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Hands-on Safety at Sea Seminar

Training for offshore events this summer: TransAtlantic, Annapolis-Newport, Marblehead-Halifax and more.

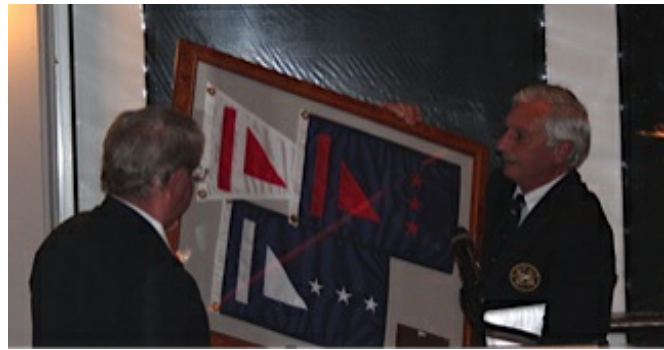
Commodore's Column

Welcome to the February 2015 Storm Trysail Club eNewsletter. With the Club's new back office "powered by MemberClicks", I anticipate that we will publish a regular eNewsletter.

Let me take this opportunity to thank retiring Commodore Langone, Treasurer Rick Lyall and Governor Jim Miller for their service to the club.

The club is stronger for their leadership.

Moderated by Rich duMoulin. SUNY Maritime, Saturday April 18, 2015. [Register now!](#) To volunteer, contact Butch Ulmer (718) 885-1700 or butch@uksailmakers.com



Block Island Race

Fleet Captain and PRO Ray Redniss has posted the NOR for the 70th Storm Trysail Club [Block Island Race](#) starting May 22, 2015. Entries now accepted.

Block Island Race Week

Vice Commodore and event Chairman Peter Rugg reminds all members that the early registration discount for Storm Trysail Club [Block Island Race Week XXVI](#) ends February 28, 2015. Enter now! Don't miss the \$2.00/foot discount!

Save the date!

Block Island Race Week Members Party at The Cove Restaurant - Wednesday, June 24, 2015.

East Coast Ocean Series

If your boat is in Florida and you are planning on

Commodore Reichart presenting Commodore Langone with his Flags.

Here's an overview of the Flag Officers and Governors elected at the Annual Meeting. Peter Rugg moves up to Vice Commodore. Peter is also serving as Chair of Block Island Race Week. Lenny Sitar moves from Governor to Rear Commodore. John Browning returns for what seems like his 100th year as Club Secretary, but it's only been since Frank Snyder was Commodore. That makes it his 35th year as Secretary! Jamie Anderson comes in as Treasurer. Ray Redniss continues as Fleet Captain.

New Governors are Casey Nickerson and Kevin McNeil while Steve Benjamin, Ed Cesare, AJ Evans, Jan Smeets, Ben Hall and Wally Miller all return. This team, along with Past Commodore Langone and Storm Trysail Foundation Chairman John Fisher, form a strong Governing Committee which is assisted by the Station Fleet Captains.

In the last few months several changes have been made at the Fleet Captain level; Scotty Murray has relieved Dan Faria in Newport, Carl DeHart fills the vacant Southern Station position and Clarke Smith has been named the first Fleet Captain of the new Marblehead Station. Welcome!

While I'm at it I want to thank outgoing Entertainment Chair AJ Evans and Chesapeake Bay Fleet Captain Jeff Goldring for their outstanding work in planning and

Block Island Race Week XXVI, Annapolis to Newport Race or Charleston Race Week use the races of the new [East Coast Ocean Series](#) co-sponsored by the club. Click on the link above to register or contact Nick Langone for more details.

TransAtlantic Race

Storm Trysail Club is a co-sponsor of this summer's race from Newport to The Lizard and on to Cowes. More information at [TR2105](#)

executing the 2015 Annual Meeting at Annapolis YC and the US Naval Academy.

And finally, I am honored to have been elected Commodore. I hope to serve to honor the memories of my Storm Trysail Club mentors; my father, Howie Reichart, Palmer Langdon, Jack Sutphen and Ed du Moulin. I intend, with your help and support, to continue the traditions of the Club and to move the Club forward in a positive and constructive way.

Lee Reichart

Commodore

Corinthian Membership

At the annual meeting the membership approved a by-laws change to institute a new membership classification to be known as a Corinthian member. Membership Chairman Butch Ulmer writes that sailors who are committed to offshore sailing as shown by having completed an offshore passage that satisfies the Membership Committee as to the candidate's serious interest in offshore sailing may be invited to become a Corinthian member. A Corinthian member cannot vote nor hold committee chairmanships or club officer positions, but otherwise can fully participate in all club activities.

