



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Finally the heat is off, and we have some great sailing weather here in Annapolis. We are still hearing about plenty of rain in other places, and we hope you are not being affected by the adverse weather.



This issue of our newsletter comes full of reports of sailing activities that Navy Sailing has been involved in around the country. My remarks will center around what has been happening in this area.

First and most Importantly: Navy Sailing and many member volunteers figured out a means to GIVE BACK and say THANK YOU to our Veterans wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan and their families.



This summer we organized two one-day events we called "Vets on the Bay." These events were a means to get them away from the rigors of recovery at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and Bethesda Naval Hospital.

We provided a tour of waters around Annapolis Harbor and a picnic at one of the local marinas where they could swim and eat "non-hospital" food. These events hosted family members, staff, and the vets themselves and, according to those who attended and those who helped put on the event, "Did the Soul Good." Generous



donations from individuals and businesses helped offset the expenses. We intend to do these again and export the idea to other Navy

Sailing locations. Your help – financial, and in terms of ideas – will be greatly appreciated. Check out our website: www.vetsonthebay.org, for pictures and more information.



HarborFest

The Annapolis Boat Shows are only two weeks away. This year, as in prior years, we are hoping to have three boats in the show, a Yawl, a Navy 44, and a Navy 44 MKII. However, as in prior years, there is a chance that the MKII will not be here in time, in which case, we will have two boats. If you are in the area, be sure to stop by or better yet, help us by volunteering to staff the boats during the show. We do intend to bring some of the Vets to the show as a continuation of our "Vets on the Bay" project.

HarborFest, the big event in Norfolk, was again well represented by members of Navy Sailing. The Norfolk Naval Sailing Association, the Navy Sailing Club Patuxent River, and USNSA were all represented promoting Navy Sailing and its activities. What do all these events have in common? Navy Sailing is alive and well and these events, along with many others, demonstrate what we all know to be important, SAILING is **fun**, **professionally rewarding**, and a **family activity** that helps us all.



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We have passed along almost 20 boats to Navy Sailing programs around the country this year to date, including a Tartan 32 and an Endeavor 34. These boats are then used in the various programs to help offset some of the expenses that come with training programs.

The Annapolis Naval Sailing Association has made a recovery, and Commodore Tom Richardson has managed to bring new life to this branch. The club has managed to find a large boat to continue a training

program that has served as model for Navy Sailing Programs in the past. 2008 should see even more growth.

The folks at Pax River have done even more. They have almost completely rebuilt one of the Luder Yawls, *Vigilant*, at Patuxent River. If you come to the Sailboat Show you will see the fruits on their labor.

Now it is time for Navy Sailing members help us preserve the Naval history these yawls bring to Navy Sailing by helping us find the resources necessary to keep this and other yawls sailing. As stated in our last newsletter, we are trying to find sponsors to bring *Intrepid* back into service. Your donations for this project will assist us. If you know your company may be interested in helping, please let us know so we can contact them and begin a dialog.

Navy Sailing waives one year of dues for individuals who contribute \$50 or more to the Foundation.

All donations to the Foundation assist the US Naval Sailing Association to keep Navy Sailing programs going throughout the world. These include NROTC & NJROTC Units, MWRs, and Branches. Other activities supported include, but are not limited to: Olympic efforts of members, All Services Single-handed Championship, Navy Sailing Instructor certifications, and the promotion of Navy Sailing at boat shows and Navy conferences.

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The US Naval Sailing Foundation thanks all those who have donated generously to the McWethy Fund. If you haven't donated (or even if you have already), please consider writing a check, noting on the memo section, "McWethy Fund," and sending it to the Foundation at 58 Bennion Road, Naval Station, Annapolis, MD 21402. Participation is the key to a successful fund-raising effort. Please participate.

The Foundation has placed 14 sailboats at various Naval MWR facilities, three sailboats with NROTC Units, and one sailboat with an NJROTC Unit. The Foundation works with MWR facilities and schools to make sailboats available to military families and students for training and recreation. The Foundation does this through the generosity of the members of Navy Sailing who donate their boats to the Foundation.

Your donation of boats, sails, or cash is tax deductible to the extent permitted by law and is used to benefit the military family. Consider Navy Sailing through the Foundation in your estate planning. Another way members of Navy Sailing can help the Foundation is to consider a donation when renewing your membership.

