

# April 2017 Storm Trysail Club Newsletter

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## STORM TRYSAIL CLUB®

April  
Newsletter



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#### Upcoming Events

##### **Chesapeake Bay Station**

##### ***Thirsty Thursdays***

*Every Third Thursday of the Month  
- Through May*

*The Boatyard Bar & Grill*

### Commodore's Column

Looking outside,   
it is

raining and cool. However, in a few short weeks most of us will once again be on the water. Some Members may be racing, cruising with friends and some may still be getting their boat, the love of their life, ready to be put in the water. The Flag Officers and I wish all our Members a Happy Passover, a Happy Easter and a safe and enjoyable

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MD 21403

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### **Storm Trysail Hands-on-Safety at Sea**

SUNY Maritime College, Ft Schuyler,  
Bronx, NY

May 20, 2017

Contact: Lisa Schinella

[seminar.stormtrysailfoundation.org](http://seminar.stormtrysailfoundation.org)

### **Block Island Race**

Stamford Yacht Club

Start - May 26, 2017

Awards Party - May 28, 2017

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### **Down the Bay Race**

Start - Annapolis - May 26, 2017

Awards Party - Hampton Yacht  
Club - May 28, 2017

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### **Block Island Race Week**

June 18-23, 2017

boating season.

I would like to remind all our Members that the Club has two very important events coming up. First on May 20, 2017 the Club will be holding our annual **Hands-on Safety at Sea Seminar** at SUNY Maritime College. This event draws over 200 participants from the general boating community. This year, we will not only be offering the Level 100 Safety at Sea program as usual. In addition, we will also be offering the Level 200 for those who want to be further certified. This Level 200 course will be limited so if you are interested sign up early. The Level 200 course will feature much more time on the water, launching a life raft, abandoning ship and much, much more. I want to take this opportunity to thank all our Club Volunteers, Club Boat Owners for loaning the Club your boat for a special day and especially Butch Ulmer for organizing this event. I am sure as in the past that this will be a great day on the water and on land for all attendees. Just remember that safety is the most important attribute we can practice when we are on the water with our family, our friend and our crews.

The next event I would like to highlight this month is **Block Island Race Week**, which will be held from June 18 through June 23, 2017. At this time we have about 140 boats registered for this most popular Storm Trysail Event. Hopefully, we will have the same weather conditions we had in 2015, five days of great sailing, wind, no fog, and no rain. I hope that now that I said that I have not jinxed ourselves. The Event Chairman, Vice Commodore AJ Evans and his numerous Club Volunteers have been working very hard at making this a memorable event for all

*AJ Evans, Chair*

*Contact: Whitney Kneisley*

*(914) 834-8857*

### ***STC Ted Hood Regatta***

*August 25-27, 2017*

In Cooperation With Boston,  
Corinthian & Eastern Yacht Clubs

Clarke Smith, Chairman

(781) 462-7040

[tedhoodregatta.com](http://tedhoodregatta.com)

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### **Did You Know?**

You can find a video history of Block Island Race Week, written and produced by retired STC Executive Director Marcy Trenholm, archived Newsletters and more in the Members Only section of [stormtrysail.org](http://stormtrysail.org).

While you're there you can update your Member Profile, pay your dues and propose a friend to membership in Storm Trysail Club!

Have you forgotten how to log onto the protected club site? Call Whitney at (914) 834-8857.

- Lee Reichart, Editor

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Volunteers and Competitors. I have personally spoken to each of our PROs for the event, Dave Brennan, Bruce Bingman and Ray Redniss, and they have assured me that the Club Volunteers, the loaned Committee Boats and all the equipment are ready to go.

These two events mentioned above could not happen and cannot be successful if it were not for our Club Volunteers. I think that it is great to see so many of our Members pitch in and make these events happen. I also think that it is great to see our Members working together and having fun doing some of these tasks. I believe that each of our Members are outstanding Volunteers and Sailors. This reminds me of a story I once heard. A father speaking with his seven sons said, "Individually, you are easy prey for your enemies. Together, you are INVINCIBLE." And together we as a Club are INVINCIBLE. I would like to thank every Club Member who has volunteered to make these two events a success. This says something about the "cut of YOUR jib."

I would like to report on the response that the Club has received with regard to my call to "All Hands." The six new committees which I had requested Volunteers for has been going fairly well. Here is an update as where we are and which Club Members have volunteered to serve the Club:

1. **Insurance Committee:** PC John Fisher, Clark Smith, Don Rave, Steve Prime, Daniel Briggs and Taylor Walker.
2. **Long Range Planning Committee:** Gary Jobson, PC Rich du Moulin, Gino Bottino, PC Nick Langone, Steve Prime, Peter Rugg and Daniel Briggs.

