

CHNYC TELLTALE

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Underway on 1 May!

Step aboard and enjoy the voyage!

Moorings

Lisa Roy

Rear Commodore; Facilities

CHNYC has two professionally maintained moorings available as you enter the Marina area mooring field from the Bay. Both are marked with 'CHNYC' and numbered 1 & 2.

RESERVATION POLICY:

- The sponsor must be a current CHNYC Member.
- The sponsor must fill out a 'Reservation CHNYC Guest Mooring Form' in the Marina Office.
- CHNYC Members have priority for reservations over other authorized marina patrons (for their guests) provided they request the mooring 96 hours (4 days) or more in advance by submitting the reservation form to the Marina Office. This is particularly important for those holiday weekends where the demand for moorings maybe high ... the Marina Office is authorized to rent the moorings (pending availability – no reservations) on a first come basis and will do so

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From the Helm

Wow it's here . . . it is really here!!! And none too soon after this winter.



Jim Gilmore

Commodore, Coasters Harbor Navy Yacht Club

I'm not sure if my boat will be physically in the water when this issue hits the streets but I'm certainly ready ... bottom all painted and the sides sparkling with a fresh coat of wax. Just got'ta wait my turn to be plucked from those dreadful winter stands and launched.

I have a feeling that this will be one of our best seasons ever. We have a full agenda of activities scheduled (as we do every year) and it all officially begins 1 May.

I believe our Basic Sail Training program begins with a Ground School Class on Monday, May 5th with the first On-The- Water training session bright and early the following Saturday morning. My plea to the membership (as every year) – please, we need your help. The program runs purely on your volunteer spirit and assistance – we simply can not have enough volunteer Sailing Instructors. This is an incredibly wonderful program for our patrons (many of which are active duty members and their families) and we want (need) you to be part of it. That goes for your acquaintances, friends & family as well. Everyone is welcome. Dennis Crowley is our new Rear Commodore for OTW Sail Training and I know he's waiting to hear from you.

We also have a full calendar of racing activities/ events on the calendar providing opportunities both as a racer

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to any authorized marina patron. Your 96-hour (4 days) reservation locks in your guest's stay.

• Under any circumstance, CHNYC sponsors of guests must make their reservations 36 hours (3 days) in advance ... for security and marina office planning – last minute reservations for guests are not allowed. You may request an exception to policy through the CHNYC Commodore or an Executive Board Member.

• Moorings are available at no charge for the first three nights within a 30-day period. Additional nights are billed at the current MWR rental rate.

• CHNYC Members Only: If there are no reservations, members may use the moorings on a 'no-reservation' conditional basis for a 24-hour (one day) period or less. This 'no-reservation' usage cannot be applied back-to-back with any other reservation and is limited to one occurrence per week. The CHNYC member must check in with the Marina Office to ensure the mooring has not been reserved and to report he/she is using the mooring.

Lisa❖

Marina Advisory Group

Bob Parent

MAG Co-chairperson

A meeting of the Marina Advisory Group was held at the Officer's Club on 13 March 2003.

MWR has placed an order for addition dingy racks for the marina, they are waiting on confirmation.

A contract has been issued to replace "A" dock. The construction will be similar to "C" dock. Unlike "C" dock, the finger piers on "A" dock will be made of concrete. "A" dock will include 3 additional 40-foot berths.

In addition to replacing "A" dock, MWR management has negotiated for the installation of roller guides on all piles, dock boxes for each berth on A, C, and D docks, as well as a replacement railing along the sidewalk on the west side of the marina and

installation of under ground electrical to A Dock. Their hard work also resulted in the long sought after addition to "C" dock. Sixteen 40-foot slips will be added to "C" dock this season.

Tentative completion of "A" dock is May 15th; "C" dock July 1st. MWR will be notifying marina patrons as to their plan for accommodating early berthing.

B/Z to Jeff Shea, and the recreation staff for their efforts to create a first class Marina. Bob❖

Ground School Schedule – Spring 2003

Date	Instructor
May 5	Paul Watters
May 12	Scott Adkins
May 19	Don Denny
May 26	NO CLASS
June 2	Andy Batchelor
June 9	Kevin Healy
June 16	Scott Adkins
June 23	Chuck Kesson
June 30	NO CLASS

To all the Ground School instructors who have been patient over the past years with the shabby condition of the vu-graphs, and have asked (whined...?) to have them updated - I have good news! With the able assistance of Chuck Kesson we will have more than 100 brand new slides all done in PowerPoint format for this year's classes.

The course content will stay very much the same, but we have used many of the diagrams and graphics from the US Sailing "Basic Keelboat" handbook together with some of the older material. We have put a huge amount of work in the project and it is really nice.

We have also coordinated with the OTW syllabus so the ground school instruction will better integrate with what is being taught on the water.