ALL SERVICES SINGLE-HANDED CHAMPIONSHIP & AFTER GUARD REGATTA



The Naval Academy Dinghy (NADS) team again hosted the Military Single-handed Regatta, "All Services." Dave Fagan won it for a second time and competed in the National Single-handed Championship O'Day Cup wherein he finished in the top half of the fleet. He is going to the Olympic trials and will represent USA at the CISM.

NAVY SAILING INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION

Twenty Navy Sailing members were recognized as Sailing Instructors during the year. The Navy recreational area at Short Stay hosted the first of two Instructor classes. The second was hosted by the Pentagon Sailing Club in conjunction with the MWR at Bolling Air Force Base in Washington, D.C. All of these new sailing instructors have been teaching others the

sailing skills needed to enable new members become better sailors.

A new Instructor Training Class has been scheduled in October at Short Stay Recreation Area in Charleston, S.C. The dates will be 20-21 October and 27-28 October. The price of the course is \$350, which includes instruction and books. Lodging at SSRA is additional. Any interested parties should contact USNSA at 410 293-2130 or e-mail, usnsa@usna.edu.

We will be offering at least two or three classes in 2008 as well; contact us for more information.



CNET/NROTC

Commodore Ron Barrow noted in a recent article, "I mentioned last month that I would be absent from the May meeting to travel to San Diego to conduct sail training for USNA Midshipmen on Navy 44 foot sailboats. I skippered one of the boats and had 8 midshipmen embarked. We spent the first week doing sail training in San Diego Bay and the following week we spent Mon-Friday underway off the coast of San Diego.

We logged over 300 miles of open ocean sailing. The two Navy 44s are en route to Puget Sound and will be berthed at Elliot Bay Marina. During the school year they will be sailed by the University of Washington



NROTC Sailing Team and during the summer months they will be sailed by USNA Midshipmen in Puget Sound. The Navy 44s offer a great opportunity for our future officers to learn teamwork, sailing skills, navigation, and almost all of the seagoing arts. They will be a welcome addition to the Puget Sound Sailing Fleet."

CNET/NJROTC

USNSA received this letter from Master Chief Tim Strickland, West Ashley High School, Charleston, S.C.

"West Ashley High School NJROTC in Charleston, SC, hosted a Basic Sail training camp during the week of 11-15 June. There were cadets from West Ashley High School and Georgetown High School in SC; Mooresville High School in NC; and Union Grove High School in GA who attended. This course was designed to give the cadets a basic understanding of how to sail. Georgetown brought kayaks so they could also learn to kayak in safe water. The cadets from West Ashley and Georgetown who had attended last year assisted with the new cadets. Cadets mentoring cadets makes a difference because new cadets catch on faster when shown or taught things from others their own age.

This great week of sailing and kayaking would not have been possible without the support and dedication from all the instructors, cadets, the boat shop personnel, and especially Short Stay Managers, Mr. Tom Boyd and Mr. Richard Hahn. Short Stay personnel went out of their way to make sure that all assets needed for the class were made available. USNSA recently donated four Lasers and two 420's to West Ashley High School; all of these boats were used during this camp. We as a group would like to also like to thank the U.S. Naval Sailing Foundation for its support and dedication to not only NJROTC sailing programs, but all JROTC sailing programs is helping give our young people a life-long love for sailing



photos of the Sailoree

and opening up new activities to get them outside. This would not have been possible without great support of all involved. All the cadets had a great time and are already looking forward to next year. Thank you again."

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Mulberry Cove Marina Hosts NJROTC Sailing Class 2007

SAILING: Skills learned in classroom then put to good use out on the water
By MC1(AW) Melissa Robertson-Leake,
Assistant Editor

Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC) students from 26 high schools throughout Florida and Georgia gathered at NAS Jacksonville last week for some hands-on training that taught them to sail a variety of different types of boats. This is the seventh consecutive year the cadets attended the camp here. The Interscholastic Sailing Association, South Atlantic Division, sponsors the 40-hour week sailing camp.

