



## Executive Director

The weather is not helping our moods here at Navy Sailing. Warm weekdays, cold weekends... what's up with that? However, we are actually making plans for 2006. This comes *after* a construction project (USNSA staff doing the construction) that has placed us in a new location, upstairs in Building 234 on the Naval Station.



The construction had us building walls, attaching doors, installing windows, adding electrical outlets, etc. We like our handy work and it is growing on us. We can see the water now. The old space is scheduled to be demolished soon and CAPT McCormack came through by finding us a new location. Thank you CAPT McCormack.

There is but *one problem*, the usual one, money.

As many of you are aware, we survive on dues and a grant from the Foundation. This move was unplanned and we now find ourselves way behind the already limited funds allocated for 2006. Thus, the

Foundation has established a Rebuilding Fund that is accepting immediate donations to replace some of the resources used for the construction and move. and to give you the satisfaction of keeping Navy Sailing alive and well. Conveniently, your donation may be sent with the attached membership form. Just mark Rebuilding Fund on your donation. As always, we thank you for your support, financial and otherwise.

Now for the more interesting stuff: As you will note in reading this issue of the newsletter, most of you are involved with developing plans for the upcoming season. Training and cruising plans, along with the winter projects have been waiting for March 20<sup>th</sup> to declare that it is Spring and time to begin work on getting the boats actually ready to sail.

Finally, I want to thank all the members, branches, schools, and MWRs for their continued support of Navy Sailing. Without membership we cannot exist. We get *no* funds from the Navy to keep us going, except office space, lights, heat, phones, and some computer support. Please renew and bring a new member with you.

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### Online Qualifications

For members who are current, we will be updating the qualifications section of the website very soon. Please check your on-line qualifications and let us know of any necessary changes. Only Regular and Limited members are listed in the qualification section.

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### All Services Single-Handed Championship: *Mark your calendars!*

June 17-18, 2006, are the dates for this year's "All Services" Single-handed Championship. The "After Guard / Alumni" Regatta – for those that do not or cannot compete in the All Services championship – will be sailed at the same time.

This year's events will be hosted at the Naval Academy in Annapolis. We hope to see competitors from all the Services this year, so if you know of any active duty or reservist Army, Air Force, Marine, or Coast Guard sailors who would like to try and upset the Navy-dominated event, please have them sign up.

Retirees and prior service members may compete in the "After Guard / Alumni" regatta. Contact USNSA at 410 293-2130 or email [usnsa@usna.edu](mailto:usnsa@usna.edu) for more details.

### Electronic Newsletter

An electronic version of this newsletter can be found in the member only section of our website, [www.navysailing.org](http://www.navysailing.org). In case you have forgotten the sign-on and password, call us or email us and we will give them to you again.

We can use some help with our online presence. If any of you out there are willing and capable, we would appreciate your help to move us forward. Give us a call and we can discuss where we think we want to go.

### Naval Sailing Foundation

The Foundation was organized in 1974 to facilitate the donation of boats, property, and cash that can be used for the benefit of the Navy Sailing program. At the present time, the Foundation has four boats on no-cost charters to NROTC Units, one chartered to an NJROTC Unit, nine chartered to MWRs, and three chartered to MCCS Units (otherwise known as Pendleton and Quantico). The Foundation has also chartered a sailboat to a branch to use for sail training and has donated sailboats to

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branches for sail training. The proceeds from the ultimate sale of these boats are used to keep the Navy Sailing Programs going. This sometimes means making grants to MWRs, Branches, NJROTC and NROTC Units.

### Instructor Training

We have scheduled two Instructor Classes for April, one in Charleston and the other in Washington, DC. If you need to qualify your Instructors for 2006, contact us ASAP. There is still room in both classes.

USNSA has sailing school insurance that covers Navy Sailing-certified instructors teaching USNSA-approved courses. To learn more about this coverage, call Bob Howe at 410 293-2130.



*Crew from Charleston picking up boats to be used in the NJROTC program at West Ashley High School.*

### BoatU.S.

USNSA has renewed its membership with BoatU.S. as a participant of the Cooperating Group Program. Our Group ID Number is GA82665S.

Under this agreement, USNSA members can join Boat U.S. at \$9.50, half the regular annual \$19 dues rate. For more information, contact BoatU.S. at 800 395-2628 or at the website, [www.boatus.com](http://www.boatus.com)

### REGIONAL NEWS



#### Northeastern Region

##### *Coasters Harbor Navy Yacht Club*

CHNYC held its annual Awards Banquet in November and elected the 2006 season Executive Board: Commodore, Ron Oard; Vice Commodore, James Gilmore; ER Commodore, Ben Riggs; and Secretary/Treasurer, Janet Belson. The CHNYC year-end membership totaled 200 members.

