



TellTales

Raritan Yacht Club, *Established 1865*

September/October, 2017

Dues Meetings Result in Lively Exchange **Motion to increase dues to pay off SBA Loan approved.**

At the second of special meetings on the dues increase, members approved a motion to increase dues by \$30 per quarter, effective until the credit line used to pay off the SBA Loan is repaid. The increase in dues, as stated in the motion that carried, will be used exclusively for this purpose.

The tenor of this meeting contrasted greatly to the first, where members expressed their unhappiness with the BOG's decision to raise dues without membership approval and contrary to the Bylaws. Comments from the first meeting centered on the Board's "lack of transparency", failure to bring the issue to the membership for a vote, and the lack of notification. A motion to rescind the dues increase ended being tabled until a second meeting whereby the many questions raised could be addressed.

After opening the second meeting by the Flag, Rear Commodore Kolts, presented a thorough and specific PowerPoint detailing the prudent fiscal responsibility of borrowing short term to pay off a longer and more demanding SBA loan. Of note was a \$5,000 yearly insurance premium of unnecessary coverage the Club was required to pay during the life of this loan. There being no further use of the loan principal received (the greatest amount sitting unused in a separate account) the SBA balanced could be paid immediately with a short-term credit line of around \$60,000 saving almost as much from removing the insurance premium. An increase of \$10 per month, over a 2-year period, would suffice to retire the onerous SBA Loan. It was also explained to the members that the BOG was mistaken when it originally passed the increase because of "confusion" about the wording of the RYC Bylaws.

The floor being opened to members, Ann Myer questioned why this was not brought initially to the members and why there was no communication from the Flag. Jeremy Macan asked about insurance after Super Storm Sandy, the Colgate purchases, Liquor License and recognized the time and effort of the Officers.

Steve Scanlon mentioned that an assessment might be better. Assessments, the Flag commented, increase initial dues of new members and as such can be detrimental.

Topics also included a time limit on any increase, the effect on potential new members, and the overall decrease in membership. Eric Leitner proposed to get the SBA loan done and deal with other costs another time.

Matt Breef made a motion "to return to the original motion presented at the first meeting, of \$10 per month dues increase, only to pay off the SBA loan, and then it goes away". This motion was seconded and passed by an overwhelming majority.

Change of Command Dinner, Nov 18th **Cocktails 6 PM**

Membership Meeting **Tuesday November 14th**

7:30 PM

Annual Reports

Election of Officers

The Election Committee Chaired by PC Howard Paul has selected the following candidates for nomination the Flag and Board of Governors. Election will take place at this annual meeting.

COMMODORE	MARK SOLDATI
VICE COMMODORE	ERIC KOLTS
REAR COMMODORE	DAWN DADDINO
BOARD OF GOVERNORS	
MATT BREEF	
NANCY SHERAGA	
VAL VECHNYAK	
<i>Board of Governor terms are for 3 years</i>	

Don Street at RYC **Nov 11th See page 3**

UPCOMING EVENTS

29 October	Frostbite Racing	1000 hrs.	Pg. 4
11 November	Don Street Lecture	2030 hrs.	Pg. 3
14 November	Annual Meeting	1930 hrs.	Pg. 3
18 November	Change of Command	1800 hrs.	Web
19 November	Frostbite Racing	1100 hrs.	Web
21 November	Ladies Auxiliary	1800 hrs.	Web
25 November	Turkey Bowl	1100 hrs.	Pg. 4
2 December	Annual Race Awards	1800 hrs.	Pg. 4
16 December	Children's Holiday	1300hrs.	Web
17 December	Egg Nog Party	1400hrs.	Web

Nelson R. Macan Spirit of Improvement Award



Macan Family provides perpetual award recognizing the effort and will to improve or in helping others.

Members nominate their choice of a worthy recipient to the RC chairman. the Chairman will appoint a panel of other members and they will listen to the nominees and vote on a winner. the winner will be announced at the annual RYC awards.

The new Nelson R. Macan "Spirit of Improvement Award" was approved by the Board of Governors at the October meeting. This trophy will be awarded to the member that is working hard at improving their ability or knowledge of sailing or helping someone else who is trying to improve/learn. Nominations for the inaugural year of this perpetual award are due to the Race Committee Chair Person by November 1, 2017. The RC Chair will appoint a panel of other members who will then choose the winner. The winner will be announced at the Annual RYC Awards.



