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Duck Island Yacht Club

Founded in 1932

ONE Month to 1st Race!

Our 93rd season!

BLAST FROM THE PAST ~
Please help us celebrate 35yrs of our news with the **1990 edition of Le Club Duck** by Roz – see the attachment in the email!!

2025 Board of Governors and Flag Officers

2025 Board of Governors

David Nauber, Chairman - 9th year (5th as Chairman)
Anne Edgley, current Commodore - 8th year
Mike DeNamur, current Vice Commodore - 2nd year
Mark McCarthy, past Commodore - 10th year
Brian Weinstein, Member at Large - 13th year
Bob Weinstein, Member at Large - 11th year
B. J. Bernblum, Member at Large - 11th year

2025 Flag Officers

Commodore Anne Edgley – 2nd year (also 8 yrs. as Treasurer)
Vice Commodore Mike DeNamur - 2nd year
Rear Commodore Race Ruth Emblin - 3rd year
Rear Commodore Social Jessi Kneier - 1st year + partial year
Rear Commodore Cruise Lauren Weinstein - 7th year
Treasurer Evan Cooper - 2nd year
Secretary Lauren Weinstein - 1st year
Fleet Captain Roger Bauman - 9th year (also 2 yrs. as Race)
Director of Publicity VACANT

Webmaster Dick Saunders - 22nd year of service for DIYC!

Thank you for all the years you have served!!

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An Invitation from the Commodore

Thank you for subscribing to our newsletter and keeping in touch with DIYC. As a friend of DIYC, we appreciate your interest and engagement with our club and would like to extend an invitation to you to join.

If you qualify for a Social Membership (do not own a boat › 20 ft. that you berth in CT), then please consider joining at that level. The modest annual dues go to support all club-related activities, both on and off the water, many of which you may already be enjoying. So let's make it official, shall we?

Membership Information can be found here. Please have a look and reach out to me with any questions. We would love to welcome you as a member of DIYC starting this season!

Cordially,
Anne
2025 Commodore

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RACE INFO

2025 Race Schedules are posted on our website

(see Racing or Calendar tabs)

**NO RACING JULY 4th WEEK **

DIYC Weekday Series

Bob McLellan Spring Series begins May 6th
Shirley Hall Series begins May 13th
One Design Series begins June 12th (Note: start times)
Bob McLellan Summer Series begins June 25th
Fleet Captain's Series begins July 23rd

4th Annual Bill's Cup Wednesday Sept 10th
First Gun – 6:00pm
Post Party at Bill's Seafood

ECSA Saturday Regattas

Spring Regatta Saturday June 7th
Daytime Distance Race Saturday Sept 27th
Thundermug Saturday Oct 18th

*A **BIG thank you** to our Race Committee volunteer, Norb, for attending the full day (Sunday) ECSA's Basic Race Management Course held at Niantic Bay YC.
We appreciate your dedication Norb!

Our 2025 Club Stewards

Braden Porter, Senior Steward & London Porter, Junior Steward

Rear Commodore Race's contact info: diyc.race@gmail.com

BOG Chair Update

Nothing at this time

Regards, David Nauber
diyc.bogchair@gmail.com
NEW EMAIL!

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

We hope you join us this year!

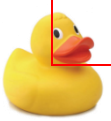
Contact Rear Commodore Race at diyc.race@gmail.com

Secretary Summaries

- ✓ Annual Dues – were due April 1st
  - Dues notices can be viewed on our website (Members Only section)
  - *Your 2024 membership expired March 31st*
- ✓ Officers' Meeting minutes – Dec 3rd and Feb 11th
  - Posted in the Members Only section (also attached)
- ✓ Oct 4, 2024 Annual Meeting minutes being finalized –
  - Posted once available (*Not approved until 2025 meeting)*

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

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



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Vice Commodore Happenings

Spring Work Party – Saturday 26th (9:00am)

All members are expected to attend – and who would want to miss the first opportunity of the season to reconnect with the extended DIYC Family?

In addition to the normal tasks, I'm looking for help to complete several spring commissioning items (either on or outside April 26th event)

- Sand & stain deck furniture
- Power wash deck
- Stripe parking lot for dry-sailor trailers

Clubhouse Rental Agreement (see our Members Only section)

Vice Commodore's contact info: diyc.vicecommodore@gmail.com

NEW EMAIL!

