

# March 2017 Storm Trysail Club Newsletter

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### Upcoming Events

### Volunteers Needed

#### Storm Trysail Foundation

#### *Annual Benefit Dinner*

Cocktails 6:30 PM Dinner 7:30 PM

American Yacht Club, 499  
Stuyvesant Avenue, Rye, NY

## Registration

Lisa Schinella (914) 813-0233

### **Marblehead Station**

#### ***Open House***

#### ***& Station Meeting***

*6 PM Weds. March 15, 2017*

Beer, Sodas and Light Snacks

3rd Floor, 89 Front St.

Marblehead, MA

Clarke Smith (781) 462-7040

### **Chesapeake Bay Station**

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

Every Third Thursday of the  
Month - Through May

The Boatyard Bar & Grill

Severn Ave. & Fourth St.  
Annapolis, MD 21403

Contact: Jeff Goldring, Fleet Capt.

Mobile (410) 703-7554

### **Maine Station**

#### ***Station Meeting***

*Maine Boat Builders Show  
Saturday, March 25*

*"at cocktail time"*



#### **The theme this month is volunteerism.**

Your Club operates on members' volunteering their time, talents and, often, their boats. Believe me our one full time paid hand, Executive Director, Whitney Kneisley, as brilliant and hard working as she is cannot possibly do it all! We need you! Please see my call below and Butch Ulmer's in the next section and AJ Evans for Block Island Race Week and consider what you can do.

Volunteering will help in the Club's outreach and service to the sailing community, expand the Club for your fellow members and will enrich your Storm Trysail Club experience,

We are forming several new committees and we are always looking for volunteers for any of the Club's work - parties, races, training, anything and everything!

#### **New Committees Forming**

Bob Scott (207) 249-8519

***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

Contact: Whitney Kneisley

(914) 834-8857

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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

Contact: Whitney Kneisley

(914) 834-8857

1. **Cruising Committee:** While many Members no longer race it was my thought that we can still promote Club participation on a more social level, maybe a weekend cruise or a one-day raft up.
2. **Long Range Planning Committee:** We all want to know where we are going and what are our goals. This committee would look at where we have been and how can we enhance our Club for the future. This committee should include Senior, Regular and New Members.
3. **Insurance Committee:** Currently, this is a one-person committee; I would like to expand it to insure that our Club is fully protected in this litigious age.
4. **Governance Committee:** This committee would be charged with reviewing the Club's Constitution and By-Laws. It would be used as a sounding board for some Constitutional questions, which arise from time to time. Again, here is a committee that would consist of both Seasoned and New Members.
5. **Young Members Committee:** This committee is not only for young at age Members but also all of our Young at Heart Members. Again this Committee would promote our basic reasons for being a Club, to enhance our Member experience.
6. **Events Committee:** This Committee would be established as an amalgamation of the Entertainment, Race and Young Members Committees. I would like to see the Club expand our social side of our Club. We could offer more events to our Membership.

## **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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**Don't be shy**, contact me at my office (732) 541-8294 or email

**Lenny Sitar**, Commodore

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### **Thank-you Note From Niels Jeppesen**



Niels Jeppesen, the designer of *Warrior Won* and therefore the honoree of the 2016 William Snaith Memorial Trophy.

The Snaith is presented to the designer of the winning yacht in the St. David's Lighthouse Division of the Newport Bermuda Race.

Niels sent a note and a picture of him with his keeper trophy. He wrote, "I am thrilled to have been honored by the Storm Trysail Club with the William Snaith Memorial Trophy for designing the winning yacht in the 2016 Newport Bermuda Race.

My thanks to Chris Sheehan and his crew for their fabulous efforts in the race, congratulations to each of them!"

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

### **Call For Volunteers**

March 1, 2017. FT. SCHUYLER, BRONX, NY - Safety at Sea Chairman Butch Ulmer today issued a call for volunteers for the upcoming Storm Trysail Hands-on Safety-at-Sea Seminar, May 20, 2017 at SUNY Maritime College, Ft. Schuyler, Bronx, NY.

