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Start Friday, December 2, 2017

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Commodore's Column

As I look back over the last year I see a strong and vibrant organization which is well regarded for its incredible members, their exploits and their leadership in organized sailing in the United States.

Some of our accomplishments are -

New Station Fleet Captains - Buttons Padin, Long Island Sound; Sean McNeill, Newport; Bill Moriarty, Southern and Steve Taft,

Wirth Monroe Yacht Race

Start - Friday Dec. 2, 2017

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sailfishclub.com/munroe/details

Annual Meeting

Stamford Yacht Club

January 7, 2017

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Ft. Lauderdale - Key West Race

Start - January 11, 2017

Awards Party - Jan. 13, 2017

keywestrace.org

Quantum Key West Race Week

January 15-20, 2017

Contact: Bill Canfield

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keywestraceweek.com

Key West Race Week Members Party

January 17, 2017

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Pineapple Cup Miami-Montego

Northern California have dug into their jobs with excellent results.

Our first **Quantum Key West Race Week** was well received by all in attendance with the 2017 race week looking to be improve on it.

The success of Storm Trysail's Quantum Key West Race Week reinvigorated the **Southern Station** under the leadership of new Fleet Captain Bill Moriarty and with overall direction from Club Governor Ed Cesare has expanded the club's presence in the southern ocean racing scene with involvement in the Wirth Munroe Ocean Yacht Race, the Miami-Montego Bay Pineapple Cup and the Ft Lauderdale to Key West Race.

Storm Trysail Club members executed a tour de force performance in the **Newport Bermuda Race** in June.

The Ken Read skippered and Stan Honey navigated, **Comanche** smashed the course record. Chris Sheehan's **Warrior Won**, navigated by HL Devore, won on corrected time. The Young American Junior Big Boat Team, sailing **High Noon**, coached by Peter Becker, sailed a spectacular race finishing second boat for boat. The junior sailors all at least partially cut their teeth in big boats at Storm Trysail Junior Safety at Sea Seminars at Larchmont Yacht Club.

Under the leadership of Commodores Butch Ulmer and Rich du Moulin the Storm Trysail Foundation **Hands-on Safety at Sea Seminar** at SUNY Maritime College had a record number of attendees with many improvements to the curriculum including ex[anded video educational offerings. In 2017 the seminar will be held with a 200 level course for those who are certified.

Bay Race

Start - February 3, 2017

pineapplecup.com

Storm Trysail Hands-on-Safety at Sea

SUNY Maritime College, Ft Schuyler, Bronx, NY

May 20, 2017

Contact: Lisa Schinella

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

hamptonyc.com

Block Island Race Week

June 18-23, 2017

AJ Evans, Chair

Contact: Whitney Kneissley

The **Junior Safety at Sea** program led by Kelly Robinson continued to reach out to expand the opportunities for junior sailors on both coasts.

These efforts as well as the many club members participating at the US Sailing level expanded the club's stellar reputation in safety education around the country.

The new **Marblehead Station** under the leadership of Fleet Captain Clarke Smith, Jamie Noyes and Gregg Nourjian have jumped into the void to take on the Offshore New England Championship, renaming the event in memory of Ted Hood.

Club Governor Casey Nickerson took on the role of Captain of the **STC Grandmasters Team Racing** program. Casey organized the first Storm Trysail Club hosted Grand Masters team race regatta in cooperation with Winnepesaukee Yacht Club and Winnepesaukee Sailing Association last May. The event was a huge success, immediately causing the club's team to be invited to events hosted by New York YC, Southern YC, Seawanhaka Corinthian YC and others. The club is a founding member of the new Grandmasters Team Racing Circuit. Look for Casey to be reaching out for more recruits for the team.

The **success of Storm Trysail Club members** is legendary and too numerous to list here, but a shout out is in order to Club Governor Steve Benjamin for his Rolex Yachtsman of the Year award, Bora Gulari for representing the US in the NACRA 17 class at the Rio Olympics and Rich Wilson who, at 66 years of age, is the oldest competitor in the Vendée Globe single-handed, non-stop, around-the-world race.

To summarize, be proud of your club, reach out to any committee chair or your local fleet captain to get involved. Welcome new members and get them involved. The more you do the better the club will be and the better your club experience as an offshore sailor will be.

See you at the annual meeting at Stamford Yacht Club, Saturday, January 7, 2017

Lee Reichart
Commodore

Member Profile - Bora Guilari

STC Member Bora Gulari was profiled in a recent Scuttlebutt eNewsletter which you'll find of interest.

American Breaks Through to the Show

In the absence of an American America's Cup team making a determined commitment to American sailors, the next best opportunity to compete in a highly technical, highly competitive, highly professional playing field may be the TP52 class and its 52 Super Series.



And one American just broke through to the Show.

Quantum Racing, reigning and three-time winner of the 52 Super Series and five-time

TP52 World Champion, has signed American Bora Gulari for the 2017 52 Super Series season.

