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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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COMING EVENTS

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November 15, Thursday: "Flotilla in Tortola, April 2008." Presentation by New Jersey Sailing School by Mike Landers about their annual trip to Tortola to train new skippers. They have three categories of participants: on the lead boat are the trainers and skippers in training, other boats are commandeered by boat owners/skippers and finally working crew willing to pitch in and participate in sailing, boat chores and food prep. They charter with Sun-sail. Come and find out about their organization of the flotilla. 6:00 p.m. Dinner, 7:00 p.m. Presentation. Jack Demsey's, 36 West 33rd Street.

December 1, Saturday: "Change of Watch Dinner." Stuyvesant Yacht Club, City Island, NY. Hey everybody! It's that time again! We are having our *Change Of Watch Dinner* for the New York Sailing Club! It will be a great chance to come out and be at one of our two biggest events of the year! At this event we announce who our next year's board members will be, talk about the upcoming events for the new season and recall the events of the past season. Awards are given out to club members who have exemplified outstanding qualities with respect to exceptional seamanship, involvement in the club, highlighting volunteerism and helping others. This event is heavily attended by our boat owners, so this is an opportunity to meet them and start getting to know them so you can perhaps get invited out next season. There will be a lovely dinner and taped music in addition to some live music performed by members of the club. The event is at the beautiful Stuyvesant Yacht Club on City Island. They have a fantastic chef and the dinner will be well worth it. Ticket price will be \$45 for ALL. Dress code is collared shirts and jackets (no jeans or sneakers) for men and similar dress for the women. There is a cash bar. The fee only covers your meal to keep the cost low. Be there or be square!

Please send a check to Susan Wheeler at 421 E 78th Street Apt. 1C, New York, NY 10021. You may call Susan at 212-879-4991.

From the Commodore

From the Sound to the Seine

On Saturday, September 29, Malcolm Milligan and I raced as part of a crew in a J-24 on Long Island Sound, by the Throgs Neck Bridge, with two alumni of Ft. Schuyler, SUNY Maritime College, in their *Alumni Homecoming*



Mary and Malcolm

Regatta. At the end of four short races, we came in second. I did a little wind strategizing in the one race, where we came in first. Great Practice! Malcolm and I were crewing in the boats belonging to the college's sailing program and, prior to the event, we set up the sails in the pre-race



J-24's at Ft. Schuyler

race which gave us the opportunity to familiarize ourselves with the boat -- and our crewmates. A fun day on the water was followed by a reception and buffet in the school's hall looking down the East River toward Manhattan. We were given T-shirts to mark the event printed with the words, "*Sail fast or get out of the way!*" Don't you just love it, we did!

Next Malcolm and I went to France to cruise, by river barge, the Seine, Saone and Rhone Rivers. We started at Normandy Beach where remnants of the portable barriers, which were Winston Churchill's idea for the temporary harbor to provide shelter for men and materials after the initial D-Day landing, can still be seen along the coast. On to LeHavre, a huge port with more cranes than in New York, to Honfleur, a quaint fishing town, and to Rouen, the city made famous by Joan of Arc. At Conflans there is The Museum of Inland Waterways which traces the history of canal boats from the early 1800's in France.



River barging in France

At the end of the first week, our river itinerary was changed due to a transport strike which caused the canal lock operators to stop their services! So onto to Giverny, where we enjoyed touring Monet's house, grounds, flowers and the large pond he built and made famous in his rather large Waterlily paintings. In Paris we moored on the Seine, south of the Eiffel Tower, which now sparkles for ten minutes each night at the beginning of every hour. Lyon is famous for its silk factories, which used the first computer to standardize woven designs and where the Saone River meets the



