



US Naval Sailing Association Newsletter

Executive Director

All members of Navy Sailing are praying for the victims of Katrina. The damage to people and property is almost beyond comprehension. Almost, because, the military has seen worse. But sailors know first hand that preparedness and prudence must be part of their lives. Thus, in any disaster there are lessons to be learned. 9/11 changed New York, its people and the city. Katrina has changed us all but not as much as she has changed the people and city of New Orleans and the other Gulf States.

I find two lessons in this: 1) We all must open our hearts, minds, and resources to help those who have lost the most, and 2) Everyone must learn to stand up and help themselves. Our military men and women have once again stepped up. They, too, need our help.

As you read through this newsletter you will see how Navy Sailing and its many branches help our military men and women. Our hearts go out to the victims of Katrina. Help us help them AND the men and women of the armed services through your continued support and participation by being "Part of Navy Sailing."

It is almost October and we here at USNSA are planning again to represent Navy Sailing in the annual U.S. Sailboat Show in Annapolis. We will be staffing a Navy 44 and telling all who visit what Navy Sailing is about. We will also be recruiting them to Become Part of Navy Sailing. Stop and visit us if you come to the show.

Please read the sections about what some Navy Sailing branches are accomplishing, particularly Norfolk. This Navy Sailing branch has continued to set a high level of volunteer effort and MWR cooperation. Some of the Navy Sailing branches could learn from their example.



A Navy 44 at last year's show

The folks at Navy Patuxent Sailing Association (Pax River) are another example of volunteerism and MWR cooperation. They continue to show the Navy Sailing flag in the mid-Chesapeake region through their participation in weekly racing events using the old Navy Yawls and the small boats that their MWR has recently obtained. They do the training, most of the maintaining, and keep the MWR's program desirable to their patrons. Their Wine and Cheese events are a constant source of pleasure and opportunity for new members and other MWR patrons to come to the waterfront.

Of course, we can't lose sight of the great program that the Coaster's Harbor has in Newport. They have enjoyed a long running example of how a Navy Sailing branch and an MWR could work together to bring Navy Sailing to as many patrons and members possible.

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Navy Sailing Instructor Certification

Navy Sailing Instructor Certifications continue to move forward. The program is administrated through USNSA using a well developed curriculum and well trained and certified Instructor Trainers. Our most recent Instructor Course was taught in Jacksonville and four new Navy Sailing Instructors were certified and four

were given a plan for improvement. The new members will become instructors at High Schools and some at their branches.

If there is interest in having better trainers in your program, contact us for more information.

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We want to again thank the supporters of the McWethy Fund Drive, the Enduring Wind drive and the many members of USNSA who donated \$50 in lieu paying a year's dues of \$32. Your continued generosity is appreciated. The Foundation will soon launch its annual drive for the Robert D. McWethy Fund, honoring CAPT Bob McWethy for his more than 35 years of service to Navy Sailing.

Last year's efforts were enhanced by the USNSA branches in Chicago, Patuxent River, and San Diego. We hope more of our branches will help in this year's drive. We are expanding our fund raising efforts through solicitations to corporations for their support of Navy Sailing. If you know of a corporation that might be willing to help by being a sponsor of Navy Sailing, contact our office at 410-293-2130. Please consider bringing in your company. Please be generous. Your continued support is vital to Navy Sailing.

Newsletter & Current Yearbook Online

You can review the current newsletter and the yearbook on line in the members-only section of our website: www.navysailing.org. If you have forgotten the log-in and password, contact us here at 410-293-2130 or usnsa@usna.edu.

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All Services Single-Handed Championship & After-Guard Regatta

Navy Yacht Club San Diego hosted the US Naval Sailing Association's 2005 All Services Single-Handed Championship and After-Guard Regatta on 21 May. When the racers arrived for the skipper's meeting with PRO Jim Pope, they were greeted with a delectable breakfast prepared by Robyn Phelps. As there were only four competitors for the single-handed championship, solely represented by the Navy, the race committee decided to run all seven races on Saturday. In an effort to conserve time and energy, rather than sail back to the beach, the laser racers pulled alongside the RC boat and rotated dinghies after the completion of every two races.

