

**KING CUP RACE**

**and NEW**

**MEMBER**

**RECEPTION**

**ON JUNE 2nd!**



**KAYAK TRIP ON**

**JUNE 24th!**

# THE MUSKET

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## TIME TO JAZZ IT UP!

*By Meredith Gray, Event Co-Chair*

I know, I know...your wondering where I've been and if I was ever going to resurface. Well, I'm back and I am hoping to see all of you at MYC's June 2nd New Members reception from 5-7pm which Per Sorensen and I have the privilege of co-chairing. In addition to welcoming new members and honoring those who have hit the 10, 20, 30 and yes, even the 40 year anniversary mark (congrats to Ted and Anne Jacques), our club is hosting members from area Yacht Clubs that will be participating in the King Cup invitational race earlier in the day.

The NISF sailing instructions are available here: [http://www.alliedinter.com/nisf/2007/2007\\_si.pdf](http://www.alliedinter.com/nisf/2007/2007_si.pdf) Please contact Fleet Captain Sorensen if you wish to participate in the racing series.

I am counting on all of my MYC maties to come up with some really amazing appetizers that will impress our guests and show off our members' culinary creativity. Be sure to double your recipes because there will be twice as many people on hand for the event. To reward you for your efforts, I have the good fortune to announce that Jazz Saxophonist, Andrew Beals and his quartet will be on hand to get your toes-a-tapping and fingers snappin! In addition to appearing at the Silvermine Tavern, Beals and his quartet have also wowed the audiences at noteworthy NYC Clubs including Blue Note, Apollo Theater,

Birdland, Cotton Club and Smoke. So, we're talking real talent. Nothing but the best for MYC!

And if this isn't enough excitement for one day, Commodore McKenzie has asked me to let you know that Saugatuck River Sail and Power Squadron will be offering free safety checks for MYC members also on June 2nd from 9am-3pm. You can schedule your appointment by contacting Commodore McKenzie at 203 221-1067.

I am anticipating and encouraging a record turn out of our members. The evening will give you a chance to meet and mingle with fellow sailing and boating enthusiasts. Our guests will include members from Sprite Island YC, Norwalk YC, Noroton YC, Shore and Country YC, Saugatuck Harbor YC and Cedar Point YC. So come one, come all and be prepared to Jazz It Up!



*Per Sorensen and Meredith Gray*

## THE MUSKET

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# BOATING SEASON IS HERE!

## Greetings from the Commodore

We were once again blessed as the clouds parted and the sun shone bright for our 41st Annual Commissioning Day on May 20th. At the sound of the trumpets and drum, the Scouts of Troup 100 of Westport did a splendid job raising the triple flags: the American Flag, the Westport Flag and the burgee of the Minuteman Yacht Club. Our First Selectman Gordon Joseloff gave a rousing speech reminding us to have a safe boating season.

With safety in mind, our fellow boaters in the Saugatuck River Sail and Power Squadron will be offering free safety checks for the members of the Minuteman Yacht Club this season. SRS&PS Vessel Examiners have scheduled a vessel safety check event for Minute Man members at Compo (Dimes) Basin on Saturday June 2, between 9:00 and 2:00. Please call me, Dona McKenzie at 221-1067 to schedule your Vessel Check Appointment prior to that Saturday.

As you can see from Meredith Gray's outstanding article on page 1, we are hosting an elegant reception for our New Members and a Post Race Celebration of the King Cup. Please join me in welcoming our fellow boaters from the surrounding clubs. Meredith and Per have gone all out to make this a memorable event. There will be a live jazz quartet and I hope to see you in your best "Yacht-y" finery. Please contribute your best appetizers and impress our guests.

See you on June 2nd! Who knows, maybe we will get a second glimpse of Larry Brown actually wearing a tie!



Dona McKenzie  
Commodore

### Prayer From Commissioning Day Sailor's Paraphrase of the 23rd Psalm

*The Lord is my pilot, I shall not drift.  
He lighteth me across the dark waters.  
He steereth me in the deep channels.  
He keepeth my log.  
He guideth me be the start of his holiness for his name's sake.  
Yea, though I sail 'mid the thunders and tempest of life,  
I shall dread no anger, for thou art with me;  
Thy love and thy care, they shelter me.  
Thou preparest a harbour for me in the homeland of eternity.  
Thou anointest the waves with oil  
My ship rideth calmly.  
Surely sunlight and starlight shall favour me on the voyage I take,  
And I will rest in the port of God forever.*



### 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.

# COMMISSIONING DAY 2007



**A**nd what a Commissioning Day it was! Our special thanks to Budge Atterbury and the Ellenbogen family for capturing the day in pictures.

