

CHNYC TELLTALE

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From the Secretary/Treasurer

Renew your membership and save \$5!

Janet Belson
Secretary/Treasurer, Coasters Harbor Navy Yacht Club

Soon the weather will be warming up and boats will go back in the water, so it is time to think of renewing your membership. CHNYC is a great organization and certainly one of the most reasonably priced in the area. For your membership you get:

- The Tell Tale sent to you with up to date information on what is happening
- A summer cook-out
- An invitation to join us at the Newport Playhouse for a fun evening
- The opportunity to purchase CHNYC items, e.g. shirts, caps, tote bags, aprons and more
- Reciprocity with many other yacht clubs
- Camaraderie with other patrons at the Navy Marina

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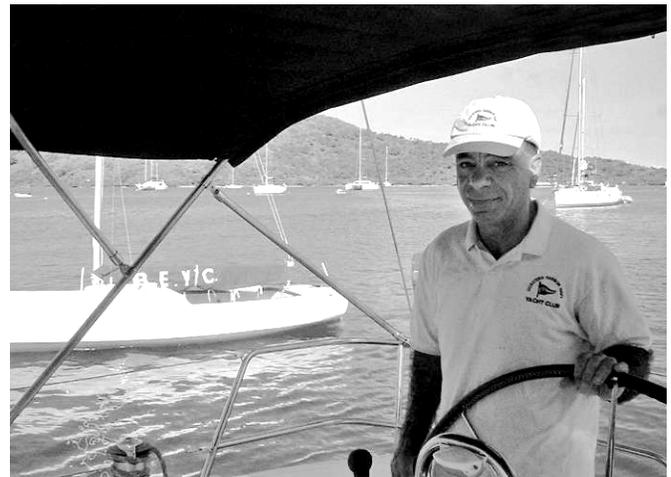
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From the Helm

Working on the 2004 season!

Ben Riggs
Commodore, Coasters Harbor Navy Yacht Club



Ben Riggs (photographed by Paul Mankofsky) passing a Rhodes 19 this January. Must be someplace warmer than here!

Slowly but surely, spring is on the way. And a number of people are already busy doing the things necessary to take full advantage of the sailing season. Things like performing boat maintenance, setting sail training schedules, organizing race series and regattas, planning fishing and power boating seminars, and other activities are all underway. If you plan to race this season, please be sure to help out at the boat shop. The new, expanded hours make it easy, and the Fleet Captains can't do it alone.

Sail Training is the most important thing we do. And this season, Tom Gunzelman and Paul Watters plan to increase the number of Rhodes students, while Ron Oard has expanded the Shields upgrade program. We are an organization of volunteers, and we need you. Sail training is fun, comes with many incentives, and can

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- Participate in sail training and racing.
- A voice in helping with policies concerning the Marina at the Base level through the Marina Advisory Group.

Save Five Dollars if you join before April 1 (the official start of the CHNYC year). The dues until April 1 are still only \$30 for a Family or \$20 for an Individual. After April 1, the dues will be \$35 for a Family or \$25 for an Individual. Act now and save yourself \$5.00.

As Secretary, I receive notices from different Yacht Clubs inviting us to take advantage of what they have to offer. Mystic Seaport sent a letter telling about special offers for clubs that travel and book dockage together. This could be an opportunity for those who partake in one of the CHNYC Cruising events.

Mystic Seaport docks can accommodate boats to 100 feet in length and 10 feet of draft. Visitors to Mystic Seaport by boat receive free admission to the Museum for anyone onboard, as well as discounts on dockage for those who have purchased a Family/Docks Membership. For more information on what Mystic Seaport has to offer, check the bulletin board in Bldg 18. I will post their letter for all to read.

Janet ❖

Winter Boat Haul Out

How the process works!

Paul Watters
Boat Haul Coordinator

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 ❖

WANTED: GROUND SCHOOL SAIL TRAINING INSTRUCTORS

Like to sail but don't have the time to spend on the water? Are you comfortable in a classroom environment? Put the two skills together and sign up to teach our BASIC sail training curriculum to people who want to learn to sail with CHNYC.

We have a simple, easy to understand syllabus supported with great color power point slides - all you need is to know is provided. We start on May 3rd and have a new class beginning every week thru the summer.

