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## From the Publisher and Editors

*"For people who love sailing!" That's NSYC!*

On behalf of everyone on your Blinker Team, we hope you and yours are well and progressing well to a post-Covid life. As sayings go, "A smooth sea never made a skilled sailor."

Our 2024 Cruising, Racing, Boat Share, Junior Sailing, Social and Education programs are trimmed for speed and 2024 enjoyment.

Just click any **Blinker Index** link in this Blinker below and see the articles in this "Journal of Club Activities." Click "Looking Forward" and see a great season of immediate past and future Cruising, Boat Share, Social, Racing, Junior Sailing and great times as friendships unfold.

### **Smooth and Safe Sailing to All!**

On behalf of everyone on your Blinker Team, we hope you **Enjoy your Blinker!**

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## ★ ★ ★ ★ From the Commodore

Our 154th season got off to a great start. We began with our New Year's Day Rendezvous, then continued with the Officers Cocktail Party/Open House and the St. Patrick's Day party. Recently we held the Spring Membership meeting and then Commissioning on May 18. This Blinker has more info on all these events. In addition, we had educational meetings and training sessions. Big thanks to all who made these events a success.

Our facilities are in great condition. Rear Commodore Peter Hirschhorn recently led a group of members in replacing the worn dock planks and Fleet Captain Evan Spence organized a work party to rebuild the Junior Sailing dock. Thanks to Peter, Evan and all who helped get the club ready for the summer.

The Boat Share program is going strong as Elusive has been launched. Despite a few setbacks. Under Toad is in the water and being enjoyed by Boat Sharing members.

On the social side we are starting our First Friday BBQ's, held the first Friday of each month. I encourage everyone to come to the club, enjoy hot dogs and burgers as the sun sets. We have the best view in Port Washington.

Our racing program started on June 1 with the North Shore Day Race. That was quickly followed by the Borden Cup on June 9 and the Snyder Cup on June 22. If you are a seasoned racer, or just starting out, we have a race for everyone. Come out and join the races. If you are new to racing, please contact the race committee and they will show you the ropes. All are welcome.

Looking forward to seeing you on the water.

**Rich Predmore, Commodore**

## Reminder`

**North Shore Yacht Club is now BYOB**

The club's new insurance coverage has necessitated changing the drinks policy. The club is no longer serving alcoholic beverages. You are welcome to bring your own beer, wine or alcohol to the club, and you may share your drinks with others, as you choose. Since there are children around the club, we ask that you don't leave any beer, wine or alcohol in the club refrigerators.

**Thank you for your understanding.**





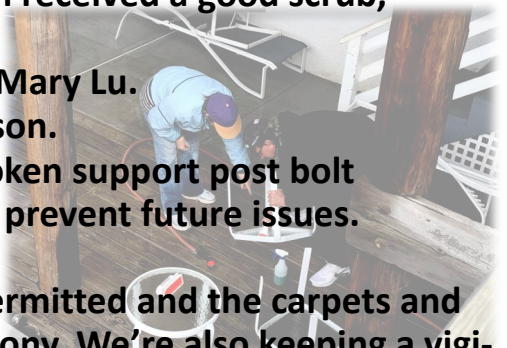
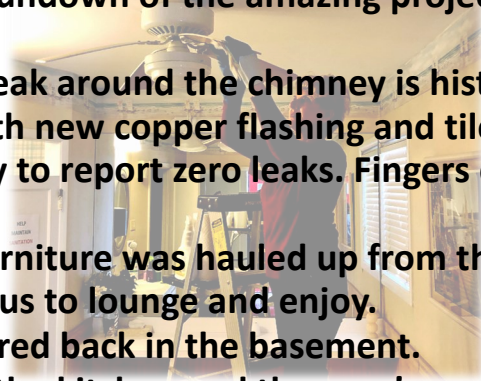
## Rear Commodore's Report

*Ahoy, members!*



Welcome back to our beloved clubhouse after the long winter! As the days grew longer and warmer, it's that time to set sail and make the most of our beautiful waters. Let's take a moment to appreciate the tremendous effort put in by our dedicated members to keep our facility in top shape as we dive into the fun. First off, a massive thank you to everyone who rolled up their sleeves in early April to prepare the clubhouse for the new season. Your hard work has truly paid off, and the results are spectacular. Here's a rundown of the amazing projects completed:

- **Roof Repairs:** The pesky roof leak around the chimney is history! The old flashing and tiles were replaced with new copper flashing and tiles. After some heavy rainstorms, we're happy to report zero leaks. Fingers crossed this fix lasts for years!
- **Deck Furniture:** All the deck furniture was hauled up from the basement, cleaned, and set up, ready for us to lounge and enjoy.
- **Bubbler Equipment:** Safely stored back in the basement.
- **Kitchen and Bathrooms:** Both the kitchen and the men's and women's bathrooms have been thoroughly cleaned.
- **General Cleaning:** The hallway and upstairs main room received a good scrub, and the parking lot area and front
- **Grass, plants and flowers** were spruced up, thanks to Mary Lu.
- **Back Deck Awning:** Repaired and installed for the season.
- **Support Post Repair:** Vic did a stellar job fixing the broken support post bolt under the walkway and plans to replace the others to prevent future issues.



We also painted the front entrance when the weather permitted and the carpets and furniture were cleaned before our Commissioning ceremony. We're also keeping a vigilant eye on the water and electrical systems due to basement flooding. Thankfully, nothing severe has happened, and we're hopeful it stays that way.

I encourage everyone to soak up the beauty of our club's location. Whether you're out on the bay or simply enjoying a sunset from the back deck, there's no better place to unwind.

Here's to a fantastic 2024 Season!



Peter Hirschhorn  
Rear Commodore



## FLEET REPORT – Spring 2024

Ahoy NSYC sailors! The 2024 season has begun and Launch service is running at full speed, with several of our launch drivers from previous years returning this year. Vic will fill in the gaps as launch driver when needed.

If your boat needs work, it is advisable to perform that work at the yard before bringing your vessel to your mooring.

Spaces on the dinghy rack are still available, so be sure to reach out to [fleetcaptain@nyc.net](mailto:fleetcaptain@nyc.net) if you'd like to have a convenient way to launch your canoe, paddleboard, or SUP from the dock.

Thanks to all of our boat owners who have submitted your insurance certificates to [fleetcaptain@nyc.net](mailto:fleetcaptain@nyc.net). For those who have yet to do so, please send me your current certificate so that you can bring your boat to the mooring field.

