

## July 2006

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### Fleet 3 Hilton Head

Fleet Captain - Gary Gleason

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### From Class President, Bob Yates

HARBOR TWENTIES ARE OFF  
AND RUNNING IN 2006  
The season is already in full-swing,  
and many of you are the active



Clinic at Hilton Head in our  
beautiful H20's

participants. That's great, but we look forward to EVERYONE coming out and enjoying the sailing and fun times during the summer months.

The Stars and Stripes Regatta was a big success, both on the water and afterward at the Newport Harbor Nautical Museum. Thanks go to Ted Monroe and Kathy Sangster for leading the volunteers who made the event so memorable. Congratulations also go to first time participants, Kevin and Cathy McCarthy who were first to finish.

Afternoon sailing is in full swing, and we have the opportunity to sail nearly every night of the week. Monday is American Legion, Wednesday is BYC, Thursday is

NHYC, and Friday is BCYC and LIYC. In July and August, NHYC will host Tuesday evening sailing, followed by a great dinner and drinks at the Club. Everyone is welcome, but remember to make a reservation in advance at 673-7790. There's a flyer in this packet as well.

Along with this newsletter, everyone in the Class has received their new DIRECTORY . This is all due to the efforts of Ralph Rodheim and our Treasurer, Jim Kerrigan. We wanted it to be perfect but just in case there are errors, email [judy2001cj@yahoo.com](mailto:judy2001cj@yahoo.com) and we'll catch them next time.

The Summer Party and Adventure Sail is being held at LIYC on July 23'rd. Plan on it; it is a fun family activity. Once again, Kathy is in charge of food and Judy is creating another wild clue adventure. The invitation is included in this mailing, so plan to come and be sure to RSVP to Kathy. This is a fun sail for everyone. No excuses accepted.

The Class and Fleet Championships will be held on October 7 and 8. Once again, the event is being hosted at NHYC, and will include a great dock party on Saturday evening, followed by dinner. This year the event is being organized by George Drayton, Win Fuller, Tom Schock and Andy Binkerd.

Remember, if you have any deviation or exception from the Class/Fleet Rules, you must submit a written petition to the Board by September 1 for review and

possible approval to sail in the Championships. Please contact me if you have a question or comment.

The San Diego Fleet and the Hilton Head Fleets are up and running. We look forward to exchanges with these Fleets in the near future. Also, we hope to get the Santa Barbara Fleet going by the end of this year.

This newsletter, compiled by Judy Weightman, provides a brief summary of our activities. The complete news is compiled on the website listed on the first page. Thanks go to Ross Watanabe for doing a great job in keeping the website up to date with all of the pertinent information. Please tune in often so you don't miss any of the great events.

Thanks go to all of the Class and Fleet Board members and other volunteers who are doing a great job in organizing these activities. We hope that you enjoy these events, and look forward to seeing all of you.

## **TUESDAY NIGHT TWILIGHTS 2006**

**Attention all Harbor 20  
sailors!!!**

NHYC has announced that the club will offer Tuesday evening dining this summer.

Twilight sailing is going to be even better than ever, NHYC is opening the Pirates Den and Deck for great camaraderie and dining after sailing. This action is being taken by the Club after receiving numerous requests from our H20 Fleet members

who consider this to be a prime social and sailing event of the season. In the month of July three evenings are planned, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. If we have a good turnout more events will be planned for the month of August.

During these evening events the Club welcomes all members and their guests and all those sailors who have participated in the Tuesday night sailing. This means if you are entered in the series you and your crew are welcome to come to the club and participate. The Club will offer a fixed menu. The bar in the Pirates Den will open at 5pm. Dinner will start at 6pm. **Please, note that reservations are required and must be phoned in by the end of the day on the Saturday before the Tuesday evening you wish to attend.** The club's phone number is 949-673-7730. Tuesday evening dining has been very popular in the past and it is a great opportunity to enjoy a lovely setting and a quiet evening with your friends.

### **“686 What Are You Doing?” A First Sailboat Race By Jim Kerrigan**

I thought I'd give a firsthand account of my first race in a sailboat. This was in 1962 in my brand new Lido 14. I bought a sailing rulebook and took sailing lessons from an old-timer named Pat Royce at Newport Harbor

Yacht Club. The classroom instruction gave me the basics from a blackboard and a little book and I learned docking and going around a race course.

I got into my boat every weekend, and sailed. After a few months, "I'm ready for the big time." I signed up for a BYC race, with the start out near M mark, nearer to the Harbor entrance. Race Day! Competitors arrived, and we spent a good time waving to each other, saying hello, welcome and I felt at ease.

The last ten or fifteen minutes before the start, my heart was in my throat. Here I had this giant 14' boat rocketing through the water... Other boats came by four or five feet away from me... Nerves gave way to terror a good part of the time. I'd never been so close to other boats in my sailing life. Starboard or port be damned, now I was just "the dodger," because I just didn't want to hit anyone.

Then sounds. Flag and horn.

Flags and course!!!! Crew? Orange/yellow, red/white/blue, white cone, blue cone. We fumbled for the chart. The course was #10 and was a reverse course, twice around indicator flags. Truly!

When in doubt, do something. So I concluded to just "start" and that we'd figure things out along the way. I started. Everyone was yelling at me. So I went back, with the tricky twice around reverse course, I went back *outside* the starting flag, so I turned around, and went back *inside* the start/finish line. Then I figured I had to get back on the other side of the line in order to start again, so I looped around behind the starting line, looped around again and started reverse, again. Then I thought, according to the Rules, "you have to unwind," and so I went around the starting flag...