Gulari will join the team at the first event at Quantum Key West Race Week in which he will serve as strategist for owner-driver Doug Devos. However, Gulari is scheduled to take the helm in March with the Super Series Miami Royal Cup and will fill a very similar role as Ed Baird had over the past few years with Devos' involvement.

Gulari represented USA at the Rio 2016 Olympics in the Nacra 17 and has won two Moth World Championships. He's also the current Melges 24 US National Champion and is preparing for the Melges 24 Worlds later this month. Gulari was named 2009 Rolex US Yachtsman of the Year.

Gulari's experience on the TP52 goes back to 2009 and includes Steve and Heidi Benjamin's TP52 Spookie and the helmsman position for Phil and Sharon O'Neil's Natalie J, a Michigan-based 52. Gulari was also set to sail in the 35th America's Cup aboard the Italian boat Luna Rossa before they withdrew from the competition.

"The opportunity to be part of the best grand prix team around is awesome," shared Gulari. "I'm honored and excited to get on the boat. I can't wait to get on with it!" When asked about his small boat sailing, Gulari says that will continue as well. "I have some unfinished work in the Olympic catamaran, and the Moth sailing keeps the skills sharp."

The search for a new helmsman/strategist was launched with Ed Baird making the shift to work with Tony Langley's Gladiator for 2017.

"This choice may surprise people due to Bora's reputation in multihulls and foiling," says Quantum Racing manager Ed Reynolds, "but when you look at what's he's done on the 52s, you realize Bora is one of the most versatile and top performing sailors out there. We're very confident he'll be able to fit in this role, but everyone knows you don't replace a guy like Ed Baird."

Reprinted from Scuttlebutt Sailing Newsletter

New Members

Jim Allsop, Annapolis MD - James Allsopp grew up in Annapolis and began sailing at a very young age. His father, Jim Allsopp, involved James in all types of sailing both on the Chesapeake Bay and internationally. James sailed Optis, 420's, and Lasers and often with his father on their Farr30, *Moxie*. James attended the US Naval Academy where he sailed both on the intercollegiate dinghy team and the varsity offshore team during the summers. After the Navy James moved back to his hometown Annapolis and works as a salesman for North Sails, Chesapeake. He currently sails many different types of boats and owns a J/70 with his brother Cole. He lives in Eastport with his fiancée, Lizzie, and their dog Polo.

Peter Carpenter, New Rochelle, NY

Peter Dragonas, Marblehead MA - Peter grew up on the water, always sailing and racing with his family. His first boat was a Crocker 30, designed by Sturgis Crocker and he soon moved on to a J29, a C&C 35, a Bluenose 23 and most recently a Frers 41. He was frequently on the podium in the J29 and won the 1993 Buzzards Bay Regatta in his

C&C 35. He has raced as crew in the '80's in the original IOR 50 ft. Offshore One Design class, more recently in the local IOD fleet and the J24 fleet. He has competed in over a dozen Marblehead to Halifax races winning in 2007 as Navigator on a Stevens 47, competed in several Newport to Bermuda races and in 2016 was Navigator aboard a Swan 44 for the race. Peter also enjoys doing offshore deliveries and has moved boats up and down the east coast, to Bermuda and frequently to the Caribbean. Peter lives in Marblehead with his wife Laurie, is a Past Commodore of the Jubilee Yacht and presently a member of The Boston Yacht Club.

Will Gammell, New Orleans LA

David Greenhouse, Rye NY

Henner Gibbons-Neff, Easton MD

Carter Holliday, Ashaway RI - Carter grew up racing in southwestern Rhode Island in dinghies and in my family's fiberglass Watch Hill 15 as well as coastal cruising around New England, Rhode Island to and including Maine. After four years of college sailing, have continued to race small and large boats, though increasingly larger boats, since my first offshore, blue water race, the 1994 Newport to Bermuda Race. Have participated in an offshore race just about every year since. Continuing to cruise and race primarily out of Watch Hill, RI, with regular visits to race in western Long Island Sound.

Jay Kehoe, Wilmette IL - Jay grew up in Perth Amboy, New Jersey and sailed on everything from prams to the Peterson 48, *Williwa*. He went on to serve in the US Coast Guard, becoming a coach at USCGA at the end of his enlistment. Some may recognize Jay Kehoe's

name as an industry professional and sailing coach who has been involved with STC for years, in particular on RC for QKWRW, IRC and Farr 40 events. Jay is known for his success coaching sailing programs in everything from Optis to Olympic classes, and keelboats big and small. Jay has coached successful collegiate programs at Yale, Stanford and USMMAKP. Jay currently serves as the On the Water Director for Chicago Yacht Club, and recently managed the course logistics for the America's Cup World Series in Chicago. He lives in Wilmette, Illinois with his daughter Merrick and wife, Amy Gross-Kehoe, who is also a sailing industry professional.

