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Duck Island Yacht Club

Founded in 1932

93rd Year!

Happy mid-December and Happy Holidays & Happy New Year!

Sorry for the lengthy newsletter this month… I really wanted to celebrate everyone's success from our Annual Party w/awards….12+ pages worth!

Our 2024 photos here on Google Drive

2025 Board of Governors

David Nauber, Member at Large

Anne Edgley, current Commodore
Mike DeNamur, current Vice Commodore
Mark McCarthy, past Commodore
Brian Weinstein, Member at Large
B. J. Bernblum, Member at Large
Bob Weinstein, Member at Large

2025 Flag Officers

Commodore Anne Edgley
Rear Commodore Race Ruth Emblin
Rear Commodore Cruise Lauren Weinstein
Secretary Renee Carlisle
Director of Publicity Robin Konrad
Vice Commodore Mike DeNamur
Rear Commodore Social VACANT
Treasurer Evan Cooper
Fleet Captain Roger Bauman
*Webmaster Dick Saunders

BOG Chair Update

Nothing at this time.

Regards, David Nauber

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Member Spotlight

(12 months of Member Spotlights – last one!!!)

2024 EMERITUS MEMBERS

Vicki & William Littell - Bill and I were DIYC in the 1970's. We were introduced to each other years before by Bob and Marge McLellan and also to DIYC. Both of us had been small boat racers, turning cruiser/racers, which we did for a long time, from when our boys were young until we sold our last boat in 2020. We sold our slip in 2020 to Chris Moore. That's a story!

Bill went through the chairs; I did social and helped out on race periodically. We moved to Lewes, Delaware in 2021, very near Cape Henlopen, closer to Kevin in Arnold, MD (on the Magothy)

Steven Purdy - I do have some stories and photos of the earlier days in the 1970s when DIYC was transitioning from a club for people with cottages in the Westbrook/ Clinton area, primarily to provide sailing opportunities for their children in Zips and Ensigns, to a sailing club in larger boats, which has become significant on the current ECSA offshore sailing scene and its administration, and an early local leader in women's sailing in large boats. I donated the Shirley Hall trophy to the club as an award for active participation in the sport by women.

(Thanks Steve!) I have been very active in race administration at the local, regional, and national level over the years and have always considered DIYC my "home club". DIYC has a long history as one of the original clubs in the 1930s in what is now ECSA. Might take a while or several issues to get it all together. *(I asked him to share when he can)*

To the right is a photo of my Tartan 30C, Hard Times with an all-DIYC crew, at a spring Off Soundings in the mid-70s. Also on the next page *(and attached)* are a few photos from the first DIYC spring "Offshore Regatta" in the 70s, which I, Shirley J Hall, and Kathy, my wife at the time, organized with the help of many others. Also, a somewhat tongue-in-cheek article from the Hartford Courant, which may still be somewhere around the clubhouse, on the first DIYC "Ladies Day Race" in which a woman had to be on the helm at all times, start, finish, sail changes, chutes, etc., no small thing at that time.

Not sure how the "Emeritus Member" designation got started, but think it had something to do with who was active enough at the time to participate in financing the acquisition of the club property and who was not, but still interested in the success of the club. I believe that I was solicited by Don Dyson to take a bond, but was in a personal transition to six years of residence on Block Island, which made that, not possible.

Next page has 4 pictures from Steve….I have also attached them so you can zoom in better!

Charles & Elaine Beckman **Sheila Thomas** **Catherine Beckstein & Alan Scribner**