Ladies Auxiliary

November brings an evening of having fun organizing with famed author, Jamie Novak. She is a comedian who provides a funny look at the common challenges to getting organized and has been featured on HGTV and QVC. She is the author of the book "Keep This Toss That". What a special night and one that I am sure all will find enjoyable. In December, we will have our ever-popular holiday party and Pirating Gift Exchange.

Remember, the Ladies Auxiliary of Raritan Yacht Club meets the third Tuesday of the month from September to December and February to June. There are no meetings July, August, and January. The evenings begin at 6 p.m. with gathering at the bar to catch up with old friends and chat with everyone. The dinner starts about 7 p.m. consisting of salad, main course, and dessert. The cost for dinner is just \$15 plus tax and tip. Our programs try to get started about 8 p.m. and last about an hour. Everyone is invited, all members of RYC and their guests.

Commentary

Well intentioned Officers err in style and delivery but ultimately get it right.

Aware of the rancor and discontent at the 1st dues meeting in June, the Flag presented this October a detailed and comprehensive outline of the reasoning and fiscal responsiveness that the BOG took when it raised Membership dues and paid off RYC's SBA loan in April.

The wrath of the Membership was made quite clear about the BOG's dues increase, both for its necessity as well as the methodology of its implementation, even to the point of a petition being submitted calling for a special membership meeting.

In sharp contrast to this prior meeting the Flag, to its credit, presented a detailed and specific proposal to increase the dues stating that they were mistaken to pass it earlier in the year without membership approval.

RYC Bylaws specifically state in Article 7 Section D; *"The dues and initiation fees may be increased or decreased and assessments may be levied by the Club at large at a Special Meeting of the Club held as provided for in these by laws"*.

The necessity of a temporary dues increase became apparent once properly presented to and voted on by the Membership at large.

Having addressed the concerns of the Membership, and implementing proper procedures, the Officers indeed are following protocol while looking to the continued existence and success of Raritan Yacht Club.

Now is the time to put the dues increase behind us and support the efforts of our club's Officers to increase membership and participation as its primary goal!

Editor

RYC NEWS BRIEFS

The RYC Flag and Board of Governors are currently exploring the wisdom and benefit of creating a Club Manager position to better serve the club. While RYC has been very well served with the current structure employing a Club Steward for 25+ years, many feel that RYC **needs increased professional** management to best meet our increasingly complex current and challenging future needs of our Club and all of our members. We will continue to update the membership as we progress.

Submitted by Frank Bastone

Correction Re: Commodore's Row Article

In the June/July Issue. PC Bob Kennedy's name was inadvertently left off those members who graciously donated for chairs to this gathering area. A belated and sincere "Thank You" Bob.

2nd Annual Concert in the Yard

Raritan Yacht Club was the place to be on Saturday night, August 26th.

It was RYC's 2nd Annual Concert in the Yard, featuring the **SHOWTIME DANCE BAND** for a night of Motown. The weather was fantastic, the music was nostalgic and the crowd was enthusiastic. Over 145 people set up chairs and danced. The band was superb and had everyone up and dancing. The Galley's concession fare was great and the bar was hopping.



The effort to put on such an event for our members and guests depends on many RYC Volunteers. Many thanks to the Flag for supporting this event, and to our Yard Chair, Tom Marquet and his crew for "Setting the Stage". Thank you also to Dawn Daddino for all her help in getting the advertising on the RYC Website and Email.



Last, but not least, this entire event would not have occurred without the extreme efforts of the ladies serving on the Entertainment Committee: Betty Gaydos, Noel Baxter, Tina Thompson, Sheila Rothschild, Catherine Pease, Lisa Dacey, Krista McCaffrey & Cathy Scott worked on this project the entire year. THANK YOU!

