

May 2013

Club Calendar	COMMODORE'S CORNER Vic Simon
<p><i>Memorial Day Wine-up</i> Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup> 6pm</p> <p><i>Fleet Meeting</i> Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup> 8pm</p> <p><b><u>RACE</u></b></p> <p><i>Hobie Points Regatta</i> <b>Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup></b> <b>Registration 8:00-9:30am</b> <b>Skippers Meeting 10:00am</b> <b>Class Flag: 11:00am</b> <b>Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup> TBD</b></p> <p><i>Fleet Race #4 Buoys</i> <b>Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup> 12pm</b></p> <p><i>Fleet Race #5 Distance 3 Light House</i> <b>Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup> 12pm</b></p> <p><b>Online Registration is now open for both the Points Regatta (Hobie and F18 one design) on June 1/2 and for the Statue Race on July 5/6/7.</b></p> <p>Points Regatta: <a href="http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/6776#_home">http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/6776#_home</a></p> <p>Statue Race: <a href="http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/6850">http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/6850</a></p>	<p>It is gorgeous out, water at 44 degrees, wind @15-20 and no one on the water. We are ready to start the season and more boats will find their way to the water. Our 1<sup>st</sup> race brought out 12 boats so we are moving on. A couple of minor chores left, replacing two fence areas, some yurt tinkering, sinks attached in the shower areas, some trailer reorganizing. Unless we have heard from you all boats with assigned beach spots that are in our lots needed to be at their spots by this past week. We will be in contact if not.</p> <p>Enough can't be said to the members who have shown up and helped out with the recovery. A number of two thousand man hours was thrown out there concerning time spent for the past 8 weeks. This last week was a break from the activities of recovery. I hope to see all of you down here to get on the beach or water because we pick up a little speed with each w/e.</p> <p>We are now 3 races into the season and things are just about shaping up at the club. About 4 minor jobs need to be completed and we will be recovered from the wrath of Sandy. We are up to 125 boats at the club which is the highest we have seen in sometime in May. We have reached this point with the help of the officers and a variety of members. There aren't enough thanks for their efforts.</p> <p>As we move forward there are a couple of reminders of "to do's" while you are at the club. While coming back from the water's edge feel free to pick-up any glass that you see in the sand. Since last October there has been a lot of stirring up in the bay. Place garbage in the proper cans as marked. Close doors behind you when you are done using the facilities and turn off the water when done using it. Wheels are to be above the high water mark and when done please place by bulletin board in lot. Last-respect everyone else's space while at the club, we are all there for the same thing.</p> <p>Follow the events for the club on the web-site and the newsletter. Memorial Day w/e approaches and we are planning our Wine-up on that w/e. The following w/e we have our Division Points regatta. Come on down to see the wealth of talent sailing off of our beach. Keeping this short and sweet. Here's to much wind and great weather!</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Vic</p>

# RACE

Greg Raybon

## *Race Report*

Fleet Racing: The Fleet Racing season is off and running. The Icebreaker needed the alternate date to get the race in. It was a beautiful day for the original date but just not enough wind to race. The alternate date scheduled the following weekend was a great sailing day with strong southeast winds. Mark and Grace Modderman ruled the day with 4 firsts on a Hobie 16. We had 14 boats racing and all were rewarded for the hearty efforts with a great sausage and peppers meal prepared by Bob Fraser after braving the frigid sandy hook waters. Awesome SHBCC beach towels were awarded to all who sailed. We have extra towels for sale for \$15. Results are posted on the race page of the website.

Kattack GPS tracking has been added to our race program this season. You can watch the racing live from your computer if you can't make the race or are just curious. Past races are posted at [www.Kattack.com](http://www.Kattack.com) and a link on the racing page of our website is posted. We expect that this will be a great teaching and safety tool for our racing program. You can download an app to your cellphone for \$10 or rent a tracker for the season for \$95.

Race #2 had very light participation with only 7 boats racing perhaps due to some heavy winds. Scott Rathburn and Bill Dolan sailing the F18 won the day with two firsts, a second and a third.