An April storm took out the Jr. Sailing rack, so work parties were formed to get it rebuilt in time for the start of the summer program. The goal was to build something that would be sturdy enough to withstand not only the storms of the bay, but the abuse of over 30 Jr. Sailors.

On May 11, Alan Bernstein, Eric Klein, John Platz, and Roy Smitheimer assisted in part 1 of the build. Part 2 took place on May 21 when the rack was assembled by Gary Cohen, Warren Greenhouse, Mark Schneider, Captain Vic, and myself. The club now has a rack that will serve the Jr. sailing program for years to come.

### BOAT SHARE

The Boat Share boats were commissioned this Spring with the help of several members. Alan Pensak, John Platz, Eric Klein, and Boat Share Co-Chair Tim Martens all pitched in to get Elusive bathed and ready to rig in early April. The mast was taken down over the winter and inspected, the boat got a new masthead fly as well as a new bottom color this year. (NSYC red!).

Jon Hokanson and new member Constantine Alexandrakis took on the commissioning duties on Under Toad, following Joe Stevens' work over the winter to facilitate getting the new mast delivered from Rhode Island. Among other things, Jon and Constantine serviced the winches and ran an electrical line below decks from the battery to the motor. A yeoman's effort as you can see! PC Lloyd Herman provided expert advice and oversaw all the details with the insurance company, the mast manufacturer, and the rigger at Safe Harbor. Peter Hirschhorn also helped communicate with the yard to keep the repairs on track. Without the work of these men, the NSYC Boat Share would once again be a single-boat

program. The rigger reports that, as of 5/30, UT is in the water with new chainplates being installed today and the rest of the rigging soon after. I anticipate UT being at her mooring within days of this writing.

Thanks to all of you. Great work!,  
**Evan Spence, Fleet Captain**



*Looking Forward...>>>*

**2024 SOCIAL CALENDAR – July to Season End**

Event	Date	Time	Host
1st Friday BBQ	Fri, July 12	1800	
1st Friday BBQ/Texan BBQ	Fri, Aug 2	1800	Hirschhorn
Lobster & Clam Bake	Sat, Aug 17	1800	
Commodore's Raft-up	Sun, Sept 8	1600	
Moonlight Regatta Breakfast	Sun, Sept 14	0900	
Prospect Open House	Sun, Sept 29	1400	
Theme Party	Sat, Oct 5	1900	
Fall Membership Meeting (De-Commissioning)	Sun, Oct 20	0900	
154 <sup>th</sup> Gala Dinner Dance	Sun, Oct 27	1830	

**SLATE OF OFFICERS**

Commodore – Richard Predmore  
 Vice Commodore – vacant  
 Rear Commodore – Peter Hirschhorn  
 Fleet Captain – Evan Spence  
 Secretary – Robert Harrison  
 Treasurer – Yustin Koleda

**TRUSTEES**

**Through 2024:**  
 Karen Verola  
 Laura Boehm-Warnke

**Through 2025:**  
 Mitch Litke  
 Hamilton Driggs

**Through 2026:**  
 Roger Lifson  
 Jamie Ebenau

**Annual "Buddy Brunch" 2024**

Twenty-five enthusiastic sailors joined together for the annual Buddy Brunch this year on Saturday, June 8th, held at the Club. All in attendance were looking forward to sailing as each day a few more boats arrived from their winter slumber on the hard. The Brunch is one of many opportunities to meet new members, chat with our Bridge members, and enjoy the friendly welcoming atmosphere of North Shore Yacht Club. A special thank you to Arlene Kase for continuing to chair the Buddy Program and New Members, Constantine Alexandrakis and Silviu Rusu for co-hosting this well-attended gathering.

**LAUNCH SUPPORT COMMITTEE REPORT**

APRIL 13, 2024 and MAY 17, 2024

On Friday morning, April 12, the Launch Support Committee commissioned club launch, *Linnea*, for service. Present were Committee Chair, Ken Magida, Commodore, Rich Predmore, Rear Commodore, Peter Hirschhorn, and Jim Gordon.

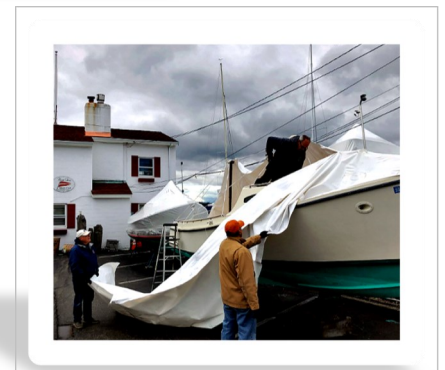
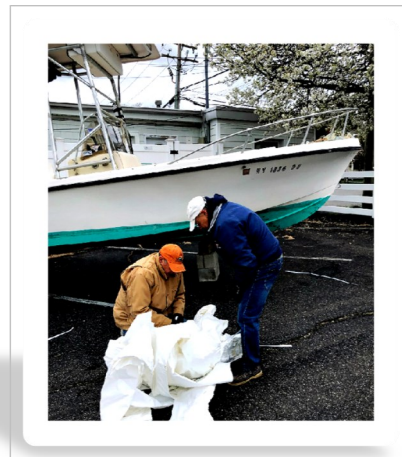
We checked over all the hose clamps to ascertain they were secure, checked the oil and coolant levels, replaced the primary and secondary fuel filters, installed the battery and ran the engine to confirm all was in good condition. I am pleased to report that the engine kicked over instantly and ran smoothly from the git go.

On Friday morning, May 17, the Launch Support Committee commissioned club launch, *Victor*, for service. Present were Committee Chair, Ken Magida, Commodore, Rich Predmore, Rear Commodore, Peter Hirschhorn, Hamilton Driggs and Allyn Salomon.

We performed the same service as on Linea and I am pleased to report that the engine kicked over instantly. All is good with regards to the work we performed.

Thank you to Captain Vic for having all of the parts and supplies we required and for all of his assistance.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
**PC Ken Magida, Chair**



## NSYC Members - DID YOU KNOW?

### It's Your Website...nsrc.net!..."Public" and "Members Only" access

**\*\*Public Access**...login not required...the website is loaded. Current Club Calendar and Schedules to offerings' descriptions, activities, Education Zooms, and more!

