



US Naval Sailing Association Newsletter

Executive Director

As this newsletter goes to press, the 2005 sailing season has already begun in most branches and MWRs. The Frostbite series has finished, the ExDir held up the rest of the fleet by finishing last "most" of the races. The rest of the fleet thanks him. The Beer Cans have started and he has one bullet so far (different boat). The Naval Academy has put together plans for its most ambitious sailing season in recent memory. **ALL** of members of the class of 2008 are expected to go to sea in sailboats this summer. You can only imagine the logistics of making this happen. The resources are stretched thin. The new Navy 44s are expected to start arriving in late summer, but not in time to relieve much of the pressure.

We (USNSA) had a booth at the Surface Navy's Symposium in January to promote Navy Sailing. We made contacts with many of the corporate folks and promoted the benefits that Navy Sailing and its members bring to the Navy Community. We need your help in developing our corporate connection.



Vice Commodore CDR Dixon & Allen Faurot at the Surface Navy Convention Washington

The pressure on the money issues in the MWRs has not gone unnoticed in the world of Navy Sailing. Fees are increasing, resources are shrinking, and overall availability of sailing opportunities is diminishing. There is more and

more reliance on volunteers and branch members to keep sailing opportunities available to our military personnel. Thank all of you who are working to keep Navy Sailing in the forefront under these trying times.

Be Part of Navy Sailing

This remains our theme for 2005. The members of Norfolk Navy Sailing will make a Navy Sailing presence at the upcoming Harbor Fest later this summer. They intend to "escort" the *USS Elrod* into position with a Navy theme using many of their member boats and then raft together for the weekend as part of the harbor side activities. The Patuxent River members will join the waterfront in their Navy 44' Yawls to complete Navy Sailing presence at the Harbor Fest.

The Sailing Association has created a new membership category, that of Junior Member. This membership is open to NJROTC Unit members. The Junior Member dues will only be \$12 per year and each JR member will be issued a membership card showing that he or she is **Part of Navy Sailing**. We will issue sailing certificates to those unit members that the PNS recommends upon completion of their sailing qualifications.

Corporate Members / Sponsors

We are working to develop this program and still need your help. Some of the ideas we are working on include: Event sponsorship (All Services, etc.) and Adopt a Navy Sailing Program (NROTC, NJROTC, Branch, MWR, etc.). As these ideas become more mature will let you know. Any other ideas you may have will be appreciated.

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Welcome to Bolling MWR at Bolling Air Force Marina in Washington, DC. The group has officially become **Part of Navy Sailing** by becoming our latest new Command member. They have also taken in the Pentagon Sailing Club after the Navy declared its Anacostia facility a part of port operations. Navy loss, Air Force gain; Navy Sailing wins either way.



Executive Director Howe at Bolling AFB Marina opening



Executive Director Howe welcoming Bolling AFB to be Part of Navy Sailing

US Naval Sailing Foundation

We must thank everyone who responded to the McWethy Fund drive. Listed here are the people who donated and are a larger part of Navy Sailing. The donations are fully deductible and the money raised is used to support Navy Sailing activities including the sailing association, the All Services Singlehanded Championship, the website, newsletter, yearbook, Branch & Command membership activities, and sailing instructor certifications classes, to name a few.

Benefactors donated \$1,000 or more, Sponsors contributed \$500 or more, Patrons donated \$100 or more, and Friends \$50 or more. See the next page for the list of generous supporters.

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An Aloha Happy Ending

Last December a Catalina 27 was offered to the foundation for donation. Since the boat was in Hawaii, the Rainbow Bay Marina was contacted. The MWR felt the boat would be a nice addition to its rental fleet so the Foundation accepted the boat and chartered it to the Rainbow Bay Marina. That Catalina 27 is now available to be used by MWR patrons. The Foundation works with Naval facilities and schools to make sailboats available to military families 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 consider a donation when renewing your membership. Navy Sailing waives one year of dues for individuals who contribute \$50 to the Foundation.

The Foundation thanks all those who have donated generously to the McWethy Fund. If you haven't donated, please consider writing a check noting in the memo section McWethy Fund and send 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.