The program is offered to students between the ages of 14-17. NAS Jax is one of three sites in the country to host this annual event with the other programs

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taking place in Annapolis, MD and San Diego, CA. The fee for the class is only \$180, which is substantially less than the same class that is offered on the outside for \$1,500.

The NJROTC students warm up doing some morning physical fitness before they begin their day out on the water. Students are housed at the NAS Jax Bachelor Officer Quarters and eat most of their meals in the base galley. This year the course was opened up to 83 students. Individuals who attend this course are selected based on a criteria consisting of grades, their desire to learn to sail and ability to get along with others.

Certified sailing instructor LCDR Robert Spencer started the sailing program here seven years ago. Spencer is certified through the United States Sailing Association and the Chief of Naval Education and Training. "I started this program to give teens an outlet for the summer. Teens 'need' a structured environment, and this course provides them with a way to be involved. A lot of them come from single parent families and myself, along with 16 other instructors, serve as mentors to them. We spend a week teaching them the skills they need to sail a boat and give them the opportunity to see what a military base is actually like. We hope that one day they may decide the military is a career field for them," commented Spencer.

The week commences in a classroom environment where the students learn the basics of boat handling. Teaching begins with sailing terminology, boating techniques and last but not most importantly, water safety where they are required to pass a deep-water swim test. Students

then head out to the base marina on the St. Johns River where the actual hands-on portion of the class begins. Students



are given the opportunity to work independently and also as part of a team. While some students are on the water, others are on land with the shore side crew learning drills, physical training and basic training. There are four certified safety swimmers and lifeguards who teach the teens safety, and most of these instructors have been with the program for at least five years.



When on the water, powerboats and sailing vessels are used. The smaller boats include 15 lasers, 12 420's and flying juniors. With six students and one instructor on each boat, students are taught crewing techniques, how to drive, perform approach on buoys, basic navigation and man overboard recoveries.



Jessica Drawhorn, who is a prior cadet and is commanding officer for the cadets this year, is in charge of making sure all the cadets get back and forth to their destinations while keeping overall order. Drawhorn who attends Nease High School located in St. Johns County, FL. said, "I like the structure of the class because it gives students the basic skills and instruction in a class and then they are brought outside to demonstrate what they've learned. Keeping track of all the cadets is a hard job but I really enjoy it."

The NJROTC sailing camp at NAS Jax is known as the largest, best sail training academy of all the NJROTC's in 13 areas. The students enjoyed trips to the

bowling alley, swimming pool, and were given a barbeque during their time off the river. "Without the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department and the accommodations of the base, we just wouldn't be able to offer this class to the cadets," added Spencer.

"I've always loved the sport, and I'm glad I'm here learning how to actually do it. Camp has been a great learning experience. Maybe one day I can take my friends out sailing with me," remarked Gunter Myers of Robert E. Lee High School in Jacksonville. Myers added he was thrilled to be given the opportunity to attend the camp. "Camp ended with a graduation ceremony Friday afternoon. Campers were a little tired and weary, but were excited about their new boating skills and all the new friendships they had made."

SAILING QUALIFICATIONS ONLINE

Your current sailing qualification is online at: www.navysailing.org. If you feel you deserve a higher qualification, please document your latest sailing experience and send it to the U.S. Naval Sailing Association for reconsideration.



NORTHEAST REGION

Portsmouth Navy Yacht Club/Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, N.H.

The Annual Barbecue and Auction was a great success over the July 4th weekend. Everyone had a great time and lots to eat. PNYC members took off in August for the annual week-long summer cruise. This year's ports of call featured a cruise to Casco Bay, to Cape Porpoise, Biddeford Pool, Richmond Island, Peaks Island, South Freeport and a rendezvous at Portland Yacht Club; on to Jewell Island, Potts Harbor with a short side trip to Eagle Island. The PNYC Annual meeting was held October 13th and the Christmas gala will be a Wine & Cheese cocktail hour before enjoying "A Christmas Carol" at the Players Ring Theatre. Website: www.pnyc.net

Coasters Harbor Navy Yacht Club/NAVSTA Newport, R.I.