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Shirley Hall Series
2025 Dinner Themes

May 13th – Mexican
May 27th – Italian
June 10th – Cajun
June 24th – Asian
July 15th – American
Aug 12th – Breakfast for dinner
Aug 26th – End of Series Party

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SOCIAL CENTRAL

Commissioning Day – Friday May 30th (6pm)
TGIF Style

Grillin' & Chillin'
Grill duty volunteers for McLellan spring series ~ thank you!
May 7 ~ Team Wolverine
May 14 ~ Team Scoots
May 21 ~ Team
May 28 ~ Team Tenacious
June 4 ~ Team Rumor
June 11 ~ Team Backfox
June 18 ~ Team Hayride

Annual Meeting – Friday September 26th (Promptly 6pm)
TGIF to follow

Annual Party w/awards – Saturday November 22nd (5pm)
Essex Corinthian Yacht Club ~ more info to come

Seeking help early for all parties!
(Spring & Thundermug Regattas, End of Series (Hall, McLellan, One Design) and Annual Party w/awards)

Social's contact info: diyc.social@gmail.com
NEW EMAIL!

Treasurer Report

a) Paid our monthly bills *(Eversource, Yachtscoring & webhosting)*
b) Paying our mooring fees
c) Working with Anne to complete Officer budgets
d) Processing your 2025 dues
e) Getting ready to process 2025 storage contracts

Treasurer's contact info: diyc.treasurer@gmail.com

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Commodore Corner

Officer's Meetings (5:30pm)
Please reach out with any concerns at any time!

Meetings are typically held at our clubhouse (except during the off season)
Tuesday April 8th
Tuesday May 6th
Tuesday June 3rd
Tuesday July 8th
Tuesday August 5th
Tuesday September 9th
Tuesday October 7th
Tuesday November 11th
Tuesday December 9th

Commissioning Day - Friday May 30th 6pm
(TGIF Style)

Annual Meeting - Friday September 26th 6pm
(TGIF Style)

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

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Condo Happenings

Spring Work Party – Saturday 26th (9:00am)

The DIYCA Condo Board has been very busy this winter!

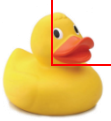
The 3 items on our "To Do" List are:

1) Dock Repairs
   - We have lined up a new contractor for our Dock Repairs.
   - Much work has already been completed during the off Season.
   - New Fingers have been installed.
   - Dock ramps have been raised
   - We have also raised the grade of the parking lot near the dumpster
2) Wiring upgrade to the Docks:
   - We have ordered a complete set of Power Poles to replace all of the 40+ year old ones we have.
   - These will be installed throughout the Spring & Summer
3) Dredging:
   - We have received most of the necessary permits, and the Army Core has done the needed Core Sampling.
   - More to come on this as we move through the process.

Thank you, Mark Salerno DIYCA Secretary

Spring Work Party
Come help open OUR club!
Saturday, April 26th
9am

Team One Newport (DIYC SWAG)



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Just days away from our 2025 season here at DIYC!

A quick reminder regarding parking. Please be mindful of how and where you park, especially if you have a larger size vehicle. Again this year we will have more boats on trailers.

- Please park facing the grassy hill - maybe Thursday boats can be pulled up on the grass again this year – thanks for doing it last year!
- Parking in front of Etchels allowed on Tue or Wed ONLY
- Please keep the crane area clear (especially to the left side when facing - for swing)
- Please keep in mind TRAILERS need to go back to park along the fence so DO NOT park in their spots when they are at the crane
- Please keep an OPEN lane of traffic towards the far end of the parking lot/corner of our deck where the flags are
- Please be considerate of the walkways to the docks without blocking boaters' access with vehicles.
- Park tight and close together yet be mindful of door swing to not bang into anyone's vehicles.

It is a good problem to have a full parking lot!

Let's make sure everyone can get a parking spot, can get in and can get out!

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Cruise Highlights

2025 Cruise Schedule (being updated)

Mystic Seaport Labor Day Cruise – Reserve your slip now!
8 - 10 boats already signed up!

