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Thirsty Thursdays

Every Third Thursday of the
Month - Through May

The Boatyard Bar & Grill

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Annapolis, MD 21403

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An Evening With Gary Jobson

American YC

Rye, NY

March 2, 2017

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Storm Trysail Foundation

Annual Benefit Dinner

American Yacht Club

Rye, NY

March 18, 2017

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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



The first month of being Commodore just flew by. I would like to thank all the Members who have wished me good luck as the new Commodore. I attended Quantum Key West Race Week with my wife, Claudia. I was also fortunate to be offered a ride on *Kenai*, a J/44 from Texas, as the Port Watch Captain for the Fort Lauderdale to Key West Race. In addition, the owner Chris Lewis as had H.L. DeVore as the Navigator. It was a great short distance race, average speed for *Kenai* was 10.5 knots, with the full moon adding a special flavor to the event. *Kenai* won line honors and corrected to first in the new ORC Class. Prior to the race I had the opportunity to meet with the Commodore and the Race Committee from the Fort Lauderdale YC, our partners in this event. I must also thank Rear Commodore Ed Cesare for the fine job he has done with renewing our relationship with our southern counterparts. Ed has re-established the club's presence down south. We now have an active relationship with the Sailfish Club as we ran our first Worth Monroe Race; he has also increased our visibility for the Fort Lauderdale to Key West Race. And he has also gotten the Pineapple Cup off to a great start. I know with this enhanced relationship down south we will be looking for more events in the future, one will be the race to Cuba and

Block Island Race

Stamford Yacht Club

Start - May 26, 2017

Awards Party - May 28, 2017

Contact: Whitney Kneisley

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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

AJ Evans, Chair

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hope fully some other events, which will make it more worthwhile for our northern members to head south during the winter.

The Quantum Key West Race Week was outstanding. The weather was just what the Club needed after the windy and cold temperatures of 2016. I would have liked to have seen larger fleet, but just under 100 boats was still great, especially with the TP52 Super Series in attendance and a large J/70 fleet. I had the opportunity to meet with almost all our member volunteers. I must say that the new venue for our event, Harborside Brewery, is an idea spot for our event. The Brewery is two stories, the lower area was where we held our daily weather briefing, thanks to Quantum Sails for all the pros giving some outstanding weather forecasting - and, even better, the weather gods cooperated this year. The lower level worked as well for the after racing debrief and the daily award presentations. Upstairs the view was great, overlooking the harbor with a great bar, nice seating area and lots of space for socializing.

I would like to thank all the members who volunteered their time to help the club make Race Week a success. I wish I could thank everyone personally, however space just will not allow it. I would like to thank Past Commodore John Fisher, the Event Chairman and his team, Bill Canfield and his team for all the shore side work, Past Commodore Dick Neville as the PRO and his team of Race Committee Boat Captains and their member volunteers. Each day I heard only positive comments from the participants. Even after the event for two weeks I have read great comments from participants on Scuttlebutt. As we all know that these events do not happen without the help and support of all

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.

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

Many Thanks To Our Generous Quantum Key West Race Week Sponsors

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our sponsors, especially the top level sponsors, Quantum Sails, Florida Keys Development Council, Lewmar Hardware, B&G Electronics, Gill Gear, Marlow Rope, and Mt. Gay Rum. The full list can be found in the [column](#) to the left.

During February I will be looking to start with establishing the new committees that I outlined in my acceptance speech at the Annual Meeting, published in the January Newsletter which can be found in the Newsletter Archives in the Members Only section of stormtrysail.org. I will also be seeking the help of our current committee Chairmen with the establishment of a Vice Chairman for all our standing committees. In addition, I will be looking to our Board Members to establish a relationship with a Committee of their choice, so that they will be able to help, if help is needed, and report back to the Board at every meeting the current status of these committees and the events that these Committees participate in.

Again, thanks for making me the Commodore of our Club.

Lenny

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Block Island Race Week

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Quantum Key West Race Week

John Fisher, Chairman: "Thanks!"

Key West, FL - To the collective group that made **Quantum Key West Race Week 2017** such a great success - thank you! By all accounts we hit it out of the park on all facets of the regatta: the sponsors are ecstatic, the competitors have been extremely complimentary, the media was duly impressed, the scenery and back drop was vintage Key West.

Mother Nature was on her best behavior and everyone benefited.

Our new race headquarters and event venue at the Waterfront Brewery was not only well received, it also represents a vast



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improvement in streamlining our shore side organizational efforts. On top of being one great place to conduct our social and educational offerings.

Our sponsors and competitors deserve tremendous amounts of thanks for their continued support. However, collectively and individually, please know none of this would happen if it wasn't for all of the volunteer efforts.

To those that gave selflessly, be very proud of what we accomplish when we get together and invest our volunteer capital to give back to, and in support of, the sport we so love.

John Fisher, Chairman, Quantum Key West Race Week

Southern Station - On The Water

Key West, FL - The 2017 STC Key West Race Week turned out to be an incredible sailing experience. The week was blessed with a great new venue, the Waterfront Brewery, spectacular weather, tight competition, with daily lead changes, and support from our sponsors.