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Supporting Olympic Class Sailors

Since August of 2003, the U. S. Naval Sailing Foundation has assisted **Team Fagen/Goss**, consisting of LCDR David Fagen, and his crewman, Ned Goss – both members of Navy Sailing – with their Olympic campaign in the 49er class dinghy. Team Fagen / Goss practiced through 2003 and up to Olympic trials in 2004. Although Team Fagen / Goss did not qualify for an Olympic berth, they have continued to compete in the 49er Class. At the Miami Olympic Classes Regatta in January of this year, they qualified for a spot on the US SAILING Team. Based on their regatta results, they are fourth in the country in the 49er Class. They are looking forward to their next regatta, the North American Championship at The Gorge in Oregon in July. Team Fagen/Goss likes heavy air racing and the Gorge will test their heavy air skills. For more information about Team Fagen/Goss, please go to its website, www.sail2olympics.com. The web site has some awesome pictures of the 49er skiff.

Donations to the Foundation and marked for Team Fagen/Goss are tax deductible and will help them on their way to the 2008 Olympics.

CNET

Navy Sailing Instructor Certification

We currently have one Sailing Instructor class scheduled for certifying Navy Sailing Instructors, 6-10 June, in Jacksonville. Most, if not all, of the Instructor Candidates are currently part of the NJROTC program. We had only two calls from the NROTC units for qualifying their incoming Sailing Training Officers (STO). We have not been officially notified, but it seems to us that Qualified STO are not very high on the CNET agenda, at least not for what we believe should be priority for future Naval Officers.

NROTC

University of Washington NROTC Sail Program: Got Wind?

*By MIDN I/C Constanca Schlemmer, XO
University of Washington NROTC Sail Team*

Founded in 1990, the University of Washington NROTC sail team in Seattle, Washington, is home to the only big boat sailing program in the country, aside from the Naval Academy. This motivated group of midshipmen, officer candidates, and marines has been able to overcome great obstacles and turn the 2004/2005 school year into an enormous success. With help from the Seattle Yacht Club, the team was able to acquire a new engine for its Navy-44, Lively. Over the past six months, Lively has been transformed from an unworkable shell to a sea-worthy vessel fit to sail to Victoria, B.C. for the team's annual spring trip. As the year progresses, the team will continue to work on receiving Skipper B qualifications and enjoying the warmer weather on the waters of the Pacific Northwest. Further information can be found on the team's website at www.students.washington.edu/cschlemm



University of Washington NROTC Navy Sailors and their 44' Yawl training vessel



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NJROTC

Some of you may remember our mentioning in one of our recent newsletters that several NJROTC Units from across the country drove up to Annapolis to pick up some lasers and 420s donated by the Naval Academy. We received a note from MAJ Mark Hendricks of **West Mesa High School NJROTC** in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

“We have made five forays to local lakes since the summer, and the program is up and running,” he reports. “We didn’t know much about sailboat rehab, but with some help from the University of New Mexico NROTC Unit’s MAJ Brian Montoya, we figured it out. We have all three NJROTC programs in town playing in the sailing program now and are trying to get all the Navy programs in the state participating.”

From **Charleston Yacht Club Juniors Committee** we received this update. Matt Vacher writes, “The Junior Sail Training Program has gotten off to a quick start. The NJROTC Cadets have purchased new sails, running rigging and safety equipment for their Ranger 22. The cadets elected to sew the sails themselves so main, genoa, and spinnaker kits were purchased from SailRite. A classroom at West Ashley will soon become a sail loft with Marion Vacher providing the sewing machines and know-how. Ted Smith of West Marine, assisted with the selection of *Scarlet’s* running rigging and safety equipment. Joey Waters of Waters Sails has invited the cadets to visit his loft in Columbia to observe the design and construction of sails.

Patti Byrd, Cadet Commanding Officer of **West Ashley High School NJROTC** will assist the Juniors Committee as an advisor. We look forward to her input.”

↑ *This is the kind of news USNSA members love to hear! These students are our future—it sounds like they’re off to a great start!!*

Help Wanted

The ChYC Junior Sail Training program is seeking youths between the ages of 16-18, who have completed the US Sailing Level I or US Naval Sailing Association instructor course, to fill the positions of Junior Assistant Instructor. This is a paid position. Applications should be submitted to ChYC attention Matthew Vacher. If you have any questions or have a son or daughter between the ages of 16-18 who would like to take an instructor training course and needs some financial assistance, please call Matt at 843 825-4617 or jabam@tds.net.