LCDR John (Manny) Montagnet took First Place, while LT Patrick Thompson was a very close Second. Manny is now qualified for the National Single-Handed Championship—the O'Day Cup—later this year. The AfterGuard Regatta boasted two competitors, also sailing single-handed. Fiddler's Cove Dockmaster Curt Snyder—on his Santana 25 *K.I.S.S.*—took first place, and Edward Matus—on his Capri 37, *INFRINGER*—came in second.

After a long and hot day of racing, during which many of the laser racers *chose* to go swimming, everyone assembled on the patio for a cookout and presentation of trophies. Many thanks to NYC San Diego for hosting this event and ensuring that everyone had a great time on the water.

Participants

John (Manny) Montagnet, LCDR, USN
HSC-3 NASNI
Patrick Thompson, LT, USN
HSC-3 NASNI
Djan (DJ) Fermaint, AT2, USN
AIMD, NASNI
Scott Lagerquist, AOC, USN
VS-41, NB Coronado
Curt Snyder Santana 25 *K.I.S.S.*
Edward Matus Capri 37 *INFRINGER*



The Navy Yacht Club San Diego race committee

CNET / NJROTC

The NJROTC program continues to be the bright spot in the CNET world for sailing. While many of the NROTC programs are trying to keep sailing alive they are having difficulty. CNET has all but dried up any funds for the program and those that are hanging on are doing so by the sheer energy of their local COs and their Sail Training Officers.

Command Master Chief Tim Strickland, USN (Ret.) of **West Ashley High School** has pushed and shoved his school and others in the Charleston area to see what sailing can bring to the kids in his efforts to guide them in their lives. He once again put together a Sailing/Leadership program at the Navy's Recreational Center at Shortstay. He spent a week training and sailing his "mids" in June.



Sailing program at Shortstay

The kids came away with a new lifelong skill that is both fun and educational. Next year he intends to have two sessions that will double his

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throughput. Due to his efforts, the school system superintendent has commented, "Why isn't this in all the schools and supported by the school system?" His CO, CAPT Massey, USN (Ret.), fully supports him and has even begun to bring the message to the other PNS in their region. Matt Vacher has been a steady supporter and continues as one of the new Navy Sailing Instructors.

CAPT James Porter, USN (Ret.) of **Osborn High School**, Virginia, has been bitten by the sailing bug. He took 20 of his kids to Norfolk this year for a Sailing/Leadership camp. The MWR, along with members of the Norfolk Navy Sailing Association, taught them to sail during a fun filled week of sailing and other activities.

He, CAPT Porter and LCDR Henry Lane, USN (Ret.), of **Linganore High School** are hoping to grow this program in 2006 and conduct a similar camp here in Annapolis.

CDR Robert Spencer, USN (Ret.), of **Brunswick High School** in Georgia, put together a Navy Sailing Instructor course for several NJROTC personnel from various schools in his region in June of this year. The course was taught by one of our Instructor Trainers at the Naval Air Station Jacksonville. As you will note, the NJROTC program has recognized how sailing and its related activities benefit their young charges and Navy Sailing overall.

REGIONAL NEWS

NORTHEAST REGION

Portsmouth Navy Yacht Club

The PNYC summer club cruise took place 17-31 July along the Maine Coast. Cruising members explored Casco Bay, Harpwell Sound, the New Meadows River, Sebasco Estates, Sheepscot River and Boothbay.

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Coasters Harbor Navy Yacht Club

The annual Winslow Memorial Regatta was held 6 August. The Second Annual Surface Navy Association Regatta was held 20 August, followed by a catered awards party in the Officers Club's Topside Pub. The Rhode Island Special Olympics 10th Anniversary Regatta was held 24-25 September. As of July CHNYC had completed seven basic sail training ground school classes. With nine more classes scheduled, they will have a very successful season. The Wednesday Night Races Fall Series began 10 August and will continue through 5 October. The Navy War College President's Cup is set for 7 October.

Website: www.nwc.navy.mil/chnyc

US Merchant Marine Academy

Members of the Class of 2009 got their first taste of sailing competition when the Varsity Offshore Sailing Team competed in the City Island Day Race on 7 August. Five vessels competed, with the best finishes posted in Division 1 where Kings Point placed 2-3-4. The Varsity Offshore Sailing Team's fall season got off to a successful start with three top-three finishes in the annual City Island Yacht Club Women's Skipper Race on 6 August. Battling currents and light air, *Hercules* finished in just 31 hours and was able to capture line honors in the annual Around Long Island Race. However, it was *Blizzard* that took home the Jack Sussi Memorial Trophy, awarded to the top-finishing Service Academy yacht. The Jack Sussi Trophy honors the Academy's former Assistant Director of Waterfront Activities who passed away in 1995.

