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Officer's Club

Newport RI

Whitney Kneisley

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I am a little late putting together my Commodore's Report from the bridge due to the fact that I have been waiting for some end of the season events to occur first. So lets get to the report.

First I would like to congratulate one of our members for having an outstanding season on the water. Who could it be but none other than **Steve Benjamin** winning the Etchells Worlds. Great job to Steve and his crew for winning this very competitive event. Steve is not the only member who has brought Storm Trysail Club a spotlight on the World stage. I would also like to recognize **Tony Parker** for placing second in the J/24 Worlds. And yes we even have another member, **Chris and Karen Lewis** for placing second in the US Sailing Offshore Championships, the Lloyd Phoenix Trophy, held at the United States Naval Academy. Well done to our members who have bought some silver home, great job! I would also like to take this opportunity to say to all our members, please let the Bridge know of any member who is involved in any event that they think would be worth recognizing in my monthly newsletter.

Well the season is winding down, for me this is a sad part of the year. The last competitive

February 14, 2018

Advance Notice



2019 Storm Trysail Club Block Island Race Week

June 23-28, 2019

Call For Memorabilia

With the Club's 80th anniversary next year, we're looking for artifacts and other memorabilia. Send description to me and I'll pass along to the office. You might enjoy a look at the club history, past event descriptions and other items in the drop down menu on our website at: <https://stormtrysail.org/about-the-club>

Lee Reichart, Editor

event, the last crew call, the last crew dinner, de-commissioning the good ship *Vamp* and wishing that the season would go on forever. This is also at the same time an exciting part of the year, planning for next season. Lets not forget that 2018 will include the biennial Newport Bermuda Race brought to us by our good friends at the CCA and the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club. So when it starts snowing just remember that spring will be here sooner than you think.

Some of our members are lucky, they head south for the winter! Good luck to all racing down south while we are shoveling snow up here. And then there is a very select few who are venturing further south for the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race. Now *that* is an adventure, from shipping the boat down under, to racing in one of our sport's most challenging races. The Hobart is one of the classic races of yachting. This year we have a big contingent entered and I want to wish our members great success and lots of fun: **Joe Mele** with his new-to-him Cooksen 50, *Triple Lindy*, **Chris Sheehan** with his XP44 *Warrior Won*, **Andrew and Linda Weiss** with their Ker 43 *Christopher Dragon*, and **Pam Rorke Levy & Matt Brooks**, S&S Custom, *Dorade*. I am not sure if this race has a Team Trophy, but if there is one, please enter a Storm Trysail Club Team. I am sure we will hear more about their adventures in January. Good luck and safe racing to all, make our club proud.

The Storm Trysail Foundation held its annual Intercollegiate Offshore Regatta this past weekend at Larchmont Yacht Club. I would like to thank Commodore Andy Kaplan for extending the hospitality of the Larchmont Yacht Club and its staff to the Storm Trysail Foundation and all the college participants. I

would also like to thank our patrons, partners and sponsors of this event. Without this very important financial support the STF could not make this a "FREE" event. I also want to thank the many club members who volunteer to make this event a success. *None of the STC/STF events just happen.* There are many members behind the scenes working hard to make the Storm Trysail Foundation and Club look great. Special thanks to the IOR Chairman **Barry Gold**, who also serves as the Vice President and Treasurer of the Storm Trysail Foundation, and Storm Trysail Foundation Associates **Lisa Schinella and Marcy Trenholm**. PRO Past Commodore **Butch Ulmer** and his Race Committee Team of **Binky Hoffman, Jeb Kelly, Maureen Koepfel, PC Nick Langone, John May, Howie McMichael, Bizzy Monte-Sano, Tinker Myles, Ray Redniss, Jan Smeets, Leggie Torry, Linda Weiss, Pier Witek and Dick York**. These are the members who were on the water making our club great. The Program Chairman was **Buttons Padin**.

As I said earlier, this event could not happen without our patrons, partners and sponsors, so let us recognize them: Regatta Patrons, **Don Newhouse and Joe Mele**; Regatta Partners, **Andy Berdon, Rear Commodore Ed Cesare and his wife Christine, Iris Vogel, Barry Gold and the Offshore Racing Association**; and the Regatta Sponsors, **UK Sailmakers, ShopRite of Carteret (a plug for me and all ShopRite Supermarkets) Sailcloth Technology, Craft New York (our very important Beer Sponsor), Flintlock Construction, North Sails, Gifted of Larchmont (our trophy maker), Gill, Safe Fight and the Coca-Cola Company**. Thanks to all and hopefully we will see you again in 2018

I must also thank all the member and non-member boat owners who kindly loaned the Storm Trysail Foundation their prized possessions, their boats, and either themselves or a crew member as the On Board Safety Officer. On behalf of the Storm Trysail Foundation and the Storm Trysail Club I say to each, "Thank you so very much."