Most of our STC Southern Station members were part of the Division 2 Race Circle, inclusive of the C&C 30s and the J-70s. The expectations were high, calling for 12 races over the 5 day schedule. Days 1 and 2 were a challenge with strong winds and big seas. Lots of fun for the RC boats working their way to the start. Nothing like your Mako 23 being launched completely out of the water on several occasions! The sea state was really rough with very lumpy seas with a short wave



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duration. In spite of the rough conditions, the RC, headed by PRO David Brennan, got 6 races in over those 2 days.

Day 3 saw a somewhat moderation of the wind, with a still sloppy sea, off of beautiful Key West. The RC got another 3 races in, giving the racers 9 races in 3 days. Day 4 began with a 2 hour postponement to see if the wind would fill in. The patience of the Race Officer and his team were rewarded with 2 full races beginning at 2 PM in quite favorable sailing conditions.

The RC now had 11 races in. Day 5 called for the 12th and final race. The wind was barely adequate to avoid a postpone on shore. PRO Brennan sent *Alligator Boots* out to the course for the real time actual conditions and the "go" was given for the fleet to leave the dock.

The last race was started on time with barely sailable conditions of 5-8 knots out of the South. The full slate of 12 races was completed, much to the delight of the boat owners and crew.

The Southern Station was most honored to be a big part of QKWRW 2017. Under the leadership of Race Chairman, John Fisher and On-The-Water Chairman, Dick Neville, Quantum Key West Race Week 2017 was indeed a perfect sailor's dream. They are to be commended for their tireless efforts, as is Bill Canfield, on site since October, to insure the regatta's success. In addition, Tom and Kathy Buckard, now local Conchs, and newcomer Maggie Shea, were efficient and delightful. Dianne Quart, our beloved Equipment Guru for many years, was the best once again. Bruce Harper, STC Southern Station member and Biscayne Bay Yacht Club



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Race Committee Chairman, was an active participant on the "Pin Boat" for Division 2 , the *Two Dogs*, trailered to Key West by long time BBYC Race Committee member, Rick Bertold.

Special thanks to John Lowe, Darren Stortz and Jason Martz for going down a week early to help set up the new venue. A big thank you to Kendra Brennan for finding housing for all in a most difficult town. My wife, Donna, was our shoreside girl, having semi-retired from her role on the Gate Boat with me for over 15 Key West RaceWeeks. Let us not forget about the constant presence and great work of Nick Langone, a true STC Ambassador who loves our sport and what we do.

Dave Brennan received the STC "Contributions to the Sport of Sailing Award" at the final awards ceremony. In addition to his role as PRO, Dave not only trailered one, but two boats to KW and back to make things possible.



The STC Southern Station stands strong and looks forward to helping out in any and every venue STC chooses. In the words of Paladin (Have Gun Will Travel): "Have Venue Will Travel".

Bill Moriarty, Fleet Captain, Southern Station

Program Profile - Chris Sheehan

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Part Two of Chris Sheehan's story of Warrior Won

Warrior Won's Two-Year Campaign To Win The 2016 Newport-Bermuda Race And NORT

The Day of the Start

The weather jitters that had been building since the Skippers' meeting the day before were now peaking.



Some boats had withdrawn overnight and rumors of more withdrawing were rippling through Newport. We met our professional weather consultants and their assessment was we'd "enjoy" 45-50 knots near the Gulf Stream. But before that the high pressure system over New England would dictate light winds for the first 24 hours. They recommended we get south as fast as possible to escape the high and then sail west of rhumb to catch the southerly flow of the cold ring south of the Gulf Stream.

I think race meteorologists will - properly - always err on the side of caution given previous offshore racing disasters. We believed the forecasts, but H.L. taught me "All forecasts are wrong. It's just a question of how wrong." We always planned to start but we thought about it and decided we needed an additional experienced driver. So, At the 11th hour, we waived in H.L.'s lifelong friend and fellow STC member Carter Holliday.

As we castoff our dock lines, I had a feeling that two years of boat preparation and crew work were about to pay off. We had the technology to keep tabs on the storm's progress, we had an experienced crew, and so I was confident we could avoid trouble or deal with it. Safety was my first priority, but the more optimistic view of the forecast sounded like the making of an epic blue water adventure.

The Race



After the start we headed south. The breeze became light as the sun set. We were under spinnaker and getting lifted to where the weather pros wanted us to go. But 16 hours into the race H.L. made the call to gybe away despite leading our class. The breeze was light ahead and he didn't want to sail the

distance to get to the west side of the cold ring. It was too far and if we could get east and around the northerly flow of the ring we'd benefit. We gybed and crossed sterns. After 13 miles we found fresher breeze and gybed back. We had a comfortable crossing of the stream and pretty much pointed it at the "rock". H.L. finally got some sleep.

