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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 7:30 PM and are preceded by a social hour (cash bar).
Full dinner is available.

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Commentary: Have you sent Treasurer Susan Wheeler your renewal form, signed waiver and check for 2006 dues yet? The cutoff, if you want to be listed this year, is March 15.

Only paid-up members make it into the Roster. Why would I want to be in the Roster, you ask? Because that's where boat owners look when they are seeking crew and where Corinthians look when they want to crew. It is where all members look when they might be planning a little event that the *Newsletter* might not mention. Because as a paid-up member you get a copy of the Roster and are eligible for office. And not least, because you are assured that you will continue to receive the monthly editions of this outstanding *Newsletter*.

Certainly, non-members are welcome at all Club functions, on or off the water. And if you attend a club function we add you to our mailing list and you will receive the *Newsletter* for a limited time. And indeed, our mailing list is far larger than our paid up member list. As it should be. You won't become a member if you don't know what the Club is doing and planning. However, we can't let the list just keep on growing — each *Newsletter* copy costs about \$1.25, a cost that dues support — so we must sometimes winnow it. And if we have had no great indication that you remain interested in the club and its activities, we must excise you. Avoid that risk. Send in your renewal and dues check or your application.

As the news programs focus on Mardi Gras in New Orleans and the wreckage of Katrina still remaining after six months, we note with trepidation that the next hurricane season is a mere four months away. Hardly time to launch our boats. At the same time, a seriously misguided piece of legislation that would restrict the National Weather Service to broadcasting emergency only weather alerts has been introduced in Congress. Only commercial weather services would be allowed to broadcast general weather forecasts. It is yet another ploy to hand over to commercial interests Government generated, tax-payer funded information and make the public pay yet again for services it has already paid for. Our March speaker, Pat Paganò, head of Metro Weather Service of Valley Stream, LI, a commercial weather forecasting service, (<http://www.metroweather.com/>) will talk about the weather — hurricanes and nor'easters and tornadoes, and such. He can tell us what we need to do to mitigate the effects

of weather and, at least as important to his many commercial clients, tell us with greater accuracy than your national weather service or local TV weather man just when weather of interest will arrive and how long it will stick around. Perhaps he can also address the issue of the pending legislation, how it would affect his company; how it would affect us boaters.

Coming Events:

Thursday, March 16, 2006: "Meteorology on the High Seas." Pat Pagano of Metro Weather Service. See above and February issue.

Thursday, April 20, 2006: Ever wonder what is going through the minds of those people on the speeding red RIB with the flashing blue lights roaring up behind you? Ever wondered just what it takes to get your "six-pack?" Here is your chance to find out. Our speakers are two Coast Guard officers who will talk about "Sailing Safety on the Sound and Coast Guard Certification and Licensing ." Should be very informative and interesting.

On-the-Water: More detail, of course, as we get closer to the dates.

May: May 20 — Hidden Harbor Cruise

May 21 — Hart Island Race and Going into Commission Dinner at Harlem Yacht Club.

May 27-29 — Memorial Day Weekend rendezvous Huntington Yacht Club

June: June 10 — On-the-water raftup and mixer, Oyster Bay

June 24 — Summer Solstice daysail, departing from skippers' ports.

July: July 1-4 — Independence Day, Cold Spring Harbor and Oyster Bay

July 15 — Day sail – Corinthian Skippers' Day

Aug.: August 5-20 — Club Cruise, details to come

August 24 — Lower Manhattan evening sail, commercial vessel.

Sept.: Sept. 2-4 — Labor Day Weekend rendezvous, Cedar Point YC and Saugatuck

Sept. 16 or 17 — Club picnic, Hempstead Harbor Club.

Oct.: Oct. 7-8 — Columbus Day Weekend rendezvous, Manhasset Bay Oct. 7-9 — Optional Hudson River cruise Oct. 28 — Hallowe'en sail, raftup, Manhasset Bay.

Recap: Mathias Chouraki of SailTime (<http://www.sailtime.com/>) gave a thorough exposition of the concept behind SailTime, a version of sea-going time-sharing. A goodly attendance peppered him with serious questions to which they received serious answers. Whether any of the participants will eventually opt for sharing a boat rather than owning one only time will show but they certainly know better what the choices — and costs — are. One even inquired about the possibility of a job with the organization, to which Mr. Chouraki gave an encouraging answer.

Get yer burgees here! Fly the flag! Flaunt the club! A new shipment of the Club's colorful and unique burgee has arrived. Fly it from your masthead or spreader. Sew it on your jacket. Use it as a dinner table centerpiece. Hang it on your wall. The 18" X 12" embroidered and sewn (not a cheap print) ensign is available from Treasurer Susan Wheeler at the bargain price of \$22.00.

Class Notes: Many makes of boats have organizations, clubs or groups that get together from time to time for giant raftups or rendezvous. These usually seem to be in Florida or Seattle, seldom in our neighborhood. Not so O'Day. The Fourth Annual local O'Day rendezvous, which goes under the somewhat tortured name of The r**OnDay**vous, will be held July 14-16 at Raritan Yacht Club in Perth Amboy, NJ. The 2005 event at Black Rock Harbor drew more than a dozen boats. Contact Peter Dodenhoff at pdodenhoff@jjay.cuny.edu and get on the list for his most professionally produced newsletter *the r**OnDay**vous report*. Oh, and we will be happy to promote similar activities for other makes of boats.