Intercollegiate Offshore Regatta Boat Owners:

Rob Alexander	John Greifzu	Jonathan Rechtschaffer
Benoit Ansart	Bud Heerde	Ron Richman
Todd Avon	John Horan	Bob Schwartz
Adrian Begley	William Ingraham	Leonard Sitar
Eric Bicknese	Bengt Johansson	Paul Strauch
Jim Bishop	Max Kalehoff	Iris Vogel
Mike Bruno	Bill Ketcham	Chris Waddell
Bobbi Coffey	Todd LaBaugh	Albert Wenger
Rich du Moulin	Greth Lester	Roger Widmann
Jack Forehand	Adam Loory	Oakcliff Sailing

Gareth Gaston	Bill Mack	SUNY Maritime College (2)
Barry Gold	Andy Oeftering	U.S. Coast Guard Academy
Michael Greene	Carl Olsson	U.S. Merchant Marine Academy (2)

I would like to thank Past Commodore **Jim Bishop, Sr.**, for getting the J/44 Class Association involved with this event and for all the years Jim and his crew of the *Costal Queen*, **Deacon and Penny**, hosted the after race event for members, sponsors, volunteers and friends. Thanks to Jim Bishop everyone always had a great time at this gathering.

To remind our club members that while the IOR has prospered under the care of the Storm Trysail Foundation and Club, we did not originate the regatta. The IOR was started by a sister club, **The Corinthians**, in 1983, as The Corinthians Intercollegiate Regatta and taken on by STC/STF in 2000. I have been a member of The Corinthians since 1984 and joined the club due to The Corinthians Intercollegiate Regatta. About three years ago, I noted that The Corinthians yearbook listed four trophies that had been retired in 1999 when the regatta moved to our care, namely, **The Edward S. Moore, III, Memorial Trophy, The George G. Crocker Memorial Race Trophy, The Foster Tallman Memorial Trophy and The James C. Jacobson Memorial Trophy**. I thought that it would add another, historical, dimension to the IOR to revive these trophies as well as additional

prizes for our event. It took about three years of work to convince The Corinthians that these trophies are living symbols of our sport and should continue as symbols of success in the IOR. Finally, with the help of STC Member and past Corinthian Master, **Charlie Weiner**, our sister club decided to transfer the trophies to the Storm Trysail Foundation for as long as the STF continues to run the IOR. The trophies were removed from storage and refurbished by Past Commodores Butch Ulmer and Nick Langone with new bases and some silver polish and brasso. The trophies are now alive and well. Some of our senior members may realize that three of these trophies are named for men who were Storm Trysail Club members as well as Corinthians - a nice touch, I think.

I further believe that our sport has a history, not only the America's Cup, but also on a Club level. Remember most great things usually started at a the Club level before they became great. The America's Cup started with the NYYC. I believe that it important to our sport for a Club like ours to support and preserve our past and impart these fine tradition on the next generations to come. I believe that with the help of The Corinthians, the Storm Trysail Foundation accomplishes this mission for the future of our sport with reviving these important trophies.

After racing on Saturday at the IOR we had a Long Island Station get together at the beautiful waterfront home of Linda and Andrew Weiss. Launch service was provided by Larchmont Yacht Club to ferry members, sponsors, non-member boat owners to the Weiss residence. The party was a big success thanks to Long Island Station Fleet Captain **Buttons Padin**, our hosts **Linda and Andrew**

Weiss and other volunteer members. We had over 125 members and guests attend, Linda and Andrews' fine home is still standing, hope we get invited back next year! That evening we had a special appearance at the party by Single-Handed-Around-the-World-Sailor and Club Member **Rich Wilson**. Barry Gold was honored with recognition of all the hard work he put into the IOR with the James D. Bishop Trophy.

If you've gotten this far, I must really have your attention! Look for a notice from the office about the January 6, 2018 **Annual Meeting**. We will be celebrating the 80th anniversary of the Storm Trysail Club in 2018. If you have any interesting memorabilia to share please send a description to Whitney at or to me at my email below.