Junior Sail Training is seeking youth volunteers 14 and older who would like to help with the summer sail training program. Applicants must have completed a sail training course and are encouraged to complete the South Carolina Boating Safety Course. For course information please call 800 277-4301.

BUPERS

Nothing much to report coming from the BUPERS world where it concerns Navy Sailing. They have not been in touch with us and it seems they like it that way. The liability issue for potential renter of MWR boats remains where it always has been: it is the renter’s responsibility. There is no effort on BUPERS’ part to help out with this issue to our knowledge.

The Naval Academy efforts have born fruit for volunteers helping with on the water sailing. They have managed to have the US Code changed so that volunteers can be covered by the MWRs for liability issues that may arise during their time as volunteers. We believe that this may help the volunteers at other Navy Programs. If you do volunteer and this is an issue, please make sure the program you are volunteering for helps you with the details.

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We strive to have all of this information on our web site www.navysailing.org for our members. We sometimes run a little behind, but we are working on it. With volunteers, it sometimes takes more time than we like.

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Coasters Harbor Navy Yacht Club

CHNYC held its annual Awards Banquet in November and elected the 2005 season Executive Board: Commodore, Ben Riggs; Vice Commodore, Ron Oard; ER Commodore, Jim Gilmore; Secretary/Treasurer, Janet Belson. The '04 training season overall was once again a significant increase over previous years. Rhodes training was provided for 215 students, using 1246 volunteer instructor hours. 76 students challenged the test and were qualified. Recreational Rhodes usage was up 15% over 2003. Shields usage went up 68% and 26 new skippers were qualified in the new upgrade program. The CHNYC Spring Opener was held in March and the marina opened 1 May.

Website: www.nwc.navy.mil/chnyc

US Merchant Marine Academy

The USMMA Mariners finished the '04 sailing season in 10th place, according to the Sailing World College Rankings. The Varsity ICS team competed in the Truxtun Umstead Regatta at the US Naval Academy in March and hosted the Admiral's Cup in April. The team participated in the Thompson Trophy at the US Coast Guard Academy and the MAISA Open/Frosh at the Naval Academy in April.

Website: www.usmma.edu/waterfront

Carr Creek Marina

The activity level at the Carr Creek Marina, located at the Naval Station Annapolis, has sprung to life. Starting on 20 May, the Carr Creek Marina is offering Skipper B-KBS (small Keelboat) and B-CS (small boat Cruising Skipper) classes using its large variety of boats.

The fleet includes Rainbow 24s, Capri 22s, Catalina 25s, 27s, & 30s. They also have for use a Hans Christen 43' and Luders 44' Yawl. Call 410-293-3731 for more information.

US Naval Academy

Seasons' greetings NADS enthusiasts,

On Monday we had 60 degree temps and Tuesday snow and puffs up to 45 knots! Crazy spring. Please welcome back LT Grant Garcia (NADS 2000). He joins the dinghy team staff for a tour year shore tour after service aboard USS Boise (SSN).

Please note below upcoming events:

20-22 May - All Services Champs (O-Day Qualifier) in San Diego. Contact Bob Howe at usnsa@usna.edu; 18-19 Jun - Alumni Regatta at Navy (lasers and dinghies).

Recruit Status for class of 2009:

- Michael Curran of Tampa - Direct to Navy
- Kira Devers-Jones of Tampa - Direct to Navy
- Jesse Fielding of Rhode Island - NAPS
- Mac Fletcher of Pensacola - Direct to Navy
- Andrew Hotchkiss of Riverside CT - Direct to Navy
- Trisha Kutiewicz of Long Island - Direct to Navy
- Bryan Rigby of San Diego - NAPS with good performance this Spring
- Martin Sterling of Hawaii - NAPS
- Paul Tucker of Larchmont, NY - Expecting Direct to Navy
- Andrew Vann (2nd generation NADS) of Tampa - Direct to Navy

Check out the team at:

www.nadn.navy.mil/SailingTeam

The USNA ICS team has gotten off to a terrific start for the 2005 season, competing in five regattas in late March with top ten finishes in all. Navy hosted the Truxtun Umsted Regatta in March. Twenty teams competed in four divisions with Harvard taking first place; Navy finishing second place overall. Other events for the USNA sailing teams include the Intrepid Regatta (Match Racing), 3-4 April; the Kennedy

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Cup (Navy 44s), 15-17 April; and the NASS Spring Race, 23-24 April. All of these events are hosted by the Naval Academy Sailing Squadron. The Navy team competed in the All Services Championship in San Diego, 20-22 May. USNA will host the Alumni Regatta for lasers and dinghies 18-19 June.