The CHNYC Winslow Regatta had a terrific turnout with 14 Shields boats entered. The bad weather held off, and the final race enjoyed solid 10-12 knots. CHNYC held its first annual Boys and Girls Club cruise over two weekends in July. The kids had a wonderful time, thanks to CAPT John Bonds and his wife, Beth. Seventeen boats left the dock carrying 61 children and seven staff members. Over 130 people turned out to enjoy the picnic and to assist with the event – an overwhelming success to say the least!! The Special Olympics Rhode Island Regatta was held on 23-23 September, and the Naval War College President's Cup Regatta on 28 September. Website: www.chnyc.org

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, N.Y.

CDR Chris Gasiorek has been appointed Sailing Master, Director of Waterfront Activities at the US Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point. CDR Gasiorek is a 1995 graduate of Kings Point and was a member of the Kings Point Offshore Sailing Team. After graduation he served as Mate aboard the 82' maxi racing yacht, *Sagamore*, winning the Maxi World Championship in Sardinia, Italy. Upon returning to Kings Point in 2005 as master of the 80' *Hercules* and later the '77 *Alchemy*, CDR Gasiorek combined sail training and yacht racing concepts, sailing with midshipmen on the largest sailing vessels in the fleet. Welcome, CDR Gasiorek, to the U.S. Naval Sailing Association. USMMA will host the KP Laser Open and the Nevins Trophy and the Dinghy Open at Kings Point this fall. Website: www.usmma.edu/waterfront

Annapolis Naval Sailing Association/ NAVSUPACT Annapolis, Md.

The Annapolis Naval Sailing Association celebrated its 40th Birthday on 18 August. Here's hoping ANSA will see another 40 years with many new members to its credit. ANSA recently acquired the use of a 1978 CSY 44 sloop, *Fantasea*. ANSA members have volunteered over 400 hours of service to bring *Fantasea* back to safe

sailing condition. "She is big, heavy, and wide and is a perfect platform for cruising and courses", says RC for Training, Jim Openshaw. Website: www.ansa.org

Carr Creek Marina/NAVSUPACT Annapolis, Md.

Carr Creek Marina's sail training schedule drew to a close at the end of September. This year the Marina processed 66 students through the Basic Keelboat course for the 2007 season. Website: www.usna.edu/mvr

US Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.

The Sailing World College Preseason Rankings placed the Naval Academy Dinghy Sailing Team in 6th position in coed and 5th position in women's. The Fall InterCollegiate Sailing schedule includes the Navy Laser Open and the MAISA Fall Open in Annapolis and the Rolex Womens' Keelboat in Houston in November.

The fall schedule for the Varsity Offshore Team includes the Shield Trophy (Maritime Academy Championship); the McMillan Cup (Intercollegiate Big Boat East Coast Championship); the Kennedy Cup (Intercollegiate Big Boat National Championship); the US Sailing Offshore Championship for the Lloyd Phoenix Trophy; the Storm Trysail Club Intercollegiate Regatta in Larchmont, N.Y.; and the Brazilian and Italian Naval Academy Invitationals respectively. Website: www.usna.edu/sailing

Pentagon Sailing Club/Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C.

Pentagon Sailing Club sponsored another charter trip to the BVIs in July. This trip is offered several times each year and is consistently sold out.

This year, as in 2005, PSC members are going to sail the Greek Isles. That trip is set for October. Photos of the 2005 trip and the BVI trips are on the PSC website listed below. The Labor Day Raft-Up went "South of the Border" – well at least to Herrington Harbor on the Chesapeake. A Latin Fiesta was held at the Calypso Restaurant with

more celebration on the boats, complete with Fiesta attire and some Mariachi music! PSC Sail Training was offered throughout the summer and will continue through the fall/winter season with on-the-water training taking place on the Potomac River and the Chesapeake Bay.

If you are unfamiliar with the Bolling AFB Capital Cove Marina, you will want to visit or call 202 767-4651. Capital Cove Marina offers 110 floating docks as well as a full service marina, boat rentals, boat storage and sailing instruction, not to mention an excellent view of our Nation's Capital from the Potomac River. Website: www.pentagonsailing.org

Navy Patuxent Sailing Club/NAS Patuxent River, Md.

