

February 2012

@ The Beach

Safety & Security

Nick Aristovulos

Early Sign-Up *Get a better spot*
8 AM Saturday February 25th

Beach Opening Clean-Up
10 AM Saturday March 3rd

Beach Opens Weekends ONLY
March 3rd – April 1st
Saturday & Sunday 9 AM to 5PM

Beach Opens Daily Dawn to Dusk
Saturday, April, 7th

Fleet Meeting

Saturday, March 3rd
12 Noon At the Cat House

Officer's Meeting
8:00 PM Wednesday April 29th
At the Cat House

Race

Race Instructional Meeting
March 14th 7:00 PM
Atlantic Highlands Yacht Club

Fleet Race 1 (Ice Breaker)
11 AM Sunday, April 22nd

Ice Breaker Make-Up
Sunday, April 29th

Please check this schedule and follow it otherwise it may cost you some club fees.

Feb 28-29 - You should receive from the membership secretary a beach and trailer map showing your 2012 assignments following the early sign up. Call me, Nick, 732-872-1719 after 8 pm with any adjustments, corrections or changes you may have.

Sat., March 3 we open up for weekends only 9 am - 5 pm. During the month of March you must come down and move your boat and trailer to its 2012 Summer assignment. There will also be a beach map and trailer list posted on the bulletin board. We will try to have most beach spots tagged with a white plastic cylinder and # to assist you in your quest, or ask an officer for assistance. Also, your trailer has to be moved to its new location. During the month of March in order to get your trailer in you must Yank out whoever is occupying your trailer spot leaving them out

in the aisle, otherwise if you put your trailer in the wrong spot someone will do it for you. Good luck-

Saturday April 7 - This date marks the official opening where the beach is available to you on a daily basis, dawn to dusk.

Sunday, April 8 - Any boat remaining in Winter storage will be moved and charged accordingly. NO EXCEPTIONS. We also need help on this day, lunch and beverages will be provided.

The combination to the upper lock can be obtained from any officer.

And if your boat was stored at home for the Winter, please refrain from bringing it down until April 7.

Questions?

Nick 732-872-1719

Visit us on the web for the most current information WWW.FLEET250.ORG

YOWSA YOWSA YOWSA!

I want to welcome everyone to our 2012 sailing season. At present we have a race calendar set up and shortly we will have a full calendar with our social and fun events listed. I hope to see many of you down at the beach.

We start with our early sign-up on 2/25 at 8am. This leads to the following w/e 3/3 where we have our first clean-up (10am) followed by a flt mtg (around 12 noon). I am hoping that enough members attend so we fulfill our obligation of a quorum and can move along thru the season. The officers have prepared a budget and we hope to move on from this mtg. Feel free to contact the following officers with any concerns or help: Mark Brady (Vice-social), Greg Raybon (race), and Scott Rathburn (beach).

Keeping this short and sweet, hoping for much wind and great weather



Race

Greg Raybon

It's getting to be "that" time. Our first race is quickly approaching, as the weather seems to be cooperating well for sailing. We held our first race meeting in February where we set the racing schedule and discussed a few rule tweaks as well as some potential enhancements to the racing program. Here are a few highlights from the meeting. The schedule includes 13 races with 3 scheduled make-up dates: one each for the Icebreaker and Nutsfreezer and one additional date on Labor day weekend to take care of any races that were cancelled due to weather. As usual, our big events are the Division 11 Hobie Points Regatta on June 2/3 and the Statue of Liberty Race that will be on Sunday July 1 since the 4th falls on a Wednesday.

A few other notable events. We will team up with the Atlantic Highlands yacht club again to host the Blue Water regatta. This is a two-day event where we get to race among the big monos. Last years event was quite memorable and I look forward to another great event. Also, on the junior scene, The US Sailing Junior Olympic Festival has invited the catamaran "youts" to come and play for the third straight season. This time the event will be hosted by the Annapolis Yacht Club in Annapolis Maryland, the weekend immediately following the 4th of July and is a 3-day event starting on Friday. The Hobie Class Association has also designated this event to be

the Hobie Youth North Americans. SHBCC has had a good presence at this event and I expect that we will once again have our youth sailors (under the age of 21) compete. Outside the club, there are many opportunities to throw your boat on a trailer and go race. In addition to the many races hosted by the Hobie Class Association, there are a few races that are within a few hours drive. One very interesting event is Sail Newport in June in Newport Rhode Island. This event will be held in conjunction with the Americas Cup World series that features the 45-foot cats being raced by Americas Cup teams. I hope to have more details soon. Also, for you distance race lovers, the New England 100 will be held again in August.

