



The MSSA Mariner

Mount Sinai Sailing Association

P.O. Box 291, Mt. Sinai NY 11766

September /October 2005

2005 Bridge

Commodore	John Baker
Vice Commodore	Tom Brischler
Rear Commodore	Lorraine Romard
Fleet Captain	Len Holter
Treasurer	Dianne Imhof
Secretary	Brian Watson
Past Commodore	Fran Nilsen
Handicapper	Ted Turner
Race Results	Doug Dalessio
Newsletter Editor	
Bar	Miriam Garcia

Upcoming Events

Milford Cruise II
September 17th, 18th

Fall Series Racing

All Divisions

September 24th,

October 2nd, 8th & 16th

@ 10:00

October Membership Meeting
Pizza Party, Photo Swap and
Slide Show

October 8 @ 19:30

Newsletter Deadline
October 15th

COMMODORE'S REPORT

The people of the Mount Sinai Sailing Association have shown time and time again that they are the power behind the organization. The leadership of the club are its' flag officers, commonly called the Bridge. These flag officers are the leadership that steer the club, setting the course. They work with the membership to establish the social, cruising and racing programs. As the season is winding down, and my term as Commodore is coming to an end, I want to thank the Bridge and the Membership for the years of service they have given to the MSSA. Our Vice Commodore, Tom Brischler has been doing a great job, learning the intricacies of how the MSSA operates. I am certain that he will do great things during his reign as Commodore. Our Rear Commodore, Lorraine Romard has really made our social programs a success. So far, in 2005 we have had several big events that have really shown how valuable she has been to the MSSA. The February Dinner Meeting, the Commodores Reception, the Lobster Bake and Flax Pond are just a few. Lorraine has been serving on the Bridge for more three years and has really done a lot for the Club. Our Treasurer, Dianne Imhof has been on the Bridge for nearly 4 years, two as Fleet Captain and two as treasurer. She has been a tremendous asset, working tirelessly for the good of the MSSA. There are very few events in which you won't find her right smack in the middle of everything, making sure everything is being done properly. Our Fleet Captain, Lenny Holter has shown himself to be an accomplished cruiser, and has always been willing to share that with the membership. He has brought new, innovative programs to the MSSA, such as the impromptu cruises, and the Pajama Party Cruise. Our Secretary, Brian Watson has made my task a little easier by running errand to the

mailbox and delivering the membership applications. And lastly, our Past Commodore, Fran Nilsen has provided guidance to the Bridge, with six years experience among the leadership of the MSSA, he has been able to see our work for the MSSA with a long term view, keeping us on an even keel. With good people like this, it is no wonder that the MSSA has been able to do such great things for the Sailors in Mt. Sinai Harbor.

You might have noticed, that there is no longer a name alongside *editor* in the sidebar to the left of this column. Mike Levine has been our editor for more than six years, and decided that he needed a break. This left us without a regular editor. For now, we have been able to manage, but the additional burden has caused us to be late with publishing the monthly issues. For that reason, this issue will combine two months, September and October. Hopefully, we will get back on track and be able to bring you regular monthly issues.

John Baker
Raggamuffin

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

The MSSA Long Cruise was certainly the highpoint of the summer for us! Many thanks to co-cruise captains Len Holter and John Baker for a wonderful time.

The trip was not without hitches and a few complications on *Firebird* as we entered the Great Salt Pond at Block Island serenaded by a deafening squeal coming from our engine and a gale of wind greeting us just as the engine breathed its last gasp and we set the Fortress anchor. Won't bore

you with the whole story but a dead short in our spreader lights drained both batteries and an "overactive" alternator fried the belt on the A4. Many thanks to the following MSSA electrical gurus who put their minds together and troubleshot the problem: George Sintchak (*Anniversary*), Bob Petritsch and Tom Clifford (*Aimless Again*) and John Baker (*Raggamuffin*). Can't thank them enough for all they did to get "Firebird" up and running! Just goes to show you the value of an experienced support team and good friends when you go on an extended trip.