**\*\* "Members Only"** Establish your username and password at "login."

#### **\*\*\*Members Only Examples:**

--Club Directory

--Board and Membership meetings

--Online Payments

--ByLaws

--Club Regulations

--Boat Share (Under Toad, Elusive, Laser Sailboat Reservations plus Post Sail Reports (PSRs))

### Nautical Gear, Member Benefits, Discounts, Services

**\*\*Club Devices:**, Burgees, car bumper magnets, caps, lapel pins, scarves, ties, gators... See Steward, Membership or Marketing Chair, Commodore

**\*\*"Ship's Store:** Clothing and custom items for sailors at [www.nsrc.net](http://www.nsrc.net) ..Membership pulldown

**\*\*Cape Fear:** Quality Nautical Gear

· 15% Discount to NSYC members for online purchases with Coupon Code: nsrc .... applied at checkout.

· Free shipping for any order over \$75.00...[www.capefearsportswear.com](http://www.capefearsportswear.com)

**\*\*BoatUS Discounts:** Join or renew BoatUS Membership ([www.boatus.com](http://www.boatus.com)) at a discount using our unique BoatUS Cooperating Group Number: GA85149Y. Over 25 benefits and services at discounted prices for NSYC members.

**\*\*Hot Links to individual Blinker articles:**...See "**Blinker Index**" page 1.

**\*\*NSYC Ambassador Program:** For those referring new members...see below!

A **Referral Program** accompanies the "**NSYC Ambassador Program**" whereby Ambassador Recognition and an accompanying gift card is earned by a referring member when a referred Affiliate member becomes an Active member, or - when a referred Social Associate member becomes a second year Social Associate member. Just forward your new member candidate's contact information to Mary Lu Dempsey, our Membership Chair, (516-767-1760, [membership@nsrc.net](mailto:membership@nsrc.net)) to get the process rolling.

**Club Directory!** The remaining 2024 Directory booklets are now in the Club lobby in a US Post bin in alphabetical order. Please stop by and pick yours up. Corrections/updates, please advise by email to [Directory@NSYC.net](mailto:Directory@NSYC.net).

**Club Directory Online:** Located at [nsrc.net](http://nsrc.net) website (login with username and password)

**Monthly Board Meetings:** Scheduled for the 2nd Tuesday of each Month, 7:30PM. Reminders on the website calendar.

**Insurance Certificates:** All members owning a yacht in the mooring field must maintain liability insurance with minimum coverage of \$300,000 naming NSYC as an additional insured and provide proof of coverage to the Fleet Captain prior to bringing the yacht to the mooring.

**Work Hours "Book":** Those with Work Hours Requirements. Don't forget to enter your hours in the Work Hours Book in the Club kitchen.'



# B\*L\*I\*N\*K\*S

## 3 New 2024 Affiliate Members:

Bob and Laurie Baskind  
Manhasset, NY 11030

Leslie Gervitz  
Woodside, NY 11377

Roy Smitheimer & Karen Mezzullo  
Westbury, NY 11590

## 2 New 2024 Active Members:

Hamilton Driggs & Ramona Zimmerman  
Garden City, NY 11530

Phil Rosenthal & Sherri Ehrlich  
Brooklyn, NY 11201

## 6 New 2024 Social Associate Members:

Constantine Alexandrakis - **BSP**  
Westbury, NY 11590

Eric Klein & Ariel Kravitz – **BSP**  
Port Washington, NY 11050

Tomer Levin & Jocelyn Shaw – **BSP**  
Port Washington, NY 11050

Charles Neuman & Erika Marcus – **BSP**  
Plainview, NY 11803

Alan & Sandy Pensak – **BSP**  
Port Washington, NY 11050

Silviu & Janica Rusu  
Great Neck, NY 11020



## Harborfest 2024 – NSYC Alive!

June 2, 2024

On Sunday, June 2nd, Port Washington's Harborfest Town Dock was transformed into a lively hub of excitement, thanks to an engaging NSYC exhibit. Enthusiastic members show-cased the Club's best offerings, drawing a vibrant crowd.

The day kicked off at 6:30 AM with Captain Vic arriving with the Junior Sailing Opti, meeting Bill and Mary Lu at the dock for the Club's display. Shortly thereafter, Linda Kulla applied finishing touches to the Opti for Junior Sailing promotion. Together, they set up a captivating display that drew attention all day. The event concluded with the display teardown with Evan Spence returning the Opti to the Club.

NSYC's booth featured a raffle for a free harbor sail on Marc Epstein's Alerion 38, attracting 21 serious visitors who filled out "interest tickets." Historically, a few of these leads will convert into new NSYC members.

This Harborfest exhibit complements the Club's two prospect Open Houses in February and October, along with its website, Blinker newsletter and strong contact management.

Special thanks to NSYC members who made this event a success: Capt Vic, Mary Lu Dempsey, Sherri Ehrlich, Linda Kulla, Mitch Litke, Bill Palafox, Phil Rosenthal, and Evan Spence.

Meanwhile, Bill and Mary Lu also served as advisors for the Harborfest Model Boat Regatta, adding to the day's activities.

Was the effort worth it? As Bill emphatically says, "You bet!" Each event, like the Harborfest exhibit and Open Houses, keeps the "Prospect Pipeline" flowing with potential new members.

### Bill Palafox



– **New Year’s Rendezvous**  
**January 1st, 2024**

Although this year’s Rendezvous wasn’t the best day weatherwise, inside the NSYC clubhouse the atmosphere was great! And as usual, the members of the NSYC outdid themselves.

The gathering was promoted as drinks and snacks, but it was much more than that; both in terms of the variety of food and the fun that was had. All the helping hands make for light work and a real feeling of community.

Peter Hirschhorn deserves a shout out, as he always makes sure that there are enough beverages and supplies on hand. Thanks are also due to Captain Vic who took care of setting up the furniture and the coffee pot.

There were 43 members in attendance, and everyone contributed in some way. I, for one, was very happy to start the New Year with this wonderful group of people. Looking forward to seeing everyone at all the events in 2024.

*Terry Woods*



**NSYC Officers’ Cocktail Party**  
**& Prospect Open House:**  
**Resounding Success! - Feb 4, 2024**

Combining the allure of an Officers’ Cocktail Party with the warmth of a Prospect Open House, Sunday, February 4th, proved to be a delightful affair, drawing in 30 NSYC members and welcoming 8 prospective new members under the clear winter skies.