Website: www.usna.edu/sailing

Naval Academy Sailing Squadron

The NASS Officers include CAPT Brian J. McCormack, Commodore; CDR Gerard Vandenberg, Vice Commodore; CAPT Richard Morin, Rear Commodore; Brad Dellenbaugh, Head Coach, Varsity Offshore Sailing Team (VOST); Mike Brownlee, VOST Fleet Captain; Dan Rugg, Director, Command, Seamanship and Navigation Training Squadron (CSNTS); Nancy Haberland, Head Coach, Junior Varsity Offshore Sailing Team (JVOST); Gavin O'Hare, Head Coach, Intercollegiate Team. The Naval Academy hosted the 26th annual Safety at Sea Seminar 2-3 April which focused on offshore as well as inshore safety issues. The 2005 NASS Race Schedule is as follows: Intrepid Regatta, 3-4 April; Kennedy Cup, 15-17 April; NASS Spring Race, 23-24 April; and USNA Alumni Regatta, 18-19 June.

Website: www.usnass.org

Portsmouth Navy Yacht Club

PNYC Officers for 2005 are: Commodore, Alan Mitchell, Vice Commodore, Paul Smith, Rear Commodore, John Carlson, Secretary Evelyn Miller, and Treasurer, Sue Mitchell. PNYC has already kicked off its boating season with its Spring Fling at, where else, the Red Hook Brewery. Notice the link—Red Hook and the anchoring part of boating life?

The club has a proactive attitude and is looking out for its survival in case the shipyard marina is closed if the Naval Yard doesn't make the cut in forthcoming base closing decisions. In conjunction with the Naval Sailing Foundation the club has established a fund to help with any future legal issues that may arise. The Sailing Foundation is operated under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code. We applaud them in this endeavor and if anyone

would like to help, please contact the club (PNYC) or the Foundation at 410-293-2130. We can keep Navy Sailing alive, with your help.

It seems that Navy budget dollars, including the MWRs', have been directed to other matters. The *Flotsam and Jetsam* section of the newsletter has several items that may be of interest to all boaters. They do say, for those of you planning a visit to the Northeast this year, that Boston Harbor has a web site that may assist: For information contact Moorings@Bosport.com Check out our the Cruising section for some reports of the PNYC cruisers activities.

Website: <http://home.comcast.net/~portsnyc>

Annapolis Naval Sailing Association

ANSA Officers for 2005 are: Commodore, Ray Knell; Vice Commodore, Jim McPheeters; Rear Commodore, Tom Warrington; Secretary, Kitty St. Romain; Treasurer, Norm Newcomb; and Fleet Captain, Tom Richardson. ANSA held its Dead of Winter Brunch at the Naval Academy Officers & Faculty Club on 29 January to discuss plans for 2005 training and activities schedules. On-shore training began in February and on-the-water training began 16 April. The Blessing of the Fleet took place on 14 May and Summer Kick-Off on 21 May with the Rhode River Cruise. The ANSA branch is not dead but on the come-back trail. We are glad that the new energy has been found.

Website: www.ansa.org



Members of the ANSA crews getting their boats ready for the Spring

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PSC's River Rats opening their new digs at Bolling AFB

Pentagon Sailing Club

The 2005 PSC Bridge includes Commodore, Jimmy Dean; Vice Commodore, Donna Reuss; Training Commodore, Bob Cox; Bay Commodore, Ray Widmayer; River Commodore, Tony Skivo; Secretary, Diane Worthington; Treasurer, Mike Ellison. The recent move from Anacostia Naval Annex in Washington to Capital Cove Marina at Bolling Air Force Base has turned out to be a most rewarding experience.



