



## 77 Years And Sailing Strong

July 2011

### Commodore's Comments

I hope you are all enjoying the summer.

#### CYC Bylaws Amendment

I want to remind everyone that there is a proposed amendment to our bylaws. That information was contained in the July newsletter and is repeated in this newsletter on page 9

This amendment requires a vote from our membership. A voting form was mailed out to all members. If you did not receive one, you can use the one in this newsletter. There is also a link to the form on our private web site.

[http://www.cycsail.org/private/amendment\\_2011.pdf](http://www.cycsail.org/private/amendment_2011.pdf)

The vote will take place at our Labor Day picnic. If you cannot attend the picnic, then please mail your vote to:

Candlewood Yacht Club  
1 Brush Hill Road, Suite 202  
New Fairfield, CT 06812

#### Roger Punzi

As we all know, one of our long time members, Roger Punzi passed away recently. Roger was selfless when it came to our club. He was always there and ready to help. There are a few articles about Roger in this newsletter. Please take the time to read them.

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#### **Please take note!**

- **Sunday August 21, 1 PM, Fall Race 1 & 2**
- **Every Sunday 1 PM, Races!**
- **Monday September 5, 12 Noon, Labor Day Picnic.** See details on page 5

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Roger Punzi 2011

Food Protocol

Also, it has been brought to the attention of the board that some personal items and items from our refrigerators (food, beverages, etc.) in the clubhouse and the sail loft have been missing.

Please keep in mind that the items in the refrigerator are not for public use. If it is not yours, then please leave it even if it is not marked. However, for those of you using the refrigerators for temporary storage, it would be a good idea to label them with your name.

If personal items are found on the premises, then please leave it in the sail loft or the clubhouse for the rightful owner.

Safe winds,

Scott



**12th Annual CYC Lobster Fest is the Largest Ever**

On July 23rd, over 50 folks, including 25 CYC families with their guests enjoyed a delightful evening of fun. More than three dozen lobsters were streamed in the pots.

Twenty-four CYC members volunteered to help setup, cook and cleanup. The evening ended with culinary satisfaction and song. For all who attended, it was a very happy time; and one of the last, many of us had, with Roger.

Our thanks to all of you who helped make it a special evening ...it was a 'job well done'.

See you next year.... Ralph & Sue Eggleston

Treasurer's report

With just about two months left in our sailing season, our income through the end of July from membership fees are as anticipated. Expected operating expenses, on the other hand have been lower than budgeted, so the treasury has a slight surplus to date. With property taxes paid, the remainder of expenses through the year will be for utilities, lawn and cleaning services, and support of the racing program.

Art Niedzielski  
Treasurer



Sailing Instruction



All club members: we have a great instructor, Megan Baille, available for small groups (2 or 3) or private instructions in basic and advanced sailing.

Megan will also teach children who are ready to take instructions and really have the desire to sail. She prefers to work in the same boat with the child (or children), which limits instructions to a FS or the member's boat that the child would normally sail on.

She is willing to continue into September evenings and some weekends. Contact Judy Spak if you are interested.

## View From the Starting Line.

Since the last newsletter a lot has gone on within our racing program that deserves comment and recognition.

We think we can safely speak for all us who compete in our racing program, when we say how appreciative we are for the support shown by the membership for Race Committee. Early in the season we thought this might be an issue. We have made several appeals for help and the response from the membership has been truly impressive. Please accept a big "Thank You" from all of us who compete.

Next we would like to recognize those brave souls who showed up for the Turtle Bay Sunfish Challenge. We had to cancel the official event after failing to get the races even started in what could only be described as howling winds. We had 20 participants lined up and ready to go. Later in the day, a half dozen people spent time just sailing the sunfish. We think those who actually sailed enjoyed themselves and probably also tuckered themselves out, righting the boats. It has been suggested that we need to come up with an award for the sailor who capsized the most. Don O'Keefe is to be congratulated for putting this event together and I'm sure the next time the wind will be more cooperative.



Tom demonstrating Sunfish righting technique

John Pawlowski is to be commended for putting on an outstanding Vice Commodore's Cup. To begin with the brunch was stupendous (We definitely want the recipe for the egg casserole). We had ten boats participate (7 Cruisers and 3 Scot's). Two of the Cruisers were guests. On the Cruising Side, Tom Mullen won in what was a terrific battle with Bob Bovaird, producing finishes that were mere seconds apart. Greg Northrop won on the Scot side in a couple photo finishes against Corey Loke.

As for the Summer Series, Bob Bovaird, won the cruising fleet with Peter VanHouten a consistent second, and Bill Kopta broke Greg Northrop's previous hold on first place in the Scot fleet. Let's congratulate both for a job well done. I would also like to call your attention to the standings on our web site. Notice the distribution of 1st place finishes. What I find exciting about these standings is that in both classes we are moving from a place where one or two people dominate a small fleet, to a place where on any given Sunday any number of people could win any given race. I think this is evidence that racing makes us all better sailors and it clearly increases the fun part of racing at CYC. Come out and join us whether by racing your own boat, one of the club Scot's or as crew, either way we'll get you involved and in the race.

