



Duck Island Yacht Club

Founded in 1932

Happy mid-March!



2024 Annual Dues are due April 1st

New member postings:

Feb 17, 2024: Social membership to <u>Jeff & Nancy Meinke</u> March 2, 2024: Active membership to <u>Bill & Lucy Walker</u>

By now you may have your winter cover off, started servicing equipment and began bottom work!

April & May is a great time to join and be part of our DIYC family! We welcome you to become Duckies! Our Membership Information link on our website gives a description, along w/the application and recommendation form (which I have attached as well).

Members....we welcome you back for the 2024 season and thank you for the support!



BOG Updates

David Nauber has been elected Chairman for 2024

We have approved membership for Rich & Sheryne Brekus, their boat is Craigearn, a Viking 54.

RACE INFO

Race Start Dates

Bob McLellan Spring: Wed May 8th
1st Gun 6:30pm
Shirley Hall: Tue May 14th
1st Gun 6:30pm
One Design: Thur June 20th
1st Gun 6:30pm
Bob McLellan Summer: June 26th
1st Gun 6:30pm

(Note: NO July 3rd race)

ECSA Regatta Dates
Spring Regatta June 1st
Daytime Distance Sept 28th
Thundermug Oct 19th

Thank you, Ruth diyc.race@gmail.com



Let's celebrate our officer volunteers who have served for <u>6+ years!!</u>

Based on our website's officer tab I added up years of officer volunteerism from 2003-2023. I emailed all with 6+ years and asked each one to share what it meant to hold those positions, their future wishes for DIYC and any other caring words they wished to share! (Forgive me if I made any errors/mistakes...Robin)

Here are their replies:

21+yrs of service (STANDING OVATION) Dick Saunders!!

Webmaster, Admin assistant to Rear Commodore Race, Race Committee Volunteer, Condo Owner and often helps w/maintenance at our club! Also "Right Hand Man" to most everyone!!!

How did I become the DIYC webmaster and the guy behind the scenes supporting the race chairman in the administration of the club racing program? Long story.

As a teenager in 1952 my stepfather owned a 15-foot wooden cat boat and later a wooden 21-foot sloop that he kept in a marina in New London. We, my mom, stepdad, sister, and I sailed whenever we could on weekends in the Thames River and Fishers Island Sound. I also had a friend who had built a 10-foot sailing dinghy that he and I enjoyed sailing in the Niantic River.

After a four-year stint in the air force, I met and married Phyllis and started a family. Years went by until 1976 when we were vacationing in Brewster, MA on the bay side of Cape Cod I was invited to try sailing a Sunfish. My boys and I loved it. The next year I bought two Sunfishes and a trailer and sailed them that summer at the Cape as well as in Long Island Sound out of Clinton. I was hooked and converted one of them to a Super Sunfish Marconi rig. In 1981 I bought my first "real boat", a Cape Dory Typhon, then in 1982 a yellow Able 20, and in 1986 an Albin Cumulus 28 footer, "Cloud Dancer" that I day sailed, cruised and raced part time at DIYC for 20 years. My two sons and I raced her actively in the Wednesday Night Series and the ECSA events from 1990 to 1994. After that I raced periodically in the ECSA events with friends and cruised singlehandedly to anchorages in Gardiners Bay and Block Island. In 2002 or 2003 I finally joined the club. I sold her in the summer of 2006, and bought my current boat, a Frers 33, "Out of Reach II" in early 2007. I dropped the "II" and kept the name.



Dave Gilmore, the vice commodore in 2004, asked me if I'd like to take over as webmaster as the current webmaster, Mark Marsella, was finding less free time to keep the site current, especially in posting results. Since I am a retired ex-IBMer, I figured, how hard can it be? So, I installed Front Page 2003 on my home desktop computer and after an afternoon of tutoring from Mark I was set loose to figure it out. Front Page 2003 is a WYSIWYG (what you see is what you get) program. As such one doesn't have to learn a lot of HTML and is relatively easy to use. Nevertheless, it was a learning curve for me and I'm still learning.

Mike Sinsi was the race chairman in 2004-2005 and he would give me the scratch sheets and results to post. I learned to use the RaceSail program that Mike was using. The following year Bob Connell became the race chairman and I started doing all the RaceSail stuff to support him, and all the race chairs ever since. In 2020 the club started using Yachtscoring which makes my job much easier, and the results are posted online as they are entered. Whenever I can I join the race committee boat crew for the club races throughout the year. They are great people, all volunteers, and we do have a lot of fun.

