



# Rockaway Point CURRENTS

## Commodore's Message

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Bob Diercks

A Happy and Healthy New Year to all. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Commodore for another season.

I'm looking forward to this year as your Commodore. Thanks for your continued support.

I ask that all of our members attend our membership meetings and Club functions. We had a very good year in 2005 and we will have a good one in 2006.

Membership participation is the heart of any Club and our future success will be because you cared enough to pitch in. Volunteers are needed for all Committees. Come on in!

The RPYC Dinner/Dance will be held at the Silver Gull on **April 1st**. Hope to see you there.

### Important Dates

Feb. 4th - Membership Meeting  
2:00 PM

Feb. 25th—Sailor's Meeting

Mar. 4th—Membership Meeting  
8:00 PM

Mar. 18th—St. Patrice's Day  
Party 6:00 PM

Mar. 31st—Dues deadline

Apr. 1st—Dinner Dance 8:00 PM

Apr. 8th—Work Party 10:00 AM &  
Member Meeting 1:00 PM

Apr. 22nd—Work Party 10:00 AM

### Listen to the Wise Old Owl



Sail boaters be aware. If you leave your mast up during winter storage you should loosen the shrouds and stays to prevent excess tension on the deck of your boat. You have to be careful to not loosen them too much because you could have oscillations of the mast during strong winter winds. Also put a little spray lubricant on all turnbuckles to prevent corrosion from seeping in. Comes spring you must remember to tighten everything back up. Use a tension gauge if you have one. Borrow one if you don't.

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RPYC 2006

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**January**  
**7 Saturday**  
 2:00 PM Member Meeting

**February**  
**4 Saturday**  
 2:00 PM Member Meeting

**5 Sunday**  
 3:00 PM Superbowl Party

**12 Sunday**  
 12:00 PM Valentines Brunch

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**March**  
**4 Saturday**  
 2:00 PM Member Meeting

**18 Saturday**  
 6:00 PM Saint Patricks Day Party

**31 Friday**  
 Dues Deadline

**April**  
**1 Saturday**  
 8:00 PM Dinner Dance

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**8 Saturday**  
 10:00 AM Work Party  
 1:00 PM Member Meeting w Lunch

**22 Saturday**  
 10:00 AM Work Party

**May**  
**5 Friday**  
 8:00 PM Member Meeting

**6 Saturday**  
 10:00 AM Work Party

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**20 Saturday**  
 10:00 AM Work Party

**28 Sunday**  
 11:00 AM Memorial Day Brunch

**June**  
**2 Friday**  
 8:00 PM Member Meeting

**3 Saturday**  
 12:00 PM Opening Day

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**18 Sunday**  
 2:00 PM Dad's Regatta - RPYC

**25 Sunday**  
 12:00 PM Blessing of the Fleet

**July**  
**2 Sunday**  
 Fireworks

**5 Wednesday**  
 6:00 PM Sm. Boat Race

**7 Friday**  
 8:00 PM Member Meeting

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**9 Sunday**  
 2:00 PM Firecracker Regatta - RPYC