Ray Widmayer (PSC River Commodore) getting rid of the winter blues

Marina Manager Bobby McCullough has done everything possible to make Pentagon Sailing Club members feel welcome in their new home. Bolling has put in all new floating docks, and PSC was given three great slips. PSC members have labored throughout the year to erect the new clubhouse on the premises, and all work should be completed by the beginning of the

sailing season. The grand opening was held 6 April followed by a presentation to USNSA's newest MWR member, Capital Cove Marina at Bolling AFB. Classroom instruction of all sail training programs is ongoing and the first day sail was held 7-8 May. The Memorial Day Raft-Up sailed to St. Michaels for "Shamrocks, Shillelaghs & Shenanigans."

Website: www.pentagonsailing.org

Navy Patuxent Sailing Club

The 2005 NPSC Officers have been elected: Commodore, Lee Allen; Vice Commodore, Char Moody; RC/Secretary, John Daley; RC/Treasurer, Jim Shelton; RC/ Training, Barbara Clark.

The annual Burning of the Socks was held on 19 March. Everyone brought stinky socks to drive winter away then celebrated success with burgers, oysters and potluck. The Navy Patuxent Sailing club held its annual Open House on 14 May at the Pax River West Basin Marina. There were free burgers and soft drinks, free boat rides and plenty of friendly people. The 2005 Frostbite Races began in March on the Luders Yawls, *Alert* and *Vigilant*. Wednesday night races began 20 April. Small boat racing is set for 5 May through 1 September. NPSC members also plan to participate in Norfolk Harborfest, 10-12 June.

Website: www.navyfaxsail.com

Norfolk Naval Sailing Association

NNSA Officers for 2005 are: Commodore, Bill Erwin; Vice Commodore, Chess Harris; RC/Little Creek Naval Amphibious Base, Brian Westcott; RC/Norfolk Naval Base, Jim Van Dyke; Secretary, Carol Buck; Treasurers, Mike Barber and Jim Gordon. NNSA's shakedown cruise of the year took place on 2-3 April with a sail up to York River Yacht Haven. NNSA held its Sock Burning and Dock Party on 26 April at Norfolk Naval Sailing Center. Once again, NNSA boats will participate in Norfolk Harbor Fest set for 10-12 June.

Website: www.norfolknavalsailing.org

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Hancock Yacht Club

The HYC 2005 officers include: Commodore, Mike McCulley; Vice Commodore, Ted Goetz; Rear Commodore, Mary Louise Allen; Treasurer, Sandy Rice; Co-Secretary, Katherine Mack and Carolyn McCulley; and Fleet Captain, Mark Silcox. HYC held its annual Oyster Roast on 19 March. Monthly meetings are held the first Thursday of every month at 2000 at Hancock Creek Marina on Cherry Point MCAS. Other recent events include the HYC Spring Cruise, 15-17 April and Club Clean-Up Day, 30 April.

Website: www.hancockyachtclub.org

Charleston Yacht Club

The Charleston Yacht Club Executive Board includes: Commodore, Frank Rutigliano; Vice Commodore, David Galloway; Rear Commodore, Scott Bartley; Fleet Captain, Toby Clark; Secretary, Reggie Fairchild; Treasurer, Vickie Wickman. ChYC hosted a US Sailing Safety at Sea Seminar on 5 March. The seminar was taught by CAPT John Bonds, a lifetime member of USNSA and one of only five certified US Sailing Instructors in the country. Charleston Race Week, organized by Charleston Ocean Racing Association, was held 7-10 April. An estimated 110 boats from across the country participated. There were three courses this year--one in the ocean and two in Charleston Harbor.

ChYC members & guests were treated to an enjoyable evening with well-known regional author Claiborne Young, on 11 April. Mr. Young has written several very informative books on cruising the waters of the Southeast United States from North Carolina to Alabama. Many ChYC members competed in the Charleston to Bermuda Race which began on 14 May. Don't miss the update on the NJROTC Cadets under the CNET section of this newsletter as reported by Matt Vacher, ChYC Juniors Committee.

