

Memorial Day Activities

The first function of the season is upon us. The Memorial Day weekend will start club social schedule off with a bang. On Saturday, May 25, fleet racing starts. There will be a skipper's meeting (see article below) before the racing. The weather forecast is not promising, but we know how unpredictable the weather can be. In the evening from five to seven the Pizza Posto Food Truck will be here. The truck was here several times last years and the reports were quite positive.

On Sunday racing continues with the racing wrapping up on Monday the twenty-seventh. After the boats come in, at 1 PM, the first punch bowl of the year will commence. This age old tradition involves you, the members, bringing hors d'oeuvres to share with your fellow members. The club provides beer and two kinds of punch, regular (kid safe) and high test. Members are asked to bring their own plates and glasses. The club is trying to reduce the amount of waste we produce.

So come down to the club Memorial Day weekend and help kick off the new season!

Notice to Skippers

The 2019 SYC Sunday Racing Series (SYCSRS) structure will continue as last year. The 1st Skippers meetings for the SYCSRS will be held on the side porch of the SYC Clubhouse on Saturday, May 25th before the harbor horn (approx. 9:15). All skippers planning on participating in any of the Sunday Racing events should be present.

All Skippers that desire to participate in Sunday Series Racing are required to register with the SYC Sunday Race Committee. Registration Forms will be available at the skippers meeting and by the racing locker in the clubhouse; skippers/boats that are not registered and signed up for race committee will be considered ineligible and will not be scored. You can sign up to serve on a Sunday Race Committee on the Main sign-up Sheet which will be available at the 1st skippers meeting or you can mark your Registration Form if you have certain Sundays that you can't make a commitment too, but some flexibility on others, the SYC Sunday Race Committee will assign dates on a first come/ first serve basis. Sunday Race Assignments & Schedule will be posted on the SYC Bulletin board.

We also have the Main sign-up sheet for one-design regattas. **Skippers/ Crew from the other classes not racing in a one-design regatta are always encouraged to help with regattas at our club.** These are an excellent opportunity to gain Race Committee practice. Remember, providing race committee services for one of the various one-design regattas, does not excuse the skipper's responsibility to serve on the Sunday Race Committee requirement.

If the Skipper has a scheduling problem with their agreed upon assigned date, IT IS THE SKIPPERS RESPONSIBILITY to arrange race committee coverage.

I'm pleased to note that Charlie Hartman and Bob Westcott who have graciously agreed to run the race committee with me. Also Jeff Fitzgerald has agreed to comeback for another season.

Remember: Sunday's Race Committees are volunteers and skippers that are taking up their Sunday to provide us assistance were all learning new skills. Mistakes will be made-- going to happen- talking to race committee members about concerns is about improving the Sunday Racing Series and skipper knowledge. Let's all do everything we can to keep perspective. The Sunday Racing Series has always been about Fun, Sportsmanship, and Comradery, let's have another great year.

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Commodore's Corner

On Saturday, April 27th, SYC scheduled the 2019 Opening Clean Up Day, and sent out a notice for volunteers. Over 25 came down to the club, only to nearly freeze...work in the club was done, but the outside projects had to be postponed. Dr. Wisor said he's not seen such bad weather on Opening Clean Up Day... ever! Another appropriate record set on the club's 90th anniversary! Despite the snow and wet, the burgers, dogs, chips, snacks and beverages (prepared by Chef Charles Hartman on our new grill recently secured by Werner Holtze) was enjoyed by all.

To have so many members show up on such a wretched day has prompted a bit of introspection ... either our dues are so low that the walking dead, unaffected by bad weather, are coming for a free meal (burgers not brains), or we have something unusual going on at SYC. Upon rigorous analysis, our Treasurer, Jim Gindling, assures us that the undead are generally not qualified for membership due to rules on (underground) residency.

In this 90th Anniversary year of the club, as we look ahead via our capital and strategic planning, we can't help but look back and ponder what values have and continue to drive the culture and vitality of SYC. I'm quick to think it's the inspired leadership the club enjoys ... and yes, my wife humors me when I go there! Some things on the surface seem to be obvious. Low dues, beautiful grounds, great sailors, oodles of picnic tables. But there is something at the core that we want to identify, maintain and strengthen. It's the old, "I can't describe it but I know when I see it..."

At the June board meeting we're setting aside some time to inquire into what the underlying values of the club might be, which will most certainly inform how we envision and plan for the future. Maybe we can bottle and sell it! We'll let you know ... I'm sure you'll be impressed with our firm grasp of the obvious, and have a few thoughts of your own to add. It will be a collective inquiry, a conversation ... or more nearly the latest installment on a 90-year-old conversation.

As we kick off the 2019 season, thanks in advance for all you do to make the club what it is.

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