**12 Wednesday**  
 6:00 PM Sm. Boat Race

**July**  
**15 Saturday**  
 7:00 PM Friends of the YC Party

**19 Wednesday**  
 6:00 PM Sm. Boat Race

**23 Sunday**  
 2:00 PM American Regatta - RPYC

**26 Wednesday**  
 6:00 PM Sm. Boat Race

**August**  
**2 Wednesday**  
 6:00 PM Sm. Boat Race

**4 Friday**  
 8:00 PM Member Meeting

**6 Sunday**  
 2:00 PM Tall Ship Regatta - RPYC

**9 Wednesday**  
 6:00 PM Sm. Boat Race

**16 Wednesday**  
 6:00 PM Sm. Boat Race

**20 Sunday**  
 2:00 PM Summer Heat Regatta - RPYC

**23 Wednesday**  
 6:00 PM Sm. Boat Race

**30 Wednesday**  
 6:00 PM Sm. Boat Race

**September**  
**1 Friday**  
 8:00 PM Member Meeting(Nominations)

**10 Sunday**  
 2:00 PM Last Chance Regatta - RPYC

**16 Saturday**  
 7:00 PM Officer's Party

**October**  
**6 Friday**  
 8:00 PM Member Meeting

**7 Saturday**  
 10:00 AM Work Party

**28 Saturday**  
 10:00 AM Work Party

**November**  
**4 Saturday**  
 2:00 PM Member Meeting

**12 Sunday**  
 12:00 PM Veteran's Brunch

**December**  
**2 Saturday**  
 2:00 PM Member Meeting

**31 Sunday**  
 8:00 PM New Years Eve Party

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## Performance Handicapping

PHRF stands for Performance Handicap Racing Fleet, and it describes a group of sailboats of varying performance characteristics that are handicapped for racing on the basis of observed performance, rather than the measured dimensions. It is the purpose of the PHRF system to handicap yachts of various classes or types on the basis of the potential speed of a well-sailed, well-maintained, and well-equipped specimen of each type. It is not the purpose of the PHRF system to handicap skippers and crews. Where sailing skill (or lack of it) is the cause of one's finishing place, neither will winning lead to a faster rating nor losing to a slower one.

PHRF certification is open to any single-hulled, self-righting boat of any age, and almost any description. The goal is to provide fair and equitable racing for as many boats as possible. In cases where a boat is of so radical a design that any rating assigned to it would impair the rating balance of the fleet as a whole, a handicap rating may be refused.

The PHRF handicaps are assigned by the PHRF Committee, a subcommittee of the Handicap Racing Committee of the YRA of LIS. The PHRF Committee usually meets on the second Thursday of each month throughout the year for the purpose of assigning new ratings, reviewing old ones, drafting or revising relations, and transacting any other business before it. This meeting is held at Larchmont YC at 2000 hrs.

### PHRF Regulations

The "base rating" is the rating assigned to a "standard" boat of a class or type. It assumes the standard rig dimensions for the class, a genoa whose LP dimension is in the range of 145.1% to 155% of J, a folding propeller if exposed or a two-bladed fixed one if in an aperture. If propulsion is by an outboard engine, it assumes the engine is dismounted and stowed in an optimum location aboard when racing. It assumes that the boat is equipped with a symmetric spinnaker, and that the spinnaker pole length (SPL) is equal to the width of the base of the foretriangle (J), and that the maximum girth (SMW) of the spinnaker at any point is in the range of 168.1% to 183% of J. It assumes that the boat will be sailed with no more than the Base Crew Weight aboard. Finally, it assumes that the boat is in all other respects similar to the standard boat of its type as originally supplied by its manufacturer.

The resulting handicap rating will be the sum of the base rating and any adjustments. This is the rating to be used for the majority of races.

### Use of PHRF Handicaps

Time on distance scoring:

- A. The seconds-per-mile handicap is multiplied by the course distance, producing the yacht's time allowance for the race.
- B. The time allowance for the yacht is subtracted from the yacht's finish time, yielding the corrected time used for scoring purposes.

