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OFFICERS

Commodore - Ed Carr

Vice Commodore - Curt Matheson

Rear Commodore - Mary Lomuscio

Secretary - Jan Sharlun

Treasurer - Bill Atkinson

Trustee 1 Year - Stephanie Quarles

Trustee 1 Year - Jim Morcef

Trustee 2 Years - Andrew Whiteley

Trustee 2 Years - Michael Denny

Past Commodore - Franklin LaBarbara

COMMITTEES

Membership - Open

Social - Jan Adair, Rosemary Matheson

Law - Inactive

Boating Activities - Carolyn Barry

Boat & Yard - Open

Publicity - Stephanie Quarles

Finance - Bill Atkinson

GHC - Warren Grossman Tony Winger

Junior Activities - Inactive

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ANNUAL MEETING

January 25, 2015, Crestwood Manor, 13:00 hrs

WELCOME ABOARD PARTY

April, 2015, TBD

COMMODORE'S COOKOUT

June, 2015, TBD

LADIES AT THE HELM PARTY

July, 2015, TBD

BLUE MOON PARTY

August, 2015, TBD

ADAIR CUP PARTY

TBD

MEMORIAL CUP BRUNCH

September, 2015, TBD

COMMODORE'S CUP PARTY

October, 2015, TBD

ELYC RACE SCHEDULE

2015 TUESDAY EVENING BAY SERIES

Fifteen races, Tuesdays from June through September

SPRING RACE

June 2015

LADIES AT THE HELM RACE

July 2015

BLUE MOON RACE

August 2015

ADAIR CUP RACE

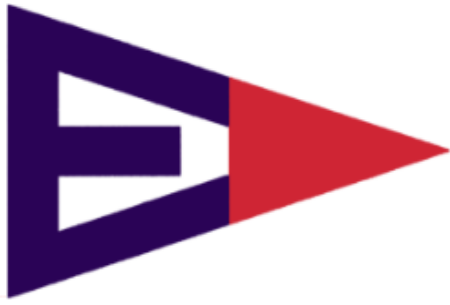
September 2015

MEMORAL CUP RACE

September 2015

COMMODORE'S CUP RACE

October 2015



Commodores Corner

Dear Members,

2014 was an exciting year for the ELYC. I want to share with you some of our successes:

We added more new members than any other year in recent Club history. Special thanks go to our Vice Commodore Curt Mathieson who spearheaded our membership drive, and Trustee Jim Morcerf who placed over 50 application packets on vessels moored in the Price's Bend area of Eaton's Neck. We hope to continue this effort in 2015 to further increase our ranks so the club sustains itself as a viable organization in the years to come.

We also added a new social function, namely the Commodore's Picnic held at Price's Bend. It was a family style picnic, and was a good opportunity for prospective members to learn about the ELYC. We also created an interactive web site complete with photos, copies of the Semaphore, photos, club records such as the by-laws and racing rules, and race results. A FaceBook page was also initiated to help spread the word of who we are, and what we offer to the boating community.

In the yard maintenance area, we began charging a small fee to users of the

Mast Stepper, and created a reserve in order to adequately fund future maintenance.

In short, the Club accomplished a lot in 2014, and we look forward to continuing this progress in 2015. If any of you have ideas that you want to share with us, please let anyone know who is on the Board of Governors. We meet once a month at the Eaton's Neck Firehouse (4th Wednesday of every month), and encourage members to attend. Lastly, if anyone wishes to become more involved as an officer of the club, then attending Board meetings is an excellent way to start.

On behalf of the Board, I wish you a happy and healthy 2015.

Ed Carr
Commodore

Annual Meeting

Come join the camaraderie.

Sunday, January 25, 12 Noon
The CrestView Manor
1036 Fort Salonga Rd, Fort Salonga
\$10 pp (2 per family),
Guests full fare of \$40pp*
Hors d'oeuvres, Complimentary Mimosa
Buffet brunch, cash bar

Please RSVP by January 16 to
Treasurer Bill Atkinson
757-0386, watkinso@optonline.net

Program

Board & Committee Reports

Election of Officers

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Presentation of Awards

50/50 Raffle

*Best way to pay: Mail check to ELYC's PO Box 494, Northport, NY, 11768 to arrive by 1/19; OR pay at door.



From the Racing Chair

How Racing Awards are Determined

ELYC Racing Awards are presented for the Bay Series (overall), and then for each individual Sound race.

For the Bay Series (Tuesday night races), points are awarded for each race, depending upon the boat's placement in the race. Each participant who successfully finishes the race is awarded at least 1 point for the race, while the top 4 finishers in each race are awarded 5, 4, 3, or 2 points. Because we understand that

not every person can make every race, we use a percentage of the races completed to determine how many individual races count towards the overall Series score.

So for 2014, out of 15 scheduled Bay Series races, 14 were completed. Two-thirds of 14 races, results in 9 races eligible towards the Bay Series final score. So the final score that is considered for awards is the highest scores for 9 races for each boat. If a boat raced in 10 or more races, we keep only the top 9 finishes for that boat. If a boat raced in only 9 or less races, we keep the scores for all races for that boat, to count towards the total number of points for the Bay Series.

So what happens if there are ties among the final scores? Three boats tied for 1st place this year in the Bay Series! The 3 boats were subjected to a series of tie-breaking rules to sort out the award placement. We had to utilize 2 of our 3 tie-breaking rules to finalize the 2014 Bay Series awards. Join us on January 25 to see how it turned out!

For the Sound Races, every Race is a 'stand alone', and is awarded on its own. Once each boat reports its finish time, we use the PHRF ratings to calculate a corrected time for the course distance. PHRF is, of course, also used for the Bay Series Races, but for the Sound Races, no further calculations are needed. And this year, there were no corrected times that were close enough together to result in a tie for any of the Sound Races.

I hope that this year's award winners will be as happy with the awards as I am. They are once again, something new and different; except of course for the Adair Cup.

And try as we might, we cannot forget the Barnacle Award. This is the 1 award that no

one aims for, and 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



Elixer at the start (Adair Cup Race courtesy Curt Matheson)



Something to look forward too!!

YOU ARE CORIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND

A Water Quality Presentation



A Water Quality Presentation is being held on Thursday, January 29, at the Northport Yacht Club, 7:30 pm. Please see the attached flyer.

It is sponsored by the Women's Committee of the Northport Yacht Club and the Greater Huntington Council of Yacht and Boating Clubs of which Eatons light is a member. There are a number of marine scientists, and other very involved speakers to update us on the status of the quality of Northport and Huntington Bay- what is being done and what remains to be done and what we can do. Our own Ed Carr will be speaking as Director of Maritime Services at the Town of Huntington. Also your editor Stephanie Quarles is one of the coordinators of the event.

Hope to see you there!
Stephanie Quarles