Learn to Sail Program and Winter Instructional

We have penciled in 5 Learn to Sail events this season. This has been a hugely successful program over the last two seasons so come on down and take advantage of the free sailing instruction. The instructionals start next month with an indoor event at the Atlantic Highlands Yacht Club. Our first meeting will be on March 14th at 7:00 pm. I hope to see you all there. If you have any questions, suggestions, or want to help out, you can contact me at graybon@verizon.net

Greg

I was congratulating myself on the new boat. Now that you bought it how are you going to import it from Canada with the least amount of hassle or expense? Okay so obstacle numero uno is US Customs. Secondly I called the agent I use for business for border crossing, Norman Jensen Associates to handle the paperwork. I never got a call back after four attempts to pay for the processing of the transfer into the US. I have to admit that the customs officials on the Canadian side entering the country are wonderful to deal with and I might mention that they must be part of selling the tourism business up in the great white north. They are fit and handsome people with warm smiles and crest bright teeth. Guys, The women are gorgeous. Somebody in the hiring department is doing a good job hiring them. I digress sometimes, So, I thought it would be smart to call US customs and get everything in order so that our reentry was seamless. I spent 4 or 5 hours talking with various people in customs and explained my purchase and what I would need to do to get her home safe and sound. They said, No problem and gave me a form to download that would get me through customs. It was a CFR1300 or some such thing and I eagerly got to work printing it out. I started reading it and realized this was for a sea going cargo ship. Oh No! The form had very important required information like, how long I would be in berth and what my cargo was and all this detailed shipping hoopala.



I was back on the phones again after I got it through their heads that I was not exporting but that I was importing. After another three repeated transfers I found the guy, Doug that knew how to do this. This is easy he

said, it's a pleasure craft and exempt from duties. Bring your bill of sale and make sure the trailer and your license are all current and match. Come to the Peace Bridge pull into the cargo area and ask for me. I will get you the right paperwork and send you on your way. This was soooooo easy.

We gathered up the new cat in a rapid manner so that we could get back into the US and get close to home for the evening so that our next day drives to the house would be a short one. The owner wanted to explain every nook and cranny of the boat and we nodded a lot and kept getting her secured on Roger's trailer for the ride home. We said our good byes and headed toward home.

I was nervously watching the clock wanting to clear US Customs well before shift changes took place and we arrived at the portal at 3:28PM. I explained the boat purchase to the border guard and he said you are at Lewiston Bridge but we can handle it go to cargo and they will get you what you need. We got in the criminal holding pen with all the truck drivers whom were waiting clearance and waited and waited and waited. 3 and a half hour of waiting. That had no clue what a catamaran was or what I needed. Call Doug at Peace Bridge he will tell you. They didn't call him. Nope they proceeded to ask if we were members of a racing team. Three agents with guns asking really dumb questions that showed that they were clueless about their jobs in stereo. Finally the bright one came over with a cropped piece of paper and told me I had to have a US Coast Guard inspection sticker on the boat to enter.. Mark blew a cork and we responded with are you out of your mind statements. I said, that even if the boat needed a Coast Guard inspection why would the US Coast Guard be inspecting Canadian boats. You get the idea we were in trouble. It was approaching 7PM and we were in a stalemate. I asked this four foot ten girl agent, I need your help my son was expecting me home between nine and ten tonight and we aren't going to make it. Finally they asked were the boat manufacturer was I answered the Netherlands. \$130 later we were on our way. You see it's all about the money. By the way the next day in the sunlight I read the tag of origin, Santa Ana, California.

You can sleep safe tonight knowing that our US Customs Service and Border Patrol are protecting us from our northern neighbor and although they might not know what to do with a catamaran they do have big guns and Canadian Customs is not doing the hiring.

Sea you on the beach,

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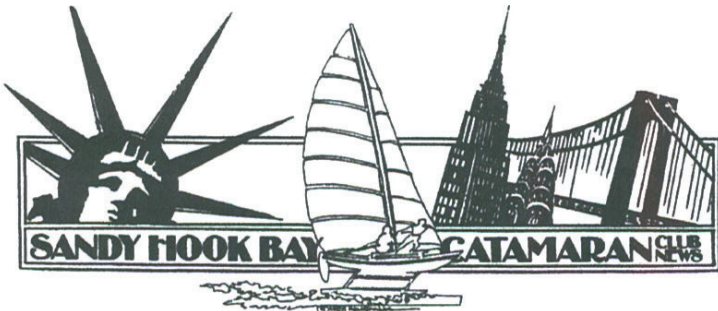
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