The event was a celebration of camaraderie, where NSYC members reveled in the hospitality of Club officers and gracious hosts. Attendees were treated to a lavish spread of delectable treats and refreshing drinks, setting the tone for a day filled with both conviviality and anticipation for the upcoming sailing season.

Beyond the enjoyment shared among NSYC members, the day marked a triumph for prospective members. The event saw the submission of several New Membership Applications, reflecting the diverse interests of those joining the NSYC community:

- 1 Affiliate Member
- 1 Social Associate
- 1 Boat Share Enthusiast
- 1 Junior Sailing Camp Participant

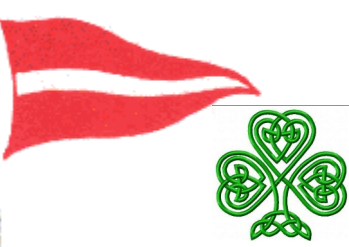
The seamless orchestration of the day's activities, including Clubhouse setups, RSVP management, prospect and guest coordination, and thoughtful follow-ups, was made possible by the concerted efforts of the organizing team. From the initial gathering of RSVPs, to the final cleanup, every detail was meticulously attended to and left a lasting positive impression on both current and prospective NSYC members.

Thanks to All!

**Bill**







## NSYC's St. Patrick's Day Party March 19, 2024

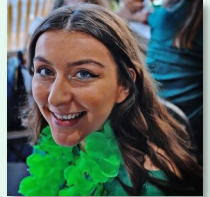
Our St. Patrick's Day Party proved to be yet another memorable event for all who attended. With 51 enthusiastic guests, comprised of NSYC Members and their friends, the evening was filled with the spirit of St. Patrick's Day, where, as the saying goes, "Everyone is Irish on St. Pat's Day."

Adding to the festivities, the celebration also doubled as a birthday bash for Past Commodore, Linda Kulla, making it an even more joyous occasion. Indeed, it was an evening where we indulged in delicious food, savored drinks, and fully embraced the Irish spirit!

Much credit goes to Chairwoman Alexandra Caliendo for her meticulous planning and coordination. The culinary delights, including traditional Irish fare setup on occasion-decorated tables, were expertly prepared by Alexandra and Wendy Brown, ensuring the guests were treated to an authentic Irish experience. Mary Lu's warm greetings set the tone for the evening, welcoming guests with open arms.

The entertainment lineup featured a captivating performance by six talented dancers from the Petri School of Irish Dance. Dressed in traditional Gaelic attire, they mesmerized the audience with their skillful steps, adding an extra layer of authenticity to the celebration. The infectious energy and laughter that filled the room ensured that the festivities continued long into the night.

Thank you to Alexandra for her tireless efforts in organizing the event, as well as Captain Vic and the dedicated team for their invaluable contributions. Timely assistance from Wendy, Laura Boehm-Warnke, Linda Kulla, Bill Palafox, Mary Lu and other spontaneous helpers further to enhance the success of the party, making it a truly enjoyable and memorable occasion for all.





**NSYC EDUCATION**  
*Laura Boehm-Warneke,*  
*Education Chairman*

**THE HOLY GRAIL FOR SOLO SAILORS - IMOCA**

Wednesday - February 28, 2024 @ 1930

**GUEST SPEAKER: ROBERT COLES**

NSYC member Robert Coles' presentation on the Vendée Globe IMOCA round-the world race was an exciting and insightful event for 30 NSYC members. Robert's background in sailing, from starting at a young age in Belgium to his passion for naval architecture and sailboat development, provided a unique perspective on the advancements and challenges faced by solo sailors participating in the IMOCA class race.

IMOCA ('International Monohull Open Class Association') manages the class of 60-foot (18.28 metres) open monohulls for the non-stop, unassisted, singlehanded, round the world race via the three capes repeated every four years.

The challenging and prestigious Vendée Globe race, is often considered the "Holy Grail" for solo sailors. Its qualification race will left New York City on May 29th after an exhibition regatta in New York Harbor on May 24th.

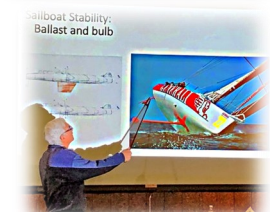
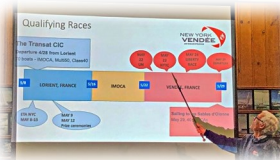
Of particular interest to NSYC members was the detail and skill described by Robert to manage outriggers, daggerboards, running backstays, water ballast, re-canting the keel, main sheet and traveler from cockpit controls positioned near a beanbag-like inflatable mattress.

Robert invited members to observe, and even volunteer, in the activities from the link, (<https://windsupport.nyc/volunteer-opportunity/>) for the qualification race in May.



"Click Here" to revisit the presentation...

**click here.**



**Education - Launch the 2024 Racing Season: A Vibrant May 2<sup>nd</sup> Start!**

Our 2024 racing season kicked off with energy and enthusiasm as Bill Palafox, from the Race Management Committee (RMC), led an engaging and informative Refresher for our Principle Race Officers (PRO) and Race Committee (RC) members on May 2nd. The session, held at the Club, was a comprehensive refresher on NSYC race committee practices and procedures. It wasn't just about rules—it was about setting the stage for an exciting season ahead.

The RMC, helmed by Bill Palafox, Ernest Goetz, and Tim Martens, along with Woody Greenberg (Protest Chair), Giulio Varsi (Scoring), the Filorimo father/son team and Jim Gordon providing support, had been diligently preparing to support our 2024 Race Schedule.

This session was instrumental in preparing our members to helm our Open Regattas, Club Races, and the Manhasset Bay MBOD Fleet. The level of interest and interaction from the audience was exceptional, with some members stepping up to take on roles as PROs and RC members for the upcoming season.

Being part of the race committee isn't just about officiating—it's an opportunity to become a better racer and a more skilled sailor, all while having a blast. Each day served on the RC also contributes towards fulfilling the Club's Work Requirement, with participants earning four hours credit per day and a free lunch. It's a win-win situation!

As we dive into the 2024 season, the involvement and commitment of our club members, along with the expertise of our PROs and RC members, promise an exciting lineup of events. From the thrill of Open Regattas to the camaraderie of "Members Only" Club Races and the precision of the Manhasset Bay One Design series, there's something for everyone.

