

CHNYC TELLTALE

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From the Secretary/Treasurer

Membership renewal process improved!

Janet Belson
Secretary/Treasurer, Coasters Harbor Navy Yacht Club

Your mailing label has the dues year, for which you have paid, printed in the upper right hand corner. Any dues that are now received will be credited for the year 2004. Your membership card will say your membership is good through March 2005 since our Dues Year goes from April 1 through March 31. Dues are still only \$20 for an individual and \$30 for a family. You can't beat this bargain.

Notice some changes to the Membership Form.

1. I prefer that you send your dues directly to me at Janet Belson, 5 Benedict Ave. Portsmouth, RI 02871-2301 instead of the CHNYC Post Office Box. I can handle them in a more timely manner this way.
2. If you are in Newport for a limited time, please give us your projected rotation date. This will help us with our mailings.
3. If you have a different winter and summer address,

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From the Helm

Looking forward to the 2004 season!

Ben Riggs
Commodore, Coasters Harbor Navy Yacht Club

The season's over, and we seem to have weathered a few storms. The Shields are with us another year, and hopefully all the efforts of the new Fleet Captain, Ron Oard, and his team will keep them with us in the future. The Shields is 3-4 times bigger than a Rhodes (we go by displacement, not length) and provides a great opportunity for Rhodes sailors to expand their skills and enjoyment. In addition, the MWR has agreed to permit Saturday maintenance days under the supervision of the Shields and Rhodes Fleet Captains.

Sail training is the backbone of our Club, and this year was tough due to lack of the A-dock, weather, etc. Tom Gunzleman is our new RC for Sail Training, and has already started formulating plans to keep improving an already great program.

The power boat folks enjoyed a successful Fishing Tournament and the new Boating Safety course was introduced.

Janet Belson has agreed to be responsible for both the Secretary and Treasurer jobs, which really helps coordination and makes my life a lot easier. Rick Matton has added Safety to his Race Training responsibilities, and will be keeping track of MWR boating incidents to help make them go away.

And, finally, Chuck Kesson has taken the Race Committee task, so you'll be seeing a lot of him on the water. Now I might even get to race a few times.

A happy holiday season to all.

Ben❖

it would be helpful to know when we should send the Tell Tale to which address. i.e. Winter address from Nov through March.

4. If your address is wrong please notify me.

5. When you move, please give us your new address.

I can be contacted at the above address or at j.belson@cox.net.

Have a good holiday season. Looking forward to seeing you around the waterfront.

Janet ❖

Winter Boat Haul Out

How the process works!

Paul Watters
Rear Commodore Facilities & Boat Haul

There has been some confusion about this procedure in the past, so I wanted to start early to be sure everyone understands how the process works. This notice will be repeated periodically through the next season.

CHNYC has established a relationship with New England Boat Works (NEB) in Portsmouth for winter haul-out and storage for members of CHNYC. This arrangement provides a group discount rate for winter haul-out, wash, storage and spring launch for eligible CHNYC members. The discount is available to CHNYC members only and is based on a maximum number of boats at 50. Participants in this program must sign an individual contract with NEB for their services. This service provides only for haul-out, wash, storage and launch. Any other work must be arranged separately by the boat owner with NEB.

The following procedures are implemented for participation in the CHNYC group boat haul program:

1. You must be a member in good standing of the CHNYC as of May 1 of the current year.

2. Each member of CHNYC desiring to participate in the program must contact the Boat Haul Coordinator NO LATER THAN AUGUST 31 each year. No additional names will be added to the list after this date. A notice of this deadline will be published in subsequent Tell Tale issues. Members wishing to participate must contact the Boat Haul Coordinator EACH YEAR to renew their position on the list.

3. The list of names of CHNYC members who are participating in the program will be provided to the manager at NEB by September 1. The discounted rate will be provided to participating members when they sign their individual contract with NEB.

4. CHNYC members who have placed their name on the haul-out list may remove their names from the list by contacting the Boat Haul Coordinator by October 31.

Paul ❖

Marina Advisory Group

Bob Parent
MAG Co-chairperson

Marina patrons will see a 2% increase in berthing/mooring fees for the 2004 season. Navy wide funding for MWR is expected to suffer major reductions for the period 2004 through 2006 that will almost certainly result in more substantial fee increases beginning with the 2005 season.

MWR would like to remind marina patrons to file float plans with the marina office when leaving your slip/mooring for more than 24 hours. By doing so MWR has the opportunity to rent the space, and in doing so they increase marina revenue. Hopefully this will keep the increases in fees to a minimum.

Ed Noll has offered once again to teach the State Licensing course during March and early April. Look for the announcement in the NAVLOG.