The Hartford Courant

SEPTEMBER 26, 1976

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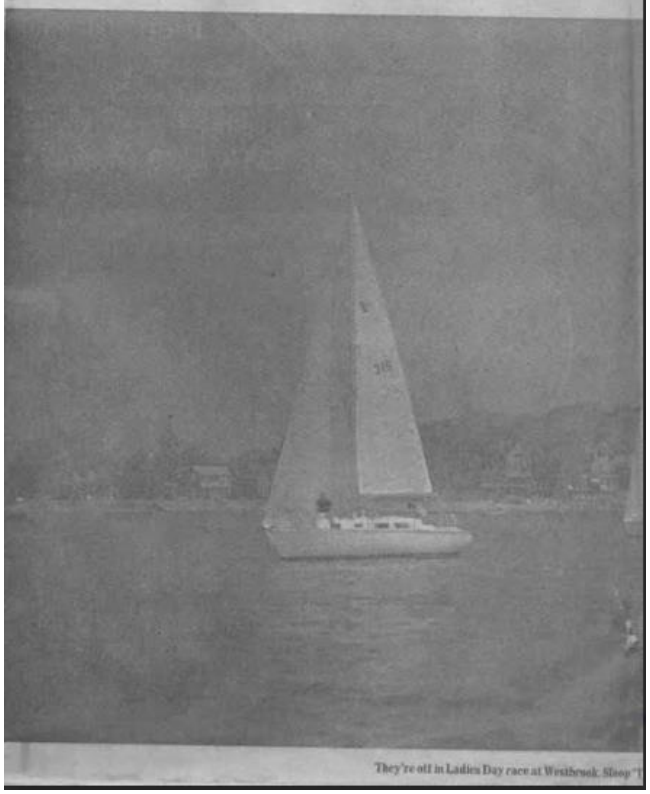

They're off in Ladies Day race at Westbrook. Sloop "

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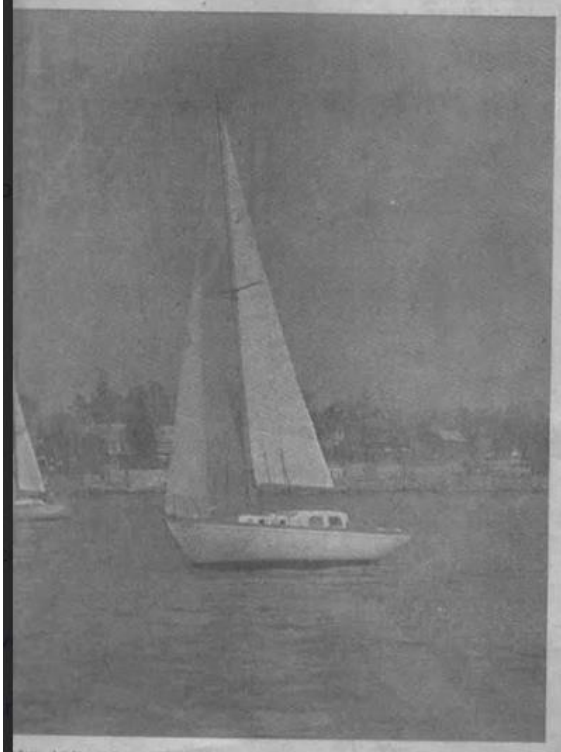

...damus,' right, was the eventual winner.

Women Skippers Sail to Victo

Story and Photos
by
Courant Photographer
Maurice Murray

It was "Ladies Day" in Westbrook Harbor one warm, hazy Sunday a few weeks back, and women were calling the shots on Long Island Sound.

Yes sir, it was Ladies Day, and for the women members of the Duck Island Yacht Club, it meant more than a free ballpark pass or a male-less day on the golf course.

In what it hopes will become an annual event, the club sent its women members out on a seven-mile sailboat race on the Sound.

At first, many members thought the female skippers would just provide a lot of laughs—sailing fair or foul under every combination of racing rules ever devised by the human mind.

But the women decided to race under Duck Island Yacht Club rules, and it was as good a race as any salt racer could have wanted to watch.

Just a few rules were added: each boat had to have at least two women aboard, and one had to be on the tiller at all times.

They could recruit a crew of three men to make sail changes and tack, but the women had to call all the strategy shots and tack decisions and give necessary orders and instructions.

To top it all off, Lulu LaFarr, internationally known photographer for a super-slick sail magazine, showed up to cover the event.

Even the great Lulu was surprised.

The racers made a good start from a point inside Duck Island Roads and the fleet sailed west to number eight gong off Kelsey Point.

From there, they raced east to the red and black buoy at Lone Sand Shoal and back to the Roads.

The wind, southwest and west at a steady 15 to 18 knots, provided enough action to keep everyone on their toes. From time to time, a female voice would ricochet across the water, laying on orders and advice in the best tradition of ...

Skipper Kathy Purdy, seated left, of New Britain, relaxes with her crew, from left to right, Tee Fuge of Avon, Dave Moegillo of Southington, and Shirley Hall of New Britain. Kathy skippered sloop 'Hard Times.'

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racing skipper.

When the race was completed, everyone rafted up behind Duck Island breakwaters to have lunch and await the committee boat and its decision.

Lulu LaFarr (known as Dick Farr of Old Saybrook on land) came aboard with her cameras and said it was the best race she had covered all season. She declined the offer of a cold beer.