Website: www.usmma.edu/waterfront

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Annapolis Naval Sailing Association.

Several ANSA members sat outside the Fort Belvoir Exchange on a recent weekend and talked to patrons about ANSA and its programs, handing out brochures and membership forms. ANSA's strategy: new members mean new enthusiasm, new ideas, more students, more training, more income and more hands to share in the running of the organization. We are sure ANSA will realize its goals soon.

ANSA boats left Annapolis on 20 August to set sail on the August Southern Bay Cruise in the Chesapeake south to Solomons Island and St. Mary's, to the northern neck of Virginia, then eastward to Onancock, Point Lookout, Tilghman Island and back to Annapolis by 28 August. Meetings, maintenance, and sail training will continue through November. The ANSA Annual General meeting will be held 12 November. Its Holiday Gala is scheduled for 9 December at the O&F Club. Mark your calendars.

Website: www.ansa.org

US Naval Academy

Navy Intercollegiate Sailing coach Gavin O'Hare led Team USA to a World Military Sailing Championship in June off the coast of France, claiming the first gold medal for Armed Forces Sports this year. The championship featured 20 of the top military sailing teams from around the world and was sailed in J/80 keelboats from the French Naval Academy in Brest. The championship consisted of 11 races in conditions ranging from very light with lots of current, to winds above 20 knots. USA won the title with 22 points, six points ahead of second-place Germany's 28. France was third with 31.

Brad Dellenbaugh has taken a job with the New York Yacht Club and has moved North. He is also very much involved in the America's Cup activities. John Tihansky has taken over as Varsity Offshore Sailing Team (VOST) head coach. You can bet that the program will continue its great accomplishments as John brings enormous talent to the job.

Website: www.usna.edu/sailing

Pentagon Sailing Club

PSC members enjoyed a trip up the Chester River to historic Chestertown, Maryland, over Labor Day weekend. Once there, everyone donned their Hawaiian garb to take part in the luau—complete with Hawaiian music, a Hawaiian shirt contest and pupu platters. The Hydrilla Cup will take place on 24 September when the men and women square off for best sail trim in their annual (light air) race.



PSC member gets into the hula mood

Some very fortunate PSC members will be flying to Greece 8-15 October to sail the Cyclades Island chain in the Aegean Sea aboard 43' sloops. We look forward to hearing all about this wonderful experience!

Fall sail training classes will continue through November for River Basic. A Chesapeake Bay two-day night sail was held on 17-18 September to Baltimore to enjoy an Orioles game at Camden Yards.

Website: www.pentagonsailing.org

Navy Patuxent Sailing Club

The Governor's Cup proved a little too exciting. Lighting stuck one boat—no damage or personnel casualties reported—but the boat retired. The second entry pressed ahead only to have the wind die before the time limit expired. It wasn't a great weekend for the effort expended. However, they kept the spirit of Navy Sailing alive and kept the "fun meter" running. The Pax River Sailing calendar includes: NAS Patuxent Air Expo, 3-4 September; Wednesday Night Races, 7 & 14 September; the 51st Annual NASS Annapolis to Oxford Race, 16-18

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September and the First annual Doyle Cruising Cup, hosted by Doyle Chesapeake, on the Rhode River, 16-17 September. They are also preparing their Pirates raid on the "Tiki" in Solomon Island. Anyone with any intel, please pass it on to the operations officer.

Website: www.navypaxsail.com

Norfolk Naval Sailing Association

With a total of 54 boats participating in the Little Bay Challenge Regatta held in July, all four NNSA entries placed in their respective classes: Class 1, 1st; Class 2, 5th; Class 3, 1st; Class 4, 3rd. Congratulations to all the winners! On 5-6 August, NNSA participated in the St. Jude's Children Regatta. Labor Day weekend plans included a cruise to the new River Walk Marina in the York River to visit the Waterman's Museum, then a raft-up Saturday night to enjoy the fireworks. The first ever Norfolk In-Water Boat show took place 9-11 September. The Tri-Service Regatta took place 24 September. This annual event pits NNSA against Old Point Comfort at Fort Monroe and the Langley Yacht Clubs. This year the race was sponsored by Norfolk Naval Sailing Association.

