

**Summer 2009**

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Visit <http://www.harbor20.org> for all “breaking news.” **Sign up for the Boat Handling Clinic June 14; Save June 21 for BYC’s Midsummer Regatta; Save July 25 for a Mixer; Save August 23 for Stars and Stripes. Save your race sheet This is your only paper invitation..**



NHYC Team Race Invitational.  
Strategy in action.



BYC’s Dave Ullman and Chuck  
Simmons in the mix



NHYC’s Bill Menninger and Jim  
Kerrigan



This looks serious! Are they  
protesting the guy in the middle?



Clearly H20’s are a gentleman’s  
boat. Oh, he’s from New York YC!  
See article page 2.

(All Invitational photos by Bob Yates)



Monday nights at ALYC  
and another upwind start.



Ross, is that sail reefed? Smart  
man, it really blew that night.  
(2 photos above by Donna M. Griggs)

**WHO ARE YOU?**

It occurs to me that we mail this newsletter to 3 kinds of Harbor 20 owners: 1) devout racers who enjoy competition, 2) those who participate in racing for the excitement and camaraderie, and 3) the “Sunday Sailors” who enjoy the bay at their leisure. But the great thing about a Harbor 20 is

that whoever you are, our little boats are there to give us pleasure.

If you're a racer, you probably know how to:

- register online at the various yacht clubs,
- read an NOR (Notice of Race) and Sailing Instructions,
- follow each club's inside race chart,
- listen and watch the starting sequence, and
- start a race and round marks within the parameters of the **Racing Rules of Sailing**.

Hey, you're set. But you need to remember to refresh your skills regularly and join us at the **June 14<sup>th</sup> Boat Handling Seminar at LIYC** given by our **Fleet Captain Peter Haynes**. AND sign up online for the **Midsummer High Point Regatta at BYC on June 21**. Hors d'oeuvres and trophies afterwards on deck.

If you're more like a Sunday Sailor we still want you to come play with us –anytime, and the easiest times are during the week and at our special events.

**First** the special events: **July 25<sup>th</sup>, Saturday Night, is a Mixer** to get to know you all. Think college! It's at **Kathy Sangster's** home (see invite next page) Everyone reading this page is invited. Heavy hors d'oeuvres are provided and regular racers, please BYOB. Our next special event is the **Stars and Strips Regatta on August 23<sup>rd</sup> at LIYC**. This event is a cruise or race around the Newport Bay combined with some fun gimmick that's easy to do.

**Second** are the evening races during the week and on Saturday nights!

**Mondays** are **ALYC** at 6:00 PM with 5 starts - Harbor 20's are the 5<sup>th</sup> start, about 6:20+.

**BCYC Taco Tuesdays** in June is in the turning basin at 6:00 PM with tacos at the club afterwards.

**Wednesdays** are **BYC's**

**Twilights** starting Harbor 20 A's at 6:00 pm and B's 3 minutes later. All are invited to go in for the BBQ.

**Thursday** meet us at **NHYC** near their anchorage with Lehman 12's starting at 6:00 PM, and all are welcome at the Burger Bash afterwards.

Finally it's **Fridays at LIYC**, 6:00 PM start, with a bring your own BBQ but all drinks, hors d'oeuvres, and the rest of the meal is provided.

The weekend races are detailed on the race schedule page in this newsletter and you need only to read on to discover the joys of **Saturday's Moonlight Madness!**

See you on the bay,  
**Judy Weightman, Amazing Grace**

### IT'S MADNESS, SIMPLY MADNESS!

South Shore Yacht Club innovated a new series two years ago, and it's just a kick - Racing **at night** (or in the dark, at least). The first year, the first race was a real tester – absolutely no wind inside and out. The PHRF class starts in the bay and goes outside the jetty and finishes back in the bay. The fleet never made it back on a windless night.

We raced in the Harbor on a course that started by M mark, went to Y up by the Bay Club, then to U by Lido, then back to the finish. It took us almost three hours.

This is fun? Well, the first of anything isn't always the best example of the rest of something. The positive was that the Bay is really pretty at night. We started at twilight and soon were among the lights of the homes and surroundings, with a nearly full moon lighting up the water. It was very beautiful. The dinner cruise ships are like giant ocean liners at night, the Pavilion lights are great.

