



# 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 April: See below for present venue.**

**Summer-season meetings June to September at various boating venues.**

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

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## COMING EVENTS

### CLUB:

**March 15, Thursday:** *"Going Coastal"* with Barbara LaRocco, President and 2006 recipient of the Clean Marina Award of New York Harbors. Dinner at 6, Social/Program at 7. The Parlour, 250 W. 86<sup>th</sup> St. (near Broadway). Take #1 train to 86th & Broadway.

**April 19, Thursday:** *"AT SEA IN THE CITY,"* a presentation by William Kornblum, CUNY professor, author and sailor of New York waterfront harbors. Dinner at 6, Social at 7. Jack Demsey's, 36 West 33<sup>rd</sup> Street.

**May 20, Saturday:** Going into Commission Dinner and Around Hart Island Race. City Island. Race: 1:00 p.m. Big Tom; Dinner, Stuyvesant Yacht Club. More details to come.

**May 26-28:** Memorial Day Weekend and our on the water program gets underway. Huntington Yacht Club. Dinner, Sunday 7:00 p.m.

### IN THE CITY:

**March 8, Thursday:** *"Interpretation of Weather Fax,"* presented by Professor Eric Posmentier will be hosted by the North River Sail and Power Squadron, 6:30 p.m. at J.D.'s, 206 E 52<sup>nd</sup> Street. For details go to [www.northriversquadron.org](http://www.northriversquadron.org).

### AROUND THE SOUND:

**March 28, Wednesday:** *"Diesel Engine Maintenance"* presented by Greg Cirullo of Precision Marine, will be hosted by City Island Yacht Club. The seminar will consist of a short presentation on diesel maintenance followed by an extensive question and answer period. There is a nominal non-member fee of \$10.00 7:00 p.m. at the CIYC, Pilot St., City Island, NY. For more information and to RSVP, by March 22, go to [www.cityislandyc.org](http://www.cityislandyc.org)

### OVER THE HORIZON:

**June 16-17, Saturday & Sunday:** Clearwater Revival for 2007 at Croton Point Park, Croton-on-Hudson. Make reservations early at [www.clearwater.org](http://www.clearwater.org) to get discounts. If you arrive by boat, a launch service will operate early and late to go ashore.

**From the Commodore:** The February meeting at Jack Demsey's was a charming musical evening of sea chanteys sung by Eric Russell, Hillary and Jan. Eric on the concertina and Jan on the guitar led the way with members singing along. Chris Hulbert and Mary D. harmonizing added another dimension. The music warmed our hearts on a cold night, following New York's ice storm. We did better in carrying on than jetblue...

We welcome everyone to join us at The Parlour on March 15 to hear Barbara LaRocco speak on "Going Coastal," a presentation on keeping our harbors clean through a program that received an award from the city of New York last year. Hope you can join us at a new site for us, near the #1 train, at Broadway and 86<sup>th</sup> Street. Check it out. — *Mary Donohue*

**From the Vice Commodore:** *Just Rewards...* It's happened to you if you're a boat owner. C'mon, admit it. If you're not now, you once were a member of West Marine or Boat US and shopped at their stores. You felt great opening the envelope with the \$10 or \$15 coupon they sent you for spending so much of your disposable income in the same place. But \$10 or \$15 can't buy much of anything for a boat, so you tossed them into the nav station or desk -- and promptly forgot about them.

Months -- or years -- later you come across them: what, \$100, \$200 worth! Now, finally, you can buy something you actually need and will use. Great! That is, until you peruse them more carefully and find that these moldy, dog-eared, ink-stained coupons are ... long-expired! An expiration date? I don't remember seeing.... ??? Precisely.

Dig one out from your desk (or wherever -- we know you've got one somewhere) and take a really careful look. Don't you see an expiration date? Check your address. Yes, that's right, your address. See it now? D'ya think you were supposed to see it to begin with?

"Deceptive, tricky, dirty pool. Corporate America, messing around with the 'little' guy again," I muttered when I got wind of this scam. But this little guy not only single hands in squalls and 10 foot seas -- he's also "got your number" (the customer service number, that is).

The story of West Marine's expiration policy, as told by their courteous (but evasive) customer service people, is long and convoluted. I'll leave that story for one of our raft ups. Just don't throw away those expired certificates. They ARE STILL GOOD, with a little work on your part.

West Marine has all your coupon information (redeemed and unredeemed) in their computer system. Their customer service department will REISSUE expired certificates (up to 3 years old) that you have in your hand. If you ask, they'll also look up all coupons you haven't redeemed and reissue them as well. But, you must call and ask them. Nowhere on the coupons, in the catalogue, or the brochures that they send to you is this policy enunciated.

Are we surprised? After all, expiration policies are designed to save the company money! But now that you've been "schooled," I hope you all get some nice stuff with the money I saved you!

I only ask that you loan me whatever gear you buy! LOL. — *Chris Hulbert*

**From the Fleet Captains:** Check out the enclosed *On The Water Schedule* for the season. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please contact either Lloyd or me. — *Scott Stevenson*

**From the Treasurer: ALERT:** Please return the Renewal form, properly filled out and signed, with your \$60 check to me ASAP. The Roster is scheduled for March publication. — *Susan Wheeler*

**From the Secretary: REMINDER:** Come April, the Newsletter will be emailed to members with email addresses and a hard copy sent to those without email. Email addresses will be taken from the Roster. If your address has changed from last year, please let me know. For non-members who wish to receive the Newsletter, please send me your email address. My email address is [gbg@nyc.rr.com](mailto:gbg@nyc.rr.com); NEWSLETTER - SUBSCRIPTION should be put in the Subject box. — *Geraldine Gaal*

#### **New Member Application:**

Jon Kliegman, of Parsippany, NJ, has asked to be reinstated into the Club. Jon owns a 1972 Cal 33, *Lickity Split*. He has been an active sailor for 11 years, a member of Stuyvesant Yacht Club and taken courses in coastal cruising and navigation. He is sponsored by Sally Small and Kurt Krimphove.