

June 2013

Club Calendar	COMMODORE'S CORNER Vic Simon
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Statue of Liberty Party</i></b> Friday July 5<sup>th</sup> 6pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Fleet Meeting</i> <b>Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>RACE</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Fleet Race #5 Distance 3 Light House</i> <b>Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup> 12pm</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Statue of Liberty Race</i> <b>Saturday July 6<sup>th</sup> 9:30am Skippers Meeting</b> <u>Registration:</u> Friday July 5<sup>th</sup> 5-7pm and Saturday July 6<sup>th</sup> 8-9am</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>One-design and Portsmouth Open Buoy Racing</i> <b>Sunday July 7<sup>th</sup> 10am Skippers Meeting</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Fleet Race #7 Buoys</i> <b>Sunday July 21<sup>st</sup> 12pm</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Online Registration is open for the Statue Race on July 5/6/7.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/6850">http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/6850</a></p>	<p>The summer is getting ready to kick off and we are ready to move on with the club's programs. The race program has been moving along steadily with the completion of 5 races and a successful Points Regatta with 32 boats competing. This leads into our Statue of Liberty race, which will be held July 6<sup>th</sup>, proceeded on Friday with our Statue-Anniversary Band Party. Follow the newsletter and website for further details. The weekend before is our Light House race, which has gone from 3 to 2 due to the loss of the Old Orchard Lighthouse from the wrath of Sandy. If you are interested there are still plenty of races left in the season. Contact Greg Raybon with any questions or if you can help out.</p> <p>Our instructional will kick off in July and will continue with 3 classes. Please follow the website for info concerning this area. We are up to 128 boats and in that group are those who want to learn and improve their sailing skills. Also coming up will be our regular fun sails which include hot dogs on the island and various scavenger sails in which items are retrieved from the waters and Horseshoe Cove and Plum Island. But best of all, just come on down and enjoy the waters of the Bay and Ocean.</p> <p>Along with this are my usual reminders in keeping peace at the beach. Do pick-up glass in the sand as you walk along the water's edge. Do put garbage in the proper receptacles. Do turn the water off when done using it. Do close doors upon exiting rooms or buildings. Do use the wheels properly under your boats when moving them to the water and back, make sure the cradles are properly set under your hulls before moving, some damage has been sustained when not in proper position. Do keep your dogs on a leash if at the beach with other dogs and people present. Do enjoy yourselves and take advantage of our club's location in the waters off of Sany Hook Bay and New York Harbor. Keeping this short and sweet hope to see you at the club. Here's to much wind and great weather.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Vic</i></p>

## FROM THE SOGGY SIDE

Jenna Meyer

I am giving serious thought to renaming this article to something more fitting that would better serve our sailing community. Something oh say that might capture the reader's current mind and world better. Something with a more personal connection with our environment, club and catamaran sailing sport. It should also carry over to each of our personal lives when we venture back to our families and home towns. I think for this month on a trial basis the temporary renaming will be, From The Soggy Side. It does have a feel that each of us can most definitely make a real life connection with. I think it's kind of catchy don't you? Some of you might think it's a bit cynical on my part. (and it is without a doubt it is).

This early season will most probably dry up and we can resume sailing without those of us whom live on a hillside (like me) having their home slide into the abyss in some California style mudslide into the valley below. My yard already feels like a sponge holding back a huge torrent of water looking to escape without warning. Forget the thought of even thinking of walking on the grass with shoes off. I tried it and end up with soggy ooze between my toes. I remember taking a vacation backpacking into the wilderness many years ago in the mid ninety's for 11 days off the beaten track nature experience with the wild animals. No roads, no people, no cell phones. Just the pack on your back and those horrid trail food packs that taste like cardboard. Yummy! The trip started great the first hour and a half after the van dropped us off at STS's Northern Gateway entrance. Then it clouded over, thundered and poured for 10 days and 84 miles uphill and downhill. Yup this sure feels reminiscent of that trip except I am much older and wiser. (I hope), I stay home now and curse Mother Nature silently under my breath. Oh well enough whining and back to the here and now.

My Nacra is finally assembled about ninety five percent thanx to a really hard morning push from John Sullivan, Scott Rathburn, Luke n Jack Puk and Aaron. Thank you guys for the assist helping me get her out on the water. I think you all secretly want to get close to that fluorescent pink spinnaker, haha. The season seemed to be slipping away before my eyes getting all the rigging complete. It was after all June and I hadn't sailed yet. Best laid plans of mice and men were crushed repeatedly by the horrid weather and the distance I live from the club making it difficult to get away for a few hours to work on her.

I have neglected the A-Cat project the past few weeks trying to the Nacra together. I want to work midweek outside with her now under sun and lower humidity so that the glass work is easier with consistent results. But I did restock supplies and I feel the itch to put some after work

hours in on her if the sun would at least shine for a couple days. Besides the dust from sanding and the smell of fiberglass resin is better left outside then in. Donna Gugger was over and got a couple pictures while it was in my garage and posted them on Facebook I think I recall seeing them there someplace. I enjoyed showing her the details of the boat builders pencil marks before they are hidden again under color.

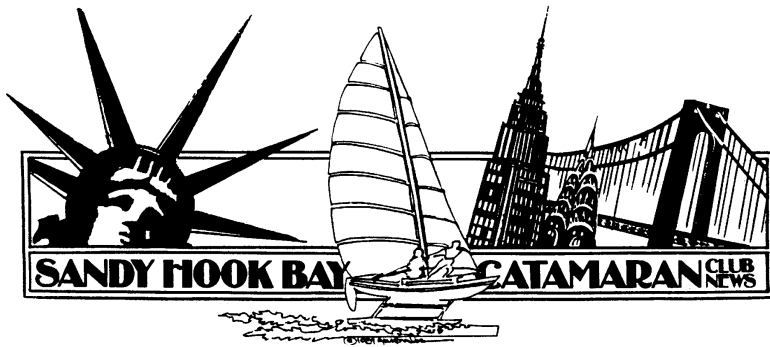
Something dawned on me a couple weeks ago while going over her looking for areas that need more attention. That being there are NO drain plugs to let leakage out. These builders really had faith in their skills. I don't think there is a fiberglass boat on our beach that doesn't have at least two drain plugs. I then looked for flotation material inside the hulls. Yup just as I thought, none, nothing, zippo. Yup they had rock hard nerves. Besides they weren't going to sail it anyway. So who cares if it will float? The class is all about low weight and I have to admit carrying one hull round with one hand while balancing it with the other is kind of kewl stuff in an incredible hulk kind of way.

Well as an afterthought maybe those two trimarans don't have drain plugs. I kind of remember Mark Bidwell pumping his out with a bicycle pump like contraption that was making wet sucking noises. Somehow it reminded me of the fire service pumping out flooded basements. Mark you better come up with some silent automatic bilge pumping system. Get on that in your free time stat.

Oh well June is about half over and hopefully the weather will become more compliant with our need to get out on the bay and play. It is also that time of year when our season really begins to gather a full head of steam and social games or activities become an endless weekend event. Stay safe on the water and do watch for remnants of Sandy in the water. Something on your feet whenever in the water is highly suggested. I did see some vinyl housing siding at the water's edge last week during the Regatta. I am sure there will be more of that in the future. Do not walk over it but pick it up and deposit it in the garbage. The club is yours treat it as if it was your own property.

See you on the water,  
Mud between my toes

*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)