

## Spring 2004

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From the Fleet Captain  
Phil Ramser

The Harbor 20 Fleet #1 has a new fleet captain, a re-tread, Phil Ramser is stepping in to relieve our outgoing leader, Lee Sutherland. The fleet has flourished during Lee's leadership the past few years. Our sailing and social events have been highly attended and very successful.

Throughout the year we have sailing events hosted by many different yacht clubs in the bay. Our summer sailing is scheduled so that a H20 sailor may sail evenings Monday through Friday somewhere on the bay.

Our special events have been popular. The Nautical Museum has held a summer regatta for us with a course from the Museum out to the bell buoy and return, a cruising course offering a few dead spots to sail through and a number of lead changes. At the end of the day, they put on a

dinner with beer and wine along with trophy presentations. Your entry fee signs you up as a museum member, that's a good deal. Watch for the event in summer 2004, don't miss this one.

Our class participation continues at a high level. The final race of the 2003 season, held on a rainy day with a south-easter blowing, found seventeen H20's on the starting line. This was in December, the afternoon before our Christmas party. Those hearty souls were rewarded when the rain stopped the wind shifted to the west and they enjoyed a super afternoon of sailing. The Lehman 12's only had seven boats show up, I guess the H20's are sailed by the hearty sailors.

As we say goodbye to 2003, we must thank Lee Sutherland for his leadership and we will enjoy his participation on the race course in the future.

I would be remiss if, while writing this article for the newsletter, I failed to include a few words about Arthur Strock. Arthur left an important legacy with his many contributions to the design of the Harbor 20. Currently, there are close to 100 Harbor 20's in the bay and the builder has launched approximately 200 to date. Arthur's inventive mind was responsible for the mechanical devise that allows us to have an electric motor hidden in the lazette and easily lifted out and swung over the side for use. This wonderful invention allows us to get back to the dock when there is no wind or to just cruise in the evening with an adult beverage in hand.

Arthur was a "long time friend." I met him over 30 years ago when a few of us accepted Jeff Farwell's invitation to start the Etchells class. Arthur was right in the middle of that effort and rarely missed a race. As

you know, he was an excellent skipper and possessed a very competitive spirit. I found this out very quickly, and Arthur and I were into it constantly on the race course. We always seemed to tangle and engage one another with occasional disagreements as to who was right and who was wrong. After the race, we would meet in the Pirates Den, roll the dice to see who would pay for the beer and then discuss from all angles the situation that had occurred on the race course. He was an expert principle race officer (PRO) and a certified judge. The last time I met with Arthur, he gave me a big hug and I thought I was being hugged by a grizzly bear. Arthur was the complete package, we will miss him.

### Arthur Strock 1945 – 2003

from Jane Schock

On Sunday, January 25, we said goodbye to Arthur Strock, a good friend, and the amazing man whose love of sailing and compassion for design led to the creation of the Harbor 20. But it was not just the size and shape of the boat that he influenced, he embodied the very essence, the heart and soul of the fleet. He visualized a boat of classic beauty, with unique and special sailing characteristics. He wanted it to be easy to sail, and easy to maintain. He wanted family and friends to thoroughly enjoy the boat, whether racing or cruising. And he hoped activities organized by the fleet would provide the basis for lasting friendships and fond memories.

In this vision, as with so many things in his life, Arthur was completely successful. This could not have been more evident than on the day we bid him farewell. Under clear blue skies and puffy white clouds, a flotilla of boats filled with family and friends headed out the Harbor to pay tribute to Arthur and to surround his wife, Hallie, with love. As the fleet neared the jetty, a flock of beautiful Harbor 20s joined the group with sails flying and little electric motors quietly pushing them along. Seeing the Harbor 20s sail in behind *Nonpareil* was a moving experience, even to those friends of Arthur's from different walks of his life.

The strength of his vision was most evident in the way our fleet rallied to the call to host the memorial reception. Like members of a family, we exchanged ideas and worked together to provide a very special day. Phil Ramser began the planning, Kathy Sangster and Neil MacFarlane did an incredible job of organizing the food and preparing the LIYC facility, Phyllis Drayton found a beautiful photo of Arthur and Hallie, Ted Munroe organized the group who sailed their Harbor 20s out to sea, and the food provided by the fleet was delicious. The day was a fitting tribute to a very special friend. We will miss him!

### **Harbor 20 Christmas Party and Awards Ceremony from Juli Cook**

The Annual Harbor 20 Christmas Party and Awards Ceremony was held on December 7, 2003 at LIYC. The event was very well attended and was catered

by Toby Wehrle of Peter's Dragon Catering, who provided a sumptuous fruit and cheese hors d'oeuvres table and fabulous "Pasta Extravaganza Buffet." And, of course the dessert must be Tiramisu.

