, 7:30PM with a reminder on the website calendar.



**LAUNCH SERVICE HOURS****Summer Season – Sat May 15 through Mon Sept 6**

Mon, Tues & Wed	0900-2145*
Thurs & Fri	0900-2245*
Sat & Sun	0800-2245

Holidays: May 31st July 5th & Sept 6th same as Sat/Sun schedule

Fall Season – Tues Sept 7 through Mon Oct 11

Mon	No Service
Sun & Tues-Thurs	0900-1945*
Fri & Sat	0900-2245

**Exception for Wednesday and Thursday – if required for racers, launch will run through 2245.*

Holiday: October 11th same as Sunday schedule

Post Season – Tues Oct 12 through Sun Nov 14 — Mat Meyran

Mon	No Service
Tues, Wed, Thurs	1300-1700
Fri, Sat, & Sun	0900-1700

Port Water Taxi/Matt Meyran – Ch. 9; cell 516-455-0411

Mark Your Calendars - Dates to Remember

- Saturday, May 29th, Cruising Season Launched! Memorial Day Cruise
- Saturday, June 5th, Racing Season Launched! NSYC Day Race Open Regatta
- Saturday, June 5th, 1600 hours, Collation after NSYC Day Race & Happy Hour
- Sunday, June 6th, 1130 hours, Buddy Brunch for New Members
- Sunday, June 13th, Borden Cup, Full Crew; Racing Start
- Saturday, June 19th, June Target Cruise & Snyder Cup Race combined
- June 26 to July 5th, July 4th Holiday Cruise.

See Cruise Announcement & Club directory

- Monday, June 28th, Launch the Junior .Sailing Program
- July 9 to July 11th, International Canoe Regatta (Postponed)
- Sunday, July 18th, Smith Cup, Double-Handed; Cruising Start
- July 24 to July 25th, July Target Cruise.

See Directory and Cruise Announcement

- Friday, August 6th, 1800 hours, 1st Friday BBQ
- Sunday, August 8th, Epstein Trophy, Single-Handed; Cruising Start

For exciting events for the balance of the season, see Club Directory, Website & Event Announcements`





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This year's Spring Membership Meeting was on **ZOOM** once again, due to the continued Covid-19 pandemic. Commodore Linda Kulla called the meeting to order at 9:29 and Secretary Gary Wachter certified that a quorum was present. The minutes of the Fall 2020 meeting were approved as written.

The first item on the agenda was the proposed amendments to the NSYC Bylaws. There was some discussion and need for the dual signatures bylaw was explained as necessary for additional control and security. The proposed amendments passed.

Commodore Kulla announced since most members are fully vaccinated, the Club will be fully open, but all people will continue to follow Covid-19 protocols of masks and hand sanitation. Social distancing is still required on the launch, deck and in the Clubhouse. Members fully vaccinated, please email a photo of your vaccination card to the Commodore. Anyone not vaccinated must sign a waiver like last year.

Social events will resume this year as long as it is safe and we are able to social distance. Commissioning at the Club this year will be by invitation only and the balance of the members can watch via Zoom. The BBQ event will be paired with the NSYC Day race on June 5. Lobster/clambake will have a limited number of attendees and tickets can be purchased on first come, first served basis as we cannot pack Clubhouse. We are not sure about the 150th Dinner/Dance celebration, postponed to this fall.

The Clubhouse is in very good shape – “ship shape”. The damage to the docks and railing sustained last year has been repaired and replaced through a claim filed by Lloyd Herman with our insurance company, though we do have a \$25,000 deductible. The broken floating dock will be transformed into a new Junior Sailing program float by Captain Vic and placed on a mooring. The rack from the dinghy dock will be repurposed for the Jr. Program float and a new rack built on the dinghy dock for the Club lasers and members' boats, kayaks and inflatables.

Members are reminded that all accounts must be current and to provide the Club with your certificate of insurance before you bring your boat over to your mooring.