So, whether you're looking to fine-tune your sailing skills, get involved behind the scenes, or simply enjoy the excitement of competitive racing, the 2024 season at NSYC promises to be nothing short of exhilarating. Let's set sail together and make this year's racing season one to remember!

**Bill Palafox**



**NSYC EDUCATION**  
*Laura Boehm-Warnke,*  
*Education Chairman*

**NSYC Movie Night**

Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>

**Stories from the Sea... Morning Light: "Making the Cut"**

Hosted by club member and Past Commodore, Marc Epstein, with visuals setup by Bill Palafox, the members dived into the adventurous world of sailing with Disney's "Morning Light" DVD. Those who experienced breathtaking ocean views, adrenaline-pumping races, and stories of determination and teamwork, were in for a treat!

"Morning Light" followed the journey of a group of young sailors as they took on one of the most grueling challenges in the sailing world, the Transpac Yacht Race...West Coast-to-Hawaii. The audience was treated to a crew of passionate and fearless young adults, facing the vast Pacific Ocean, pushing their limits both mentally and physically... the ultimate test of skill, courage, and camaraderie.

But this was not any ordinary race. These sailors competed against experienced veterans, battling unpredictable weather, and navigating through the vastness of the ocean. It was rollercoaster of emotions as they confronted setbacks, celebrated victories, and learned valuable life lessons along the way.

As the audience watched, they were drawn into the world of these young sailors, feeling the thrill of the open sea, the tension of the competition, and the bonds that formed between teammates facing incredible challenges together. It was a story that could inspire an audience member to chase dreams, embrace adventure, and never give up, no matter how rough the waters may get

So, the NSYC members grabbed their movie snacks, settled in, and embarked on an unforgettable journey with "Morning Light."...ready to be inspired, entertained, and maybe even kindle their own love for the sea.

**Bill Palafox**



# NSYC SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING

April 13, 2024



## NSYC Spring Membership Meeting

April 13, 2024

A blustery spring morning, with white caps on the Sound, was the backdrop for the 2024 membership meeting, opening with the traditional Continental Breakfast.

**Commodore Richard Predmore** - opened the meeting with thanks to Gail and Bruce Logan for hosting the Breakfast.

-Quorum was established and the Minutes of the October 14, 2023 meeting were approved; and members of the Bridge were introduced: Peter Hirschhorn - Rear Commodore; Yustin Koleda – Treasurer; Rob Harrison – Secretary and Evan Spence - Fleet Captain.

-The Commodore thanked the Trustee Board Members: Karen Verola, Laura Boehm-Warnke, Mitch Litke, Jamie Ebenau and Roger Lifson, for the time and effort they put into the club.

The Commodore noted that this is our 154th season, the club is in great shape and highlighted the following:

-Make sure to pay your dues and that your insurance is up to date.

-Launch service with Port Water Taxi to be used until the club's launches are started.

-The club's social events are in full swing with one significant change. The club no longer sells or provides alcoholic beverages at our events. The insurance does not allow for the service of liquor without a liquor license and the complexities of a liquor license are impractical for a club of our size. A BYOB policy is under discussion but you will need to take the liquor with you when you leave the club. With children around, alcohol in the refrigerators may be a problem. Members will be informed when a policy is finalized.

-Karen Verola has agreed to chair the Dinner Dance committee and she needs volunteers. The board wants to know what kind of party the club members want: the traditional dinner dance with a band or something else? Discussion to follow.

The Commodore thanked Captain Vic for all he does for the club: from hiring launch drivers to organizing repairs to the launches and the building, and mostly, for keeping an eye on us so we don't get into trouble on the bay. "Thanks for watching out for us."

As he called for the committee reports, the Commodore thanked the members serving on committees and noted a number of members serve on more than 1 committee! He also pointed out that most committee reports are in the "members only" area of the website accessed by username and password.





# NSYC SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING

April 13, 2024

**Ahoy** – Julie Lim absent. Please send any announcements to be included in AHOY! to Julie Lim

**Auditing** – Dean Verola reports no additions to the report already submitted

**Fleet Captain** – Evan Spence read the report...everything is on schedule.

At this point in the meeting, there was more discussion about the maintenance of the two Boat Share boats, *Under Toad* and *Elusive*. The BS program is not just a “pay to sail” program and the boats need maintenance. May need to hire a person to maintain the boats. Can we set up a program to learn how to take care of the boats?

**Insurance** – Lloyd Herman explained the denial of the claim for the dismasting of *Under Toad* last year. He remarked that most boats in the club have captains or owners who look out for the little things to keep their boats in shape but not the BS boats. Perhaps, the BS members elect a captain for each boat or find a way to get together to look after the boats.

**Jr. Sailing** -Linda Kulla read the report and will put up a sign-up board for volunteers to cover the ½ hour lunch break and ½ hour of the 4:00 pick-up of the Jr. Sailing students.

**Membership** – Mary Lu Dempsey-Palafox reported we have 2 new Affiliate Members, 2 new Active Members and 6 new Social Associate Members. There were no club rentals.

**Buddy Program** – Arlene Kase reported that the Buddy system will continue and please contact her if you would like to “Buddy” a new member.

**Marketing and Communications** – Bill Palafox read his report and noted that Roy Smitheimer (Blinker Publisher Contributor & Photos) has joined the Team.

new Co-Publisher of the Blinker (Bob Ebenau as Publisher).

-The website remains effective at attracting interest in the club. Alan Pensak, a new Boat Share member, has joined the website Team and making superb contributions.

-The rhythm of 2 Open Houses/year plus a town dock Harborfest display remain as effective marketing tools.

-Strong contact management is the foundation at managing prospects pathway to membership.

**Racing** – Bill Palafox announced the 2024 Racing schedule and the Race Management Committee (RMC) to support it. Tim Martens followed with a pitch to recruit PROs and Race Committee (RC) members.

**Rear Commodore** - Peter Hirschhorn asked that members not respond to him when he sends out an E-Blast. You should send a reply to the person in the email asking for help.

-There was discussion about the need to look into the old electric and water systems in the clubhouse. It was suggested that the issue be brought to the next board meeting to investigate upgrading before real problems develop.

**Treasurer** – Yustin Koleda read the Treasurer’s report.

**Directory** – Don Alvarez reminded members the closing date for Directory changes is April 22.

The Spring Membership meeting was adjourned with a reminder of our 154<sup>th</sup> Commissioning on Saturday, May 18, 2024.