Yes sir, it was a good race at that, and the Duck Island Yacht Club women are already looking forward to some international competition next season.

Word has gone out about the crews and some Eskimo women have reportedly expressed interest in racing their husbands' boats—on an iceberg-free sound for a change.

Photographer Lulu LaFarr was hard at work covering the race.

Sharon Farr, right, who sailed 'Telediams' to victory, holds up her pewter bud vase. At left is Martha Dykema, her crewmate. Both are from Old Saybrook.

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2024 SOCIAL MEMBERS

Logan Carducci

Born and raised in Old Saybrook, I grew up sailing on the Connecticut shoreline but somehow never learned to sail until a few years ago! My mom is a boat loan broker and we always had a sailboat or a small powerboat in our family. I am the youngest of several children so unfortunately I was always the least experienced on my family's boat and my parents sold our sailboat before I was able to learn myself. That all changed during the pandemic. In July 2020, my husband and I were being interviewed for our town's magazine (we were the featured family that month) and I had to list my hobbies. As a litigation attorney, I had zero interesting hobbies other than working long hours. So, naturally, I panicked and said that I was taking sailing lessons (I was not) and learning French (also was not). When I realized my whole town would be reading this article soon, I enrolled in Longshore Sailing School in Westport and the rest is history. Once I had taken the lessons and had enough of a background to hop on a sailboat, Justin Litwin told me about DIYC and recommended I come by and see if I liked racing on Wednesday nights. Not surprisingly- I loved it. For the last four years, I have had the pleasure of crewing on Velocity for the Wednesday night Bob McLellan series, the Fleet Captain Series, and many weekend races. I have also had the pleasure of crewing on Wolverine for the Tuesday night Shirley Hall series and most recently on Badger for several ESCA races including Spring and Fall Off Soundings. You can typically find me in the pit but I have held more roles on the boats as I've gained more experience. For two years, I also served as Vice Commodore Social before I had to step back from that position to care for my son Leo in 2023. I am so grateful that I found DIYC and I love being a part of this community. Proud to be a duckie!

Susan Gerr & Steve Booth

Though we had both sailed a bit earlier in life, DIYC became our introduction to racing 25 years ago when DIYC hosted a Special Olympics regatta. Since then we have been racing on Mentor, Badger, Fusion, Black Hawk, Wolverine and CrankyPants as well as volunteering on Race Committee for FBYC, which has taught us so much about the joy of sailing! Thank you Duck Island!

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Lois Glazer

I learned how to sail at age 21, when I moved to St. Croix, US Virgin Islands to teach school…..however, sailing was a lot more fun and it quickly became my passion. I sailed, and raced a bit, all over the Caribbean.

When I returned to CT, I raced in Bridgeport, Branford, New Haven, and at DIYC. I bought a Tartan 27 named Blueberry, and had a lot of fun both cruising and racing at DIYC….. I was Rear Commodore Cruising for a couple of years. About 11 years ago, I upgraded to an Intrepid 9 meter, which I named CrazyCakes. I decided I'd better get more comfortable with being at the helm when racing, and did both the Tuesday and Wednesday night races…the most important thing for me was to have the same crew and we learned the importance of working together well as a team.

I never gave up my love for cruising and continued to sail to Block Island, the Vineyard, the CT and RI coasts, Long Island, and western sound……always had a great crew, and our motto was "whatever happened on CrazyCakes stays on CrazyCakes".

In 2023 I sold my boat, it was time as I was living in Florida for most of the year…..I'm now crewing for others at DIYC. With or without a boat, my love of sailing will always be with me!

Brenda Miller-Black - I've been doing RC since 2016. It's fun!
Note: Shared a short story in May during Spotlight on RC

Justin Litwin
Lisa & John Amendola
Brendan & Elizabeth Coyne
Charles & Peggy Therriault
Robert Gambino
Jeff & Nancy Meinke
Peter & Stacy Pavasaris
Patrick & Michelle Connelly
Teresa Donahue
Nancy Morrell
Joan & David Kirsch
Judy Gill
Bobbie Fisher

Note: Below Social Members who also volunteer for RC and have shared a short story in May during Spotlight on RC!

Cherie Calabrese
John & Jane Clapp
Martha Ifkovic

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Adam Weissman & Georgette Hyman

"Wow, being a social member at DIYC, what could be better? We get to sail on great boats and be invited to parties with all of our sailing friends."