### Reciprocity Club List

Title	Company Name	Address	City	State	ZIP	Phone
Commodore	Anabus Yacht Club	1820 Channel Road	Broad Channel	NY	11693	718-474-9167
Commodore	Atlantic Highlands Yacht Club	PO Box 123 - Municipal Harbor	Atlantic Highlands	NJ	07716	732-291-1118
Commodore	Deep Creek Yacht Club	PO Box 340674	Brooklyn	NY	11234	718-377-1864
Commodore	Diamond Point Yacht Club	1350 North Paerdegat Avenue	Brooklyn	NY	11236	718-444-7700
Commodore	Excelsior Yacht Club	1902 Shore Parkway	Brooklyn	NY	11214	718-372-9757
Commodore	Great Kills Yacht Club	37 Mansion Avenue	Staten Island	NY	10308	718-948-2366
Commodore	Howard Beach Motor Club	59 Russell Street	Howard Beach	NY	11414	718-843-9478
Commodore	Hudson River Yacht Club	Avenue U & Bergen Avenue	Brooklyn	NY	11234	718-251-9791
Commodore	Jamaica Yacht Club	47-08 Norton Avenue	Far Rockaway	NY	11691	718-471-3711
Commodore	Keyport Yacht Club	115 First Street	Keyport	NJ	07735	732-739-0727
Commodore	North Channel Yacht Club	1622 Church Road	Broad Channel	NY	11693	718-318-1312
Commodore	Old Mill Yacht Club	163-15 Crossbay Blvd.	Howard Beach	NY	11414	718-835-0454
Commodore	Paerdegat Squadron	1330 Paerdegat Avenue	Brooklyn	NY	11236	718-444-9654
Commodore	Peekskill Yacht Club	1 Travis Point	Peekskill	NY	10566	914-737-9515
Commodore	Richmond County Yacht Club	142 Mansion Avenue	Staten Island	NY	10308	718-356-4120
Commodore	Rockaway Point Yacht Club	PO Box 45	Fort Tilden	NY	11695	718-474-9001
Commodore	Sag Harbor Yacht Club	PO Box 1988	Sag Harbor	NY	11963	631-725-0567
Commodore	Sheepshead Bay Yacht Club	3076 Emmons Avenue	Brooklyn	NY	11235	718-968-1340
Commodore	Varuna Boat Club	28-06 Emmons Avenue	Brooklyn	NY	11235	718-646-1357

## Salty Bill, R.I.P.

Captain: We never knew you, not really, not at all, but we knew a little.

Stories followed in your wake; whether it be, "it's like being in hell, working as the only obvious sinner in a nunnery"; or in heaven, chartering as Captain Cupid on a Caribbean jaunt with an all angelic crew. So we thank you again and for the last time posthumously for yourself and the commercial vacuum cleaner in the club basement that you claimed the antimaterialistic nuns never wanted anyway.

Yes, you are remembered as a yacht crew member, who having done his watch time, could match wit for wit, tit for tat, and drink for drink with your mates. And then apparitionally rise and drift forward to the bow, strip and sun bathe in your own space, and as welcomed as we were, let no one invade your privacy or dignity. For you could stare down as well as anyone. Such was your persona.

You could easily have been mistaken for a seafaring Peter O'Toole, a sometime wild-eyed Lawrenceish character. When you spoke in your sotto voce drawlingly droll tone, you commanded attention and you received it.

Yes, we were aware when you were there at meetings, and although you could be as silent as a zephyr, your presence was felt by all of us who had the sense for another member's mortal race for more time. So, in passing, we salute you, Salty Bill, not knowing the day or hour or cause of your departing, but finding that fitting enough for a RPYC Captain who we cared for, but didn't know at all, but a little.

A Wake Up Call for All  
Tom Tobin

## Thanks to the race committee chairman!



Commodore presents Art Elliott with plaque



Vice Commodore presents Art Elliott with gift



Member of race committee thanks Art



Arthur Elliott

### Sailor's Thank Retiring Race Committee Chairman Art Elliott

A special thank you party was held to show how much the sailors appreciated the fine work that Arthur Elliott did starting and timing our regattas. The retiring race committee chairman made our races possible for many seasons. Art we thank you very much. We are wondering how to find a replacement with the same dedication that you had as committee chairman. Your assistance is welcomed!

# Classified Ads Free to all Members

Contact the Editor: Harold Hohne 718-377-1864  
Good opportunity to buy, sell or offer services.



**Race Committee** is looking for volunteers to assist in starting and timing of races. Openings available for Sunday Regattas or Wednesday night races. Talk to Art Elliott. 718-318-3732

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**Sailor's Meeting scheduled for Feb. 25th @ 2:00 PM to discuss regatta timing procedure for 2006. Possible solutions?**

**NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS**  
At a recent party seven people that were signed up did not show. They were non-members signed up by members. At the December membership meeting after a discussion it was decided that these members would be held responsible for non-member no shows. If party costs are not met then these members that signed up the non-members may have to pay for no shows



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Polar Bear Club swims on New Years Day



Land sailing is growing at Floyd Bennett Field. The National Park Service scheduled a free demo day for the public. Many newcomers joined in for a great day of sailing on wheels. Several different models were available including a three person land sailer that really moved thanks to a strong northeast breeze. Come on out and join the fun. Talk to Harold Hohne for upcoming events.