

New Castle Sailing Club

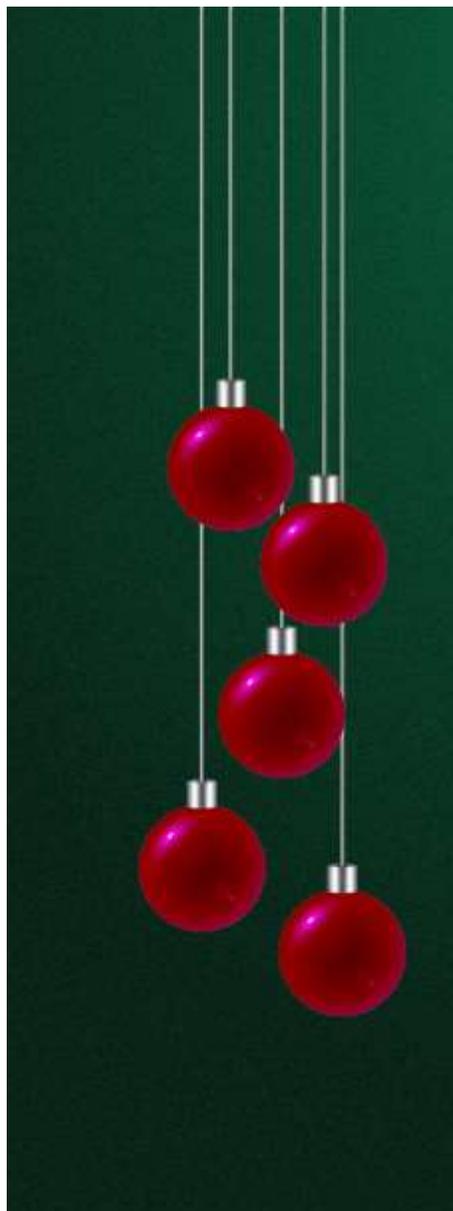
NEWSLETTER

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Commodore's corner, and a wish for you all:



Even though the last month has been unsavory weather for sailing, the Club has not gone a slumbering like the kiddies have with their Santa dreams. The Board has started fleshing out the calendar for the 2020 season, the Committee Boat has been serviced and it and the Fleet awaits some more tender loving care from the membership on the work days scheduled starting in February, and plans are afoot for an excellent season kick-off lunch and multiple special events throughout the year.

So, enjoy your time now celebrating the Holidays with family and friends and pursuing your other passions, but remember the 2020 sailing season will soon be on us faster than a summer's surprise gale. Best of the Holidays to you all!

Steve Constable
Commodore
New Castle Sailing Club



Fleet



Happy New Year!

I am sure you're looking forward to our launch date of 25 April as much as I am, which gives us just a few short months of preparation for what promises to be a fantastic season on the river.

Save these upcoming dates (also posted on the NCSC website calendar).

All sessions to meet at the Club House:

- Captains' meeting - Saturday, 11 January at 11am
- First work session - Saturday, 8 February from 9am - 10:30am
- Fleet Launch - Saturday, 25 April

As you know, our Club runs through the work of volunteers, so please hop aboard either a boat or equipment team, as we need your expertise and efforts to help us successfully spring tune and maintain the boats throughout the season. Anticipate a call or email from me over the next few weeks for your fleet assignments (OR - you can also proactively email me with your team preferences at fleetncsc@gmail.com)

Thank you in advance for all of your work in ship-shaping our Fleet! Looking forward to a brilliant sailing season with you.

Meg Farrugia
Fleet Captain



Racing

We had races on 18 of the 26 scheduled racing days in 2019, exactly the same number of completed race days as in 2018.

The weather was excellent for the Spring Series when we raced on all six of the scheduled spring series race days. The weather was less cooperative for our



regattas and skill development days. Overall, 45 different members participated in at least one racing day along with 8 guests. Twenty members skippered at least one series race, 14 members skippered in a regatta event, and 17 members skippered at least one Flying Scot race. In addition, 28 members served on the Race Committee during 2019. It is good to see many members participating in our racing program. Individual 2019 racing participation is tabulated on the [2019 Participation Tab](#) of the Racing Results workbook which is linked on the Racing Page of the NCSC website.

I am starting to think about our 2020 racing season and schedule. In 2020, I will again focus on involving as many NCSC members as possible in the racing program. If you have suggestions for improving the schedule, increasing member participation, or anything else relating to the NCSC racing program, please send me your thoughts and ideas at racingncsc@gmail.com

Happy holidays,
Tom Gorman
Racing Director

Membership

New Member

Please welcome our latest new member, Sybil Shi. Sybil is new to sailing and lives in Bear, DE.

Robert Harder

My father Robert Harder passed away in late November and was a member of the Sailing Club from 1961 to 1970, holding several Board positions during this period including Director, Fleet Captain and Membership. Following leaving the Club, he purchased his own Scot, and raced with Lightnings at Havre de Grace for over a decade. He then sailed an Interlake sailboat at the Bohemia River. Jimmy Kauer, an active member, stated that my father recruited his father, Jim Kauer, who is currently a social member. Great to keep the generational membership continuing.

John Harder
Membership Director

Flag Competition

Let loose your creative energy and see if you can design a club flag (better than the one below), that we can use at our clubhouse and at the sailhouse to publicize the club. Here are some guidelines.

- The example below is a full-size standard flag, but other shapes might work
- The flag could be flown on either a vertical pole or angled pole
- The flag design shows through the fabric, so lettering will be “readable” on one side.



Please send your designs to dkoppeser@gmail.com by February 1, so we can announce the winner at our first work session.

David Koppeser

On Dinghy Sailing



Dinghy sailing is fun, fast, and wet! It is a hugely popular water sport—there are millions of sailors dedicated to dinghy sailing across the globe. It is not hard to understand why the sport is so popular, as there is nothing quite like the feeling of hanging off the side of a dinghy racing across the water on a clear summer’s evening-it must be one of the best stress-busters around.

Looking forward to next season!

Scott Andrews