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Duck Island Yacht Club

Founded in 1932



Happy February!

Please welcome our new Active members Richard & Sheryne Brekus and new Social members Peter & Stacey Pavasaris. Glad to have you as Duckies!

While we enter **DIYC's 92nd year** since the founding of DIYC I had to look back of other happenings. During the Great Depression...the top song was Fred Astaire & Leo Reisman for Night & Day. The Polaroid photography was invented by Edwin Herbert Land. Franklin D. Roosevelt was the president and the neutron was discovered by Sir James Chadwick.

Back to 2024...Thank you for the prompt action on your dues (which were emailed Monday Feb 12th! I have included the Member Information form (print only version) on the last page of this newsletter for your convenience.

Welcome 2024 Officers!

Commodore: Anne Edgley

Vice Commodore: Mike DeNamur

Rear Commodore Race: Ruth Emblin

Rear Commodore Social: Jessi Kneier

Rear Commodore Cruise: Lauren Weinstein

Treasurer: T. J. Buckley

Secretary: Renee Carlisle

Fleet Captain: Roger Bauman

Director of Publicity: Robin Konrad

*Webmaster: Dick Saunders

Click the [Officer](#) tab on our website for contact info

Duck Island Yacht Club

Post Office Box 593, Westbrook, CT 06498

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RACE INFO

(Thank you Ruth, Rear Commodore Race)

Race Start Dates (Tentative)

Bob McLellan Spring: May 8th

Shirley Hall: May 14th

One Design: June 20th

Bob McLellan Summer: June 26th

Dates TBD

ECSAs Spring Regatta, Daytime

Distance & Thundermug

Questions/concerns contact Ruth at diyc.race@gmail.com



BOG Updates

Nothing to report at this time
Thank you, Dave Nauber



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Condo Happenings *(Thank you Mark Salerno, Condo Secretary)*

- ❖ Dues notices went out to all of the Condo owners for the 2024 season.
- ❖ The Condo Dredging Committee has been in touch with the Town of Westbrook.
- ❖ Looks like they will actually begin dredging the Menunketesuck River in February of this year. (This is where Pilots Point North Yard is)
- ❖ No defined date yet for the Patchogue River, where DIYC is located, but we are hopeful.

[More dredging info HERE from the Town of Westbrook](#)



****MEMBER SPOTLIGHT****

T. J. Buckley, Treasurer: T. J. Buckley moved to Old Lyme, CT with his wife, Rachel, and three daughters in the Summer of 2017. Setting anchor, he retired from the Navy in June 2018 after a twenty year career in submarines and began his second career at Electric Boat building them. T. J. began racing at Duck Island Yacht Club in 2018, becoming a Social Member in 2021 and full member in 2022. He owns a JY15 and races with his family at DIYC in the Summer and Frostbite Yacht Club in the Spring and Fall. He also owns the J/105 SNOW BIRD and enjoyed a successful inaugural season in 2022 and even better season in 2023. Originally from Grosse Ile, MI, T. J. learned to sail on the Detroit River and Lake Erie in 1989. During college, he would sail there when home on summer breaks. T. J. restarted sailing in Hampton Roads in 2009 and was fortunate enough to sail on the Solent racing for the



Royal Navy while stationed in Portsmouth, UK from 2014 to 2017. Rachel, originally from Canterbury, CT, initially learned to sail in Norfolk, VA and has joined T. J. for several DIYC JY15 and Shirley Hall races. She occasionally enjoys a Wednesday night racing on SNOW BIRD, but usually picks the ones abandoned for lack of wind. Natalie, Ceciley, and Cassidy have participated in North Cove Yacht Club Youth Sailing for the last six years (2020 season being cancelled) and occasionally join their father on the big boats. They have taken turns racing on the JY15 and join their parents for the Shirley Hall Series at DIYC, and other races as their schedules allow. ***T. J.'s vision for DIYC in 2024 is... "a year filled with camaraderie and intense, friendly competition on the water."***



Treasurer's Report *(Thank you T. J., Treasurer)*

Monthly bills (Eversource & webhosting) have paid and ready for your dues payments!



Please contact T. J. at diyc.treasurer@gmail.com



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Renée Carlisle, Secretary: *Renée had never been exposed to any kind of boat until meeting Doug in 2004. Her first experience was a ride out to the Branford fireworks with Doug on a small powerboat called Waypointer, the day after she had her wisdom teeth pulled. The ride back was pounding, and her mouth & head felt awful! Not a great first experience. Her next experience was a weekend at Block Island on a powerboat called Lucky Devil. On the way back, one engine died, and the boat limped home. Not a great second experience. Doug & Renée then purchased a chaparral bowrider & named her Little Devil. Great times were had when the boys when the boys were young going tubing. At the family compound up in Georgetown, Maine, Doug's dad had a 26' Rosborough powerboat named Meander. Many wonderful years were spent cruising to Sequin Lighthouse, up the Kennebec River to Bath, & to Booth Bay Harbor. Doug's dad gave Meander to him when he was no longer able to go boating, and she is now kept at Pilots Point South where times are enjoyed with many great friends. But sailing...no experience whatsoever! Raced 1 race on Wolverine, which was a win! 1 for 1! Perhaps some Shirley Hall Racing in the future? Did some daily sails on Cranky Pants, maybe even race on Cranky Pants someday? Renée & Doug have been members of DIYC since 2015. **Renée's Vision for DIYC in 2024 is...**"To foster an inclusive environment where all members feel a sense of belonging and community regardless of occupation or social status, and to respect and acknowledge the diverse background /perspectives/experiences that each member brings, and how this will enhance our club & culture.*