I will send separate email to all the instructors with the phone numbers/email for everyone on the whole schedule, and a course outline and syllabus guide. We are working on getting the entire program on the CHNYC web site so you can organize your lectures from the comfort of your home computer. Stay tuned...

Paul Watters❖

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CHNYC SEASON OPENER

PLACE: NEWPORT PLAYHOUSE, CONNELL HIGHWAY

DATE: THURSDAY MAY 1, 2003 AT 6PM

Jump start seasonal activities with dinner and a play.

SAILING INSTRUCTOR MEETING

PLACE: BUILDING 18 CLASSROOM

DATE: SATURDAY 3 MAY AT 10 AM

Come review the 2003 program, get legal, and take a boat for a sail to hone your skills.

SAIL TRAINING

PLACE: BUILDING 17 & 18, NAVSTA NEWPORT

DAYS: GROUND SCHOOL ON MONDAY, TUESDAY AND THURSDAY NIGHTS; ON-THE-WATER SESSIONS SATURDAY MORNINGS AND MONDAY, TUESDAY AND THURSDAY EVENINGS.

Ground school starts Monday 3 May; On-the-water starts Saturday 10 May.

RACING SEMINAR

PLACE: BUILDING 18 CLASSROOM

DATES: MAY 12, 13 & 14 AT 5 PM; ON-WATER CERTIFICATION ON SATURDAY MAY 17TH AT 2 PM.

See details in this issue.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT RACE SERIES

PLACE: STARTING LINE WEST OF NAVAL WAR COLLEGE

DAY: WEDNESDAY EVENINGS BEGINNING MAY 28

TIMES: SEE NOTICE OF RACE AND INFO IN THIS ISSUE

Practice race on Wednesday May 21st.

WINSLOW CUP REGATTA

PLACE: NARRAGANSETT BAY

DATE: 2 AUGUST

VOLVO LEUKEMIA CUP

PLACE: BRISTOL RI

DATES: AUGUST 15-17 WEEKEND

CHNYC FISHING TOURNAMENT

PLACE: NARRAGANSETT BAY

DATE: AUGUST 22-24

See details in this issue.

and/or race committee duties. Our Race Committee RC (Ben Riggs) would definitely like to share the opportunities for the latter with you. My personal desire is to see our Rhodes Racing Fleet continue to grow this year. Historically this is only between our MWR fleet of Rhodes so it provides an excellent entry-level opportunity into racing as well as improving ones sailing skills in general.

Here's a first (certainly during my tenure with the YC anyway) ... we're going to have our first CHNYC Fishing Tournament this year. I almost called it our first annual tournament (which would have been incorrect) but it is our first with great hopes and expectations that it will become an annual event. There's going to be some explaining to do when the largest fish is caught off the stern of a SAILBOAT. I think I'll leave it at that – don't want to press my luck and venture too far out on the plank.

And course we'll have our mix of wonderful social events throughout the year. Although I'm sure the RSVP deadline will have passed by the time this issue hits your mailbox – ***you can always make a last ditch call to Daisy to see if any seats are left for our Season Opener at the Newport Playhouse on (Thursday) 1 May. It's usually a sell-out event and a great time for all.***

So read on – this copy should contain lots of information from your Rear Commodores, Fleet Captains and Special Assistants. I've purposely avoided any references to the 'A' Dock Replacement Project because (at the time of this writing) I really don't have any new information that you don't have. I am hearing that many have accepted MWR's offer for delayed entry (which is really a big help) and MWR is certainly pushing the project along as best they can. Once it's complete it will be a significant improvement to the marina and a terrific enhancement to those who use that dock. As I tell many who work for me – 'Patience is a virtue and the rewards are worth waiting for'. I won't print the response I usually get in return.

Hope to see everyone on the waterfront real soon.

Jim ❖

From the Race Course

Racing off to a fast start!

Ben Riggs

Rear Commodore, Race Committee

RHODES WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES

The **Summer Series** will consist of 9 races, beginning May 28 and ending July 30. There will be no race on July 2. A practice race will be held on May 21st. The **Fall Series** will also consist of 9 races, beginning August 6 and ending October 1.

All skippers and crew are encouraged to attend the spring training sessions given by Rick Matton. People who are new to racing will find plenty of opportunities to crew, either by calling the Fleet Captain (Seth Moyer) or just showing up by 4:15 or so.

The current **Sailing Instructions** can be downloaded from the CHNYC web site. This year, we will be a bit stricter about enforcing the procedures called for in them. Check-in at the Committee Boat will be required without exception. There are often non-racing Rhodes on the water, and for safety reasons we need to know who's competing. A compass and chart are minimum requirements in case of a sudden drop in visibility. A VHF is recommended. The RC will be monitoring channel 72 (in addition to 16) or other channel as announced. I plan to give a short summary of RC procedures, the new 5 minute starting sequence, signals used, etc. at Rick's 3rd training session.