This year's seminar builds on previous Storm Trysail Seminars with a new Level 200 program for those who are currently certified either at the US Sailing or World Sailing level. The 200 level course will be taught by Storm Trysail Club volunteers in addition to the Level 100 course.

### **Course Description:**

**Level 100** At the 2017 seminar, over 250 attendees will participate in four 90-minute Hands-On "blocks" bracketed by opening and closing sessions. The four blocks include: on-the-water Man Overboard practice held on 11 40-50 foot ocean racing yachts loaned by STC members; Survival Training in the swimming pool using inflatable PFDs and life rafts; Firefighting and Flares, where fires are extinguished and hand held flares and parachute flares are fired by each person; Damage Control with rig cutting, hull patching, steering gear repair, use of pumps, and actual plugging holes in a mockup of a sinking yacht. Highly qualified instructors and coaches are involved throughout. Previous years' participants have asked for additional safety-at-sea training and, in response to that input, Storm Trysail had has created an advanced program for returning participants.

Seminar Moderator Richard du Moulin noted that, "The new **Level 200** program will be open to sailors who have attended a Hands-On Safety-at-Sea Seminar (now called Level 100) within the past five years, or who have full World Sailing certification or equivalent. Level 200 participants will spend a half day on the water and half ashore." This extended time on the water will enable sailors to practice multiple man overboard recovery techniques (with a real survival swimmer), reef and unreef, set a storm jib and storm trysail, perform damage control drills (fire, flooding, broken mast), and inflate a raft and actually abandon ship. Classroom sessions will include an interactive round table discussion with scenario planning, Medicine at Sea, Emergency Communication, and Evacuation with experts including the U.S. Coast Guard. The Level 200 program will be run concurrently at SUNY and is limited to 48 sailors.

Chairman Ulmer underlined the need for more Club volunteers and a few additional appropriate boats. **To volunteer, contact Butch at (914) 584-0584 or**

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## **Block Island Race Week**

**Enter Now - Have Fun - Volunteer - Support Your Club**



**STORM TRYSAIL CLUB'S  
BLOCK ISLAND RACE WEEK**

**JUNE 18 - 23, 2017**

*The Championships Regatta*  
High-level competition, full week of racing, casual atmosphere – serious fun!  
Entries invited in IRC, PHRF, One-Design, Performance Cruising, Double-Handed, Multihull, and Classics classes.

*Announcing Special Championships:*  
North American Championships for IRC – 1/44 – 1/109 and C&C 30  
East Coast Championships – PHRF and 1/88  
New England Championship – 1/105

Navigator-style courses in Performance Cruising, Double-Handed, Classics and Multihull classes.  
Notice of Race and Entry: [www.blockislandraceweek.com](http://www.blockislandraceweek.com)

For information and to enter:  
Telephone: Whitney Kneisley in Storm Trysail Office (914) 834-8857  
Email: [info@blockislandraceweek.com](mailto:info@blockislandraceweek.com)  
[www.blockislandraceweek.com](http://www.blockislandraceweek.com)



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## Storm Trysail Foundation Dinner

## Last Call For Reservations



The Board of Directors of the Storm Trysail Foundation  
Requests the Pleasure of your Company at our Annual Benefit Dinner



Honoring Peter Becker and the  
2016 Bermuda Race Junior Sailor Crew of  
*High Noon*, Recipients of the STF Seamanship Award



**Peter "Luigi" Reggio –**

Principal Race Officer Extraordinaire and  
long time STF member - Get Peter's take and  
comments on sailing at the  
highest level over the last few years - Only as  
"Luigi" can provide!