Commodore Kulla thanked a number of people for all the work done during the year. Thanks to Treasurer Colin Schneider for updating our accounting system and training new bookkeeper Jane Stevens. Also, thanks to Dean Verola and Woody Greenberg for recommendations to improve procedures on the Auditing Committee. Andrew Alkon has agreed to replace Leo Kamp as Chairman of the Finance/investment Committee.

Junior Sailing program is full, 22 children signed up and there is a waiting list. Our sailing instructor, Tim Tyler, is a seasoned sailor and will be available for adult lessons and certifications on *Under Toad* before Junior Sailing starts.



We all owe Mary Lu and Bill Palafox a tremendous thank you for their tireless work on behalf of the Club: Mary Lu runs membership meetings, gives tours, checks references, sends out sunshine cards and is our club gardener. Bill handles marketing and communications oversees the website, editor of the Blinker, and helps recruit new members.





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Thanks also to Racing committee: Bill Palafox, Richard Raskin, George Marks, Giulio Varsi, Evan Spence, Frank LoPresti and Woody Greenberg.

Commodore Kulla personally thanks Captain Vic for being a great partner in running the Club. "I thank him for his wise counsel, thoughtful solutions and tireless work."

Closing reminder that all Spring Membership Meeting Reports are on the NSYC website. Also, monthly board meetings, on the third Wednesday of each month are also on the website. If you are interested in attending the meeting, they are on ZOOM so contact the Commodore for a ZOOM invite.

Reports:

Rear Commodore Report – No questions.

Fleet Report - There was some discussion of the new design and use of the dinghy rack. New members are bringing in own lasers and kayaks. Peter Regina asked to have a cable for WIFI to be extended to the end of the dock and it will be discussed further.

Treasurer Report – No question. Thanks

Audit Report – No questions

Directory and Insurance Report – The Directory is late but should be ready by Commissioning.

There was discussion about the \$25,000 deductible to pay for storm damage. Whether to get the money from operating cost or to be taken out of assets. 5 bonds were returned to departing members last year.

Education Report – Thanks for the ZOOM presentations.

Junior Sailing Report – No questions

Launch Service Report – Ken Magida pointed out working on the launches is a great way to get work hours and learn about marine engines.

Membership & Marketing – All new members have been assigned Buddies

New members:

3 Affiliates – Yustin & Eileen Koleda; George (Chuck) & Alicia McCarthy; Peter & Liane Van Slyck

1 Active – Robert & Carolyn Harrison

2 Social Associates – George & Nancy Becker; Surinder & Norma DaRosa Singh

8 more membership candidates are in the pipeline

Communications – Blinker and Eblasts – Blinker will be published in June

Website – NSYC website is the Club's primary source for new member prospects.

Racing – Always looking for help on the Race Committee...working with the Principle Race Officer (PRO) is a great way to learn about racing. Cruising boats can be raced!

Cruising Committee – No report, but Ron Gold explained the cruises will be the same as last year and check the NSYC website for more information. There was discussion about cruisers sharing cruising dates with others via the Website and may also be posted in the Clubhouse. Active Captain app. Was also mentioned.



Peter Hirschhorn



Paul R. Melink Active



Ken Magida



Lloyd Herman



Bill P.



Richard Raskin





151ST Commissioning May 15, 2021

We're Commissioned!

On May 15, 2021, NSYC celebrated its 151st Commissioning. It was a beautiful spring day. The in person crowd was limited to 50 members due to Covid-19 restrictions with many others attending via Zoom. The positive vibe was evident. Several new members were present and introduced. Some brought their children, a great sign for the hopeful emergence of the club after a difficult year.

Commodore Linda Kulla asked Bill Palafox to offer the Invocation. Then Linda introduced the current Officers:

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

Rear Commodore Hirschhorn introduced the Trustees:

Jamie Ebenau, Evan Spence, Robert Harrison, Roger Lifson, Bill Palafox, Karen Verola.

