



PETTIPAUG
YACHT CLUB
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ACADEMY

STARBOARD TACK

SUMMER 2010

:: NEWS FROM PYC & PSA ::



(L to R): Intrepid, Nefertiti, Weatherly, American Eagle and Columbia Photo by John Kennedy

Fishers Island 12 Metre Regatta

by Past Commodore Robert Scholes

Twenty-seven PYC members and guests enjoyed a day of exciting 12 Metre yacht racing and sailing out of Newport, Rhode Island on 27 June 2010. PYC competed against teams from Watch Hill YC, Stonington Harbor YC, Mason's Island YC and Wadawanuck YC.

Former America's Cup winners and contenders competed in seven races held north of the Newport Bridge in Narragansett Bay. Although PYC did not win or place in "the money" everyone had a great experience and we hope to be able to participate in one if not two 12 Metre Regattas in Newport in 2011.

The standings were as follows:

- 1st place and winner of the Fishers Island Interclub Regatta 2009/10 Trophy:

MIYC/WYC *American Eagle* US-12 #21

- 2nd place: SHYC *Weatherly* US-12 #17
- 3rd place: WHYC *Intrepid* US-12 #22
- 4th place: PYC *Nefertiti* US-12 #19
- 5th place: PYC *Columbia* US-12 #16

Mark your calendars for the 18th of June 2011 as PYC is tentatively invited to race Essex Corinthian YC and Essex YC in 12 Metres out of the Ida Lewis YC in Newport. (Details to follow via e-blast and future *Starboard Tacks*.)

!!A BIG THANK YOU!!

from the PYC Board to

Bob Scholes for organizing this special event on behalf of PYC. A labor of love for Bob, but far more complicated and time-consuming than he ever expected. Next year Bob says he'll need a committee. Volunteers?



Spring Work Parties Thank You ...

Many hands make light work.

Thanks to the members below whose contribution of “sweat equity” makes PYC enjoyable by many and keeps our dues low. *(If your name is not included on this list and should have been, please accept our apology for omitting you. Let yourself be known and we’ll make sure we include you in our next Thank You.)*

- Rob Bechert
- Ed Birch
- Jim & Diana Coan
- David Courant
- Dave & Ann Courcy
- Tom Deary
- Matt Fishkind
- John Flory
- Paul, Peter & Sam Fuchs
- David Gates
- Dave Gutt
- Linda Hicks
- Doreen Joslow
- Ginette Kayser
- John Kennedy
- Breck Lardner
- John Laundon
- Alli Lindner
- Chris & Cory Manero
- Caryn Paradis (great corn chowder!)
- Bill Plage
- Paul Risseuw
- Art Robbins
- Priscilla Robinson
- Bob Scholes
- Jim Sullivan
- Jonathan Swift
- Cameron Taylor
- Walsh Family
- Roger Williams
- Joan Wyeth

Valley Regional Sailing Club –

Kathy & Richard Scott, Tom Taber, Kyle Knickerbocker, Chris Nielsen, Sam Krempel, Paul Ireland, James Baker, Jake Cayer.

Special thanks to **Sandy Sanstrom!**

Although he wasn’t able to attend one Saturday, he came the day before on the first weekend and used his backhoe to launch some of the docks himself and stack the others under the hoist for us to launch ... a one-man work party.

– Vic Hoehnebart

PYC Rear Commodore 2010/11



“BOTTOMS UP” • OIL PAINTING BY BRENDA KIMBALL NEWBEGIN

Plein Air Painting at Pettipaug

PYC member Brenda Kimball Newbegin has done a very generous thing for our club. An associate artist member of the Lyme Art Association, Brenda has painted a number of oils on site using the results to create a boxed set of six note cards – five of PYC, one of Lieutenant River. The set sells for \$20 of which \$5 is donated to PSA. Brenda has also organized informal plein air (open air) painting parties at Pettipaug and other areas around Essex and Old Lyme. To see her work, visit Brenda’s website at www.brendanewbegin.com. Original paintings and/ or copies are available at various prices. To order note cards or add your name to her Plein Air contact list, call 860.767.9158 or e-mail brendanewbegin@hotmail.com.

Abandoned moorings at the club

There a number of abandoned moorings on the ground by the boat launch at the club. If any club member wishes to claim bona fide ownership of one of these moorings, please tie a tag with your name on it to the mooring, or better yet remove the mooring from the club’s premises.

All abandoned moorings not claimed or identified in the near future will be considered to be donated to the club to be used for club purposes.

Thank you for your cooperation.





Membership & Security

The Board of Governors has addressed several sensitive and worrisome issues these past few months, namely, what is meant by a “Member in Good Standing” and how best to safeguard the club from abuse, negligence and outright theft and vandalism.

First, the following definition for “PYC Membership” will be added to the 2011 Yearbook:

A PYC member is considered to be a “Member in Good Standing” only when their dues are paid up to date. The member is then eligible to enjoy all the rights and privileges of membership. Dues are payable no later than April 1st of each year and must be received by that date for a member’s name to appear in the Yearbook. Any member who is delinquent in their dues is not entitled to any rights or privileges of membership or any use of the club until all back dues are paid. Failure to pay dues for two consecutive years will require re-application for new membership.