Website:
www.charlestonyachtclub.com

Savannah Sailing Center

Activities at SSC are year-round and open sailing continues to attract young people of all ages. Walt Suter of SSC reports that the SSC Sunfish sailors virtually dominate the Southeastern Sunfish scene. Four SSC sailors participated in the Sunfish Worlds in the fall and placed very respectably. The Spring Open Program for juniors and adults on all levels began on 9 April. The SSC events calendar includes the NROTC Laser Regatta, 2-3 April; Instructors' Course, 30 Apr-8 May and the Marifest Regatta, 21 May. The Kids/Juniors schedule "Catch the Wind" program began with week-long sessions on May 30th.

Website:
www.savannahsailingcenter.org

Navy Yacht Club Pensacola

The new NYCP Bridge Officers for 2005 are: Commodore, Vince Cooke; Vice Commodore, John Matthews; Rear Commodore, Bev Stagg; Fleet Racing Captain, Stu Hamblin; Secretary, Linda Hayes; Treasurer, Barbara Russell. The NYCP race schedule began with the Maxine #1 PHRF race on 5 March. This is the first of three races for the Maxine Series Trophy with three classes of participation—Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker and Cruiser. The Commodore's Cup series began on 9-10 April. For the cruisers, the first weekend getaway was on 16 April to Robert's Bayou, Pirate's Cove. NYCP reports that due to damage from Hurricane Ivan, the project to rebuild the Bayou Grande Marina began on 1 April.

Website: www.navyypnsyc.org

WESTERN REGION

Navy Yacht Club Channel Islands

The NYCCI 2005 Bridge of Officers include: Commodore, Steve Shephard; Vice Commodore, Jean Denton; Rear Commodore, Hank Cunha; Treasurer, John Denton; Secretary, Pennie Norton and Sailing Master, Dave Hodgson. NYCCI Opening Day ceremonies were held on 3 April at Peninsula Park & Clubhouse. Other Spring events taking place:

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Chumash Casino Bus Trip on 23 April; Cruise to Arch Rock, Anacapa Island on 30 April; Dinghy Brunch & Chocohate Factory in Channel Island Harbor on 22 May and the Cruise to Scorpion's on Santa Cruz Island, 3-5 June.

Website: www.nycci.org

Navy Yacht Club Long Beach

The 2005 Flag Officers for NYC Long Beach are: Commodore, Bill Gordon; Vice Commodore, Dick DeRusha; Rear Commodore, Frank Farmer; Fleet Captain, Bill Plumlee; Secretary, Jackie Gordon; and Treasurer, Betty McConnel. NYCLB celebrated its 38th Opening Day & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on 9 April in its new clubhouse at Alamitos Bay. Cruise-Out dates are set for 15-17 April to Dana Point Yacht Club, 26 nm; and Catalina Isthmus and Catalina Avalon 13-17 May.

Website: www.nyclb.com

Naval Postgraduate School Sailing Association

NPSSA is the nautical advisory group for the NPS Blue Water Cove Marina in Monterey. Volunteers from NPSSA conduct check sails, teach sailing lessons and oversee and advise on maintenance issues and operate the cruising program. NPSSA take inexperienced or non-sailors on a two-hour cruise on Monterey Bay to allow guests to enjoy the benefits of the sailing program that Blue Water Cove offers. The NPS Foundation has four 30' Shields available for racing as well.

Website: www.nps.navy.mil/npssa

Presidio Yacht Club

PYC Officers for 2005 are: Commodore, Don Kavanaugh; Vice Commodore, Marcia Stern; Rear Commodores, Steve Peters & Cindy Schultz; Treasurer, Henriette Gordon. The first official race for 2005 was held on 10 April. The largest single event of the Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association (PICYA) calendar is Opening Day on the Bay, held this year on 24 April. PYC members participated in the parade of boats and many other festivities of this event.