NPSC members participated in the Governor's Cup Race in August, which is an overnight race from Annapolis to St. Mary's City. The NPSC fall race schedule included the SMSA Invitational in September and the Hooper Island-Point No Point Race coming up in October. Keelboat (ASA101) classes are on-going and will continue through the fall. The Clubhouse remodeling job is underway as a joint effort between club members and MWR. There will be lots of volunteer hours on the books by the time it's all done. Website: www.navyfaxsail.com

Norfolk Naval Sailing Association/NAVSTA Norfolk, Va.

NNSA members volunteered their time and their boats to support the JROTC Leadership Academy Sail Week in July in training our future military officers in the art of sailing. August cruising took the

NNSA fleet to Cape Charles and to Portsmouth. In September the Seventh Annual Dink Vail Regatta was held at the Norfolk Yacht Club which included breakfast, the regatta, awards banquet, beer can race and a party. What a weekend! The Annual Tri-Services Regatta was held 8 September. Army took the trophy, represented by Old Point Comfort Yacht Club, based at HQ Fort Monroe. Navy

took second place, represented by Norfolk



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Naval Sailing Association; and Air Force placed third, represented by Langley Yacht Club, Langley AFB. The NNSA Holiday Party will be held in November and the 3rd Annual Toys for Tots Dinner Party is set for December. Website: www.norfolknavalsailing.org

Cove Mariners Yacht Club/NAB Little Creek, Va.

The U.S. Naval Sailing Association welcomes another Branch to the Navy Sailing family. Cove Mariners Yacht Club is located at Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek in Virginia, the sponsoring Command. The 2007 CMYC officers are Commodore, Ron Bennett; Vice Commodore, Scott Pantone; Secretary, Joe Ferarra; Treasurer, Scott Chierepko. Visit the CMYC website for more information on our newest Branch member. Website:

www.covemariners.com

SOUTHEAST REGION

Hancock Yacht Club/MCAS Cherry Point, N.C.

The 42nd Annual Hancock Regatta was held in July at MCAS Cherry Point on the Neuse River. The race classes included Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker Performance, Non-Spinnaker Cruising and One Design. All participants enjoyed a cookout on Friday night and a continental breakfast on Saturday before the race. Dinner and complimentary cocktails topped off Saturday night, followed by a party on the docks at the Tiki Bar. Website: www.hancockyachtclub.org

Ragged Point Yacht Club/MCB Camp Lejeune & MCAS New River, N.C.

The US Naval Sailing Association welcomes Ragged Point Yacht Club back to the rolls as an active member. The Ragged Point Yacht Club became a member of the US Naval Sailing Association in February 1984 with 62 members. Some of these original members were members of Windjammers Sailing Club at MCAS New River. They joined RPYC after their club disbanded. After a number of years in inactive status, some enthusiastic members have reorganized the club which is supported

by the sponsoring Command, MCB Camp Lejeune's Gottschalk Marina. The 2007 RPYC are: Commodore, Craig Amos; Vice Commodore, Robert Fifer; Rear Commodore for Racing, Earl Hampton; and Treasurer, Sally Campbell.

The RPYC "Minister of Propaganda," Don Snyder, writes, "RPYC hosted its annual 'Moonlight Madness' race on 28 July. The 6.4-mile cloverleaf-shaped course was designed to challenge sailors' night/limited visibility navigation skills as they navigated around several markers. Because most casual sailors don't do it, there are few descriptions of what it's like to sail after the sun sets. We had a beautiful full moon over Morgan Bay. With 10kt winds out of the south, it was peaceful, quiet, and simply surreal as the boats made their way around the course. Practicing navigation while enjoying a magnificent sail: what's better than that?" Website: hamiii.sytes.net/RPYC

Short Stay Recreation Area/NWS Charleston, S.C.

During the week of 15 August Short Stay Navy Recreation Area had the Catalina 22 on the trailer ready for Master Chief Tim Strickland (West Ashley High School) to take it on its trip to the US Coast Guard Station Charleston where Master Chief Greg Della



Rocco and his Coast Guard personnel were standing by to lift it and sit it on stands. This boat was chartered to Short Stay about two years ago by the US Naval Sailing Foundation. As soon as it arrived at the Coast Guard Base, a very professional lifting crew sat it on stands, and the sail team was ready to start work. After a lot of scrubbing and sanding, it got four coats of bottom paint and a good hull wax which made it look like a new boat. West Ashley High School NJROTC Sailing was glad to do this job to show Mr. Thomas Boyd, Mr. Richard Hahn and all the Short Stay personnel that all the things they do to support the NJROTC sailing program are greatly appreciated. This project is a perfect example of what can how done when everyone works together. Website: www.shortstay.nvschs.navy.mil

Charleston Yacht Club, S.C.