Fair Winds

Bob & Greg



Why sail when one can paddle upright?

# VC CUP REGATTA INVITATIONAL RACE - PLENTY OF WIND!

## FLYING SCOTS AND CRUISERS HEEL IN 15 MPH WINDS



Maggie Bozzuti has all under control as Tom Mullen remains apparently camera shy!

The VC Cup can no longer be called the "Windless Race"! The winds grew stronger with each successive race. By the last of three races everyone completed the course with their day's personal best time!

Despite a "Kamikaze Attack" upon the Race Committee boat ... which may be taking a protest a little too far... the race results were finalized with First Place Flying Scots going to Greg Northrup and First Place Cruisers to Tom Mullen.

With Scott Sherman on crash boat and myself on the RC boat - all went off without a hitch.

The day began with a sumptuous brunch of bagels, doughnuts, cookies, fruits, sausages, eggs, Belgium waffles, and a hot breakfast casserole! Nothing like a little extra ballast to help steady the boat!

The winds were from the South at 10 to 15 mph and the sky was over-cast. Without the sun beating down on us - it was a great day for racing.



Joe Doucet takes aim!

As the race concluded and I returned to CYC, I witnessed the elevated mood and camaraderie of all the participants as they reveled in the joy of a good day's race. I couldn't help but envision a smiling Roger Punzi sitting by us and sharing in that joy.



Bob Bovaird tacking for the finish line!

A thank you to all those who raced and participated in this event.

Special thanks to Bob and Greg of Race Committee, Scott, Judy, Don, Babs, Guy, and my wife Sarah for all their help in making this day a success.

John Pawlowski, VC

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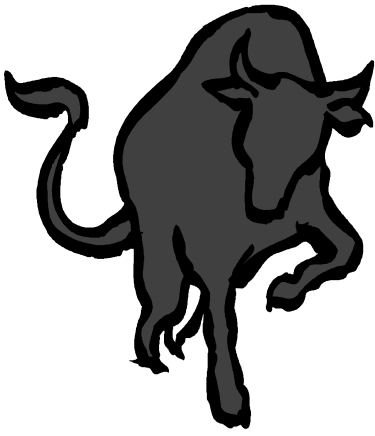
Rocking Horse Ranch Weekend!  
**October 21 - 23, 2011 (Fri - Sun)**  
Rocking Horse Ranch, Highland, New York

**Need \$100 room deposit now!**

Contact Susan Brier for more details ([susan@writedesigncompany.com](mailto:susan@writedesigncompany.com) or 203.426.0490)

Or make check out to Rocking Horse Ranch, and mail to

Susan Brier, 104 Head O'Meadow Rd, Newtown CT 06470.



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## Candlewood Yacht Club Labor Day picnic

Monday September 5, 2011

Board position voting beginning at 1pm

Food service immediately following

Pork Tenderloins vs. Steak

Hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, chicken

Please join us for the last “Hurrah” of the summer!

Bring your finest side dishes and desserts!

Last name A-L: side dish, appetizer or salad

Last name M-Z: dessert

Cost: \$12 for adults and those over 13

5-13: \$5

Under 5 are free



Bill Kopta & Bob McCorkle sail at the Flying Scot Regatta off Westport in July

## Thoughts About Roger

Roger was the first person I met when I visited the CYC seven years ago. No, the *only* person I met that day. There were a few cars in the lot and a few boats out on the lake. Roger was tinkering with his boat. When I interrupted him to inquire about the club, he wasn't the least bit annoyed. In fact, his face broke into a broad smile – and there was that twinkle in his eye. He dropped everything to show me around: the boats, the docks, the clubhouse; a proud owner showing me the property. It was as if he'd been waiting all day for me to arrive. At the end of the tour, he suggested I apply for membership, and he'd sponsor me.

You could learn a great deal just watching Roger. I don't mean boats, though there was quite a bit Roger could teach you about boats. It was his constant focus on the positive. "He who isn't busy being born is busy dying" Bob Dylan has said, and Roger was busy being born until the day he died. Wasn't he the owner of yet another Scot?

Surely he had his share of unhappiness, but you'd never know it listening to Roger.

It's not often that you call the passing of someone in his '80s "untimely." But Roger was full of plans and actively engaged in them; I mourn him the same as anyone whose life was cut short.

His passing is our loss – but I noticed a new twinkle in the sky last night.

Ron Grelsamer



The Roger Punzi sailing school?

The following article was submitted by Tom Mullen / Rear Commodore)

Roger's family has graciously donated all of his sailing equipment to the club. Our race committee is in the process of getting his Flying Scot up and running for member use, and hopes it will be ready to race for the beginning of our fall series on 8/21. Our intention is to retain both club Scot's for the rest of this season and see if we have sufficient demand to warrant the expense and labor of keeping both boats up and running next season. If not, we will investigate selling the older boat and will keep Roger's as the new club Scot.

We have also taken ownership of his Sunfish and trailer. The race committee will examine our fleet of Sunfish and decide whether we add his boat to our fleet, or if one of the less desirably boats should be sold off or disposed of.