Bob ❖

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TEAM RACING SEMINAR

DATE: MARCH & APRIL 2004

PLACE: BUILDING 18 CLASSROOM NAVSTA NEWPORT

Comment: See discussion on page 4 and contact Rick Matton or Chuck Kesson by 30 January 2003

RENEW YOUR YACHT CLUB MEMBERSHIPS BY MARCH 2004 . APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM IS ON PAGE 7. SEE JANET BELSON'S ARTICLE IN THIS ISSUE FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

CHNYC SEASON OPENER

DATE: APRIL * 2004

PLACE NEWPORT PLAYHOUSE, CONNELL HIGHWAY, NEWPORT

Comment See next edition for details

NAVY SAILING CENTER & MARINA OPENS

DATE: 1 MAY 2004

PLACE NAVSTA NEWPORT BUILDING 18

Comment Begin enjoying the 2004 Boating Season

SAILING INSTRUCTOR SEMINAR

DATE: SATURDAY MAY 1ST 10 O'CLOCK

PLACE BUILDING 18 CLASSROOM, NAVSTA NPT

Comment If you want to help teach, contact Paul Watters for Ground School and Tom Gunzelman for on-the-water information and incentives package.

SAIL TRAINING

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

PLACE STUDENTS SIGN-UP AT BUILDING 17, NAVSTA NPT

Comment Learn to sail and enjoy Narragansett Bay.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT RACE SERIES

DATE: WEDNESDAY EVENINGS MAY THROUGH SEPTEMBER

PLACE STARTING LINE WEST OF COASTERS HARBOR ISLAND

Comment Rhodes 19 class racing in the South Bay; see NOR and SI on the CHNYC WEB site. Contact Seth Moyer.

CHNYC TEAM RACING SERIES

DATE: JUNE 26 & 27

PLACE STARTS WEST OF CHI

Comment Contact Rick Matton by 30 January if interested.

We've Signed On for Another Big Year with BoatU.S.

The BoatU.S. Cooperating Group Program has proven so popular with members that club officers are renewing our 'partnership' for another year. Because of this special arrangement, you get 50% off when you join the nation's largest Association of recreational boat owners. You pay one-half of the regular BoatU.S. dues of \$19.00 – only \$9.50 a year !!!

If you're already a BoatU.S. Member, you can now renew your membership at the low \$9.50 rate.

BoatU.S. Membership benefits include:

- An effective lobby that fights unfair taxes, fees and government regulations that single out boat owners.
- A 700-page Discount Equipment Catalog, plus special discounts and Member Rewards with purchases.
- Discounts on fuel, overnight slips or repairs at more than 600 marinas.
- Low-cost, high-protection boat insurance, including special programs for trailerable boats.
- On-the-Water Towing, with your choice of service levels – from \$50 per incident (free with Membership) up to Unlimited Service – provided by the nation's largest towing network, TowBoatU.S.
- BOAT/U.S. Magazine – a full year's subscription is included with Membership.

For submitting and/or renewing your BoatU.S. Membership, be sure to mention our Co-Op Group # GA81829Y to get the special \$9.50 rate.

Race Training

Team Racing addition proposed!

Rick Matton

Rear Commodore, Race Training & Safety

By the time you read this, the days should start to get longer and there will be only four more months until we begin to sail again. The count down is on. Seth Moyer is busy scheduling next season's racing calendar. Chuck Kesson is busy readying and preparing for Race Committee Duties. I am trying to prepare for a Team Racing Training program.

Team Racing is an exciting event that combines both your sailing skills and your knowledge of the Racing Rules of Sailing. Each team consists of three boats. The objective is to have your team finish a race with fewer points than your opponents. Points are awarded based on your individual finish and are added to you're your team mates scores. The team scoring 10 points or less, wins the race. The team scoring the most team wins claims the trophy.

I am planning on hosting a team race regatta on June 26 & 27, providing there is enough interest. I envision this event to be non-spinnaker, but that could change due to demand. Team one, "Old Men of the Sea" consists of CHNYC retired military. Based on having 15 R19's available, we can accommodate four more teams. Each team needs from 6 to 9 sailors, (2 to 3 people per boat).

If we cannot field four more teams from the various commands at Naval Station Newport, perhaps we can invite one team from Fleet 25, (Bullocks Cove), Sail Newport and Newport Yacht Club.

To keep an even playing field, boats could be swapped after each race. Every team would sail in every boat. Can you generate enough interest in your command to form a team? If you can, drop me or Chuck an email or call by Jan. 30th.

If we have enough interest, I will proceed with the planning and conduct team racing training during the months of March & April. It will cover Team Racing Rules, Tactics, Plays and Strategies.

Rick ❖



From the Shields Fleet

All Shields will be retained for next season!

Ron Oard
Fleet Captain, Shields

It's late fall and the boats are out of the water. Is the whispering sound you hear the rustling of leaves? No, it's volunteers filling out their respirator paperwork and volunteer agreements in preparation for winter boat work. Annual respirator certification is required to perform bottom work on the Shields. All of the Shields racing skippers and some of their crewmembers volunteer each year to assist with winter maintenance. This year we hope to augment them with number of additional volunteers who either are recreational sailors, prospective boat owners, or people just looking for something different to do during a long Newport winter. We have already begun work ensuring the boats are completely dry and scoping the work lists from the skippers. With Walter's help we'll ensure the necessary supplies are on hand to keep us busy over the next several months.