In 2014 H.L. gave me some distance racing advice "It's simple", he'd say "Always have the right sails up. Always go the right way". We went the right way. It was hours before we revealed to the crew our good fortune. We wanted to keep pushing. The next 450 miles were a dream come true: broad reaching at speeds of up to 18-19 knots in 6' - 8' seas, with dolphin and whales under blue skies, reeling in the few boats ahead of us one by one.

Near the finish, the breeze was light again. We worked hard and gybed on every lift. We crossed the line 90 minutes after *High Noon*. We were ecstatic just to arrive not to mention win our class handily. We were hopeful to take the St David's Lighthouse Trophy but had to wait more than a day as the rest of the fleet came in on a freshening breeze. We were pleased to correct 2 hours in front of *High Noon* but will forever consider the performance of *High Noon's* American Yacht Club juniors to be remarkable and the greatest story of the 2016 Newport Bermuda Race. Though we did have aboard our own junior, my son, Joost-Olan Sheehan. Joost proudly wears his Stephens Brother's society pin to this day.



Crew photo as we sat in quarantine at dock in Bermuda (left to right):

Ryan Zupon, H.L. DeVore, Andres de Lasa, Peter Carpenter, Chris Simon, Chris Sheehan, Paul van Dyke, Joost-Olan Sheehan, Carter Holliday, Doug Lynn

Also in crew but taking the photo, Roland Schulz.

The Rest Of The Season

We'd accomplished so much but our 2016 goal was to win the Northern Ocean Racing Trophy. Despite our 1st overall in the Bermuda Race and 4th overall in the Block Island Race, we were sitting in 3rd place behind the impressive *High Noon* and *Valkyrie*. It was intense and the closest it has ever been down to the wire.

Finishing 8th overall in IRC in the Vineyard Race we were pleased to cap off our dream season and win the Northern Ocean Racing Trophy.

I'm forever grateful to the crew, my family, and the many contributors who helped our team to complete this storybook season of sailing on *Warrior Won*.

Article written by Chris Sheehan, owner and

New Members

Carina Becker, Junior - Carina grew up sailing out of American Yacht Club and competing in the JSA of LIS circuit in Optis, 420s and Lasers. In 2013, Carina began racing with the Young American Jr. Big Boat Team sailing the J/105, *Young American*. This was an amazing resource for inshore sailing and allowed her to



compete in local races and in two J/105 North American Championships, one as the bowman in San Francisco with Paul Beaudin and one as the helmsman in Larchmont NY with an all-junior team. Her first distance race was the 2013 Vineyard Race in which the junior team placed first overall (IRC) sailing the J/122 *Patriot*. This race opened her eyes to big boat sailing and since then she has completed four Vineyard, two Block Island, two Around Long Island, and two Beach-Point Overnight Races. She has also sailed two Bermuda return deliveries and one Newport Bermuda Race, putting her at 3,800 nautical miles sailed. In the 2016 Newport-Bermuda race, Carina sailed *High Noon* finishing with Line Honors, first in Class and third overall for the St. David's Lighthouse Trophy. This summer Carina will be coaching junior sailing at Larchmont Yacht Club and will be on the Boston University Sailing Team as she starts college this coming fall.

Richard O'Leary, Junior - Richard started sailing as a toddler out of Bass River in Cape Cod, learning the ropes in Beetle Cats and Wianno Seniors. At age 8 he started sailing Optimist Dinghies at the American Yacht Club in Rye, New York. The AYC junior sailing program is run by Sailing Director Kevin Broome. After three seasons of



Optis Richard moved on to Pixels for a summer, eventually making his way to Lasers. Richard started sailing J/105s with the American Yacht Club Junior Big Boat Team, following the lead of parent and mentor Peter Becker. The JAYC Big Boat team has given Richard the opportunity to race in many events including the Block Island, Vineyard, and Newport-Bermuda Races. Richard lives in Croton Falls, NY and is currently a senior at North Salem High School. He intends to sail in college.

An Evening With Gary Jobson



An Evening with Gary Jobson March 2, 2017

American Yacht Club, Rye, New York

7pm Dinner

8pm Presentation

\$38 per person

\$19 for children under 16

World-class sailor and commentator Gary Jobson has participated in all types of sailing events including the America's Cup and is the President of the National Sailing Hall of Fame. Don't miss this opportunity – Gary's an excellent storyteller!

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- Review of Rio Olympics
- Magic & Mystery of Sable Island Film
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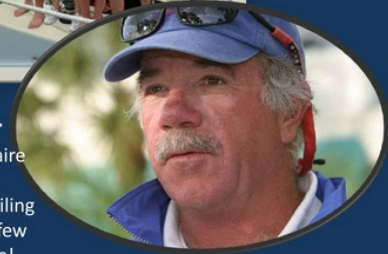


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Saturday, March 18, 2017

Cocktails 6:30 PM Dinner 7:30 PM

American Yacht Club, 400 Stuyvesant Avenue, Rye, NY

Master of Ceremonies, Gary Jobson

Please Register by March 13, 2017

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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](#).

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