Chairman Ulmer expects that this new class of member will allow the club to bring in new members who have shown an active interest in supporting club activities but have yet to meet the full membership requirements.

Please respond positively when you receive a call from Butch or one of the Membership Committee members to propose a friend who now qualifies for the club under this new membership category.

Membership Committee

Charles "Butch" Ulmer, Chairman

James Praley

Charles Goodrich

Stew Wiley

James Noyes

Mark Wood

Kelly Robinson

Johanna Moffitt

[A link to By-Laws...](#)

Annual Awards

Monte-Sano Award

Awarded to the Storm Trysail Club member with the most outstanding racing record bringing recognition and honor to the Club.

Steve Benjamin



Commodore Reichart presented the Monte-Sano

Award to Dobbs Davis in Steve's absence.

Owen C. Torrey Memorial Trophy

Awarded annually to the person, who, in the opinion of the Flag Officers and Board of Governors, has rendered "Outstanding Service" to the Storm Trysail Club.

Tinker Myles

Boomerang Trophy

Awarded to the Storm Trysail Club member who as captain has the best elapsed time in the St. David's Lighthouse Division of the Newport-Bermuda Race.

Llwyd Ecclestone



Commodore Fisher presented the Boomerang Trophy to Karl Von Schwarz in Llwyd's absence.

Mertz Trophy

The trophy is awarded for the best performance by a Storm Trysail Club member in the Newport-Bermuda Race.

Peter Rebovich

Leggie
Torrey



presented the Mertz Trophy to Peter Rebovich.

Monte-Sano Cooler Joke Kit

Awarded to the STC member who in the judgement of the Entertainment Chairman delivers the best performance at the Annual Meeting.

Nick & Penny Langone

Annual Meeting Legal Report

January 10, 2015

To: John D. Browning, Secretary

From: Robert E. Mitchell, Legal Committee

I'm sorry I can't be with you tonight but I am working overtime to complete our Black Sea Station on the Crimea Peninsula. The Russians and Ukrainians can not agree on what Flag to fly over the Station so for the time being, it will be the Storm Trysail Club Burgee. Unfortunately, this dispute will force us to cancel our plans to hold the 2016 Annual Meeting in Sevastapol.

I am pleased to report that the Seventeenth Annual Rikers Island Race Week will be held again this Spring on beautiful Flushing Bay. Our principal event this year will be the Timex Cup which will be awarded to the best performing Skipper in the series. The Race Committee wishes to thank Timex for the fine watch which will now be used to time the races in place of the traditional sundial which has been used for many years.

The opening ceremony will start off with the National Anthem sung as a duet by Elizabeth Warren and Rush Limbaugh accompanied by the nationally acclaimed Rikers Island Music Chorale, "The Insider Traders". This will be followed by a benediction by Fleet Chaplain, Al Sharpton. Chaplain Sharpton has promised that he will permit no protest marches objecting to Protest Committee Brutality providing the Protest Committee abstains from its use of torture.

Our Lay Day will be exciting this year. Bill Cosby will be available to entertain wives and older female children who are not otherwise participating in the various events. In order to comply with New York Mayor DeBlasio's Executive Order that the "Culture" at Rikers Island must improve, all Storm Trysail Club events will be Black Tie this year. Prescriptions for medical marijuana will be for sale at the Fleet Surgeon's booth at a modest price and a representative of Timex will be on hand to explain the proper procedure to wind a watch.

We have resolved our dispute with the International Union of Bilge Pumpers, Sheet Shifters and Winch Grinders over the minimum wage. Each crew member will now receive two shots of Mount Gay rather than one at the end of each race.

In order to save time and effort, we have proposed the following procedure for the next America's Cup competition. The Challenger will be selected by a vote of the residents of Rikers Island. Then a large SeeSaw

with a basket on each end will be mounted in the courtyard at Rikers Island and the Challenger and Defender will each put money in their respective baskets until the SeeSaw finally tilts to the winner who will receive the Cup.

The single handed race to Devils Island has been canceled due to lack of interest, but we will have an entry in the Transatlantic race this June from Newport to the Lizard. We will be using a 200 foot Drone which will be operated from the bar at the New York Yacht Club in Newport We need a volunteer to inform New York of this proposed arrangement.

I am pleased to report that none of our members are presently serving time in maximum security prisons.

REMEMBER ---WHEN IN TROUBLE CALL 1 800 STC LAWS or VISIT OUR WEB SITE AT www.stcshark.com

Call for Seamanship Articles

Wanted

Naval Academy Sailing is looking for a few good articles on seamanship for our *Helmsman* publication.

Helmsman is a collection of narratives written by sailors of first-hand accounts of close calls, offshore mishaps, and lessons learned.

If you have a story to share about such an experience which could prevent a similar mishap, we would like to publish it for the benefit of other sailors.

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