**(Next page—Members are invited to view the Club’s various Committees and the Members within each)**





# NSYC SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING April 13, 2024

***NSYC Committees and the Members within...***

Julie Lim – AHOY!

Auditing - Dean Verola (Chair), Anthony Filorimo, Woody Greenberg

Blinker – Bob Ebenau (Publisher), Roy Smitheimer (Publisher Contributor & Photos), Bill Palafox (Editor-in-Chief), Kelly Cai, Frank LoPresti, Judy Raskin, Marian Weissman (Editors), Peter Li, Carl Friedman (Photos)

Boat Share – Evan Spence (Chair), Gary Cohen, Robert Coles, Lloyd Herman, Warren Greenhouse, Linda Kulla (Duty Officers)

By-laws – Helene Goldsmith (Chair) Ken Magida,

Cruising - Ron Gold

Directory – Don Alvarez

Education – Laura Boehm-Warnke (Chair), Mary Lu Dempsey-Palafox, Bill Palafox, Frank LoPresti (ZOOM)

Finance – Yustin Koleda (Chair), Andrew Alkon

House – Peter Hirschhorn (Chair), Mary Lu Dempsey-Palafox

Insurance – Lloyd Herman (Chair), Ken Magida

Investment – Andrew Alkon (Chair)

Junior Sailing – Linda Kulla (Chair)

Launch Support - Ken Magida (Chair), Peter Hirschhorn, Arlene Kase, Richard Predmore, Allyn Salomon, Hamilton Driggs

Marketing & Communications & Website – Bill Palafox (Chair), Mary Lu Dempsey-Palafox, Debbie Greco-Cohen, Phil Rosenthal and Sherri Ehrlich Creative); Frank LoPresti, Alan Pensak (Webmasters); Pedro Avila(Web Developer)

Membership & Mentoring – Mary Lu Dempsey-Palafox (Chair), Arlene Kase (Mentoring) Marc Epstein, Gary Cohen, Ernie Goetz, Richard Raskin, Laura Boehm-Warnke,

Race Management – Tim Martens (Race Recruiting & Scheduling), Bill Palafox (Communications, Liaison, One-design), Woody Greenberg (Protest), Ernest Goetze, Jim Gordon (PHRF racing), Frank LoPresti (Facilitation) Anthony Filorimo, Thomas Filorimo, (Support) , Giulio Varsi (Scoring)

Recording Secretary – Robert Harrison



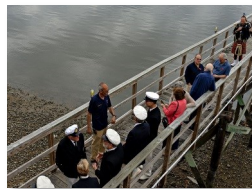
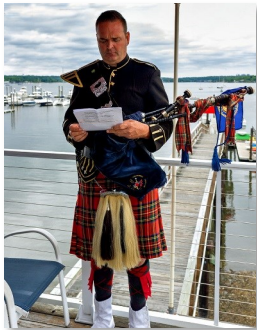
# NSYC 154<sup>th</sup> Commissioning

May 18, 2024

At 3:45 PM on May 18, 2024 the North Shore Yacht Club began its 154th year. It was cloudy but the rain held off. The Officers, Trustees & Past Commodores were lined up on the lower deck. When the Bagpiper took his place on the lower deck & began to play, the ceremony began. Those lined-up, marched to the upper deck to take their assigned places. Bill Palafox offered the invocation.

Rear Commodore Hirschhorn introduced Commodore Richard Predmore who then introduced the Club Officers: Rear Commodore Peter Hirschhorn, and Treasurer Yustin Koleda. Fleet Captain Evan Spence & Secretary Rob Harrison were not in attendance.

Peter Hirschhorn then introduced the Past Commodores who were present: Marc Epstein, Mary Lu Dempsey Palafox, Ron Gold, Warren Greenhouse, Paul Meilink, Lloyd Herman, Ken Magida and Linda Kulla. All were given a round of applause. Linda Kulla received special thanks for her 4 years of service s Commodore..



# NSYC 154<sup>th</sup> Commissioning

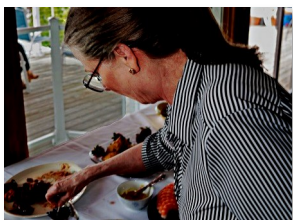
May 18, 2024

Membership Chair Mary Lu Dempsey-Palafox introduced the new members. Actives: Hamilton Driggs & Ramona Zimmerman, Phil Rosenthal & Sherri Ehrlich. Affiliates: Leslie Gervitz, Roy Smitheimer & Karen Mezzullo. All received a club burgee from Arlene Kase, Mentoring Chair. New Social Associates are: Constantine Alexandrakis, Eric Klein & Ariel Kravitz, Tomer Levin & Jocelyn Shaw, Charles Neuman & Erika Marcus, Alan & Sandy Pensak

(all boat Share members) & Silviu & Janica Ruku. All received NSYC caps.

Ken Magida then gave a thoughtful & touching memorial in memory to longtime club member, wonderful husband of Carol Roberts, Past Commodore Yehuda Rosenstock, who passed away this year. The Bagpiper then played "Amazing Grace."

The ceremony ended with champagne. When the Commodore ordered, all flags and burgees were hoisted on the flagpole by the Color Guard. Jane Murphy sang the National Anthem...a pleasure to listen to. The Commodore then wished all members fair winds, calm seas, safe sailing & camaraderie while declaring the North Shore Yacht Club "In Commission" for its 154<sup>th</sup> season.







## Why Do We Go Cruising?

The chill has settled in and seems to be the recurring weather report for most of us for the next few months. The boats are out of the water, a very unusual and unnatural position for most of them, as to my knowledge very few members have boats that foil! However, as the off season spreads over us like a coastal fog, it gives us time to reflect on what we do and why we do it. It also allows us to think back to the past season and its memorable moments. Although as I muse on last season I am disappointed that for the most part it was one where organized cruising was not a common event (we hope to have that change for 2024), I can gain satisfaction that so many members did go cruising to so many places, near and far. Which brings me to the question, why do we go cruising?