I am now way over my 1,000 word allotment. 'Til next month, fair winds and following seas.

Commodore Lenny Sitar

Commodore Sitar's Photo Credit: Gary Martin

On The Waterfront

Storm Trysail Owned/Skippered Yachts Entered In Races Far and Wide

Rolex Middle Sea Race - October 21, 2017

Rambler 88, Canting Keel Maxi, **George David** and *Triple Lindy*, Swan 44 Mk II, **Joe Mele**.
[Race Video](#)

Volvo Ocean Race - October 22, 2017 Leg Start

*Vestas 11th Hour Racing, Volvo Ocean 65,
Charlie Enright, Skipper and **Mark Towill**,
Team Director.*

**International Masters Regatta - October
20-22, 2017**

PC Rich du
Moulin along
with an all STC
crew of Rear
Commodore Ed
Cesare, Gerard
Girstl, Barrett
Holby, Chris
Reyling
and Peter
Bauer will
represent



Larchmont Yacht Club and STC against eleven
"legendary" skippers and crews in J/105s.

**Rolex Sydney Hobart Race - December 26,
2017**

*Christopher Dragon, Ker 43, **Andrew & Linda
Weiss**; Dorade, S&S Custom, **Pam Rorke Levy
& Matt Brooks**; Triple Lindy, Cookson 50, **Joe
Mele**; and Warrior Won, XP44, **Christoper
Sheehan**.*

***Long Island Sound - Intercollegiate Offshore
Regatta***

**A Nod to the Past Begins New Traditions -
Boston University Overall Winner at Storm
Trysail Foundation's Intercollegiate
Offshore Regatta**

LARCHMONT, N.Y. (October 8, 2017)- Over
360 college students from the United States,
as well as international teams from Canada

and France, participated in the 2017 Storm Trysail Foundation's Intercollegiate Offshore Regatta (IOR).

Conditions for the regatta varied between 8-10 knots of breeze on Saturday to a slightly more rugged 18-20 knots with

higher gusts on Sunday. Sunday's more-challenging conditions led to two crew overboard situations. In the first instance, the Grand Valley State crew on the J/109 "*Morning Glory*" - under the guidance of long-time Storm Trysail Club member and boat owner Carl Olsson - initiated a successful recovery maneuver while sailing downwind. In the second instance, one of the two safety boats swiftly picked up the crewperson who had fallen off of the J/105 "*Elmo*". Both were recovered quickly and unharmed.



Barry Gold, Chairman of the event, said "In spite of some of early Saturday pea-soup fog and intermittent rain on Sunday, we had two days of fantastic racing, with steady and increasing breeze. With a few well-timed postponements and relocations, the race committee gave the teams five competitive and fun races. We want to thank The Corinthians, who started the Corinthians Intercollegiate Regatta in 1983 and ran it until 1999, for transferring their original four perpetual trophies to the Storm Trysail Foundation. These four beautiful trophies bring together the initial regatta with its later reincarnation by Storm Trysail, and begin new traditions for the competitors. The

rededicated trophies were presented to class winners this year for the first time along with two perpetual trophies donated by Larchmont Yacht Club".



Boston University sailing *Young American* leading at the top mark in a stiff breeze.

Boston University took home the overall honors and the Paul Hoffmann Trophy in the hotly contested J/105 class on "*Young American*" with four bullets and a second place in the second largest class in the regatta. "*Echo*", crewed by Vanderbilt University - a first time entrant to the regatta - took home second place in the J/105 class by edging out Drexel University on "*Fairhope*" with a tie-breaking first in the third race. Robert Alexander and Peter Becker received the Ed du Moulin Trophy awarded to the boat owner/syndicate of the overall winning team.



Binky Hoffmann with the Boston University team that took home the overall honors and the Paul Hoffmann Trophy.

In the J/44 class - which by tradition is a generally an all-service academy class - was won by Maine Maritime Academy on "*Gold Digger*", closely followed by the US Coast Guard Academy sailing their own "*Glory*", just 1 point ahead of last year's overall winner, the US Naval Academy on "*Maxine*".

The University of Rhode Island ran away with the J/109 Class with a 2,1,1,1,1 line score on "*Emoticon*", topping "*Morning Glory*" with Grand Valley State University, and Tulane University on "*Growth Spurt*" rounded out the class podium.