Sailing was part of my childhood growing up in Oyster Bay, New York. My first boat was a Snark Mayflower with Styrofoam core and an orange plastic shell.

My first interaction with DIYC I believe was in 2007. At that time, was looking to get back into sailing as an adult. I visited the club and was instructed to show up on a race night and see if anyone needed crew. Ed Simas (1990 club commodore) invited me to join on Significant Other. Over the 17 years that followed I had the privilege to crew with many of our member boats including Scoots, Reepicheep, Slainte, Snowbird, Augenblick, Jammy Beggar, and for many seasons now with Fusion. In 2002, I was invited to participate as return crew from Bermuda on Direwolf with Larry Hennessy and several DIYC members. An amazing experience I will never forget.

Georgette and I have participated in DIYC social activities since 2019, with great times at raft ups, race and club parties, home invites and annual social events. When the sailing season ends we switch to winter mode and are frequent visitors to our ski club in Killington, Vermont (which has several sailors as members). The past few winter seasons have included a 5 week stay in Bozeman, Montana. Mark Salerno joined me in Montana last March and I must admit he had a very good time far from Fusion and on the ski slopes.

I like to point out that new boats, fast sails, and winning are great. However, if you don't have friends to share these things with they are hollow and pointless. Thank you so much to our members, the friendships and good times. They are priceless.

Team One Newport (DIYC SWAG)

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Winter Shirt Sale

Thundermug 2024	Thundermug 2023	Thundermug 2022	Thundermug 2021
NEW	Was $20	Was $15	Was $5
$25.75 PayPal	$15.50 PayPal	$10.50 PayPal	Free **w/purchase**
$25 cash	**$15 cash**	**$10 cash**	
Royal Blue Shirt Color	Light Blue Shirt Color	Navy Blue Shirt Color	White (Cotton) Shirt Color
Sizes	Sizes	Sizes	Sizes
Check inventory S, L, XL,XXL	Check inventory S, M, L, XL	Check inventory S, M, L	Check inventory L

Also available:

NEW 2024 ILCA Regatta
(Navy blue shirt color)
$25.75 PayPal ($25 cash)
Sizes S,M,L,XL

PAY via PayPal HERE

Email Robin diyc.pub@gmail.com pick-ups (& cash payments)

While supplies last! Sale ends Jan 15th

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SOCIAL CENTRAL

Winter Social 2025 - Date & Time TBD
at Kathy & David Naubers home
Look for a Monday eBlast after the New Year

Also check our website often for above event details!

Kindly email any officer with Social Event concerns/questions

We are seeking someone to fill our
Rear Commodore Social position for 2025

Please reach out to any officer or BOG member if interested.

Commodore Corner

My wish for a joyous holiday time for all!

Next 3 Officer's Meetings (at 5:30pm)
Tuesday February 11th
Tuesday March 11th
Tuesday April 8th

Please email any officer with concerns or topics you'd like to be discussed

Anne's contact info: diyc.commodore@gmail.com

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Treasurer Report

a) Monthly bills paid *(Eversource & webhosting)*
b) Helping Robin w/Winter Shirt sales and use of PayPal
c) Wrapping up our Annual Party w/awards

Evan's contact info: *diyc.treasurer@gmail.com*

Condo Happenings

1. We have signed a contract with a new company to do the dock repairs & upgrades. We are planning to have these taken care of before the beginning of next season.
2. Dredging project is in full swing. Core samples were taken by ACOE, and sent to lab for analysis.
3. Condo power poles on docks will be upgraded/replaced over the next season.

Thank you. Mark Salerno DIYCA Secretary

FLEET CAPTAIN NEWS

Thanks for a great season…see you spring 2025!

Roger's contact info: fleet.captain@diyc.com

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RACE INFO

2025 racing schedule will be worked on over the next few months
(check website for updates)

Get your boats & crew ready for spring 2025 racing season!
May is the month we always start racing!

Ruth's contact info: diyc.race@gmail .com

Secretary Summaries

Wishing everyone a wonderful
Holiday Season filled with friends & family, laughter & love!

- ✓ Oct 4, 2024 Annual Meeting minutes being finalized – will be posted once available
  - Not approved until 2025 meeting
- ✓ Oct 8th Officer Meeting minutes are posted
- ✓ **LOOK** for Dues Notice eBlast March 3rd – Your membership expires March 31st
  - Dues are always due April 1st
- ✓ Always welcoming new members! See application below and email me w/questions.

