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**CHANGE  
 OF WATCH  
 ON  
 OCTOBER  
 14TH**

# THE MUSKET

THE VOICE OF THE MINUTEMAN YACHT CLUB

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## INTRODUCING THE MINUTEMAN YACHT CLUB 2008 BRIDGE and BOARD

The following are the candidates for the bridge and board of governors, as proposed by the nominating committee and approved by the board. These will be presented to the MYC membership at the annual meeting for approval. The by-law provisions are presented below in case anyone wishes to propose an alternate slate.

*Your Nominating Committee,  
 Per Sorensen and Dona McKenzie*

**Past Commodore Members of the Board of Governors**

Robert Kennedy, Per Sorensen and Cindy Tynik

**Appointments by the Commodore and Board of Governors**

Fleet Captain Per Sorensen  
 Flag Lieutenant John Luscombe



*A highlight of the 2007 Season was Ted and Anne Jacques 40th Anniversary as members of the MYC.*

**Proposed 2008 MYC Bridge and Board**

Commodore	Dona McKenzie
Vice Commodore	Chris Dewart
Rear Commodore	Carl Volckmann
Treasurer	John Luscombe
Secretary	Larry Brown

**Elected Members of the Board of Governors**

Nancy Aldrich	Paul LaHiff
Walter Bagdon	Dan McGraw
Maureen Hallock	Tim Weiler
Harry Hannaway	

*Section 3. Alternate Nominations, Proper Notice — Nominations other than by the Nominating Committee shall not be presented to the membership for voting unless presented in the form of a complete slate of candidates proposed by at least ten Regular Members. Such slates may include nominees from the slate proposed by the Nominating Committee. These alternate nominations must be filed with the Secretary of the Club not less than eight days before the date of the Annual Meeting and a notice containing all such nominations shall be mailed to members at least five days before said Annual Meeting.*

*Section 4. Nominations Excluded — No other nominations shall be effective unless made in accordance with the preceding provisions.*

## THE MUSKET

### Minuteman Yacht Club

PO Box 587  
Westport, CT 06881

#### BRIDGE

*Commodore*  
Dona McKenzie

*Vice Commodore*  
Paul LaHiff

*Rear Commodore*  
Carl Volckmann

*Secretary*  
Larry Brown

*Treasurer*  
John Luscombe

#### BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Nancy Aldrich  
Walter Bagdon  
Chris Dewart  
Harry Hannaway  
Robert Kennedy  
Per Sorensen  
Cindy Tynik  
Tim Weiler

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# ALL GREAT THINGS COME TO AN END

## Greetings from the Commodore

**W**e were blessed this summer with lots of excellent weather and a wonderful boating and social program put together by your Board of Directors. We had to cancel only one event – the August Toes in the Sand – due to inclement weather. We were overjoyed to welcome lots of new members, many of them young families with children, ready to carry on the tradition of our “Everyman’s Yacht Club.”

My very special thanks to our Treasurer John Luscombe, who works harder than anyone to keep this club going, and keeps my spending habits in line most of the time.

Per Sorensen, Past Commodore and current Fleet Captain, ran a superb sailing program in coordination with the Norwalk Islands Sailing Fleet this year. See page 5 for the results of this year’s races. Our only disappointment has been that we would like to get more and more sailors out to participate next year. Some of our experienced veterans have retired and we strongly encourage any new members to give Sail Racing a try. It’s a very exciting sport that Per would be happy to discuss with anyone who is interested. Don’t be afraid!

Per not only ran the Fleet, he co-hosted (with Meredith Gray) the King Cup Race and after party, enjoyed by nearly 300 people, many from the surrounding yacht clubs.

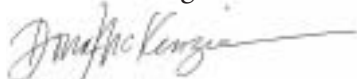
I would like to extend my very special thanks to Ken Fong and Cindy Tynik. For fourteen years, they have run the Best Shore Dinner in America, and they have even agreed to do it again in 2008. The food, company and weather were spectacular this year. Over a hundred people enjoyed a great meal with friends at a great price.

And speaking of Ken Fong, how could we ever keep this club afloat without his leadership as “Purveyor of the Spirits”? Ken and Cindy not only select and purchase and store all our libations, Ken is there early at EVERY event, to make certain the bar is well run and well stocked. Please thank him in person next time you see him! And thanks to Maureen Hallock for the Gilligan’s Island and Pirates of the Caribbean Parties. Her decorating skills are phenomenal.

We tried some new events this year that we are hoping to continue again next year. We had the pleasure of Jean Trapani explaining everything you ever wanted to know about kayaking at our April Dinner Meeting. Jean then went on to lead a group of MYC members on the Saugatuck River in June.

This year we had our first Minuteman Ski Weekend at Okemo, a tradition we will be repeating in January 2008. New items to look forward to are some fabulous cruises and an “Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Cruising” party this winter to plan for the season ahead. We will have a wine tasting soiree and our Valentine’s Brunch will be held at a wonderful new location, but we’ll keep that a surprise for now.