Fleet Captain Zaskorski introduced the Past Commodores Marc Epstein, Mary Lu Dempsey-Palafox, Ron Gold, Yehuda Rosenstock, Paul Robert Meilink, Lloyd Herman, and Ken Magida.

Commodore Kulla called the club into Commission for the 2021 season with Pat Hopkins singing a beautiful a cappella rendition of the Star Spangled Banner, bag pipes, flag raising and Capt. Vic firing the shotgun.

The table was set by Arlene Kase and Julie Lim with individual plates of food, rather than our usual smorgasbord of homemade goodies, again Covid related. All had a relaxed and sociable afternoon anticipating a wonderful sailing season ahead.





NSYC 2021 Education Program Launched, Sunday, January 10th Tom Hughes, "Circumnavigator - Westward Around the Globe"

For the Zoom audience experiencing temperatures in the 30s on this January Sunday, more than 20+ NSYC members and guests were entertained by Tom Hughes and his wife, Sara who recently circled the globe aboard

Unconditional, their Oyster 50-footer.

Background...In 2015, Tom retired from GE Aviation, and with Sara sold their cars, leased their house, and sailed over to the Med. The following year, they sailed back through the Med. crossing the Atlantic to the Caribbean.

In January 2017 they set sail from Antigua as part of the 27-month Oyster World Rally, cruising westward around the globe via the Panama Canal.

Via Zoom on this January 10th presentation, Tom told us about his adventures while showing pictures of the beautiful sights they saw. He discussed the courses 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.

Tom has run SSB Nets, Med-moored, stern anchored, hove-to, sailed dual headsails & flown asyms, plus experienced sustained 10-meter waves, 50-kt winds, Mistral, Meltemis, and numerous squalls.

For this exploit, Tom recently received the Delano Trophy, the Corinthians' top award.

Our hearty thanks to Tom and Sara for a real "Sailors' Education Event!"

via ZOOM



★ Best Place: Tuamotus Atolls - 2017 (Google it)
2nd Best Place: Fiji Islands - 2017
Most Enjoyable: South Africa - 2018
Most Toured Country: New Zealand - 2018
Most Dangerous: Mozambique Channel (sea life, pirates, weather/seas)
Circumnavigation: Mindelo, CVI Nov 16 - Feb 19; 30,000nm





NSYC “Zooms” into Education 2021!

On Thursday evening, February 25, at 7:30 PM, NSYC members, Ken Magida and Arlene Kase, treated 29 participants, mostly NSYC members, to a “Zoom” slide presentation of their **2019 Cruise to Maine**. The cruise covered two months, most of which they were travelling independently and one week when they joined the Corinthians at 7 different harbors in Maine.

This was their second cruise to Maine. They have spent the past 16 summers together cruising mostly north and east from Manhasset Bay. They had many interesting stories to relate on the many harbors they visited, experiences they had and the friends they have made along the way.

Of note, while the actual presentation took about 45 minutes, most of the participants lingered on over Zoom for over an hour enjoying,” Sailor Talk” about past experiences, future dreams and plans.

The event was recorded and is on YouTube at <https://www.nsync.net/2021-zooms>.

This second Zoom Education event of 2021 stimulated interest by others to present their own





Ahoy Sailors! Sail the Chesapeake

On Thursday evening, March 11, at 7:30 PM, Frank LoPresti gave a Zoom presentation, ***"Doing the Chesapeake."***

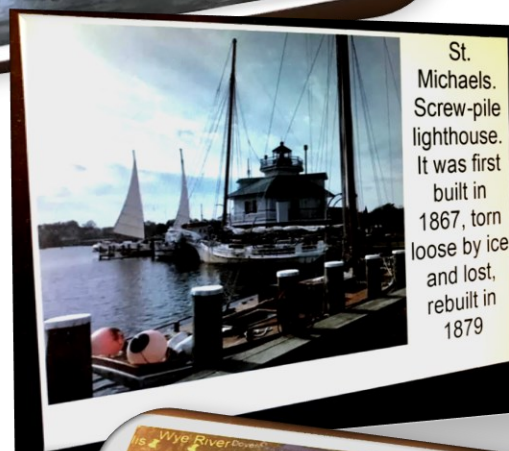
Frank has sailed about the Chesapeake — and its various points of interest — over many years. Frank and Jody have spent numerous days there, visiting the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, and with many friends from St. Michaels, which is on the Chesapeake. They sailed there so frequently that they kept a Laser there.

