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From the Publisher and Editors

Since our last Blinker in May we have had a full 2019 portfolio of successful Cruising, Racing, Boat Share, Junior Sailing, Education activities, and almost all our Social events are history...this Blinker issue covers them all!

Don't miss our selection of feature articles including Automatic Identification System (AIS), our strong finishes in the Around Long Island Race (ALIR) and even the entertaining tale of an NSYC member qualifying as a private pilot and building his own aircraft!

The Blinker is written by you and we look forward to reading about your adventures in future issues. As you enjoy this Blinker, look for "hot links" in the Table of Contents and within individual articles for an easier reader experience.

In Memoriam, we're saddened by the passing of members Richard Ronzoni and Stanley Rosenberg, while also celebrating their lives with our thanks for what they brought to the NSYC family and the sport of sailing.

Meanwhile, we extend a hearty welcome to our newest members to NSYC, the "Friendly Club!",

Bob Ebenau, Publisher

Bill Palafox, Editor in Chief

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★ ★ ★ ★ From the Commodore

As I sit down to write this, we have just ended our season and decommissioned the club. I haven't yet calculated the days left until we have our 150th commissioning, but the idea makes me so happy and excited. 150 years is nothing to sneeze at! I am super proud!

We had a wonderful season this year. The launch drivers were exceptionally wonderful and looked spiffy in the new shirts we purchased with their names embroidered on them. We laughed a lot at the misspelling of Deckland's name teasing him we wanted to make it more nautical.

Captain Vic's contribution to the running of the club this season was stellar. He stepped up to assist both the Junior Sailing Program and the Boat Share program while continuing to run a tight ship. Both the Junior Sailing Program and the Boat Share Program were profitable and brought a lot of new energy to the club. We have expanded our fleet with Lasers and Picos, and are already looking forward to next season. The profits from the Junior Sailing Program covered the purchases of all the new boats which is a very positive note.

Our social calendar was so busy and everyone had such a wonderful time this season starting with the First Friday Barbeques. These were always packed by members so happy to see each other and catch up on goings on. The Lobster and Clam Bake, the Commodore's Meet up, the Mardi Gras party and the Octoberfest were very well attended and highly acclaimed.

Next year I want to return the Commodore's Raft-Up to revert back to enjoying a casual gathering of the club's boats, anchored together in the harbor to enjoy the party after the Commodore's Cup race.

So this brings me back full circle to the first paragraph in my article. I am happy and excited for our 150th commissioning. I am happy because I am truly proud to be a part of the Friendly Sailing Club on the Bay and delighted to be celebrating such a milestone of 150 Commissionings. I feel a sense of community, of unity and of friendship every time I cross the threshold of the clubhouse. I have had the opportunity to meet so many different and wonderful people who all share my love of sailing. Our club is rich with history but also rich with abiding friendship and loyalty and love of the club itself. This is so evident in the amount of hours some of our members contribute to the club. There is a true admiration and commitment to the welfare of the club. There are folks that spend untold hours volunteering in every facet of the club. They work endlessly, not looking for the 8 hours or the recognition, but because, like me, they truly love this club. As we plan our 150th celebration I would like us to all remember who we are.

We are the "Friendly Club for those who Love to Sail."

Linda S. Kulla
NSYC Commodore



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North Shore Yacht Club Slate of Officers and Trustees

Officers:

Commodore:	Linda Kulla
Vice Commodore:	<Vacant>
Rear Commodore:	Peter Hirschhorn
Fleet Captain:	Carlo Zaskorski
Treasurer:	John Trainor
Secretary:	Ruta Ledins

Trustees:

Through 2020:	Roger Lifson Ed Flores
Through 2021:	Bill Palafox Karen Verola
Through 2022:	Jamie Ebenau Evan Spence

Launch Service

**Post Season – Oct 15th through Nov. 11th – Water Taxi/
Matt Meyran (Ch. 9 or 71 or cell at (516) 455-0411).**

-Mon No Service

-Tues-Thurs 1300-1700

-Fri, Sat & Sun 0900-1700

Veterans Day Holiday:

Monday, November 11th 0900-1700

**NOTE: If you wish to sail until Nov. 11th, please
advise the Steward. All boats must be removed by
November 11th so mooring work can be done.**

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Mark Your Calendars - Dates to Remember

- Nov 10...Sun...6:30PM...Dinner Dance and Awards
- Jan 1, Wednesday, 1500 hrs., New Year's Day
Rendezvous

DID YOU KNOW?

- Hot Links to Blinker Index: Click individual line items in the Blinker Index on page 1 for rapid access to articles of choice.
- Cruise our website for current Club Calendar, launch, social, cruising, racing and helpful links.
- Past Blinkers? Check website, "Members" pulldown
- Members Only? Club's website (www.nsync.net) has "public" and "members only" features. Access "members only" features by clicking the homepage "Log In," establish a user name and password and enjoy!
- When in Club's website "Members Only," also look for 2019 Club Directory and Reciprocity List.
- See Captain Vic for NSYC caps, lapel pins, car magnets and burgees?
- BoatUS Discounts: Join or renew BoatUS Membership (www.boatus.com) at a discount using our unique BoatUS Cooperating Group Number: GA85149Y
- Nautical Gear? Our website to "Membership" then >>> Ship's Store. Or direct to: <https://www.captainsquartersuniforms.com/> for perfect clothing and custom items for sailors
- NSYC Ambassador Program? 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 candidate's contact information to Mary Lu Dempsey, our Membership Chair, (516-767- 1760, membership@nsync.net) to get the process rolling.



Fleet Captain Report

Fall, 2019

Roger Lifson

From the Fleet perspective it was an uneventful year. No major crisis under my watch.

Our Spring work party went well as did our Fall work party which was held on Oct. 26. Major activities include cleaning up the parking lot, putting away the tables/chairs and installing the bubbler.

This winter we have installed winter sticks which will make it easier to maintain our mooring field. It will also make it much easier to set pickup sticks in the spring.

As you know the last month of the season we have retained the Port Water Taxi to manage our launch operations.

As we ask each season, please make sure you have a current copy of your insurance naming the NYSC as an additional insured on file with the Club prior to bringing your boat around. Please email a copy to bookkeeping@nsyc.net or place a copy in the bookkeeper's mailbox.

Lastly, I want to thank everyone for their support.

October 26 Work Party





B*L*I*N*K*S

New Members for 2019 New Social Associate Members

Since the May Blinker

- Filorimo, Anthony & Michele
Port Washington, NY 11050
- Giaramita, Michael & Lisa Gigliotti
Port Washington, NY 11050
Dufour 46'...*Solo Grato*
- Hausner, Carlos & Raquel
Bayside, NY 11360
- Moreno, Joseph & Linda
Port Washington, NY 11050
- Perry, Henry (Hank) & Mary
Port Washington, NY 11050

NSYC BUDDY PROGRAM

I've heard some lovely stories this summer of new members being on their buddy's boat enjoying a day on the water. In some cases not just the member family, but their adult children and another new member as well.

