



## MANHATTAN SAILING CLUB

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July-September 2003

Dear Member,

Thursday, September 4 will be a great evening to be at the club! First, it will be the second Fleet Captain Party of the season. And to make this one special, we will try to set a Fleet Captain record.



*A colorful start to the evening with spinnakers being raised on the club fleet as racers sail their boats south in pursuit of wind and current. Races are held on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and next year, also on Saturday afternoons!*

Every boat will be reserved for a members-only Fleet Captain sail. All skippers and crew are encouraged to participate. If we fill up all boats at North Cove, we will motor people over to the boats in Jersey City. We also need volunteers to sail from the boats in Hoboken. And if we fill those too, we will load up the floating classroom and start the celebration early at North Cove. The goal is to get as many members as possible down to the docks and set a sailing record! I hope you will join this evening. In addition to sailing, there will be a party at the floating classroom from 7:30 to 10 p.m.

The second reason to participate on Sept. 4 is an impromptu event called "The Great Sail." The idea behind the Great Sail is that all sailboats in New York Harbor take to the water in a display of the growing sailing community. The flier says "wear silly hats" and "toot your horn" so it should be a fun evening.

So whatever your plans on Thursday evening, September 4, change them! Call or email Katie Drain in the office at 212-786-3323 or [katie@myc.org](mailto:katie@myc.org). Sign up soon to get one of the sailing spots. And if the sailing spots are filled, come down early anyway in case someone has to cancel at the last second. If you are not sailing, come to the social gathering. This will be another good opportunity to meet your fellow members, exchange emails and develop some more sailing buddies.

The new sails provided by Omega have been fantastic and a great addition to our club



*Some of the 70 members who volunteered at the summer cleaning included (l to r): Mark Magill, Lamont Fournier, Christiaan Brakman, David Sprakin, Bob Ransom, Eva Lund, Chris Tarzia and Scot Surbeck.*

this season. I hope you have enjoyed them. You can help ensure maximum sail life, by storing the sails properly. Roll the mainsail on the boom and flake the jib and genoas carefully at dock. Also, never over-canvas your boat. If it is windy, flogging the mainsail causes a great amount of wear and stress. Always reduce sail, first by changing from the genoa to the jib. If still too much power, drop the foresail altogether. J/24s sail very well in heavy air under main alone.

This has been an excellent season of sailing. We have achieved an increase of operational quality at the club. Boat maintenance has been near if not the best ever. The reservation systems are proceeding smoothly, social gatherings have been lively and everything else is falling into place.

I would like to thank everyone who has contributed so much to making this happen. From the members who participated in the winter marketing and Fleet Captain meetings to the members who helped at Spring Launching, to those who have helped with the construction of the new clubhouse, volunteered for Fleet Captain sails or special regattas and to all those who have continued to support



*Dignitaries joining Commodore Fortenbaugh for a sail at the club this summer included Joseph Seymour (left), Executive Director of the Port Authority NY/NJ and Tim Carey (right), President of Battery Park City Authority. After the sail, Joe and Tim helped the Commodore award trophies to the Tuesday evening racers. An idea was hatched to create a special "BPCA Presidents Cup" to award to the winning team on whatever day Tim comes sailing. The idea was well received by members who cheered loudly and it was suggested the trophy be larger than the Stanley Cup!*



*The annual "First 100 Regatta" was held on July 2 and brought together those members of longest-standing at the club. Here in boat #4 were (l to r): Linda Kaiser, Katie Morgan, Page Goolrick, Buck Margold and Paul Olsen. Members 1 David Korris & 2 Lorraine Aronowitz, could not be there, but member #3, Joan Lapin, finished first, followed by member #4 Chuck Kerner and member #5, Paul in the picture above. Sounds like a good reason to award some more trophies at the Annual Dinner!*

the club even though you can't be here as often as you wish—thank you! Thanks also to those members who have been coming down sailing, hanging out on the docks afterwards, socializing, enjoying the beauty of sailing in the harbor, relaxing at North Cove in the evening, and spreading your warmth and happiness among the other members.

Most importantly, I would like especially recognize our outstanding and dedicated staff which has worked so hard this summer. Many of you have already taken lessons under the tutelage of Zander Lassen, the ASA Instructor of the Year. This is Zander's sixth season at the club. During the spring, he single-handedly raised and lowered a J/24 mast and I knew then that Zander had surpassed my own sailing ability. But what makes Zander so incredible is his teaching. As head instructor, he coordi-



*TV cameras were at the dock this summer for the first “Regatta for the City Council” which was held on Monday, July 14. Councilman Alan Gerson (right) is being interviewed alongside Commodore Fortenbaugh before the boats went sailing. 17 skipper members volunteered their skills to get everyone sailing. Alan was the principal organizer of this important new event and he was assisted by fellow councilman David Yassky who is chair of the City Council’s Waterfront Committee. It was a beautiful evening of sailing and many of our City Council members and their staff experienced their first sail in the harbor.*

nates the school and inspires a group of almost 20 instructors. The sailing school is doing great this summer, near record pace which is an incredible turn-around from last year. When you read surveys of the students, you sense the thrill and excitement we are spreading to more people.