Meanwhile, my fleet was “gone” --- somewhere, I don’t recall any other boats in sight by this time. Finally, from the Committee boat loudspeaker, “686, what ARE you doing?”

“I don’t know...,” I said, and I went home.

In retrospect, I realize how intimidating my challenge was made by the race committee and course. In all the times since, I can count on one hand twice around OR reverse course. Both? Never. My “first time out” was real, or it wouldn’t be so vivid, 40 some years later.

What are the lessons?

- We **all** are competent out of the gates. (We float and own boats.)
- We all can learn the rules of the road/water and then the ticky-tack racing rules. The racing rules really don’t *matter* unless you come close to someone. (Then you can be so terrified they don’t make a difference.)
- **Never** finish a race and just move on. Think about what happened. Talk about it with your crew and yourself. (What happened? What did I learn?)
- Racing **is** an achiever’s sport. (You learn by measuring what works and what doesn’t.)
- Racing **is** a “profession.” (What’s a profession? It’s someone who learns and studies all knowledge and then uses it, as in medicine and law. But the key ingredient in any profession is Continuing Education. Did you know your lawyer, CPA or doctor went to

school every year to keep current? They do, so if you want to “progress,” you want to continue to learn and, unlike doctors, you can experiment.)

- We learn by watching others.
- No one is **out** to kill you; in fact – amazingly the more you screw up, the more other sailors relate and want to help you.
- A race is never over until you quit.
- There is nothing, absolutely nothing ever so sweet at winning. A trophy or just a race.
- There is nothing, absolutely nothing as satisfying as having the opportunity to know, race and associate with sailors.

**NHYC W.D. Schock Memorial Regatta March 4-5, 2006**

H20 A Class

1	227	Tom Schock & Jane Schock	NHYC
2	3	Gary Gleason & Steve Hosch	SCYC
3	15	Ted Munroe & Jamie Hardenburg	NHYC
4	9	Terry Gloege & Byron Capps	NHYC

H20 B Class

1	66	Len Connelly & Barrie Connelly	
2	92	Wiley Pollard & Amy Pollard	Shreveport YC
3	93	Ross Watanabe & Teresa Watanabe	
4	5	George Drayton & Phyllis Drayton	

**NHYC Earl Corkett Regatta April 9, 2006**

Harbor20 A Class

1	151	Chris Allen/Steve Schupak
2	227	Tom Schock/Jane Schock
3	70	Jim Kerrigan/Trish Kerrigan

4	101	Jamie Douglas/ Linton Weiss
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Harbor20 B Class

PI	Sail	Crew
1	93	Ross Watanabe & Barrie Connelly
2	27	Glyn Davies & Bob LeBlow
3	46	Neil MacFarlane & Kimo McCormick
4	209	Emil Pilafidis & Alice Pilafidis

**NHYC Opening Day Regatta April 29, 2006**

H20 A Class

1	47	George Twist
2	151	Chris Allen & Steve Schupak
3	48	Lee Sutherland & Hollie Sutherland
4	174	John Virtue

H20 B Class

1	66	Len Connelly & Barrie Connelly
2	209	Emile Pilafidis & Alice Pilafidis
3	206	Dave Winckler & Paul Ludgate
4	46	Neil MacFarlane & Kimo McCormick

**BCYC LORIN WEISS SERIES - MAY 21, 2006 – OVERALL**

H20 A Fleet

1	101	Sunday Driver	Mark Gaudio	BCYC
2	70 A	Salt & Battery	Jim Kerrigan	BCYC
3	48	Why Not	Lee Sutherland	NHYC
4	74	Whatever	Jack Cannon	BYC

H20 B Fleet

1	66	Dollie Len Connelly	SBYC
2	27	Energy Glyn Davies	BCYC
3	46	Allegra Neil MacFarlane	
4	209	Party Globe Emile Pilafidis	

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**Fleet 1 Spring Clinic  
as told by Glyn Davies**

Fleet 1 held its Spring Seminar and Clinic on April 8<sup>th</sup> at Newport Harbor Yacht Club. There were about 25 members present including four from Fleet 2 who drove up from San Diego.

The seminar was presented by our 2005 Class champion, Mark Gaudio assisted by Steve Schupak during the on the water clinic. The seminar consisted of a wide ranging discussion of Mark's personal take on how to get around the typical courses in the area used by NHYC. There was a lively exchange of views with many interesting questions asked by the audience, There were many questions of a general nature unrelated to the local conditions, covering starting tactics, mark rounding and crossing situations. After a hearty fifteen-dollar lunch we took to the boats and headed for the open water to be greeted with a reasonable 10 knots of breeze. The RC boat was manned by Phil Ramser and George Drayton but unfortunately they had a dud battery on their automatic starting machine. Not to be defeated, Mark assisted by Steve set the starts and courses from the whalers themselves. The clinic consisted of several drills, which Mark had previously described, and which we repeated until we hopefully learned how to do them. We progressed to some real racing over short courses with the normal closer than expected encounters. After several such races, most of the racers returned to the clubhouse for a post mortem discussion. Everyone seemed happy with what they had learned and all we need to do now is hope we remember half of it.

Please come with your friends,  
to our

# Harbor 20 Summer Party

Sunday, July 23rd

Meet at

Lido Isle Yacht Club

2:00 PM Rally starts on the dock

**4:30 PM Refreshments & Hors d'oeuvres**

**5:30 PM Dinner followed by Coffee & Prizes**

Catered by Newport Rib Company

**\$30** all inclusive

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Call Kathy Sangster by July 18

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