Please contact Paul Watters to sign up - don't miss out on the fun!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CHNYC SEASON OPENER

DATE: THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2004

PLACE NEWPORT PLAYHOUSE, CONNELL HIGHWAY, NEWPORT

See Daisy's column in this edition, page 6, for details

RI STATE BOATING SAFETY COURSE

DATE: MARCH 10 & 17 AND APRIL 14 & 21, 2004

PLACE: NAVSTA NEWPORT BUILDING 18 CLASSROOM

See information in this issue, page 6.

RENEW YOUR YACHT CLUB MEMBERSHIPS IN MARCH 2004 AND SAVE MONEY. APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM IS ON PAGE 7. SEE JANET BELSON'S ARTICLE IN THIS ISSUE

TEAM RACING SEMINAR

DATE: WEDNESDAY APRIL 28, 2004 AT 6 PM

PLACE: BUILDING 18 CLASSROOM NAVSTA NEWPORT

Comment: See discussion on page 4.

SAILING INSTRUCTOR SEMINAR

DATE: SATURDAY MAY 1ST AND SUNDAY MAY 2ND

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.

LOCAL FISHING SEMINAR

DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 1ST AT 1200.

PLACE: NAVSTA NEWPORT BUILDING 18 CLASSROOM

Everything you need to know to catch big fish. Contact Ed Noll for more information.

SAIL TRAINING

DATE: GROUND SCHOOL MONDAY, TUESDAY AND THURSDAY NIGHTS; ON-THE-WATER SATURDAY MORNINGS AND MONDAY, TUESDAY, AND THURSDAY EVENINGS. FIRST CLASS STARTS 3 MAY.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT RACE SERIES

DATE: WEDNESDAY EVENINGS MAY THROUGH OCTOBER

PLACE STARTING LINE WEST OF COASTERS HARBOR ISLAND

Spring series starts 19 May; see NOR and SI on the CHNYC WEB site. Contact Seth Moyer for the details.

SAILING CENTER & MARINA PATRON'S NIGHT

DATE: MAY 19, 2004 STARTING AT 1700

PLACE: NAVSTA NEWPORT OFFICER'S CLUB

MWR KICKS OFF THE SEASON AND SAYS WELCOME.

make you a better sailor. So don't be shy. Let us know if you can help out.

Finally, remember that we have many opportunities to socialize in our sailing community, including reciprocal agreements with other yacht clubs, barbeques, potlucks, etc. Daisy has set up a great Season Opener for March 11th at the Playhouse, and this time, she's IN the play! See you there.

Ben ❖

From the Water

We need volunteers!

Tom Gunzelman
Rear Commodore, Sail Training

Some of the highlights of the 2004 sail training program follow:

There will be instructor training/indoctrination on Saturday 1 May at 1000, and Sunday 2 May at 1300 (2 hours) in Building 18. Pick a date that suits you. We will be covering both the ground school and on-the-water syllabus, and lots of other important stuff for both new and old instructors. We will also have monthly informal get-togethers (with hotdogs and beer) to discuss our progress.

We will make an effort to standardize our instruction methods and procedures.

We will be developing an on-the-water instructor handout and giving it to all instructors.

I will attempt to match the number of instructors with the quantity of students needed to maintain a 1:2 instructor to student ratio.

I will be communicating regularly with all instructors by e-mail.

If you are interested in being an on-water instructor, please e-mail me with a summary of your experience. I am looking forward to a fun season on the water.

Tom ❖

Race Training

Team Racing is added to the calendar!

Rick Matton
Rear Commodore, Race Training & Safety

Days are getting longer and the mercury is beginning to rise in the old thermometer. The itch to sail and race is growing in intensity and work is progressing on the boats and sails. We are laying out the calendar of events for the 2004 sailing season. We have received 6 responses on our inquiry on interest in a team-racing event. That is enough for two teams. For those interested, a seminar on team racing will be held April 28th. If anyone else is interested, contact Chuck Kesson or me, (email addresses and phones on page 7).

Race Qualification Seminars for Rhodes 19 qualified skippers will be held as follows:

<u>Ground School</u>	<u>Spinnaker qualifications</u>
10 11 13 May	15 May
7 8 10 June	12 June
12 13 15 July	17 July
9 10 12 August	14 August
13 14 16 September	18 September

Ground school is on the Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings 1700 – 1900 in Bldg 18 classroom. Spinnaker training & qualifications will be held on the Saturday beginning at 1400.