There are three things different about a Bay evening race. First, as mentioned, it's pretty and often a moon makes it special. Then there's the bottle of wine – you can't get too serious about it, especially if you have one of the boat tables that never get used. Third, there's the possibility of

inviting another couple to join you in the boat.

The Lido 14 Class had the Luna del Lido regatta for over 20 years, beginning in August 1965. If SSSYC gets some support and we get a nice fleet, who knows how long Moonlight Madness, the name of their series, will last?

Races are scheduled beginning the evening of June 6, then July 5, August 1, and conclude on September 5. Let's get some boats out and have more fun! Details are available on South Shore Yacht Club's web site, southshoreyc.org.

**Jim Kerrigan, A Salt and Battery**

### HARBOR 20's SAIL IN TEAM RACE CHAMPIONSHIP

(see photos, page 1)

Harbor 20s were the boat of choice for the NHYC Invitational Team Race Championships held this April in Balboa Bay. Teams came from New York YC, Southern YC, San Diego YC, Southwestern YC, St. Francis YC, Balboa YC, and Marblehead YC to compete against the Newport Harbor YC for the Baldwin Championship.

Each team consisted of four skippers/crews from each Club competing against another in head-to-head competition. The event involved a total of almost 100 individual team races with a qualification series held over two days. The finalists were NHYC, St. Francis YC, Southern YC who won last year, and New York YC. This year the championship was won by New York YC. As in the 2008 series, NHYC "won" the qualification series but didn't seize the title.

Many of our Harbor 20 Fleet members were involved in the event, offering the use of their boats, as well as boat rigging and maintenance services throughout the series. Five members sailed in the boats—Bill Menninger, Phil Ramser, Jim Kerrigan, John Fuller and Jeff Gordon. Many members contributed time and expertise to support the event, including Hollie and Lee

Sutherland, Bob Yates, Warren Duncan, John Whitney, and Peter Haynes.  
**Bob Yates, Jubilee and Jim Kerrigan, A Salt and Battery**

## Harbor 20 MIXER

Saturday night  
 July 25<sup>th</sup>

Kathy Sangster's  
 403 Via Lido Soud  
 949 723 0350 by 7/20  
 Hors d'oeuvres provided,  
 Racers – BYOB  
 Cruisers are our guests

## Rockin Chair is Rocking 'N Rolling

This photo shows me and **Jack Adkin** (that's us lee bowing the red boat) racing my Harbor 20 in PHRF. The locale is near Punta Gorda, on Charlotte Harbor in Florida. It was a fairly breezy day. Note the rail meat on the bigger boats - while Jack and I sit comfortably in the cockpit . . . on cushions no less.



I raced a Ranger 28 on Charlotte Harbor for about 25 years until the boat was badly damaged by Hurricane Charley. While I was deliberating on

whether to repair such an old boat, it occurred to me that the Ranger and I had grown old together. So, I took the insurance settlement and downsized and simplified into my Harbor 20, which I named "Rockin' Chair".

To optimize the boat for PHRF I have added "plastic" sails with big roaches and a Melges 24 style furler to streamline the leading edge of the jib. I have also rigged a vang and traveler on the Hoyt boom to provide more control over the trim and shape of the foresail. Those modifications did not change the PHRF rating.

In winds of 10 knots or less and reasonably smooth water we are extremely competitive. Recently, in one such race, we actually finished 1st, boat for boat, at the front of the fleet ahead of a Swan 40, a Tartan 37 and assorted other biggies. Reaching in light to moderate air we can be a threat to almost everybody, including our S2 7.9's. It is great fun to beat the big boats but, of course, on a breezier day, like in the photo, we get waterlined and the shoe is on the other foot.

Starts are a challenge because it's easy to get blanketed by the taller rigs of the bigger boats. I usually try to position my start to have the option to immediately tack into clear air, if necessary. I also try to stay in the clear on the race course.

We have sailed in some nasty conditions and I am surprised and pleased with the Harbor 20's big boat feel and its ability to handle wind and rough water.