Race Committee Duty: Please come no later than 4:30 for the summer series, 4:00 for the fall. If anyone is interested in being a "regular" helper, particularly someone who would like to train to take over the RC job next year, please give me a call. We often help out Sail Newport with their regattas as well, so there are plenty of opportunities to participate and have fun while learning a lot about racing and sailing in general.

2003 REGATTAS

The Winslow Cup for Shields and Rhodes will be held on August 2nd. The Sail for Hope, open to Shields, Rhodes, and PHRFs will be held on October 4th. We encourage everyone to plan for these events. In addition, the **Volvo Leukemia Cup** will be held over the August 15-17 weekend. It will be run from Bristol,

Racing Seminar

In order to participate in our Wednesday night Rhodes Racing Series, the skipper needs to be a member of CHNYC (\$20.00), be Rhodes qualified, and have a racing endorsement (B-KBS-R) on their NAVSTA qualification card.

The first race of the season will be held on May 28.

I will conduct the first Racing Qualification Seminar on May 12, 13 & 14 from 1700 thru 1900 at Bldg. 18. On Saturday, May 17 at 1400, I will perform spinnaker qualifications to round out the qualification process.

There will be NO FEE for club members, there will be a \$20.00 club membership fee for nonmembers. All participants will be responsible for boat rental fees for the Saturday afternoon session.

Topics to be covered are:

Racing Rules for Sailing
The 5 minute Starting System
Protest
Tactics
Courses, (South Bay Racing Chart)
Notice of Race & Racing Instructions
Spinnaker, use, rigging, set & take down
Local Knowledge

Current plans call for a practice race on Wednesday, May 21, 2003, The warning signal will be at 1730 west of Coasters Harbor Island.

Come on out and enjoy the fun. Rick Matton ❖

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www.nwc.navy.mil/chnyc

but some of the Shields and certainly PHRF boats may want to consider making the trip. Approval from the MWR for the Shields would be required. See you on the water. Ben Riggs ❖

From the Shields Fleet

Shields Fleet off and running!!

Harold Belson

Fleet Captain, Shields

The Shields are in the boathouse with most of the winter repair work done. Walter Szydal and Bill Osmond have made many repairs while racing volunteers have worked on boat bottoms. I am delighted to welcome Ron Oard back in Newport. He will be skippering Vindex, Shields 14, and, as part of his preparation for racing, has completely stripped the old bottom paint in order to get a good smooth finish. Our other racing skippers better beware!

Shields Fleet 9 recently held their season opening party and distributed their new racing package. The first Shields Wednesday evening race is scheduled for May 14. Walter advises that Shields are scheduled to go in the water the week of April 21. Mast stepping will probably start April 28 and racing skippers will assist by tuning the rigging of their respective boats soon thereafter.

Procedures for Shields upgrades have been updated for 2003 and signup sheets will be at the Marina office soon after they open. Four sailors have already telephoned requesting an appointment for a Shields upgrade. Looks like the season will start with a lot of activity Harold. ❖



Ron Oard making it as smooth as a baby's bottom!

From the Rhodes Fleet

Welcome to the 2003 season!

Seth Moyer

Fleet Captain, Rhodes 19

The Rhodes are nearing completion of the winter maintenance and will soon be in the water. The start of the season always means a flurry of activity at the Marina and this year is no different. Soon after the boats are in the water, we will be looking for assistance from anyone familiar with the rig tuning process to get the boats shipshape. I especially encourage the Racing Skippers to come down and tune the boat they will be assigned for the season (and help with some others) in preparation for the race season. If you are a Skipper who is new to the tuning process, come down with some of the veterans and we will help you learn.

Once again, this year we will compete a summer and a fall series as part of our Wednesday Night racing. Our participation last year was fantastic and I hope all of last years Skippers plan to return, and new Skippers come out as well. This year, the summer series will take place 28 May to 30 July and the fall series will be competed from 6 Aug to 1 Oct. We are also planning have a warm-up, preseason race on 21 May.

If you are new to our racing community, the requirements to become a racing skipper of a CHNYC Rhodes 19 are that you be a yacht club member and have racing qualification (for spinnaker class) on your NETC Sail Training Record. If you need to become race/spinnaker qualified, a race training class is planned prior to the start of the summer series. Information on this class is contained elsewhere in this edition of the Telltale. If there are skippers without crew or individuals looking to crew, contact me and I will assist in matching you up.

The planning for the sail-training season is also in full swing. I encourage all Rhodes 19 Racing skippers to volunteer in this program. As we did this year, we will be maintaining a cadre of check-ride instructors who we can call on to support check-rides for prospective skippers who have sufficient sailing experience to test out of the class. This would be a great way for any skippers who are reluctant to help out in the normal

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sail-training OTW class to give back to the sailing program. Instructors will be eligible for normal sail training incentives. Please contact me if you can help.