Submitted by Patti Kickham



Don Street to Speak at RYC Saturday Nov 11th



**"Boats he has sailed"
Dining a la carte 6pm
Talk begins 8:30 pm
Admission \$20**



For more information on Don –
<http://www.street-iolaire.com>

Don, now 87, has published over 300 magazine articles and an impressive list of books. Mr. Street pioneered cruising the Caribbean on his yawl *Iolaire* and may be credited with kick-starting the bareboat industry as he helped design the CSY 44 that became the Caribbean's first charter yacht. He also developed the Imray-Iolaire charts of the Caribbean, as well as several Cruising Guides for this sought-after destination. Don sailed his 1904 44' engineless yawl *Iolaire* on 8 transatlantic passages and throughout the Caribbean for 48 years, sailing into and out of tight anchorages and marinas throughout the Caribbean, northern Europe, and the US.

For reservations – <http://www.ryc.org>



RYC Racing News

JY Frostbiting 10/28 thru 1/6/18

Saturday 10/28 was kick of the frostbiting series at RYC with our tune up race. There were four boats on the water with the breeze out of the south averaging 10-12 knots with gusts 15+ knots. The course was setup in the RYC mooring field right off the docks, Frank Scalisi won the day with 3 bullets. The crews were Frank, Jeremy & Sandy, Ann & Chris, and Gary & Michael.

Submitted by Paul Szudak



The schedule for the 2017 Frostbiting Series, Turkey Bowl and Ice Bucket Regatta are below. Plan on meeting at the dock at 10:00 AM to rig the boats. Racing will start at 11:00 am.

Saturday	10/28/2017
Sunday	11/5/2017
Saturday	11/11/2017
Sunday	11/19/2017
Saturday	11/25/2017
Sunday	12/3/2017
Saturday	12/9/2017
Sunday	12/17/2017
Saturday	12/23/2017
Sunday	12/31/2017
Saturday	01/06/2018



Racing News Update

RYC Distance Race

RYC's distance race was won by Al Rothschild sailing *Escapade. Magic*, sailed by the Myer Team took second and Tom Oryniak sailing *Carry On* was third. A complete venue of winds accompanied this race including a several hour "dead air" zone. Kudos to all who competed. For complete results visit RYC Web or go to: <http://www.ryc.org/files/Distance%20Race.pdf>

Club Championship

Jim Mackevich sailing his J29 *For Sail* bested 7 top RYC racers to capture the Club Championship Title for 2017..."There is no second". For complete race results visit the RYC Web or <http://www.ryc.org/files/Club%20Championship%20Final.pdf>

Labor Day Race

Nine boats participated in this Race, the winner being *Smokin J* with Tom Sinatra, *Magic* with the Myer Team as second and *Rabbit Duck* third with Frank Scalisi. Complete results are available on the Web or at: <http://www.ryc.org/files/Labor%20Day%20Race%202017.pdf>

Annual Race Awards

Set for Saturday December 2nd, this sell out event is the highlight of the season. Book early for yourself and crew.

Perfect Autumn Day Greet

Racers in RYC's

Fall Light House Race

A light air start kept this exceptionally large fleet of 20 boats hunting for speed as they sought to catch the boats ahead of them in this pursuit race. Started in reverse order according to their PHRF Handicap Rating, all boats would conceivably finish this 25.2 nm course at the same time.

The Myer *Magic* team, rounding Romer Shoals 3rd, sailed low to the S.I. side with impressive boat speed, and was able to continue with their asym spin due to a backing breeze, rounding Great Beds in first and on to the Cupola to take line honors!

Tom Sinatra's *Smokin J*, battled with and finally passed Tom Oryniak's *Carry On* prior to the last mark to round out the top 3 finishers in "A" Fleet.

The non-spin class was won by Jack Buzzy's *Dancing Bear*, with Howard Paul's *Knot Again* and Tom Marquet's *Kinda Blue* finishing 2nd and 3rd respectively.

For complete results, please visit the RYC Website or: <http://www.ryc.org/files/Fall%20Lighthouse.pdf>

**Remembering Friends
Recently Passed**

Bernice Cannamela wife of Armand Cannamela passed away July 30th, 2017. Armand and Bernice were long time members of RYC

AHOY RACERS!