Our members continue to reach out and volunteer each year. Our newest members are lucky to have an instant friend who is usually a very competent sailor familiar with our club activities and customs. Some are also expert at do-it-yourself boat repairs and successfully completing boat related projects. Others are racers who appreciate a new crop of new members interested in learning the finer points of racing. We certainly have a great bunch of talented people always willing to help a newbie.

Many thanks to our 2019 Buddies for their interest in this program. Contact HAPPYARLEN@AOL.COM if you would like to be a 2020 Buddy.

Arlene Kase



FIRST FRIDAY HAPPY HOUR AT NSYC

Renewing an activity enjoyed by many in the Club from past years, our members enjoyed 2019 "First Friday Happy Hours" in May, June and July and August. Of course, that's thanks to the respective hosts Arlene Kase & Karen Verola, Linda Kulla, Carol Ott & Gary Wachter, Rich & Carolyn Predmore, Peter & Laurie Hirschhorn with Marvin Covitz and to the many others who helped them.

Refreshing Friday dinners at the Club are perfectly grilled franks and hamburgers with trimmings...sometimes with a surprises treat—all at a great price. Members also brought their own fixings for a varied 'designer' meal.

What a great place to spend the evening enjoying food at and supplied by the club, camaraderie with people who love sailing, and of course the view!

We are looking forward to continuing our First Fridays as a favorite get together in 2020 for its relaxation, conviviality, and good food—a delight on our deck for all our members.





Junior Sailing Program for Fall 2019

The third season of the Junior Sailing program proved the third is really the charm! This year's program was a tremendous success, netting us over \$10,000 in profits. We bought two new Pico's and our profits covered their cost so there was no expense to the club.

The program included 20 children filling 19 two week spots. We had only intended to have 16 spots so we took extra students when they fit in with the age and skill level of the other students. We ended up with a waiting list and had to turn people away. We attributed this to the PW Sailing School leaving Port and will plan accordingly for next year.

Mark O'Connor, our Irish instructor was a tremendous asset. He was well liked and respected by both children and parents. He brought a new level of professionalism to the program. Robert Cole's offer of housing was also instrumental in our success, and I believe Robert is attempting to adopt Mark.

When the weather did not permit sailing, Mark did STEM experiments with the children and had them draw their own charts of the harbor. The paddleboards and kayaks were a huge help as well. Thanks to Peter Hirshhorn for the loan.

Before Mark left he organized the program's section of the basement. He de-rigged the Optis only leaving the tying down to us and he gave me a complete inventory of things that I should consider buying for next year. Mark also made some constructive suggestions for next year's program which will help the program to grow.

Unfortunately Mark will be moving on with his chosen career in engineering, so we are looking for one or two instructors for next year. Mark is keeping his eyes open for us in Ireland and we will be posting our ad on the JSALIS website again.

Unfortunately, we have not found a chase boat yet, but that needs to be a top priority for next year. We are still chasing ads from Ebay and Craig's list with Mark Schneider's assistance and would welcome more assistance.

Both lasers are at the club and will be incorporated into shared boats for the entire club, next year and will be listed on the reservation form for instructor certified sailors.

Linda Kulla

NSYC Commodore



Boat Share Program Fall 2019

As the 2019 season draws to a close, the members had a fun season, hopefully improved our skills, and formed new friendships. Under Toad was also handily placed in the Commodores Cup Race before the wind became unreasonable - next year's challenge has already been discussed!

There were 12 members this season and hopefully the vast majority will return next season. It is planned to decommission the boat using program members. Co-Chair Neil Hassall is stepping down and will be replaced by Adriana-Pinon Eluto,

The program members would like to give a special thanks to Roger Lifson and all the club members who assisted with the maintenance of the boat: Lloyd Herman, Robert Coles, Peter Hirschhorn, Gary Cohen, Warren Greenhouse and Marc Epstein. Thank you to Bill Palafox and Rich Raskin for teaching and qualifying new program members. Thanks also to Captain Vic and his staff for also maintaining the boat and keeping a close eye on Under Toad. Last, but not least, thank you to the Commodore for her support all through the year and putting us with us!

I sincerely apologize if I have forgotten to thank anyone. Personally, I have had some wonderful late afternoon sails and enjoyed Sid Alkon's banter on the boat! Thank you also Ernie (Goetz) for being on the membership committee and a stellar volunteer. Thanks for the members who participated in the Harborfest. I have also sailed with club members and thank them for their time and kind advice. Looking forward to another fun year in 2020.

Neil Hassall.

Sailing UnderToad





NSYC Commissioning

Saturday, May 18, 2019

The day dawned cloudy for the 149th Commissioning of the North Shore Yacht Club, but the early weather did not dampen the spirits of the participants.

Commodore Linda Kulla opened the ceremonies, introducing the Bridge, visiting Commodores and invited guests. With typical NSYC tradition, new members were recognized, followed by commemorations for those members who died in the last year. Bagpipes and champagne toasts culminated the ceremony and the always welcomed report, "Yes, we are in commission!" were cheered.

This year's Commissioning of NSYC was well attended, with over 100 members, visiting Commodores and guests enjoying the celebration. With a champagne toast, the Club was officially opened and guests enjoyed lovely food and conversation to Kick-off the 2019 Sailing season

Bill Palafox





NSYC EDUCATION

Richard Predmore, Education Chairman

Sails to Wings — A Personal Journey by Dan Herron

Wednesday May 29, 2019

As NSYC member, Dan Herron said, “Sailboats and airplanes have a lot more in common than you may think!”

NSYC members were totally entertained and educated while hearing member Dan Herron talk about taking on the project of a lifetime — building a high-performance aerobatic airplane in his basement. (As Dan says, “It’s just like a sailboat but the sails point out to the sides and there’s no keel! “)

In his typical entertaining style, Dan captured the audience’s attention for more than the allotted time as he supplied step-by-step photos and entertaining narrative of his special project.

Editor’s Note: Since his presentation in May, Dan has achieved his private pilot’s license and is just finishing his instrument rating. He is currently flying a Cessna 182 out of Macarthur airport.
What a change for an ex J-105 Skipper!





NSYC Clambake — *a Shucking Great Time*

Saturday, August 17, 2019

This August 17th, over 54 people attended and enjoyed lobsters, steaks for landlubbers, and many fabulous side dishes at our annual Lobster & Clambake. Main course choices were baked Lobster or grilled boneless prime rib steak with potato salad. Corn on the cob and cole slaw were served as accompaniments.

Much appreciation to hosts Ken Bordieri & Mallory Kant. Special thanks to their crew: Ed and Mary Causin, Mary Lu Dempsey, Bill Palafox, David Goldman, Caryn Hirshleifer, Don and Madeline Hochheiser, as well as others who helped them. Special thanks to Richard Raskin, as “Chief Clam Shucker,” who demonstrated the ease of clam shucking as many of us came back for seconds, thirds, fourths, fifths and even more!