There were three PHRF classes. In PHRF 1, Webb Institute on "*Oakcliff Sailing's Farr 40 Blue*" came out on top, followed by a joint team comprised of crew members from both the US Merchant Marine Academy and Tufts University on the IMX-45 "*Xcelsior*", with Michigan Tech on "*Quintessence*", the Swan 42, taking third place.

PHRF 2 saw the US Merchant Marine Academy squad win on their own Tripp 40

"Phantom", with the George Washington University team on the Goetz 40 "Soulmates" in second place and the University of Michigan on the J/133 "Antidote" just one point behind in third.

The class winner in PHRF 3 was Virginia Tech on the X-34 "Maudelayne", just one point ahead of the J/88 "Wings" with the University of South Florida aboard. Third place in the class was Roger Williams University on the J/92 "Thin Man".

Erica Vandever, Captain of the victorious Virginia Tech squad, is a Behavioral Psychology Major and sees the relevance of big-boat sailing; "Communication is critical to being successful on the race course. We had some challenges but we were able to talk and work through them to win."

Juliette Joffre, captain of the Club Voile EDHEC Business School team who came all the way from Lille, France declared: "This is a big, serious and very competitive regatta." Marianne Pierres, another member of the EDHEC crew, described how offshore racing is similar to business: "The starts were really exciting, and so was the broach! But you have to manage and keep calm; you have to understand roles and do your job." Juliette continued "There is a lot of pressure to perform at your best, but I know that the team is much closer now because of this experience." This was their first time at the IOR, and they had to win an international student regatta in France for the right to come to the IOR with an all-expenses paid trip through a partnership between the Storm Trysail Foundation and the EDHEC Sailing Cup.

About the Regatta:

The regatta was initially established in 1983 by The Corinthians who ran the regatta until 1999, after which it was picked up by Storm Trysail. For the 2017 regatta, The Corinthians transferred to the Storm Trysail Foundation the original four perpetual trophies: "The George G. Crocker Memorial Race Trophy", "The Edward S. Moore III Memorial Trophy", "The James C. Jacobson Memorial Trophy", and "The Foster Tallman Memorial Trophy". In addition, Larchmont Yacht Club donated two trophies including one belonging to the late Thomas Carroll, a member of Larchmont Yacht Club. The "Paul Hoffmann Trophy", named for the long-time Storm Trysail member famed for his success on a series of yachts named "Thunderhead", presented by his son Binky Hoffmann, is given to the team that had the best overall performance. The "Ed du Moulin Trophy", named for the man who was involved in the management of more America's Cup campaigns than anyone in the Cup's history, presented by his son, Storm Trysail Club Past Commodore Richard du Moulin, to the boat owner of the overall regatta winner. The invitational regatta is held annually out of Larchmont Yacht Club, who is a co-organizer of the event in addition to the Storm Trysail Foundation.

About the Storm Trysail Foundation:

The Storm Trysail Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization dedicated to support the education of young sailors, junior and adult safety at sea, and intercollegiate big boat racing.

The Storm Trysail Foundation educates young people as they bridge the gap between

learning to sail and becoming accomplished blue water sailors, through a national program of events including approximately 10 Junior Safety at Sea seminars a year in New England, the Mid-Atlantic, California and Michigan. In addition, Adult Safety At Sea and Hands-on Adult Safety at Sea seminars are also regularly organized. For more information on these invaluable and life-saving events, contact: Lisa Schinella at or call her 646-996-3498.

About Larchmont Yacht Club:

The Larchmont YC was founded in 1880. Its mission is to instill and enhance the interest in yachting and the spirit of sportsmanship in members and their families; and to encourage and provide programs for members and their families to promote and support yacht racing in the Corinthian spirit. It has an active fleet in handicap racing, and one-design racing in a variety of keel-boats and dinghies.

About the Storm Trysail Club:

The Storm Trysail Club, reflecting in its name the sail to which sailors must shorten when facing severe adverse conditions, is one of the world's most respected sailing clubs, with its membership comprised strictly of skilled blue water and ocean racing sailors. The club is involved in organizing or co-organizing various prestigious offshore racing events including the annual Block Island Race, the biennial Block Island Race Week, The Ft. Lauderdale to Key West Race, the Pineapple Cup Montego Bay Race, The Down-the-Bay Race in the Chesapeake, The Mills Trophy Race in Lake Erie, and the upcoming Wirth Munroe Race (Dec. 1) from Miami to Palm

Beach, Florida. They are also one of the four organizing clubs of the 2019 Transatlantic Race. For more information about the club, visit www.stormtrysail.org.