The fee for these racing seminars is \$25.00 for non-members but free to CHNYC members (You will be responsible for boat rental cost.). This fee will be applied to your CHNYC membership application, as the skipper must be a member to race in the Wednesday night series and the Winslow Regatta.

Any sailors who want to participate in any of our racing activities be it in a Rhodes or Shields as skipper, crew or as a member of the race committee can contact any racing skipper, the Fleet Captains, the Race Chairman or myself and we will do our best to accommodate you.

I have been assigned an additional duty as Safety Officer. As such, I will review and investigate all incident reports involving groundings, collisions, injuries, persons overboard and reckless or

From the Race Course

Schedule is falling into place!

Chuck Kesson
Chairman, Race Committee

In about two months, moorings will be set, the hulls will be going in the water, the Fleet Captains will be making boat assignments, skippers and crews will be tuning the rigging and thinking about rehoneing their skills and teamwork and we'll be off to the races!

The CHNYC Wednesday Evening Races will start on Wednesday May 19th and end on October 6th. The racing calendar is organized into two series: the first ten races, will be followed by Winslow Cup Regatta on Saturday August 7th and then finish strong with nine more races to end the season. We'll be starting West of Coaster's Harbor Island every Wednesday evening except for July 7th, an extended holiday break.

And if 20 is not enough we're adding team racing to the weekend calendar in June or July, the dates will be picked by the folks who have expressed interest in the Team Racing Seminar scheduled on April 28th. We have enough interest now to have two teams – three-on-three contests. If we get more interest we will expand to three or even four teams!

And there have been some rumors circulating that Navy Shields are considering match racing, one-on-one contests to brush against each other before they face 35 or more boats on the starting line sponsored by Shields Fleet 9. And for sailing voyeurs, don't miss the UBS Cup match racing of America's Cup Class boats in mid-June!

If you want to help craft the Notice of Race, Sailing Instruction or Race Chart, please contact me.

Chuck ❖

dangerous sailing practices. The information I gather will be used to determine future training requirements, and liabilities. My recommendations will be forwarded to the Commodore and MWR for further action.

I wish you all a safe sailing season, follow the rules, and please use common sense while on the water.

Rick ❖

From the Shields Fleet

We are working our bottoms off in Building 34!

Ron Oard
Fleet Captain, Shields

It's hard to believe it, but spring is right around the corner. In about two months the boats will be back in the water. Volunteers have put in over 100 hours working on the boats this winter replacing teak and rub rail, plugging holes, and repairing other material discrepancies. BZ to Jim Gilmore for his assistance in tracking down sources for teak and pricing out other material like rub rail, and to Lou Reyna who has provided the lion's share of volunteer hours thus far this winter. The flexibility provided by MWR to allow work after hours has made scheduling work much easier. Also, the supplies Walter ordered for repairing and painting the bottoms of the boats started arriving this past week, so all the materials necessary are pretty much on hand for the final sprint before the boats go in the water at the end of April.

To support building up the number of patrons eligible to rent a Shields, I plan to formalize Shields training similar to how we have conducted basic sail training on the Rhodes-19 for years. I've scheduled 16 sessions (class size 6 max) to be conducted on Thursday afternoons and Saturday mornings (similar to last fall). We are still targeting the class toward the experienced sailor who wants to move up to a larger boat or to check out people who have sailed the Shields or other large boats elsewhere.

On a final note, the 2004 racing calendar is beginning to come together. The Winslow Cup is scheduled for August 7th and the Fleet 9 Wednesday Night Series is due to kick off May 12th. A number of folks took advantage of the Fleet 9 Racing Seminar on February 18th, so I know a number of you are already thinking hard about the season ahead. For me like many of you, it can't get here soon enough.

Ron ❖

From the Rhodes Fleet

Rhodes sailors prepare for active season!

Seth Moyer
Fleet Captain, Rhodes 19

A drive by the Boat Shed on the Naval Station shows that most of our boats are inside being prepared for next season. Four of the older Rhodes 19s (1,2,4 and 9) will be retired, I hope as a precursor to replacement with new boats. We have been asked to lend a hand in the boat shed for winter repairs on the Rhodes. This is an area where we have played a minor role, but are being encouraged to increase our support. By increasing our volunteer work 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 you helping and let you know which boat you will have during the Summer series.