Ultimately, this event was a success because almost everyone from NSYC that attended pitched in making it work. Stay tuned for the next fabulous Lobster & Clam Bake at NSYC!

the Clam-Shucker





NSYC Mardis Gras

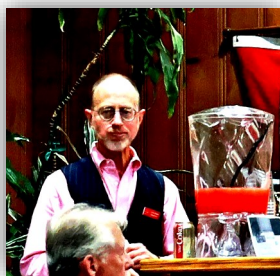
Friday, September 20, 2019

Oui, Laissez Les Bons Temps Rouler at NSYC Mardi Gras Party

The Club's September 20 party featuring New Orleans favorite cuisine and a hurricane (the cocktail, not a storm!) along with fun cajun and jazz music made for a wonderful evening. Thanks to the Cohens, Lifsons and Sobels for organizing, decorating, cooking, serving and more to make the party really terrific. And, special thanks to Julie Lim and Lloyd Herman who lent a hand by making a delicious 7-layer dip and helping with the bar and kitchen.

Hmmm...what kind of special theme will this group come up with next year? Let the good times roll!

Debbie Greco Cohen



October 6th Prospect Open House at NSYC - Another Success!

Prospects and NSYC members alike were impressed with the turnout of both club members and applicants.

Statistical results of this Open House were encouraging.

As always, this was a NSYC Team effort, as many members teamed-up to greet and meet prospects gathered by a variety of NSYC marketing programs.

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 and Ambassador programs we're able to attract and sustain steady interest in our Club. Statistically, the October 2019 Open House was successful as 12 prospective member units attended with 11 asking for applications. There were 5 other prospects who seriously wanted to attend...but did not. Interest ranged from those with and without boats to our Boat Share and Junior Sailing programs.

As Mary Lu and Bill know and many members know so well, follow-up with all attendees and other prospects needs to be ongoing. Next Prospect Open House, the Feb 2020 Officers' Cocktail Party & Open House.

Bill Palafox





Oktoberfest at NSYC

Saturday, October 19, 2019

Prost! Zum Wohl! With wonderful beers, delicious Bavarian food and good friends, NSYC raised a stein to celebrate Oktoberfest and the end of the sailing season. Coinciding with the decommissioning of our club, 38 NSYC mariners and friends assembled for an evening of camaraderie and fellowship!

Our own Brigitte Mueller, originally from Hamburg ,appeared in her historic Oktoberfest Dirndl dress, served as an enthusiastic culinary consultant advising Pat & Carlo about authentic German cuisine. We provisioned from Bavaria House, German Butchers in Wisconsin. For Bratwurst, Knockwurst, Weisswurst, Weiners, smoked pork , kielbasa, that were grilled to perfection by Ed and Morgan McAndrews. .

Pat prepared a pork roast with mustard rub that disappeared as fast as it could be sliced, combined with sauerkraut with caraway seed.! Homemade warm German potato salad with bacon and baked beans were enjoyed by all

Giulio Varsi served as maître 'd coordinating the grill with the dining room.

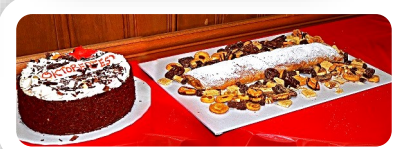
Captain Vic organized the clubhouse with tables and seating for all! Neill Parker set up the Oktoberfest music and set up the bar with authentic German Riesling, Zinfandel Mulderbosch wines and Spaten Oktoberfest, Warsteiner, Paulaner German beers. ..

Dessert included Black Forrest chocolate cake and apple strudel from St. Honore and Geback Mischung -cookies.

Julie Lim, Barbara Greenhouse, Madeline Hochheiser, assumed command of kitchen and cleared the house in yeoman fashion .

Commodore Linda Kulla kept watch and assisted all!

Carlo Zaskorski





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Though the morning was dreary, the fall meeting started as usual with a bagel and muffins breakfast provided by Carol Roberts and PC Yehuda Rosenstock.



Commodore Linda Kulla called the meeting to order. She introduced the Bridge: Secretary Ruta Ledins, Treasurer John Trainor, Fleet Captain Roger Lifson and Rear Commodore Peter Hirschhorn, who was absent. The trustees were named. The passing of Richard Ronzoni was noted and he will be missed.

The spring meeting minutes were approved. Thanks to Erica Hansen our Bookkeeper and to Captain Vic for all his help this summer.

A reminder that the Dinner Dance is Nov. 10, at Fish on Main street, \$64.00 per person. First Fridays were a success and will continue next season. The price will be \$10 for food, but the price for beer and wine is under discussion as the proposed \$10 price drew objections from members. The Boat Share Program went well with Under Toad well utilized.



Regular launch service will be replaced by Matt Meyran's Water Taxi for the remainder of the season. Plans for the 150 Commissioning are underway. The dinner dance will be an elegant affair at The Mansion at Glen Cove with NSYC band – children are invited. There will be no awards at the Dinner Dance so the 2020 awards will be on Oct.18, 2020

Yehuda Rosenstock described plans for a sailing canoe regatta on July 11 and 12 with the International Sailing Canoe association. Help will be needed with hosting participants and chase boats for the regatta.



Linda ended her remarks by emphasizing the importance of volunteering. NSYC depends on the work done by the members. New members must put 4 of their required hours in to helping with the maintenance of the club. There was considerable discussion of the lack of help during work parties and how to get more folk involved.

Rear Commodore Peter Hirschhorn's report was read – The new deck awning frame and Tea House awning are holding up well. Replacing the older joists on the lower decking is almost complete. The club is looking into upgrades to plumbing and electrical systems over the coming years and possibly adding air conditioning to the main room.

Fleet Captain, Roger Lifson described an uneventful year with no crisis. Work parties went well. Winter sticks are being installed to make it easier to maintain our mooring field.



Treasurer John Trainor reported the club is in good shape, budget wise, accounts are good. Money is being set aside for the Anniversary Celebrations next year.



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Nominating Committee presented the Slate of Officers, the slate was accepted and thanks were given to retiring trustees Ken Bordieri and Alan Helman.

Audit Committee: Lloyd Herman read the committee report sent to members on Oct. 9. The report detailed the examinations of books and investments and problems encountered as well as suggested improvements. The committee also noted that there are no written protocols for many things at the Club and recommend the Bridge consider preparing some guidelines.

Bill Palafox involved with the below, reported on:

The “Marketing Cycle:”

- Prospect gathering from Harborfest exhibits, the club website, member referrals via the “Ambassador Program” and walk-ons. Thanks to many members!
- Prospect management and nurturing including Open Houses, Education events and Club tours supported by effective marketing collateral. Cudos to Mary Lu Dempsey-Palafox.