10 yrs. of service - Roger Bauman, Fleet Captain 8 yrs. & Rear Commodore Race 2 yrs.

10 yrs. of service - Brian Weinstein, Commodore 2 yrs., Vice Commodore 3yrs and Rear Commodore Cruise 5 yrs.



9 yrs. of service - Kathy Nauber, Commodore 1 yr., Vice Commodore 1yr and Secretary 7 yrs.

It has been my pleasure to serve Duck Island Yacht Club in many different roles. Between my husband Dave and I, we have served in some capacity for 20 of the 25 years since 2000. I have been the club Secretary, Vice Commodore,



Commodore and I also served as a Board of Governor. The best part of being involved in a leadership role is that I have met so many awesome people. While I am not in a leadership position with DIYC at this time, I am currently the Off Soundings Club Secretary and the ECSA Rear Commodore. I strongly believe that when you belong to an organization you need to step up and serve when possible. Dave and I race, cruise and enjoy the social events put on by the club. I feel that people who get involved take ownership of the club and work to keep it moving forward in a positive direction. During our time as members we have made lifelong friends that we also socialize with outside of club activities. I encourage everyone to participate in whatever activities you can and become a club member who is involved and present. I hope to see you all at the club and out on the water.

9 yrs. of service - Anne Edgley, Commodore 1 yr. and Treasurer 8 yrs.

When I first became treasurer I was overwhelmed and after a couple of weeks told Fred that I was going to step down at the first opportunity! However, I got used to it and it became easier, although time consuming. The huge plus side was that the more I got involved, the more people I got to know and I now count a great number of Duckies as good friends. That would never have happed if I hadn't become treasurer and it is why I encourage people to step up and volunteer to be an officer. If I hadn't I would just be another racing sailor's wife who turned up to the end of year party and the odd raft-up without really getting to know people.

6yrs of service - Mark McCarthy, Commodore 5 yrs. and Rear Commodore Race 1 yr.

Through my six years of being an officer, the last five being Commodore, I can think of multiple amazing moments which bring a smile to my face and reminds me why I volunteered at a place which has given me so many great memories over the years. One moment that especially comes to mind is the first annual Bills Cup, being out at the Dolly Rose at Bills Seafood, making award announcements and seeing the amazing turnout we had for the first event. I got so many people who came up to me before, during and after the event who were genuinely enthusiastic about the event and told me how

much fun it was. One of my objectives as Commodore was forming true partnerships with local businesses and creating this event with the family of Bill's Seafood and DIYC really created a special synergy between two fantastic groups of people, expanding our DIYC community. In the future, we have the ability to continue to expand these partnerships and I know we have plans in the works with Safe Harbor. Thank you to all the members who step up each year to volunteer their time to make DIYC a great place to be! Next time you are at one of our events, just ask how you can help, get involved and continue to build the DIYC community!



6 yrs. of service - Kevin Carse - Commodore 3 yrs., Vice Commodore 1 yr. and Fleet Caption 2 yrs.

6 yrs. of service - Colette Skinner, Treasurer

6 yrs. of service - Jen Tabor-Rennie, Secretary

6 vrs. of service - Lauren Weinstein, Rear Commodore Cruise



Are you a Race Committee Volunteer???

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

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All hands on deck! Winter is over and the half-assembled winches being serviced on my workbench confirm that it's time to get busy preparing for sailing. With that in mind, block Saturday April 20th 9AM - noon for our annual spring work party. Rain date is Sunday the 21st. Many hands make for light work and will get us to Bill's for lunch all the sooner. Members are expected to attend and lend a hand as we ready the club for the start of a busy season. If you need any extra incentive, Anne has promised to spread a bit of DIYC swag - but you must be present to win!

Thank you, Mike vice.commodore@diyc.com





Team One Newport (DIYC SWAG)

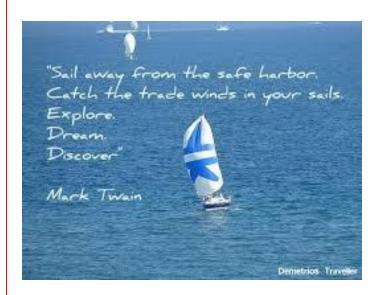
Commodore's Corner

Spring Work Party - April 20th 9-12pm

Dates TBD
Annual Meeting

Next Officer's Meeting: Tues, April 9th (5:30p)

Thank you, Anne commodore@diyc.com



Condo Happenings

(Thank you, Mark Salerno-Condo Secretary)

- Spring Work Party April 20th 9-12pm
- ❖ Water turned on April 20th
- The Condo Dredging Committee continues its work w/the Town of Westbrook

Fleet News

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.

