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### ON DECK:

Wed. March 4th  
7 PM

ACS Regatta Mtg. @  
Turner House

Mon. March 16th  
7:30 PM

General Meeting @  
MSYC

Wed. March 25th  
7 PM

Racing Rules Seminar  
@ Port Jeff Library

Thur. March 26th  
7 PM

Private Viewing of  
Morning Light @ Port  
Jeff Cinemas

Mon., April 13th  
7:30 PM

SWAP SHOP @  
MSYC

## Commodore



Dean Doty, *Bits N Pieces*

This months meeting had to be rescheduled to Monday the 16th @ 7:30 PM due to floor work in progress at the yacht club. Mark your calendar to avoid confusion. The calendar on our web site is updated with the correct date. I received an e-mail from a member and thought it was worth mentioning in my report, as members we are entitled to a discount on Boat US membership fee. The promotion code is GA803795

The bridge with hard work from Stewart Arnold have arranged for a private showing of the Disney movie Morning Light on Thursday March 27th at seven o'clock @ Port Jeff Cinemas. The movie is open to MSSA members and their guests. The cost is a mere five dollars. Take the better half, kids or crew out for the night, you cant go wrong at this price. The movie is a documentary about fifteen young sailors crewing on a fifty-two foot sloop the Morning Light racing in the Transpac, a 2300 mile open ocean race from Los Angeles to Hawaii. This movie had a single showing in Roslyn last fall and after searching the internet I don't expect another showing on Long Island. Money for your reserved seating is due no later than March 15th.

It's the time of year we have been waiting for all winter, time to uncover our boats and prepare for another year on the water. Is it me or has the winter seem to go on for ever. Hopefully it won't rain on the weekends as the list of projects seems to be getting larger by the minute. One of my projects is to move into the twenty first century and install roller furling. Walking forward to douse a hanked on jib in thirty knots of wind and rough seas is exhilarating to say the least, as was the case sailing to Milford two years ago. Does anyone have a recommendation for a wax or rejuvenating cream for a faded hull give me a shout. The bridge is presently working on the 09 yearbook; if any of your boat or contact information has changed please let us know. The cruise and race schedules are now set and we are working out the minor details. The new rule about stern in docking was put in place because of problems occurring on the south shore marinas. We were assured at a Harbor Advisory Meeting this rule will not be enforced in Mt. Sinai harbor. Hope to see you at a club function,

*Dean Doty*

## Vice Commodore



Ted Turner, *Anomaly*

We are so close to moving the clocks and I've already got the Anomaly sanded and ready for bottom paint. It won't be long now! This winters Frostbite program concluded on 2/21. I would like to give a special thanks to Fran Nilsen for heading the program and all those who supported. Looking forward, at the next General Meeting, we will have a presentation by none other than Len Holter of "Dreamer" and his single handed journey down the Intercoastal Waterway to Florida, the Bahamas and back. This will be a slideshow with Q&A. Later in the month (Wed.3/25 @ 7pm PJ Library) we have our "new rules" presentation by Phil Pape. For all you racers, this is highly recommended. Please RSVP. Every four years there are changes to the Yacht Racing Rules. Don't get caught in the dark! The next evening (Thur 3/26 7pm PJ Cinemas) is our Special showing of Disney's "Morning Light". The MSSA is offering a great deal for this event at only \$ 5.00 a ticket. And last, but not least, our ACS Regatta meeting will be held at my house on Wednesday March 4th @7pm. This meeting is open to all interested parties and we welcome any level of participation.

**PS: "General Meeting" is moved to 3rd Monday in March (16th) because the MSYC is getting the floors done.**

*Ted Turner 631-680-0300*

## Rear Commodore



Hi, Folks,

A BIG thanks to all of you who attended and helped out at our "Valentine's Dinner" last month. I do believe it was a sweet success!

The Bridge is busy preparing for the upcoming sailing season, and as the days are getting longer, I'm feeling excited about it. Please get your renewals in, along with any demographic changes that may apply, ASAP, so that the yearbook is as updated as possible.

With the ending of the winter segment of our activities, I'd like to acknowledge Fran Nielsen for once again taking charge of the Frostbite series. A fine job, Fran, and thank you!! In addition, thanks to Ted for

making "The Love Shack" a part of the tradition this season. For those of you not familiar, "The Love Shack" (a name lovingly given by us) is an older model motor home that Ted has been renovating over time. It's got a style all it's own. A lot of soul has gone into it, and if you had the pleasure of seeing the "before" condition, it would certainly make you appreciate the "now". It provided shelter and warmth for our racers and spectators (*with that cute pot belly stove*), where hot cocoa and soup was served and really became a regular part of the whole scene down at the harbor on Frostbite Sundays - not to mention the conversation piece that ole motor home is. Ted's enthusiasm became contagious each and every time. It's been fun. May we

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Joanie Gallo

## Fleet Captain



Hi MSSA Members, it was great seeing everyone at the Valentines Dinner. Joanie our Rear Commodore did a fabulous job preparing a great meal for everyone to enjoy. Great job Joanie.

It won't be long now. Spring will be upon us before you know it. I hope everyone is making a project list. Proper planning of projects always makes putting the boat in the water a lot easier and assures you that everything gets completed. If you haven't checked your salt water impeller in a while now is the time to replace it, also buy a spare impeller to keep on board. Also when was the last time you replaced your motors antifreeze??? Antifreeze is not just for preventing freeze up it also helps to cool the motor and lubricate the water pump seals and bearings. In addition replace the motors fuel filters and also keep spares on board.

