



## Happy Holidays!

December 2011

### Commodore's Comments

First, I would like to thank all of you who were able to attend the Commodore's Banquet a few weeks ago. It was a wonderful evening. For those who could not attend, you were all missed. Hope to see you there next year.

That evening, awards were presented for Race, The Commodore's Award, The Founder's Award, The Key Board Award and The New Mate's Award. Congratulations to all award winners. The full descriptions of these awards are found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Also, thank you to Joe Doucet for a wonderful slide show throughout the evening.

Our club has been prepped for the winter. Thank you very much to our Rear Commodore, Tom Mullen and our Properties Committee, Eb Lobeck & Joe McCarthy for arranging and taking care of this task. Thank you to all the members who were able to help out.

I would like to wish all our members and their families, a very happy and safe holiday season.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Safe winds, Scott



Please take note!

- **Sunday Jan 8<sup>th</sup> 11 AM, Winter party, Two Steps in Danbury p3**

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### 2011 Racing results:

Event	Fleet	Place	Skipper
Spring series	Cruising	1st	Bob Bovaird
		2nd	Tom Mullen
Summer series	Flying Scot	1st	Greg Northrop
	Cruising	1st	Bob Bovaird
		2nd	Greg Northrop
Fall series	Cruising	1st	Tom Mullen
		2nd	John Palmer
	Flying Scot	1st	Greg Northrop
VC cup	Cruising	2nd	Jonathan Orr
		3rd	Bob McCorkle
	Flying Scot	1st	Greg Northrop
Club championship	Sunfish		David Irving
Fleet championship	Cruising		Tom Mullen

## 2010 Commodore's Award



The Commodore's Award recognizes an individual or couple who have served the club with outstanding results and demonstrated the heart of the character of the Candlewood Yacht Club.

This couple joined our club in 2000. It didn't take long for them to start contributing to our club.

First serving on various committees such as logo wear, beautification, new docks and then moving onto board positions: Social, Member-At-Large, Vice Commodore and Commodore.

Always being there for the club in any capacity.

Always having the goal of improving the quality of the club.

While serving on the board, taking the responsibility of their position to heart, always making sure that each member felt at home when at the club.

For me, helping me with many of the decisions that I faced as Commodore.

So, "In recognition of an individual or couple who have served the club with outstanding results and demonstrated the heart of the character of the Candlewood Yacht Club", this year's Commodore's Award goes to Don & Babs Healy.

## Founder's Award

The Founder's Award is an award given to recognize a special contribution of unique and enduring value.

Jolie and I joined the club in the summer of 2000. As new members, we were a bit nervous. Well those feelings didn't last long after we met this gentleman. He always took the time to greet us when we arrived at the club, making sure we were comfortable, always helping out without having been asked. It didn't take me long to see that this is how he treated everyone at the club. This was indicative of his character. The club was his second home and every member was part of his family. He was always working on something to improve the quality of our club. And he was certainly successful in that endeavor.

If someone needed a hand, he was there.  
If something needed work, he did it.

Whenever you would come to the club, you knew he would be there with that wonderful smile, always taking the time to say hello.

And so it was a very sad day when we learned of his passing. However, we were left with his legacy of friendship, his kind heart, his character. Qualities that will continue to improve our lives, qualities that last forever.

And so, "In recognition of a special contribution of unique and enduring value", this year's Founder's Award goes to Roger Punzi.



Roger's Daughter Accepting The Founder's Award

## **Key Board Award**

The Key Board award goes to individuals who served the club with distinction in the area of Properties.

Well, these two gentlemen have done a spectacular job once again.

Keeping our property in tiptop shape:

- From the docks to the clubhouse.
- Electrical
- Removing trees & planting new ones in their place.
- Re-seeding the lawn,
- Fencing,
- Removing snow from our roof in the winter.
- You name it. They get the job done.

Please join me in recognizing Eb Lobeck and Joe McCarthy, both receiving the Key Board award for 2011.



Joe & Eb Receiving The Key Board Award

## **New Mates Award**

The New Mate's award is given to an individual or couple who have been members for no more than 2 years and who have become very active in the club.

This individual joined our club in 2009 and wasted no time in contributing to improving our club.

Helping out with properties projects, social events and race.

This past season he designed and built our kayak rack and organized a new sunfish race, which he called The Turtle Bay Challenge and now serves on the board as our member-at-large.

