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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.

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Commentary: Reluctantly, we must admit it. Summer is over. It's time to remove the sails, change the oil, drain the tanks, winterize the engine and heads, remove the perishables and freezables, put the cover on and let her go into her long winter's sleep. We will visit from time to time, give her a pat on the rump and perhaps clear the excess ice and snow, if any. And in March we will bring her back to life. Five boatless months to endure.



We'll sing in the sunshine...

people from other places than Western Long Island Sound. It was not our only outing of the season but in terms of people not known before, places not visited before, was among the more memorable. We look forward to the 2007 edition and would urge others to join in boat class get-togethers. Few things are more interesting than other people's boats especially when it is also your boat.

Arcturus (Vice Commodore Chris Hulbert) spent most of August and some September doing

The seven months just past, however, are not altogether gone. We did go sailing from time to time, alone or in company. We rafted up or just anchored out. We had parties and good company and we even made music together. These past months live on in our memories and photos and will be retold in bits and pieces whenever we get together. We will retell some of them now in a little featurette "What We Did on our Summer Vacations."

Yeraz 2 (Brennans) in July joined an O'Day rendezvous at Sandy Hook and Perth Amboy. We wined, we dined, we made music and met many

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Coming events:

Nov.: Nov. 16, Thursday. 6:00 – 9:00 PM. Tall Ships photographer and author Thad Koza (www.tallshipsinternational.net) will show slides about his many Tall Ship adventures and tell us what is happening aboard the world's largest sail-training ships. Koza's new book "Tall Ships: The Fleet for the 21st Century" and his 2007 Tall Ships calendar will be available. Social hour at 6 p.m.; meeting and presentation at 7 p.m. Suggested \$10 donation includes juice, soda and wine and light refreshments. The Seaman's Church Institute, 241 Water Street between Beekman and Peck Slip St. Free on-street parking at Peck Slip and nearby streets; paid parking at Central Parking Systems on Pearl and Beekman. Take The A,C, R, 2, 3, 4 or 5 trains to Fulton Street.

Dec.: Dec. 2, Saturday. Change of Watch Dinner — Stuyvesant Yacht Club, City Island. A bargain this year, at only an inflation-beating \$50 per person compared to \$55 last year. We also get a wider choice of entrees. See attached flyer for details, then send the coupon with your particulars to Treasurer Susan Wheeler along with your check for \$50 times number of reservations made out to the New York Sailing Club. Cut-off date is November 25. The caterer has to plan.

And beyond. Activities for January and on to come.

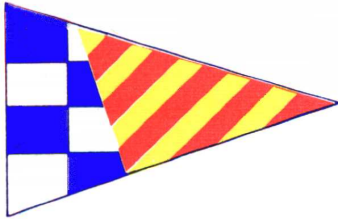
Change of Watch: The Change of Watch Dinner is all about, well, the changing of the watch. Members of the out going Board turn over their flags and badges of office to their counterparts on the incoming Board. Members who have done good things for the Club during the preceding year are recognized and awards presented. And of course the highlight of the evening is the presentation by Advisor Sally Small of less than serious awards for sometimes not so less than serious accomplishments. It makes for an evening of camaraderie and levity and reminds us again that it is all about the boats no matter how much snow is on the ground outside.

The Board members for 2007 are:

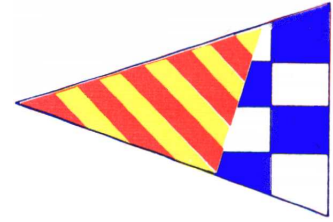
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Advisors:	Sally Small and Dean Fuller

Recap: Aw gee! Same old story. Thanks to unsettled weather forecasts, only two Club boats, *Bead Game* and *Yeraz 2* made it to Plandome for the Columbus Day raftup that Saturday. They were joined by the Endeavour 40 *Escapade* out of World's Fair Marina. Nearby, a raft of ten boats was flying an enormous rainbow flag. The NYSC people spent a pleasant evening, then broke up on Sunday. *Bead Game* to home and the others to the Sand Hole where we hoped to see more NYSC boats. Not to be. As for Halloween, not even *Yeraz 2* left port. Two inches of rain? Gusts to fifty knots? No way.