*From the top left: The crowd looks on as the Scouts pf Troop 100 perform the ceremonial flag raising to the sounds of the Star Spangled Banner. To First Selectman Gordon' Joseloff's left: William Byrnes and Guericc Vornle. To his right, Adam and Ari Ellenbogen. Our Appetizer winners Leah Scherzer (second place) and Maureen Hallock (first place) smile for the camera with Commodore McKenzie. Flags above the Ned Dimes Marina. Third place appetizer winner, Christina Kennedy, 10. Dress awards went to the incredible Lou Lemond (third place), the double threat Scherzers, Leah and Saul (first place), and our nautical Mary Friedman (second place).*



## Upcoming Events

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

**Saturday,  
June 2nd  
Sail Regatta Two  
King Cup Race  
Vessel Safety Checks  
Post Party and New  
Member Reception**

*Please join us as we host the NISF King Cup Race followed by FREE safety checks for your vessel provided by the Saugatuck River Sail and Power Squadron. Party 5 - 7 pm at the Ned Dimes Marina Clubhouse.*

**Sunday,  
June 24th  
Kayak Trip on the  
Saugatuck Lead by  
Jean Trapani**  
*Details on page 4.*

**Tuesday,  
July 3rd  
Fireworks Raft Up  
Off Cockenoe**  
*Details in our next issue.*

**Wednesday,  
July 4th  
Board of Governors  
Reception.  
Theme: Pirates of  
the Caribbean**  
*Details in our next issue.*

# MYC KAYAKER JEAN TRAPANI TO LEAD A KAYAK TRIP ON THE SAUGATUCK FOR NOVICES

**T**he MYC is pleased to announce that Jean Trapani has planned and will lead a beginners level paddle on Sunday, June 24.

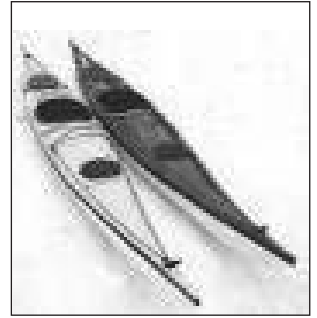
Well-fitting life jackets zipped up are required. Paddlers will launch from Longshore, so that those without kayaks and gear (including life jackets) can rent from Longshore Sailing School. If you do not have a beach sticker, there is a parking lot to the left of E.R. strait (not paved) that allows people to park without Westport stickers.

At the beginning of the trip Jean will do a safety talk BEFORE people are in their boats on the water. All participants must be members of the MYC and there will be a nominal \$10.00 per person charge for insurance. Children under 18 MUST be accompanied on the paddle by a parent.

Winds must be less than 15 knots and hopefully not coming from the east. West, southwest and north are best winds. Heavy downpours cancel, T-storms cancel. Light drizzle is ok. Low tide is at 12:38 pm.

The group will meet between 12:30 and 1pm, and with luck should be in the water around 1:30.

Paddlers will cross over the boat channel amidst the moored boats going toward Saugatuck Shores. They'll continue going west through a very shallow area and paddle into the channel leading to Bermuda Lagoon. Once in the lagoon area, they'll rest while enjoying the view of various docks and boats. Then they'll retrace the route and the trip should end about 3:45.



This is a beginners level paddle meant for people to relax and enjoy themselves. Jean will be happy to answer any questions about kayaking, including the pros and cons of various types of kayaks, paddling clubs which offer trips in Connecticut, and instructors and outfitters for more advanced adventures. Here's your chance to have some fun with an avid enthusiast who's involved with local kayaking groups.

Space is limited. Those wishing to participate, please contact Jean at [jeantrapani@optonline.net](mailto:jeantrapani@optonline.net), 203-221-7439.

## **GALLEY GOURMET**

This is a so easy and healthy and even the kids love it. A great lunch on the deck of your vessel!

### **ASIAN PEANUT SALAD**

*(Delicious and colorful!) serves 6-8*

*1 lb cabbage - thinly sliced (half red cabbage and half green cabbage)*

*2 bunches of scallions - chopped*

*1 container of cocktail peanuts (non-salted)*

*1 package of Oriental Flavored Rama Noodles*

*1 package of Chicken Flavored Rama Noodles*

*Dressing:*

*Mix Rama flavor packages with a 1/2 cup of sugar, 1/2 cup oil, and a 1/2 cup red wine vinegar*

*Add the rama noodles and dressing when ready to serve*

Galley Gourmet, will bring you some great recipes that can either be easily prepared in the Galley of your vessel or in advance to serve tasty morsels to your captain, crew and guests. To share your favorite boating recipe, send an email to [Lorraine Kennedy at \[Lorraine Kennedy at \\[rjklsk@optonline.net\\]\\(mailto:rjklsk@optonline.net\\)\]\(mailto:Lorraine.Kennedy@optonline.net\) or mail to 6 Barry Lane, Westport, CT 06880.](mailto:Lorraine.Kennedy@optonline.net)

## **eSTORE COMING IN JUNE**

Look for your favorite Minuteman Yacht Club logowear items coming to our own eStore in June. Partnering with Land's End, we will be offering first quality items that are certain to tempt your fashion sense, as well as your practical nature. Details in our next issue.