Saturday, March 18

American Yacht Club – 499 Stuyvesant Avenue, Rye, NY 10580

6:30 PM – 10:30 PM

Please Register by March 15, 2017

## Foundation Annual Benefit Dinner

### ***Triple Lindy Does The Sydney Hobart***

By: Joe Mele, Owner and Skipper of *Triple Lindy*

I purchased *Triple Lindy*, a 1999 Swan 44 MK II, in 2004 because I wanted a boat I could use for both shorthanded day sailing and fully crewed ocean racing. My sailing experience until then was almost entirely cruising and day sailing. I started doing Marion Bermuda Races and some last minute crew fill ins eventually become the core of an very competitive skilled offshore racing crew, composed of several Canadians, a Brit and few Americans. I bought a few spinnakers, changed over to the Newport Bermuda Race in 2010 and starting adding race weeks in the



Caribbean and up and down the East Coast. The geographic diversity of the crew makes this event type racing schedule more practical than weekly racing.

A couple of years ago I realized that my fiftyish year old crew weren't getting any younger and that we and the boat were ready to pursue a dream that was originally hatched while hiking out on the rail in the middle of the Gulf Stream.



***Triple Lindy's* pre-Rolux Sydney Hobart Race Crew Photograph**

**Back Row: L to R, Sean McDermott, Rob Trainor, Jay O'Brien, Rory Macdonald, Kent Paisley. Front Row: John Mackay, Rob Long, Patrick LaRoche, Joe Mele. Missing: Pete Ramsdale**

**Photo credit:** Rolux/Daniel Forster

We set out to do some of the great ocean races of the world, specifically; Newport Bermuda Race, Rolux Sydney Hobart Yacht Race, Rolux Fastnet Race and Rolux Middle Sea Race all in succession. Since this is obviously a big chunk of time that would take up most of the crew vacation time, as much as possible we'd try to include our families in the plan. I replaced most of the systems on

the boat; the standing rod rigging, running rigging and added a removable bow sprit to try and make the boat more competitive under the IRC rating system. I spent countless hours consulting with Butch Ulmer at UK sailmakers and built a new sail inventory tailored for these events.

Butch introduced me to the experienced local sailor Rich du Moulin who did the 2013 Rolex Sydney Hobart Race on Rives Potts' *Carina*. I enlisted the help of his college buddy, former Storm Trysail Commodore Lee Reichart who had assisted *Carina* in her world travels.



*Triple Lindy* got off to a rocky start when a mast fitting failed and a high tech halyard tore a 6 foot gash in the top section of the carbon fiber mast just southeast of the Gulf Stream during the 2016 Newport Bermuda Race. We retired from the race, made immediate plans to patch the mast in Bermuda for delivery back to the States on her bottom and ordered a new mast before reaching the RBYC a couple days later. Everything worked according to plan and the new mast was installed in West Palm Beach a week before the boat was loaded onto a Sevenstar container ship in mid-September for the trip to Australia.

Crew and families pitched in and helped find

affordable housing in Sydney and Hobart, caterers, restaurant reservations and baby sitters for our group of 36 family members.

Lee introduced me to David Kellett who runs Woolwich Dock Marina in Sydney. His son Brad unloaded the boat in New Castle Australia and delivered her to Woolwich Dock. Between them, they have completed close to 60 Sydney Hobart Races. David is a former commodore of the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia and Brad was the sailing master on *Perpetual Loyal*, the line honors winner of this year's race. The entire Kellett family adopted *Triple Lindy* and her crew. Brad's wife Tori emptied the boat so she could be reweighed with the new mast, and marshaled a number of marine contractors to get the boat sorted. By the time I arrived in Sydney two weeks before the race the safety inspection was completed and the boat was race ready.



After the bulk of the crew arrived a week later for a full week of practice in Sydney Harbour we were ready for the start on Boxing Day, December 26. In a 20 kt NE breeze we started simultaneously on 3 lines with 87 other boats. The harbor and shoreline were filled with thousands of cheering spectators. Sailing out of Sydney Harbour, through "the Heads", two breathtakingly beautiful cliffs which frame the entrance to the harbor, into unfamiliar waters notorious for rapidly changing, treacherous conditions was a bit daunting but incredibly exhilarating.