After dinner retiring Fleet Captain, Lee Sutherland, and the in-coming Fleet Captain, Phil Ramser, hosted the Awards Presentation. They proceeded by thanking Toby Wehrle and his crew of family and friends for a job well done. Then they thanked Neil MacFarlane, our sponsor at LIYC and the H20 LIYC Fleet Captain and member of the H20 Board, for his contributions to the Fleet and to the Board. Neil is retiring from these positions and is being replaced by Kathy Sangster of LIYC. Ross Watanabe was also thanked for his contribution to the establishment of the H20 Class Web Site. Phil Ramser announced the Team Races between NHYC and BYC will continue, with NHYC dominating the series. And before the serious awards were announced, Messrs. Gloege and Capps presented Ted Munroe with a special gift: a rear view mirror.

The Harbor 20 Annual Awards were presented as follows:

### **FLEET ONE**

#### **CHAMPIONSHIP:**

Class A - 1<sup>st</sup> Gloege/Capps NHYC; 2<sup>nd</sup> Yates/Kincade NHYC; 3<sup>rd</sup> Kerrigan/Boice BCYC/NHYC.

Class B - 1<sup>st</sup> Allen/Bush NHYC; 2<sup>nd</sup> Len & Barry Connelly SEAL BEACH YC; 3<sup>rd</sup> Helen & Warren Duncan NHYC.

**HIGH POINT TROPHY:** Class A - 1<sup>st</sup> Ted Munroe NHYC; 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Kerrigan BCYC/NHYC; 3<sup>rd</sup> Bob Yates NHYC.

Class B - 1<sup>st</sup> Helen Duncan NHYC; 2<sup>nd</sup> Len Connelly SEAL BEACH YC; 3<sup>rd</sup> Neil MacFarlane LIYC.

**RAIN OR SHINE TROPHY:** 1<sup>st</sup> Jack Cannon BYC; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ted Munroe; 3<sup>rd</sup> Neil MacFarlane.

**FIRST MATE TROPHY:** Class A - Win & Carlita Fuller; Class B - Len & Barry Connelly SEAL BEACH YC.

**KEN DAVIS REGATTA:** Class A - 1<sup>st</sup> Tom Corkett; 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Yates NHYC; 3<sup>rd</sup> Mark Gaudio. Class B - 1<sup>st</sup> Len Connelly SEAL BEACH YC; 2<sup>nd</sup> Helen Duncan NHYC; 3<sup>rd</sup> Andy Binkerd ALYC.

### **BOTTOM PAINT REPORT from Phil Ramser**

One very important issue that had to be resolved in 2003, was what to do about the bottom paint on Harbor 20 Fleet #1 boats. The state of California will no longer allow the copper epoxy to be applied to the bottom of boats to be used in the State. The manufacturer of the Harbor 20's, Schock Boats, must use another material to apply to the bottom of the boats they produce to be used in our State. Those of us with older boats that will need a new bottom surface cannot apply the copper epoxy material.

To solve this problem, our fleet measurer, Bob Yates, solicited bids from local boat yards and selected a paint to be applied that complies with the California State regulations. His findings were presented to the board of directors and a decision was made which is outlined in the report prepared for the newsletter by Bob Yates.

**BOTTOM FINISH FOR THE HARBOR 20'S** from Bob Yates

The bottom finish on the Harbor 20 sailboat is critical to the boat's performance. Prior to the boat #185, built in the spring of 2004, all boats had a proprietary CopperPoxy bottom finish that was applied in the mold at the factory. This finish is very hard and durable with a life of approximately seven years. Since it was put in the mold at the factory, all boats were the same and equally matched. The only drawback for his finish is that grass and soft marine matter quickly adhere to the surface and must be cleaned frequently. Cleaning is usually performed with a plastic scrubber or lightly sanded with 600 grit wet paper. Typically, boats being raced during the summer will be cleaned every one to two weeks, while in the winter they will be cleaned every two to four weeks.

In 2003, the state of California Environmental Board banned the sale and application of CopperPoxy in California. This ruling applied to both the Schock factory and to the shipyards that service the boats. This action was taken because the manufacturer was not prepared to apply and pay for a very expensive toxicity report on the material. Because of this situation, the Harbor 20 Class Association Board investigated alternate finishes and approved the application of Pettit Trinidad SR bottom paint. Unfortunately, this paint cannot be applied in the mold. Tests reports showed that this paint was the most effective product available for eliminating marine growth, and that the surface finish was about the same as Copper Poxy and therefore there were no competitive sailing advantages between the two products.

