

CHNYC TELLTALE

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2002 – An Active Season

Some of the highlights from a successful year!

Sail Training

Paul Mankofsky

Former Rear Commodore, Sail Training

We are celebrating the end of another successful sailing season. I want to say thank you to all of our volunteers; ground school, on-the-water instructors, the marina staff lead by Walter and Bill, and any others who gave their time over the spring and summer months.

Here are some of the statistics for this summer's effort;

1. Our volunteers performed a grand total of 1354 hours of on the water training.
2. We taught 280 students and qualified 246
3. We had 50 enrolled instructors.

This summer we made many good changes to the program. At the beginning of the season we established a policy for handling people who did not want to take the class. Seth Moyer - the fleet captain - screened those people and decided if they were

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From the Helm

Happy Holidays to everyone!

Jim Gilmore

Commodore, Coasters Harbor Navy Yacht Club

Burrrrrrr ... I'm not fond of this cold weather. If I still didn't have to work to pay the mortgage (and the boat) I think I'd act like an old bear and find a cave to hibernate the winter away. Then in the spring simply emerge from the darkness with a huge appetite for nothing but food and sailing. If only life could only be so simple.

Well, I guess it's official. The boat is high, dry and all wrapped up for the winter; the marina is bare; and our Annual End-of-Season Banquet/Awards Ceremony is behind us. (With tear in eye) the season must really be over. But oh what a season it was. Everything, absolutely everything, was wonderful across the board with excitement abounding at every corner. The marina waterfront was truly the place to be.



Lucille and Bob Parent participated in Sail Training, Rhodes Racing and Race Committee. Bob is also the MAG Co-chairperson

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competent enough to go directly to a check ride. That did two things for our training program: (1) it took the walk-in training load off the on-the-water volunteer instructors, and (2) increased revenue for the club and marina. We also achieved our instructor to student ratio of 1 to 2. There were many sessions where we had a 1 to 1 ratio and I believe there were only a handful of instances where we went to three and four people per boat for training. Thanks again to all who showed up. We modified the rules for accretion of sail training credits. All instructors who showed up for class were given credit whether they sailed or not. We also had two instructor cook-outs - hot dogs and beer - to discuss the common problems of the day. These events offered an opportunity to exchange our ideas and solutions, and built a core team based on camaraderie and respect.

This was a great season as the result of the heads-up/hard-work of each member of the sail training program team. I look forward to support our new Rear Commodore, Dennis Crowley, next season.

Have a safe and healthy holiday. Paul ❖

Fall, Summer, and Spring Series Navy Shields Standings

Fall Series standings:

- 1 – Bernie Patterson
- 2 – Harold Belson
- 3 – Julia Lillis
- 4 – John Allen
- 5 – Dean Schofield
- 6 – Will Johnson

Summer Series:

- 1 – Harold Belson
- 2 – Bernie Patterson
- 3 – John Allen
- 4 – Dean Schofield
- 5 – Branson Rector
- 6 – Will Johnson

Spring Series:

- 1 – Bernie Patterson
- 2 – Dean Schofield
- 3 – Harold Belson

- 4 – Branson Rector
- 5 – John Allen
- 6 – Will Johnson

Season's Greetings. Harold Belson ❖

CHNYC WEB Site has Valuable Information

Paul Schmidle,
CHNYC WEB Master

During these quiet winter months you may want to spend time browsing the web to read the latest information on racing and cruising. There are links from our web site (<http://www.nwc.navy.mil/chnyc/>) to the Rhodes 19 and Shields class web site. These sites are full of information on the history and racing activities of these boats.

There are also links from our web site to sail makers web sites with information on race tuning the Rhodes 19 and Shields. This is great information that will help you push your boat faster even if you're not racing. We also have a link on our web site to the East Greenwich Yacht club site which contains links to all the other yacht clubs on the bay. This is valuable information if you plan to cruise the bay and would like to visit or use the facilities of the other clubs. Thanks. Paul ❖

Membership Information

Normand Roy
Secretary, Coasters Harbor Yacht Club

Our membership has been growing over the last year – we're over the 300 mark (a record high) and still going.