The Charleston Yacht Club Open Regatta was held in July. The regatta saw fantastic weather with cool temperatures and lots of breeze. There were around 100 boats from all over the southeast to participate. Over 150 steak dinners were served on Friday and great food, cocktails and conversation made Saturday night very memorable. In August ChYC hosted the Melges 24 Gold Cup, one of the four biggest Melges 24 regattas of the year. Boats arrived from as far away as California, New York and Florida. The strong current and sea breezes that Charleston is famous for made for excellent racing. Race competitors enjoyed a Low Country Shrimp Boil on Saturday night after the race. Website: www.charlestonyachtclub.com

Navy Yacht Club Pensacola/NAS Pensacola, Fla.

According to Commodore James Lent, the 27th Annual Bikini Regatta was a smashing success and a most enjoyable event. "The race was blessed by a beautiful day, clear and sunny skies. The winds kept everyone guessing and didn't come to life until after the race started. It blew a little harder than expected, which was evident as the weary crews staggered into our Awards Ceremony after the race. Exhausted they were, but beaming with the satisfaction of measuring up to the challenge of a most competitive

and perfectly run regatta.” NYCP sailors turned out in force to participate in the Lipton Regatta held Labor Day Weekend in Mobile, Ala. Though they did not bring home the trophy, everyone had a great sail! Website: www.navybpsyc.org

CENTRAL REGION

Great Lakes Marina, NAVSTA Great Lakes, Ill.

Great Lakes Marina Manager Doug Derginer's has sent USNSA an update on renovations at Great Lakes Marina. “The Great lakes Marina and Rental Center is now open. The marina pier project was completed in time for the 2007 boating season. The Marina has completed installing 68 new 4’ wide by 30’ long slips. In addition, a new floating breakwater system was put in



to provide necessary protection for moored boats. Electrical and water upgrades are to be phased in spring 2008.

The marina boat house, our main customer service center, is under complete restoration. The building is on the historical record, so all the exterior work is to bring it back to its historical integrity – new roof, new windows, much mason work, etc. The interior is being completely gutted. This facility will include new classrooms for sail training, new locker room and shower facilities, commercial laundry services, central air and new forced air heating. The project is estimated at \$5.8 million and should be completed by 2008.” Website: www.mvrslcnic.navy.mil

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WESTERN REGION

Presidio Yacht Club/Travis AFB, Sausalito, Calif.

Vice Commodore D’Vonne Hutchins reports, “I am very pleased to announce that Presidio Yacht Club placed second in



Opening Day on the Bay Parade. Within the last five years, Presidio YC has placed first or second. That

shows that our little club has a lot of heart!” Travis Sailing Center has a new marina manager, Louis Canotas. Louis has been on board for six years and was recently promoted to marina manager. If your sailing plans take you toward Travis, you can make arrangements by calling Travis Sailing Center at 415 332-2319 or e-mail: travissailing@sbcglobal.net. Website: www.presidioryachtclub.org

Treasure Island Yacht Club, San Francisco, Calif.

The TIYC race schedule includes the Estuary InterClub Race and the TIYC Island Series Race in September; and the last TIYC Island Series Race in October. The cruising calendar includes Coyote Point, Aberer’s Delta; the Blue Water Cruise-Out; and the TIYC Fleet Week Steak & Lobster Dinner on 6 October. The TIYC Annual Meeting and Election Dinner is set for 17 November, and the Holiday Party for 8 December. Website: www.tiyc.org

Navy Yacht Club Channel Islands/Point Mugu NB, Calif.