Along the Seine

Rhone. In Vienne, a Roman theatre still seats 13,500 but for concerts. And the surprise in Arles, made famous by Van Gogh, was the Roman coliseum, still seating 30,000 -- for bull fights. Arles was built up by Caesar because their shipbuilders helped him conquer Ptolemy. The famous 12th c. bridge at Avignon is still very much worth seeming even though it is only 1/4 its original 3000 ft length due to the strong river currents and floods of the Rhone. Wine tastings and French food of course enhanced our

trip, but an Air France strike at the end stranded us for four days in Lancon, a glorified truck stop in the olive groves of Provence, 15 miles outside Marseille. Two strikes in two weeks! Visit France at your own risk!!! Typical sailing journey: a mixed bag of ecstasy and vexation... — *Mary Donohue*

From the Vice Commodore Hudson River Fall Foliage Cruise

Although the trip started off with rain and 25-30 knot gust winds as we rounded Manhattan and headed up the River, our sail was trouble free and Patricia and I arrived at Tarrytown without incident. There we were met by my friend, Larry Flinn, who lives in Tarrytown. He is an amazing host and upon picking Patricia and me up at the marina, he invited us to a James Bond Party at his yacht club, Indian Harbor Yacht Club in Greenwich, Connecticut. (That's an hour drive both ways!) The party was in full swing, no one seeming to mind the gale that was going on outside the club house, or that Patricia and I weren't in 'Bond' costumes inside. We were treated to a fantastic dinner, met many of the members and exchanged adventures about our summer sails, trips to Nantucket, Block Island and sundry places. Kindred spirits, ahhhhh, what a night! The next day we awoke to beautiful skies and warm weather as Wendy, Patricia's friend, and Dan Lehman, the speaker from the Club's last event, arrived at Tarrytown to round out our crew. Our second day was a leisurely journey through this beautifully tree-lined canyon of autumnal colors known as the Hudson Highlands and to the Garrison Yacht Club just south of Cold Spring where we stayed the night - outside their bulkhead. The next morning, Patricia, Dan and I made Cold Spring and picked up



Patricia inside Bannerman's Castle



Bannerman's Castle along the Hudson River

more crew for that day. People also joined us from the Meetup and on Saturday we leisurely toured the ruins of Bannerman's Castle, built in 1901 by David Bannerman on Pollopel Island. The island was amazing and we stood there in awe, taking in spectacular vistas, from about 400 or 500 feet above the river. We made our way back to Cold Spring Village and spent the rest of the time checking out the galleries, shops and places to eat. Luckily for us, the high wind that we had battled on the way up prevented the Cold Spring Boat Club from taking up their docks, so we were

able to get a slip there for the first time and it was delightful. People from the Meetup helped crew on Arcturus as we sadly returned home from the last official cruise of the season. For us, it was a summer to remember and the Fall Foliage Cruise was a stunning way to close it out. To all that could not join us, or were forced to cancel at the last minute, next year we hope you can make it and share with us this unique experience. It's well worth it! — *Chris Hulbert*

From the Fleet Captain Halloween Daysail Costume Party

Saturday's rainy weather caused the fleet to re-schedule the raftup party for Sunday. But the weather front that brought Sunday's high winds with gusts to 25 knot (or more) wiped out any thoughts of rafting. Two of the three boats planning to attend thought it prudent to stay put. *Yeraz* (The Brennans), eventually made it to Plandome and partied hardy where there was a fetch of 4 - 5 ft seas. Oh well, there's always next year! — *Scott Stevenson*

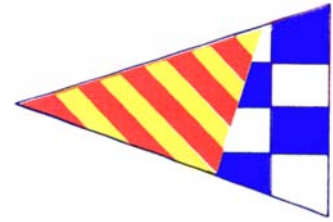
*Home is the sailor,
home from sea ...*

*photo courtesy
of Mary Donohue*





Change of Watch



**Saturday, December 1, 2007, 7:30 PM; Cocktails 6:30
Deadline for Reservations and Checks: November 26, 2007**

\$45 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. There will be music for conversation, or dancing, and a tune or two by various club members as the new slate of officers take up their posts. Please clip the coupon below and return it to Susan Wheeler. You may call her at (212) 879-4991

Name: _____ No. of Reservations: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

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