Did we mention the Pirates map they found when digging through their stuff? They turned this "find" over to the kids at a recent meeting and they (the kids) found a bountiful treasure when they finally put together all the clues. What a way to keep families coming!

NNSA could teach most of us how to make the Branch & MWR relationship work. At a recent meeting, they invited VADM Steve Turcott and his wife to attend. Of course, the marina manager, Mike Helms, was present. While at the meeting, VADM Turcott spoke and told Mike Helms to let him know just how much he needed to buy a new boat (30'+ range) to be used for the training program. Just so no one misses the point, the branch (NNSA) has been working very closely with the MWR folks to make their training program one of the best that Navy Sailing offers. Their efforts show.



Finally, these guys are really forward-looking AND proactive. They decided that wireless communications and local networks are here to stay. They are working with the MWR folks, among others, to establish a Marina Network where marina patrons and transients can log on to the internet. This is truly a club with vision and volunteers to make things happen.

Website: www.norfolknavalsailing.org

SOUTHEAST REGION

Hancock Yacht Club/MCB Camp Lejeune

The HYC events calendar includes: HYC meeting and elections, 1 September; Labor Day weekend cruise to Beaufort and Cape Lookout. HYC hosted New Bern Yacht Club at Hancock Marina on 24 September. Installation Dinner and Cruise will be held 1 October; and a Lobster Cookout is set for 22 October.

Website: www.hancockyachtclub.org

Navy Yacht Club Pensacola

NYC Pensacola suffered the loss of their clubhouse due to Hurricane Dennis, but thanks to Marina Manager Mike Helms and other local yacht clubs who were more fortunate, NYCP's race schedule has, for the most part, remained intact. The NYCP Flying Scot regatta scheduled for July was wiped out, and they had to miss the Summer Regatta at Mobile in July as everyone was busy with post-Dennis cleanup. The women were able to sail the Scot over at Pass Christian in the Knost Regatta 13-14 August. The 25th Anniversary Bikini Regatta was held 24 July. The new NAS CO, CAPT Pete Frano, and his wife, Cindy, showed up to meet everyone and help present awards.

Website: www.navypnsyc.org

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WESTERN REGION

Navy Yacht Club Channel Islands

The Tall Ships arrived in Oxnard 5-8 August on their sail from Vancouver to San Diego. NYCCI hosted an R&R for the visiting sailors. The annual picnic in Peninsula Park was held 21 August with a buffet and games. The annual cruise to Catalina Island took place 24-30 September. The fall calendar includes a cruise to Santa Barbara, 7-9 October; and a Halloween Party and Dinner on 21 October, followed by the general meeting and nominations for '06 Officers.

Website: www.nycci.org

Navy Yacht Club Long Beach

The Pancake Charity Regatta held in July was twice as successful this year with \$450 collected from the breakfast. All proceeds go to the Children's Hospital in Long Beach. The Cruise-Out to Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club was a winner. With ideal weather conditions, NYCLB members spent the weekend boat-hopping and enjoying the outstanding hospitality at CBYC. The August Cruise-Out landed at the legendary Long Beach Yacht Club for more of the same.

Congratulations to Navy Yacht Club Long Beach for their triple win at the Gator Regatta, hosted by NYC San Diego! NYCLB once again hosted the All Hands Race on 10 September. The race included the Spinnaker class and A and B Non-Spinnaker classes. Trophies were awarded after the race, followed by a "grill your own steak" dinner. The Children's Clinic Charity Regatta took place on 25 September with after-regatta festivities and trophy presentations at Alamitos Bay Yacht Club.

Website: www.nyclb.com

Presidio Yacht Club

PYC's July cruise-out led them up the river to the Napa Yacht Club where they enjoyed a wonderful schedule of dining, an art show, and, of course, wine tastings at several of the local vineyards of Napa Valley. The September calendar includes a cruise-out to Vallejo Yacht Club on Labor Day weekend. The PYC annual Lady Skipper's Race will be held 16 October.