Frank's most notable Chesapeake cruise was a circumnavigation, with the renowned NSYC sailor Charlie Murphy, and a gaggle of friends, from 'The Delmarva,' a large peninsula on the East Coast of the United States.

A YouTube video version of Frank's presentation is on the NSYC website at:

<https://www.nsy.com/2021-zooms/>

Zoom





NSYC 2021 Education Series "Sail Fast" with Jamie Ebenau

20+ NSYC Members, and more, were treated to a Thursday, March 25th, 7:30 PM Zoom presentation for by Jamie Ebenau, titled, **"Sail Fast"** ...a talk about sail trim and boat speed geared for the kind of sailing we do on our Thirsty Thursdays...Non Spinnaker round-the-buoy racing.

Jamie, a longtime NSYC member, brought his wealth of sailing and racing experience via his professional presentation. Speaking about how to optimize sail trim and making your boat go faster made for very handy practical advice whether racing, cruising or just a day's outing.

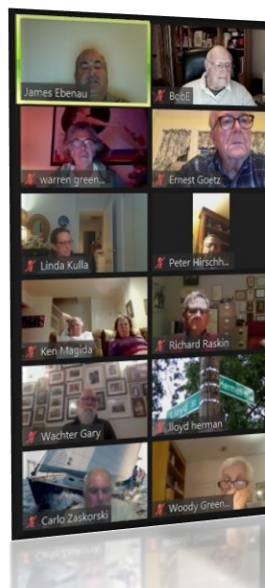
Starting with basic boat preparation and sail adjustments, Jamie then transitioning to on-the-water...adjustments and crew work for sailing the boat upwind in light, moderate and strong wind followed by off-wind reaching and running.

Jamie then wrapped up his presentation with concluding important points:

- Speed comes before pointing upwind.
- Know your 3 gears and coordinate using them.
- Use the headstay sag to adjust your backstay.
- Telltale are for the helmsman upwind and the trimmers off the wind.
- Do not sail dead down wind or by the lee.

Knowing that much was presented and worth review, attendees were gifted a copy of the presentation.

A YouTube video version is on the NSYC website at <https://www.nsy.net/2021-zooms/>



Zoom



- Keep the boat as light as possible
 - No junk
 - Empty tanks
- Clean and fair bottom
- Have to proper gear
 - Backstay adjuster
 - Folding propeller
 - Whisker pole with topping lift
- All gear in working order

Sailing the Boat

Upwind Moderate wind (powered up)

Mainsail Sheet

- First item to be adjusted to changes in this wind range

3 Gears

- Speed build
 - Top top batten leech telltale flying 100% of the time
- Normal
 - Top top batten leech telltale flying 50% of the time
- Speed burn
 - Top top batten leech telltale flying 10% of the time

Conclusion

Important Points

Speed comes before pointing upwind

Know your 3 gears and coordinate using them

Use the headstay sag to adjust your backstay

Telltale are for the helmsman upwind and the trimmers off the wind

Do not sail dead down wind or by the lee



Jamie 'Sailing Fast'



NSYC Education Series “NSYC Club and Thirsty Thursday Racing” Thursday, May 6, 2021

The local racing community, made up of NSYC, two other yacht clubs and the Thirsty Thursday and One-Design racing fleets were treated to another interesting and informative presentation from NSYC’s 2021 Education Series!

This was a simultaneous Zoom presentation, with the option “to attend” in person, by NSYC’s Richard Raskin. It was intended to help occasional racers feel more comfortable about racing and to improve their racing skills.