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

Reminder Club Burgee MUST be flown when on our moorings!
DIYC members may not offer the use of our Club moorings to non-members

For full mooring locations & regulations
See our DIYC website and click on "Member Only" section

Rear Commodore Cruise's contact info: diyc.cruise@gmail.com
NEW EMAIL!!

Join Us!
Commissioning Day
Friday May 30th
6pm
TGIF Style

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Hello, Duckies!

It's time to come out of hibernation and think about sailing! Some of our members are already Frostbiting on the CT River, and the covers are slowly coming off boats in our area.
The club is working on sprucing up our race committee fleet so we are ready when the very first First Warning of the season will go off!
For anyone who is interested to become part of the DIYC Race Committee this year, there are plenty of opportunities to come on board. Please reach out to me if you would like to be included in our communication.

Our most imminent local club race schedule is as follows:
The Bob McLellan Wednesday Night Spring Series launches on May 7th.
The Tuesday Night Shirley Hall Series starts on May 13th.
The Thursday One-Design Series starts on June 12th.
DIYC's ECSA Regattas:
Spring Regatta June 7th
Bonus Points Daylight Distance Race September 27th
Thundermug Regatta October 28th

And of course, we are also running a Bill's Cup again this year on Wednesday, September 10th (non-ECSA).
For all other races, please refer to http://diyc.com/2025%20Race%20Schedule.htm.

Looking forward to a great season!

Ruth Emblin
Rear Commodore Race

diyc.race@gmail.com

FLEET CAPTAIN NEWS

2025 Storage Contract

Fleet Captain's contact info: diyc.fleetcaptain@gmail.com

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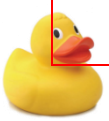

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"Our **winter social** was on Saturday, March 8th and hosted by my husband, Dave, and I. There was a nice crowd, and it was fun to catch up with so many of our fellow Duckies. Accompanying one of our members were guests who turned out to be Branford YC members. They fit right in as we discovered many mutual acquaintances. Everyone brought something to share so we had a large variety of delicious food. We did miss those friends who were unable to join us as some were up north playing in the snow, attending plays and staying home due to illness. Hopefully you will be able to join in the fun next year.
It was a great evening to eat, drink and be merry"
Kathy Nauber

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

- **Capo 30, "Tenacious" looking for crew**
  - Contact Dave at windshear01@comcast.net
- ***Rent our Clubhouse*** - $100/day, see link in our "Members Only" section of our website – inquire to Vice Commodore Mike
- **Need Swag?** – DIYC Magnets $5 and stickers $3! *Contact Vice Commodore at diyc.vicecommodore@gmail.com for purchases,*
- Past **Thundermug & ILCA shirts** see link on website – Contact diyc.pub@gmail.com

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

Help Needed! Seeking help early!

Spring Regatta party
End of the Series parties (Hall, McLellan & One Design)
Thundermug Regatta party
Annual Party w/Awards

Reach out to diyc.social@gmail.com

Got News?

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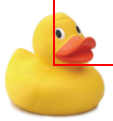
"The Mainsheet Newsletter"

Director of Publicity's contact info: diyc.pub@gmail.com



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DIYC Website News & Updates

Board of Governors & Flag Officers

Monthly Calendars

DIYC Membership Application Members Only

Cruising Racing

Notice Board Crew Board Bulletin Board

DIYC Races

Bob McLellan Spring Series
Shirley Hall Series
One Design Series
Bob McLellan Summer Series
Fleet Captain's Series

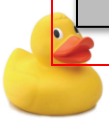
ECSA Spring Regatta
ECSA Daytime Distance BONUS Point Race
ECSA Thundermug

Bill's Cup (co-hosted)

Sail CT Access Program (Waterfront Director for 2026 needed)

Please remember www.diyc.com is your main source of information.
(Supported by *The Mainsheet Newsletters* and Facebook)

Webmaster's contact info: diyc.webmaster@gmail.com



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Previous Month

April

Next Month

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.		1 The 2025 Annual Dues are Due Today	2	3	4	5
6	7 Mainsheet Newsletter eBlast	8 Officers Meeting 5:30 PM	10	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	
20	21	22	23	24		26 DIYC & DIYCA combined work party - 9:00 AM
27	28	29	30			