The Change of Watch dinner is set for 12 November. The July/August PYC Newsletter, *Porthole*, provides a harrowing account of how things can go so wrong so quickly during a rescue attempt. See the article by Dave Adams, "A Rescue During a Race." This edition of *Porthole* also offers some very important tips offered by the California Department of Boating and Waterways concerning the danger of carbon monoxide poisoning. See the article, "Boating Safety."

Website: www.presidioryachtclub.org

Navy Yacht Club San Diego

NYC San Diego hosted US Naval Sailing Association's 2005 All Services Single-Handed Championship and AfterGuard Regatta on 21 May. Look in the All Services Championship section for the results of this event. The annual Navy Cup Regatta took place 23 July followed by a Patio Party and Texas BBQ.

NYCSD hosted the annual Gator Regatta, an invitational regatta for USNSA-affiliated clubs in Southern California on 27 August on South San Diego Bay. A pre-race skippers' meeting and continental breakfast preceded the event. Three four-person teams sailing matched Catalina 27s competed in the 2005 event. NYC Long Beach swept the regatta, winning all three races by impressive margins. Santa Margarita Yacht Club took three second places, finishing about a minute behind the Long Beach team. The Host Club, NYC San Diego, finished third in the first two races and had a DNF in a race three when their boat's tiller snapped off at the start. All teams returned to the NYCSD patio for a post-race BBQ and awards ceremony.

The Wednesday night races ended on 7 September after a very exciting season. The Fall general meeting and election of officers will take place on 1 October. The Small Boat Navy Cup is set for 15-16 October.

Website: www.nycsd.org

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The following article was published in the *Navy Compass* on 22 July 2005 and sent to us by LT Todd Trahan, one of our USNSA members.

San Diego. Enlisted submariners from the Naval Submarine Base Point Loma, Calif., and Sailors from the Anti-submarine Warfare Training Center raced in the Second Annual Submariners Regatta in San Diego Bay July 16. The number of participants almost doubled from last year's regatta. Fifty-two Sailors were divided into crews ranging from four to eight members. The crews were made up of one boat owner plus three or more Sailors.

Crewmembers experienced sailing firsthand as they raced on a 10 nautical-mile track, which ran past the mouth of the bay, beyond Point Loma's lighthouse and back to the San Diego Yacht Club Marina.

This was the first time aboard a sailboat for Machinist's Mate Fireman Apprentice Jarred Wolfe, assigned to USS Helena (SSN 725). "I had a great time. We got to pull in and pull out the sail and man the helm. Mark [boat owner] really let us take over," he said.

Five Sailors from USS Asheville (SSN 758) manned the yacht, Cathleen, and won first place with their skippers Norm and Pam Reynolds. "I have never been sailing before," said Electronics Technician 3rd class (SS) Daniel Isgro, one of Cathleen's crew. "It was pretty cool. I had a blast and can't wait for next year."

During the barbecue after the race, Cathleen's crew received trophies and Garrett O'Brien, the event chairman, thanked everyone who made the day possible. O'Brien, three-time Purple Heart recipient, said, "I really believe in those who wear a uniform, putting themselves in harm's way to protect our way of life, deserve special thanks. I respect and honor every single one of you."

Santa Margarita Yacht Club

SMYC participated in the Gator Regatta in August, hosted by NYCSD. The Ladies' Race was held Labor Day weekend. The week-long cruise to Catalina Island took place 10-17 September. The annual Hal Graham Memorial Race is set for 2 October. Annual meeting and election of officers for 2006 is scheduled for 15 October and the last of the Small Boat races will be held on 22 October. The OORAH Marine Corps Birthday Capri 16.5- 4 Clubs Regatta will take place 5 November.

Website: www.santamargaritasc.org

Treasure Island Yacht Club

The August TIYC Blue Water cruise took them around the Farallans and down to Half Moon Bay. The Labor Day weekend cruise headed to Angel Island. The last Alameda Inter-Club Race took place 10 September and the Wheelchair Regatta was held 24 September. Fleet Week will take place in San Francisco 7-9 October, followed by a BBQ rib dinner. The last cruise-out of the season will be Ballena Bay on 15-16 October. The Election Dinner is set for 12 November.

Website: www.tiyc.org

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