



**FAMILY DAY and
COMMODORE'S**

**RECEPTION on
September 1st**



SHORE DINNER

on

SEPTEMBER 14th

THE MUSKET

THE VOICE OF THE MINUTEMAN YACHT CLUB

JULY 2008

IN THIS ISSUE

Commodore's Reception and Family Day1
 Vessel Checks1
 Message from the Commodore2
 From the Galley2
 Fireworks Raft Up3
 Board of Governors/ New Member Reception4
 In Memoriam: Lee Jordan5
 August Overnight5
 Nautical Notes6
 Harborscope6
 Poop Deck Challenge ..6
 Kayak Paddle6

COMMODORE'S RECEPTION and FAMILY DAY BBQ on SEPTEMBER 1

August 2nd proved to be a day of fierce thunderstorms. So Tim and Mary Beth Weiler did what every sensible parent would do. They cancelled Family Day. So this year, we are combining Family Day and the Commodore's Reception on September 1st. You are still asked to bring your most spectacular appetizer to share, but be there an

hour earlier at 4 pm. But following drinks and appetizers, we will move on to a burgers and dog BBQ. The Weilers have promised us a great mix of food and activities, including a hamburger and hot dog bar-be-cue, face painting, games & more. Bring the younger set down for a great day !!

The festivities begin at 4 pm.

Fun Games for the Kids

- A Water balloon toss
- An Obstacle Course
- And a good old game of Tug of War

Prizes will be given out to winners

Face Painting

We will have a great face painter

BBQ and Beverages

- Hamburgers, cheeseburgers
- Hotdogs
- Dessert
- Beverages (beer, wine, and soda)

Please contact Tim and Mary Beth Weiler for more information and to let them know how many in your party will be attending:

tweiler@optonline.net or 227-2254.



VESSEL CHECKS STILL AVAILABLE

Free vessel checks are still available by appointment with the Saugatuck River Sail and Power Squadron. Please call Al Stauderman for more information at:

203-762-9527 or al@bbsadpro.com

THE MUSKET

Minuteman Yacht Club

PO Box 587
Westport, CT 06881

BRIDGE

Commodore
Dona McKenzie

Vice Commodore
Chris Dewart

Rear Commodore
Carl Volckmann

Secretary
Larry Brown

Treasurer
John Luscombe

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Nancy Aldrich
Walter Bagdon
Maureen Hallock
Harry Hannaway
Paul LaHiff
Dan McGraw
Tim Weiler
and Past
Commodores:
Robert Kennedy
Per Sorensen
and
Cindy Tynik

STAFF

Maureen Hallock
Editor
454-2307
Dona McKenzie
Designer
454-2443

www.minutemanyc.com

BOATS! BOATS! BOATS!

Greetings from the Commodore

It has been a great summer so far. Though it started off with far too many rainy weekends, it seems like the weather is now more reminiscent of my California childhood. As I write this, I have just signed up for another boating adventure. I will be attending rowing camp for grown ups in Northern Vermont for a weekend. Wish me luck!

Our July events (both featured with photos in this issue) were quite successful. The Fireworks Raft Up, led by Robert and Lorraine Kennedy, was truly a wonderful evening. The food gong from boat to boat only got better and better (but maybe that had something to do with the wine!)

Just a few days later, Jay and Marlene Rosen put on a smashing Board of Governor's/New Members Reception. There have been some great appetizers coming from the new member's kitchens, so our old timer's better watch out and start looking up recipes!

Chris and Janice Dewart have a spectacular overnight to Oyster Bay planned for August 15 - 17th. Get your reservations in now and be sure to let Chris and Janice know you are coming. Suggestions for restaurants are still welcome. Let your voice be heard.

Please mark your calendars for our Commodore's Reception on September 1st and the ever popular Shore Dinner on September 14th.

See you on the water!



Dona McKenzie
Commodore



EMAIL ADDRESSES

If you are NOT receiving emails from the MYC, please call or email Dona McKenzie, Commodore, at 203-221-1067 or dmckenzie@mckenziehubbell.com. Email is the most efficient way to communicate with our membership, so please be certain we have your current email.

FROM THE GALLEY

Tipsy Olives
(great with cocktails on the boat!)

One jar packed Spanish olives
1 cup dry Vermouth
Pinch red pepper flakes
2 cloves minced garlic
Juice of one lemon
Pinch of salt
1/4 cup olive oil
Pinch of oregano

Marinate olives overnight. (Note: never keep any recipe containing fresh garlic and oil for more than 3-4 days. Extended storage can invite botulism).



Fireworks Raft-Up on July 3rd

Four boats rafted up for good times and sharing of a wonderful array of food.



Upcoming Events

Details will follow as we get closer, but please mark your calendars now.

Friday, August 15th - Sunday, August 17th
Weekend Overnight Cruise to Oyster Bay. Details in this issue.