The July Hawaiian Luau was a fabulous success! Everyone raved about the food; no one went home hungry. And of course, everyone was decked out in Hawaiian garb to make the evening authentic. The NYCCI Family Picnic was held 26 August in Peninsula Park. Everyone arrived by dinghy or by car to help clean up the harbor. All the trash was weighed in at the Dock Master’s office. The NYCCI White Life Ring Trophy, “signifying excellence in trash acquisition,”

was awarded to Sid Norton who collected the most trash for the second year in a row! This was a much-appreciated effort by the Harbor Master. The Clean-Up was followed by a cookout. The NYCCI annual week-long cruise to Catalina took place 20-29 September. The October cruise will take the cruisers to Santa Barbara 26-28 October. Website: www.nycci.org

Navy Yacht Club Long Beach/NWS Seal Beach, Calif.

Commodore Tony Rietdyk reports, “Wow, what a weekend we had. Navy Yacht Club of Long Beach had a cruise-out to the Isthmus, part of Two Harbors, the quiet end of Santa Catalina Island. It is probably one of the most beautiful places in the state, and it’s in our backyard. The evening was topped off with dinner and dancing on the wood dance floor under the full moon and stars.” The 21st Annual Charity Regatta Pancake Breakfast and Swap Meet was held 7 July and was an overwhelming success!! NYCLB members served pancakes to over 100 people and raised a lot of money in the process. The NYCLB All-Hands Regatta was held 22 September and the Navy Day Regatta will be held 27 October. This race is part of the Long Beach Harbor Invitational Series sponsored by Little Ships Fleet Yacht Club and Navy Yacht Club Long Beach. GO NAVY!! Website: www.nyclb.com

Santa Margarita Yacht Club of Camp Pendleton/ MCB Camp Pendleton, Calif.

The last of the SMYC Small Boat Races was held on 15 September. The Hal Graham Memorial Race is set for 7 October. The 2008 Officers & Directors Elections will be held on 14 October, and the SMYC Christmas Party is scheduled for 8 December. Website: www.santamargaritayc.org

Navy Yacht Club San Diego/NAB Coronado, Calif.

NYC San Diego hosted the Gator Regatta on 4 August. Boats from Santa Margarita Yacht Club and Navy Yacht Club Channel Islands sailed in to participate in this annual rivalry. Four races were run; competition

was keen. In the end, Navy Yacht Club San Diego was awarded the Gator Cup Trophy. Santa Margarita took second place. A great party followed the races!! NYC San Diego also took first place in the SBC Navy Cup Regatta, competing against other San Diego Bay clubs. Website: www.nycsd.org

Whidbey Island Naval Sailing Association/NAS Whidbey Island, Wash.

The WINSA cruising schedule included Jones Island, Eagle Harbor, Cypress Island in August and the Gulf Islands and South Pender in September, drawing the official cruise calendar to a close for the season. The second long-distance race of the year, the Saratoga Sprint, was held in August. The 'Round Whidbey Race is the longest race—an overnight which covers 65 miles. The Saratoga Sprint is the easier of the two. The course sails from Oak Harbor to Baby Island and back and must be completed within a seven-hour time limit. The Fall Series started in September and will continue until mid-October. The WINSA Christmas Party is set for 8 December. Website: www.winsa.org

Navy Yacht Club Everett/NAVSTA Everett, Wash.

In July the annual week-long cruise took NYCE members to the San Juan Islands and the Canadian Gulf Islands. Day 1: Deer Harbor; Day 2: to Bedwell to clear Canadian customs, then onto Montague Harbor; Day 3: Telegraph Harbor; Day 5 & 6: Sidney and Victoria; Day 7: back into the US at Roche Harbor to clear customs with an overnight anchor in Garrison Bay; Day 8: head for home. The NYCE calendar continues with some fine cruising destinations to round out this season. In August, Poulsbo; in September, Port Orchard; October, Oak Harbor; and November, Langley. NYCE members will decorate their boats to participate in the Everett Lighted Boat parade in December. The Christmas party is scheduled for 15 December. Website: www.nyceinfo.org

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through Annapolis and need mail sent to you here, have it sent to us and we will hold it for you to pick up. We are not offering forwarding or pick up service at this time. You can have your mail sent to us at: U.S. Naval Sailing Association, 58 Bennion Road, Annapolis, MD 21402-5054. In the bottom left corner, write: HOLD FOR [Your Name]. DO NOT put your name as part of the address. Call us at 410 293-2130 when you arrive for directions to the office.

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