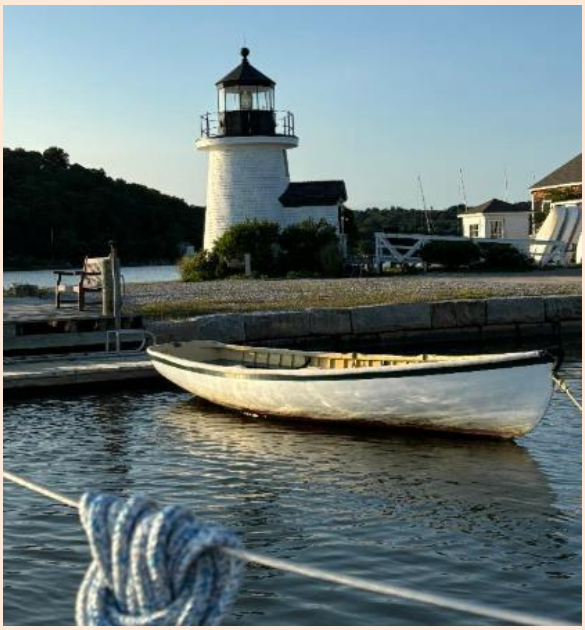
Find our minutes and rosters on our website → **Members Only** Requires userid & pswd

Renee's contact info: diyc.secretary32@gmail.com

Cruise Highlights

BOOK YOUR 2025 Mystic Seaport Labor Day Weekend spot NOW!

(Type in “DIYC” into the memo section of Dockwa)



MOORING REGULATION REMINDER

1) Moorings are available on a "first come, first served" basis, subject to the following priorities
   A) DIYC Active members
   B) Where permitted, guests of DIYC members when cruising with a member yacht
   C) Where permitted members of yacht clubs which grant reciprocal privileges to DIYC

DIYC members may not offer the use of the Club moorings to other individuals

NEW for 2025

Per Block Island, we will need to log usage of our mooring
More to come on this very important topic!

For full mooring locations & regulations

See our DIYC website and click on “Member Only” section

Lauren’s contact info: cruise.chairman@diyc.com

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Vice Commodore Happenings

All closed up for the winter! See you at our Spring Work Party!

Mike's contact info: Vice.commodore@diyc.com

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Awards

Dr. Merrill C. Hills Award

The Merrill C Hills trophy is awarded by the Board of Governors to the club member who we feel has contributed the most to the sport of sailing this year. And for us all, those who make DIYC stronger, make a real contribution to sailing.

This year, the Board is awarding the Merrill C Hills trophy to Commodore Anne Edgley. Anne agreed to serve as Commodore with a certain degree of reluctance. She worried that her limited knowledge of racing would be a handicap and, after reassurances and a bit of arm twisting, accepted the challenge. She soon found that racing knowledge played the smallest of roles in the successful management of DIYC. Early in the season
in quick succession, we found ourselves without both a Rear Commodore Social and Treasurer. Without missing a beat, she added those roles to her responsibilities as we began searching for replacements.

While we were ultimately able to fill those roles with Robin Konrad taking on Social and Evan Cooper Treasurer, Anne stepped into the breach at a difficult time and just got the job done. Her extraordinary efforts this year have allowed the club to run smoothly and successfully. She has been a strong presence at virtually every club event and we appreciate all that she has done.

Thank you, Anne!

Bob and Roz Weinstein Cruising Award

The Bob and Roz Weinstein Cruising Award for 2024 goes to Robin Konrad for her efforts to make a success of the club cruise to Mystic Seaport. This year there were planned to be more boats and more participants. With it being Labor Day Weekend, Robin made extensive plans to ensure that there was a schedule so that eating arrangements were not left to chance. As the numbers changed, Robin adjusted the plans to make sure everyone was included and the Saturday night dinner in downtown Mystic was a great success. Unable to participate myself, I understand that everyone had a great time. **Thank you, Robin!**

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Commodore's Trophy

The Commodore's Award has been given to Robin Konrad in recognition of the tremendous effort and time that she expends to support the club.

Robin served for many years as Rear Commodore Social before taking a much earned break. This year she stepped into the role of Director of Publicity and immediately made an impact with her regular & informative newsletters and eBlasts. Members now have a good understanding of who people are - board members, officers, racers, cruisers, emeritus and social members through her Member Spotlight sections in each newsletter.