In order to really answer this question, one has to draw on your own experiences as well as all the reading that we do with stories of other's adventures on the water. Thinking back on some of the highlights of cruising reminds us of times we are astonished by the beauty of an anchorage, a sunset or sunrise, the moon and stars and other visual images and enjoyments. Sitting in an anchorage or harbor on a mooring or anchor and being amazed by the color of the sky, inspired to pick up the cell phone and snap those pictures to share with friends and family so they can understand what you are experiencing and privileged to enjoy. Add to that the mystery of watching the moon rise and the stars come out to keep company as darkness overwhelms us and we marvel at all the billions of stars and planets that we are such a small part of. It is sometimes hard to explain to others that have not experienced this.

How many of us look forward to that peacefulness and the joy in hearing the water gently lap at our hulls while sailing, or at anchor, or a mooring. The smell of cooking on the boat or my favorite of waking up in a place of beauty to the smell of fresh made coffee and sitting in the cockpit to take it all in. Then there is the fun of planning the day ahead, whether it is your visit to the town or exploring the anchorage or your next leg of the cruise to another wonderful destination.

Cruising challenges many things and sayings. It is a venture that is not just about the destination or the journey! They are inseparable and a unity that truly cannot be appreciated when divided.

During the 'off season' it is a time to use these memories as source of comfort and joy. We can think back to the great times and challenges of past seasons, but also take pleasure in thinking about new plans and memories to come in the 2024 season. I hope all enjoy and stay well and I look forward to seeing you soon to plan for the new season and to share our memories of past ones.

*Ron Gold, Cruising Chair*

## Ken and Arlene – Unforgettable Cross-Country Winter Land Cruises

Arlene and I embarked on an unforgettable 7-week, 7,000-mile car journey spanning across 15 states during the winter months of January and February. Our adventure led us to Clearwater, Florida, where we had the pleasure of reconnecting with dear friends, PC Jim and Linda O'Brian, and PC Harold and Corrine Michels. The evening was filled with warmth as we shared stories and reminisced about old times, cherishing the opportunity to renew our cherished friendships.

The following day, our friends enthusiastically joined us for an exclusive tour of the renowned Catalina Yachts factory located in Largo, Florida. Stepping into the heart of the production facility, we were all captivated by the meticulous process involved in crafting each vessel. From the precise cutting of materials to the final touches on the assembly line, every step illuminated the craftsmanship and dedication infused into every Catalina boat.

The experience was nothing short of exhilarating, offering us a firsthand glimpse into the artistry and innovation driving the marine industry forward. As we witnessed the birth of these magnificent vessels, our appreciation for the intricacies of boat production soared, leaving an indelible impression on each of us.

Our visit to the Catalina Yachts factory not only deepened our admiration for the craftsmanship behind these iconic boats but also served as a bonding moment, further enriching our journey together. With hearts full of gratitude and excitement, we continued our cross-country expedition, forever cherishing the memories created along the way.

### Ken Magida



# The Racing Form

## NSYC Racing 2024: Exciting Season So Far...More to Follow!

You have already dived into the 2024 NSYC racing season with an exciting lineup! It all started with a Race Committee/ PRO refresher class in May, presented by Bill Palafox, ensuring everyone is sharp and ready. On June 1st, we challenged ourselves at the grueling Day Race Open Regatta (no boats in the non-spinnaker division finished...wind died!), and unwinded afterward at a delightful post-race party hosted by Tim and Janet Martens. Then, we geared-up for the Borden Cup Club Race on June 9<sup>th</sup> with 8 boats, 2 divisions and 15+ breeze to keep the momentum going.

### 2024 NSYC Club Race Series (open to NSYC Boats Only)

- Borden Cup** Sun, June 9 Full crew, racing start
- Snyder Cup** Sat, June 22 Non-spinnaker race combined with June Target Cruise. See Notice of Race and Race Instructions when they are issued.
- Smith Cup** Sun, July 14 Double handed; racing start
- Epstein Trophy** Sun, August 11 Single handed, cruising start.
- Commodore's Cup** Sun, Sept. 8 Full crew, cruising sta Followed by LIVE party.

*The grand finale is the Moonlight Open Regatta on September 11th, a perfect end to a season full of challenge and fun..*

NSYC										
Results – 35 <sup>th</sup> ANNUAL DAY RACE										
June 1, 2024										
DIVISION:	I	Spinnaker		DIV I. START:	11:00:00 AM		DISTANCE:	15.60	COURSE:	A
BOAT NAME	SAIL #	OWNER	Boat Type	Affiliation	H'CAP	CORRECTION	FINISH	RACE TIME	CORRECTED	POSITION
Pazuzu	USA67	Laura Browning Bradford Webster	Seascape 27	MBYC	96	1497.6	3:33:05 PM	4:33:05	4:08:07	1
Kiwiblu	61243	Barry Douglas	Dehler 38	None	75	1170.0	3:38:45 PM	4:38:45	4:19:15	2
Privateer	389	George Catallo	J105	PWYC	93	1450.8	4:20:37 PM	5:20:37	4:56:26	3
Texas Rose	58	William Komaroff	J/112e 36	Larchmont YC	48	748.8	4:10:30 PM	5:10:30	4:58:01	4
Speedway Boogie	165	Chris Brady	Colgate 26	Hempstead Harbor/STC	159	2480.4	4:54:58 PM	5:54:58	5:13:38	5
Eagle	222	Ernie Bivona	X33.8	City Island YC	108	1684.8	DNF			
DIVISION:	II	Non-Spinnaker		DIV II. START:	11:11:00 AM		DISTANCE:	15.60	COURSE:	A
BOAT NAME	SAIL #	OWNER	Boat Type	Affiliation	H'CAP	CORRECTION	FINISH	RACE TIME	CORRECTED	POSITION
Osprey	390	Richard Raskin	Alerion Express 28	NSYC	186	2901.6	DNF			
Vision	9	Marc Epstein	Alerion 38	NSYC	138	2152.8	DNF			
First Rate	40819	Marek Antkowiak	Tartan 34.2 DK 34	CIYC	132	2059.2	DNF			
Khaleesi	40254	Anthony Girand	Pearson 37 36.9	MICA	123	1918.8	DNS			
Sea Jam	27	Dean Verola	Catalina 27	NSYC	219	3416.4	DNF			
Dolcezza	53	Neill Parker	Hunter 37.5	MBYC	141	2199.6	DNF			
Surprise	No Numbers	Diane Johnston	Dehler Varianta 37	PWYC	114	1778.4	DNF			
Kititi	297	Darshan Patel	Sabre 34	Meyran Marine	156	2433.6	DNF			

No Numbers

# The Racing Form

## NSYC Racing 2024: Exciting Season So Far...More to Follow!

Our dedicated Race Management Committee (RMC), featuring Bill Palafox, Ernest Goetz, Tim Martens, Giulio Varsi, Anthony and Thomas Filorimo, and Woody Greenburg, has been working tirelessly to craft a stellar racing season. Many thanks to our Race Committees too!