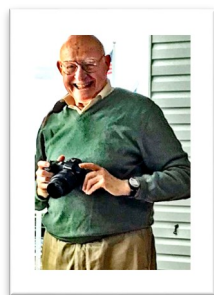
The Communications Grouping:

- Eblasts* - Appropriate and timely eblasts to members
- *Ahoy* – a monthly glorified calendar with reminders and time-sensitive notices which returns in March. Cudos to Juli Lim.
- Blinker* - 2 – 3 times a year with articles and pictures about Club activities, updates and reminders with frequent feature articles. Thanks to the Blinker Team of Bob Ebenau, Frank LoPresti, Judy Raskin and Marian Weissman.
- Website* – promotes the Club and all we do for public and member browsing, plus a members-only password-protected feature. Cudos to Ben Shapiro, Dan Herron & Frank Lopresti.

Race Management Committee (RMC):

Acknowledged and thanked the RMC team which includes Bob Ebenau, Woody Greenberg, Frank Lopresti, Bill Palafox, John Trainor and Giulio Varsi with George Marks expected to join in 2020.

In Closing: Many members were thanked for their support. **EMPHASIS:** Volunteers are needed in all areas above for one-off and repetitive support



Race Chair, and member of the Management Committee, Bob Ebenau reported 25 members served on our Race Committees. The club made a meaningful contribution to racing on Manhasset Bay with over 100 people participating in our racing activities which included 2 open regattas and 5 Club races, as well as many one-design activities..

Membership Committee Mary Lu Dempsey-Palafox reported:

5 new Affiliates: Donald & Madeline Hochheiser; Carol Ott & Gary Wachter; Neill Parker; Colin Schneider & Jaime Petcove; William Stross

4 new Actives: Donald & Janet Alvarez; Robert Oswald; Peter & Diana Regina; Carmine (Dean) & Karen Verola

10 new Social Associates: Angela Ciano; Guy Crawford; Anthony & Michele Filorimo; Michael Giarmita & Lisa Gigliotti; Carlos & Raquel Hausner; Alan Ling & Tina Di Yin; Joseph & Linda Moreno; Henry (Hank) & Mary Perry; Evan & Karina Spence, Paul & Kathleen Walsh Spoonhower

All new members were matched with Buddies - please volunteer to be a Buddy!





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Cruising Corner - Ron Gold declared that the 2019 season was a good one and a lot of miles put under members' keels, some on Club events but most by members traveling on their own to visit local harbors and far away destinations. He asks that members share pictures and stories of their trips in the Blinker.

Investments – Leo Kamp reported investments are up, despite withdrawals.



Jr. Sailing – Commodore Linda explained that our program, with 20 children, is the only weekly program in Port and it was very successful. The program needs a chase boat.

Richard Raskin described the problems of the Manorhaven waterfront, which is under pressure to build condos in place of marinas.



After the reports, the Club was officially decommissioned!





NSYC Carries 2019 Model Boat Regatta to Another Success

Sunday, June 2nd

by Bill Palafox

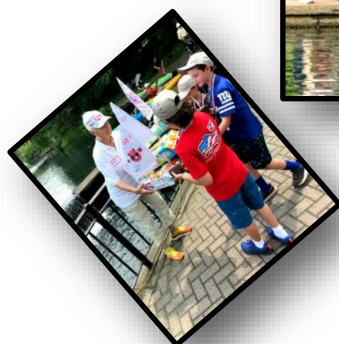
It was a typical Sunday in early June as 272 third graders from six (6) Port Washington schools, whooped it up and raced their own one-design boats at Port's Harborfest on Baxter's Pond.

This year, 412 third graders built model boats and 272 raced. 22 elimination heats were run and scored with precision; six school champions were crowned, the "Team Spirit Award" was awarded to the school with the highest percent of participation and the final run-off crowned the "All Port Champ" for 2019 ...all accurately and within 95 minutes!

As the case for well over a decade, much credit goes to the children and their classroom teachers, their parents, adult volunteers, 12 sponsors, police and fire departments, Nassau County and many from NSYC. The core volunteer Team from NSYC, made up of Mary Lu & Bill Palafox and Marian Weissman commenced their work in January, coordinated with schools, local agencies & sponsors, prepared boat building and racing inventory, recruited volunteers, trained trainers and children, established crowd control and race management and accurately orchestrated the complex race day, and more ...all in the spirit of recycling and promoting Port Washington's nautical heritage.

NSYC members, Arlene Kase, Linda Kulla, Brigitte Mueller, Bill and Mary Lu Palafox, Giulio Varsi and Marian Weissman, helped train the children at each of the six schools. On race day, NSYC members Julie Lim Herman, Lloyd Herman, Arlene Kase, Bill and Mary Lu Palafox, Giulio Varsi, Marian and Andy Weissman and , plus 16 other volunteers performed registration, crowd control, race management, scoring and clean-up. Four kayakers, which included Ken Magida of NSYC, controlled the races on the pond. Some say, without NSYC's support, this event would literally be impossible.

Congratulations NSYC!





AIS for \$100

By Mark Schneider

Add an AIS receiver to free chart plotting software on your notebook, phone, iPad, or tablet.

When you are on the water there is a mass of information available at your fingertips. The scope of this article is limited to Windows laptops/notebooks. However, the same information can be available on your iPhone, iPad and Android phone or tablet.

Frank LoPresti and Lloyd Herman contributed articles to the Blinker in 2015 and in 2017. This is about my experience in following their advice. Bottom line it works. Going the next step, I implemented AIS.

For about \$100 you can have a very up to date chartplotter with AIS receiver. In case you are not familiar with AIS here is the background.