Thank you, Roger fleet.captain@diyc.com

Example 2 Cruise Highlights

61 DAYS until our 1st cruise
Hamburg Cove Cruise (Memorial Day Weekend)
Host: Bob & Roz Weinstein

2024 Cruise Schedule: Coming Soon

Thank you, Lauren cruise.chairman@diyc.com







RACING BEGINS IN 44 DAYS!

DIYC Website News & Updates

Have you checked out our:

Notice Board Bulletin Board Crew Board

Thank you, Dick webmaster@diyc.com



Secretary's Summaries:

- ✓ Please Note: Dues are due soon! April 1st
- ✓ January 11th Officers' meeting minutes have been approved and posted!

Find them on our website here →



Thank you, Renee secretary@diyc.com



Treasurer's Report

- a) Monthly bills (Eversource & webhosting) paid
- b) Ready for your dues payments and thank you
- c) I am looking to set up ways for online payments

Thank you, T. J. divc.treasurer@gmail.com

Not a racer? But want to be in the action? Consider joining race committee! Contact Ruth at diyc.race@gmail.com

SOCIAL CENTRAL

April TBD – Dames on the Deck
May 8th - Grillin' & Chillin' begins
Every Wednesday
Spring & Summer Series on our deck
(Note: Not during Fleet Captain Series)
May 31st – Commissioning Day/TGIF 6pm
All Welcomed!

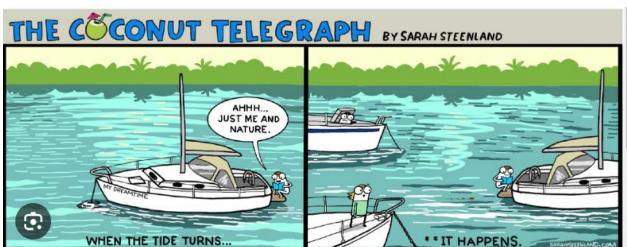
TBD dates: Raft Ups, TGIF & Annual Banquet

If anyone would like to help out with social events

Thank you, Jessi <u>social.chairman@diyc.com</u>











Rum Swizzle

Ingredients (Makes 6)

- 4 oz Goslings Black Seal Rum
- 4 oz Goslings Gold Rum*
- 5 oz Pineapple Juice
- 5 oz Orange Juice
- ¾ oz Grenadine or 2 oz Bermuda Falernum
- 6 Dashes of Angostura Bitters

Method

Into a pitcher 1/3 full of crushed ice add Goslings Black Seal Rum, Goslings Gold Rum, pineapple juice, orange juice, Grenadine or Bermuda Falernum and Angostura bitters. Churn vigorously until a frothing appears or mix in a cocktail shaker. Strain into a martini glass.

* Gold Seal Rum can be substituted with equivalent amount of Black Seal Rum.







Are you planning on racing in the Newport Bermuda Race in 2024? Or know of someone who is? Please contact Robin divc.pub@gmail.com

	Previous	<u>Month</u>	April	Nex			
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Gray items are last years positions or best guess. When date is confirmed it'll be changed to red.	The 2024 Annual Dues are Due Today.	2	3	4	5	6	
7	8	9 Officers Meeting 5:30 PM	10	11	12	13	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 DIYC & DIYCA combined work party - 9:00 AM	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
28	29	30					

Other Happenings:

- ECSA sponsored Dave Perry Webinars <u>UPDATED DATES</u> (see NEW flyer below)
- Pettipaug Junior Sailing Academy has 2 job postings (see flyers below)
- **L.** Haddam Swing Bridge has posted a <u>schedule</u> for bridge openings for mariners
- ♣ April Tide Chart (see chart below)
- ♣ NEXT The Mainsheet Newsletter April 22nd
 - o Spotlight on BOG & Newport Bermuda racers



That's all for now Duckies @.....Cheers & Thank you, Robin diyc.pub@gmail.com



To preserve and encourage the sport of sailing, and foster a spirit of camaraderie among yachtsmen." **Duck Island Yacht Club - Membership Application**

DUCK ISLAND YACHT CLUB Inc.