Let’s raise our glasses to another great year on the water!



Dona McKenzie  
Commodore



# COMMODORE'S RECEPTION



All of the "California Girls" were on hand for the Commodore's Reception on September 4th.

*Texan Jo Fuchs Luscombe won high honors for her fabulous chile recipe. She was followed by runners up Alison McGraw and Stephanie Koehler. It was truly "The Best of the West".*



## Upcoming Events

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

**Sunday,  
October 14th**  
*Annual Meeting and  
Change of Watch  
Dinner Dance  
at the Saugatuck  
Rowing Club  
6 - 10 pm*

**MYC Bridge and  
Board Meeting**  
*Bridge and Board only  
Monday, November  
12th at 6 pm  
at the home of  
Commodore McKenzie  
5 Iris Lane  
Westport*

## 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](mailto:dmckenzie@mckenziehubbell.com).*

*Email is the most efficient way to communicate with our membership, so please be certain we have your current email.*

# SHORE DINNER 2007



The fabulous Fong/Tynik family pulled it off once again. A crowd of over one hundred people were on hand for the 2007 Shore Dinner on September 16 on compo South. The weather was lovely, the food was fantastic and everyone enjoyed seeing old friends and meeting lots of new ones.



# THE SAILING REPORT

## The 2007 Racing Season

The season began with MYC significantly expanding its participation in Long Island Sound racing. Although Minuteman sailors have for years entered their boats and raced in events beyond our nearby waters, 2007 saw the first MYC sponsorship of a regatta outside of our club. The King Cup, an annual Norwalk Islands Sailing Fleet event, was hosted by MYC with Dan Murdoch on Silent Partner as Race Committee Chairman and Gavin Anderson as Commander. The day concluded with a packed clubhouse party that welcomed the NISF sailors in addition to our own members. On both the water and shore, it was a great success!

Results of the King Cup race had Per Sorensen on *Valkyrie* second in the non-spinnaker division with Lee Weiner on *Relish* third. The race also counted as Race 1 among MYC members to determine the MYC's annual series winner.

Racing conditions were varied throughout the year with some races being cancelled altogether due to excessive wind, or zero wind. As a result, the MYC series was reduced to three races that *Valkyrie* swept with *Relish* a consistent second.

The Commodore's Cup, highlight and finale of every MYC racing season was especially memorable this year. Sailed in 18 to 20 knot winds with gusts from 28 to 30, and a hard Long Island Sound chop, skippers and crews finished 2007 salt encrusted and tired, finding sore muscles they never knew existed.

*Valkyrie* and *Relish* competed well. *Relish* had an excellent start and an early, substantial lead, with *Valkyrie* chipping away and closing the gap throughout the middle of the race. As *Valkyrie* moved ahead on the last leg sailing to the right side of the course, the *Relish* crew decided to split tacks hoping the left side would offer the advantage of a forecasted, favorable wind shift. The shift never came and *Valkyrie* was the easy winner and 2007 recipient of the Commodore's Cup.



*Relish* did not finish the season empty handed, however, enjoying victories in two non-series events. She placed first in the non-spinnaker division of the Saugatuck Harbor Yacht Club sponsored NISF Night Race as well as in the Masthead Race, a charity event sponsored by the Masthead Cove Yacht Club from Huntington, LI. Well done *Relish*!

A disappointment for the season was the dwindling of our racing fleet with the absence of three of our regulars for years, Burt Boersma, Lou Lemond and Bob Dutton are no longer racing having either moved away or switched over to cruising.

Divisional handicap races offer opportunities to all boats, large and small. Not only is there the lure of trophies and competition, racing offers structure to the sailing season and an ideal way to improve all a sailor's skills: trimming sails, navigating and handling the variety of wind and water conditions that Long Island Sound can offer. Your Race Committee, appreciating the fun and challenges of yacht racing encourages participation of our sailing members and has proposed an introduction to racing reception to be held during the off season. Check your Muskets for further news!

The Race Committee:  
Per Sorensen and Lee Weiner

# SECRETARY'S REPORT

Last year at this time, I reluctantly agreed to fill in as interim secretary. I guess doing a good job has its rewards - they've talked me into returning for another year.

This was a great year for the club. Membership rose to 199 families. We started off 2007 with a ski trip to Okemo, followed by a delightful Valentine's Brunch at the Red Barn, planned by Chris and Janice Dewart. Our March meeting was a well attended dinner at Silvermine, hosted by Board Member Nancy Aldrich. April Fool's Day saw us all at Bertucci's for dinner and an enthusiastic talk on kayaking by member Jean-Ellen Trapani.

Once again, the rains held off for our Commissioning Day on May 20th. Richard Ellenbogen supplied the scouts, and Gordon Joseloff spoke prior to the firing of the cannon that officially opened the season.

On June 2nd, under the expert eyes of Per Sorensen and Meredith Gray, we hosted both the King Cup Race and the after party. Nearly 300 people attended the bash, many from the surrounding yacht clubs. The Power Squadron also gave free safety inspections to our membership that day, a great community service.