In between, enjoy a diverse array of races: single-handed, double-handed, full crew, racing, and cruising starts. This variety ensures there's something for every sailor. Keep an eye on the AHOY, club directory and website for race notices and calendars to plan your perfect racing schedule.

Remember, "Racing is fun and makes for a better sailor."

Join the Race Committee to enhance your skills even further—plus, enjoy a free lunch and earn work hours credit!

Have an amazing racing season!

**Bill Palafox**

### RESULTS — 2024 NSYC BORDEN CUP

June 9, 2024

DIVISION: 6A		Non-Spinnaker		START: 1:30:00 PM		DISTANCE: 4.20		COURSE: M Y U	
BOAT NAME	SAIL #	OWNER	Boat Type	CLUB	H'CAP	FINISH	RACE TIME	CORRECTED	POSITION
Old Flame	479	George Becker	Sonar 23	NSYC	174	2:21:40 PM	0:51:40	0:39:29	1
Elusive	316	Evan Spence	Sonar 23	NSYC	177	2:31:13 PM	1:01:13	0:48:50	2
Best Healer	N/A	Carl Friedman	Mariner 19	NSYC	267	2:58:32 PM	1:28:32	1:09:51	3
Laurie B	568	Bob Baskind	Sonar 23	NSYC	174	DNF Wrong Course			

DIVISION: 6B		Non-Spinnaker		START: 1:30:00 PM		DISTANCE: 6.59		COURSE: J C U	
BOAT NAME	SAIL #	OWNER	Boat Type	CLUB	H'CAP	FINISH	RACE TIME	CORRECTED	POSITION
Vision	9	Marc Epstein	Alerion 38	NSYC	138	2:51:06 PM	1:21:06	1:05:57	1
Osprey	390	Richard Raskin	Alerion Express 28	NSYC	186	3:02:36 PM	1:32:36	1:12:10	2
Tredecim	N/A	Yustin Koleda	Beneteau First 21	NSYC	209	3:22:17 PM	1:52:17	1:29:20	3
Zephyr	136	Warren Greenhouse	Pearson 36	NSYC	138	DNF			



# The Racing Form

## Snyder Cup 2024 Mother Nature Takes Command!

In true June tradition, this year's Snyder Cup Race brought sailors together for a day that promised excitement, camaraderie, and a bit of adventure on the water. What began as a relaxed, competitive event, seamlessly tied to a cruising rendezvous in Cold Spring Harbor, quickly turned into a high-stakes showdown against the elements.

Typically, the Snyder Cup Race is a friendly competition with a casual self-start at Gangway Rock G-27, an eastward sail to Red Bell R '32A', and a simple report of start and finish times to declare a race.

But on June 22, 2024, Mother Nature had different plans.

The weather forecast caused several skippers into canceling their participation, but three brave crews decided to proceed. One daring skipper even started just after lunch, undeterred by the looming clouds. As the afternoon progressed, storm clouds began to gather ominously to the west. All eyes at the club and among the Snyder participants turned to weather tracking.

The three intrepid racers battled a major squall with varying fates. *Vision* managed to cross the finish line, while *Tredecim* turned back just two miles short. *Sea Jam* faced the squall's full fury, barely making a start before bowing out. Despite the dramatic weather, safety prevailed with no injuries, and all crews, sails, and rigging were pushed to their limits.

In the end, we had a race! The Snyder Cup continues to promote the spirit of sailing within the club, thanks to the adventurous participants and the innovative vision of our Cruising Chair, Ron Gold

Here's to more races and the unyielding spirit of sailors!

North Shore Yacht Club									
2024 SNYDER CUP — RESULTS									
June 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2024									
					Course: Gangway Rock G-27; R32A bell		Distance: 11.25		
BOAT NAME	Sail #	Boat Type	OWNER	H'CAP	Start Time	Finish Time	Race Time	Corrected Time	Position
Vision	9	Alerion 38	Marc Epstein	138	2:48 PM	6:05 PM	3:17	2:51	1
Tredecim	N/A	Beneteau 1 <sup>st</sup> , 21	Yustin Koleda	207	12:24 PM	DNF			
Sea Jam	27	Catalina 27	Dean Verola	222	DNS				



# Kids' Korner

## NSYC Junior Sailing Program

By Linda Kulla

The Junior Sailing Program is back in full swing this season at NSYC. After receiving 19 applications for the instructor's position from Argentina, Spain, Ireland and England, and numerous zoom interviews, a young man from Argentina was selected. Felipe has outstanding qualifications and terrific references.

Not only a champion sailor, Felipe is also a passionate educator. He currently shares his knowledge and love for sailing by



coaching aspiring young sailors in Optimist classes and adults in ILCA classes at Club de Velas de Rosario - Santa Fe, inspiring the next generation. A well-rounded individual, Felipe demonstrates a commitment to lifelong learning. He holds a completed degree in Construction Technician from the Politécnico in Rosario and is currently pursuing a degree in civil engineering at the prestigious Rosario National University (UNR). Additionally, his B1 First Certificate from Cambridge showcases his proficiency in English.

Felipe arrived on June 18<sup>th</sup> to settle in and get the junior fleet all set up before its July 1<sup>st</sup> start date. Once Felipe gets a test run on Under Toad and Elusive he will be available to give lessons to the Boat Share participants as well.

The Junior Program sessions are bursting at the seams with 28 children registered. Only sessions 1 and 3 have room for a couple more. Krish is excited to be joining us as an assistant instructor after spending three summers in our program. He will be at the club in June practicing using the dinghy chase boat. Captain Vic has been preparing that boat to have fenders surrounding both sides and a small engine with a cage for protection.

The program starting July 1<sup>st</sup> needs volunteers during the eight weeks to sit with the kids at lunch for ½ hour and also to speak with the instructor and meet the parents at 4pm pick up Monday through Friday. Anyone able to volunteer some time which will go towards your work hours should please contact Linda Kulla at 917-750-8763 or [jrsailing@nsrc.net](mailto:jrsailing@nsrc.net).

**Linda Kulla**