Frank Kern, Grosse Point Park, MI - Frank

lives in the Detroit, Michigan area and has been involved with sailing since his early teens. He learned sailing on



a vintage offshore boat, a wooden 45 foot New York 32 and was exposed to the basics of sailing. Later, he purchased a North American 40, a one design boat primarily used in the Great Lakes and now owns a 40 foot J/120, *Carinthia*, a one design boat with a substantial fleet in the Detroit area. He has taken *Carinthia* to different venues around the country including; the Newport Bermuda Race, Miami Nassau Race, Fort Lauderdale to Key West Race, Key West Week, St. Petersburg to Isla Mujeres Mexico Race, and was an overall winner in the Fort Lauderdale to Montego Bay, Jamaica Pineapple Cup and second overall in the inaugural Miami to Havana race. In the Great Lakes, he has sailed both the Chicago and Port Huron Mackinac races many, many times and has a collection

of medals, as well as winning overall in the Port Huron to Mackinac Race. He is also a past overall winner of the Storm Trysail Mills Race on Lake Erie.

Bruce Kuryla, Milfod CT - Bruce grew up

racing in Long Island Sound. He soon became an accomplished and sought after bowman racing in SORC, Chicago & Port Huron



Mackinac Races, Key West, Big Boat series, Bermuda Races and Block Island Race weeks with many great sailors. He eventually moved aft to skipper his New York 40 *DEFIANT* during the Mid 1990s where he would nip many venerable champions. Recently, under new ownership Bruce continues to race aboard *DEFIANT* winning the class in Charleston Race Week 2015 and Key West Race week in 2016. He mostly races *SECRET*, a Nelson Marek 42 in Eastern Long Island Sound where it has been the Eastern Connecticut Sailing Association Offshore Circuit overall champion 10 times.

Fortune followed Bruce further offshore where he sailed aboard *LILLA* in the 2012 Bermuda Race to first overall in the Cruising Division and first overall in the 2012 Marion Bermuda Race. *LILLA* broke and continues to hold the course record for the Marion Bermuda Race.

Bruce and his accomplished crew have won the US Sailing National Offshore Championship for the Lloyd Phoenix Trophy three of the last four times in Annapolis, Maryland sailing in Navy 44s.

Robert Matthews, Hoboken NJ

Chris McGuire, Rye, NY

Ian Moore, Cowes, Isle of Wight UK - Ian was born in Northern Ireland and started racing 1/4 and 1/2 tonners in Belfast Lough before progressing to Match Racing and Offshore racing completing his first Fastnet at 18 years old. Moving to the Solent to study Naval Architecture at Southampton University Ian started racing there first as a bow man and then a Navigator for Successive Italian and then British Admirals Cup Teams. In 2001 he competed in his first Volvo Ocean Race aboard the winning Illbruck and then in 2005 joined Team New Zealand America's Cup team. Other professional sailing jobs followed including Team Origin, Oracle Racing and Green Dragon VOR. Ian is still a professional navigator with teams such as Quantum Racing, Bella Mente, Mascalzone Latino and Lucky.

Thomas O'Brien, Charlotte NC

Jim Wade, Metairie LA - Jim grew up in Miami, Florida. His first boat, at age 7, was a Pram. His next boat at age 12, was a 13' Boston Whaler which gave him the opportunity to explore all areas of Biscayne Bay and the Florida Keys as a kid.

Jim moved to New Orleans to attend Loyola University in 1972, fell in love with the city (and his wife Joy), and never left. He joined Southern Yacht Club in 1988 and became a member of the Governing Committee in 1996. Jim served as Commodore in 2008 and 2009.

Jim has owned many boats over the years including a 44' Peterson, a Rhodes 19 and

many fishing boats. He has raced a Pearson 30, Taylor 40, Santa Cruz 52, and an Andrews 70, all as pit man. He spent many years at Key West Race Week and has several Isla Mujeres races under his belt, with a win in the Peterson. Today he races around the buoys in a Newport 41, does a good bit of race committee work, and likes to fish in the Louisiana marsh.

Eric Zeller, Norwalk CT - Eric began sailing in 1981 in the Junior sailing program at Larchmont Yacht Club. After college he returned to the water as a bowman on the Mumm 36 Impetuous. Through the years, he has sailed consistently with the Impetuous program through the Farr 40 and currently on the Swan 42.

Eric's first blue water opportunity came with the 2000 Newport Bermuda Race on the Swan 44 *Wendon*, in which they took 1st place. He and the *Wendon* crew followed that up with a 1st place finish the following year in the Halifax race. He has continued to participate in the various East Coast distance races, including Annapolis - Newport, the Block Island Race and the Vineyard Race. During the cold months he frostbites in a Dyer Dhow.

Eric lives in Norwalk, Connecticut with his wife Claudia and children Matthew and Samantha. He is a member at the Norwalk Yacht Club.

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