Holiday Parties>

> Ahoy! Are you looking for a great location to hold your company's holiday party? RYC is a venue that will impress your colleagues with an ocean view. Whether you are planning a stand up gathering with passed hors d'oeuvres, a buffet lunch, or a first class sit down dinner, RYC is the venue to choose. The RYC galley is ready to help you plan your holiday gathering. Currently the galley has several openings for parties through the end of the year. Book soon before your favorite date is taken.

Raritan Red Returns

Forward thinking members in 2011 bought into participating in making the spectacular 2013 Raritan Red, the commemorative wine for the RYC 150 celebration. Those who still have some are now enjoying a wine that would sell for at least 3 times what was originally paid. Some members participated in 2015 when we



made this classic French Bordeaux Cabernet Sauvignon blend again and went home very pleased after that wine was bottled last month. For those involved, and for those who missed out, we are making the wine again with a 2017 vintage. This is an award-winning wine that has greatly pleased those who tasted it. We can use the Raritan Red label, or, you can design your own. If you are interested in making this wine this year, please contact PC Howard Paul at emphap@optonline.net. The California harvest may be early this year so decide soon, before it is too late. We are also making a world class Rhone blend reminiscent of a Chateau Neuf Du Pape as well as a Chardonnay and a unique Zinfandel blend. Everyone is invited to participate.

The Perth Amboy Class of 1944

held a luncheon at RYC on Sunday, August 6th to celebrate the 90th birthdays of its members. Everyone enjoyed his or her lunch. Debbie and Maria provided excellent service to all.

Submitted by Aliene Desmond.



Twelve classmates attended the party which was hosted by class member and RYC member VeVe Sewitch. Irene Steuber, Jeff Steuber's mom and RYC Ladies Auxiliary member as well as Blanche Adler, Barry Adler's mom also attended. Classmate and long RYC member, Rosemarie Sinatra, mother of Tommy Sinatra and grandmother of Steven Sinatra was unable to attend. (Middle Row: 4th from left, W. Sewitch, 6th from left, Irene Steuber; Front Row: 3rd from left, Blanche Adler)

Classifieds

FOR SALE, SHORT BUS EVELYN 26 ONE DESIGN. Foam core hull, balsa core deck. Boat rebuilt in 2008 with all new hardware. 2 Spreader Hall Spars mast. All high-tech halyards, sheets, etc. Standing rigging new in 2014. 4 Mains: Fries Sail Design Twaron, 2 Shore Dacron (light and heavy), North Dacron. Genoas: Fries Sail Design, Twaron 155%, Pineapple Aramid 145%, Doyle Pentex/Carbon 100%, Shore Pentex 100%. Spinnakers: Fries Sail Design SL50 Light Runner, Quantum Airex 600 AP, UK RPN 700 Heavy Runner, UK .6 Poly Reacher. All sails, rigging, and hardware stored indoors during the off seasons. Johnson 8 HP outboard. Constant top performing boat here at RYC. Great in light and heavy air. Ready to race and win on a small budget. \$15,000 OBO. Call or e-mail Matt. 908-616-2108, mattbreef@gmail.com.



CATWINGS. 1985 QUICKSTEP 24, HULL #101. Modified full keel Ted Brewer design. LOA:23'11", LWL:19', Beam:7'11", Draft:3'5", Disp/Ballast: 4000/1900 lbs. Easily single-handed. Large (8') cockpit with well-mounted outboard, icebox, sink, portable head. Package includes 8hp long shaft Evinrude OB w/alternator, 3 Thurston sails, Harken furler, compass, knot & depth meters, 12V battery, custom cockpit cushions, PFDs.



PRICE REDUCED! \$5900. See listing at Lockwood brokerage site for photos. E-mail me for brochures/reviews, or to make offer. John Walker: islanderalden@netscape.net.