It’s intention was also to help and encourage those considering racing in NSYC Club, and/or Thirsty Thursday races, and to go out and actually race.

Covid: In person presentations like this one at the Club were open to all validated fully-vaccinated NSYC members. All attendees at NSYC were asked to wear a mask and socially distance.

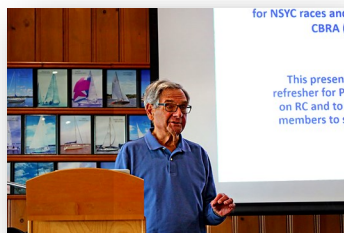
Zoom: The simultaneous Zoom presentation was also available to all NSYC members who were not fully-vaccinated, or do not wish to attend in person, plus other guests.

“Principle Race Officer (PRO) & Race Committee (RC) Refresher” Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Richard Raskin presented the “**Principle Race Officer (PRO) and Race Committee (RC) Refresher**” at NSYC for both the one-design and NSYC club races. Richard is a member of the Race Management Committee of NSYC, and this talk was both a refresh for the Club’s PROs on their duties, and introduced members not familiar with RC to the job. The presentation encouraged members to spend a pleasant day on the Bay as responsible members of the NSYC RC; continuing the Corinthian tradition of sail racing on Manhasset Bay. We look forward towards supporting 10 Race Committees in 2021.

The presentation concluded with a “Call for Members” to sign-up as PROs or Race Committee Members, noting that 4 work hours are credited towards our Club commitment for each day serving on RC.

This presentation was under the umbrella of the Education Committee Chaired by Rich Predmore. It has capped-off NSYC’s Spring Education series and was attended by NSYC members (who were properly vaccinated) while simultaneously presented on Zoom.



Thanks again to NSYC’s Education Committee, the event presenters and support people that helped to educate our sailing community while simultaneously keeping everyone safe at the Club, which made a fantastic education year at NSYC.





NSYC Cruising Corner - Notes from the Helm

There is a certain sense of renewal that comes with Spring each year and this is especially true for sailors. The covers are off and the Spring cleaning undertaken to prepare for our all-too-short sailing season.

After this past year with all its uncertainty and isolation and displacement, we are all happy to hear that some return to normalcy may be found in the upcoming season. The Club is back open even with some limitations and the warm feeling of back home and being able to interact with your fellow members is very comforting at the same time as being exciting and providing that sense of renewal that comes with Spring. I am looking forward to seeing all of you around the clubhouse, the decks and launches and having the opportunity to raise a glass to toast to a great season.

As part of the plans for the season we have published a Cruising Calendar that can be found in your 2021 Club Roster, the calendar on the website and in the Cruising Section on the website. We have followed the same basic format as in past years which provides for the holiday cruises and target cruises to various harbors mixing in visits to clubs and anchoring destinations.

We will send out separate emails about each of the cruises, especially the Target Cruises, around the time of for each of them, but I will highlight a few here.

The main holiday cruises are Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day.

The *Memorial Day cruise*, which may have taken place by the time this is published, is usually the shakedown trip for most of us after launching the boat and hopefully getting a few weekends or more sailing locally. For this cruise, the trip to Northport provides a great destination to sail to and there is also a good chance to actually sail both legs of the trip. It is a very manageable distance and the reward, besides a great sail, is the town of Northport itself. Some of us will choose to anchor and some take a mooring at Northport or Centerport Yacht Club. Both are beautiful and full-service clubs with pools, bars, restaurants, snack bars and showers. Northport YC is a short walk to town and CYC is right across from the town dock with launch service to drop you off. The town has all the amenities and a great example of the waterfront villages you find up and down LI Sound and most of the Northeast sailing area. Depending on the group, we have stayed all the weekend in Northport or, in some years, split the time between it and Oyster Bay, although lately mostly in Northport since so many of us tend to visit Oyster Bay so many weekends in the season. Both these places make for a convenient and easy cruise with many options for lots of activity or just chilling out, which is why we visit them on other cruises or for the Labor Day weekend holiday too as you can see from the calendar.