This year's New Mate's Award goes to Don O'Keefe.



The Turtle Bay Challenge

## **Door locks**

The properties committee will be replacing all of the locks on the Clubhouse and heads in the spring. We will be installing commercial grade doorknobs & deadbolts. This will require us to send out new keys to our membership. The new keys will be mailed to you with the 2012 bills. Our plan is to send one key to all Active and Senior Active members. We will NOT be sending keys to Life members. If you are a Life member, and would like a key, or if you are an Active member that would like a second key, please notify Tom Mullen via email at:

[TMullenJr@gmail.com](mailto:TMullenJr@gmail.com) or call at 860-354-0467.



Winter Festival:  
January 8th at Two Steps in Danbury  
(5 Ives St.)  
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Bring your Chinese Auction Item

Menu: Bagels, CrumbCake, MiniMuffins, Fruit, Yogurts, Chocolate Chip  
Pancakes, Nutty French Toast, Scrambled Eggs & Cheddar,  
Breakfast Sausages, Pasta Salad, Mixed Greens, Caesar Salad,  
Roasted Red Potatoes, Maine Crabcakes, Country Fried Chicken,  
BBQ Baby Back Ribs, Baked New England Ham  
Juices, Sodas, Teas, & Coffee included. Cash Bar.

Cost: \$18 per head includes tax and tip.

RSVP: Judy Spak 203-792-0297 / 203-240-7633 / [judyspaka@yahoo.com](mailto:judyspaka@yahoo.com)

Checks payable to Judy Spak

Reply By: January 2nd, 2012







## **CYC – My Year One- Larry Chizak**

As I took my boat – Harpoon 5.2 – out of the water, my first sailing summer at CYC came to a close.

When I initially set foot on the CYC docks, I met Larry Cernoch. . He gave me the cook's tour and I was convinced. CYC seemed to be open, friendly, serious about sailing and unpretentious.

Well, I was accepted and Larry and Jan became our first mates. My wife Kathleen and I couldn't ask for more. Larry helped me get the boat in the water and the sails set. Before I could cover it, a couple of members bailed me out. When I got the cover on, the opening was on the starboard. I was docked on the port. No problem, we changed slips. The Fourth and Labor Day parties, as well as the Lobsterfest, were great fun. Although I never raced, I was in the race committee boat three times but the first was chaos. Myself and another new member were novices. After we got the flags settled, we didn't understand the horn's blasts and beeps. We had to start the race three times. Then the winner blast didn't work. In the end, no one complained. I didn't have to walk the plank. To my mind, CYC is a great organization.

The most memorable event of the summer, however, was meeting and knowing Roger. If I needed anything, Roger was there even before I knew what I needed. To me, he became the club's ambassador and stalwart. I feel very fortunate to have known him.

We spend out winters in Florida and, although I have a sailboat down there, I don't have a CYC.

### **Thank you**

Babs and I were so surprised and delighted to hear that we received the Commodore's Award at your recent banquet. Our daughter Jen, who accepted the award on our behalf, called us the next day and we were truly in shock. Our thanks to all and our Commodore, Scott Sherman for even considering us. We continue to enjoy our membership, even if it

is only a few months each summer and look forward to seeing you all again in the summer of 2012!

We also want to share our hope that all of you have recovered from that terrible snow storm you endured and wish you all a safe and wonderful Holiday Season!

Don & Babs Healy

### **Videos**

Hope this finds all basking the in the glow of a wonderful Christmas setting up for a Happy New Year.

Bill Kopta my partner in the Flying Scot (SNAFU) sent these links to me. While not on the film clip we raced in both the heats shown here, just were much further astern. These guys are far better sailors than Bill and I. The winds were absolutely howling. Note the trouble they had getting the Spinnaker up. Bill and I fouled the Spinnaker ½ way up in this race and nearly broached the boat. Three times I thought we were going over and three times somehow we did not. We finally got the fouled spinnaker down and ran the downwind leg without it. When we had collected ourselves and were established going downwind, I summoned up my best "Chuck Yeager" aviator voice and said "My wasn't that fun" – Bill who contrary to me is very mild mannered and before this I don't believe I ever heard him swear. Screamed at the top of his lungs "Are you out of your friggin mind?!!". Looking back on the experience Bill and I both feel that racing these small boats in the nationals was one of the most extraordinary experiences either of us have ever had. Thought I would share.