We didn't encounter the typical southerly buster, a cold front that sweeps up the Australian SE coast with gale force winds preceded by the most ominous sky filling roll cloud you'll ever see. The conditions were quite atypical, resembling a Transpac with fresh winds abaft of the beam. Seas in the Bass Strait were confused and moderate quite similar to the Gulf Stream. Our

maximum wind speed was 30 kts, averaging between 15-20 kts. We sailed *Triple Lindy* at or above her hull speed for most of the race which earned us a finish in the top half of the IRC fleet.

The Australians were incredibly friendly and somewhat eccentric. They loved that *Triple Lindy's* name is inspired by Rodney Dangerfield's fictional dive from the movie, Back to School. (See [The Dive](#).) As the only U.S. boat in the race this year we were showered with attention from the nightly TV news to articles in all the major Australian newspapers. When cab drivers or folks on the street noticed one of the Triple Lindy extended family wearing a crew t-shirt they invariably thanked us for making the trek down under and wished us well. The entire experience was the thrill of a lifetime and got our world tour back on track.

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## **St. Petersburg - Habana Race**

### **The View From *SEABEE***

By: CAPT Richard Kinard, USN (Ret.)

March 9, 2017, Punta Gorda, Fla. -Tired of the snow and cold up North? From 1929 through 1959 The St Petersburg Yacht Club held the 285 mile, ocean race from St Pete, on Tampa Bay, to Habana, Cuba. Last week saw the revival of that race, after 58 years, in 80-degree temperatures, with major parties on both ends.

Seventy five sailboats ranging from a Catalina 30 to a 73' Schooner tacked their way down Tampa Bay into the Gulf of Mexico. They then turned due South, sailed through the Florida Keys, dealt with strong loop currents in



the Florida Straights, to arrive in Havana

The Race started in fog and light breezes, causing some to anchor to avoid negative VMG's, before winds freshened. Offshore breezes kept the fleet moving south until the calm air hit for a day north of the Keys. True sailors then waited for the leading edge of a strong cold front, which overtook the fleet (remember the snow in New England last week?) leading to an exciting finish. Everyone made the party!

**CAPT Richard Dawes and Marie Kinard with SEABEE's trophy at the awards ceremony at the Hemingway Yacht Club, Havana, Cuba.**

Sloop *SEABEE*, a 1980 vintage O'Day 37 Center Cockpit, was skippered by Storm Trysail Club member CAPT Richard Kinard, USN (Ret), and guided by it's Ace Navigator, another Club member and former head of the Naval Academy Sailing Squadron (NASS), Larry Dawes. They headed Southwest from Tampa Bay to ride the Gulf Loop Current, west of the



Dry Tortugas, until the cold front arrived. As winds built from 4 knots to over 20, Sloop SEABEE took advantage of the east bound loop current, and SEABEE's best point of sail, to exceed her theoretical hull speed of 7 knots by 50%. Thanks C.R. Hunt (SEABEE's Naval Architect) for our semi-planning hull.

Onboard, in addition to CAPT Rich (Punta Gorda, FL) and Larry (Alexandria, VA) were Firstmate/Chef, Marie Kinard (Punta Gorda, FL); master Tactician, Richard Keltner (Renton, WA); master Helmsman, Duncan Harrod (Punta Gorda, FL); and chief engineer, Dave Arnold (Wilmington, DE).

SEABEE entered Cuban Territorial waters at 0733 on Friday, March 3rd, at flank speed, blasting past the finish line to secure a 1st Place finish in Cruising Class C.

SPYC plans to make this an annual race. (Especially suited for non-snow lovers.) See Race details at [SPYC.org](http://SPYC.org) - Habana Race.

Why not join us next year?

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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.



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### 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](#).

**<https://www.tedhoodregatta.com>**