Secretary's Summaries: (Thank you Renee, Secretary)

- ✓ 2024 dues notices along w/the member information form have been emailed to all members. Please complete the form and return with payment promptly...thanks as I have already received so many!
- ✓ January 11th Officers' meeting minutes will be approved and posted after our March meeting (there was no Feb meeting)



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Please email Renee at secretary@diyc.com with questions and/or concerns



[DIYC Swag](#)

Photos Wanted



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RACING BEGINS IN 79 DAYS!

Roger Bauman, Fleet Captain: *Sheridan and I have been members since the early 90's, we have three girls, Avery, Ingrid and Carolyn and live in Westbrook. As Fleet Captain I am responsible for our three boats and the dry storage area.*



*While I am no boat mechanic, I am lucky to have the advice and support of many club members to help solve problems. Last winter our project was to design and have built a new aluminum boat/dinghy ramp. Mark Kondracky helped with the bulkhead rebuild and Todd McKenzie of Smedley Crane hoisted the ramp into position. This solved the undue stress the old wooden ramp was putting on the docks and made for better launching and hauling of our one design dinghies. This winter we have two projects, first to fix Sitting Duck's motor imbalance problem and also to assess Mighty Duck's engine performance to insure chase boat reliability. Jeff Sturgess, a new member who is an accomplished airplane mechanic turned Delta pilot and I ran Sitting Duck last fall and identified the transmission as the culprit. We removed the transmission from Sitting Duck and had it rebuilt at Sound Marine Diesel, who verified the forward gear was damaged. The rebuild is now complete and plans are to reinstall once the weather breaks. We had several reports last summer of Mighty Duck's 115hp Suzuki engine losing power and not idling well. The last major repair was about 5 years ago to the exhaust manifold, at the time Greg's outboard shop said we should get 2-3 years on it. We are assessing the engine to see if we can stretch the motor for another season or whether to replace it this spring, any leads on a gently used or new engine are appreciated. I am looking forward to seeing our club come alive again this spring with another season of racing and cruising. Until then see you on the slopes or at DIYC! **Roger's vision for DIYC in 2024 is...**"to have a year of good times sailing w/great friends!"*

Fleet News *(Thank You Roger, Fleet Captain)*

*We are in still searching for a new/gently used **90-115hp outboard** for our Mighty Duck chase boat. Any suggestions and/or donations gladly accepted.*

Please contact Roger at fleet.captain@diyc.com

Are you a Race Committee Volunteer???



I would like to do a Member Spotlight on you...please contact Robin at diyc.pub@gmail.com



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Vice Commodore's Comments (Thank you Mike, Vice Commodore)

It's the quiet time of the season - an opportunity to enjoy the history and tradition of boating off the water. Maybe following the Global Solo Challenge (go Cole Brauer!), reading a boating-themed book, or taking in a seminar on sail trim or racing rules. Drop a post to the DIYC Facebook page to share what you're reading or doing to get through these cold months. If you're looking for a good read, consider "[Temple to the Wind](#)" the story of Captain Nat Herreshoff's greatest build, the yacht RELIANCE - it's a favorite of mine.

Please contact Mike at vice.commodore@diyc.com



SOCIAL CENTRAL (Thank you Jessi, Rear Commodore Social)

See you this week at our 2 great events!

Feb 20th - [DAMES ON THE DECK](#) - 6pm at Hamburg YC

Feb 24th - [WINTER SOCIAL](#) - 7pm at the Naubers'
Please kindly rsvp to kathynauber@yahoo.com

March TBD – Dames on the Deck - 6pm at Hamburg YC

TBD Dates: Raft Ups & TGIFs

If anyone would like to help out with social events
Please contact Jessi at social.chairman@diyc.com



Cruise Highlights (Thank you Lauren, Rear Commodore Cruise)

[96 days until the first cruise \(Memorial Day Cruise\)!](#)

[Book your Labor Day Weekend at Mystic Seaport via dockwa now!](#)

Please contact Lauren at cruise.chairman@diyc.com





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DIYC Website News & Updates (Thank you Dick, Webmaster)

Reminiscing about the last 92 years of DIYC's past!

Click here to see: [DIYC's Brochure](#), ["The Early Years"](#) & [Past Commodores!](#)

Notice Board
Important Messages From
Club Officers
Updated 1/12/24

Check **"Notice Board"** often for up to date 2024 happenings!

Please contact Dick for questions/comments webmaster@diyc.com



Commodore's Corner

(Thank you Anne, Commodore)

I am honored to be part of DIYC's 92nd year!