Thanks also to all MSSA racers and Race Committee volunteers who made our Summer Series another success. A special thanks also to our official scorer who provided us with speedy results, as always, Doug Dalessio.

We all enjoyed the recent MSSA BBQ held this year "on the beach" across from Old Man's Boatyard. Even though it was a mere 100 yards north of our usual venue, there was something about the beautiful sunset and the blustery northwesterly breezes that made this year's event quite spectacular even though a few errant sprinkles and some rather ominous clouds scared some of us off early. A special thanks to Town of Brookhaven Deputy Parks Commissioner John Kreutz for expediting our permit for the event and to Old Man's Boatyard (as always) for supporting yet another MSSA activity. The MSSA social committee is to be applauded for another wonderful BBQ attended by new and old members alike!

Finally, can't say enough about the wonderful job done by Deb Baker as chairperson of the ACS Regatta. Too many to name who served on the ACS committee but the event could not have been as successful as it was without each of their efforts. Catch the September issue of *WindCheck* for a great wrap-up article on the event!

Look forward to seeing you all for those early evening September and October sails!

Tom Brischler
Firebird

TREASURER'S TRIVIA

Stem the tide:

When a ship is sailing against the tide at such a rate as enables her to overcome the power of the tide (I.e., making headway over the bottom) she is said to "stem the tide." Stem: To move forward against an obstacle, as a vessel against a current [Webster's Dictionary 1913]. In modern usage the phrase means to stop, prevent, alter or turn back an event, trend or threat, etc.

PURSER'S REPORT


I want to start by saying THANKS to everyone who helped out with the Annual Barbecue. We deviated from past years, obtained a permit, and had everyone meet on the beach. We barely kept up with the burger demand, maybe we need another little barbecue, but none seemed to mind. The dark clouds and the few drops of rain didn't scare anyone away. I had a great time and hope everyone did also. The club should definitely keep this on the event schedule for 2006! A special thanks to Jim Poulos for sticking by the grills until he could grill no more!!

To all those who placed an order for the MSSA Burgee Hat: I am sorry to announce that our supplier, Regatta Threads, has decided to go out of business. The owner apologized for any inconvenience he caused us. After we find a new supplier, everyone will have the chance to place an order again.

The final cruise of the year is coming up fast (Milford Landing Marina on Sept 17-18). We made our reservation and hope to see everyone there!

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It's September, and we have "last licks" at summer time, hopefully the weather will cooperate and the fall sailing season will be a long one. It's been a fun and busy summer, with all the cruises and summer fun events. Don and I also had a great time on our boat vacation. We spent a stormy night in the Thimble Islands (which is a beautiful place no matter the weather) and then continued on spending several days on the Connecticut River. We found our way to Chester and a very nice marina, Hays Haven. They let us tie up for the day and drew us a map to get to town. We were told "about a mile", I've come to find out, and when they say "about a mile" they mean "at least a mile". Chester is a cute little town, with shops and a couple of restaurants. We continued on after lunch to get to the ferry that would take us across the river to Gillette Castle. Then we walked along the Essex steam train tracks back to the marina. We did have to jump off the tracks at one point when the train was coming, it was quite the adventure, but the castle was worth it.

The last cruise of the season is coming up, Milford 2, this is always one of my favorites. There are a lot of new restaurants in Milford to try, and hopefully the weather will be warmer than Milford 1.

Our next meeting will be in October at the Mod building. This is the annual picture swap and pizza party. Come and bring pictures from the summer events and bring your appetite.

Stay tuned for information on the Dinner dance and awards ceremony. This year it will be at the Meadow Club in Port Jefferson. The date is Dec 3rd, price and time to be determined.

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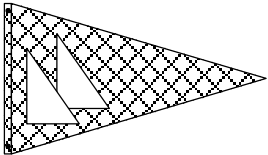
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