There are two other cruises that I want to mention though that I feel will interest you as they are a little bit different. *The first is the June Target cruise and Snyder Cup race.* This combined event with the racing schedule has been a lot of fun over the past few years. There is the chance to enjoy an overnight to a beautiful harbor including a raft-up with other boats after an easy sail there, and at the same time get a trophy for the 1st, 2nd or 3rd place finishers in the race portion of the trip to be presented at the club dinner dance with other race winners. There is a good chance that there will be wind at this time in June, so the long distance race is a great way to get to the cruise and raft-up in Cold Spring Harbor. The start is without a fuss and the racing tension as you mark your own time passing a buoy and your finish passing another. This year it gets another benefit as you can celebrate on Sunday at your return to the club with a Father's Day BBQ on the boat, at the club or some great place in Port Washington. A perfect trifecta!

The second cruise is a weeklong July 4th holiday cruise. Over the last few years we have discussed at many meetings the idea of cruising as a club for extended periods over a few weeks. While some have expressed interest in possibly doing a long cruise where members could do all, or part of it together, somehow the logistics of matching vacation schedules and other obligations has not found a match. We will keep trying and hope that it will work out. If you are interested in such an event, let me know and I would be happy to put together some float plans that could be discussed for a two week or more cruise out East or further. To act as a sampler, however, a couple of years ago we took a weeklong cruise during the July 4th holiday. On the calendar is a suggested itinerary that we did on our last trip. It combined stops at two harbors in Connecticut, Norwalk and Milford, before crossing back over to Port Jefferson on the LI side of the Sound and then to Northport and Oyster Bay. Each of the harbors are different and have options. Some are clubs on moorings, one a club with docks and also the opportunity to anchor out. They are not too far a distance away and allow for members to do the whole trip, the first weekend or the second weekend or any portion they can make depending on their plans and availability.

Lastly, if you are planning a cruise on your own for your vacation working or for pure fun, let us know. We are hoping to have members share their plans so that if they are going to be in the same area on their own trips, they can get together to visit and enjoy the company of fellow members. Also, remember that your roster and the club's website have contact information for members to help keep in touch.

Here's to a great season of cruising! Fair winds and calm seas to you all!

Ron Gold, Cruising Chair





Cruising Corner 2021

2021 CRUISING CALENDAR

(Watch Club bulletin board for updates)

Event	Date
Memorial Day Cruise: <i>Northport and Oyster Bay</i>	<i>May 29-31</i>
June Target Cruise: <i>Cold Spring Harbor</i> Start of cruise combined with Snyder Cup distance race	<i>June 19-20</i>
July 4th Cruise: <i>Norwalk, Milford, Port Jeff, Northport and Oyster Bay</i> Location for the 4 th might depend on fireworks. Other destinations were added as options for a full week cruise for the holiday	<i>June 26- July 5</i>
July Target Cruise: <i>Greenwich, Conn. or Ziegler's Cove</i>	<i>July 24-25</i>
August Target Cruise: <i>City Island</i> With Saturday night dinner at City Island YC	<i>Aug 14-15</i>
Labor Day Cruise: <i>Northport and Oyster Bay</i>	<i>Sept 3-5</i>
Oktoberfest – Die Hard Cruise: <i>Oyster Bay</i>	<i>Oct 2-3</i>

All scheduled dates & locations are subject to change due to weather conditions. For updates, questions or additional information, contact P/C Ron Gold (rgold@kll-law.com). Cruise events may be extended by departure on Friday before weekend events.

Always monitor Channel 78A while underway.





The Racing Form

NSYC 2021 Racing *"Something for All"*

Despite the Covid-19 pandemic, Racing is alive and well in the North Shore Yacht Club (NSYC) in 2021! Just like many yacht clubs, racing fleets and organizations, NSYC remains ready to "shift gears" with its approach to racing, race committees, social distancing and masks while staying current with most current CDC and State Covid-19 guidelines.