I know it's a little early to start plugging renewals but I wanted to point out a couple of items for those contemplating an early submission. Our dues are very, very modest and the absolute best deal around. We're also happy to report that dues have remained the same (no increase) and have done so for many years. That's the good news.

The bad news (for just a handful of you), we are no longer participating in the US Sailing 'Golden Anchor' program so you'll need to renew your US Sailing Membership directly through them in the future. Sorry for any inconvenience. ❖

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARINA ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

PLACE: NAVSTA NEWPORT

DATE: DECEMBER 12, 2002

MAG members are interested in your input and comments

ADVANCED CRUISING BOAT GROUND SCHOOL

PLACE: CLASSROOM BUILDING 18

DATE: WEDNESDAYS 7 TO 9 PM >> SIX SESSIONS

\$20 for members; space limited. Details are available from Ben Riggs

CHNYC MID-WINTER POT LUCK

PLACE: CLASSROOM BUILDING 18

DATE: FEBRUARY * 2003

Bring your favorite dish to share.

CHNYC SEASON OPENER

PLACE: NEWPORT PLAYHOUSE, CONNELL HIGHWAY

DATE: APRIL * 2003

Jump start seasonal activities with dinner and a play.

SAILING CENTER AND MARINA OPENING

PLACE: BUILDING 17, NAVSTA NEWPORT

DATE: MAY 1, 2003

Start enjoying the boating season.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT RACE SERIES

PLACE: STARTING LINE WEST OF NAVAL WAR COLLEGE

DAY: WEDNESDAY EVENINGS MAY THROUGH SEPTEMBER

Rhodes 19 class racing on the South Bay at it's best.

SAIL TRAINING

PLACE: BUILDING 17, NAVSTA NEWPORT

DAYS: GROUND SCHOOL ON MONDAY, TUESDAY AND THURSDAY

NIGHTS; ON-THE-WATER SESSIONS SATURDAY MORNINGS AND

MONDAY, TUESDAY AND THURSDAY EVENINGS.

Learn to Sail and enjoy Narragansett Bay, the finest sailing program on the East Coast.

CHNYC FISHING TOURNAMENT

PLACE: NARRAGANSETT BAY

DATE: TBA

No fish was too small, the pole was too big!

from the various Rear Commodores, Fleet Captains, and other Supporting Cast Members – at some appropriate point in your reading you should put the ‘TellTale’ down and give them a round of applause. These folks (supported by a whole host of other volunteers) did an exceptionally outstanding job this year.

The Basic Sailing Training Program was a huge success and racing (particularly Rhodes Racing) had more participation than ever. The results was still the same with Herb Rommel coming out on top but at least more folks had fun sailing to his stern. Our Race Committee was also able to support many other local regattas which certainly reflects well on our organization. So a great job by all.

I'm also happy to report that many of our social events were well attended as well. I was particularly warmed to see so many happy, smiling faces at this year's Annual End-of-Season Banquet/Awards Ceremony. That's a good sign because our social interactions (and opportunities to do so) are an important aspect of the YC. Not everyone is into Sail Training & Racing (I know that's hard to believe) but generally everyone loves the water, boating and the types of folks our membership attracts. Daisy (your Social Director) is always looking for good ideas and I believe she has an upcoming event or two in the works. We also have a new Vice Commodore (LT Tom Hughes) – a ‘Power Boater’. Jeez how did that happen??? Oh well since we have him ... one of the events I'd really like to see pulled off next year is a Fishing Tournament. I personally don't know the first thing about organizing one myself but I think Tom does and he's expressed an interest in heading-up such an event. Be looking for future info on this as we make our way through the winter months.