Spring Work Party April 26th

Previous Month

May

Next Month

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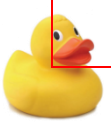
Gray items are last years positions or best guess. When date is confirmed it'll be changed to red.				1	2	3
4	5	6 Officers Meeting 5:30 PM	7 Bob McLellan Spring Series Race 1 1st Gun 18:30 Grillin' & Chillin' - Wolverine	8		10
11	12	13 Shirley Hall Series Race 1 1st Gun 18:30 Dinner Theme: Mexican	14 Bob McLellan Spring Series Race 2 1st Gun 18:30 Grillin' & Chillin' - Scoots	15	16	17
16	19	20	21 Bob McLellan Spring Series Race 3 1st Gun 18:30 Grillin' & Chillin' - TBD	22	23 Memorial Day Cruise to Hamburg Cove	24 Memorial Day Cruise to Hamburg Cove
25 Memorial Day Cruise to Hamburg Cove	26 Memorial Day Cruise to Hamburg Cove	27 Shirley Hall Series Race 2 1st Gun 18:30 Dinner Theme: Italian	28 Bob McLellan Spring Series Race 4 1st Gun 18:30 Grillin' & Chillin' - Tenacious	29	30 Commissioning Day TGIF 6 PM	31

RACING BEGINS May 7th

Commissioning Day May 30th



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Frostbite Yacht Club
The Connecticut River Squadron established circa 1933

Laser IDEAL 18 J15

2025 Spring Series

One Design Sailing

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

Sundays March 2 to April 27th – Warning signal @ 1300

with exception to Sunday April 20 as racing will be Saturday April 19

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

Interested in volunteering -contact evan.cooper@pfizer.com

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ECSA
EASTERN CONNECTICUT SAILING ASSOCIATION

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

Thursdays, April 3, 10, 24 and May 1, 2025
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 – The "If Only" Blues – Why We Make Poor Decisions on the Race Course
April 10 – Building a Winning Team
April 24 – How to Prepare for a Protest Hearing
May 1 – What's New in the New Rules for 2025-2028

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 Thursday, 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 2025-2028 rules, **and his classic** *Winning in One-Designs* are available at: https://ussailing.store/collections/race

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SAIL CONNECTICUT ACCESS PROGRAM, Inc.

Sailing opportunities for people with
Disabilities and special needs

Michael F. Miller, Treasurer
Rob Rackliff, Waterfront Director
860 304 6588

SCA Is Looking For A Waterfront Director For 2026

The Sail Connecticut Access Program has been providing sailing opportunities to a diverse population of people with disabilities and special needs. We provide this service to people of all ages, all walks of life, and place a particular focus upon children and veterans of the armed services.

The program operates for 4 months each summer from South Yard of Safe Harbor Pilots Point Marina. We have three sailboats; two are specially adapted Independence 20s, and SHAZAM is our Pearson Ensign, all fun and easy to sail.

For our 2026 season, we are looking for a Waterfront Director to take charge of operating the program. This person must be an experienced sailor with a Connecticut Safe Boating Certificate and be comfortable with working with people who have physical or developmental challenges. We will provide whatever training would be needed. Our new Waterfront Director would:

Coordinate launching and hauling of the boats, along with maintenance performed by the Marina as may be required

Schedule sailing trips with our members and member groups

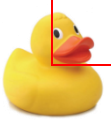
Coordinate sailing trips with volunteer skippers as needed

Maintain our dock areas and small outboard motors, and make routine minor repairs to our sailboats

These services would be up to 5 days a week, including most Saturdays, and at various times during the day. There would be no sailing on bad weather days, but windless days may include some motoring around and "harbor tours".

Compensation for these services is negotiable, as is the nature and form of employment. A corps of volunteers, including skippers, will be available for assistance and support. Liability insurance will be provided.

If you, or perhaps someone you may know, would be interested in working with us, we invite you to call our current Waterfront Director, Rob Rackliff, at the SCA number ***860 304 6588***. Rob's email is ***robert.rackliff@gmail.com***.



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Cheers!

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Hope you enjoyed!

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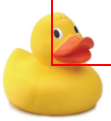
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