APRIL FOOL. J/100, 2006, hull 99. Carbon mast, rod rigging, hydraulic backstay, Yanmar sail drive. Full specs for base boat, sail plan, reviews etc. at J boats website, <http://www.jboats.com/j100> Asking \$92,000. See also: <http://www.mcmichaelyachtbrokers.com/boat/2006/j-boats/j-100/1606/>

SINGER 245-3 PROFESSION SEWING MACHINE. Great for sail making or repair. Sail covers, cushions etc. Heavy duty 1/3 hp clutch motor mounted under 20" x 48" Nicely restored wood table on heavy duty metal base. 11" deep throat! Strait stitch. Professional large thread spool stand for 2 spools. Table mounted bobbin winder. One repair and it pays for itself! \$ 255.00 OBO Ethan Feinsod - "Windshadow"
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FOR SALE, J-24. All racing updates performed. Contact James Wong @ jamesj242003@gmail.com

KNOT AGAIN. After almost 25 years of ownership, Knot Again, my C&C 35 MKIII is up for sale. Due to the excessively high cost of shipping across the country, I am selling Knot Again on this coast prior to moving to California. Over the 25 years that I have owned her, she has been well taken care of, extensively upgraded and is in ready to sail condition. The C&C 35 MKIII is a joy to sail and is solidly built, dependable, quick, very seaworthy and sure to provide its next owner with many years of satisfied, wonderful sailing. We have cruised her extensively and she is typically one of the first boats to make port. She has been raced extensively and has numerous trophies, club championships and both fleet division firsts in the Around Long Island Regatta (18 ALIR trophies). Asking \$49,000. For complete info and details, contact PC Howard Paul at emphap@optonline.net or call 732-297-7727.

1994 CATALINA 320 – Sedated for sale. LOA: 32'6" Beam: 11'9" Large cockpit, walk through transom with shower and swim platform, stern rail seating, cockpit cushions and folding table. Electronics: Wind, Depth, Speed, Wheel Auto-Pilot, VHF radio, CD stereo with cockpit speakers. Galley with large refrigerator chest, 2 burner propane stove and double sink. V-Berth, main cabin with dining table and aft cabin with large double berth. Head with shower. 29 HP diesel with 790 hrs., 3 blade prop, 2 new 4D batteries (2017). ACE Battened mainsail and furling jib. Anchor windlass. Well maintained. Asking \$45,000. Contact: Mike Templeton cell: (908) 578-9359 or email: michael.templeton.305@gmail.com



SUNFISH AND FORCE 5 FOR SALE...Package deal or separate. Fast boats, set up for racing. Contact Tom 908-295-0866 or to6740@gmail.com

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Or contact Dorinda and Andy Luz directly @ dorinda@luzgroup.com



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Call or email Pete (732) 754-2056,
psrebovichjr@yahoo.com

BNC/CNB

Boats in Need of Crew/Crew in Need of Boat

CARRY ON, a competitive "A" Fleet Boat is expanding its race schedule and will be seeking additional team members to contribute in both local and distant racing events. Experience is a plus, but not required, as we also welcome those with no racing experience. A desire to perform well, and availability are however essential. If you fit into an active boat style (there is no cushy cockpit space in this C&C 33), and want to be competitive on the race course, please reply in confidence to Tom Oryniak at: to6740@gmail.com

Boat owners as well as potential crew may publicize in BNC/CNB. Please send information including a form of contact to ryctelltales@gmail.com

RARITAN YACHT CLUB'S 2ND ANNUAL COAT DRIVE



In participation with Rev. Ann Marie Jeffrey and St. Peter's Episcopal Church to benefit those in need in Perth Amboy

BEGINNING OCTOBER 15, 2017

PLEASE DROP OFF YOUR CLEAN USED COATS OR NEW COATS IN THE BINS LOCATED IN THE SURF ROOM AT RYC.

**ALL SIZES NEEDED...MEN'S, WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN
 YOUR DONATIONS EARLY IN THE SEASON IS APPRECIATED TO ALLOW DISTRIBUTION BEFORE THE WEATHER GETS TOO COLD.**

Visit the RYC Website

www.ryc.org

RARITAN YACHT CLUB FLAG

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GALLEY HOURS DINNER

Wednesday and Friday	6 PM to 10 PM
Saturday and Sunday	5 PM to 9 PM

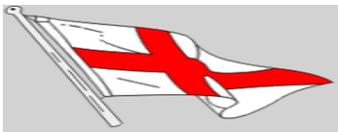
GALLEY HOURS LUNCH

Saturday and Sunday	11 AM to 3 PM
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Carry On returning from RYC's Fall Regatta. Photo submitted by Ron Ross