The 2005 training season overall once again saw a significant increase over previous years. Rhodes training was provided for 150 students, utilizing 1,270 volunteer instructor hours. Sixty-five students challenged the test and were qualified. The CHNYC Season Opener will be held in April and the Marina opens 1 May. Website: [www.nwc.navy.mil/chnyc](http://www.nwc.navy.mil/chnyc)

##### *Quonset Davisville Navy Yacht Club*

The Quonset Davisville NYC Officers for 2006 are: Commodore, Lee Tuthill; Vice Commodore, Stan Wilbur; Secretary, Alison Lovegreen; and Treasurer, Jan Russell. The QDNYC year-end membership totaled 250 members. QDNYC is located in North Kingstown, R.I. and was formerly under Command of the Naval Construction Battalion Center, Davisville, which is now closed. It now operates as an independent Branch and is a long-time member of the U.S. Naval Sailing Association.

##### *US Merchant Marine Academy*

2005 was a banner year for the Department of Waterfront Activities, winning the Kennedy Cup after a 32-year hiatus, bringing the roll of honor at Yocum Sailing Center to a total of 15 national titles. They commissioned and raced two maxi-

yachts under the Kings Point colors: *Hercules* at 82' and *Alchemy* at 77'. They replaced two dinghy fleets and acquired four new crew shells. During Indoctrination, they trained over 250 midshipmen in basic sailing and seamanship and counted over 200 midshipmen on the rosters of the Academy's waterfront varsity and club programs. The events calendar for 2006 includes: the Long Island Sound Safety at Sea Seminar on 8 April and the Newport to Bermuda Race Seminar on 9 April. Website:

[www.usmma.edu/waterfront](http://www.usmma.edu/waterfront)

### ***US Naval Academy***

The USNA Robert Crown Sailing Center has nominated one of its own for Navy Sailing Sailor of the Year, CDR Keith Davids, USNA '90. CDR Davids holds some significant sailing accomplishments from 2005:

- Champion of the 2005 Alumni Regatta, complemented by crew/spouse Yvette Davids, USNA '89;
- 2005 All-Services Representative to the U.S. Sailing Single-Handed Championship;
- Champion of the 2005 Military World Sailing Championship (CISM); and
- 2005 U.S. Laser Master Champion. CDR Yvette Davids is now the Deputy Director of Naval Academy Sailing.

Both she and Keith were in Miami competing in the Orange Bowl where high winds, but warm weather, keep them busy and a little bruised.

Mid 3/c Charlotte Hill gave a very impressive performance in Laser Radials, easily winning her division and even giving an impressive showing against the Lasers themselves. This came after her 4<sup>th</sup> place in Nationals held in Hawaii. For the first time in many years, the Naval Academy competed in the Fort Lauderdale to Key West race. *Alliance* took first in the J/105 fleet. They went on to finish well in Key West Race Week competition.

The Marine Trades Association of Maryland and the U.S. Naval Academy once again hosted the US Sailing Safety-at-Sea Seminar on 1-2 April. Website: [www.usna.edu/sailingteam](http://www.usna.edu/sailingteam)

### ***Pentagon Sailing Club***

The 2006 PSC Bridge includes Commodore, Bob Cox; Vice Commodore, Ted Seward; Training Commodore, John Cavedo; Bay Commodore, Ray Widmayer; River Commodore, Ed Kilbane; Secretary, Rich Kowalczyk; and Treasurer, Bob Manning. John Cavedo has put together a much improved training plan for 2006. He has scheduled a 2-day Instructor Clinic for returning instructors, a 4-day Instructor Course for new instructors as well the first training class for the new Keelboat Skippers (B-KBS) all in April. He filled two CPR and First Aid classes held in late March. PSC training schedule and their cruising schedule is well developed for all of 2006. Website: [www.pentagonsailing.org](http://www.pentagonsailing.org)

### ***Navy Patuxent Sailing Club***

The 2006 NPSC Officers have been elected: Commodore, Lee Allen; Vice Commodore, Barbara Clark; Training Commodore, John Daley; Secretary, Don Moody; and Treasurer, Jim Shelton. The Navy Pax year-end membership totaled 313 members. The NPSC 4th Annual Sailing Fever Banquet was held on 4 February. The annual Burning of the Socks was held on 25 March. Everyone brought their stinky socks to drive winter away and celebrate the Vernal Equinox. The Navy Patuxent Sailing club will be holding its annual Open House on 8 April at the Pax River West Basin Marina. Website: [www.navypaxsail.com](http://www.navypaxsail.com)