# TREASURER'S REPORT

Minuteman Yacht Club  
Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison  
As of September 30, 2007

	Sep 30,...	Sep 30,...	\$ Change	% Chan...
	2007	2006		
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
MMYC-Oper-Chkg	8,299.21	6,318.43	1,980.78	31.4%
Total Checking/Savings	8,299.21	6,318.43	1,980.78	31.4%
Total Current Assets	8,299.21	6,318.43	1,980.78	31.4%
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<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>				
Equity				
12/20/93 Bal Equity	8,317.35	8,317.35	0.00	0.0%
Retained Earnings	-3,819.29	-2,675.21	-1,144.08	-42.8%
Net Income	3,801.15	676.29	3,124.86	462.1%
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July 3rd brought the Westport fireworks and a few hardy souls rafted off Cockenoe. Our July 4th party was themed "Pirates of the Caribbean", and the clubhouse was transformed by Maureen Hallock, who acted as Social Chair for that event and the Summer Social, themed "Gilligan's Island", with dancing to AJ the DJ.

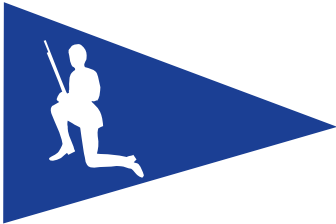
July 25th Toes in the Sand was a big success, hosted by Rear Commodore Carl Volckmann and his wife, Linda. August 4th the club led a Parade of Boats to celebrate the saving of Cockenoe Island from becoming a nuclear power plant in 1967. The club was assisted by the Westport Marine Police. The parade was followed by a great Family Day BBQ

chaired by Tim and Mary Beth Weiler.

August 11th brought a cruising overnight to Port Jeff, planned by Vice Commodore Paul LaHiff and his wife, Maureen. 19 people enjoyed a post cruise dinner together. Commodore's Reception was held on September 4th, followed by another successful Shore Dinner managed by Ken Fong and Cindy Tynik.

We will close our year with a Change of Watch Dinner Dance to be held at the Saugatuck Rowing Club.

Respectfully submitted,  
Larry Brown  
Secretary



## MINUTEMAN

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An interesting web-site for the cruisers among us. Marinas.com (<http://www.marinas.com/>) provides aerial photographs of numerous marinas including Cedar Point (<http://marinas.com/view/marina/3786>) and the Ned Dimes Marina at Compo Beach (<http://marinas.com/view/marina/3352>).

### SWAP SHOP

**FOR SALE:** Children's Water Skis - O'Brien Jr. Vortex - "fatties" just like new used for only one season - \$50  
Hobie Cats - wooden beginner skis - Free!! Call 203.246.4770 and ask for Hal.

**FOR SALE:** *Blue Angel*, Pearson 22, 9 Sails, Quick Jib Furler, Yamaha 6 Motor, Compass, Wind Gauge, Knot Meter, 1969 Design by William Shaw  
Point 9 Sloop Rig, Spade Rudder, Fin Keel, Cushions and Life Vests, 2 Berths, Marine Radio. Sails well. \$4850 or best offer. Please call Sam Stein at 203-952-5451.



**FOR SALE:** *ESPRIT*, 30' Tartan " Year: 1976 Hull #360

Current Asking Price: US\$ 15,000, Located In Westport, CT. Hull Material: Fiberglass, Engine/Fuel Type: Single Gas/Petrol, Documented, Awl Gripped in 2000, Hull and Topside

Builder: Tartan Designer: Sparkman & Stephens

Dimensions: LOA: 30' LWL: 24'2" Beam: 10'

Displacement: 8,750 Draft: 4'11" Ballast: 3,700 lbs

Engine(s): Universal Engine(s) HP: 30 Engine Model: Atomic 4

Tankage: Fuel: 20 gal Water: 30 gal

Accommodations: Sleeps six: v-berth forward, convertible dinette to port, quarter berth aft. All new interior cushions. New cabin floor ( mahogany). Galley: Stainless steel sink, Manual and electric pressure water. Kenyon Marine alcohol stove, spare parts Electronics & Electrical, Wired for shore power, 50' shore power cord, 110v battery charger. Two batteries purchased June 2007 Knot meter, Loran, Depth Sounder, Manual and electric bilge pumps. New electrical distribution panel with circuit breakers, radio. Two batteries purchased June 2007. Sails & Equipment: New roller furling, with 160 Genoa, new Dutchman main reefing system. 130 Genoa, Storm jib, Spinnaker. Spinnaker pole, Boom Vang, new main halyard led aft. Barient winches, new main & spinnaker halyards. Contrasting color spinnaker lines. Deck: Dodger, cockpit cushions, stern swim ladder, lifesling, Bowmar top cabin hatch, Additional. Spare engine parts, anchor, chain & rode, life jackets. All manuals, Awning. Three winch handles.

Please contact Norm Weinstock at 203-227-2105 or [norm.weinstock@erols.com](mailto:norm.weinstock@erols.com)

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