

## ELYC SEMAPHORE

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**Junior Activities** - Inactive

## ELYC EVENTS CALENDAR

### MEMORIAL CUP BRUNCH

September 21, 2013, 11 AM at the Sluice

### COMMODORE'S CUP PARTY

October 18, 2013, at the Northport Yacht Club

### ANNUAL MEETING

January, 2014, to be announced

### WELCOME ABOARD PARTY

APRIL, 2014, to be announced

## ELYC RACE SCHEDULE

### 2013 TUESDAY EVENING BAY SERIES

There are four remaining races through September. As of August 20 the start time is 1900 hours.

### ADAIR CUP

September 7, 2013 - 11:00 Start

### MEMORIAL CUP

September 21, 2013 - 14:30 Start

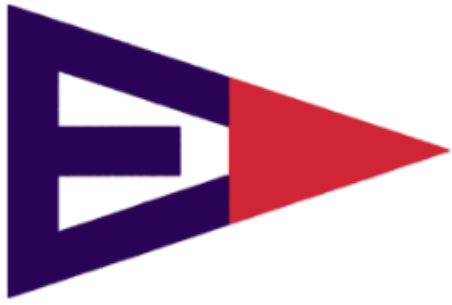
### COMMODORE'S CUP

October 5, 2013 - 10:00 Start

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

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## Commodores Corner

Illuminating the “Dark Endeavor”: Sailing at Night – Part 1

For me sailing at night is the “Dark Endeavor”. It is an activity meant to be done with very limited lighting and for good reasons. However, many boaters fail to grasp the full implications of this.

Some boaters think that more is better. But, showing more than the required lighting can be just as problematic as showing less. There are numerous lighting arrangements that inform everything from normal pleasure cruising and sailing to commercial fishing, tug and barge operations and mine clearing each with their own rules regarding right of way. “Mine Clearing” you say?! Well as it happens there was an incident in NY waters involving a commercial ship interpreting lights on a combination of tugs and barges as “mine clearing.” One of the tugs was running in reverse!

The annals of maritime law are replete with incidents of boats bearing legal liability for showing the wrong lights or additional lights that mislead other boaters.

For sailboats, using the anchor light to illuminate the wind vane is one of the most common misuses of lighting. If you do this you should be aware that you have for all practical purposes given up your “under sail” right of way including your starboard rights over a port tack sailboat. NO NO NO!! This is not a new club racing rule!! However, should an incident occur be aware that you could bear a degree of legal liability. In a maritime court you will find that ingenious excuses like “I was back-winding my boat to Port Jefferson in the dark,” will simply not work!

Curt Matheson  
Rear Commodore  
Eaton’s Light Yacht Club



Miss Conduct and Shadow passing close at the August 13 Bay Race.

## From the Start Line

I have been busy doing calculations. With 4 Bay Series races to go, and only 2 races canceled so far due to poor weather, I thought it time to preview the overall standings. And WOW! Is it ever close! Especially with 4 Bay

Races to go! Since the Racing Committee knows that not everyone can make every race, the Bay Series overall score is based upon a *percentage of Races Completed*, not straight scores. (The Sound/Cup races are individually scored.) For example, although Winds of Morning has only been able to sail in a few races, she has chosen wisely and is a strong challenger to Mercy and Rose of York. Rose of York seems to also have Chutzpah in her sights, while Misconduct is a threat to them all. Wings must also proceed very cautiously, in as much as Winds of Morning and Rose of York have recently sailed solidly into 1st place.

You see, with FOUR Bay Races to go, it is still ANYONE'S Series.

I have also recalculated every course distance in the Bay Series using the GPS positions for the marks that are relocated each season (most notably 'C' for what we have raced, although there are a few others). Therefore I had to reevaluate all of the Bay Series Results sent out to date, to see how a changed distance might affect the scoring. Out of 9 completed races, 2 did change. I'm not sure if you will receive the Semaphore 1st, or my email about the 2 updated races, but the 7/9 and 7/30 Race Results have been revised. These 2 races had particularly light winds, and the change in the length of the courses did affect the scoring. You will get complete details in my email.

There is talk of removing 'H' from our courses - H is deep into Centerport, and the winds can get light and changeable once you sail into

those waters shadowed by the surrounding land masses. This will clearly be an agenda item for the 2014 Captains' meeting in late winter when we plan our 2014 season. I welcome all comments and ideas for new and revised courses.

SCHEDULING NOTE: The remaining 4 Bay Series Races start 30 min. earlier! **Starting Tuesday 8/20, the Bay Series start at 1900 hrs.** This is to account for the earlier sunset times.

September is a busy month for Sound Races. The Adair Cup is scheduled for September 7 at 1100 hrs and the Memorial Cup Race is scheduled for September 21 at 1430 hrs (after the Brunch at the Sluice). Our final race for the 2013 season is the Commodore's Cup, scheduled for October 5 at 1000 hrs.

Members - We have a total of SEVEN races to go...Join me out on the water!

Carolyn Barry  
Boating Activities Chairperson

## From the Social Chair

THANK YOU, JOEL!

We have some pretty special people who belong to this little club called the Eaton's Light Yacht Club. Some of those special people have invited us into their beautiful homes for parties. We are most grateful to them.

On Saturday, August 10th, the Blue Moon Party was held at the home of Joel Sherlock. The weather was perfect; the view of Northport Harbor and the setting sun was sensational. Thanks so much to just under 50 members and their crew for bringing so many delicious hors d'oeuvres to share that evening. We all send many thanks to our most gracious host, Joel Sherlock.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Brunch at the Sluice Beach on September 21st.

Jan Adair  
Social Chair

## From the Editor

THANK YOU, CURT!

Thank you to Curt Matheson who took the fun sailing pictures that you see here. They are great.

Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Stephanie Quarles  
Publicity Chairperson



The fleet heads for the first mark with Winds of Morning in the lead at the August 13 Bay Race.



Winds of Morning sporting a really clean bottom in July 13 Bay Race.



Rose of York and Chutzpah head for the 2nd mark on the July 13 Bay Race.