### ***Norfolk Naval Sailing Association***

NNSA Officers for 2006 are: Commodore, John Peterson; Vice Commodore, Chess Harris; Secretary, Carol Buck; and Treasurer, Jim Gordon. The NNSA year-end membership totaled 129 members. The NNSA Toys for Tots Drive was very successful this year. Marine SGT Garcia was very happy with the amount and quality of the toys he received for distribution, which filled up the entire trunk and back seat of his car! The Norfolk New Year's Day Madness Race was blessed with mild temperatures and sunshine. NNSA was well represented in the awards and the post-race party was great. NNSA held its annual awards banquet with over 80 attendees. The two awards that

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stand out – that other groups should pay attention to – are the Racing and Cruising Cups. Points are earned by sailing, What a concept! Website: [www.norfolknavalsailing.org](http://www.norfolknavalsailing.org)



### Southeastern Region

#### *Hancock Yacht Club*

The HYC 2006 officers include: Commodore, Ted Goetz; Vice Commodore, Marty Warner; Rear Commodore, Pete Mack; Treasurer, Mike McCulley; Co-Secretaries, Katherine Mack and Carolyn McCulley; and Fleet Captain, Bill Egan. The HYC year-end membership totaled 100 members. HYC held its annual Oyster Roast on 18 March. Monthly meetings are held the first Thursday of every month at 2000 at Hancock Creek Marina on Cherry Point MCAS. Website: [www.hancockyachtclub.org](http://www.hancockyachtclub.org)

#### *NWS Charleston*

We welcome Naval Weapons Station Charleston as a new Command member to USNSA. Its recreational facility, Short Stay Recreational Area, is located on Lake Moultrie. Short Stay has hosted a number of events for Junior sailing and NJROTC students. It will host at least one Small Boat Instructor Training Class in April. There may be a second in June.

#### *Charleston Yacht Club*

The ChYC Installation Banquet was held 21 January. The 2006 Charleston Yacht Club Executive Board includes: Commodore, David Galloway; Vice Commodore, Brian Hill; Rear Commodore, John Watkins; Fleet Captain, Mike Messinger; Secretary, Bob Kelley; and Treasurer, Frank Rupp. The ChYC year-end membership totaled 350 members. Website: [www.charlestonyachtclub.org](http://www.charlestonyachtclub.org)

#### *Navy Yacht Club Pensacola*

The new NYCP Bridge Officers for 2006 are: Commodore, Vince Cooke; Vice Commodore, John Matthews; Rear Commodore, Bev Stagg; Fleet Racing Captain, Stu Hamblin; Cruising Captain, Claudia Coleman; Fleet Captain, Dick

Piatt; Secretary, Linda Hayes; and Treasurer, Barbara Russell. The NYCP year-end membership totaled 80 members. NYCP members expect repairs to be completed on their clubhouse in early 2006. According to Commodore Vince Cooke [*Foghorn* January issue], "I am looking forward to 2006 and getting back into our clubhouse. What a relief that will be. This year we will be back in the business of running our races in the bay as the marina comes back into commission and loads up with boats."

The PNSYC racing program got underway with the Maxine One on the first Saturday in March. The 2006 Opening Day ceremony is scheduled for 9 April. Website: [www.navypnsyc.org](http://www.navypnsyc.org)



### Western Region

#### *Navy Yacht Club Channel Islands*

The NYCCI 2006 Bridge of Officers includes: Commodore, Jean Denton; Vice Commodore, John Carlson; Rear Commodore, Teri Shephard; Treasurer, Bernadine Carlson; Secretary, Pennie Norton; and Sailing Master, Robert Graab. The NYCCI year-end membership totaled 100 members. NYCCI Opening Day ceremonies were held on 2 April at Peninsula Park & Clubhouse. Website: [www.nycci.org](http://www.nycci.org)

#### *Navy Yacht Club Long Beach*

The 2006 Flag Officers for NYC Long Beach are: Commodore, Dick DeRusha; Vice Commodore; Tony Rietdyk; Rear Commodore; Richard Briles; Fleet Captain; Frank Farmer; and Jr. Staff Commodore, Bill Gordon. NYCLB started its 2006 racing schedule on 28 January with the Commodore's Invitational Regatta. Website: [www.nyclb.com](http://www.nyclb.com)