AUTOMATIC IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM

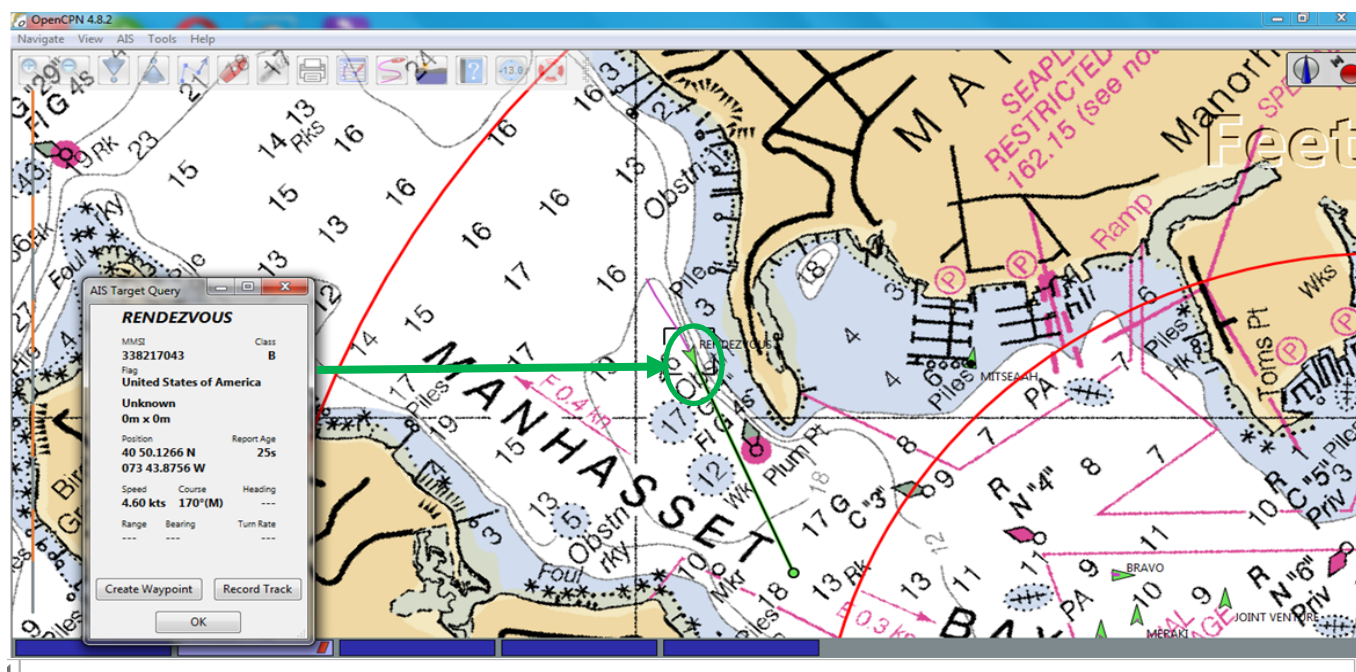
An AIS receiver adds to your electronic chart display a symbol for every significant ship within radio range, each with a velocity vector (indicating speed and heading). Each ship "symbol" can reflect the actual size of the ship, with position to GPS or differential GPS accuracy. By "clicking" on a ship symbol, you can learn the ship name, course and speed, classification, call sign,

registration number, [MMSI](#), and other information. Maneuvering information, closest point of approach (CPA), time to closest point of approach (TCPA) and other navigation information, more accurate and more timely than information available from an automatic radar plotting aid, can also be available. Display information previously available only to modern [Vessel Traffic Service](#) operations centers can now be available to every AIS user.

This is an official description of AIS; in actuality AIS transponders have become mainstream for pleasure boaters. Transponders are the "sending" component of AIS. There are several types of transponders for pleasure boats. We see AIS signals coming from boats 30' and up. There are several boats in the NSYC fleet that are equipped with transponders.

To add AIS receiver capability, I first, I downloaded to my notebook/laptop the free charts. Opencpn.org is the source see Blinker 2015 and 2017 for the complete details (old Blinkers are on the NSYC website).

I already had a GPS which connects to a USB port on the laptop (\$13 -\$39). Next I ordered a Daisy AIS receiver from wegmatt.com (\$59* including USB cable) and then added an antenna. I had a 20-year-old hand held vhf and took its antenna. It worked perfectly. Hand held VHF antennas can also be bought (\$10 -20). Please note – the Daisy unit is a receiver only – it will not broadcast your location or boat information. To do such, you need a transponder.





Wegmatt.com has the complete details to add an AIS receiver to the OpenCPN chartplotter software. Adrian at Wegmatt is very helpful and has offered a discount to NSYC members (see below).

I use my notebook at my nav station. It is now a backup system. The primary use of the notebook is remote access to my home and business workstations. If anyone is interested in seeing the AIS in action I would be glad to demo it, perhaps at one of our educational presentations.

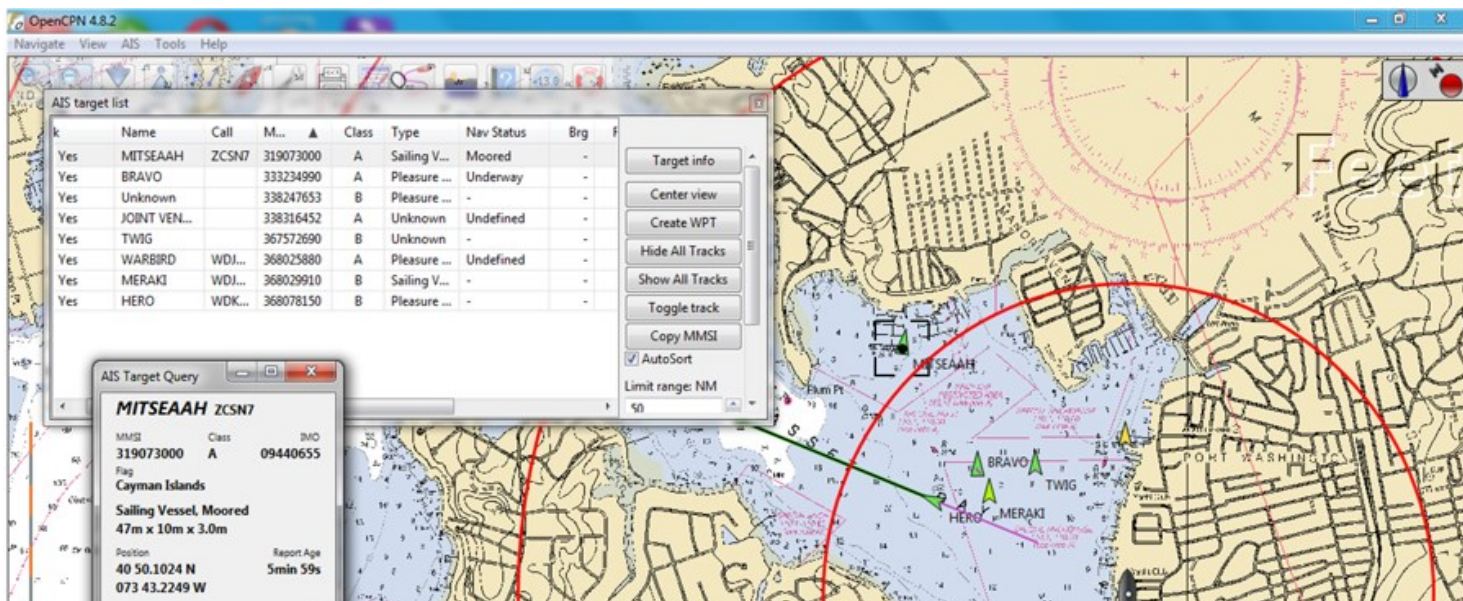
Here are a couple of screen shots from my notebook at home; you probably will recognize some of the boats listed in the "target list" and on the chart.

The software is very powerful. I have just touched on a few of the features. Others include measuring distances, plotting courses, adding tide and current information to the display, etc.

Adrian at wegmatt.com is offering 10% off to readers of the Blinker. The discount code is THEBLINKERNY. Adrian's e-mail is adrian@wegmatt.com. Customers can enter it during checkout or use the following URL:

<https://shop.wegmatt.com/discount/THEBLINKERNY>

It applies to all items at Wegmatt and currently there's no time limit.





