



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Finally Spring has arrived in Annapolis. Navy Sailing has its plans in place and has begun sailing in almost every location. This spring brings many new activities and you can read about many of them in this newsletter. We have initiated four new activities for 2007. The first is our efforts to help our wounded comrades



recovering at Walter Reed and Bethesda by giving them a day on of R&R on the Chesapeake



June 29 & August 10

Bay. We have arranged a full day of activity, sailing, picnicking, swimming, and fun to get them out and about, away from the hospital and their day-to-day lives in this difficult time. The first outing is in June, and we plan to have a second in August. We are looking for volunteers and money to get this project going and possibly have it grow it into a larger program. Call us more information. Donations to this effort should be earmarked, "Vets on the Bay."

This year we will attempt to put the *Intrepid*, a 1960s Navy Luders Yawl, back in the water. She is currently on the hard. We

would like to restore her to her place in history and keep her sailing the Chesapeake Bay. In this effort, we are hoping to find a single sponsor or multiple sponsors to partner with us in this endeavor. If you or your corporation are interested, please give us a call.

As always, we continue to promote Navy Sailing to everyone who will listen. Our efforts are paying off. The Chief of Naval Education and Training (CNET) has turned around 180 degrees and is now striving to keep sailing a vital part of Naval officer development. A new CNET Instruction is under review and should be issued in the near future. This is a major step forward; the requirement for sailing had been dropped a few years back. We like to believe that our efforts have helped keep sailing a part of our Naval heritage.

As you have read, resources are scarce in the military world, especially for non war-connected items. We need your help to keep the sailing assets available. We have for some time sought to keep boats, sails, etc. going to the NROTC and NJROTC programs. The Naval Academy has identified 23 Lasers that will be donated to this effort. As liaison, USNSA is coordinating the transfer of these boats to various Units around the country. This plan will extend the lives of the Lasers and assist the Units in their sailing programs.

We want to welcome two new Branches as members of USNSA, the Freedom Sailing Association and Chesapeake Region Accessible Boating (CRAB) organization. The Freedom Sailing Association was formed at Ft McPherson, Ga., and will be sailing on Lake Allatoona. CRAB is based here in Annapolis and provides boating opportunities for physically-challenged

personnel. We welcome both of these organizations and are happy that they are now Part of Navy Sailing.

Earlier this spring I visited several locations on the West Coast and can report that Navy Sailing is going strong on the "other" coast. The Naval Academy has moved two of its 44' Sail Training Craft (STC) to San Diego. This summer, the Command, Seamanship, Navigation, and Training Squadron (CSNTS) will send midshipmen to the West Coast for their summer leadership training aboard these STC. The various blocks of two-week periods will work their way north and finish in San Francisco late in the summer. The boats will be moved to Seattle to be used by the NROTC midshipmen at the University of Washington.



Navy 44 being reassembled in San Diego by Dennis Irelan, Bernie Roeder, and Herb Zoehr.

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## U.S. NAVAL SAILING FOUNDATION

At its annual meeting, the Trustees of the U.S. Naval Sailing Foundation voted unanimously to elect CAPT Robert D. McWethy and CAPT Bernard W. Moulton honorary members of the Foundation in recognition of their more than 35 years of service to Navy Sailing. At the Mid-Winter Awards Banquet held in the Chesapeake Room of the Naval Academy on January 31, 2007, CAPT McWethy and CAPT Moulton were recognized as honorary

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members of the Foundation. Attending the ceremony were VADM Doug Katz, Commodore of Navy Sailing, and RADM Ted Walker, CAPT Jerry Farrell, and CAPT Pete Roberts, Trustees of the Foundation. See photo at right.

During December the Foundation worked with Mr. Ron Byer who had contacted the Foundation seeking to donate his J-24. Meanwhile, the Association was working with a new branch being organized in Atlanta, Ga. When dealing with potential donations, the Foundation works to find

a Navy home for the boat. It turned out that the new branch, Freedom Sailing Association, was looking for a boat to use for teaching. Allen Faurot inspected the J-24, and the owner repaired the trailer. Rich White, the Commodore of Freedom Sailing, picked up the boat in New Jersey and trailered it back down to Atlanta.