Happy New Year

Rob

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m6MIo8fUuZk>.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v5VHQ1FPySY&feature=player\\_embedded#!](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v5VHQ1FPySY&feature=player_embedded#!)

<http://www.fssa.com/node/6745#comment-5136>

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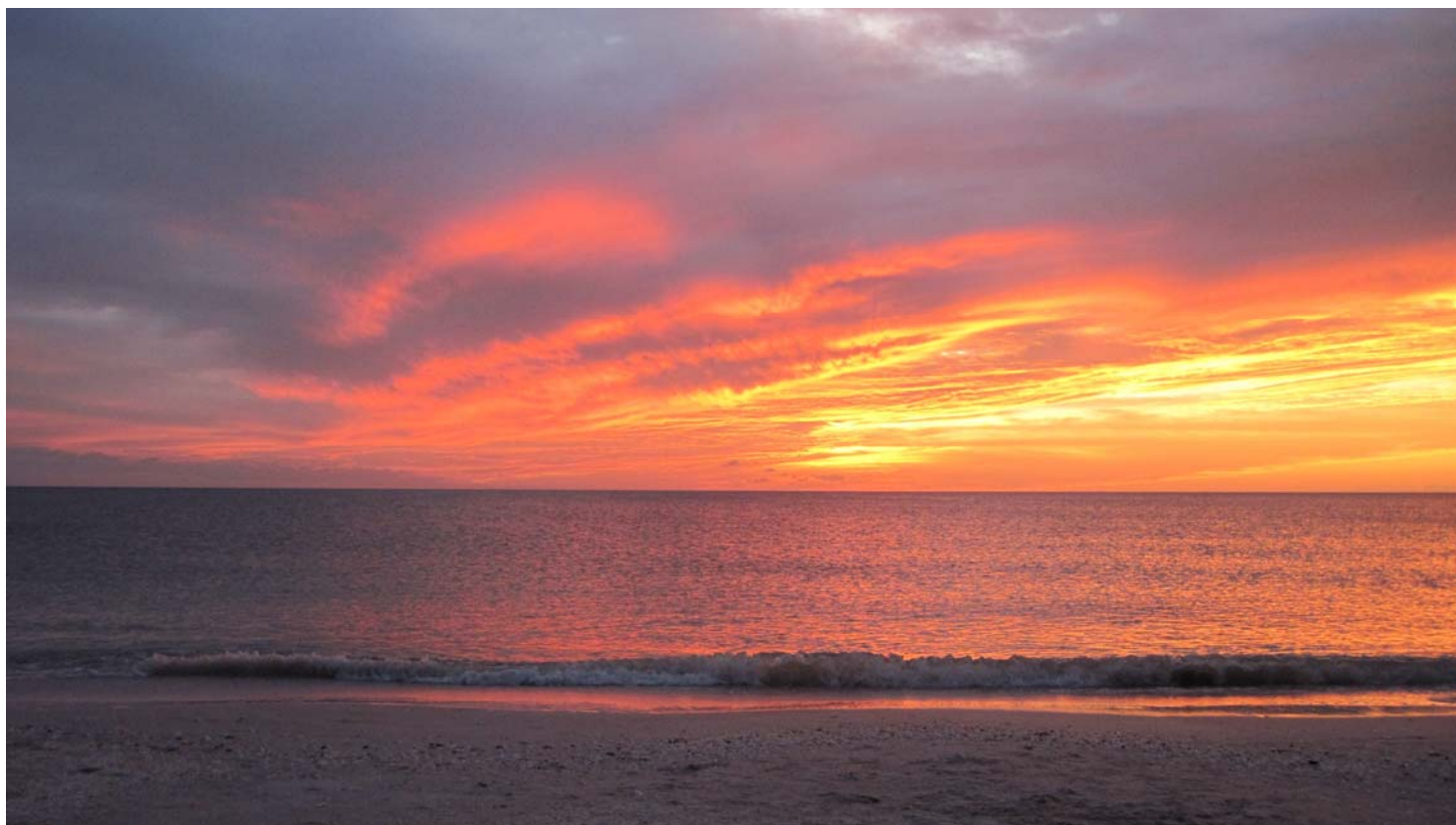
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Sunset @ Casey Key- Wish we were there!