

HYC BURGEE

Summer 2007



COMMODORE'S ★ CORNER ★



Get ready! Our wonderfully energetic Entertainment Committee, Fleet Captain, Angler's Committee, Regatta Committee, and even

the Historical Archives Committee have plans to keep us busy all summer. During my opening comments at commissioning, I noted the fact that as a yacht club, part of our function is to interact with the community as well as with other local clubs. For this reason, I'd like to draw attention to one of our annual events that is a perfect example of how we implement this function. Our annual Mayor's Cup regatta will be sailed on Sunday, August 19th, 2007. This is a YRA, (Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound), sanctioned event that attracts entries from several other yacht clubs as well as our own. As the "Sailing Instructions" note, the "La Rochelle Mayor's Trophy" was originally donated to Huguenot Yacht Club by the Mayor of La Rochelle, at a celebration of the three-hundredth anniversary of the founding of the City of New Rochelle in America. Traditionally, the Mayor of New Rochelle, has awarded the trophy to the skipper of the yacht with the best overall performance. Timothy C. Idoni, now Westchester County Clerk, who had been Mayor of New Rochelle for 14 yrs.,

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Junior Sailing Starts with a Bang

This summer Huguenot Yacht Club is running its very successful Junior Sailing program. The first 3-week session (July 2 - July 20) is already fully subscribed, with 41 kids aged 8 to 16 signed up while the 2nd session (July 23 - August 10) has 31 signed up. This year we have 14 HYC member children in the program, a full 35% of our sailors. We are lucky to again have Kurt Worrell as the Program Director. Children of HYC members including Matt McAuley, Max Shoenfelder and Lindsey Rouen will be a significant part of our instructor program this year.

The junior sailing committee over the winter, with Co-chair Patrice Fitzpatrick hugely instrumental in keeping things on track. The big news is the purchase of 5 brand new Optimist dinghies. We would also like to thank member Ellen Hermann, who has generously

donated a brand new optimist to our rental fleet. Committee member Bill Heintz looks after our sailing fleet and makes sure they are in great working order.

Dave Coughlin and Iris Vogel have made sure that club motor boats are safe and serviceable for the junior sailors which also benefits the entire club.

The junior sailing program is one of the biggest sources of revenue for the club each year. Committee member Steve DeVoe helps keep track of our budget and expenses for the program. The program acts as a great marketing tool for the club as it brings a lot of local families who are all potential members and gives them a chance to see first hand what a great facility we have. The Junior Sailing Committee thanks our fellow club members for their support to nurture the next generation of boaters.

Junior sailor Meagan Kelly





New Rochelle's Huguenot Heritage

The Protestant French Huguenots, fleeing the King's assault on their religious liberties, sailed from La Rochelle France to NYC. The acting English governor, Jacob Leisler, negotiated with the Pells for the purchase of 6,000 acres for the French community. That 6,000 acres is New Rochelle. Leisler's statue is on North Avenue near the Paine House.

The Huguenots, despite the common belief that they arrived by ship, apparently arrived by horse and wagon from Manhattan. The relationship between La Rochelle and New Rochelle has lasted over 100 years, far longer than the standard sister city program which began after WW II.

In 1911, New Rochelle residents gifted a large statue of Jean Guiton, La Rochelle's 1680 mayor, to La Rochelle France and it stands on a huge pedestal in their city hall courtyard. Sixteen of us, who visited La Rochelle in 1999, were surprised to see the statue and discovered it was a gift from our city. A copy of the statue, a return gift from them in the '30's, is in the Paine House Museum.

During the week prior to Bastille Day, there will be several community events, including re-dedication of the Huguenot Memorial in Hudson Park just before the evening music program. We also hope to have two French guests participate, but it is not yet confirmed.

August 19 is a special day because of the Mayor's Cup Race. The cup was a gift from the La Rochelle mayor. We have asked Mayor Bramson if he is available to make the presentation to the win-

ner. That day, we have asked Paine House to do a small re-enactment. They expect to have a couple of dragoons with horses, French soldier re-enactors, and, hopefully, a Lafayette impersonator. Certainly good for children. Paine House is off North Avenue, across the street and just North of the high school. No times, have been set as yet.

We are also expecting to have a historical tour of Trinity-St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Huguenot and Division Streets. This church was founded in 1710 by the Huguenots who were wishing to adhere to the Church of England. The original site was adjacent to the existing edifice. The church cemetery contains graves of Revolutionary War veterans dating from 1730.

We thank retired City Manager, Peter A. Korn who serves as Convenor of the La Rochelle Sister Initiative for this information.