About The Corinthians

The Corinthians is a non-commercial membership association of over five hundred amateur yachtsmen and women (beginners and experts). Its primary objectives are to promote sailing, to encourage good fellowship among yachtsmen afloat and ashore, and to introduce non-boat-owning amateur sailors and boat-owners needing crew.

Long Island Sound

Fall Rendezvous at Linda and Andrew Weiss'



Commodore Lenny Sitar presents Intercollegiate Offshore Regatta Chair, Barry Gold, with the James D. Bishop Trophy for outstanding service to the regatta. Past Commodore Butch Ulmer, whose family donated the trophy, looks on.





Chesapeake Bay Station

**2017 Fall Regatta - Farr 30 International
Championship & ORC Chesapeake
Championship**



Farr 30 one designs reviving on the Chesapeake? Despite some new designs in production, Farr 30 owners believe that there is no better one design boat in the 30' size range than the Farr 30. The Farr 30 owners on the Chesapeake have teamed with the Storm Trysail Club Chesapeake Bay Station to run an International Championship event for them at the STC Fall Regatta Oct 19-22, 2017.



Austin and Gwen Fragomen's *Interlodge IV*, a Botin 44, will be competing in her first ORC regatta in Annapolis next weekend.

STC Chesapeake is also offering two ORC Classes racing for the ORC Chesapeake Championship at the same event. ORC seems to be gaining traction on the Chesapeake as it offers a reasonably priced international rating which is attractive to PHRF owners.

Southern Station

SORC "*Islands In The Stream*" Series

Reviving A Winter Tradition

The Storm Triesail Club is actively supporting the efforts of the SORC in promoting offshore sailing in South Florida along with Biscayne Bay Yacht Club, Coral Reef Yacht Club, Lauderdale Yacht Club and Sailfish Club of Palm Beach.

Many STC members remember fondly the halcyon days of ocean racing in the old SORC. The STC Southern Station invites you to relive the days of your youth!

The first race in the SORC Islands in The Stream Series is the Nassau Cup, November 9, 2017, a tradition dating back to 1934.

Along with the Sailfish Club of Florida and the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club, STC is a member of the Organizing Authority for the annual Wirth Munroe Race, December 1,



2017, from Miami to Palm Beach. The Sailfish Club of Florida has made a special effort this year to assist skippers with dockage in Miami and, of course, the Sailfish Club is preparing its customary Rum Punch and extraordinary seafood buffet for the finish.

STC is also a member of the Organizing Authority of the Ft. Lauderdale to Key West Race, January 10, 2018, along with the Ft. Lauderdale Yacht Club. This annual classic down the Florida Keys presents unique challenges to navigators and crews. As Key West recovers from Hurricane Irma, we can expect an extra-special welcome in the Conch Republic.

The newly revived Miami to Cuba Race, February 14, 2018, the final and deciding event of the series, provides a most appropriate and fitting venue for the overall awards ceremony. The word is that in spite of Hurricane Irma, plans are well underway for a great race in 2018.

The Storm Triesail Club would like to commend the SORC and its Chair, Carol Ewing, for all they are doing to promote offshore sailing in South Florida. Such developments as the inclusion of the East Coast Racer/Cruisers Association (ECRCA) are helping to build the fleet once again into an avid group of boats and skippers.

Bill Moriarty,
STC Southern Station Fleet Captain

Junior Safety at Sea

Chicago Yacht Club Hosts The First Area Jr SAS

The initial Jr SAS in Chicago went very well!

We had **Jesse Fielding** help run it with Storm Trysail Club member and Chicago Yacht Club on the water director, **Jay Kehoe**, and **Matt Gallagher**, Moderator and Chairman. STC (and CYC) member **Bryon Ehrhart** spoke to the sailors during lunch, with sea tales of *Lucky's* many offshore races.

We hit our target of sailors with 11. All the attendees had a great time on and off the water and learned a lot. We had two great volunteer boats, a J/105 and a Tartan 3700 for the on the water sailing practice. During the day, the sailors launched flares, extinguished fires (under the supervision of a local sailor who is also a fire chief) and tested inflatable PFDs. Many thanks to the Chicago Yacht Club Foundation for funding the lunches and other expendable supplies, so the day was at no cost to the kids.

Based on this, our initial try, we're planning on running a larger one in the late spring/early summer 2018.

Matt Galagher, Chairman