#### *Naval Postgraduate School*

According to Blue Water Cove Marina Manager Darlene Raish, the name of the Command has officially been changed from Naval Postgraduate School to Naval Support Detachment Monterey. As of this printing, the marina's email and

website will remain the same. The marina offers the following sailing courses: Basic Keelboat, Coastal Cruising, Bareboat Chartering, Coastal Navigation, and Offshore Cruising. The Naval Postgraduate School Sailing Association remains the affiliated Branch for this Command. Email: [marina@nps.navy.mil](mailto:marina@nps.navy.mil). Website: [www.nps.navy.mil](http://www.nps.navy.mil)

### ***Presidio Yacht Club***

PYC Officers for 2006 are: Commodore, Marcia Stem; Vice Commodores, Steve Peters and Cindy Schultz; Rear Commodore, D'Vonne Hutchins; Port Captain, Jack Gordon; Treasurer, Henriette Gordon; and Staff Commodore, Don Kavanaugh. The first race for 2006 was the Warm-Up Race on 19 March, and the first official race of the season will be 23 April. The official start of the PYC boating season is 30 April and Mardi Gras on the Bay is the theme for this year's opening day of celebration. Website: [www.presidioyachtclub.org](http://www.presidioyachtclub.org)

### ***Navy Yacht Club San Diego.***

The NYCSA Flag Officers for 2006 are: Commodore: Blanche Gunther; Vice Commodore, Robyn Phelps; Rear Commodore, Ted Napolitano; Treasurer, Bob Muff; and Secretary, Stan Smith. The Navy Yacht Club San Diego Opening Day is set for 5 March to celebrate the start of another yachting season. Finally, Navy Sailing has placed Skip Gunther, father of Blanche, in our prayers and passes along our sincerest condolences to all his family for his passing. Website: [www.nycsd.org](http://www.nycsd.org)

### ***Santa Margarita Yacht Club of Camp Pendleton***

SMYC is pleased to announce its Bridge Officers for 2006: Commodore, Audrey Hall; Vice Commodore, Jon Elshaug; Rear Commodore #1, Ed Henderson; Rear Commodore #2, Jim Murtland; Secretary, Sharon Elshaug; and Treasurer, Floyce Royer. SMYC Opening Day is scheduled in April. Even though SMYC members are able to sail all year long, Opening Day is a tradition that calls for a boat parade and another opportunity to celebrate and have some fun. SMYC Small Boat Races started 21 January and will be held once a month

through September for experienced and new racers alike. Website:

[www.santamargaritayc.org](http://www.santamargaritayc.org)

### ***Treasure Island Yacht Club***

TIYC Officers for 2006 are: Commodore, Fred Gibson; Vice Commodore, Reggie Smith; Rear Commodore, Desmond Thorson; Secretary, George Knies; Treasurer, Wil Debrunner; and Manager, Joyce Waters. The TIYC year-end membership totaled 120 members. Website: [www.tiyc.org](http://www.tiyc.org)

### ***Whidbey Island Naval Sailing Association***

The WINSA Officers for 2006 are: Commodore, Mike Schott; Vice Commodore, Jan McKinney; Cruise Captain, Michele Bishai; Treasurer, John Volz; and Secretary, Wendy Guyer. The WINSA Frostbite Series began 4 March. The Round Whidbey Race is scheduled for 13 May. Website: [www.winsa.org](http://www.winsa.org)

## OFFSHORE AFFILIATES



### ***NAVSTA Roosevelt Roads***

According to an email we received from one of our Norfolk NSA members, the marina at Roosevelt Roads has just been given a new lease on life for the next six months. The Commander of Naval Activity Puerto Rico has given the marina the option to stay open, so long as it continues to be a self-sustaining operation. At the end of the six months another review will be made, and there is a good chance that the marina may stay open even longer.

From the email: "If this can be publicized throughout the military sailing community, then there could well be more and more ID card holders stopping in, all of which will help keep the operation going here. Even though the base facilities are not open, there is a small convenience store in the Marina Office, and they do have gasoline and diesel available at the fuel dock."

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### CRUISING

We received an update from CAPTS Walt & Jane LeCompte, USN (Ret):

"In June of 2004 we headed out of the Mediterranean via the Red Sea and exited the bottom end in early September. From there we sailed to Oman and on to the Maldives. In early December 2004 we left the Maldives and sailed to Galle, Sri Lanka. It was a long and at times hard trip but also very interesting. We were in Galle when the tsunami hit – the good news is we were not hurt. The bad news is the boat was damaged. After doing temporary repairs to the boat we sailed to Phuket, Thailand, in mid-February. Arriving in Thailand in March 2005 we made arrangements for the permanent repairs. By September all the work was done and our boat was back in the water looking as good as new. We are now in Langkawi, Malaysia, and will base out of here for the next year or two exploring Southeast Asia."

We wish them a safe journey and hope to hear from them again soon.



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