So without further ado ... I'd better sign-off so you can enjoy the rest of the TellTale. But first I've been thinking. If I didn't have to work and didn't have to make a mortgage or boat payment ... what the hell would I be looking for a cave for??? I should be in the Caribbean wearing an old pair of sunshades, shorts and flip-flops sipping on something nice-and-cool through a straw :o)

Daisy and I wish everyone a happy holiday and New Year ... see'ya in 2003. Jim ❖

From the Race Course

We ran or helped with six regattas in 2002!

Ben Riggs

Rear Commodore, Race Committee

RHODES WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES

The Fall Wednesday Night Series was completed successfully, thanks to volunteers like Roy Douglas and Lucille Parent who filled in for RC duty at the last minute. For next year, we will be going to the standard Rule 26 starting sequence (5 minutes) in RRS 2001-2004.

BLIND REGATTA

We assisted Sail Newport with this interesting and rewarding event (August 22-23). There is much to be learned from watching blind sailors steering their J-22s in 15-20 kt. winds with only the pressure of the tiller and the wind on their face to guide them.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

This event was held on September 28-29. In spite of a delay the first day due to high winds, we managed to race both days. Special thanks go to Rick Matton, Ginny Lautieri, and Bob Parent for helping out. The kids racing had a great and memorable experience.



PRESIDENT'S CUP

On October 4th the annual President's Cup was held for War College students, staff, and faculty. The full fleet of Rhodes 19s was on the bay, with a good breeze blowing. This event put a lot of pressure on CHNYC's sail training program, trying to get prospective racers qualified in time to

From the Rule Book

The RRS now include a shorter timing sequence (5-4-GO) that can be used instead of the traditional 10-5-GO sequence.

Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

Signal	Flag and sound	Minutes before starting signal
Warning	Class flag; 1 sound	5
Preparatory	P, I, Z with I, or black flag; 1 sound	4
One-minute	Preparatory flag removed; one long sound	1
Starting	Class flag removed; one sound	0

compete. Our Race Committee was augmented by Rick Matton on the War College Barge and Bob & Lucille Parent on Hi Tide.

SAIL FOR HOPE

The second annual memorial race (called "Sail for Pride" last year) around Conanicut Island was held on October 5th. My excuse for not doing RC duty was entering a Shields (Columbia), and we had a blast in 20-25 kt. winds. Unfortunately, in spite of no entry fees, we were the only CHNYC entry; I hope we can drum up more participation next year. Ed Munroe assisted Sail Newport's race committee with the event.

Over all, CHNYC assisted with or ran 6 regattas in addition to the Rhodes series this year. The assistance of the many volunteers involved was appreciated very much.

See you on the water next year. Ben Riggs ❖

From the Shields Fleet

2002 was another year of fine racing!

Harold Belson

Fleet Captain, Shields



Dean receives Shields trophy from Harold

Our Navy Shields completed another year of fine racing in local Shields Fleet 9 with nearly 30 boats starting together every Wednesday evening. Trophies were presented to the top three finishers at our CHNYC Awards Banquet. Standings among our Navy Shields are as follows

Season overall standings:

- 1 – Bernie Patterson
- 2 – Harold Belson
- 3 – Dean Schofield
- 4 – John Allen
- 5 – Branson Rector
- 6 – Julia Lillis
- 7 – Will Johnson

Efforts are already underway to get annual respirator re-certification qualifications so that racing teams can start bottom work on the Shields. Harold. ❖

From the Rhodes Fleet

Thanks to all who helped!

Seth Moyer

Fleet Captain, Rhodes 19

Thanks to all who helped make this year's Race Series such a success. We had a substantial increase in our weekly and total participation. Overall, we had 140 individual race sorties, by 16 different skippers and averaged 9 boats per week.

Herb Rommel was once again the overall Series Champion winning both the Summer and Fall Series. Herb was presented his trophy at the CHNYC Awards Banquet on 8 November.



Seth and Herb at the Awards Banquet

Also receiving awards were Charlie Greene (2nd Place, Summer; 3rd Place, Fall), Ginny Lautieri (3rd Place, Summer), and Ron Oard (2nd Place, Fall). Hopefully we can start off strong next year and continue our increasing numbers.