When the Rear Commodore Social resigned at the beginning of the season, Robin immediately stepped up and took on the additional role. This involves organizing Grillin' & Chillin' from buying the food each week to setting up a roster so each boat has a week where they take a turn on the grill, organizing the End of Series parties, arranging food and volunteers for the Spring and Thundermug Regattas and organizing the Annual Party w/awards from finding a venue, working with the chef to get an appetizing menu that is attractive to our members, arranging the room and rallying the troops to clear the room after the event.

In addition to these roles, Robin does much behind the scenes that often times is not recognized – from ensuring that the clubhouse is stocked with bathroom necessities, kitchen towel and plates & cutlery to frequently taking home the table cloths to wash, amongst other tasks.

It is therefore with immense pleasure that I chose Robin to be the recipient of this award in acknowledgement of the above and also to thank her for all the support she has given me through the year. **Thank you, Robin!**

Donald Dyson Corinthian Award

The Dave Dyson Corinthian award is given to the Racing Skipper who exemplifies the Corinthian Spirit on the racecourse. This year it is awarded to Mark Salerno.

On September 21st, during the Cross Sound Challenge, Mark heard a mayday call emanating for sailboat Dorian, owned and skippered by Chris Morano. The boat was taking on water and required urgent assistance. With no second of hesitation, Mark started his engine, dropped the jib, assigned a crew member spotter and executed a U turn…….all within 15 seconds.

He was on scene within three minutes, lowered his main and stood by in case he was needed. The crew of Dorian was able to jump on to other boats that also attended the scene and fortunately no one went into the water.

We all know that Mark is a very competitive racer and that Fusion wins many awards each year. His Corinthian spirit was obvious to all at the scene and those that heard about it afterwards in that there was not a second of hesitation in turning his boat around. And, of course, none of this was a surprise to anyone.

Thank you Mark for being such an important and well-loved member of DIYC!

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Golden Duck Awards – Port & Starboard

Congratulations to Mark Salerno for becoming the first Ducky in the last 20 years to have earned three lifetime Golden Duck awards by capturing two this year--both related to encounters with rocks.

Congratulations also to Mike DeNamur for earning his first Golden Duck by following Mark into the rocks during the Spring Regatta.

** In case anyone is counting*
Mark Salerno now leads in the Golden Duck awards with a total of 3!
Mark McCarthy, Dave Nauber and Paul von Maffei have 2 each!

Thank you for spending the evening with us!

Your cohosts:
Robin, Chris and Anne ☺

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Floyd Memorial Trophy (Class 1) **–** Backfox
Ballou Memorial Trophy (Class 2) **–** Wolverine
Commodore Fred Winslow Trophy (Class 3) **–** Maverick

DIYC Perpetual Awards

Shirley Hall Trophy - Wolverine
Don Later Trophy – Etchells #1203 D. Carlisle, E. Cooper, M. Kondracky
Patrick Hayes Memorial One Design Trophy – JY15 #2065 "Seafire" T. J. Buckley

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DIYC Perpetual Awards

Paul McLaughlin Memorial Trophy (Spring Regatta) **-** Wolverine
Sturgis Redfield Trophy (Daytime Distance) **-** Maverick
Thundermug Trophy - Rattlesnake

View 2024 Notable Performances Here

View Annual Party w/Awards Photos Here

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DIYC Series Awards

Bob McLellan Spring Series

Class 1: 3rd Prism, 2nd Backfox, 1st Black Hawk
Class 2: 3rd Scoots, 2nd Elusive, 1st Wolverine
Class 3: 3rd Slainte, 2nd XLR8, 1st Maverick

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DIYC Series Awards

Fleet Captain's Series

Class 1: 3rd Badger, 2nd Prism, 1st Black Hawk
Class 2: 3rd Slainte, 2nd Maverick, 1st XLR8

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DIYC Series Awards

Shirley Hall Series

3rd Fusion

2nd Rumor

1st Wolverine

One Design Series - Lasers

3rd Matt Flood, 2nd Robert Bruno, 1st Roger Bauman

One Design Series - JY15

3rd JY15 - Chip Ragan, 2nd Linda-me - Scott Larsen,

1st Seafire - T. J. Buckley

One Design Series - Etchells

3rd Lionheart/1200 - Scott Beckwith,

2nd 1100 - Christopher Morano,

1st 1203/1262 - Mark Kondracky, Evan Cooper & Doug Carlisle

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DIYC Series Awards

Bob McLellan Summer Series

Class 1: 3rd Derecho, 2nd Prism, 1st Backfox
Class 2: 3rd Scoots, 2nd Elusive, 1st Wolverine
Class 3: 3rd Slainte, 2nd XLR8, 1st Maverick

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A note from Ruth on our Annual Party w/Awards

Greetings, Duckies!

