

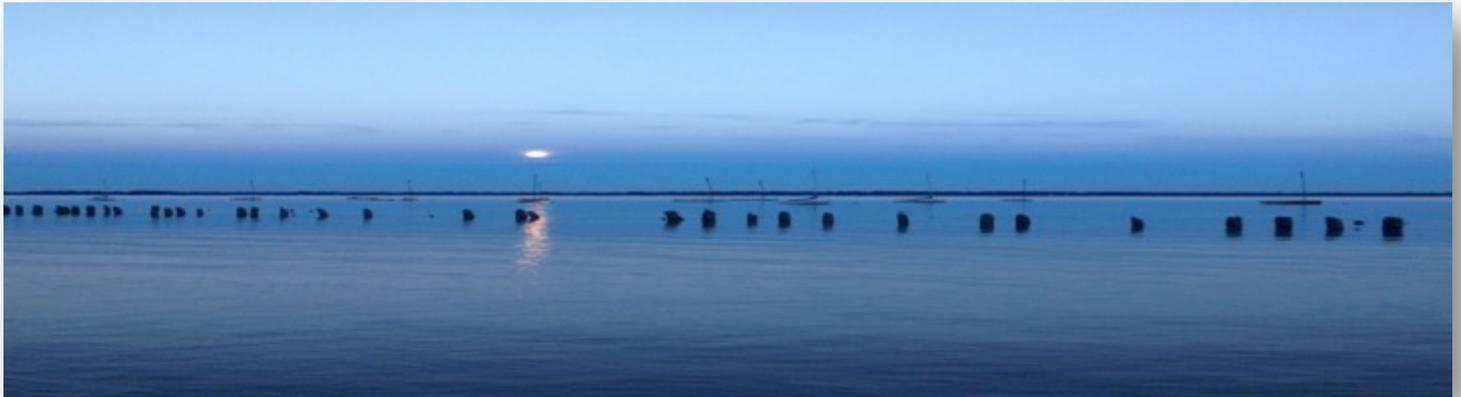
# New Castle Sailing Club

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## *Full moon over our boats on the river*

### **Commodore's Corner**

I want to recognize the property team under Ed Ryan's leadership for keeping our properties in tip top shape. They have been trimming bushes, repairing roofing and siding, learning about bee habits and many other tasks that take them away from the water. Please volunteer when asked and help the property team keep things looking great.

We will be having capsizing drills in August. Watch for Mike's note regarding details. If you have not righted a capsized boat, I encourage you to do so under the controlled conditions of a drill. This exercise will help build your confidence as a sailor.

The Charity Regatta had a great turnout on Saturday. Our secretary, Nancy Martin, will include some photos from the event. Special thanks to Tilo Stahl for rescheduling and doing all the preparations. We made a very nice donation to MARCH OF DIMES, our traditional beneficiary of the Charity Regatta. Thanks to all who participated!

Our next social event is the Labor Day cruise to New Jersey for lunch at the Riverview Inn. Look for a communication from our Vice Commodore, Barbara Cooper, with all the details. The lunch sails are popular with family members who sail only occasionally. Bring the family out for a nice sail on Sunday of Labor Day weekend.

Laura Fontana will be organizing our second Open House of the season next month. We have met our membership goal for 2016 already thanks to Laura's work. We usually gain new members at each Open House so please volunteer to help potential members tour the club.

We are now into the second half of the sailing season so be sure to find some time to get out on the water!

Patti Parziale  
Commodore

## Racing

### NCSC Charity Regatta 2016

The annual NCSC Charity Regatta was held on Saturday, August 20, after an earlier postponement due to lack of wind. This time the wind held up long enough to allow two races to be completed before we gathered for a picnic at Battery Park.

Participation by club members was good, with four Thistles, three Flying Scots and a Sunfish competing for the trophies. Kudos to Sally Rusk for mixing up the fleet by bringing her glorified surfboard.



Refreshingly, in the absence of a lot of our usual racers, we had a number of novice racers at the tiller, and they did the club proud. Conditions were tough, with a strong current pushing against the breeze, so on the downwind legs the boats could sometimes sail under a full spinnaker without making any headway over ground. It looked good

from the shore but it was hard and frustrating for the sailors.



Boats were scored under the Portsmouth Yardstick ratings with the following results:

**1<sup>st</sup> place:** Scott Buehler with Danielle Buehler in Thistle 4029

**2<sup>nd</sup> place:** Mike Evans with Lisa Matthews and Charlie Nakamura in Thistle 3927

**3<sup>rd</sup> place:** Don Grant with Hans Gass and Laura Fontana in Flying Scot 4986.

(A link to the complete results will be posted on the racing page of the web site).

Many thanks to our Race Committee, consisting of Chuck Shorten, Jim Tait, Pat Shorten and Nancy Tuttle.

After the racing we convened in a shady spot in Battery Park for drinks (of the non-adult variety, to the disappointment of some), sandwiches, salads and dessert.

Most importantly though, **we raised a total of \$637 for the March of Dimes Delaware Chapter.** The Board thanks the members for their generosity, as I'm sure the March of Dimes will do as soon as they receive their check.

Tilo Stahl  
Racing Director

## NCSC Summer Fun Race Series

The Summer Fun Race Series presented opportunities for members to try their hand at racing without having to take it too seriously. (While we're on the subject, let me point out one more time that the regular Spring and Fall Race Series are also not meant to be taken too seriously, and the addition of the Silver Fleet category is explicitly intended to attract members who want to race for fun rather than glory, so for heaven's sake, come on out and join in.)

The Summer Series has been battling the same demons that have been causing problems all year – the weather, more specifically lack of wind. Nonetheless, we managed to pull off all of the scheduled races, and had some very good attendance. Thanks go to the participants and the race committees that kept it all together.

The link to the complete results (that is, as complete as I could get them) is posted on the racing page of the web site, so I won't go into any details here, other than to point out the results of the Flying Scot Race on August 13. Note that the tiller of the boats was switched off between the crew after each race so that everyone would have a chance to skipper. In the presence of some quite established racers, Hilde Bachtle, Lisa Matthews and Tina Deptula won the three races. Way to go, ladies!

Tilo Stahl  
Racing Director

Mark your calendar and join us for some fun!

## Labor Day Sail Sunday, September 4th



Riverview Inn  
Pennsville, New Jersey

Meet at the Sail House at 10 am

Depart 10:30 am

Reservations at 1:00 pm  
(for those who want to drive)

Please RSVP by September 1 to

Barbara Cooper

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*Hope to see you on the river...*

*Nancy Martin  
Secretary*