Huguenot Hosts Texas Hold'em Tournament

Huguenot Yacht Club hosted its 4th Texas Hold'em card tournament on Monday, March 26th and the turnout was the largest yet with over 40 players participating. After a sumptuous meal provided for all participants and some pre-tournament chatting and sizing up the competition, the players got down to business. The cards were unlucky for many of the favorites in this eclectic field, with many falling early on in the tournament. After the dust had settled, and 4 hours of rigorous life and death action later,

a new champion was crowned and vows were made to "win the next one".

LIST OF WINNERS

**Greg, Keith Spall's Friend
John Gorman HYC
Stu Ball, John Scrofani's guest**

We look forward to seeing any members interested in an evening of friendly competition and adrenaline pumping action at our next tournament.

Do You Know This Boat?

This beautiful photo turned up in our Club attic during a recent Historical Archives Committee clean-up day. The motor yacht, speeding in front of David's Island, is flying the flag of a Huguenot officer, but that's all the information we have. We don't know who owned this lovely boat, what her name was, or any of the other stories that go along with such a great picture. If you know who this is, what the yacht's name was, or the circumstances surrounding this picture, please let the Historical Archives Committee know. We'd love to add this motor yacht to our boat portrait collection!



MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

Huguenot Yacht Club “is” its members and the Club’s new members are a vitally important asset. Fortunately, we have a lot of new members who are taking an active role in contributing to our activities. You probably know many of these people, but some are very new and you should know a bit about them and get to know them personally. We will all benefit from the experience.

Spencer and Alice Bruno have been active around the Club; you’ve probably heard Spencer on the piano. He is a contender in the frostbiting fleet and they have both been members of the Entertainment Committee and the Archives Committee. They own the 31 foot sailboat Lucky Star.

Frank and Maria Rosell own a 34 foot power boat, Pilar, named after the name that Maria doesn’t use. They have provided a great deal of energy to the Junior Sailing Committee and Maria to the Entertainment Committee.

Bruce and Linda Schwartz own a 42 foot trawler, J Erica, which has served as committee boat for regattas that Huguenot supervises for the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound and Bruce is also a

member of the Floating Docks Committee.

Dave and Candyce Corcoran have a 27 foot power boat, Rain E Daze, and since Candyce is a senior officer in the power squadron it’s well and properly equipped. She is also a member of the Entertainment Committee.

Bill and Valerie Gill own a power boat, Da Biscuit, and Bill has been an avid Angler.

Michael and Barbara Bistany own the sail boat, Niagara. Mike has been frostbiting this past winter and Barbara is on the Entertainment Committee.

Jaimie and Jill Wyendling sail Joia, and Jaimie is on the Junior Sailing Committee.

Anthony and Rosemarie Giacobbe have a power boat, Anthony and Amanda, named after their children. Tony is on both the Shipyard and Marina Committees. Anthony Jr., their son, has applied to the Club as a Junior member.

Robert Johnston a retired economist at the United Nations and a former member of the North Shore Yacht Club in Port Washington is the most recent applicant for membership in Huguenot. He owns a 41 foot sailboat.



Top row: David Newmark (membership committee), Commodore Larry Rouen, P/C John McAuley (membership Chairman), Ellen Hermann (membership committee), Alice Bruno, Spencer Bruno, John J. Kuhn (membership committee) Will Gill, Bruce Schwartz, Robert Johnston.

Bottom row: Dr. Frank Rosell, Maria Rosell, Linda Schwartz, Valerie Gill.

Expressly for Fun Goes National

Helping to build up the grass roots of sailing

Huguenot Yacht Club's premier regatta is going national. Sail magazine, the largest sailing magazine in the world, has chosen to sponsor our regatta this year so that they can learn what we have been doing for the last six years and then start similar regattas around the country.

"Sail sees this event as the perfect way to help nourish and build up the grass roots of sailing," said Regatta Committee Chairman Adam Loory. "They like our format, one that attracts families, as well as more serious racers looking for something different."

Expressly for Fun got it start when two serious Express 37 racers looked at the shrinking fleets on the race course and decided to design an event that would attract boats that traditionally don't think about racing. "If we could get people to give informal racing a try, we have a chance to get them hooked," said Mort Weintraub, the owner of the Express 37 "Troubador." Once Weintraub and Loory solidified their ideas for the

event that featured a pursuit start, an emphasis on the social gatherings, a plethora of awards and give-aways, along with a reason to spend a night aboard, past Regatta Committee Chairman Joe Colella got HYC's board to get behind the regatta.