To paraphrase a pretty famous public radio personality, it's been a busy sailing season here at NSYC. Seems like just yesterday that we were waxing topsides and preparing for the season, but now as the chilly Fall winds that we have had recently remind us, it is almost time to bring our boats to their winter homes and get them ready for storage until the covers come off in the Spring.

From casual observation and discussions with fellow members there seems to be a consensus that the 2019 season was a good one and a lot of miles put under members' keels. Some of those miles were on Club events, but even more of them were by members traveling on their own to visit local harbors and far away destinations like Maine, Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard, Newport, the East End of LI, and many ports in between.

We hope that those members who got to cruise this Summer will provide pictures and some stories about where you went and the places you enjoyed. Get them to our wonderful Blinker editors and they will make it into the next edition to help us pass the long Winter off season with your stories and photos. I'm sure with today's iPhones and other equipment you have pictures of harbors, boats, crew and sunsets and sunrises to share.

As to our Club cruising program, we did have a number of events during the season. We had Target Cruises to Norwalk and Cold Spring Harbor and many trips to Oyster Bay. The Memorial Day cruise went to Northport, which has become our regular start of the season event since it is a great town and club to visit and an easy, no hassle first cruise destination. Cold Spring was beautiful for anchoring and meeting up in June with both members who raced there as part of the combined Snyder Cup event, and others who sailed there to join in the raft-up and fun that evening and on the way back the next day.

This year's July Fourth Cruise was an expanded cruise for the full week. The first stops were Norwalk Yacht Club and Milford Yacht Club in Connecticut on the first two days of the cruise, with a close call dodging major storms on the trip from Norwalk to Milford. Then it was a trip across the Sound to Port Jefferson and then to Northport, where we were treated to fireworks. Finally, it was a trip to Oyster Bay to anchor and enjoy what has become the go to place for members, as it is so easy to get to and great for anchoring and swimming and other activities.

The last two cruising events were the Labor Day Cruise to Northport, which had a mixed turnout as many of our cruising members were still away or had just gotten back from their own cruising vacations to many ports, and our Die Hard Oktoberfest Cruise to Oyster Bay on the first weekend of October. It was a chilly weekend with very brisk winds (including mid 20's and gusts frequently to 30 on the sail home Sunday), but still had four boats, and even a visit from Flo, the Peppins, who were former Club members and who are now in Greenwich.

I hope you had a great season and enjoy the Winter, but don't be a stranger. Visit the Club for our many cold weather events in the 'offseason', and don't forget to share your pictures and cruising stories with your fellow members by sending them to the Blinker to help warm up our Winter.

Ron Gold, P.C. Cruising Chair





the NSYC Day Race

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Open Regatta

NSYC is a member of the YRALIS (*Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound*) and US Sailing: associations that organize and sponsor regional and national yacht racing events (*including one-design boats of all sizes*). The Day Race is a YRALIS sanctioned regatta and the results are included for an annual competition and awards. All this is to say that the Day Race is a big deal for the club in the yacht racing world.

The Day Race comprised the 'long' course (15 miles) for both the spinnaker and non-spinnaker divisions and started in fair weather with moderate air. As the race progressed though, the wind became lighter and the course was shortened at the last rounding mark (13 miles). At the party afterward, the sailors agreed that it was a good race but could have been better with stronger wind. Next year we promise that we will properly propitiate *Aeolus*, the ancient Greek god of wind.

The report on the preceding page lists the results of the competition, but the following pictures better illustrate the race and the following party.

The success of the Day Race was the result of the work of the RC and of the party organizers.

**Race Committee: Bob Ebenau, Roy Israel,
Frank LoPresti, Giulio Varsi**

**Party Organizer:
Commodore Linda Kulla**

Their members deserve our thanks — three guns !!!





The Racing Form

Outreach is part of yacht racing, and for us on Manhasset Bay on Long Island (ALIR), there can be no better than competing in the Around Long Island Race. Two of our members sailed in this year's ALIR, and won! They are:

Division II, PHRF non-spinnaker

Neill Parker in *Dolcezza* — 1st

Carlo Zaskorski in *Spectra* — 3rd

Three guns for their outstanding accomplishment !!!

In the Around Long Island Regatta, *Spectra* our 1969, Olin Stephens designed, Henry Hinckley built, 50 year old sloop, was blessed by the Sea Gods with a great crew!

Spectra's ALIR veteran crew brought many years' sailing experience:

Andy Ledins, sailing master, NSYC, 9 ALIRs:

Jon Zaskorski, co-skipper, NSYC, 3 ALIRs;

John Trainor, veteran, around the Isle of Wight;

Alberto Caballero, 6 ALIRs;

Minna Scholl, crew of *Sweet Caroline*,

YRALIS racing circuit, 3 ALIRs.

At the start of the race, at the Statue of Liberty in NY Harbor, the ALIR fleet was honored by the salute of sprays of a FDNY fire boat pump nozzles.

Winds were strong coming into the Atlantic rounding the Rockaways and favorable through the evening. We could hear the sound of whales breaching during the night and then seeing them during the day,

Winds slackened around Montauk for a while. When the wind picked up we were able to sail through Plum Gut with a favorable current and once into Long Island Sound we were greeted by a breeze that took us on a beam reach, west through the day and evening toward home! Andy Ledins manned the helm on our run west in the Sound toward the finish.

Carlo Zaskorski, Captain Spectra



Pictures of *Spectra* at the ALIR





The Racing Form

Neill Parker's *Dolcezza* won Division II, PHRF Non-Spinnaker. This is Neill's account of the ALIR.

After being saluted with the spectacle of a historic fireboat's powerful sprays and nearly being t-boned by an 82-year-old 32,000-lb. wooden yawl at the start, *Dolcezza* and her crew of seven were off on a romping beat through NY Harbor, crossing tacks with dozens of boats on our way out of the harbor and into the open Atlantic.

As the sun set while we were off Long Beach NY, we enjoyed the first of our many extraordinary meals. With Greek (Katerina Xenos) and Italian (Giulia Alimonti) cooks aboard, we already knew that while how we would do in the sailing competition was uncertain, we would definitely have the best food in the fleet! As Thursday night wore on into Friday morning, the ever-lightening southerly made for some slow going. But watch captains Mary Ann McCruden and Michael Flynn and the rest of us diligently kept the bow pointed east as best we could, and fortunately the crew of mostly South Shore sailors enjoyed some uncharacteristically smooth seas.

Whales and dolphins were abundant throughout the day Friday. Eventually as the breeze completely died and we started drifting southwest, we dropped the anchor in about 80 feet of water. The irrepressible Myles Cunningham jumped in for a dip he said was refreshing, but we all had other thoughts a few moments after he climbed back aboard and we saw the shark. But soon the light southerly returned and we resumed our eastward journey. The southerly kept us going all the way to Montauk point, which we rounded a bit after dark in contrary current, but a freshening breeze got us around the point before it died yet again in Gardiner's Bay.