Second, the blatant abuse of the “firepit,” the mess left by after-dark parties and the theft of PYC and personal property necessitates a clear emphasis of the Rules regarding the use of the club:

- *The club is closed after dark to all members and their guests unless a sponsoring member has signed a “Club Use Agreement” authorizing the use of PYC for a special event. The Agreement must be in-hand during the event. (Note: PYC Officers and Governors listed in the current 2010 Yearbook are the only ones allowed to be at the club after dark.)*
- *A Club Use Agreement will be needed for parties of 12 or more, or for any use of the Club after sunset.*
- *The Essex Police will patrol evenings and ticket anyone, including members and/or their children, for trespassing after dark. A monthly schedule of special events by those who have secured a Club Use Agreement will be left with the town police. But, to repeat: The Agreement must be in-hand by the sponsoring member during the event.*
- *More than one ticket for trespassing by a member and/or a member’s children will necessitate a review of one’s membership by the Board of Governors.*
- *Except for the propane grill, no open fires are permitted at any time. (Note: The fireplace in the clubhouse, which is in need of repair, may only be used under the supervision of a Board member.)*

PYC is a special place that nearly 400 members can enjoy. As members, it’s all our responsibility to safeguard it for ourselves and future generations. Please party responsibly.



2010 Hawkins Team Race

Pettipaug won the Hawkins annual team race against the Essex Yacht Club this year. EYC provided their Ideal 18s for the race. There were three boats on each team. The trophy goes to the team that scores three out of five races. This year's close race was decided in the last race with Pettipaug winning by a score of 3 to 2 races.

— *Ed Birch, Race Committee*



PYC Teams (l to r): Sandy and Jason Sanstrom; Lori Comforti and Toby Doyle (with Hawkins Trophy); and Ed and Marsha Birch. Race Committee members: Vic Hoehnebart and John Kennedy.

PYC Race results as of Aug. 21, 2010

May 16 :: Commodore's Handicap Race

- 1st: Pat Connelly – *Laser*
- 2nd: Ed Birch – *Laser*
- 3rd: Vic Hoehnebart – *Harpoon 4.6*

May 22 :: One Design Regatta

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| Blue Jays | Lasers |
| 1st: Sandy Sanstrom | 1st: Jason Harris |
| 2nd: Bob Scholes | 2nd: Ed Birch |
| 3rd: Vic Hoehnebart | 3rd: Pat Connelly |

Jun 19 :: One Design Regatta

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| Blue Jays | Lasers |
| 1st: Vic Hoehnebart | 1st: Phil Logan |
| 2nd: Chris Crosbie | 2nd: Jason Sanstrom |
| 3rd: Art Robbins | 3rd: Pat Connelly |

Jul 17 :: Mid-Summer Handicap Regatta

- 1st: Sandy Sanstrom – *Blue Jay*
- 2nd: Vic Hoehnebart & Kids – *Harpoon 4.6*
- 3rd: Ed Birch – *Laser*

Jul 24 :: One Design Regatta

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| Blue Jays | Lasers |
| 1st: Sandy Sanstrom | 1st: Pat Connelly |
| 2nd: Bob Scholes | 2nd: Ed Birch |
| 3rd: Art Robbins | 3rd: Jack MacElwee |

Aug 7 :: Hawkins Team Race with EYC in Ideal 18s

PYC in 3 out of 5 races

Aug 21 :: One Design Regatta

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| Blue Jays | Lasers |
| 1st: Vic Hoehnebart | 1st: Jason Harris |
| 2nd: Bob Scholes | 2nd: Chris Moore |
| 3rd: Priscilla Robinson & Linda Shemwell | 3rd: Pat Connelly |



Thanks to David Courant (l) for organizing another successful Mid-Summer Party. Enjoying the evening with David is Dave Courcy, the newest member to join the PYC Board of Governors. Photo by Vic Hoehnebart

Mid-Summer Party

Many thanks to all the members and friends who came to our Mid-Summer Party. We had a great turnout and the weather could not have been more inviting.

Sorry if we missed you but please make sure you put this year's Decommissioning and Annual Dinner dates on your calendar. It would be wonderful to see all of you there.

Thank you ...

— *David Courant*
Entertainment Committee Chairman



Orange buoy marks the start of one of five 2010 Hawkins Team Races in Essex Harbor. PYC's Sandy Sanstrom and son Jason are in the Ideal 18 closest to the camera. Photo by Vic Hoehnebart

**PYC
FALL
WORK
PARTIES**
NOV. 13 & 20
9 TO NOON
SAVE THE DATES

Work Parties (weather permitting)

Nov 13 & 20 :: Remove Docks & Winterize

Dec 4 :: Rowers' Work Party - remove last docks

Yacht Club Events

Sep 25 :: Decommissioning

Nov. 6 or 7 :: Annual Dinner & Awards

Powerboat Course

Sep 11

Races

Sep 18 :: One Design Regatta

Sep 25 :: Charles Birch Memorial Race

Sep 25 :: Robin Starr Handicap Race

Oct 2 :: ECYC Thomas Clark Memorial Race

Oct 9 :: EYC Thomas Willets Memorial Race

Nov 7 :: Laundon Loop Rowing Regatta

Reserving the Club (Members Only)

On our homepage at pettipaug.com, first click the link to PYC's online calendar to check availability for the date of your party, then download and follow the Guidelines for PYC Private Party Use.

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