



NEW YORK SAILING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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

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Commentary: In the last Newsletter, we pondered the apparent reluctance of club members to venture west and south, down the East River and out of the familiar waters of Long Island Sound and points east and north. Our comments seemed to strike a responsive note as various members have started discussing just such a venture for next season.

Well, though there is a decided nip in the air and this season is now measured in weeks, not months, it isn't over yet. There is still time to try a little something completely different and Fleet Captain Chris Hulbert has come up with it: a mini-cruise up the Hudson River to take in the spectacular foliage of the magnificent Hudson River Valley. Timing is of the essence, of course, since time and tide must be in our favor both going down the East River and going up the Hudson, aka North, River and return.

Checking the tide and current tables and the forecasts for fall foliage, Chris suggests a five day cruise. Departure would be from western Long Island Sound and environs on the morning of Friday, October 14, in time to make the change of current at the Battery at 11:32 AM. With current and, we hope, wind in our favor we sail up the river to Tarrytown or thereabouts. On the next day we go to Haverstraw where there is a large marina. On the third day we just keep going north until the current turns against us and then we head on down river and back home.

As Chris puts it: "I make this trip every year and it is incredibly beautiful. The timing should be perfect to view the foliage in its full splendor."

Many cannot afford to take five days in October. But you can still make two days out of it. The change of current at the Battery on Saturday, October 15, will be an hour later and will still carry you well up river by sundown. It would be easy with an early start on Sunday to get back down river and home by Sunday evening.

For more information about marinas, etc., call Chris Hulbert at (917)498-0793.

Coming Events:

Saturday, Columbus Day Weekend, October 8-10: At this time of year we tend to stick closer to home port. So our final three-day weekend, which falls a bit early, will be primarily a raftup at Plandome at the bottom of Manhasset Bay. It is also a good weekend for day sailing and taking Corinthians out since there are many convenient pickup points in the area..

Friday, October 14: Non-scheduled Hudson River mini-cruise. See front page.

Thursday, October 20: General meeting at Raymond's Café. Tom Nye, City Island historian, will speak on the Island's sailing history .

Saturday, October 29: Hallowe'en sail and party, Manhasset Bay. The end of the boating season when we can have some of the most beautiful weather of the year — or worst. Decorate yourself; decorate your boat. But be there.

Thursday, November 17: General Meeting at Raymond's Café. Meteorologist Pat Pagano on nor'easters and hurricanes.

Saturday, December 3: Change of Watch Dinner. Details soon.

Recap: September in some ways was the high point of the season. It didn't hurt that it was the second warmest September on record, that it rained hardly at all and that the winds were often good and favorable, indeed, occasionally boisterous. We began with an early Labor Day weekend at Cedar Point east of Norwalk with six boatloads of members and friends. We continued with what has become an annual event, a picnic at the Hempstead Harbour Club next to Glen Cove where some twenty members and guests, arriving by car and boat, ate and drank one another's various picnic offerings (*inter alia*, aubergine a la Turk). And we wound up the month with a well-attended first shore-based general meeting of the winter season at Raymond's Café where Chris Van Ness, captain of the period sailing vessel, *Shearwater*, described his experiences operating the vessel and distributed copies of her history .

Nominations: With the end of the season comes time to nominate board members for the 2006 season. The Board has nominated the following members to serve for the year beginning with the Change of Watch dinner and general meeting on December 3. The slate is **NOT** closed. Any member may propose any other member or him/her self as a candidate for any post on the Board.

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