New Website: www.presidioyachtclub.org

Navy Yacht Club San Diego

NYCSD Officers for 2005 are: Commodore, Eric Matus; Vice Commodore, Blanche Gunther; Rear Commodore, Jim Pope; Treasurer, Bob Muff and Secretary, Robyn Phelps. NYCSD hosted the San Diego Area Yacht Clubs (SDAYC) monthly dinner meeting on 20 January at the Island Palms Resort Hotel in San Diego. The Spring newsletter, *The Spinnaker*, has a great report of the club's opening ceremony with lots of pictures. Check it out; you may see some people you recognize:

www.nycsd.org

The Bill Bunce Keel Series was held during the 1st Quarter 2005; the Bill Bunce Small Boat Series began 2 April. Wednesday Night Racing began 4 May and continues through the summer. Fiddler's Cove Marina and NYCSD hosted the All Services Championship and AfterGuard Regatta this year—a spectacular event! To read more about this event, go to the All Services Championship section in the front section of this newsletter.

Website: www.nycsd.org

Santa Margarita Yacht Club of Camp Pendleton

SMYC is pleased to announce its Bridge Officers for 2005: Commodore, Jim Murtland; Vice Commodore, Audrey Hall; Rear Commodore, Tom Nadolski; Secretary, Sharon Elshaug; Treasurer, Floyce Royer. SMYC Opening Day was held 3 April, even though they are able to sail all year long. It's a tradition which calls for a boat parade and another opportunity to celebrate and have some fun. SMYC Small Boat Races started 22 January with a great turnout and a great day for sailing. This event will be held once a month through October for experienced and new racers alike. The Bob Nichols Memorial Race was held 15 May.

Website: www.santamargaritayc.org

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Treasure Island Yacht Club

TIYC Officers for 2005 are: Commodore, Earl Ansley; Vice Commodore, Fred Gibson; Rear Commodore, Brent McDonald; Secretary, George Knies; Treasurer, Wil Debrunner. TIYC members participated in the Alameda Inter-Club Races again this year, beginning 9 April and run once a month through September. Opening Day on the Bay was held 24 April, complete with boat parade and gathering. The Memorial Day cruise-out took TIYC members to the Sacramento Jazz Fest, 27-31 May and the Schreiber Cup will be held 4 June.

Website: www.tiyc.org

Whidbey Island Naval Sailing Association

WINSA and Oak Harbor Yacht Club (OHYC) invited all yacht owners who met eligibility requirements to enter the 2005 'Round Whidbey Yacht Race. Pre-race activities, including a barbeque and trophy display, were held at the Cornet Bay dock & launch area in Deception Pass State Park on 6 May. This race ran a distance of 65 nautical miles. The 'Round Whidbey Perpetual Trophy was awarded to the yacht with the best overall performance, and that was Ed Kennedy aboard *Sling Shot*, a J/30.

Website: www.winsa.org

CRUISING

PNYC

Members Rachel & Russel Hiser aboard *Magic Dragon*, Ev Miller, Dick Parker, aboard *Luzie*, and the Yacht *Whale Song*, all have interesting tales of sailing in the Northeast. We encourage our readers to visit the PNYC website to read their adventures from last year and hope they will continue to provide these interesting "Members' Tidbits."

Northport Yacht Club

The Northport Yacht Club has graciously extended invitations to members in good standing to of the US Naval Sailing Associations. Please be sure to thank them if you visit and invite them to your facility. We thank them for their hospitality.

Shennecossett Yacht Club

The Shennecossett YC cordially extends an invitation to the Officers and Members of the US Naval Sailing Association for the 2005 sailing season. They are located in Pine Island Bay off the Thames River in Groton, Connecticut. Please be courteous and thank them for this kind offer.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

BOATU.S. and Us

USNSA has renewed its membership with BoatU.S. as a participant of the Cooperating Group Program. Our Group ID Number is GA82665S. Under this agreement, USNSA members can join BoatU.S. at \$9.50, half the regular annual \$19 dues rate. BoatU.S. has provided an interesting article titled "Skippers May Be Liable if Drunken Guest End Up In The Drink." We encourage everyone to read this. The article can also be found May issue of *Seaworthy*. For more information, contact BoatU.S. at 800 395-2628 or at the website, www.boatus.com

USS Constellation returns to the Naval Academy

Last October the *USS Constellation* sailed (under tow) from Baltimore to Annapolis to return to the US Naval Academy where it trained midshipmen for 22 years, from 1871-1893, during their summer training cruises. Midshipmen learned leadership, seamanship and navigation aboard the sloop of war. It's one of the last great sailing warships. About 10,000 visitors, including 600 midshipmen, toured the ship during its brief stay in Annapolis.

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