Trinidad SR is an epoxy-based paint with copper filler. However, it is much softer than Copper Poxy, and works by

ablating away the marine growth rather than by forming a hard barrier against the growth. Because of this process, it needs to be cleaned about half as often as Copper Poxy; however, it only lasts from one and one half to two years. Cleaning is normally done with a soft cloth or towel to minimize rubbing away excessive amounts of cleaning material. It is available in blue (#1277), green (#1377), red (#1677), and black (#1877). All boats in Fleet #1 that have this finish are required to have the material applied by spraying either at the Factory or at the Newport Harbor Shipyard.

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**Harbor 20 Fleet 1  
2004 Race  
Calendar**

**JANUARY**

**Sat 3** Sunkist Series #3  
Inside

BYC 1 pm

**Sat 10** Winter Series #3  
NHYC 1 pm

**Sun 11** Harry Mann  
Regatta

NHYC 1 pm

**Sat 24** Winter Series #4  
NHYC 1 pm

**Sat 31** Sunkist Series #4  
Inside

BYC 1 pm

**FEBRUARY**

**Sun 8** Humphrey  
Bogart Regatta

NHYC 1 pm

**Sat 14** Midwinter  
Regatta

BCYC 12 pm

**MARCH**

**Sat-Sun 6-7** WD Schock  
Memorial

NHYC 12 pm

**Sun 21** Gold Cup  
/Harbor Cruise\*

NHYC 2 pm

**APRIL**

**Sun 4** Earl Corkett  
Regatta

NHYC 1 pm

**Sun 25** Opening Day  
Regatta

NHYC 1 pm

**MAY**

**Sun 16** Leukemia Cup  
(Fund Raiser)

BCYC 11 am

**Sun 16** H2O Sunday  
Sailing

NHYC 1pm

**JUNE**

**Sat TBD** Nautical  
Museum Event (Flag Day)\*

NHNM 1 pm

**JULY**

**Sun 25** Summer  
Rally/Party \*

LIYC 1 pm

**AUGUST**

**Sat 7** Harbor 20  
Midsummers

BYC 1 pm

**SEPTEMBER**

**Sun 12** Fall Schock  
Regatta

NHYC 1 pm

**Sat 25** CHOC Regatta

BYC 1 pm

**Sun 26** Fall  
 Regatta (Roy Woolsey)  
 LIYC 1 pm

**OCTOBER**

**Sat-Sun 2-3** Fleet 1  
 Championships  
 NHYC 1 pm

**Sat 16** Winter Series  
 #1 NHYC 1 pm

**NOVEMBER**

**Sat 6** Sunkist Series  
 #1 Inside  
 BYC 1 pm

**Sat 13** Winter Series  
 #2 NHYC 1 pm

**DECEMBER**

**Sat 4** Sunkist Series  
 #2 Inside  
 BYC 1 pm

**Sun 5** Ken Davis Regatta  
 NHYC 1 pm

**Sat 18** Winter Series #3  
 NHYC 1 pm

**Start times (and even dates) may change - check with the sponsoring yacht club.**

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Christmas  
 Party

**Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 12, at LIYC.**

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**EVENING SERIES**

**BCYC Finally Friday**  
 Fridays June 4  
 thru Aug. 27

**BYC Inside Twilights**  
 Wednesdays May 12  
 thru Aug. 25

**BYC Beercans**  
 Thursdays May 13  
 thru Aug. 26

**LIYC BBQ Series**  
 Fridays June 4  
 thru Aug. 27

**NHYC H2O Twilights**  
 Tuesday July 6  
 thru Aug. 24

**NHYC Twilights**  
 Thursday June 3  
 thru Aug. 26

**GOOF-OFFS**

**Spring** 1st and 3rd  
 Thursday of each month  
 February thru May

**Fall** 1st and 3rd  
 Thursday of each month Sept  
 thru November

**NOTES**

1. All races on the calendar except for Evening series, Goof-offs and races indicated by an “ \* ” count for **High Point** and **Rain or Shine** trophies.

2. The **High Point** trophies will be awarded to the A and B fleet skippers (not the boat) who have the best total score for the season in their respective fleets. This total score is computed by discarding their worst one-third scores including DNS's. Any ties will be broken according to A8 of the RRS.

3. The **Rain or Shine** trophy will be awarded to the A or B fleet skipper (not the boat) who races in the greatest number of High Point races for the season. Any ties will be broken according to A8 of the RRS.

4. Always check Your **Notice of Race** and **Sailing Instructions** for locations and start times of races.