We encourage racer participation by members of all skill levels in this enjoyable and challenging sport as we offer cruising and racing starts, single, double-handed and full crew races and the training and support for it.

Races: In this Blinker issue, on our website and in our just-released 2021 Club Directory, you'll see the opportunities to Race in the Club's 2021 Open Regattas (Day Race and Moonlight) and 5 Club Races (members only) ... (the IC Canoe Regatta is postponed). Simultaneously, we have Club members participating regularly in "One Design" and "Thirsty Thursday" racing.

"Something for All?" ...you bet!

As the season progresses, timely Race Notices and Sailing Instructions posted on the website and "eblasted" to participants provide the detail and opportunities to enter each race.

Race Committees (RC): Seriously, please consider a **free lunch** and to sign up to run, or help run, Race Committees (RC) for the Club and one-design races on Manhasset Bay from the Worry Wart, or from a beautiful 40' J-boat on the Sound for the June 5th Day Race...and...while earning **Four hours** towards your "Work Requirement. RC dates needed are in this Blinker, on our website and in the Club directory. Once you make your choice (selections are going fast!), just send Richard Raskin an email (Richard Raskin ... richard390raskin@gmail.com ...) as to when you want to serve.

Training: This year's completed Racing Training events, mostly by Zoom, followed by educational *YouTube* versions on our website, include:

- "Race Fast" by Jamie Ebenau
- "Feel Comfortable while Improving Racing Skills" by Richard Raskin
- Principle Race Officer (PRO) & Race Committee Member Refresher by Richard

Race Management: The Club's Race Management Committee (RMC) and its eager support crews are hard at work ensuring successful and safe racing for the Club.

- Bill Palafox – Overview, Communications
- Richard Raskin – Recruiting & Scheduling Principal Race Officers (PROs) & Race Committees
- George Marks – Instructions to Racers
- Giulio Varsi and Evan Spence – Support
- Frank LoPresti – Ratings & Support
- Woody Greenberg – Protest Chair

Racing...Join Us!

Consider joining the racing at NSYC and "make things happen."
It's educational, **rewarding** and a "sure-fire" way to get involved.
Have fun and improve your sailing skills — race with us!



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2021 RACING CALENDAR

All club races, with the exception of Day Race, International Canoe and Moonlight Regattas, start 1330 at the Worry Wart 30 min. prior to one-design starts unless otherwise noted. Since NSYC complies with most current Covid-19 Protocols, any variations to this schedule, or racing procedures, will be communicated well in advance by the Race Management Committee.

NSYC DAY RACE OPEN REGATTA	Sat, June 5	Full crew, racing start. Open to all clubs. Start at Can 1 off Execution.
BORDEN CUP*	Sun, June 13	Full Crew; racing start
SNYDER CUP	Sat, June 19	Non-Spinnaker race combined with the June Target Cruise. See Notice of Race and Race Instructions when issued.
SMITH CUP*	Sun, July 18	Double handed; racing start
EPSTEIN TROPHY*	Sun, August 8	Single-handed (optional safety observer on board); cruising start
MOONLIGHT REGATTA	Sat, August 21	Full crew, cruising start. Open to all clubs and invited guests. Start and finish in Manhasset Bay.
COMMODORE'S CUP*	Sun, Sept 19	Full crew; cruising start, Cruiser's Division, followed by Commodore's

Yacht Club Day Race Open and the Moonlight Open Regatta, which are open to any member of an organized yacht club or the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound (YRALIS). The International Canoe Regatta is by special invitation

Race Committee and Club Race Procedures for 2021

- The RC will consist of 2 TO 4 persons — a PRO and crew
- The PRO may select the RC crew or the RMC will put together a crew if the PRO prefers
- RC members shall wear face masks and observe social distancing, only if one or more members have not been vaccinated
- RC equipment is generally pre-positioned in be in the entry hall. If not there the PRO shall gather it.
- RC is to read and follow the directions and procedures in the Sailing Instruction for the one-design (CBRA) and NSYC races being held that day
- There will be a single Start/Finish line if only one-design races are being run. If one-design and NSYC races are being conducted that day a separate Finish line will be set
- Club races will use a Racing or Cruising start as announced in the Sailing Instructions for each race
- Club races courses should be planned to take approximately 2-3 hours
- The number of one-design races per class on any given race day will be determined by the Race Committee based on the day's conditions.



