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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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*Season's greetings 2006 from the Board and
Membership of the New York Sailing Club.*

Commentary: After three and a half years, it's time to move on.. Invention stales. Words become rote. So with this December, 2006, issue of the NYSC *Newsletter* your Secretary puts down the quill and turns over the files to your incoming Secretary, Geraldine Gall, and Assistant Secretary Walter Friedrichs. It has been fun. I have much appreciated the kudos tossed my way since I foolishly volunteered for this job those years ago. Indeed, pride kept me at it long past the time common sense said Quit. Good luck Geraldine and Walter. Lend them a hand, everyone.

Coming events:

January 18, 2007, Thursday. Bill Bacon will talk about the Star Clipper sailing vessel cruises in the Caribbean, Mediterranean (including the Aegean Sea) and East Asia. These are enormous sailing vessels — one of them has five square-rigged masts and is over 400 feet. Cocktails at 6, dinner at 7, at Jack Demsey's, 36 W. 33rd Street.

February 15, Thursday. Sea chanteys by Eric, Hillary and Jan for your listening enjoyment and sing along. (Oh, a capital ship for an ocean trip...). Jack Demsey's.

March 15, Thursday. "Going Coastal" with Barbara LaRocco, President and 2006 recipient of the Clean Marina Award of New York Harbors. Place to be announced.

April 19, Thursday. "At sea in the city," a presentation by William Kornblum, CUNY professor, author and sailor of New York waterfront harbors. Jack Demsey's.

May. Going-into-Commission dinner and Around Hart Island Race. Details to come.

May 26-28. Memorial Day Weekend and our on the water program gets underway. More details on the 2007 season soon to come. And that in print assures us that winter is almost over.

Recap:

Just because an event is land-based doesn't mean it is weather-immune. We learned that lesson with a couple of back-to-back blizzards a few years ago that shoved the Change of Watch dinner into January. Our long anticipated Tall Ships presentation by photographer and author Thad Koza was literally dampened by too much rain. But on Nov. 16 some thirty-five attendees, many of them potential members, came to the Seamen's Church Institute for an evening of nautical sociability and history and discussions about improving waterfront activities, not least bring back the tall ships that New York's crumbling waterfront infrastructure now keep away. Among the attendees were members of the New York City Sailing Meet-Up group mentioned before.

The **Change of Watch Dinner** brought out a similar number who boozed, wine, dined lavishly, danced and exchanged flags and insignia between outgoing and incoming officers. Top billing was the awards to various members for services to the club: Bill Woodward trophy to Bernice Moll; Winsome trophy to Lloyd Sarakin; Etta Morton trophy to Betsy Haggerty. And then of course Sally Small's sometimes not so jokey awards to various, truly, well-deserving members. A piece of cake, a bottle of booze, a book, can be more treasured for its quiet recognition of soldiering on as any piece of silver earned by more spectacular deeds.

Member notes: Sally Small is lighting designer for the New York Gilbert and Sullivan Players and will be doing "Yeoman of the Guard" and "The Mikado," starting January 5, and on Jan. 11, "Rose of Persia" for one performance. <http://www.nygasp.org>. Go see what Sally does.

NYSC Web Site: If you have not visited the Club's World Wide Web site (<http://www.nysailingclub.com>) do so now. You will find lots of information about the Club and related matters in an expanded and easier to navigate format. Click on all the links and get us widely referred. The site actually made it to #1 on Yahoo as "Sailing Club, NY."