## *Travel Report:*

Fleet 250 had a nice showing at the Gunpowder Regatta which is the first regatta in the Hobie Division 11 series. Mark Modderman and Grace Modderman won the very competitive Hobie 16 division and Mike Evans sailing with Wally Myers finished 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mike was very busy picking up some valuable sailing tips from one of the Masters of the Hobie 16. I managed to win the Hobie 17 class in a close battle with Bill Kast.

The Northeast area championships were held at Lewes Yacht Club in Delaware. This is a new venue and we hope to make it a regular event. The club is very close to the Cape May Lewes ferry dock and is a north facing beach similar to Sandy Hook. It is a big area to sail in and can benefit from southerly winds without the Highlands interfering like we have in Sandy Hook Bay. Mark and Grace fought back in the big breeze on Sunday to take 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the 16's while I was punished by Steve Myer in the 17 fleet in the big breeze and took second.

## *Upcoming Events:*

We have a lot of events on the horizon. On the first weeked of June we host the **Sandy Hook Regatta**. This is a two day event open to all Hobie one-design boats and this year we will also host a one-design F18 fleet. We have many F18's racing at the fleet this year and hopefully with can entice some outside racers to come race with us. This is a great chance to race one-design against only boats that are the same as yours. We often need volunteers to help out so please contact me to let me know if you want to help out. Registration to race is being done online this year. You can visit the race page of our website to find the link to registration on Regatta Network.

The Statue Race is also not far away. If you plan to race, you also have to register online with Regatta Network. The link is on the website or facebook page. Please register early to help us promote and plan the event. This year we have also expanded the statue race to include one-design and Portsmouth racing on Sunday following the statue race. Again, if you can help out with race committee for the Statue race, it is always appreciated, especially if you own a power boat or have a good friend with one who might be willing to spend the day on the water as a chase boat.

Here is a picture of Mark and Grace at Lewes.



## FROM THE WINDY SIDE

Jenna Meyer

*Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> 47 degrees F. (That's right 47F)*

Okay it was winter. We survived it, enough already. Buzz off don't get mad Mother Nature. Just take spring and winter and go take a hike already. I fondly remember last Mother's day at the club sharing Happy Mother's Day with Alice Rathburn and the few other Mom's at the club that happened by that day. I also remember the weather was near perfect and warm light comfy clothes and such were the order of the day dress wise. Not the gusty winds with wild rain followed by grey sky followed by drizzle and high wind rains yet again this year. Really!! Enough already get lost now and turn on the summer again. I can hear Moe in my head from The Three Stooges saying in a loud aggravated voice, "Why I'm warning you" or the other, "Slowly I turn step by step until suddenly" (you fill in the rest).

I was supposed to spend this past weekend getting my boat rigged and back on the beach with my good girlfriend Donna. We made plans for me to take the camper for the weekend and her to follow on Saturday to get everything done or as close to as we could. Best laid plans of two close friends to finally get the season started for my Nacra. But it was not to happen the whole week was overcast and gloomy with showers which turned into a deluge on Saturday. The boat on its trailer still and I stayed at home feeling like a prisoner in my home yet again. What to do now was the question at hand?

As some of you know I love to stay busy with projects to keep me out of trouble as best I can. Besides my sailors neglected home, and hours spent going over my beachcat. I had two other projects patiently waiting for me get off my arse and get down n dirty to it. I just couldn't break the winter dull drums to get started. The pram is now indoors on stands ready to get some serious sanding done to smooth out the body. I have begun looking into the rudder and dagger board to decide which wood in a natural finish will look and work best. The clubs derelict fleet A-Cat I rescued from Peter's hungry saw and its future as garbage in a landfill is now under way. I finally took her off the trailer and got her up on saw horses in the garage and did a good going over looking for what could end a resurrection of this worn out mess of a wooded boat. A friend took the trailer to make a garden trailer out of for trips to the town brush pile. One problem solved already.