A few administrative items: I would appreciate a call or e-mail from all skippers planning to participate in races this year. I will also be developing boat assignments at this time, so if you have a request, let me know. Skippers wishing to have the same boat they had last year will have priority. Again this year there will be a \$10 fee per boat, per series (summer and fall), to be collected on the first night of each series. In order to support the marina's policy, I am again asking skippers to contact me (by phone or e-mail) each week to let me know if they are racing. Skippers are also reminded that we have an obligation to supply a crew member to assist the race committee each week. We will support this by having one race crew supply an individual on a rotating basis so that no one crew is excessively burdened.

Seth ❖

From the Secretary's Desk



Commodore . . . I'm keeping a list and checking off all the wonderful members who have sent in their membership renewal forms with their checks!!!

Normand Roy

Secretary

Your response has been great and many of you have sent in your membership renewals. It's never too late – for those that haven't, please take this opportunity and fill out the attached form and mail it in today. Our dues are very meager and we want (and intend) to keep them that way. Every membership – every dollar counts.

From the Vice Commo

It has been a long winter!

Tom Hughes

Vice Commodore, CHNYC

It was a shock for my family, having been stationed in sunny Sicily for the past three years. But the weather was not the big news. Most of us have been glued to coverage of the war. The Naval Ambulatory Care Center (NACC) sent many of its own. Those left behind have been doing all they can to ensure no decreases in services for the beneficiary population. We anxiously await the safe return of all our troops.

Now to the business at hand, fishing. Fresh water fishing season began 12 April 03. Weather kept some at home (I think those who stayed home were probably sail boaters). Early fishing reports from various sources say trout fishing is slower than last year. Trout are taking mostly power bait and night crawlers. Saltwater fishing is about two weeks behind due to the cold weather. But squid should be here in a week or so. Fishing limits are about the same as last year, with one notable change. Scup fishing has been extended to the entire season and you are able to keep more fish. And as last season, Winter Flounder are off-limits in most of the Bay.

As mentioned in the last edition of Tell Tale, we will be sponsoring a fishing tournament this season. The tentative dates for the tournament are 22-24 August. These dates were selected in hopes of maximum participation, as school will still be out. We are canvassing MWR, the community and other organizations to put together a respectable list of prizes. We are hoping to attract membership, particularly power boaters. Either way we are gearing up for some fun. And despite the wild dreams of a few, the biggest fish will be caught by a power boater. I have given a heads-up to local fish markets to be on the lookout for sail boaters asking to buy whole, big fish. So don't even think about it Jim. Tom❖

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Please complete this short form. Renewals provide us the opportunity to ensure all of your information is up to date.

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Very important ... areas in which you'd like to help and/or get involved with: We particularly need help with ...
 On-The-Water Sail Training Ground School Race Committee

Ask about our incentives associated with these programs:
 Sail Qualification Upgrades (Ensigns/Shields) Power Squadron Cruising
 Facilities (including Weather Emergency Crew) Special Events (Picnics, Socials, Etc)

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Sailing Instructor Workshop

Saturday 3 May at 10 AM

Building 18 classroom

Each season CHNYC, in cooperation with MWR, takes on the ambitious task of introducing hundreds of people to the enjoyment of sailing. What better place than Narragansett Bay to learn and enjoy sailing. The secret of our success has been **teamwork**. We **integrate** intensive classroom and practical on-the-water sessions into a program of excellence. Students learn by reading, listening, watching and doing. **Each** instructor plays a key role in shaping and reinforcing the knowledge and practical skills needed to be a skipper.

A key to our success and quality program is **small class size** and maintaining an **instructor to student ration of 1:2** – one keelboat, once instructor, only two students. We blend teaching and learning styles throughout the course, mixing and matching students' needs with instructor strengths. During each hour in the classroom or in the boat, we continually raise the skill, keeping the lessons both safe and fun. At the end of each intensive two-week course, **more than 80%** of the students have qualified as a skipper.

CHNYC needs **dozens** sailing instructors each season. While we offer a handful of incentives while recruiting instructors, the personal satisfaction and rewards of teaching sailing are **priceless**.

Please come to the instructor workshop on **Saturday 3 May at 10 o'clock**. During this workshop we will review the objectives of the program and take you step-by-step through each lesson. Experienced instructors will share their teaching tips, tricks, and techniques. You will have your questions answered. Training materials will be available. We will discuss team incentives including discounts on recreational sailing and waived racing and membership fees. We will sign legal volunteer agreements. We will put it all together.

Please join our team

This season we will take Basic Sail Training to a **new** level with a **new** NAVSTA/MWR handout, **new** classroom training materials, **new** training manual from US Sailing, and **renewed** commitments to put on the best program in NEWport.