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Law - Inactive

Boating Activities - Carolyn Barry

Boat & Yard - Open

Publicity - Open

Finance - Bill Atkinson

GHCYBC Representatives - Warren Grossman, Tony Winger

Junior Activities - Inactive

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ELYC EVENTS CALENDAR

WELCOME ABOARD PARTY

April 18, 2015, 1930 hours at the Puente's residence

COMMODORE'S COOKOUT

May 30, 2015, 1600 to 1900 hours,
POENB Beach, Birmingham Drive, Eaton's Neck

LADIES AT THE HELM PARTY

July 18, 2015, 2000 to 2330 hours at the Winger's residence

BLUE MOON PARTY

August, 2015, TBD

ADAIR CUP PARTY

August 2015, TBD

MEMORIAL CUP BRUNCH

September, 2015, TBD

COMMODORE'S CUP PARTY

October, 2015, TBD

ANNUAL MEETING

January, 2016, TBD

ELYC RACE SCHEDULE

2015 TUESDAY EVENING BAY SERIES

Fifteen races, Tuesdays from June through September.
Races start June 2 at 1930 hours. From August 18 to September 8, races start at 1900 hours.

SPRING RACE

June 27, 2015 – race starts at 1600

LADIES AT THE HELM RACE

July 11, 2015 – race starts at 1400

BLUE MOON RACE

August 8, 2015 – race starts at 1500

ADAIR CUP RACE

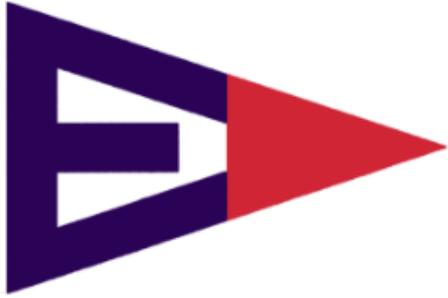
August 29, 2015 – race starts at 0900

MEMORAL CUP RACE

September 19, 2015- brunch at 1100, race starts at 1430

COMMODORE'S CUP RACE

October 3, 2015 - race starts at 1000



Commodores Corner

ELYC is off to a new season with nine new members who joined in 2014! In addition we already have two new members this year. While membership is looking good, those of us who have to get boats ready are probably behind schedule and hoping for a turn in the weather. I know that I am. So far there are very few people in the boat yard working on their boats. No wonder! Snow and ice was piled up between the boats until just recently, and then the weather remained either cold or rainy or both. And it doesn't help that the bottom of my boat seems to grow larger (and dirtier) with each passing year.

Anyway, I am sure we are all looking forward to the "Welcome Aboard Party," always a great event at which we welcome current and new members to a new year of social activities and a great boating season. I would add that "may the wind be always at your back", but those of us who sail know that is not usually the best direction if you want to sail fast!

Curt Matheson
Vice Commodore



Ice at West Shore Marina.

From the Racing Chair

Here is this seasons racing schedule!

Sound Series Race Dates / Times

- Spring Race – June 27, 1600 Start
- Ladies at the Helm Race – July 11, 1400 Start
- Blue Moon Race – August 8, 1500 Start
- Adair Cup Race (to Stratford Shoals) – August 29, 0900 Start
- Memorial Cup Race – September 19, Brunch @ 1100, 1430 Start
- Commodore's Cup – October 3, 1000 Start

Bay Series

The Bay Series will be held each Tuesday from June 2 to September 8. Through August 11 races start at 1930: Warning Signal @ 1925. Form August 18 to September 8 races start at 1900: Warning Signal Horn @ 1855

Calling All Aspiring Racers!