Fortunately, by the time the breeze died, the current was changing as we made our way to Plum Gut, and with Michael Flynn helming we were pulled slowly towards the Gut at 1 to 2 knots. Most of that was due to the favorable current and his familiarity with the area, gained from years of sailing out of Greenport. We made it through on the last of the positive current in the early morning Saturday, while the rest of the non-spinnaker fleet was now becalmed behind us and waiting six hours for the current to turn.

As a brisk southwesterly built upon entering Long Island Sound, Skipper Neill Parker took the helm for much of the one-tack beat westward to the finish at Sea Cliff. With the apparent wind reaching up to 23 knots, reefed main and genoa were necessary as the rest of the crew, including Angela Binetti, Giulia's lifelong friend from Rome, climbed up on the rail. 51 hours, 44 minutes, and 41 seconds after we started, we crossed the finish line to some well deserved rest.

Our crew aboard *Dolcezza* for this exciting race were: Katerina Xeno, Giulia Alimonti, Mary Ann McCruden, Michael Flynn, Myles Cunningham, Angela Binetti

Neill Parker, Captain Dolcezza

Pictures of *Dolcezza* at the ALIR





The Racing Form

NSYC SNYDER CUP — RESULTS June 8, 2019

DIVISION:	Cruising	Personal Start		Course: G27 to 32A		Distance: 11.23		
BOAT NAME	Boat Type	OWNER	H'CAP	Start Time	Finish Time	Race Time	Corrected Time	Position
Zephyr	Pearson 36	Greenhouse	138	10:36:00	14:10:00	3:34:00	3:08:10	1
Adventure US *	Hanse 41266	Bordieri	105	12:25:40	17:08:40	4:43:00	4:23:21	2
Indecision	Island Packet 32	Gold	222		DNF			
* PHRF Includes 18 sec/mile for towing a soft dinghy								

NSYC EPSTEIN TROPHY -- RESULTS June 23, 2019

DIVISION:	6A	Nominal Starting Time:		13:45:01	Course:	Ap6sYsUp	Distance:	4.43	
Cruising Start									
BOAT NAME	Boat Type	SAIL #	OWNER	H'CAP	Start Time	Finish Time	Race Time	Corrected Time	Position
Vision	J-105	637	Epstein	105	13:50:14	15:13:06	1:22:52	1:15:07	1
Georgetown	Alerion 38	9	Marks	135	13:50:29	15:27:17	1:36:48	1:26:50	2
Adventure-Us	Hanse 415	414	Bordieri	87	13:50:31	15:41:50	1:51:19	1:44:54	3
Cool Fire	J37	414	Bernstein	96	DNS				
DIVISION:	6B	Nominal Starting Time:		13:45:00	Course:	Ap6sYsUp	Distance:	4.43	
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	13:51:43	15:35:13	1:43:30	1:29:33	1
Old Flame	Sonar 23	479	Dempsey/ Palafox	180	13:51:30	15:36:32	1:45:02	1:31:45	2
Calliope Girl	S&S 34 TR	4546	Didriksen	174	13:51:16	15:37:50	1:46:34	1:33:43	3
Sounion	Pearson 36	61	Meilink	141	13:51:06	15:37:07	1:46:01	1:35:36	4
Elusive	Sonar	316	Helman	183	13:51:40	15:41:33	1:49:53	1:36:22	5
Serendipity	Sonar 23	---	Salomon	180	13:50:27	15:27:51	1:37:24	1:24:07	DNF





The Racing Form

Results - 2019 NSYC BORDEN CUP

June 14, 2019

DIVISION:	6A	Non-Spinnaker/Whisker Pole		START: 1:30 PM		DISTANCE:	6.33	COURSE:	YJU
BOAT NAME	SAIL #	OWNER	Boat	CLUB	H'CAP	FINISH	ACTUAL RACE TIME	CORRECTED RACE TIME	POSITION
Vision	637	Mark Epstein	J-105	NSYC	96	2:44:42 PM	1:14:42	1:04:34	1
Georgetown	9	George Marks	Alerion 38	NSYC	126	2:51:33 PM	1:21:33	1:08:15	2
DIVISION:	6B	Non-Spinnaker/Whisker Pole		START: 1:30 PM		DISTANCE:	5.48	COURSE:	YCU
BOAT NAME	SAIL #	OWNER	Boat	CLUB	H'CAP	FINISH	ACTUAL RACE TIME	CORRECTED RACE TIME	POSITION
Osprey	390	Richard Raskin	Alerion 28	NSYC	189	2:50:49 PM	1:20:49	1:03:33	1
Sundance	257	Joel Ziev	Pearson 30	NSYC	186	2:51:42 PM	1:21:42	1:04:43	2
Old Flame	479	Dempsey/ Palafox	Sonar 23	NSYC	180	2:52:45 PM	1:22:45	1:06:19	3

Results - 2018 NSYC SMITH CUP

July 29, 2018

DIVISION:	6A	Non-Spinnaker		Nominal Start: 3:05:00 PM			DISTANCE:	1.96	COURSE:	SOS
BOAT NAME	SAIL #	OWNER	Boat	CLUB	H'CAP	INDIVIDUAL START	FINISH	RACE TIME	CORRECTED	POSITION
Vision	637	Mark Epstein	J-105	NSYC	96	3:05:39 PM	4:02:43 PM	0:57:04	0:53:56	1
Georgetown	9	George Marks	Alerion 38	NSYC	126	3:09:15 PM	4:09:33 PM	1:00:18	0:56:11	2

DIVISION:	6B	Non-Spinnaker		Nominal Start: 3:05 PM			DISTANCE:	1.96	COURSE:	SOS
BOAT NAME	SAIL #	OWNER	Boat	CLUB	H'CAP	INDIVIDUAL START	FINISH	RACE TIME	CORRECTED	POSITION
Osprey	390	Joseph Porter/ Richard Raskin	Alerion 28	NSYC	189	3:08:19 PM	4:08:16 PM	0:59:57	0:53:47	1
Old Flame	479	Bill & Mary Lu Palafox	Sonar 23 ft	NSYC	180	3:05:19 PM	4:07:33 PM	1:02:14	0:56:21	2
Elusive	316	Alan Helman	Sonar 23 ft	NSYC	183	3:07:08 PM	4:10:05 PM	1:02:57	0:56:58	3
Under Toad	316	Neil Hassall & Roy Israel Boat Share	Colgate 26	NSYC	171	3:08:16 PM	4:12:29 PM	1:04:13	0:58:38	4
Sundance	257	Joel Ziev	Pearson 30	NSYC	186	3:08:42 PM	4:19:40 PM	1:10:58	1:04:53	5
Calliopie Girl	4546	Michael Didrikson	S&S 34 TR	NSYC	174	3:09:44 PM	4:23:27 PM	1:13:43	1:08:02	6
Explorer	1358	David Goldman	J-24	NSYC	177	DNS				