# MEET YOUR BRIDGE

## COMMODORE(A)BLE DONA MCKENZIE

As a native Californian, Dona McKenzie has probably spent more time in the water than on it. Having enjoyed her childhood summers in Newport Beach, she knows quite a



bit about waves. But joining the Minuteman Yacht Club in 2003 has opened her eyes to the joys of the boating world. She and husband Nick Hubbell, and son Ian (almost 11, a fifth grader at Green's Farms Elementary)



spend as much time as possible on their boat, the *Bella Dona*. Son Brandon (23) lives in Los Angeles and is a "Hollywood Agent in Training" with CAA. Son Dan (25), is a student, music promoter and a DJ in NYC.

Dona McKenzie discovered graphic design in her teens, when she majored in art and English at Occidental College in Los Angeles. Her early influences were Helen Frankenthaler, David Hockney and Richard Diebenkorn, with some Rolling Stones, early Beatles and Jane Austin thrown in for inspiration. She continued her design studies at the Art Center College of Design (CA) and the School of Visual Arts (NYC).

Since 1980, she has been a principal in her own design firm. Dona has created award-winning designs for multiple media projects including annual reports and trade shows, brochures and consumer goods promotions, branding and marketing communications. In 1999,



husband Nick Hubbell joined the firm, adding his considerable talents as a composer, web designer and multi-media expert.



The family moved to Westport in 1992. Dona has immersed herself in the community as a room mom and PTA volunteer, a Board Member of the Domestic Violence Crisis Center, as well as a former mentor for the Interfaith Housing Association's WIN program. She has walked the Avon Breast Cancer Walk four times (40 miles each walk) to support Breast Cancer Research, and raised over \$10,000 personally. Dona would be walking the fifth time this October in NYC, but she broke her leg skiing in Utah this past February.

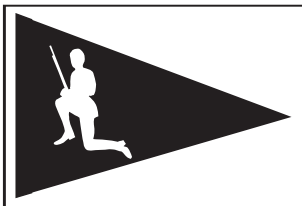
When she's not working in her Westport studio or nursing a broken leg, Dona loves boating, biking, kayaking, rowing and skiing. Her three sons insist on keeping her in the moment, no matter how loud the music, spicy the food, or vivid the discussion.

Dona is only the second female Commodore of the MYC, following in the proud footsteps of Cindy Tynik (1999-2000).

### DID YOU KNOW THAT COCKENOE ISLAND ALMOST BECAME THE HOME OF A NUCLEAR POWER PLANT IN THE LATE 60's?

Well, Joe Schachter remembers. So this August 4th, he will be leading a Parade of MYC Boats to **Celebrate Cockenoe Island** and what it means to Westport. Save the date! Details in our next issue!





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## KING CUP RACE & NEW MEMBER RECEPTION ON JUNE 2nd!

### SWAP SHOP

**SEASONAL MOORING** for 18-21 boat with 3 foot draft. Easy access to the Long Island Sound 1,200 dollars for season, Minuteman members only! call 203-644-9063, and leave a message. Sal Pascarella.

**PUFF IS FOR SALE** - Sadly, we have not gotten enough sail time on "Puff" and are putting her up for adoption! She is a 1984 standard rig, fin keel, Catalina 25. Two sets of sails (2004 main is loose-footed with a full top batten; and the 2003 genoa is a 153% one). There is a genneker as well. All lines lead aft to the cockpit; two batteries; marine head; brand new Danforth Saturn compass and tiller extender. Custom features include: backstay adjuster by Hathaway-Reiser, main outhaul, main traveler, and 17' carbon-fiber whisker pole. The outboard is a 1994 Mercury 9.9 HP, loving maintained by Milford Boat Works each season. Her bottom was just painted last spring, and the cradle is included in the price of \$8250. Dennis Castiglia and I are willing to help you get her ready for the season and possibly share ownership this summer – if that makes sense. Full specs, pix, and more information on request. Bob Dutton, [rwdupton@gmail.com](mailto:rwdupton@gmail.com), or cell 203-829-1026.

**BOAT FOR SAIL** - For Sale by owner. Very good condition, well maintained 23' Pearson, 1979, Honda Motor (2 years old) w/Trailex Trailer with 2 extra tires. Sleeps 4, has head and cook top, 2 sets of sails, spinnaker. Call 203-763-9094 and leave a message. **Asking \$5,000.**

**MOORING AT LONGSHORE** - Call 203-763-9094 and leave a message. **Asking \$1,000.**

**MOTOR FOR SALE** - 6hp Mercury 4 stroke dinghy motor purchased in 2006 and lightly used. Perfect to motor a dinghy or a light sailboat, includes separate 3 gallon gas tank. Does not fit my existing dinghy correctly so must sell and move down in hp. Call Chris at 557-3086 or email at [chrisdewart@yahoo.com](mailto:chrisdewart@yahoo.com)

*Items for the swap shop will be posted as space allows. Please send any items you would like posted to Dona McKenzie, Publisher, at [dmckenzie@mckenziehubbell.com](mailto:dmckenzie@mckenziehubbell.com)*