Monday, September 1st
Commodore's Reception and Family Day BBQ 4 - 7 pm at the Compo Clubhouse at the Ned Dimes Marina. Please bring an appetizer to share. Prizes will be awarded.

Monday, September 1st
Commodore's Reception 5 - 7 pm at the Compo Clubhouse at the Ned Dimes Marina.

Saturday, September 13th
Sail Regatta 4 (MYC Race 3)

Sunday, September 14th
Shore Dinner on South Beach at 5 pm

MYC HISTORIES WANTED

For a longer historical piece that the MYC would like to write and perhaps publish, we are looking for stories, anecdotes, photographs and memories from MYC members. Any and all information is welcome.

The MYC has been instrumental in the past in: preventing the construction of the (name nuclear project in the 1960's); also instrumental in the approval, construction and engineering of the Compo Marina Basin project. Our club has informed boaters, and lobbied against the Broadwater Energy Project since it's inception in 2004. We have provided Westport and it's neighbors with an association rich in community education, recreation, power-boating and competitive sailing, and much camaraderie, four seasons a year, for 42 years)—all at a nominal cost per year.

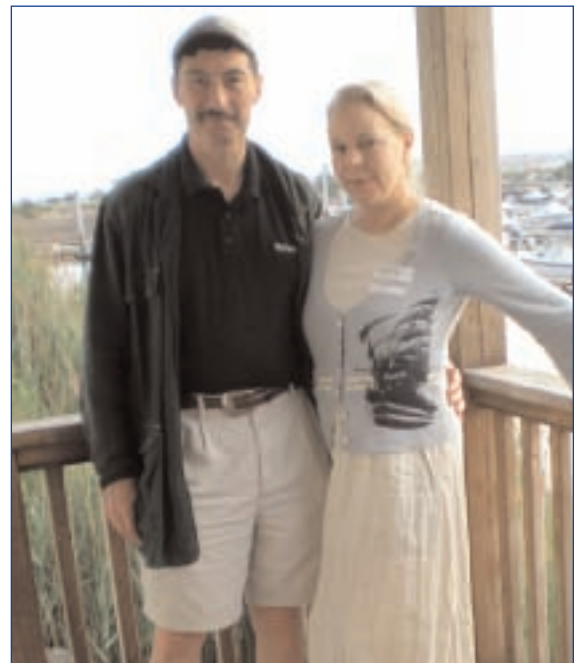
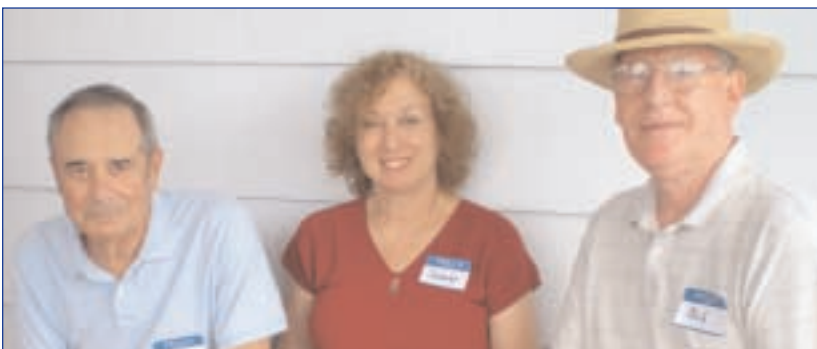
We are in fact, a venerable, time-tested Westport institution, worthy of a longer story profile in any of our local publications!!

Please forward your thoughts, memories, photos or ideas to:

Maureen Hallock
3 Aspetuck Lane, Westport
454-2307
maureenhallock@yahoo.com

BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S/NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

MYC welcomed new members at the Board of Governor's Reception on July 6th at the Ned Dimes Marina clubhouse. Hosts for the event were Jay and Marlene Rosen (at left) who did a terrific job. Fair weather, good food and good company made for a lovely evening.



IN MEMORIAM: LEE JORDAN

Reynold Lee Jordan, 75, of Westport, husband of Rose Jordan, passed away Monday, July 14, at Norwalk Hospital, after a week long vacation with his family on Block Island. Born Oct. 23, 1932 in Brooklyn, N.Y., he was the son of the late Reynold and Albertina (Neaves) Jordan and had been a resident of Westport since 1971. Prior to retiring in 1990, he was employed by GE for 35 years. He earned a BA in psychology and MBA from Hofstra University. He was a U.S. Army veteran having served in Germany from 1954 to 1956.

Among his many interests, Lee was first and foremost an avid sailor. He enjoyed spending time aboard "Pegasus" on Long Island Sound in the company of his friends from Saugatuck River Sail & Power Squadron and Minuteman Yacht Club. He served as a member of the Westport Shellfish Commission and the Westport Marine Police Auxiliary.

