

# New Castle Sailing Club

## NEWSLETTER

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### Commodore's Corner

With good winds and warm weather, we are currently in the prime time of sailing season. While you are enjoying a sail please keep these safety tips in mind.



**Sunburn** and the resulting increased risk of skin cancer are serious concerns. Long sleeve shirts, sunscreen, and hats all help to protect our skin from the sun's harmful rays.

**Ultraviolet light** is damaging to your eyes as well as your skin. Rays reflected off the water add to the exposure coming directly from the sun. Wear quality sunglasses to protect your eyes. Models that absorb UV rays and have thick frames to block light from coming in on the sides are best.

**Dehydration** can easily occur during a few hours on the water. I passed out from dehydration while driving my car after a hot day kayaking a few years back. Always take water or other hydrating beverage along when you go out.

**Alcohol** and sailing don't mix for obvious reasons.

**Lightning strikes** are a very real possibility on open water. Know the forecast and keep an eye out for thunderstorms on the horizon, especially in the direction upwind of your location. Head for the mooring at the first sign of trouble.

A little planning and common sense will help keep us safe while we cruise or race. Enjoy!

Regards,

Michael Evans  
Commodore  
New Castle Sailing Club

# JULY 4TH HOLIDAY TOW 'N SAIL



The wind wasn't cooperating in the early part of the day to sail to Crabby Dick's for the holiday lunch outing but that didn't stop a dozen members!



A big thank you to Nancy Peffer and Don Grant who used the committee boat to tow three sail boats to Delaware City in time for lunch.

While waiting for the wind to pick up, the sailors enjoyed a great lunch. They were rewarded with lots of fun sailing on the trip home, with plenty of wind to make it all worth while!

Trivia question:

*Whose bodyless arms are those in the above photo?*

Barbara Cooper  
Vice Commodore

## SCAM ALERT

Several NCSC members have received an email requesting "money to help a cancer-stricken child of a club member:" The fraudulent email contains our sailing club logo and a photo of a sick child. If you receive such an email, DO NOT RESPOND.

## Frank E. Nelson Memorial Charity Regatta



On July 14th, we held our annual Charity Regatta and Club Lunch. This is the occasion when the NCSC reaches out to support our larger community. On the day of the Regatta, we raised \$645 for our two charities: \$392 for the March of Dimes and \$253 for the Brandywine Valley SPCA (our neighbor).

We raced both our Thistles and Flying Scots in the Regatta, and Mike Berninger brought his Laser. We had 6 Thistles, 3 Flying Scots and the Laser on the line with 26 racers. Congratulations to Kevin Foley, Ben Foley and Kristine Foley on their 1st place finish. Mike Evans, Tim Evans and Steve Haffner were a very close second. Earl McMaster, Jen Furey and Jim Kauer were third. Full [Charity Regatta Results](#) are posted on the Racing Page of the NCSC website.

The Regatta and Lunch were a group effort. Our thanks to Mari Paz Russell and Nancy Tuttle for handling registration; Barb Cooper and Mari Paz for their work bringing us the excellent lunch; Laura Beitman for the air conditioning in the clubhouse; and our Race Committee of Nancy Pepper, Jeff Arriza and Diana DiMattia for their good work and those Portsmouth Sailing Handicap calculations.

**Thanks to the following for their photos in this issue:  
Jeff Arriza, Dave Koppeser, Nancy Pepper and Ed Ryan.**

## **Racing**

We have had excellent weather and turnout for racing the past few Saturdays. Let's hope this trend continues.



**Spring Series.** On July 7th, we had ideal 9-18 mph winds, with six Thistles and 15 racers out for Spring Series Race #6. Thanks to our Race Committee of Mike Berninger and Bill Davis for an excellent course. [Results](#) are posted on the Racing Page of the NCSC website. Note that we will attempt a make up of Spring Series Race #4 on July 28th.

**Charity Regatta.** July 14 – details on previous page.

**Lady Skippers.** Our Lady Skippers Race is this coming Saturday, July 21st. Ladies at the helm with the guys and other gals as crew. We hope to have a good turn out of our women skippers.

**Afternoon Racing.** On July 21st, we move to afternoon racing in the hope of finding decent wind during the calmer summer months. Sign up for skippers and crew begins at noon, skippers meeting is at 12:30 p.m., the first race is at 1:30 p.m., and the last race begins by 4:00 p.m. so we can be back on shore around 4:30 p.m. Get the chores done in the morning and race in the afternoon. For those of you who have not raced because you like sleeping in on Saturdays, this is your chance. We will return to regular morning races on September 15th.

All Club members are encouraged to come out and join the afternoon racing fun. There is no better way to improve your sailing skills. For those taking instruction, crewing during a race will help you improve your sailing IQ. The summer afternoon races will not interfere with afternoon instruction except on the special regatta days.

I hope to see everyone out at a Saturday race sometime soon.

Tom Gorman  
Racing Director

## Property

In the December newsletter we highlighted the construction/installation of new doors on the boat barn loft. That was the first phase of a comprehensive barn improvement plan.



The next part of the project is the installation of new windows throughout the barn. On the first floor, the deteriorated wood sash and frame windows will be replaced with custom vinyl-sided, single-hung windows. Benefits will include improved ventilation, better security, increased property value, and overall enhanced appearance.

The exterior metal grates have been removed and are currently being restored for replacement after the new windows are installed.



The final part of the plan is the reconstruction of both second-floor gables. The weather-damaged vinyl siding and sheathing will be replaced with 7/16" OSB plywood, a Dupont Tyvek protective barrier, and then new vinyl siding.



The rear gable double window will be replaced to match the new windows on the first floor.

We have contracted the bulk of this project to TS Siding, LLC, and expect construction to begin around August 6th. The project should be completed within 5 – 7 days.

**In preparation, I will be asking club members to join in the task of moving shelves, cabinets, and benches from along the walls of the barn – and then putting everything back in place after the work is completed. We will also need help to reinstall the exterior window grates.** These tasks will be coordinated with the Fleet Committee, who principally manages the contents of the barn.

Any assistance with the preparations and finish work would be greatly appreciated. I will announce a few general work sessions, but if you have a spare couple of hours here and there, please call me (Ed Ryan) at 216.228.7816 or email at [0412ryan@gmail.com](mailto:0412ryan@gmail.com).

I know we all will enjoy and appreciate these much-needed upgrades to our boat barn.

Ed Ryan  
Property Director

# CRUISERS' CORNER



## EXUMAS BAHAMAS CRUISE APRIL 2019

We had such a GOOD TIME we are GOING BACK to the BAHAMAS but more SOUTH to the EXUMAS. Here are the details:

Fly nonstop on Saturday to Nassau, Bahamas.

Provision and skippers' meeting Saturday.

Sleep overnight Saturday night on board the boat.

Sunday morning we leave the dock and off we go!!!

Sail about 20-25 miles (4-5 hrs while fishing ect.) to our first EXUMAS island.

Spend the next five days exploring, snorkeling, fishing, swimming, partying and RELAXING!!

We have options of returning to base at 4 p.m. Friday or Saturday and of anchoring out our last night (if so, get into port Sat. or Sun. a.m.).

Airfares run \$500s to low \$600 with direct flights from PHL available.

Count on \$1,300 plus/minus for all else.

## CHESAPEAKE CRUISING

Weekend cruise late September/October.

Weekend of September 22 mentioned at last cruisers' meeting.

Contact: Scott Foster, Ryan Hamilton, Steve Constable or me ([quigley.craig@gmail.com](mailto:quigley.craig@gmail.com)).



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