

## Summer 2004

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### From the Fleet Captain Phil Ramser

The members of H2O Fleet number one have been enjoying a very active winter and spring season. H2O sailors have been turning out in large numbers to participate in the many events that have been scheduled. It is especially encouraging to see so many new faces out on starting line. Relaxed sailing is also an enjoyed by fleet members. There is hardly a day goes by without sighting some of our group out on the water just enjoying a leisurely sail.

H2O sailors may look forward to two special events that are on our schedule in the near future. The first is a repeat of the wonderful event hosted by the Nautical Museum, the Stars and Stripes Regatta. This is a fun day

with a course that will take our sailors on an extended bay cruise followed by a terrific cocktail party at the Museum. We enjoy all of this and become members of our fine local museum as well. Ted Munroe is the Regatta Chairman and has written an article telling all about entry and sailing instructions that is included in this newsletter. This is a “family event”. Include your kids and/or grand kids.

In July we will hold our annual Treasure Hunt. We will follow clues around the bay and report back to headquarters at the Lido Island Yacht Club for cocktails and dinner. This is an event that you want to be sure to include in your summer schedule. Entry instructions will be forthcoming in the near future.

There is interest around the bay, voiced by local sailors looking for used Harbor 20's to purchase. If you are interested in selling your boat give Phil Ramser a call.

Ross Watanabe has done a terrific job with our web site. If you have not visited the web site, have a look. Just go to Harbor20.org.

Seaya on the water.

### From Ted Munroe, Regatta Chairman aka EarthtoTed

The Newport Harbor Nautical Museum has announced that they will host the “Stars and Stripes” regatta again this year. The date is Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. The day is reserved for Harbor 20's only and promises to be a great day to race-cruise around the bay.

Last year the “Stars and Stripes” regatta was a great success with a record number of entries and a trophy presentation party that many of the participants said was the best Harbor 20 party of the year. All the regular racers were out. Many new participant were folks that do not usually race, and they enjoyed the race-cruising atmosphere of the event.

The races will start at 1PM, in the channel off the museum dock between a committee boat and a marker. There will be three classes, Harbor 20A, Harbor 20B and the novice class. The exact course will be posted on the water at race time, and will include sailing in may of the bay channels and perhaps even rounding the entrance buoy. The novice class may sail a shorter course and will probably finish ahead of the other two classes.

The starting sequence will be three minutes. There will be a five minute (approx) time delay between starting sequences for each class. The finish line will be between a buoy in the channel off the museum dock and a flag situated on the museum dock.

About one hour after the final finishers, the party and trophy presentation will begin with heavy hors d'ouvres that will equal a sit down dinner.

A champion for 2004 will be named and in addition to receiving an unusual trophy, this person will have his/her name engraved on the Harbor 20 half model board that is mounted permanently on the middle floor museum reception area.

The entry forms and course chart will very soon be posted on

both the Harbor 20.org and museum NHNM.org websites. Either website can be used to enter the race, the museum site is a little easier as your credit card can be entered to cover cost. The Harbor 20 class site would require you to write a check and mail. Use whichever you prefer. The cost for entering the "Stars and Stripes" regatta includes a one year museum membership and is \$50 per boat. By entering on the website you will not have to land at the museum dock on race day.

Please mark your calendars for June 19<sup>th</sup> for this year's "Stars and Stripes" regatta.

The online form can be found at [http://www.nhnm.org/harbor20\\_for\\_m.htm](http://www.nhnm.org/harbor20_for_m.htm)

#### **SPECIAL REQUEST**

Anyone knowing the email addresses of Jeff Gordon, Mark Olsen, or Tom Garrett please send them to Glyn Davies - [gdavies@mindspring.com](mailto:gdavies@mindspring.com)

**From H20 Measurer**  
and all around bon vivant,  
**Bob Yates**

#### **A "ONE DESIGN CLASS"**

The Harbor 20 is considered to be a "One Design Class" of sailboats. This means that all of the boats conform to a single design and set of specifications, and were made as identically as possible in the Factory. They also must continue to conform to this single design in order to race under the Harbor 20 Class Association Rules and Bylaws which carefully define the similar nature of the boats, and describes the items that can be changed for individual preference.

The reason for "One Design" Rules is to allow individual skippers to match their sailing skills (some say luck) in racing, without

the boats being the determining factor in who wins and who loses. This provides level field racing among all of us without having to spend untold thousands of dollars (or millions of dollars on an Americas Cup type) on boat enhancements in order to win.

Now that I have stated all of the above, let me tell you that the boats are not all exactly alike. There is some latitude to change parts of the boat for convenience, safety, or individual preference. For instance, most of the lines can be changed both in size and in color. And, there is entire section of the Bylaws (Section III.G) that allows for specific revisions from the factory design.

Changes come about by sailors like you and me determining that something can be improved on the boat. For instance, I reversed the cleat on the jib downhaul, and made it much easier to adjust the jib luff. I tried it, showed it to several other sailors who liked it, and presented it to the Board for approval. It is now a part of Section III.G. Note that this change did not do anything to enhance the performance of the boat. It only made it easier and safer to adjust the rigging.

You are encouraged to offer improvements too. However, there are a few suggestions that I want to make before you get started. First, read the Bylaws carefully before considering a change. The item that you are interested in doing may be expressly in conflict with the Rules, so I suggest that you forget it unless it is exceptionally beneficial to the boat, or is a safety improvement. Secondly, express your ideas to the Measurer and get a preliminary feeling as to its legality and feasibility.

If your idea appears to be practical, you may be given approval to test the change. If you don't get approval, you are subject to protest by any of the other

sailors. You don't want that to happen. Finally, once a change is proven to be practical, the Board may approve it and include it in III.G. Of course, that means that all of the other sailors will know of the change and have the opportunity to incorporate it into their boats too. That way we can all improve our boats while still maintaining the advantages of a "One Design Class."

# Harbor 20 Fleet 1 2004 Race Calendar

## 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.**

## 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.