While I can't be with you tonight to celebrate the 2024 Duck Island Yacht Club racing season, I am there in spirit!

Another year has passed, full of exciting (and some less exciting thanks to unresponsive weather gods) sailboat racing which our club is so well known for. Once again, our racers have racked up plenty of great results in the ECSA circuit.

Congratulations to all the winners of our weekday races, Bob McLellan, Shirley Hall, Fleet captain's Series, One- Design, Bill's Cup, as well as our weekend PHRF regattas. And let's not forget the ILCA District 7 regatta which brought yet another successful on-water event to Duck Island this year.

I hope you will enjoy the award presentation tonight, which has been changed up a little bit this year. Duck Island Yacht Club has continued to follow its long-time tradition of active sailing.

It has been my pleasure and privilege to be a part of this tradition, which has been selflessly supported by our great group of race committee volunteers. Without these individuals there would be little to no organized racing at our club. Many race committee members boarded one or the other of our support vessels every single time I asked them to, and took their time to carefully gauge the conditions to provide our racers with challenging courses. It isn't always easy to make everyone happy, but the race committee has tried to do their best to ensure as many starts as possible. Even going so far as to perform a variety of wind dances before race days… no, there is no video of said dances…sorry!

Thank you again to all volunteers for giving up their spare time to make Ducky Racing so special! Everyone involved has played an integral part in the committee's duties, some of them for years upon years.

Our Club Stewards have been a great help, running the chase boat, organizing the marks, and cleaning and fueling our committee boats. It has been great to watch these dedicated young people zip around our racing grounds, setting and recovering marks, including lending the occasional tow to Mighty Duck when she dec ided to misbehave!

Overall it has been a great year for the Duckies, both for racers and race committee volunteers.

As a small thank you, Commodore Anne will present a gift to the race committee volunteers attending tonight. I am out of town in the company of several of these volunteers, and will present them with their gift to show how much we appreciate their dedication to our favorite sport.

Enjoy your dinner and have a wonderful time rehashing all the summer's excitement!

I wish you all the best and enjoyable holidays, and hope to see you again when boats return to our sailing grounds and the racing season starts anew in 2025!

Your Rear Commodore Race, Ruth Emblin

Not a racer? But want to be in the action?
Consider joining race committee!

Plan ahead to join in 2025!
Contact Ruth at diyc.race@gmail.com

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A thank you from Robin: Thank you, all 69 of you that filled ECYC as it was a festive and joyous evening! I heard many say they are glad we brought back the tradition of announcing all the awards! The feeling was that it makes it so much more special for all. Thanks to my co-hosts Anne Edgley and Chris Morano. Thank you, Evan Cooper, for handling payments and to Mike DeNamur for taking charge of the slideshow. The pre-set-up crew worked so fast...thanks Anne Edgley, Fred Beckham, Chris Morano and Evan Cooper. Thank you for our great awards Ruth Emblin, Kathy Nauber and Anne Edgley! Thank you Anne Edgley, Lauren, Bob & Roz Weinstein for the help with the brochure and its wording, printing & folding. Thank you to the presenters Anne Edgley, Dave Nauber and thanks Mike DeNamur for helping (and Evan Cooper for offering to help) Thanks to my husband, Matt for allowing me to bounce off many ideas and being patient when I say I need this for DIYC. Can it wait? Thank you to all who helped move the tables at the end of the night and to those who took our empty boxes & paper goods away – Brenda Black, Susan Gerr and Mark Salerno, I believe! SOOO many helped!! **Truly team work in action!**

*ECYC recognized our Ducky **Mark Salerno** along w/3 remarkable others, for the*
Dorian – Good Seamanship Award!

Presented in recognition of a captain or crew, who at risk to themselves, engaged in an extraordinary act at sea that demonstrated the highest Corinthian tradition of seamanship.
Heard there was not a dry eye in the room!