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NORTH SHORE YACHT CLUB RACE COMMITTEE DUTY ON WORRY WART, DAY RACE & MOONLIGHT REGATTA

North Shore Yacht Club, as well as other participating yacht clubs in the Cow Bay Racing Association, is required to attend/officiate on the Worry Wart for selected dates. We are required to have at least two members at each of our Race Committee dates to represent the North Shore Yacht Club Race Committee. See the Sailing Instructions for Race Committee needs for the Day Race and Moonlight Regattas. Please check with the Race Committee Scheduling for required dress code and procedures.

Race Committee (RC) Dates are Saturdays & Sundays unless otherwise noted

June 5 (Day Race)
Start at Can 1 off
Execution Rock

June 12-13
Worry Wart

July 17-18
Worry Wart

August 7-8
Worry Wart

Sat, Aug 21
Moonlight Regatta. Start & finish in
Manhasset Bay

Sep 18-19
Worry Wart

With the exception of the June 5th NSYC Day Race and the August 21st Moonlight Regattas, where we supply our dedicated Race Committees at their unique locations, Race Committee members are to meet at the NSYC Clubhouse at 1200 hrs. in support of NSYC club races, which start at, or after, 1330 hours, followed by support of one-design races starting at, or after, 1400 hrs. See, and be familiar with, the "2021 Cow Bay Yacht Racing Association Sailing Instructions" located on our website (www.NSYC.net/racing).

Serving on Race Committee is a privilege of yacht club membership and maintains a century of yachting tradition on Manhasset Bay. Race Committee service is credited as four hours of work obligation. Volunteer by contacting Richard Raskin at richard390raskin@gmail.com, who schedules Principle Race Officers (PROs) and Race Committees and will provide you with all the necessary instructions.

Reward yourself, NSYC and the sailing community by joining a Race Committee!



In Memorium – Last Call

Sad News at NSYC



Frank A. Messina, Jr

We are saddened to report that NSYC member since 2005, Frank A Messina, Jr. died on March 3, 2021 as a result of an accident at his home. Frank is survived by his beloved wife Lauralee Messina of Port Washington, NY, his parents Frank A. Messina, Sr. and Joan-Ellen Messina of Chatham, MA, and family in MA, NC, TX and FL plus dozens of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and countless friends, too many to name.

Frank was raised in Leonia, N.J. and attended Leonia High School '80. He graduated from Drew University in 1984 with a degree in Economics and Political Science and attended the London School of Economics. Frank made his career as a financial advisor in various New York City firms. At the time of his passing he was a Vice President at Raymond James in Woodbury, N.Y.

Frank married the love of his life, Lauralee Sharp, in September 1990 and they made their life together in Port Washington, N.Y. where they shared their passion for the ocean and the outdoors.

Frank was an avid sailor and was quite literally obsessed with the sport of windsurfing from its earliest days in the 1980's. He also enjoyed surfcasting for striped bass along the beaches of Long Island and Cape Cod, travelling from place to place in his specially modified 4X4 Ford van filled with windsurfers, a quiver of sails and fishing equipment. Frank was an enthusiastic advocate for the environment and the recreational access to the beaches of Long Island and an active member of the windsurfing, sailing, and surfing communities. He is remembered by those who knew him as sincere, inquisitive, vivacious and caring. His untimely passing leaves a void in the lives of many.

A celebration of Frank's life is planned for the summer of 2021. Donations in Frank's memory can be made to: The Surfrider Foundation, dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of the world's Oceans. WWW.surfrider.org.

Frank, we miss you. We'll remember you with gratefulness, joy and admiration.