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SYC Currents

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Secretary: Dennis J. Voulopos
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"Commodore's Greeting"



Hello Skippers and Mates...

I hope that everyone in the SYC family had a wonderful and joyous holiday season. So far the winter hasn't been too bad for us here, but we still have February, March and April to get through. I know on those cold, stormy winter days, I only have to think of those warm summer days when Linda, Tasha "our yellow lab" and I can take the boat out for a ride, the wind is warm and the water inviting. Tasha just loves going for a swim, or chasing geese on the beach.

This year is going to be a very exciting, but also busy year at SYC. Along with the normal events and activities, will be the replacement and improvement of the seawall at drysail and ramp at riverside. This is quite a large effort for the club, but will greatly enhance SYC as well as providing for many years of safe operation at the club. I will keep you updated monthly as the projects proceed.

I would like to take this time to introduce the members of the SYC Board of Governors for 2009. Newly elected are Ed Adams and Bill Larson, Welcome Aboard. Also reelected and returning as Budget Chairperson is Daryl Schumacher; and continuing their term are Carol Park and Star Mikel. Also returning as Secretary is Dennis Voulopos, and as Treasurer is Jim Holtzinger. The Officers for this year are Vice Commodore George Bonawitz, and Rear Commodore Bill Remorenko. I would like to personally thank them for the time and effort they have put into the club. If you have never attended a club meeting, I strongly encourage you to attend and see the great work these folks do to keep our club the wonderful experience it is.

Due to resignations we are in need of a new Membership Chairperson, and Riverside Grounds Chairperson. Please take a moment and consider volunteering for either of these positions. I would like to thank Frank Harvey and Russ Franks who filled these positions in the past and did an excellent job. Thank you.

A complete list of Committee Chairpersons is included in this and every newsletter. Please take a moment to review the list and thank those who have organized events and recruited helpers to make the club enjoyable for all of us. Since this is a volunteer club and we do all of the work ourselves, I encourage everyone to get involved by calling one of the officers or committee chairpersons and asking how you can help in assisting the club. We always need people to serve on the committees and particularly to help with the social events.

I plan on adding a new element to the newsletter when space permits, one will be a Knot of the Month section. The second will be some history of the Long Level area. I hope everyone will enjoy them.

*Looking forward to long summer days,
Rick Faust, Commodore*

Schedule of Events – 2009

Jan. 18	SYC Board Meeting	Sunday 2:00PM
Feb. 15	SYC Board Meeting	Sunday 2:00PM
Mar. 15	SYC Board Meeting	Sunday 2:00PM
TBD	Change of Watch	Saturday 5:00PM
April 4	Anchor Inspection	Saturday 9:00AM
April 16	Waterline Day	Thursday 9:00AM
April 16	SYC Board Meeting	Thursday 7:00PM
April 18	Docks and Harbor	Saturday 8:00AM
May 2	New Member Brunch	Saturday 10:00AM
May 14	SYC Board Meeting	Thursday 7:00PM
June 6	Steak Roast	Saturday 5:00PM
June 18	SYC Board Meeting	Thursday 7:00PM
June 27	Junior Sailing Day	Saturday 9:00AM
July 4	Pig Roast	Saturday 5:00PM
July 16	SYC Board Meeting	Thursday 7:00PM
July 18	Junior Sailing Day	Saturday 9:00AM
TBD	Lightning Team Race	Sat/Sun 9:00 AM
TBD	Commodore's Party	Saturday 5:00PM
TBD	Sweet Corn Regatta	Sat/Sun 9:00AM
Aug. 8	Corn Roast	Saturday 5:00PM
Aug. 15	Four Diamonds	Saturday 10:00AM
Aug. 20	SYC Board Meeting	Thursday 7:00PM
TBD	Labor Day Picnic	Saturday 5:00PM
Sept. 17	SYC Board Meeting	Thursday 7:00PM
Oct. 15	SYC Board Meeting	Thursday 7:00PM
TBD	Oktoberfest/Gov Cup	Saturday 5:00PM
Oct. 29	Waterline Day	Thursday 9:00AM
Oct. 31	Docks and Harbor	Saturday 8:00AM
Nov. 19	SYC Board Meeting (Election Night)	Thursday 7:00PM
Dec. 5	Christmas Party	Sunday 4:00PM

2009 SYC Board of Governors

Ed Adams	2009-2010
Bill Larson	2009-2010
Star Mikell	2008-2009
Carol Park	2008-2009
Daryl Schumacher	2009-2010
Secretary Dennis Voulopos	2008-2009
Treasurer Jim Holtzinger	2009-2010

Locks Change after February 15

Please be advised that effective February 15 combination locks used on SYC property will be changed to "9002".