As important as Zander (and more important in the eyes of many members) is Katie Drain who is in her fourth season at the club. Katie is responsible for the membership and helps coordinate sailing, social events, merchandise and other membership programs. Katie has always been one of the most enjoyable people at the dock and her patience in dealing with issues has made her a favorite of all members. Every week, she juggles a complex and fast changing system of reservations for boats and fleet captains sails so when members get to the dock, they have fun and enjoy themselves. Three cheers for Katie!

Zander and Katie are the two most visible people, but there are many more. In his third season of work at the club is Ken Elliott who is stationed at the maintenance facility in Northwestern New Jersey. Members usually only get a chance to meet Ken during the Spring Launching weekend. But every day during the week, he is still working behind the scenes to refurbish and prepare the boats. Ken is also our fiberglass and gelcoat specialist and when larger items need repair, he either comes to the boat or we trailer the boat to him. Ken’s contribution to our team has allowed us to build a knowledge base and multi-season continuity.

Working on the new clubhouse is Sean Langford. Sean joined our team this spring just in time for the Sailors Ball. His whirlwind has not stopped yet, continuing with the launching of the fleet, the Omega Fantasy Regatta and other races and parties. On race nights, Sean also works behind the bar where many members have had an opportunity to meet him.

Overseeing maintenance of the club fleet at North Cove is Garry Cihak who joined our team as the season got underway. Garry has been doing an excellent job keeping on top of maintenance requests. This summer, the quality of our fleet is priority number one.



*Many friends of our sailing club came together to help make the Regatta for the City Council. Joining the Commodore at the awards ceremony were (l to r): Leticia Remauro head of Community Affairs for Battery Park City Authority, Rick Scarano, owner of the Adirondack, Pat Harris, owner of the Ventura, Tom Burton, owner of the Shearwater and Councilman Gerson. Adirondack, Shearwater and Ventura all donated their boats for this evening which made it possible for more than 100 spectators to go out and watch the regatta in addition to the 70 sailors who raced. The success of this inaugural event makes it likely to become another annual tradition.*



*TJ Dalton (left) trims the genoa while Chuck Kerner steers the boat during the First 100 Regatta in July. After racing, champagne was served at the dock.*

The boats which were refurbished over the winter have held up very well and thanks to Garry's careful eye and ability to work quickly and efficiently, we are gaining ground this summer. I am excited that the rest of the boats will also get refurbished this coming winter.

At the docks this summer, we have two exceptional dock masters, TJ Dalton and Laura Migliozi. TJ and I grew up sailing together on the Jersey shore. He has been a member of the club for many years and has competed successfully in the racing programs. During the day, TJ works as in the financial industry and comes down to the dock on weekday evenings to help out. Having TJ at the docks is a great assistance because he knows the club top to bottom and oversees the manage-

ment of the races. Laura is new to our club this summer. Last year, she began her maritime career by working at the Shipyard Marina in Hoboken. Laura has been a long-time family friend and we knew she had the right personality to help members on the docks.

So much has been happening this summer! First was the City Council Regatta followed the next day by a new baby in my family. In July, Austin & Gwen Fragomen hosted the annual Bay Head Mantoloking Regatta, first racing here in Manhattan followed by a delicious lobster dinner at their house at the shore. Also in July, we began the new free sailing program for teenagers, coordinated by Wayne Turett.



*The first Fleet Captain party this summer was an opportunity for members to come down and meet each other. The goal is to help members meet more sailing buddies and expand their sailing opportunities. Smiling at this first event were (l to r): Linda Kulla, Sandy Knowles, Frank Sinks, Gabrielle Buescher, Lara Ott, Chris Tarzia, Al Talamini, Pat Ensworth, Lynn Trimble, Rob Danzig & Fleet Captain Lee Trimble.*

It's not too early to start thinking about the Caribbean Regatta this coming winter! The dates are January 31 to February 7. Many skippers have already signed up so this regatta has lots of great momentum. It will be an incredible vacation so find a cabin mate and get registered!

The next Full Moon Party will be Thursday, October 9. Please mark your calendars.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Fortenbaugh  
Commodore