He also served as a vessel inspector for the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. Lee had a great interest in local politics and for many years was head moderator on Election Day. He was an active member of Saugatuck Congregational Church, the Y's Men, served as a volunteer for the American Red Cross Emergency Preparedness Team and earlier was Treasurer of Boy Scout Troop 100.

He enjoyed traveling, gardening and the peacefulness of his home.

In addition to his beloved wife Rose, of 48 years, survivors include his two loving sons, Andrew C. Jordan of Miami, Fla., and Edward M. Jordan and his wife Ximena of New York, N.Y.

Memorial gifts can be made to the Saugatuck Congregational Church, Evergreen Cemetery Fund, Westport, CT 06880, or to the Whittingham Cancer Center, Norwalk Hospital, Norwalk, CT 06856.

Friends are invited to attend a memorial service on Saturday, Aug. 9, at 11 a.m. at Saugatuck Congregational Church, 245 Post Road East, Westport, CT.

The Harding Funeral Home, 210 Post Road. East., Westport is assisting the family with the arrangements.



CRUISING CORNER: AUGUST OVERNIGHT SLATED FOR OYSTER BAY

Join MYC cruisers August 15-17 for the final overnight of the summer. Chris and Janice Dewart are hosting the two-night overnight to Oyster Bay, and plans are in the making for moorings, meals and activities. Come and enjoy a lovely end of summer soiree, and all the camaraderie of your fellow club-mates!

Contact Chris and Janice Dewart for more information and to let us know you are joining the group (203-557-3086).

August 15 - 16 - 17

Friday "anchors aweigh" in Eaton Neck, weather permitting cocktails aboard Hespera 7 - 8 pm

Saturday Sagamore Yacht Club Oyster Bay NY moorings

Dinner Options: Cocktails on the patio at 6:30 pm followed by dinner at the Club

OR:

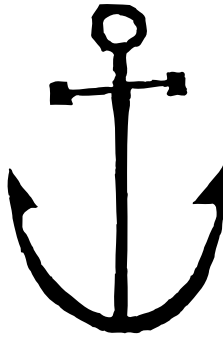
Members can arrange separately at a selection of fine restaurants: Wild Honey, Canterbury Ales, Fiddleheads...

Moorings arranged by contacting Sagamore Yacht Club directly or www.sagamoreyc.com

NAUTICAL NOTES

DID YOU KNOW? “Cup of Joe”

Josephus Daniel was appointed Secretary of the Navy by Woodrow Wilson in 1913. After his appointment, the Secretary Josephus abolished the Officer’s wine allotment. Thereafter, the strongest beverage on board became known as a “cup ‘o joe”.



HARBORSCOPE FOR JULY CANCER



Happy birthday to all crabs!! Water-loving cancerians fairly dance here at mid-summer. Whether they are skittering to the bank to finance their dock fuel bill, or trying to explain to the family that well, “if we have to sell—the house goes first...the boat stays!!” it’s really a festive season... On the Full moon, use your exceptional intuition to purchase lots of lottery tickets, you’ll need them come winter.

CHALLENGE FROM THE POOPDECK...

What is a “Shandy”?, a “Ballast Stone”, a “Jack’s Mule”?

Ok kids, If you can figure this out, and be the first to tell me all the “details” at the Board of Governors/ New Member Reception on July 6th.....you will win a great prize !!!

PS....don’t approach this challenge gingerly....research can be very refreshing!!!

Send your response to: maureenhallock@yahoo.com



KAYAK PADDLE WITH JEAN TRAPANI

On Sunday, July 20th, Jean Trapani led a group of enthusiastic kayakers on a tour of local waters. Here is Jean’s “wrap” on a great afternoon !

A Paddlers’ View of Local Waters

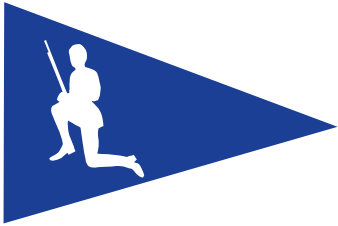
Sue Weiner had a small family reunion as she and her 3 sisters, Lynda Schmitt, Debra Novak, and Wendy Schmitt, paddled in 2 double kayaks in perfect unison, a beautiful work of moving marine art.

Nancy McKeever from Norwalk and Chuck Gagliardi of West Hartford paddled singles along with leader Jean Trapani in her sea kayak. The start from Longshore Sailing School a few minutes past 10 am was peaceful on a quietly flat sea, as we crossed the channel over to Saugatuck Shores, then along to Bermuda Lagoon.

We stayed to the left shore on the channel out from the lagoon to let power boats pass, then rode some big waves back in a fun and exhilarating return trip.

Rafting up, we decided as a group when to sprint back across the channel, which had a lot of boats at high tide, and picked a path through moored sailing vessels to finish at Longshore at 12:20. Well done everyone!





MINUTEMAN

YACHT CLUB INC.

POST OFFICE BOX 587
WESTPORT, CT 06881