For coming season, we will assign boats to racing skippers prior to each series via a lottery. This is a change from when skippers were allowed to sail the same boat from year to year. This change has been made to address concerns about advantages inherent to a particular boat. By assigning a boat via lottery before the start of each racing series I hope that we can continue to gain the benefits of the skippers tuning and maintaining the boat before and during the race series. If you are interested in participating in the summer series which begins in late May, be sure to contact me by early April, I will be holding the lottery for the first series in late April prior to the boats being put in the water, so that the skippers participate in the tuning process.

If you are new to our club and interested in racing, the requirements to become a racing skipper of a CHNYC Rhodes 19 are that you be a yacht club member and have racing qualifications (for spinnaker class) on your NAVSTA Sail Training Record. If you need to become race/spinnaker qualified, see Rick's column on page 4. If there are skippers without crew or individuals looking to crew, contact me and I will assist in matching you up.

Here are some Rhodes 19 web sites to visit during these cold winter days:

Rhodes 19 Class Web Site: <http://www.rhodes19.org/>

Rhodes 19 Tuning Guide (Doyle sails):
<http://www.doylesails.com/rhodes19-tuning.htm>

Rhodes 19 Fleet 35 Narragansett Bay: <http://ntyc.org/>

Rhode 19 FAQ: <http://r19fleet5.org/faq.htm>

Seth❖

RHODE ISLAND BOATING SAFETY COURSE IT'S RHODE ISLAND LAW

ED Noll
CHNYC Facilities Coordinator & State Certified Instructor

Rhode Island mandates that all persons born after January 1, 1986 must complete the state's Safe Boating Course in order to operate a boat with a motor greater than 10 horse power. In addition, all persons, regardless of age, operating a personal watercraft (jet ski) must complete the course.

Completing the course, while offering safety benefits to anyone operating a boat, will reduce boat-owner liability insurance costs (USAA will reduce premiums by 5%). The course also qualifies as the ground school portion of the MWR Power Boat certification requirement.

MWR has scheduled two sessions of the state's Boating Safety Course to be given by Ed Noll, a certified state instructor and licensed charter boat captain. The classes and all materials are provided at no cost. Classes for the first session will be held Wednesday, March 10 and Wednesday, March 17 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Classes for the second session will be held on Wednesday, April 14 and Wednesday, April 21 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

To register please call the Marina Office at 841-3283 or Ed Noll at 624-1992 and leave your name and telephone number.

Ed ❖

CHNYC On The WEB

There is a significant amount of information on the web site that can help you prepare for the upcoming season. For example the entire curriculum for ground school is available on line. So during these last days of winter you might want to make a quick check of the web site at <http://www.nwc.navy.mil/chnyc>

Also, while we have lots of pictures of Rhodes 19 racing, we could use more pictures of other activities like cruising. So if you have any good digital picture please pass them along and I will post them.

Paul ❖

From the Past Commodore & Social Director

Jim & Daisy Gilmore



It's just got'ta be over soon ...

You should have received a post card announcing our 'WINTER IS ALMOST OVER' celebration – (if you haven't already) call in your reservations now.

We've planned another wonderful evening at the NEWPORT PLAYHOUSE & CABARET RESTAURANT – THURSDAY / MARCH 11th. The doors open at 6pm – Buffet around 6:15'ish – Play at 8pm – All for \$34 per person (an exceptional bargain for a great night of food, drink & entertainment).

RSVP & Send checks (preferably payable to Newport Playhouse) to DAISY (253-1985)

Address: 6 Leyland Court, Bristol, RI 02809

Play: 'FOOLS' (A comedy by renowned playwright Neil Simon). Fools is a play the entire family can enjoy, a 'light frothy' tale with silliness, chronic stupidity and, well, not much more.

Your guests are most welcomed!!!

Jim & Daisy ❖

SEASON OPENER
March 11th

Coasters Harbor Navy Yacht Club Points of Contact

Position	Name	Home Phone	E-mail Address
Executive Board			
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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.

MAIL TO: CHNYC c/o Janet Belson, Treasurer, 5 Benedict Ave., Portsmouth, RI 02871-2301

New CHNYC Member Renewal Membership Number
 CHNYC Individual (\$25) CHNYC Family (\$35)
 Active Duty Projected Rotation Date
 Dependent Retired Reserve DOD

NAME: _____
 EMAIL: _____
 STREET ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
 HOME PHONE: _____ OFFICE: _____
 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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