The Racing Form

Results - 2019 NSYC COMMODORE S CUP										
September 8, 2019										
DIVISION:	5	Non-Spinnaker		Nominal Start: 1:37 PM			DISTANCE:	5.50	COURSE:	6C
BOAT NAME	SAIL #	OWNER	Boat	CLUB	H'CAP	INDIVIDUAL START	FINISH	RACE TIME	CORRECTED	POSITION
Vision	637	Marc Epstein	J-105	NSYC	96	13:37:29	16:24:28	2:46:59	2:38:11	1
Dolcezza	53	Neill Parker	Hunter 37.5	NSYC	141	13:38:12	17:08:00	3:29:48	3:16:53	2
Adventure-Us	414	Ken Bordieri	Hanse 415	NSYC	107	13:38:28	DNF			
Georgetown	9	George Marks	Alerion 38	NSYC	135	13:37:20	DNF			
DIVISION:	6	Non-Spinnaker		Nominal Start: 2:04 PM			DISTANCE:	3.92	COURSE:	MY
BOAT NAME	SAIL #	OWNER	Boat	CLUB	H'CAP	INDIVIDUAL START	FINISH	RACE TIME	CORRECTED	POSITION
Spectra	2979	Carlo Zaskorski	Hinkley 38	NSYC	168	14:07:33	DNF			
Under Toad	316	Boat Share **	Colgate 26	NSYC	171	14:04:41	DNF			
Calliope Girl	4546	Michael Didrikson	S&S 34 TR	NSYC	174	14:07:06	DNF			
Old Flame	479	Bill & Mary Lu Palafox	Sonar 23 ft	NSYC	180	14:06:01	DNF			
Sundance	257	Joel Ziev	Pearson 30	NSYC	186	14:05:30	DNF			
Osprey	390	Richard Raskin	Alerion 28	NSYC	189	14:04:43	DNF			

** MJ Grebler, Ernie Goetz, Evan Spence

Results - 2019 NSYC MOONLIGHT REGATTA										
September 14, 2019										
DIVISION:	I	Spinnaker		START:	9/14/2019 18:36:00	DISTANCE:	28.57	COURSE:	A	
BOAT NAME	SAIL #	OWNER	Boat	CLUB	H'CAP	FINISH	RACE TIME	CORRECTED	POSITION	
J-Curve	61220	Dave Cielusniak	J-122	MBYC	30	9/14/19 23:31:20	4:55:20	4:41:03	1	
Grace	56	George Catallo	J80	PWYC	117	DNF				
DIVISION:	II	Non-Spinnaker		START:	9/14/19 18:45:00	DISTANCE:	18.08	COURSE:	B	
BOAT NAME	SAIL #	OWNER	Boat	CLUB	H'CAP	FINISH	RACE TIME	CORRECTED	POSITION	
Vision	637	Mark Epstein	J-105	NSYC	96	9/14/19 21:46:04	3:01:04	2:32:08	1	
Spectra	2979	Carlo Zaskorski	Hinkley 38	NSYC	168	9/14/19 22:39:00	3:54:00	3:03:23	2	
Cool Fire	414	Alan Bernstein	J37	NSYC	96	9/14/19 22:26:00	3:41:00	3:12:04	3	
Explorer	1358	David Goldman	J-24	NSYC	177	DNS				



In Memoriam – Last Call

Sad News at NSYC

Richard Ronzoni



We are saddened to report that Richard Ronzoni passed away on August 9th, after a long bout with leukemia, which he fought fiercely.

His boating adventures began early, when his parents bought a vacation home on L.I. Sound in Northport. His yachts were kayaks and canoes.

He graduated to larger power boats, and he and Mary Ann would take many long trips. They had met when they both were freshmen at St. John's University. They dated throughout college and Richard's army reserve stint, and married in 1961.

When the twins came along, he put them in the carriage at 6 months old, and tied them to the railing using one of his strong knots. Away he went! Nothing would stop a boating opportunity, although those opportunities became limited when two more children arrived a few years later.

He bought a condo in Greenport, and his sailing outings evolved. He bought a huge, wooden sailboat that had been written up in books. When he realized that it was too large for one person to manage, he bought a few that were easier to handle, including one that was going to foreclosure, which he beautifully refurbished from top to bottom. He kept it out in Greenport, and sold it shortly before he died.

One of his favorite sailboats was the one he moored at NSYC, Whim, although for the past 2 years he was unable to sail at the club he loved so much, or to attend the interesting and entertaining lectures, as well as the fabulous parties. He missed so much. We miss you!

In Memoriam – Last Call

Sad News at NSYC

Stanley Rosenberg



Stanley Rosenberg, 96, passed away 9/9/19. “Sailor Stan” is survived by wife Ruth and 2 sons, David & Marnin. Ruth quotes Stanley... “How do you stay married to the same woman for 72 years? You enjoy a glass of wine together every evening.”

Stanley joined NSYC (1990), more than 30 years ago. He previously sailed a Rhodes 19 out of Stepping Stone. He was an eager Sonar racer, first #163 then upgrading to #368, called Tzuris, which actually means “trouble”. But, Tzuris, brought no aggravation, just pleasure to Stanley. He was a dedicated member of the One-Design Sonar fleet. Ruth mentioned, that he never tired of driving every weekend from Manhattan to PW, to race with friends, even if the wind died.

Professionally, Stanley was a very successful architect, he graduated from Brooklyn College in 1943, then obtained a Bachelor of Architecture from Columbia University in 1952. Stanley always had a creative passion for design. He had a vision which he would sketch, paint and or fabricate into a beautiful piece of art or jewelry. You can see the Rosenberg One-Design, Crossing Sailboats Trophy he created from marble & silver in our trophy case.

Stanley was a generous and devoted NSYC member, providing a temporary loan to help get the mortgage, when we bought the Club about 30 years ago from Victor Ostling. When he stopped sailing 3 years ago, he insisted his Tzuris be given to a Handicap Sailor Organization.

“Sailor Stan” was truly an inspiration, and role model to all who knew him, always keeping fit with weekly exercise and swim routine, and with his zest for life and appreciation for everything beautiful. We will all miss this very sharp man and his twinkling eyes. He does not want us to be sad, so we remember him with gratefulness, joy and admiration.

From Brigitte Mueller, a friend and sailing companion

On 9/11/19 I got the sad notice that Stanley Rosenberg died the previous weekend. I remember him fondly as an avid sailor and competitive racer, way into what we would call old ag—meaning his 90s—he retired from racing two years ago at 94.

We understood his concern for safety. He was adamant that *Tzuris*, his boat, is going to an organization for handicapped people.

He did keep up his love for painting; when we visited him in his downtown NY place in the Spring we admired his latest paintings. He does not want us to be sad, so we remember him with gratefulness, joy and admiration.

He was a good guy!





NSYC Gallery

*Spectra at ALIR—Big Apple
in the background, John Trai-
nor in foreground*
Carlo Zaskorski



*Spectra at the NSYC 2019
Moonlight Regatta*
Giulio Varsi

