

New Castle Sailing Club

NEWSLETTER

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Commodore's Corner

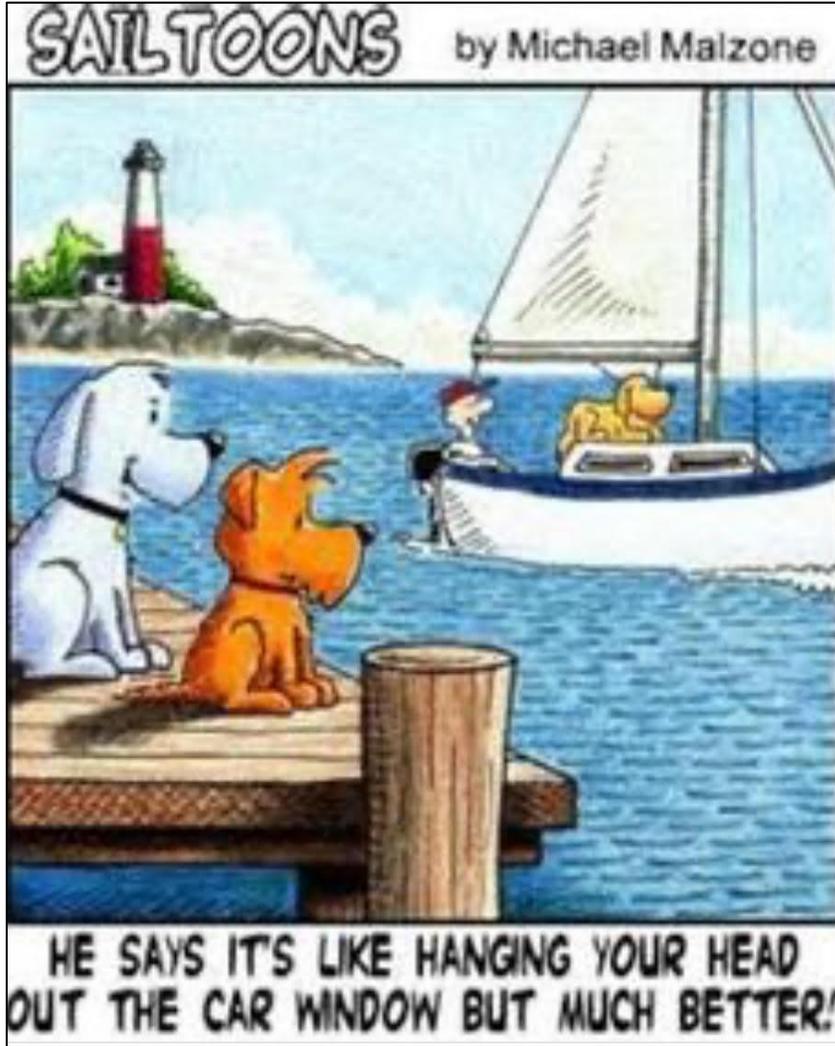
It's agonizing watching the great sailing days go by and not being able to get ourselves on the water! But it looks like things are starting to open up—the Governor has published a plan for phased reopening starting this coming week and further opening on June 1. The City, though, still has Battery Park closed to non-City residents and has cancelled its June Separation Day Festivities and weekly concerts. The Board is meeting frequently to prepare our



plans for the season though and will be working with the City to make sure our voice is heard. We believe that work sessions will begin sometime during the week of June 1. We are arranging things to proceed quickly and safely, so we are hopeful that we have at least some of the Fleet launched in June; but let's be clear—that's our hope. Some things we can't control. In any case, I anticipate that we'll give you all an update by email and most likely a Zoom meeting as soon as we have a definitive timeline. **So hang in there!** Practice your knots, read about sailing, attend our virtual trainings Saturday morning, which should resume Saturday May 23rd. But above all—stay safe so that we can see you on the water!

Steve Constable
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New Castle Sailing Club

From the Fleet



Hope you and your families are keeping well and somewhat sane—I myself am really getting a bit depressed staring out at the water instead of being on it. BUT we are working very closely with state and local officials to structure our work sessions and get this fleet launched so that we can enjoy a safe and fun 2020 season.

Although things are changing daily, we hope that by the time of the next newsletter you will be filling out your log sheets and complaining about beach gravel stuck in your shoes. Many thanks again to all the boat and equipment captains who have helped maintain safety by keeping themselves and their teams away from the barn, as tempting as it was to just get down there and work on the

fleet. We are almost there—it will be a very different season of sailing and maintaining the boats with appropriate social distancing measures, but sailors are quite ingenious people and we definitely know how to quickly change tacks when we need to. While we wait for the “all clear” from the powers that be, go outside and enjoy some gorgeous Spring weather (and the indoor virtual instruction sessions!). Hope to see you soon.

Meg Farrugia
Fleet Captain

Racing

It is mid-May and the NCSC Board is working hard on a plan for safely completing our boat preparations and launching our sailboats. I remain hopeful that we will be sailing sometime in June and that we will be racing sometime in July. The safety of our Club members will be our guide.

In the meantime, try some virtual sailing as so clearly laid out in the recent email from Mike Evans on the use of a [Virtual Sailing](#) simulator.



A promotional graphic with a blue background. On the left, five red sailboats are shown in a row with the text "The situations by number" below them. In the center, a red sailboat is shown on a racing course with the text "From start to finish" below it. On the right, there is a "Quiz" section with "all levels of difficulty" and three difficulty levels: "Easy" (green), "Medium" (yellow), and "Difficult" (red). Below the quiz is a book icon titled "Racing Rules of Sailing". In the center, the text "Play the Rules" is followed by "by Uli and Wolfi Finckh" and "English by Al Schonborn" with a UK flag icon.

Another digital sailing activity to try is the [Interactive Racing Rules Quiz](#). This will help get your head back to sail racing ahead of when we will be able to get back to racing in real life.

I look forward to seeing you on the water sometime SOON!

Tom Gorman
Racing Director

Property Report: Still Waiting



The Fleet will be waiting for us when we are ready to resume!

Scott Andrews
Property Director