**Bill Hart, Rockin' Chair**

## NOTICE OF RACE STARS AND STRIPES REGATTA

HELD AT LIDO ISLE  
 YACHT CLUB

Newport Beach, California  
 FOR HARBOR 20's  
 August 23, 2009

1. This Regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008, the Harbor 20 Class and Fleet By-Laws, and local Rules as described at the Skippers meeting.
2. The Race is open to all Harbor 20 sailors who are members of the Association.
3. An Official entry must be filed at the Lido Isle Yacht Club Office by 1:30 pm on the day of the race.
4. A Skippers Meeting will be held on the Yacht Club patio at 1:30 pm.
5. The Race will start at 2:00 pm, or soon thereafter from the Lido Isle Yacht Club tower.
6. One race is planned. The course will be announced at the Skippers Meeting.
7. Protests must be turned in to the Race Committee immediately after finishing the race, and will be heard soon thereafter at the Yacht Club.
8. Trophies for both A and B sailors, including the beautiful perpetual that is on display at the Nautical Museum will be awarded at the Harbor 20 Summer Party which is being held at Lido Isle Yacht Club soon after the Regatta.

## H2O Stars & stripes

race and party

Sunday, August 23, 2009

2:00 PM race

5:00 PM

Wine, beer, camaraderie of  
 H2O sailors

6:00 PM

Chicken & Ribs by  
 Newport Rib Company

\$40 per person

Mail check to George Drayton  
 502 Kings Rd. NB 92663

**EAST WEST  
CHALLENGE CUP  
October 24 and 25.  
Newport Harbor  
Yacht Club**

**All H20 Fleets are invited  
to the Challenge Cup  
Regatta Party to  
welcome Hilton Head  
sailors. Look for the  
email with particulars in  
late September. Plan  
NOW to come Saturday  
night, October 24**

**EAST WEST CHALLENGE CUP  
COMES TO NHYC**

In October of 2008, Fleet 3 out of Hilton Head, North Carolina, asked Tom Schock if representatives of Fleet 1 would come to Hilton Head and compete against their best sailors. They could provide 10 boats for the competition.

Tom found five couples that could take the time and who would be willing to travel to the East coast: Tom & Jane Schock, Bob & Ellie Yates, Lee & Hollie Sutherland, Win & Carlita Fuller, and George and Phyllis Drayton. The Fleet 1 sailors were hosted by the Fleet 3 sailors, and Fleet 3 won the 10 race series by a narrow margin. So much for background.

Fleet 1 has reciprocated by issuing an invitation to Fleet 3 to race on October 24 and 25 this year. Plans are being made to involve our racing fleet, particularly since we will be sailing with 3 people in each boat.

Jane Schock is preparing a list of those people available to crew on both Fleet 3 boats as well as a third member on Team 1 boats. We expect the same people will compete from both fleets as they did in 2008. However, circumstances may require us to be flexible. Several of the wives from Fleet 3 are not expected to sail, meaning that two sailors from Fleet 1 will need to sail with a Fleet 3 skipper. Obviously, over twenty sailors from Fleet 1 will be participating.

All the costs will be on a pay-as-you-go basis, and our local Harbor 20 funds will not be impacted. The tentative schedule of events is as follows:

**Friday:** Supper at NHYC for guests from Hilton Head and hosts

**Saturday:** Breakfast at hosts' homes. Lunch at NHYC for all participants.

Dinner at NHYC, Mexican Buffet will all **Fleet 1 invited, no host bar**

**Sunday:** Brunch at NHYC, individual expense, all **Fleet 1 invited.**

Trophies and awards, **All Fleet 1 invited, no host bar.**

Cocktail Party at Fullers, all participants

Dinner at Abbondanza, all participants.