Committee Chairpersons

Bay Cruise	Bill Lambert
Barn	Daryl Schumacher
Budget	Daryl Schumacher
By-Laws	John Northup
Club House Grounds	Kevin Smith
Dockmaster	Matt Lex
Dinghy (space assign)	Scott Martin
Drysail (space assign)	Ron Boyer
Floral Committee	Jim Holtzinger
Grounds Chairman – Drysail	Bill Larson
Grounds Assistant— Riverside	Open
Harbormaster	Joe Winalski/John Gallagher
House	George Bonawitz
Lost & Found	Anna Keller
Membership	Open
Nominating Committee	Rick Faust
Riverside (space)	Rob Troxell
Publicity	Gene Schenck
Sailing	Trevor Prior
Ships Store	Open
Social Committee	Kim Bonawitz
SYC Currents (Newsletter)	Dennis Voulopos
Webmaster	Frank Filling

Email Addresses Wanted!

To help reduce club cost please think about receiving the monthly newsletter via email. We also need to have a current email address to notify members of specials happening. Send request to dvoulopos@yahoo.com

Boat For Sale

Sailboat, Wayfarer 25 25 ft sloop-rigged cruising sailboat. Beautiful lines, Sails include: Main, 150% Genoa, and 100% Jib. Sleeps 4 comfortably with a private forward cabin. 12 V battery. 9 Hp Mercury Sail-drive outboard available. Excellent dual axle trailer, \$5,000 – ready to sail. Call Kevin Kuhn, 717-424-5598

The Bowline Knot

The Bowline Knot is one of the most useful knots employed to form a loop, which will not slip. This variant is most used in the world probably due to its simplicity, security. The sailor's knot par excellence, for it is a true sailor's knot and never slips, jams, or fails; is easily and quickly untied, and is useful in a hundred places around boats or in fact in any walk of life. One of the easiest ways to remember how to tie the knot is to remember this phrase; the rabbit comes out of his hole, around the tree, and back down the hole. Look at the second drawing and imagine the phrase. Good luck.



2009 Membership Fees Due by Feb 15th

All Dues, Fees and Assessments must be paid on or before February 15, 2009 or membership will be canceled. Please address any of your concerns and questions to the Treasurer. Membership renewal slips will be mailed in January and must be returned to the treasurer by Feb. 15 to:

Susquehanna Yacht Club
 Jim Holtzinger, Treasurer
 P.O. Box 624
 Dillsburg, PA 17019-0624

Also, please remember when returning your 2009 membership renewals that on Feb. 15th a list of all changes/addition requests for boat storage (Riverside and Drysail), trailer/camper spaces, harbor moorings, dinghy space and lockers will be updated by seniority if postmarked by this date. Please submit these changes with your dues payment. If received later than this date, then the request will be added to the list in order of postmark, not seniority.

2009 Dues & Fees

Initiation Fee-----	415.00	Laser/Sunfish Rack-----	61.00
Yearly Dues-----	337.00	Tent Camping-----	3.00
Harbor Mooring-----	121.00	Trailer Camper, Overnight w/Electric---	6.00
Dry Boating, 20 *-----	121.00	Trailer Camper, Season (32 max)*-----	242.00
Dry Boating, 30 *-----	181.00	Lockers, Small (Ladies and Men's)---	12.00
Sailboard Barn Storage-----	31.00	Lockers, Large (Men's Only)-----	42.00
Seasonal Barn Storage -----	12.00	D&H Assessment-----	10% of dues

Capital Projects Update -- January 2009

The Finance Committee is working hard to get the best package available. The committee led by Bill Remorenko and including Ed Price, Chuck Hanson, and Phil DeRosa; met last weekend. Four banks are competing for our business. Each bank will submit a proposal soon that outlines a Line-of-Credit/Mortgage contract. The current economic situation is working in our favor for a low interest rate. The bank proposals will be available for preliminary review by the Board by late January.

Due to some detailed analysis presented by the Finance Comm. at the last meeting, the SYC Board was able to determine that a \$100 Annual Assessment and the \$40 Dues Increase was exactly the appropriate step to take to keep the club strong and fiscally healthy. Thanks for the excellent analysis.

On the design side, I have the PE-stamped drawings in hand. These will be taken to Lower Windsor Township and York County as soon as I receive the General Permit approvals from the DEP.

The most likely project start date ...

Our preferred contractor doesn't want to start the projects until the threat of ice on the river is over. That probably means mid March.

We will ask that the Riverside Ramp be done first, followed by the Drysail Area Retaining Wall.

I want to thank the club members for their support. The amount of Seed Money received is now over \$11,000 with \$3,500 pledged for coming years. Your financial support is greatly appreciated because it will reduce the mortgage amount. You can support the project by sending a check to SYC and mailing it to Jim Holtzinger, PO Box 624, Dillsburg PA, 17019-0624.

Sincerely,
Carol Park
Committee Chair