PO BOX 593 * WESTBROOK, CONNECTICUT 06498

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP(check one) ___Active ___Social(__Age under 26 by 4/1?)

A Social member may not own a boat greater than 20 feet.

Name			
Last	First	Spouse	
AddressStreet		State Zip	
Street	City	State Zip	
Home Phone	Fax	E-mail	
Children (names and ag	res)		
Occupation (Applicant)		Company	
Nork AddressStreet			
Street	City	State Zip	Phone
Occupation (Spouse)		Company	
Work Address	City	State Zip	Phone
Boat Name			
Boat Location			
Proposed By:			
Seconded By:	S	econded By:	
			cht Club requires 100% involvemen e work responsibilities of the club.
The applicant understa Active Membership and	_	-	
Applicant's Signature_		Date_	
Recommendation Form.	All completed for	orms are to be submi	hip by completing the New tted to the Proposer of this ms with appropriate fees (see

Secretary, Duck Island Yacht Club, P.O. Box 593, Westbrook, CT 06498

Membership Options) to:



Duck Island Yacht Club - New Member Recommendation Form

DUCK ISLAND YACHT CLUB Inc.

PO BOX 593 * WESTBROOK, CONNECTICUT 06498

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP	(check one)	Active Social	
Name of Applicant (s)Last		First	Spouse
How long have you known			ou know the applicant?
Describe the contributions t		ke to the club as a mem	nber:
Recommender's Signature _			Date
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This completed form is to g fees to:	iven to the <i>Proposer</i> to	be submitted with the	completed application and appropriate
Secretary, Duck Island Ya	cht Club, P.O. Box 59	93, Westbrook, CT 06	498



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, 24, and May 1, 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 24 - Tactics at the Marks

May 1 - 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, paulgrady@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





Pettipaug Junior Sailing Academy (PJSA)

2024 PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Pettipaug Yacht Club, located in Essex, CT, on the shore of the CT River, is seeking a Program Director for its Junior Sailing Program (PJSA) for the 2024 summer season.

The Program Diretor is responsible for providing a safe, fun and educational environment for both recreational and competitive Optimist dingy, O'pen Skiff, ILCA 6 (Radial Lasers) and Club 420 sailors of all skill levels, ages 8 to 18 years old.

The Director will coordinate decision making with the PJSA Chair and/or Board, help guide and motivate the instructor team, monitor daily activities on water and waterfront, support teaching the curriculum and help coordinate regatta travel.

Ideal candidate:

Mature, positive leader and role model
Strong interpersonal communication and organizational skills
Able to communicate with sailors and parents
A love for children/teens and the water
Able to teach using creative fun dynamic approaches that inspire learning and growth

Certifications and job requirements:

- Prior waterfront experience
- Experience operating small powerboats
- CPF
- First aid
- Connecticut Safe Boating Certificate
- US Sailing Level 1 (by program start date, Level 2 USS certificate Levels will be acknowledged if hired)
- Safesport Certification (by program start date)

Dates of employment: 7+ weeks, Monday - Friday, June 17th - August 6th, 2024

Contact: Please send a resume to PJSA Chairs, Amy Gordon Pullin and Megan Uiling at psachair@pettipaug.org



Pettipaug Junior Sailing Academy (PJSA)

2024 SAILING/RACING INSTRUCTOR

Pettipaug Yacht Club, located in Essex, CT, on the shore of the CT River, is seeking Sailing and Racing Instructors for its Junior Sailing Program (PJSA) for the 2024 summer season.

Instructors are responsible for providing a safe, fun and educational environment for both recreational and competitive Optimist dingy, O'pen Skiff, ILCA 6 (Radial Lasers) and Club 420 sailors of all skill levels, ages 8 to 18 years old.

Ideal candidate:

Outgoing, organized, positive role model
Able to communicate with sailors and parents
Responsible, reliable and self-motivated
Able to teach using creative fun dynamic approaches that inspire learning and growth
Racing experience

Certifications and Job requirements:

- Minimum age 16
- Prior Instructor, racing or JI experience
- Experience operating small powerboats
- CPR
- First aid
- Connecticut Safe Boating Certificate
- US Sailing Level 1 (by program start date, Level 2 USS certificate Levels will be acknowledged if hired);
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Westbrook, CT - Apr 2024

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