Harold Belson receives award for excellence.

I'd like to thank Harold Belson for the wonderful turnover and his laudable tenure as Shields Fleet Captain for the past twenty-one (yes, 21!) years. In the last telltale he mentioned MWR had confirmed they would retain all six Shields for next season. With the need to reduce expenditures associated with recreational sailing in general and the Shields in particular during the budget lean times anticipated over the next couple of years, I expect the role of our

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From the Rhodes Fleet

Again we showed increased participation!

Seth Moyer
Fleet Captain, Rhodes 19

We finished the 2003 edition of the CHYNC Rhodes 19 Race Series on 1 Oct. The Fall series winner was once again Herb Rommel, with Paul Schmidle taking second place and Seth Moyer finishing third. Thanks to all who helped make this year's Race Series such a success. We once again showed an increase in our participation over last year, the 4th year in a row we have grown. This in spite of being boat limited in the early part of the season. Overall, we had over 160 individual race sorties, by 18 different skippers and averaged 9 boats per week. Once again we thank Ben Riggs for the excellent job he did this year running the Race Committee and look forward to Chuck Kesson coming on board as Race Committee next year.



Herb Rommel shares thoughts at Awards Banquet.

Over the winter there are opportunities for race skippers and sailing enthusiasts to lend a hand in the boat shed for winter repairs on the Rhodes. This is an area where we have traditionally played a minor role, but are being encouraged to increase our support. By increasing our volunteer hours over the winter, the Yacht Club is hoping to help tip the balance of the recreational sailing financial picture. If you are interested in pitching in please contact me. If you are planning to be a race skipper, I will make arrangements prior to work beginning over the winter to let you know which boat you will have during the Summer series. For next year, we will be assigning boats to racing skippers prior to each series via a lottery. Seth❖

volunteers during the winter to be more crucial than ever. Also, for the first time MWR plans to allow us to perform work outside their normal business hours on the weekends. This will provide the flexibility needed to work around the volunteer's work week and provide some much needed TLC to the boats.

The other half of the money equation is to expand the use of the sailboats during the summer season. Getting folks engaged early in the process should help generate interest in recreational sailing once the weather turns warmer. I also hope we can generate enough interest in racing that we will consistently have six boats out on Wednesday or weekends with Shields Fleet Nine and perhaps pickup races on Friday afternoons on the Shields. Hopefully we can get enough people interested from the War College, Surface Warfare Officer School, Naval Underwater Warfare Center, and other commands to turn this into a season long competition.

Congratulations to Bernie Patterson and his crew on Ann for finishing first overall among the Navy Shields during the 2003 season. Here are the final results: 1st, Ann (#163), Bernie Patterson; 2nd, Vindex (#14), Ron Oard; 3rd, Columbia (#1), Harold Belson; 4th, Silverheels (#29), Dean Schofield; 5th, Icea (#15), John Allen.

Ron ❖

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U.S. Naval Sailing Association

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BoatU.S. Association (GA81829Y)

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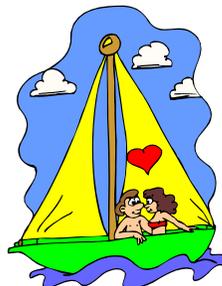
Shields Fleet 9

Rhodes 19 Fleet 35A

From the Executive Rear Commodore and Bride!

Thanks for your wonderful support!

Jim & Daisy Gilmore



Jeez, that three years flew right by ...

Not that we're going anywhere so this isn't a sad farewell – but we'd both like to thank the membership for their wonderful support over the last handful of years. The experiences have been exceptional and we'll cherish the memories. I, of course, would particularly like to extend a special thanks to the various Board & Supporting Cast members who served with me during my tenure. I believe we did some pretty terrific things – great job and what a pleasure it was for me personally.

Looking forward, we're going to have some challenging times ahead – but hey, challenging times can be meaningful times as well. In the meantime however, we're going into winter hibernation – see'ya in about 5 months ;o)

Jim ❖

CHNYC On The WEB

I recommend everyone stop by the CHNYC web site <http://nwc.navy.mil/chnyc> and look at the great photos from this fall's President Cup. If you have any yacht club events you need advertised please pass the information along and I'll post the information.

Paul❖

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

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New CHNYC Member Renewal Membership Number
 CHNYC Individual (\$20) CHNYC Family (\$30)
 Active Duty Projected Rotation Date
 Dependent Retired Reserve DOD

NAME: _____
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 DUTY STATION/WORK: _____
 BOAT NAME: _____ POWER: _____ SAIL: _____
 TYPE/MANUFACTURE: _____ LOA: _____ BEAM: _____
 MARINA BERTH # _____ OTHER: _____

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

We also need assistance with these programs: Please check the blank and show your support ...

Sail Qualification Upgrades (Rhodes/Shields) Power Squadron Cruising
 Facilities (including Weather Emergency Crew) Special Events (Picnics, Socials, Etc)

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