Once up on the stands I got her on the side and took a drop light and took a good look inside. Even my cat Puma went inside to do a complete inspection of the interior before I would be allowed to proceed. Little did I know that you needed approval for rebuilding a Catamaran by a Licensed Certified Cat Inspector of all things? I learn something every day but then why should I be surprised of anything that goes on at SHBCC. He finally came back from wandering to and fro with a solid meow that translated to the same thing I had come to a conclusion myself. The boat was near perfect inside and solid. No soft spots so it was game on during a rotten weekend at home. I was very upbeat that it wasn't full of holes and repairs like many of our fiberglass boats are. It

dawned on me that this was indeed going to be a classic piece of catamaran history if you will allow my indulgence. Who would have thought? I was relieved to know that I didn't have to replace wood which might have put the brakes on the whole project.

The thought of a wood catamaran immediately sent me back to those early days of my youth in Lavelette and those two cats there that I would have suffered the pain of a complete sunburnt body chance to ride on. The hours and days spent listening to the orbital sander doing its magic stripping away the neglect gave me time to relive those early days that brought me to this place in time. It was very nostalgic warm event for me to let those memories roam then flood back into my head.

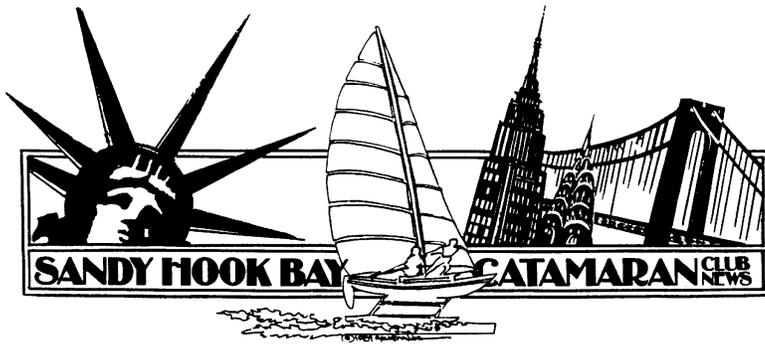
Over time bits and pieces of this boat's build history are being brought to the surface as the wood underneath begins to be exposed under a clear coat lying under the original paint. Yesterday I found the pencil lines with circles marking the position of the bulkheads that would soon be positioned in place inside. I also found were the wood had been etched with a knife to relieve a spot that would not comply with being positioned. It was truly like an archeological dig going on in my garage, but it was a catamaran not a pile of dirt and rocks. I love this adventure as it unfolds and it is not an uncomfortable task this labor of noise, vibration and dust. It is one of discovery to a past art of boat building and the many countless hours of craftsmanship that it must have taken. The builders weren't labors spraying resin into a mold, but I would say they were true craftsmen and artist with imagination. The story, their story will again soon be hidden under layers of paint from the human eye yet again hiding this piece of her history. Hopefully this time she will be maintained with the tender loving care she deserves.

The argument of what color and which type of product to use is now going on that will give her the best chance at a new life. I have opted for the original rudders for the time being. Maybe someday the rudders will be replaced with something newer. My Dad is all about keeping her original and he as an Old Salt has valid reasons to do so. Besides of the four dagger boards that came with the boat not one is the same. It must have been easier back then in the day to, break a wooden dagger board, sand it out, lil paint (optional) and back in the water. Nothing like the hours or expense it takes today to repair a glass or carbon dagger board. They call that progress, haha. As I write this piece I have to keep going back and changing the words from dagger board to rudder and vice versa. I still can't call the boat parts by the right name and frankly my dear I don't give a \$#%T. Just know how to sail it when the time comes to hoist the sails.

Hope you found this interesting.

See you on the beach

*Jenna*



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### Classifieds

FOR SALE: PRINDLE 18 1980's vintage; No Title it was lost with Hurricane Sandy Well Maintained and totally restored two years ago. Sails are in very good good condition and are the rainbow pattern. This is a clean very solid boat with no soft spots. All rigging is two years old. Trampoline stitching is good and in good condition. Boat comes with galvanized trailer. \$4000 Can be viewed at 198 Valhalla Drive - Mantoloking Shores New Jersey Serious only can call Rob [917-468-0746](tel:917-468-0746) or Jenna [908-319-1301](tel:908-319-1301)