3. **Governance Committee:** David Shwartz-Lepper, Peter Rugg, Kevin McNeil and Doug Lynn.
4. **Young Member Committee:** Justin Bauer, Jay Kehoe, Daniel Briggs and Eric Storck.
5. **Cruising Committee:** Cliff Crowley, Daniel Briggs and John de Regt.
6. **Events Committee:** Gino Bottino

I am still looking for volunteers for the Events, Cruising and Communications Committees; I believe that we need more Members to stand up and help with these challenges. Also, there are many other standing committees that could use some additional, interested Members.

Our Club has one problem, our age. I see the same Members time and time again volunteering to make us successful. We need to have a succession plan if we plan on remaining one of the most desirable Clubs to be a Member of. I would like to give our standard bearers a break and see some new talented Members become more active. I have asked all our Committee Chairmen to appoint a Vice Chairman of each and every Club Committee. We must have a plan for the future. So please consider my request. I will guarantee you that if you do volunteer for a committee you will be able to enjoy the Club even more.

In closing, I would like to thank all our Members who did stepped forward. I will be back to our new Volunteers shortly to set up an initial meeting of each of the new committees. I hope that our Members are excited as I am about moving FORWARD with OUR CLUB. Here is my personal email, , please use it. I am always interested in getting

feed back from our Members. Also if any Member has an interesting story or accomplishment please share it with your fellow Members via this newsletter, I am also looking for photos of our Club Members enjoying their boat and the friendship of fellow Members. And maybe even winning a race.

Cheers,

**Lenny Sitar**, Commodore

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### **Storm Trysail Hands-on Safety At Sea Seminar**

**Do you need to update your Safety at Sea certification? Take the Storm Trysail Hands-on Safety at Sea Seminar, SUNY Maritime College, Ft. Schuyler, The Bronx, NY, Saturday May 20, 2017. Both US Sailing and World Sailing certifications available. Try the new Level 200 course offering at the Hands-on Safety at Sea Seminar. Places are limited, register today!**

**Register at [seminar.stormtrysailfoundation.org](http://seminar.stormtrysailfoundation.org).**

**Questions? Contact Lisa Schinella at (914) 813-0233**

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**New! From USSailing - Safety at Sea Handbook.**

**Special Deal during the Seminar.**

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# Classic Spring Races

## Storm Trysail Club's Block Island Race

**April 1, 2017, LARCHMONT, NY** - Storm Trysail Club Fleet Captain and Block Island Race Chairman Ray Redniss today encouraged all Storm Trysail Club members to enter 72nd running of the club's signature event, the Block Island Race. The 186 nm Block Island Race was first run in 1946 as America and the club began to return to some sense of normalcy after many of its members successfully fought in World War II.

The Block Island Race is a staple on Long Island Sound and is a qualifier for for the Northern Ocean Racing Trophy (IRC), the Double Handed Ocean Racing Trophy (IRC), the New England Lighthouse Series (PHRF), and the Gulf Stream Series (IRC). The Block Island Race is also a qualifier for the Capet, Sagola, and Windigo trophies awarded by the YRA of Long Island Sound and the 'Tuna' Trophy for the best combined IRC scores in Larchmont Yacht Club's Edlu Race (40%) and the Block Island Race (60%).

### **Information and Entry at Block Island Race.**

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### **Hampton Bay Yacht Club and Storm Trysail Club -**

#### **Down the Bay Race**

**April 10, 2017, ANNAPOLIS, MD** - Storm Trysail Club Governor and Down the Bay Co-Chair, STC - PRO, Wally Miller, announced details for the longest race on the Chesapeake Bay.

A Welcome Party for skippers and crew will be held on Thursday 25 May 2017 at Severn Sailing Association in Eastport from 1800-2100 with a brief Skippers Meeting at 1900. The check-in desk will be open from 1800 - 2000 on Thursday 25 May 2017. The first warning signal will be at 1000 on Friday 26 May 2017, in the Bay near Severn River R "2". The post-race awards party will start at 1900 on Saturday 27 May 2017 at the Hampton Yacht Club.