I know this may sound like normal maintenance to some of us. I was surprised to hear that some members do not perform any routine preventive maintenance on their motors. Their attitude was if it is working it must be OK. ???? Preventive Maintenance will help keep your motor running smoothly all season. Of course you cannot predict or prevent all break downs, but when you are mo-

Lonnie Cardinuto, *Celer*

toring into that harbor do you really want that motor to stop running because the impeller pump blades broke apart and the motor is overheating because you forgot to inspect it before launch date, or that diesel filter got clogged up and stopped the flow of fuel to the motor because you did not have time to replace it before launch date. Our Sailing season is too short as it is. Preventive Maintenance will help you to enjoy the season without any problems.

Thanks to all members who showed up at the Cruisers Meeting on Feb. 2 at the MSYC.

Anomaly, Akula, Bits and Pieces, Charisma, Fancy, Fools Paradise, Full Circle, Lu Sea's Day, Radical 2, Sailors Dance, Sand Box, Sunhawk, Sunset Sloop and of course me the Fleet Captain Celer.

Together we collectively put some ideas together trying to work with the weekends available within the busy MSSA Calendar of Events.

The following is the 2009 MSSA Cruising Calendar. Plan your weekends and vacations and join the Cruisers for a fun filled season.

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**Treasurer** 

Thomas Lynch, *Akula*

Tired of reading? Did you get this far? Couple of repeats, but worth the mention.

- As a club member you are entitled to a one half off discount on your Boat U.S. membership. Use promotion code GA803795 Just one of the many perks of being a member.
- Please get your dues and renewals in, March 31, 2009 is the deadline before late charges apply. Send it, hand it to the Bridge, or go online and PayPal it to us! Painless—and LOOK at what you get in here. Simply the BEST bargain in any hobby out there?
- Get your tickets for the movie online, it's quick, easy, and we can get a good idea of who I is coming or if we need to open up the tickets to others.

~Thomas~  
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**Secretary** 

Miriam Garcia

Once again Joanie did an outstanding job organizing the Valentines Day/Spaghetti Dinner. The food was outstanding and the MSYC dining room looked lovely with the red table cloths and the lite candles. Many thanks to all who helped chop & dice, those who helped set up and a special thanks to those who helped clean up. We are now looking to March with the hope that the milder, warmer weather will soon be upon us and the sailing/boating season not far behind..... We hope to have a good turnout on March 26th at the Port Jeff Cinema (across from The Meadow Club on Rt.112) for the viewing of the Disney movie "Morning Light" at 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$5.00 on a first come basis. Please reserve your seats in advance by contacting Ted or Dean. <or on the MSSA Website - Ed.> Hope to see you all at the next General Membership Meeting scheduled for March 16th at 7:30 PM at the MSYC.

Stay warm & safe... Miriam

**Cruise Capt. (cont.)**

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Cruise</u>	<u>Cruise Captain</u>	<u>S / V</u>
May 16	Sat.	Black Rock Harbor, Bridgeport CT	TBA	TBA
May 30	Sat	Milford 1	Thomas Lynch	Akula
June 27	Sat	Mattituck	Ted Turner	Anomaly
July 18	Sat	Sheffield Is./ opti. City of Norwalk Dock overnight	Lucy Compitello	Lu Sea's Day
July 31	Fri / Sat	Hamburg Cove CT.	Lonnie Cardinuto	Celer
Aug 02	Sun	Long Cruise to Mystic, Watch Hill, Block, Greenport	Lonnie Cardinuto	Celer
Aug 29	Sat	Milford 2	Mike Sawka	Full Circle
Sept 05	Sat / Sun	Oyster Bay Harbor ( Labor Day Weekend )	Lucy Compitello	Lu Sea's Day
Oct 17	Sat	Trick or Treat Cruise Port Jeff Harbor	TBA	TBA

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We have a few things happening this month of March. First, there is an ACS Regatta meeting scheduled for March 4<sup>th</sup> 7pm @ our house. Your presence and ideas are wanted and welcome!!! Please join us.....

Next, at our General Meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm, our friend, Len Holter of Dreamer, will be entertaining us with a slideshow of his infamous single - handed trip to the Bahamas. You surely won't want to miss this presentation. Snacks, coffee and cake will be served.

For all you racers, don't miss the race committee meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup>, at the PJ Library at 7 pm.

AND last, but certainly not least, I hope you and your family plan to attend the showing of the Disney film, Morning Light, on Thursday, 3/26 at 7pm for the low low price of \$5 pp at the PJ Cinemas. Remember, the tickets will be sold on a first come first serve basis, so reserve NOW via e-mail!!!! <or online at MSSA.org—Ed.>

**WHOA, A BUSY MONTH AHEAD - BETTER MARK YOUR CALENDERS!!!!**

\*\*\*I also want to mention that our *April General Meeting on 4/13* will be the Annual Swap & Shop. Therefore, as you're having that Spring cleaning fun, put aside those items that may not be of use to you anymore, but may just be of use to someone else. *Strut your stuff on down at the Yacht Club on the 13<sup>th</sup> of April!!*

*See y'all soon as Spring is on the horizon,*

*Joanie*

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Show Date: **Thursday March 26, 7:00pm**  
**at PJ Cinemas**

The MSSA is excited to be able to sponsor a screening of *Morning Light*, the Disney movie about 15 young sailors training for and competing in the 2007 TRANSPAC race. When this movie was released it was not available in any theater in Suffolk County, so this is your only time to see Roy Disney's pet movie project on the big screen surrounded by friends.

**Seating is limited** so please purchase your tickets at [www.mssa.org](http://www.mssa.org) as soon as possible.

We will be inviting other yacht clubs and groups as the date gets closer so make sure you have your seats.