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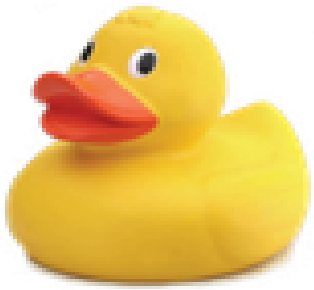

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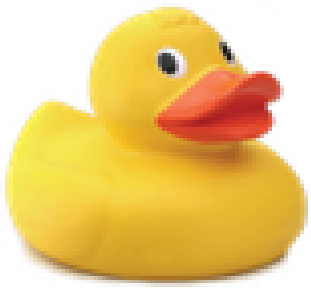

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***Classified Alert! Classified Alert! Classified Alert! Classified Alert! ***

- **Winter Shirt Sale** - Going on now until Jan 15th
- ***Rent our Clubhouse*** - $100/day, see our rental agreement link in the "Members Only" section of our website – questions ask Vice Commodore Mike (BOOKING FOR 2025)
- **Need Swag?** – DIYC Magnets $5 and stickers $3! *For questions ask Vice Commodore Mike*

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Got News?

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That is a wrap for our 12 months of Member Spotlights!

Our NEXT "The Mainsheet Newsletter" will be Monday, March 31st
(No Jan or Feb newsletters)

Submission deadline is always 1 week prior!

Thank you for reading & hope you enjoyed!
I appreciate you ALL who each month reply with such kinds words regarding these newsletters – I do it for you!

Robin's contact info: diyc.pub@gmail.com

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DIYC Website News & Updates

Finishing up my 20th year as Webmaster!

Thank you for checking in often…and be sure to check back in late winter/ early spring!

Please remember www.diyc.com is our main source of information.
The Mainsheet Newsletters and Facebook only support it!

Dick's contact info: diyc.webmaster@gmail.comp

Calendars are subject to change…check website for master calendars!

Previous Month **January** Next Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Winter Shirts Sale Ends	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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Previous Month **February** Next Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Officers Meeting 5:30 PM	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Winter Social at the Nauber's - 7:00PM TBD
23	24	25	26	27	28	

Previous Month **March** Next Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3 2025 Annual Dues eBlast	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Officers Meeting 5:30 PM	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Mainsheet Newsletter eBlast					

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DUCK ISLAND YACHT CLUB Inc.

Membership Application

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP (check one) Active ___Social ____
Children under Age 26 by 4/1? Yes____ No____
A Social member may not own a boat greater than 20 feet

Name_____
Last First Spouse/Significant other

Address_____
Street City State Zip

Applicant:

Cell Phone_____Home phone_____E-mail_____

Spouse/Significant other:

Cell Phone_____Home phone_____E-mail_____

Children (names and ages) _____

Occupation (Applicant) _____ Company_____

Work Address_____
Street City State Zip Phone

Occupation (Spouse) _____Company_____

Work Address_____
Street City State Zip Phone

Boat Name: _____ Make_____ Type_____ Sail #_____

Boat Location: (Where is it docked?) _____

Proposals: Applicant must be proposed by current Active (not Social) Members of Duck Island Yacht Club

Proposed By: _____

Seconded By: _____ Seconded By: _____

Applicant & Member Responsibility: I understand the success of Duck Island Yacht Club requires 100% involvement of its members. I agree to do my part as an active contributor to the work responsibilities of the club.
The applicant understands and agrees to all the requirements of Active/Social Membership and agrees to comply with all DIYC rules and bylaws.

Applicant's Signature_____Date_____

***Proposer/Seconds must recommend the applicant for membership by completing the New Member Recommendation Form. They must be Active (not Social) Members in good standing and must know the Applicant.**
****All completed forms are *to be submitted to the Proposer* of this member.**
The *proposer* will then mail all completed forms with the appropriate fees (see Membership Options) to the DIYC Secretary.

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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 applicant? _____ In what capacity do you know the applicant?
_____
_____
_____

Describe the contributions this applicant could make to the club as a member:
_____
_____
_____
_____
_____
_____

Recommender's Signature _____ Date _____

(check one) _____ Proposer _____ Second #1 _____ Second #2

This completed form is to given to the *Proposer* to be submitted with the completed application and appropriate fees to:

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

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Duck Island Yacht Club a premier social and racing club since 1932 because of volunteers like you…

Thank you….

Board of Governors

Flag Officers

Webmaster

Race Committees

Social Committees

Facebook Admins

Grillers

Racers ~ Cruisers

….AND EVERYONE ELSE WHO HAD A HAND IN OUR SUCCESS!