**George Drayton, Class  
President**

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|-------------|---------------------------------|---------|------|---|
| Mon.        | 6/1, 6/8, 6/15, 6/22, and 6/29  | 6 PM    | ALYC | <a href="#">Sundowner Series</a> *                    |
| Tues.       | 6/2, 6/9, 6/16, 6/23, and 6/30  | 6 PM    | BCYC | <a href="#">Taco Tuesday Series</a> *                 |
| Wed.        | 6/3, 6/10, 6/17, and 6/24       | 6 PM    | BYC  | <a href="#">Twilight Series</a> *                     |
| Fri.        | 6/5, 6/12, 6/19, and 6/26       | 6 PM    | LIYC | <a href="#">Friday Night Adult Racing Series</a> *    |
| Sat.        | 6/6                             | 6:30 PM | SSYC | <a href="#">Moonlight Madness Series #1</a> *         |
| Thurs.      | 6/11, 6/18, and 6/25            | 6 PM    | NHYC | <a href="#">Summer Twilight Series</a> *              |
| Sun.        | 6/14                            | 8:45 AM | LIYC | <a href="#">Boat Handling and Sail Trim Seminar</a> * |
| Sun.        | 6/21                            | 1 PM    | BYC  | Midsummer Regatta                                     |
| Wed.        | 7/1, 7/8, 7/15, 7/22, and 7/29  | 6 PM    | BYC  | <a href="#">Twilight Series</a> *                     |
| Thurs.      | 7/2, 7/9, 7/16, 7/23, and 7/30  | 6 PM    | NHYC | <a href="#">Summer Twilight Series</a> *              |
| Sun.        | 7/5                             | 6:30 PM | SSYC | <a href="#">Moonlight Madness Series #2</a> *         |
| Mon.        | 7/6, 7/13, 7/20, and 7/27       | 6 PM    | ALYC | <a href="#">Sundowner Series</a> *                    |
| Tues.       | 7/7, 7/14, 7/21, and 7/28       | 6 PM    | BCYC | <a href="#">Taco Tuesday Series</a> *                 |
| Fri.        | 7/10, 7/17, 7/24, and 7/31      | 6 PM    | LIYC | <a href="#">Friday Night Adult Racing Series</a> *    |
| Sat.        | 7/25                            |         |      | H2O Mixer *   |
| Sat.        | 8/1                             | 6:30 PM | SSYC | <a href="#">Moonlight Madness Series #3</a> *         |
| Mon.        | 8/3, 8/10, 8/17, 8/24, and 8/31 | 6 PM    | ALYC | <a href="#">Sundowner Series</a> *                    |
| Tues.       | 8/4, 8/11, 8/18, and 8/25       | 6 PM    | BCYC | <a href="#">Taco Tuesday Series</a> *                 |
| Wed.        | 8/5, 8/12, 8/19, and 8/26       | 6 PM    | BYC  | <a href="#">Twilight Series</a> *                     |
| Thurs.      | 8/6, 8/13, 8/20, and 8/27       | 6 PM    | NHYC | <a href="#">Summer Twilight Series</a> *              |
| Fri.        | 8/7, 8/14, 8/21, and 8/28       | 6 PM    | LIYC | <a href="#">Friday Night Adult Racing Series</a> *    |
| Sun.        | 8/23                            | 2 PM    | LIYC | Stars and Stripes Regatta *                           |
| Sat.        | 9/5                             | 6:30 PM | SSYC | <a href="#">Moonlight Madness Series #4</a> *         |
| Mon.        | 9/14                            | 6 PM    | ALYC | <a href="#">Sundowner Series</a> *                    |
| Sat.        | 9/26                            | 12 PM   | BCYC | Tune Up Regatta                                       |
| Sun.        | 9/27                            | 1 PM    | NHYC | Fall Schock Regatta                                   |
| Sat. - Sun. | 10/3 - 10/4                     | 1 PM    | NHYC | Class/Fleet 1 Championships                           |
| Sun.        | 10/11                           | 12 PM   | BCYC | Hot Rum Series #1                                     |
| Sat.        | 10/24                           | 12 PM   | SSYC | Halloween Regatta *                                   |
| Sat. - Sun. | 10/24 - 10/25                   |         | NHYC | 2nd Annual East/West Challenge *                      |
| Sat.        | 11/7                            | 1 PM    | BYC  | Sunkist Series #1/C.H.O.C. Regatta                    |
| Sun.        | 11/15                           | 12 PM   | BCYC | Hot Rum Series #2 *                                   |
| Sun.        | 11/15                           | 1 PM    | NHYC | Winter Series #1                                      |
| Sat.        | 11/21                           | 12 PM   | SSYC | Turkey Regatta  |
| Sat.        | 12/5                            | 1 PM    | BYC  | Sunkist Series #2                                     |
| Sun.        | 12/6                            | 1 PM    | NHYC | Winter Series #2                                      |
| Sat.        | 12/19                           | 1 PM    | BYC  | Portsmouth Folly *                                    |