We fared better with the land program. It was like olden times at Jack Demsey's restaurant where Betsy Haggerty's illustrated presentation on her four-month cruise of the New York State canal system brought out some forty five members and guests. We have not seen such numbers in years. It is a tribute to organization — Betsy left nothing to chance — and topic. The canal system is somewhat mysterious to most of us down-staters whose only first-hand knowledge comes from glimpses alongside the highway on the way to Buffalo.



Change of Watch



Saturday, December 2, 2006, 7:00 PM; Cocktails 6:30

Cutoff date: November 25, 2006

\$50 per person

Stuyvesant Yacht Club

10 Centre Street

City Island, The Bronx, New York



The view of Eastchester Bay from the dining room

The Stuyvesant Yacht Club, home club for many of our founding members, has an excellent dining room, a dance floor, and a great view. Starting at 6:30 PM, there will be a social time with hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, a buffet dinner with choice of fish (salmon with dill sauce), chicken (chicken française), meat (pork loin with rosemary) and pasta (lasagna with vegetables) and mixed salad, side dishes and desserts. A disk jockey will make music for conversation or dancing and other entertainment as the new slate of officers take up their posts. Please clip the coupon below and return it or call Susan Wheeler at (212)879-4991. **Fifty (\$50) dollars** per person. A bargain. Last year it was \$55.

Name: _____ **No. of Reservations:** _____

Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

Street: _____ **E-Mail:** _____

City, ST, ZIP: _____

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the islands and Cape and was sent to shelter in Mattituck by tropical storm Ernesto. Among the more notable events on this cruise was being stalked by a water spout, a most unusual phenomenon in this region but not unique. That was not the only one that hit the Sound this summer. “Just grateful it didn’t pick me up and put me down not so gently in somewhere else like in the Wizard of Oz,” said Chris.

Great Escape (Scot and Mary Ann Stevenson) spent most of the summer in the Nissequogue River on Smithtown Bay west of Pt. Jefferson. It is a shifty shoally place where larger boats venture warily. *Great Escape* ventured out to a mini-cruise that included Pirate’s Cove at Pt. Jefferson, Milford, Ct., and Captain’s Cove at Black Rock Harbor where windy conditions kept them happily bottled up for a couple of leisurely days of boat visiting and beach walk. Thence to Huntington Yacht Club and its pool before returning to the Nissequogue River, which is part of the New York Park system and a favorite of campers, canoists and kayakers.

Pegasus (Sally Small and Kurt Krimphove) made the best of a washed out Ernestoized Labor Day weekend, moving to Oyster Bay where they met *Lilli B* (Marie Heaney), and *Sedna* (Ray and Kathy Casanova) and moored at the Sagamore Yacht Club. Also at Oyster Bay Marine was *Ekko II* (Lloyd Sarakin) and a friend boat. The two groups, however, went their separate ways for dinner ashore, where they were joined by the land-bound Stevensons and Commodore Mary Donohue and Malcolm.



The Sand Hole, July 4, 2006

of the six boats hailed from World’s Fair Marina, the largest, *Escapade*, an Endeavour 40. “It turned into a wonderful time,” says Lloyd. “Swimming, and having a wonderful dinner prepared by Kat and Jorn (of *West Wind*) of freshly caught mussels which I never knew existed in the Sand Hole. (*Too bad you weren’t there when oysters abounded. Ed.*) One of the highlights for me was an impromptu jam session with two keyboards and guitar with Kat singing. All in all, a great trip.”

The greatest adventure of the all, however, may be that of new member Geraldine Gaal, who bought herself a handyman’s special 1977 Seafarer 26 and had it at sea by the end of the year.

Ekko II (new member Lloyd Sarakin) didn’t have much of a summer. Life and work at times do get in the way and keep us from our boats. But Lloyd did get a two-day trip in his cousin’s boat in lousy weather in mid-October to Pt. Pleasant. He best recalls, however, the discombobulated Fourth of July weekend where communications snafus left boats scattered all over the Oyster Bay area in mini-raftups. *Ekko II* became part of a mixed group — three club boats, three non-club boats — in the Sand Hole. The club boats were *Arcturus*, *Ekko II* and *Yeraz 2*, joined by *Escapade*, *Paradise* and *West Wind*. Five