Are you interested in Racing, but you're not sure what to expect? Or maybe you haven't participated in a sailboat race in a while and

would like a refresher course? How about a practice/training race? The ELYC Races are fun, friendly, and open to boats of all sizes. We will match aspiring racers with experienced Captains for a fun race in Northport Bay – the location of our Tuesday Bay Series races. You will have the opportunity to be at the helm, set the sails, tack, and jib under race conditions. You will learn about the starting sequence, right of way when rounding marks, and tactics when competing in a race. All we ask from you is your interest to learn and a desire to have some fun! If you'd rather participate as your own Captain, on your own boat, you should still join us! We would like to schedule this fun race for sometime in June, so this is what I need from you...

☐ Is a weekday, weekday evening, or a weekend better for you?

☐ Do you want to be matched with a Captain? Or will you sail on your own boat?

☐ Are you a Captain who would like to be a trainer?

Let me know your thoughts at eatons_light_yc@yahoo.com. And watch your email for updated information.

Oh yes – if it's on a weekend, how about a raft-up afterwards at the Club mooring?

And try as we might, we cannot forget the Barnacle Award. This is the 1 award that no one aims for, and that I doubt is ever proudly displayed in the winner's home. And yet, someone seems to deserve it every year. You can try to hide your goofs, your screw-ups, and your most embarrassing moments, but you won't succeed if it happens in front of the fleet!

Carolyn Barry,
Racing Chairperson

Please contact Carolyn Barry, Boating Activity Chair, for racing details

From the Social Chair

GREETINGS FROM YOUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Time to come out of winter hibernation and start the boating season with the Welcome Aboard Party on April 18 at the palatial home of Pat and Jorge Puente. It is the perfect beginning for all the 2015 festivities. Hopefully, you all will be in attendance. We will look forward to seeing you there.

Don't forget to save the date for the Commodore's Cookout, May 30. It promises to be a fun outdoor family event.

Jan Adair and Rosemary Matheson
Social Chairpersons



Huntington Safe Boating Week

**BOAT
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For the third year the Town of Huntington and the Greater Huntington Council of Yacht and Boating Clubs are sponsoring Huntington Safe Boating Week. It is from May 16 to May 22 coinciding with National Safe Boating Week.

Please visit the website

<http://www.huntingtonsafeboatingweek.com/>

Offered are Safe Boating Courses, Seminars, and courtesy Vessel Safety Inspections. There is a Paddle Board seminar at the YMCA, a seminar on 'Using GPS' and also one on 'Using VHF and VHF/DSC marine Radio'. Ed Carr, will be giving a presentation on the "Gwendolyn Steers, Anatomy of a Disaster" at the Northport Library on Tuesday, May 19 at 7:00 PM.

The week's events will culminate with the signature "Meet the Commodores" cocktail reception at Northport Yacht Club, Thursday, May 21 at 7PM. This event also celebrates the 30th anniversary of the Greater Huntington Council of Yacht and Boating Clubs. All members are invited. Complimentary appetizers are served with a cash bar.

At the Nautical Market and Fair on Sunday May 17 at Mill Dam Park from 10 AM to 5 PM

there will be music, food, educational presentations, boats on display and a flea market with things to buy. Town boats will be on display at the dock across the street. There will about 8 bands participating in a contest to play at the Huntington Lighthouse Music Festival. It is called 'Fight for the Light'.

Also please bring your life vest. Come and inflate your life jacket and make a "Wear It" statement, emphasizing the importance of wearing your life vest! Check your vest for the season.

Sell Your Stuff

ELYC will have a booth at the Nautical Market and Fair at Mill Dam Park on Sunday, May 17, from 10 am to 3 PM. If you have anything that you would like to sell, please bring it to the booth. This is a great opportunity to empty things from your boat or garage. We just ask that all sellers monitor the sale of their goods and remove any unsold items. If you can help support the booth for an hour, please call Ed Carr.

If you or your business would like to sponsor or have your own booth at the Nautical Market and Fair please visit the website, <http://www.huntingtonsafeboatingweek.com/event-sponsorship-opportunities.html>

The Nautical Market and Fair, Sunday May 17, will a special day that you don't want to miss!