

# New Castle Sailing Club

## N E W S L E T T E R

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### COMMODORE'S CORNER

Wow, we could not have had a more picture-perfect day for launch this year - you could just feel the giddiness of everyone anticipating a nice sail in the same fine weather.....and then the rains and winds came! But have faith...the season is still young and many sailing opportunities await. Thank you to all those who worked hard to get the fleet ready for launch. Now that the boats are in, remember that we are ALL responsible for keeping the fleet in sailing shape throughout the season. Please show courtesy in fixing anything you break or find broken, or find worn and in danger of breaking. This policy enhances the enjoyment, and more importantly, the safety of those who sail the boat after you.

If you cannot fix a problem, note it on the board in the sail house and arrange with the boat captain to get help at the earliest opportunity. Handle the boats as if they were your own (they are!)

Rosters for on-the-water instruction and race committee have been posted on the sail house door, and also on the web site. Please note your appointed times and show up as scheduled to make these club programs a success. If you need to make a change to the schedule, please find a replacement or make a trade and let the Instruction Director or Racing Director know of the change. Early in the season, especially when the weather is nice, we will sometimes have more students show up for on-the-water instruction than the assigned instructors can accommodate. If you have a Saturday or Sunday afternoon free, please consider coming to the beach to help out with instruction. There are a few members who do this regularly, and it is much appreciated!

Our logbook in the sail house is provided for members to record each outing and each participant. Please fill it out in detail every time a boat is sailed. If a boat does not return as scheduled, we will know where and for whom to search. It is also important to have any guests read the liability waiver (written on the top of each page in the book), and sign in the appropriate space. Members should put their names in the main sign-in space. Also note in the right-hand column if you are giving instruction so we can track this throughout the season.

As we gather at the beach, especially before and after racing, please make sure that we do not impede any walkers on the path. Similarly, make sure that cars, either parked or stopping to talk, do not interfere with traffic using the Third Street turnaround. It is stipulated in our lease and also good public relations for the club that we keep the path and roadway clear. Third Street will be repaved soon, so there may be a few days this month when access by car is limited.

I want to thank all who helped out last Saturday for the Open House, especially Phil Iannelli and Jim Tait, who took visitors out on the Hunter, Norm Yoerg and Malcolm Carlock who manned the committee boat, Trish Cavender, who held down the fort at the club house, and Eric and Suchitra Warner, Kathy Leef, Larry Meisenzahl, Faith McGovern, Mari Tyler, and Veronica Kegel-Coon who also helped out with various tasks. The turnout was a bit light due to the unsettled weather, but the majority of those who did attend were genuinely interested in the club, especially our newest member Brian Pierce, who joined on the spot! Our next scheduled 'recruiting' event is June 13<sup>th</sup>, coinciding with the Separation Day festivities in New Castle. Rather than holding an open house, we are planning to be in the Separation Day parade (with Burgundy Thistle as our float), and also have a booth in

the main part of the festival. We will need folks to get the boat ready for the parade, be in the parade, prepare our booth, and be at our booth for 2 hour intervals. Please let me or one of the other Board members know if you can help out.

A few other items of note: Due to the shortfall in membership fees the Board has decided to postpone the planned electrification of the sail house. But thanks to our Property Director Rick Pennell we now have a solar-powered light inside, which will make it much easier to put away the sails and find the head after an evening sail. Our artist-in-residence Dawn Majewski will soon begin work on a mural for the side of the sail house which should really spruce up the place and hopefully deter the local graffiti artists. The top of the dinghy house is leaking (again) and we are seeking a member with experience in patching concrete to advise on the best way to seal it more permanently. Other options (a pitched roof) have also been discussed.

I hope that by now our new members have had the opportunity to go out for instruction. This training is one of the greatest values our club offers [check out the cost of taking a course on the bay], and you should take full advantage! I urge our new members and veterans who have not yet gotten their keys to come down. We have a large number of volunteers anxious to help you become a bone fide NCSC skipper.

Other upcoming sailing events include the Memorial Day Cruise on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, a great opportunity to take out the whole family for a sail and explore the "sailing destinations" in our local area. Wednesday evenings are designated as 'Fun Sail' nights, meaning you should show up at around 5PM to go sailing, with our without having made arrangements ahead of time. The racing season is in full swing now after kicking off with a crew training day and an exciting Boat Captains' race, and new members are encouraged to come out and join in the fun. Hope to see you on the water!