The entire fleet is indebted to Ben Riggs for the excellent job he did this year running the Race Committee. I would thank all the Rhodes skippers who assisted Ben by supplying an assistant to the Race committee.

Lastly, thank you to all those who helped initiate the new check ride process for qualified skippers seeking to waive the on-the-water training program. The implementation of this program helped reduce the load on the sail training program. Seth ❖

From the MAG

MAG acts in advisory capacity to CO NAVSTA

Bob Parent

Co-chairperson, Marina Advisory Group

There have been no MAG meetings since the last issue of the TellTale so I have no revelations to report on this time around. HOWEVER, it's really happening ... the replacement of 'A' Dock has begun. The new dock will be of similar construction as the 'C' Dock and will be a welcomed, appreciated improvement by many.



A Dock is gone!

The next scheduled MAG meeting is Dec 12th. Whether this issue gets in your hands in time or not – the members of the MAG are always interested in your thoughts and comments. Actually we would like to see some new (fresh) members if you're interested.

The Marina Advisory Group (MAG) is not a sole CHNYC function – the membership is made up of marina patrons (regardless of their YC membership or affiliation). As the name of the group implies, the intent of the membership is to act in an advisory capacity (for marina activities) to the Naval Station CO. The group is Co-Chaired by MWR as they are ultimately responsible for the operation of the marina and (as a major Naval Station Department) is the CO's direct representative.

For thoughts, comments, interest contact: Bob Parent and/or Jim Gilmore ❖

From the Ship's Store

We have some wonderful Holiday gifts!

Daisy Gilmore

Social Director and Storekeeper

Just a quick thanks for everyone who showed up at the Annual End-of-Season Banquet/Awards Ceremony ... the attendance was up and the mood and/or atmosphere was much brighter, happier this year. It was great to see the wind back in everyone's sails after a somewhat sobering event last year due to the Sept 11th attacks.

I do have two events or activities on the horizon ... I'm hoping we can pull off another Pot-Luck Dinner of sorts in February and a return trip to the Newport Playhouse (as our season opener) in April. I don't have firm dates yet but stay tuned as we make our way through the holidays.

Referring to the holidays – yes, I have a large assortment of Ship's Store items that would make wonderful holiday gifts. Available items: Short Sleeve Polo Shirts; Women's (no sleeve) Denim Shirts; Various Denim Long Sleeve Shirts; Boater Tote-Bags; Aprons; Hats; Pins & Burgees. Just give me a call (253-1985) and we'll make arrangements. Daisy ❖

CHNYC AFFILIATIONS

U.S. Naval Sailing Association

U.S. Sailing Association

BoatU.S. Association (GA81829Y)

Narragansett Bay Yachting Association

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Advanced Cruising Boat Course

We are conducting a ground-school-only course over the winter, Wednesday evenings 7-9, 6 sessions. \$20 for members; space is limited. Details are available from Ben Riggs.

New USNSA Training Categories and Qualifications

The CHNYC training program this winter is geared to the 'D' Skipper qualification requirements of the U.S. Naval Sailing Association. The following legend explains some of the new acronyms used by USNSA. A more detailed description of each of these qualifications can be found at www.navysailing.org.

B-KBS	Skipper of small keelboat sailing craft, e.g., Rhodes, Shields
B-CS	Skipper of small cruising boats, e.g. 25-35 foot sail, daytime.
B-CSN	Skipper of small cruising boats, e.g. 25-35 foot auxiliaries, day or night.
SC	Senior Crewmember on heavy cruising boats, e.g. over 35 foot auxiliaries.
WC	Supervisor of watch section when Senior Skipper is not on deck on heavy cruising boats.
D-CS	Skipper on heavy cruising boats, day or night, coastal only.
D-SS	Senior Skipper on heavy cruising boats, day or night, coastal & offshore.

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