




March 2013

Club Calendar	COMMODORE'S CORNER
<p><i>Please join us at our last restoration on Saturday March 30th from 9am</i></p> <p>Deadline to move boats to assigned beach spots Saturday April 6th</p> <p><i>Beach opens dawn to dusk Water turned on Saturday April 6th</i></p> <p><u>RACE</u></p> <p><i>Race Instructional Meeting Monday April 8th 7:00-9:00pm Keyport Yacht Club</i></p> <p><i>Fleet Race #1 Icebreaker Sunday April 21st 12pm</i></p> <p><i>Fleet Race #1 Alternative Sunday April 28th 12pm</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Vic Simon</p> <p>The club is really starting to get in shape. 99% of the decking is done. We have replaced the doors on the cat house and removed a layer of flooring, which will be cleaned this week. The bathrooms will also be cleaned up and we have to remove the toilets to replace the floors in there. Our service has been replaced and we now have electric running to the OQ and will be testing everything inside on its condition. The wheel house has been reorganized and appears to be ready for the season. The beach has another week of work on the south side (gazebo to the fence), so we are hoping to have the beach spots ready for the 30th of MARCH when boats need to start getting to the beach from the upper lots and trailer area for the APRIL 6th deadline. We are getting closer to completing the aftermath of Sandy. We want to thank the members who have shown up and helped out, which I believe is about 40 different members. We will continue over the next two weeks. Hope to see you down there.</p> <p>Another good turnout. Myself and Al Dewan started on the checking of beach spots and started marking the numbers. We have the first boat on the beach, Todd Cronin has the honors. All boats in winter storage need to be moved over the next two weekends. The only boats not required are the ones in spots 1-10, we still have work in that area. The outside of the Cat House has been 3/4 finished with new vinyl siding. The floor was cleaned and is ready for the next layer. Dave Slevin, Todd Cronin, Jenna Meyer and John Sullivan did a great job on the bathrooms and the white fence walls, what a difference! The toilets were removed for the next step. The Officers Q was cleaned out and reorganized and unfortunately we lost the freezer and one of the refrigerators. We are getting there, just a little more tweaking to do. We will be having an outfit come in and take care of the pumping station which deals with the showers and bathrooms. Thanks to Curtis Butler, Gary Payne and Bob Connolly for the effort on the siding. We are grateful for everyone's effort who showed up whom I didn't mention. Hope to see you down at the club. The first race is in 3-4 weeks. <i>Vic</i></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div> <div style="text-align: right;">  <p><i>Let the Summer Begin!!</i></p> </div>

Fleet Race Meeting, February 11th 2013 SUMMARY

We had a good turnout for the race meeting held at the Keyport Yacht Club on February 11th. At the meeting we went over some of the old and new ideas for the 2013 season. Our fleet racing program is very unique in the catamaran world. There are very few clubs in the area that have a schedule of racing like we do here at SHBCC. We believe that we can make a lot of improvements to make it even better. There certainly is no lack of ideas but we need the members to make it happen. The fleet race schedule is set and includes 13 races.

The message for the evening was one of volunteerism. Our program is expanding in ways that certainly requires many more people to pitch in. I have appointed George Evans as Fleet Race Captain, who will be the man in charge when I am away racing or working. A number of other positions were filled as shown here:

- George Evans – Fleet Race Captain
- John Sullivan is the F18 Fleet Captain who will coordinate events involving the F18 fleet.
- Emily Rathburn is our Youth Fleet Captain and Media Captain in charge of video recording and editing.
- Bill Raska and Charlie Capello are our scoring chairs.
- Vic Simon is the Race Captain in charge of equipments.
- Jenna is our new librarian. Once the cat house is back in operation, we will strive to have better access to various instructional videos and books available.

In addition to our fleet race series, we have several big events to host this year. Once again we will host the Hobie division 11 **Points Regatta** on June 1st and 2nd. This is the Division 11 Hobie 17 championship as we expect a large fleet of 17's in preparation for their North American Championships. We will include an F18 start at this regatta and we expect that we may see some sailors travel down from the New England area for that.

Our next event is the **Statue of Liberty Race** scheduled for the July 6/7 weekend. The event will be expanded this year to include the traditional distance race on Saturday and then a closed course buoy's race on Sunday. Depending on the sailors who stay, we expect to have a one design starts for F18's and H16's and a Portsmouth fleet. The statue race is part of our fleet race schedule but the buoy race is separate and will only happen if we run the statue race as scheduled.

The **Bluewater** regatta is on and is scheduled for Aug 3rd and 4th. We are hoping for more participants for this race this year as this race continues to gain popularity. Depending on the participation, we may have one design starts for large fleets such as the F18 or Hobie 16.

At the meeting we discussed new ideas that we would like to implement this season. Four big items that are being investigated are 1) using the Texel rating system instead of Portsmouth, 2) Finally getting a real-time tracking system in place, 3) Having Wednesday night racing with AHYC and 4) Saturday racing. A few people are looking at these issues and will report back at the next meeting.