Dates TBD

Spring/Fall Work Party

Commissioning Day

Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet

Next Officer's meeting

Tuesday, March 12th (5:30p)

Please contact Anne, commodore@diyc.com





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Not a racer? ...but want to be in the action?

Consider joining race committee!

Contact Ruth at diyc.race@gmail.com



<u>Previous Month</u>		March			<u>Next Month</u>	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Officers Meeting 5:30 PM	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

Other Happenings:

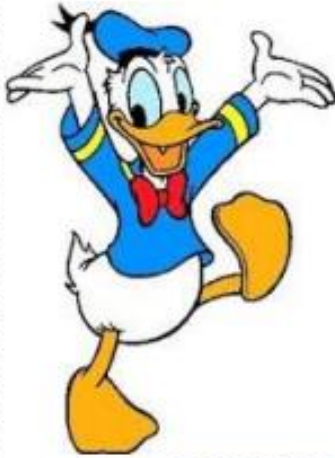
- 🚦 Winter Social – February 24th (see first flyer below) – KINDLY RSVP!
- 🚦 Frostbite begins - March 3rd (see flyer below)
- 🚦 ECSA sponsored Dave Perry Webinars - April 3rd (see flyer below)
- 🚦 Member Information form ~ print only version (see last flyer)
- 🚦 **NEXT *The Mainsheet Newsletter* – March 25th**



That's all for now Duckies 😊.....Cheers, Robin



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2024



**DUCK ISLAND YACHT CLUB
WINTER PARTY**

**Saturday, February 24, 2024
7:00 P.M**

**Kathy & Dave Nauber's Home
86 Coyote Trail
Higganum, CT 06441**

Come join us for the first DIYC social event of the season. An evening of socializing, reminiscing and grazing with fellow Duckies and friends. Captains, please feel free to invite your crew members and guests.

Please bring your favorite appetizer or finger food to share.

RSVP: Kathynauber@yahoo.com

or

860-301-3432





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2024 Spring Series

One Design Sailing

5 Classes: Etchells, Laser, Ideal 18, JY 15, Rocket

Join us on the Connecticut River in Essex, at Essex Yacht Club

Sundays March 3 to April 28th – Warning signal @ 1300

with exception to Sunday March 31st as racing will be Saturday March 30th

Members and Non-Members Welcome

Register today: www.fbyc.org

Daily awards and chili post racing

Charter boats may be available for JY15 and Laser fbyc1933@gmail.com





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Winning Strategies & Tactics Around the Course!

**An Interactive, Fun & Educational online Webinar
with Dave Perry
presented by the Eastern Connecticut Sailing Association (ECSA)**

**Wednesday, April 3, 10, 17 & 24, 2024
7:30pm – 9:00pm**



Dave Perry is well known for his enthusiastic and engaging teaching style for sailors of all ages and levels, as well as highly respected for his accomplishments in, and deep knowledge of, the sport of Sailing. He is one of the sport's leading coaches and rules experts, serving on the US Sailing Appeals Committee and being the Rules Advisor for several recent America's Cup teams and the US Sailing Team at the 2008, 2012, 2021 & 2024 Olympic Games.

Schedule of Topics

April 3 – Tactics on the Upwind legs

April 10 – Tactics on the Downwind legs

April 17 – Tactics at the Marks

April 24 – Tactics at the Start

Fee: there is no fee; this is being underwritten by the Eastern Connecticut Sailing Association (ECSA)

Sign Up: there is no sign-up; just "show up" online.

Zoom link & Pre-read: The Zoom link, which will be the same for all four sessions, will be posted on the ECSA website (<https://ecsa.net>) by Wednesday, March 27, along with the Pre-read for session 1.

Recording link: Following the last session, a link to the recording of the four sessions will be posted on the ECSA website.

For additional information, contact: Paul Grady, paulgradv@me.com, 203-613-6767

Dave's two books on the rules, *Understanding the Racing Rules of Sailing* and *Dave Perry's 100 Best Racing Rules Quizzes* updated for the 2021-2024 rules, are available in print or digital format at: <https://shop.ussailing.org>



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2024 DIYC MEMBER INFORMATION FORM

Please PRINT, complete and mail form, along with your dues payment, to:

Renée D. Carlisle – DIYC Secretary
54 Fairview Drive
Madison, CT 06443

<input type="checkbox"/> DIYC Membership dues payment enclosed <input type="checkbox"/> DIYC Membership dues paid through the Duck Island Condo Association
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Member Information: *(Person filling out the form)*

Clearly print first & last name:

Spouse/Significant Other *(Applicable)*

Clearly print first & last name:

Full Home Address:

Phone #:

Children:

Name	Age
Name	Age
Name	Age

Member:

Spouse/Significant Other:

Cell #:

Cell #:

Email:

Email:

Boat Name:

Boat Type & Size:

Location of where boat is docked:

PHRF rating:

Sail # (if sail):

Civic organizations you may belong to: (This information is good to have if the club is looking for a place to hold an event/meeting)

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