The format has proved successful and we have appeared on the radar screen of Sail magazine. If all goes well, they will run Expressly for Fun regattas across the country, and HYC will get credit for coming up with the idea. And thanks to Sail's sponsorship, those who attend this year can look forward to some great new awards, a new perpetual trophy and a chance to show up in Sail's feature article about this year's regatta. Sail will be participating with a boat sailed by their publisher and an editor. This will be a truly exciting event. All HYC's members are invited to participate; sailors and power boaters both!

Application forms are available at the club house or www.huguenotyc.com

INCREDIBLE LASER WRAP UP

Winter sailing for HYC's Laser fleet was a huge success this year and saw an almost tripling of activity in the fall and winter seasons. We averaged 9 boats a weekend in the fall and winter series. Our high turnout was an incredible 12 boats in early January! The big change was our professionally run race committee that did not require sailors to take turns running the races. Jenni Rodda-Loory put together a team that during the Spring Series regularly saw more committee members than racers.



Photo caption: Shown are Adam Loory (Overall Champ), Mike Bistany (third overall) and Jason Viseltar (second overall). Photo by Igor Annopolsky.

Over the course of the three seasons and two regattas (New Years and April Fools), 95 races were sailed. New sailors joining the fleet this year include Iris Vogel (winner of the Laser Radial division), Paul Guttman, Mike Bistany (both new members), Julien Dougherty, Alex Helfand, Pete Matamala, Eileen Nash, and Dave Coughlin's sons Conner and Matt. We look forward to even more growth next year. The Clydesdales, they know who they are, will have to wait until next year to grind Adam down in heavy air.

REGATTA RESULTS

Fall Series (8 boats qualified)

1. Adam Loory
2. Jason Viseltar
3. Devin Santa

New Years Regatta (9 boats sailing 9 races)

1. Adam Loory
2. Jason Viseltar
3. Bill Heintz

Winter Series (10 boats qualified)

1. Adam Loory
2. Mike Bistany
3. Jason Viseltar

Spring Series (5 boats qualified)

1. Adam Loory
2. Jason Viseltar
3. Iris Vogel

April Fools Regatta (7 boats sailing 7 races)

1. Adam Loory
2. Bill Heintz
3. Jason Viseltar

BOAT PORTRAIT PROJECT CONTINUES

The Historical Archives Committee is pleased to report on the progress of the Boat Portrait project. There are now 10 portraits hanging in the stairwell. If you would like to add your portrait to the Boat Portrait project wall, please bring an 8 x 10 photographic print of your boat (either horizontal or vertical, but it MUST be 8 x 10) to Gloria or to the Historical Archives Committee, along with the information for the brass plaque mounted inside the frame (name of boat, type and length of boat, name(s) of owner(s) EXACTLY as you wish them appear on the plaque). Framing is done at Masterpiece Framers in Harrison, to our Club specifications (acid-free mats, museum-quality glass, matching frames, brass plaques identifying the boat and her owners). Each framed boat portrait costs \$187.60, which can be billed to you on your Club account. (This also means you own the portrait, and can take it down if you change boats, or clubs). Framing takes about 4-8 weeks.

Any additional work needed on your photo...scanning, enlarging, re-printing, PhotoShop editing, involves considerable extra expense and time, for which you will be billed! Please help us keep the cost of the framing project stable by bringing only 8 x 10 prints ready to frame! Talk to Jenni Rodda Loory, Chair of HAC, for more information.



DINNER PARTY PICTURE JOINS HISTORIC PHOTOS IN DINING ROOM

The historic photo of the Club's 1912 membership meeting has joined Lillian Gish, "Defender," and "Maud" on the walls of the Club's dining room. This photo once hung to the left of the front door, and has

been carefully scanned and re-printed by Commodore Rouen (the original print is part of the Club's archives). Below the print is an article describing the dinner that appeared in the New York Times. The dinner was held in the historic Astor Hotel on Broadway, in one of the hotel's "period" rooms, and was an all-men's black tie event. Visible on the far back wall is the large Huguenot burgee carried by the yacht "Sea Bird" to Italy the previous summer.

PHOTO SCRAPBOOK RUNS BEHIND THE BAR

The large-screen computer running behind Huguenot's bar is now the site for the Club's informal photo scrapbook. If you have photos of Huguenot events, parties, regattas, trips to Pea Island, please consider adding them to the photo scrapbook. Check with photo scrapbook coordinator Alice Bruno for details.

NEW ARCHIVES ACQUISITION

"To All Men Who Go to Sea for Fun; and to All Men Who Love the Sea and its Small Cruising Yachts." The Historical Archives Committee is thrilled to announce the acquisition of "Across the Atlantic in Sea Bird," by Thomas Fleming Day, published in 1927 and documenting the 1911 voyage of Mr. Day from New York to Italy in his tiny yacht of that name. "Across the Atlantic in Sea Bird" comes to the Club as the joint contribution of a group of generous members, including Commodore Larry and Lynn Rouen, Frank and Pilar Rosell, Adam and Jenni Rodda Loory, Len and Marianne Winstanley and Spencer and Alice Bruno. The first edition, long out of print and very rare, will be scanned and made available to members as part of this year's CD project.