Another idea designed to help with the instruction component of our program is to meet during a weeknight evening to review tracking or video from the previous fleet race. In addition, we are looking at the possibility of hosting a clinic and we expect to schedule our ever popular learn to sail program. Also, we are always looking at ways to get more members involved and we hope to create an easy way for people to match crews and skippers on race days. Also, with the possibility of Wednesday night racing, Saturday racing and an extra race day at the Statue race, we will be encouraging experienced racers to use those days to help new people interested in racing to join in.

FROM THE WINDY SIDE

Jenna Meyer

Spring and warm weather is beginning to peak its head here and there. Daffodils are starting to pop through the leaves surrounding my hedges. They are there first sign that I should clean up the asparagus patch before the tuber's start to emerge from their long winter sleep. I think almost all of us are saying thank you, thank you, thank you. Well maybe almost all of us except folks like Bob Frazer who seems to be getting parachuted into one ski resort after another. I am a bit more then envious Robert.

We really are beginning to make good solid process on rebuilding our club facilities. There was a fairly large turnout this past Saturday and a lot got accomplished. No one knows how many times we will have to re-clean the beach each time we have a northeastern blow. The pile of debris doesn't seem to be much smaller from the one we built in the days right after Sandy. Scott and his crew are really working at a fast clip to get us open and ready. The deck, clubhouse and bathrooms are progressing nicely. Thanks guys for taking time away from you own families and getting us on track. Scott will be quick to put you to work if you are just standing around and I have to say that he is very focused on task needing workers and who to send in a particular direction. Hats off to you guys, well done.

I have a feeling that those of us sporting dagger boards on our cats will have to pay extra attention this year to changes in the bay bottom due to sandbar creation and pieces of boats and home products littering the sea floor. I am not even going to dwell on the size some of timbers that have been removed were. I am sure there will be countless stories for me to write about as the season unfolds. Stay tuned and make friends with your fiberglass guy. George Evans was talking about buying a new boat just from the proceeds of anticipated repairs and Mark Modderman won't have time to sail his Hobie 16. It might give some others that race a chance to move up in the point's race. Sic, Just kidding but either way the season opener is going to be rather interesting don't you think?

I finally dove head first into getting my boat ready for this season and started doing the maintenance that will keep my breakdown comfort level at a minimum level. I am one that truly believes in the "pay me now, pay me later" scenario and also that do it once right even if it cost more initially. I do remember a member of our club breaking a side

investment. I will admit that I am going from one job to another jumping about but know that eventually it will all come together on time. I think one more season of upgrading the boat will get me closer to where I want it to be for my comfort level. Hopefully my neurotic behavior won't have me going overboard on spending. I did buy it right knowing that I would invest more money in it as I undo the poor practices of those kooky Canadians I bought it from. It just needs a little maintenance Ayeeee. It was just over a year ago now that Mark and I got to battle with the US Customs folks to get her back across the border.

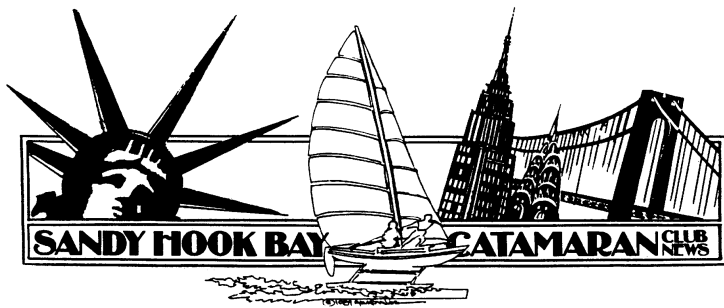
I have been watching the catamaran parts available on Beachcats looking for a spare rudder and dagger board with no success. For that matter there sure isn't a lot of anything on there right now but I am hoping as the season rolls out that things might improve with some good deals on spare parts. The F18 class sure has a limited supply of stuff I would like to put on the shelf for a rainy day. I have been looking for parts for the A-cat especially rudders and dagger boards. This old girl has been hobbled together and I don't think there are two pieces with the same dimensions. The front cross bar is cracked and that is going to be an issue also as I haven't found any yet with the right dimension to fit into the hull pocket for it. But there is no rush. I have all summer on week nights to play with getting it right. The worse that happens is Donna and I can lounge on it off the beach a hundred yards or so with a cooler of Corona's and rum and watch the common folks on the beach. Ah the good life. Vic can you turn the volume up a bit I like this song and deliver a couple hotdogs our way pretty please. I hear the fireworks get a view from there also.

There is even a good chance we will have a Saturday F18 one design race series starting up. I think that will be great fun and will complement our already great race program and instructional put on by Greg Raybon and his folks.

Yupper I am sure excited that the season is about to begin and all the fun, friends and sailing with like minds unfolds yet again. I look forward to seeing all you on the beach soon.

Warms winds

Jenna



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