



# NEW YORK SAILING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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**Non-members welcome at all New York Sailing Club functions, on- or off-the-water.**

**Membership meetings, September to May: Raymond's Café, 88 Seventh Ave., New York City.**

**Meetings usually begin at 8:00 PM and are preceded by a social hour (cash bar) and**

**Skippers' Meeting beginning at 7:00 PM. Full dinner available.**

**Check our web site: <http://www.newyorksailingclub.com>**

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**Commentary:** Welcome to 2006. However awful 2005 was for too many people, it was a pretty good year for the Club. Though we had some lapsed memberships, we ended the year with more than we began it and the influx of new members is the best indicator of the Club's health. And thanks to the gimlet-eyed management of Treasurer Susan Wheeler, we also ended the year in good financial shape. Despite the disasters elsewhere, even the weather was kind. Except for the October monsoon, it was a season without extremes.

Who knows what 2006 will bring? We can't predict the weather beyond observing with some confidence that July and August are likely to be warmer than April and October and that there may be more wind in April than in August. We can only hope that, unlike a couple of years ago, the weekly weather cycles do not produce weekly storms on weekends, especially the three major holiday weekends. Because, after all, we are a sailing club and can only exist and grow by giving more people chances to sail.

Many of our off-season meetings have been and will continue to be excellent places for people to get to know one another and to learn a thing or two about sailing outside their own experience. But great meetings are, finally, only a means to keep the spirit strong and bridge the dry season. Our real reason for being is the on-the-water activities. Our new Fleet Captain Mike Penney has the task of generating our on-the-water season, to which he brings unique experience and skills. It should be a great year.

But like the lottery, you have to be in it. It is true that the Club welcomes everyone, member and non-member, to all Club activities. To which some might ask Why bother joining? We will not get philosophical about the virtues of "belonging" for reasons of sharing companionship, association with others of like mind, and so on. The practical reason is that when you need a crew or want to be a crew it's a whole lot easier if you are a member and can go through Rear Commodore (and recent Past-Commodore) Scott Stevenson for matchups.

To that end, we are enclosing with this *Newsletter* a membership renewal form for current members and an application form for prospective members. Please return them ASAP.

## Coming Events:

**Thursday, Jan. 19, 2006:** We kick off the New Year at Raymond's Café, 7:00 PM., with Fleet-Captain Michael Penney and "Voyages Of the New York Sailing Club Fleet Captain: Mike Penney." Mike is a U.S. Naval officer and sailboat racer out of the Coastal Harbor Navy Yacht Club, Newport, RI.

**Thursday, February 16, 2006:** A photo-illustrated presentation of "Fractional Sailing — Boating without the Hassle" by Mathias Chouraki of Sailtime. In brief, the virtues of boating "timeshares." A controversial subject to some but, to others, an affordable way to have more boat than you can afford.

**Thursday, March 16, 2006:** "Meteorology on the High Seas." Originally scheduled for the November 2005 meeting. Private meteorologist Pat Pagano of Metroweather Service (<http://www.metroweather.com>) will cover a topic of great interest to all of us — nor'easters and hurricanes. Metroweather Service is one of the oldest and largest private weather consulting companies in the US. Perhaps Mr. Pagano can answer the questions posed on the first page. Will August be warmer than April?

**Thursday, April 20, 2006:** We are thinking about it. It's the last off-season meeting so we should do something a little bit different. All suggestions welcomed. Mark your calendar.

**On-theWater:** Few dates or details yet, but here are some of the events planned for the sailing season:

**May:** Hart Island Race and Going into Commission Dinner

Hidden Harbor Cruise

Memorial Day Weekend rendezvous

**July:** Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> Rendezvous. Not a weekend or long weekend.

Start of Club Cruise. Details to come.

**Sept.:** Labor Day Weekend rendezvous.

Club picnic.

**Oct.:** Columbus Day Weekend rendezvous.

Hallowe'en sail.

**And keep in mind:** A new year means membership renewals and a new Roster. You have no doubt noted that this issue of the *Newsletter* contains membership renewal forms for members and application forms for non-members. The annual dues remain at \$60, new member or renewing member. We hope to issue a 2006 Roster by the end of March so the deadline for submission is March 15 (Ides of). Please get your renewals/applications in as soon as possible and avoid being left out of the roster, as happened to some people in 2005.

