

New Castle Sailing Club

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Commodore's Corner

The recent record snowfall fondly reminded me of Minnesota, where I'm from, but it didn't do me any favors regarding my role as Commodore. We had to cancel our first class for the new members scheduled for February 6th due to the first snowfall, and the decision to hold it on the subsequent Saturday, after the second snow, was not without worry due to the potential lack of parking. In the end, it all worked out very well.

We had a very enthusiastic class of over 20 students treated to the teaching skills of Denny Dolan who has been instructing for at least 25 years. I took Denny's classes many years ago but had not sat in on one for a long time. All of us in attendance last Saturday, in addition to the students, really enjoyed the instruction given by Denny. The presentation was enhanced with a new Powerpoint presentation organized by Sally Rusk and Bob Cann – great progress in communication.

Getting from the street to the Clubhouse was possible to the night-before shoveling of Danny Rakus, Property Director – thanks! Also, thanks to Dick Harrison and others for further clearing snow from the property on Saturday.

The Hot Dog Lunch had excellent participation – probably the most well-attended HDL in several years, in spite of the snow. Of course, none of this would have been possible without the culinary skills of Chris Collins along with donated accoutrements by Kathy Leef and Brenda Smyth. Clean up by Joe Reeber, George Fallat, and others was highly appreciated.

As you may recall, vandals had put graffiti on the Sailhouse a few weeks ago. The good news is that Danny Rakus has been able to take off much of unwanted paint applied to the mural painted last summer by Dawn Majewski. The paint removal was enabled by the previous application of transparent anti-graffiti paint over the mural by our former Property Director, Rick Pennell. When the weather warms up, I'm assured by Danny that the remaining graffiti will be removed.

We welcome the following new members to the New Castle Sailing Club: Michael Dickinson and Cathryn Thomas, Jim and Kathleen Patton, Donna Powell, and Robert "Mac" Sommerlatte. I realize that these and other new members are probably eager to begin helping prepare the boats for launch. While that activity will be somewhat hampered until the snow disappears, we will try to set up boat assignments as soon as possible as well as send out a new club calendar containing the revised instruction schedule.

Finally, upcoming events that I hope you put on your calendar include the St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Lunch (March 13th), the first of several Racing Clinics (March 20th), and the Annual Spring Member Dinner (March 27th).

Len Saari
Commodore



Work Session and Hot Dog Lunch

The first work session kicked off on Feb 13th and the bulk of the work involved clearing away all that snow. A few brave souls cleared the paths and driveway as others worked on the sails and centerboards. The reward for all the work was the fantastic, annual Hot Dog Lunch sponsored by Chris Collins....a 20+ year tradition. Thank you to Chris and her kitchen helpers for the lunch.

Be sure to join us on March 13th for the Annual St. Patrick's Day Lunch....

Kathy Leef, Vice Commodore



First Classroom Session

The Blizzard of 2010 cancelled the first classroom session, but despite additional snow the first session was held on Feb 13th. Every seat was taken as new members (and some old) soaked up the wisdom of our long standing sailing instructor, Denny Dolan, who traveled all the way from Harrisburg to help with classroom instruction.

Denny, Sally Rusk, and Bob Cann had put a lot of effort into preparing PowerPoint presentations which we can now show off using the club's new projector.

*Kathy Leef,
Vice Commodore*



Class Instruction Schedule

The snow storm adjusted class schedule will be: Basic Sailing II and Rules of the Road with Denny Dolan this Saturday 2/20/10 at 10:30am and next Saturday Tides and Knots at 10:30am 2/27/10. The normal schedule will resume in March with the Mandatory Hazards class on the 6th.

March 6	Charts and Local Hazards (Mandatory class to earn a key)
March 13	Weather, Emergencies & Personal Gear
March 20	Moorings: Departing and Arriving
March 27	Thistle Rigging Demo
April 3	Easter Holiday Make Up Class
April 10	Beach Clean Up – No Class
April 17	Scot Rigging Demo
April 24	Fleet Launch Day
April 25	On The Water Instruction Begins (1:30PM)



News from NCSC Founder Newlin Booth

We are pleased to be back in contact with Newlin Booth, one of the "guys from 1953", who started the New Castle Sailing club with the purchase of Thistle #542, christened "Onrust". He is now living in an apartment complex in Jenkintown, PA, just north of Philadelphia. Newlin wrote: "I've just finished reading the NCSC history. What a story about sailors pulling together for all those years. My 92d birthday was December, so I'm excluding sailing for a while. Good wishes for sailors on the Delaware." In reply to my inquiries about the beginnings of the club, he wrote: "A bit of history: Having spent February '52 on our backs scraping off bottom paint from a friend's 44 foot cutter, a cooperative venture was an good and easy choice." A good choice indeed!

Nancy Peffer, Past Commodore



Old Salt Recognition

The New Castle Sailing Club was founded in 1953. The Fleet and the Organization has been maintained over the years by willing members to be the great program that it is. I would like to take a moment to recognize some of the old salts that have been around for a while and contributed to the Club.

Members for 55+ years	Newlin Booth, Past Commodore
Members for 45+ years:	Charlie Paschal, Past Commodore
Members for 40+ years:	James C. Kauer
Members for 35+ years:	Hans M.B. Gerner, Past Commodore
	Joseph O. Reeber, Past Commodore
	John D. Wik
Members for 30+ years:	Richard F. Cronin
	Dennis J. Dolan
	John G. Ingram, Past Commodore
Members for 25+ years:	Douglas L. Blair
	Neil P. Brechtel, Past Commodore
	W. Preston Cooper
	Joseph D. Irr, Past Commodore
	R. Tobey King
	James H. Lattomus
	John T. Ward
	Richard M. Wellons
Members for 20+ years:	Chris J. Annand
	William E. Barber, Past Commodore
	John R. Barton
	Denis C. Beaumont
	Marshall E. Blume
	Peter Burg
	James F. Casey
	Christine M. Collins
	Richard J. Harrison, Past Commodore
	Donald C. Grant, Past Commodore

*John Ingram,
Past Commodore*



Some old salts but good salts
Joe Reeber, Chris Collins, Denny Dolan



Sea of Cortez – A Sailing Adventure

Read the story of Don Hurst and his fellow sailors as they braved the Sea of Cortez.
It will be posted on the NCSC website.

Yours for Safe, Memorable and Exciting Sailing,
Don Hurst



The stern view

A sailor, after running aground on a sand bar, paid a passing fisherman fifty dollars to pull him off with his boat.

After he was off the bar, he said to the fisherman, "At those prices, I should think you could make a real living pulling people off night and day."

"Can't," replied the fisherman. "At night I haul sand for the bar."



Sailing Club Spring Dinner and Annual Meeting

SATURDAY March 27, 2010

***The Riverview Inn
60 Main St.
Pennsville, NJ
856-678-3700***

Directions:

DE Memorial Bridge to NJ
First exit on Rt. 49 East
Go 2 miles
Turn right on Main St.
(blinking yellow)
Follow to Riverview Inn



Agenda

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| 6:00 | Cocktails |
| 6:30 | Buffet Dinner |
| 7:30 | Introduction of new members |
| 8:00-9:00 | Megan Wren, Bay Shore Discovery |
| 9:00-??? | <i>Dancing to the Riverview House Band
featuring music of the 50s and 60s</i> |

Name: _____ Number attending: _____ (\$28 per person)
Please return form with your check made out to "New Castle Sailing Club" **by March 12th** to:

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