Mr. Day's journey is commemorated in the 1912 dinner party picture hanging in the Club's dining room. Mr. Day carried a Huguenot burgee with him to Rome, which hangs at the back of the dais in the photo.

There is also half-model of Sea Bird at the New York Yacht Club, on the stairs below the famous Model Room, with a plaque stating that his passage was the first in a boat of that size (Sea Bird was only 24 feet at the waterline). At the time, it was unusual and considered dangerous to cross the Atlantic in a small sailboat. Mr. Day writes about his voyage as something of an evangelist, preaching the delights of sailing long distances in small boats.

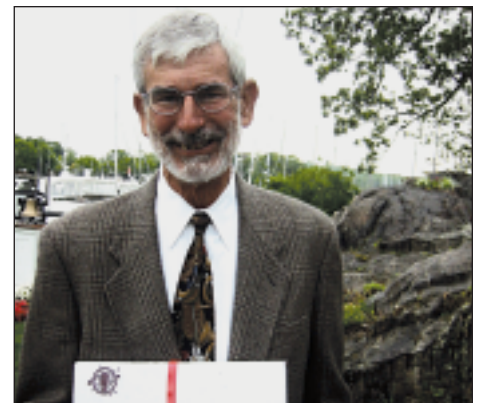
DESERVING MEMBERS RECEIVE AWARDS



Len Winstanley receiving 25 Yr. Membership Award from Commodore Rouen



*Paula Pirzinger George E. Shaw Award
Tom Pirzinger Joseph Brocia Jr. Award*



Charlie Taus 29 Yr. Membership Award

often teamed up with Michel Crepeau, Mayor of La Rochelle, France to present the trophy. From 1998 until it ended in 2003, our Mayor's Cup Regatta had been coordinated with the Annual New Rochelle Harbor Festival. In the course of making inquiries about the possibility of New Rochelle's current Mayor, Noam Bramson presenting the trophy this year, we learned from Peter Korn that there is a new New Rochelle, La Rochelle Sister City Initiative planned for this summer. We are hoping that eventually we will be able to reinstate the tradition of having a representative from the La Rochelle community involved as well. In the past, the Harbor Festival provided an excellent activity for many of our non-sailing/non-crewing members and together with those sailing in the regatta it permitted us to have an afternoon party that involved the entire club.

Wishing everyone a great summer!



Lawrence R. Rouen
Commodore

Useful Information For Boaters

Thanks to action taken by Congress in December, tax filers who made a large purchase of fuel in 2006 may deduct state and local taxes. The usual extension of these provisions were not approved by Congress until after the IRS had already printed it's forms for the 2006 year. A notice on the IRS web site, <http://www.irs.gov> outlines the so-called "extender provisions." Or call 800-829-1040.

Ethanol (E-10) is a serious problem and is going to get much worse. To keep up to date go to: BoatUS.com/Seaworthy or call 800-262-8082. www.Huguenotyc.com has a link to BoatUS. Additional protection may be available from ValvTect Petroleum Products: www.ValvTect.com.

The Department of Homeland security cancelled funding for the continuation of Loran in its FY07 budget. Congress voted to put the money back in for one year. With the GPS signal being relatively weak there is concern that it is susceptible to jamming. This could present national security problems if it is the sole navigation system for the U.S. Testing has shown Loran to be virtually jam-proof. If you are concerned about Loran's possible closure you may submit comments by going to <http://dms.dot.gov>, clicking on "comment/submissions" and use Coast Guard docket # USCG-2006-24685.

By broadcasting your exact Mayday location with the new Digital Selective Calling (DSC) VHF radios you are able to enhance search and rescue capabilities. A 35 minute narrated web-based program is available free that covers all the basics and information on how to connect the radio to your GPS so that the vessel's location is broadcast with the distress call. The Tutorial is located at <http://www.BoatUS.com/MMSI>.

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SAVE THE DATE

June

16: Blessing of the fleet
17: Father's Day Lunch

July

7&8: Expressly for fun Regatta
(TBD) Pea Island Event
(TBD) July Club Cruise

August

3: Children's Pool Party
10: Pool Party
18: Commodore's Cup Regatta
19: Mayor's Cup Regatta

September

1: Labor Day Event
15: Clam Bake

October

27: Decommissioning/Octoberfest

November

17: Commodore's Cocktail Party
24: Turkey Day Reach