**STC Station Fleet Captain Jeff Goldring's *Melody* will be the Signal Boat for the start of the DOWN THE BAY RACE Friday May 26, 2017. *Melody* is shown here performing her duties in another race. Photo courtesy of Jeff Goldring.**

**Information and Entry at [Down the Bay Race](#)**

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## **Block Island Race Week**

**It's Not Too Late! Entries being accepted in all classes.**

**Enter Now! [blockislandraceweek.com](http://blockislandraceweek.com)**



## Storm Trysail Foundation Benefit and Awards Dinner

### Congratulations To The 2017 Storm Trysail Foundation Awards Winners.

### Seamanship Award - The Crew of *High Noon*

***High Noon* crew - left to right - Richard O'Leary, Brooks Daley, Hector McKemey, Carina Becker, Peter Becker, Madelyn Ploch, William McKeige, Robert Alexander, Collin Alexander, Chairman and President STF John Fisher, (crewmember not shown Guillermo Altadill)**

The Foundation presented its Seamanship award to the entire crew of *High Noon* for its



outstanding performance, first to finish, in the 2017 Newport Bermuda Race St. David's Lighthouse Division.

### **Sailing Legacy Award - Peter "Luigi" Reggio**



### **STF President John Fisher presenting Peter "Luigi" Reggio with the Sailing Legacy Award.**

Storm Trysail Club member Peter "Luigi" Reggio has earned the respect of competitors from Opti regattas to the Olympics to the America's Cup by revolutionizing the approach of Race Committees throughout the sailing world. After Luigi committees became open to input from the competitors and were in constant communication with the competitors. Luigi's approach modernized the running of races from the days of communication limited to sound and flag signals to today's almost open mic systems.

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## **Propose A Candidate For Membership**

Have you ever wondered how to propose one of your friends to the Storm Trysail Club? Well It's really easy. Finding a qualified candidate is the hard part. Check out the qualification standards from the Club By-Laws:

### *ARTICLE IX Membership*

*Section 1. Membership in the Club shall be by invitation.*

*Section 2. Candidates for membership must have set a storm trysail under storm conditions*

*offshore or have weathered a storm under greatly reduced canvas or sailed 1,000 nautical miles offshore. They also must be experienced blue-water sailors, capable of taking command of a sailing vessel offshore under any and all conditions.*

Now that you have the standards in mind, find candidates from your friends. Next you will need a seconder and two or more supporters. The proposer, seconder and supporters must be Regular or Senior members. Corinthian, Associate, Honorary and Junior members cannot propose candidates.

At this point the membership proposal process is entirely electronic. Simply log onto the "Members Only" section of [stormtrysail.org](http://stormtrysail.org) and go to the "Propose A Candidate" section and follow the instructions.

The forms which need to be completed are:

If you are having any difficulty contact STC Executive Director, Whitney Kneissley, (914) 834-8857, [execdirectorstormtrysail.org](mailto:execdirectorstormtrysail.org) or anyone on the Membership Committee, preferably the person from your Storm Trysail Club Station.

#### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

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<b>Barry Gold</b>	<b>Long Island Sound</b>	<b>(914) 320-5660</b>	

<b>Charles Goodrich</b>	<b>Long Island Sound</b>	<b>(203) 962-1640</b>	
<b>Luiz Kahl</b>	<b>Great Lakes</b>	<b>(313) 550-7995</b>	
<b>James Noyes</b>	<b>Marblehead</b>	<b>(617) 548-3298</b>	
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<b>Mark Wood</b>	<b>Southern</b>	<b>(305) 318-2100</b>	

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## Safety-at-Sea Videos

## Storm Trysail Safety-at-Sea Video Library Now Available

Created for the Hands-on Safety-at-Sea Seminar and narrated by Gary Jobson, this 10-video collection of videos can be yours for only \$40. And, with this life-time subscription, as new videos are added, you can view them, too.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the Storm Trysail Safety-at-Sea Video Library and order your subscription today.



## STC Ted Hood Regatta

The Storm Trysail Club  
Marblehead Station Presents:

Ted Hood Regatta



Marblehead 2017



The First Annual Ted Hood Regatta will be hosted by the Storm Trysail Club's Marblehead Station August 25-27 at The Boston Yacht Club. Racing will be managed by the Boston, Eastern, and Corinthian Yacht Club Race Committees.

Storm Trysail will host several shore-side parties at the Boston Yacht Club during the weekend, and over 1,000 participants and guests are expected. Registration is open at [YachtScoring](#) or by clicking [HERE](#).

Information at [tedhoodregatta.com](http://tedhoodregatta.com)