The family's instructions were that if the club did not want any of his boats, that we should make it available to the membership. Roger also owned an AMF 21. If any members are interested in taking ownership of this vessel, contact [race@cycsail.org](mailto:race@cycsail.org). We do not know the condition of the boat, and anybody that is interested in the boat must sign a document releasing CYC from any liability as a result of the boat. The mast is not currently on the boat, and there have been reports that the mast may be bent. It does include a trailer.

We thank Roger's family for their generosity, and share in their grief at his passing. Roger was a cherished member of the club, and he will be missed by all.



Roger at full speed

## CYC Member Participation Points Status Of Those Members Still Needing Points:

For those still needing points, there are several opportunities during the rest of the season: Labor Day Picnic, weekly Race Committees, Fall work parties, Summer projects. If interested, contact any committee chairperson or board member - they're listed on the roster. Please do not forget to log your time in the clubhouse log- book. Report any errors in this list to the appropriate committee chairperson or Tom McKee.

8/14/2011

### CYC 2011 Member Hours

MEMBER Name	1st		Points		Work Party	Race Comm	Social Comm	Admin Comm	
	Yr	Reg'd	Actual	To-Go					
Aibinder	07	20	6.0	14.0	2.0	0.0	4.0	0.0	1
Anderson/DeRosa	07	20	8.0	12.0	0.0	8.0	0.0	0.0	1
Beerbaum	97	15	9.0	6.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	7.0	1
Blanch	11	20	0.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1
Blyn/McKinney	11	20	0.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1
Chizak	11	20	8.0	12.0	4.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	1
Cook, Dave	08	20	0.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1
Day	99	15	7.5	7.5	7.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	1
Dolman	11	20	4.0	16.0	0.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	1
Fox, Paul	09	20	4.0	16.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1
Frustace	06	15	5.0	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	1
Ginsburg	10	20	2.3	17.8	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	1
Grelsamer	04	15	6.5	8.5	4.0	0.0	2.5	0.0	1
Healy	00	15	8.0	7.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.0	1
Hutchinson	91	15	5.0	10.0	4.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1
Kane	94	15	4.0	11.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1
Kopta	03	15	9.0	6.0	5.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	1
Lewick	08	20	8.0	12.0	8.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1
Loke	10	20	0.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1
Mastro	01	15	0.0	15.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1
Mays	92	15	6.0	9.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1
McAdams	93	15	8.5	6.5	8.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	1
McKee	73	15	14.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	14.0	1
Orr, Annie/Matt	72	15	4.0	11.0	3.5	0.0	0.5	0.0	1
Orr, John	99	15	7.0	8.0	3.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	1
Palmer, John / Jane	78	15	5.0	10.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1
Palmer, Richard/Jenn	96	15	5.0	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	1
Paul, Al / Martha	02	15	0.0	15.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1
Paul, Rich/Megan	10	20	16.0	4.0	8.0	8.0	0.0	0.0	1
Riback	00	15	0.0	15.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1
Robison	86	15	7.0	8.0	7.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1
Rogan	10	20	0.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1
Sankey	77	15	5.0	10.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1
Wiktorzak	06	15	0.0	15.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1
Wright	08	20	5.0	15.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	0.0	1
<b>All Members' Totals</b>		<b>1,010</b>	<b>983</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>35</b>
			<b>97.4%</b>	<b>41.4%</b>					
<b>Hours Needed</b>		<b>595</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>92.75</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>35</b>

Amendment to by-laws:

This amendment is recommended in order to replace references to “labor hours” with the phrase “participation points”. As the “labor hours” requirement was applied, it may have been construed by the state as part of the annual dues and therefore subject to dues tax. Also, under IRS rules, the “labor hours” could have been considered as the equivalent of \$300 bartered income and therefore subject to income tax. This amendment clarifies the intent as a fine, which is in accordance with Section 33-1057 of Connecticut statutes governing non-stock corporations.

Add paragraph A(2) and re-identify Paragraph A as A(1):

1 CLASSES OF MEMBERS

A (1) An Active Member.....Said privileges shall be granted to each Active Member’s spouse and unmarried children .....

A(2) Because the club has no paid positions, all of the club’s functions and activities, such as serving on the governing board, assisting in the conduct of race and water activities, participating in the preparation of the club grounds and facilities for social events etc., requires support from all active members. To encourage minimum participation, a point system is established for the many and varied activities that are necessary for the enjoyment of the membership and guests. The Board will set the minimum number of required points at the beginning of the season, and members will be awarded points depending upon the particular activity. The Board will impose a fine on those members failing to achieve the minimum number set. The fine will be determined according to the point deficit remaining and the dollar amount per point will be set by the Board at the beginning of the sailing season and announced in a newsletter.

B. An Honorary Member.....

CYC Member Approval of Change:

I \_\_\_\_\_  approve  do not approve  
of the above change to the Candlewood Yacht Club by-laws.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Peggy and Jen demonstrate that highly skilled sailors may stay upright at the Turtle Bay Regatta