See you on the water,

*Nancy Peffer Commodore*



### **Welcome new members!**

Welcome to Dave Crossan and Brian Pierce, who have both recently joined the club. Glad to have you aboard!



### Launch Day

Launch day started with brilliant sunshine and no wind... and the fun began. Boats are taken from the barn and loaded onto the trailers for the short trip to the beach. The Hunter and Flying Scots have been launched earlier, so it was time for the Thistles. As the Thistles arrived at the beach last minute checks were done as the masts were raised and measured.

One by one the boats were launched with the boat captain aboard and then the boats were escorted to the mooring site by the committee boat. After the boats were launched some new members went out for instruction. Good club participation made for a successful launch day.

Kathy Leef  
Vice Commodore





Racing !!

## NCSC Boat Captain's Race Results 2009

### Boat Captain's Race - May 9, 2009

Chair: Ellen Woytowich Driver: Lorna Lee Assistant:  
None

Boat	Skipper	Crew		Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Total	# Races	Average
3858	Chris Poulouin	Tom Bayliss		3	1	N/A	4	2	2.0
3827	Dave Deptula	Nancy Pepper	Diana DiMattia	1	5	3	9	3	3.0
3972	Earl McMaster	Sally Rusk	Fred Gallagher	2	7	1	10	3	3.3
3881	Dick Harrison	Jack Zeigler	Patrick Martin	4	2	4	10	3	3.3
3902	Chris Annand	Megan Annand	[Annand Crew]	5	4	2	11	3	3.7
3791	Jim Tait	Norm Yoerg	Danny Rakus	7	5	5	17	3	5.7
3927	Scott Latham	Khalid Ibrahim		6	3	DNS	18	3	6.0
4012	Trish Cavender	Ken Cavender	Scott Buehler	8	N/A	N/A	8	1	8.0
4012	Ken Cavender	Trish Cavender	Scott Buehler	N/A	DNF	N/A	9	1	9.0

\*Breakdown Points

## NCSC Spring Series Race Results 2009

### Spring Series # 1 - May 16, 2009

Chair: Lorna Lee Driver: Tina Deptula Assistant:  
None

Boat	Skipper	Crew	Crew	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Total	# Races	Average
3827	Dick Harrison	Dick Ebersole	Khalid Ibrahim	3	1	1	1	3	9	5	1.8
3927	Earl McMaster	Danielle Bower		1	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	4	2	2.0
3972	Dave Deptula	Danny Rakus		2	4	2	3	1	12	5	2.4
3881	Tom Bayliss	Mike Hennessy		4	2	3	2	2	13	5	2.6
4012	Tilo Stahl	Amy Micka		DNF	5	4	DNF	N/A	20	4	5.0

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## Charity Regatta

The Annual Charity Regatta organized by the New Castle Sailing Club since 1987 to benefit the *March of Dimes* has been renamed the Frank Nelson Memorial Charity Regatta. Frank Nelson was a NCSC member who started the Charity Regatta and devoted much time and effort each year to make the Regatta a success. The *March of Dimes* has always been the benefactor. Their campaign is to prevent premature births and to promote healthy pregnancy and healthy birth; thereby, saving babies from death and disability. This year the event will be on Saturday, July 25th. The festivities start with racing (of course) with invitations for area yacht/sailing clubs to participate. The races will be followed by a BBQ dinner and awards ceremony. The *March of Dimes* has been asked to donate a perpetual trophy to honor Frank Nelson. Following the dinner there will be a live auction. All proceeds will be donated to the *March of Dimes* and it is important to have support from the Club. Even if you don't race, join other club members for a fantastic summer BBQ and bring your purse/wallet for a lively auction. To make this event a success volunteers are needed for registration, dinner preparations, and donating items for the auction. If you would like to volunteer in any way please contact, Kathy Leef, Chris Poulouin, or Tom Bayliss. The more, the merrier....

Kathy Leef  
Vice Commodore

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## Upcoming events:

Mon. May 25 <sup>th</sup> Cruise	10AM	Memorial Day
Sat. June 13 <sup>th</sup> Regatta	9AM – 1PM	Separation Day
Parade	11AM	Separation Day (with Burgundy Boat float)
Festival	all day	Separation Day (with NCSC booth)
Sat. July 25 <sup>th</sup> ** auction	10AM - 3PM 4 – 7PM	Charity Regatta Dinner and silent

\*\*note date change

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## The stern view



NCSC new members must take compulsory course in Hazards