Navy Sailing's newest branch will have a good boat for teaching sailing on Lake Allatoona this spring.

The U.S. Naval Sailing Foundation thanks all those who have donated generously to the McWethy Fund. Donations totaled \$12,931 through March 31. If you haven't donated, please consider writing a check, noting in the memo section, "McWethy Fund," and sending it to the Foundation at 58 Bennion Road, Naval Support Activities, Annapolis, MD 21402. Participation is the key to successful fund-raising efforts. Please participate.

The Foundation now has 11 sailboats at various Naval MWR facilities, two at Marine Corps Community Services, four sailboats at NROTC Units, and one at an NJROTC Unit. The Foundation works with MWR facilities and schools to make sailboats available to military families and students for training and recreation. The Foundation does this through the generosity of the members of Navy Sailing who donate their boats to the Foundation. Your donation of boats, sails or cash is tax deductible to the extent permitted by law and is used to benefit the military family. Consider Navy Sailing through the Foundation in your estate planning.

Another way members of Navy Sailing can help the Foundation is to make a donation when renewing your membership.



Navy Sailing waives one year of dues for individuals who contribute \$50 or more to the Foundation.

## ALL SERVICES CHAMPIONSHIP & AFTER GUARD REGATTA

This year's All Services Championship and After Guard Regatta for lasers and dinghies will be held at the Naval Academy 26 May. The All Services will determine the military competitor for the National Single-Handed Championship, the O'Day Trophy, to be held in August.

The All Services Championship is open to all Active duty, Reserves, National Guard and Coast Guard members Let's have all branches of service be represented in this important event.

Commodores, please encourage any of your club members who are proficient in these sail craft to participate. The After Guard Regatta will be for bragging rights among past competitors or team mates from their college dinghy sailing days. Contact us or see our website, [www.navysailing.org](http://www.navysailing.org), for more details.

## CNET

### Navy Sailing Instructor Certification

We continue to strive to upgrade the level of sailing instruction that Navy programs offer worldwide. We do this by certifying

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Navy sailing instructors. We currently have two classes programmed.

The first will be held in Washington at Bolling Air Force Base. This course is offered through our Pentagon Sailing Club PSC branch. The second is going to be at the Short Stay Navy Recreation Area on Lake Moultrie near Charleston S.C.

These two classes will certify more than 30 individuals to be Navy Certified Sailing Instructors (all standards must be met). If you, or any of members of your organization, is interested in becoming a certified Navy Sailing Instructor, contact us.

## NROTC

### Jacksonville University Spring NROTC Regatta

In a memo to CAPT Pendley, CO of NROTCU, Jacksonville University, CAPT Dick Allsopp wrote,

“I would like to thank you and your unit for inviting my wife and me to participate in your exceptionally well run JU spring NROTC Regatta. It has been our privilege since November 1992 to represent Navy Jacksonville Yacht Club as the International Sailing Federation “Organizing Authority” in the capacity of Principal Race Officer for joint JU/ NJYC regattas. It is very heart warming for us to see this principle of cooperation continue.”



Instructor Training Class Bolling AFB

CAPT Allsopp, a USNSA member since 1975, holds an Navy Masters Skippers (E-MS) qualification and is a certified Navy Instructor Trainer with a Racing endorsement. He is also a USSA-certified Instructor Trainer, Level 1, Level 2 and Keelboat.

## NJROTC

### USNSF in Annapolis helps West Ashley High School NJROTCU in Charleston, South Carolina

When the Foundation learned that a Parker 21 pocket cruiser was available for donation, Allen



Faurot investigated a number of possible Navy homes for the boat. Master Chief Tim Strickland of the NJROTC Unit at West Ashley High School in Charleston, S.C., is a firm believer in the value of sail training for his high school cadets. When he learned that the Foundation was trying to find a Navy home for the Parker 21, he convinced his CO that the Parker would fit into the sail training program. The Foundation and the Unit executed a no-cost charter agreement, and MC Strickland organized the transport.

Meanwhile, the Naval Academy officials told Bob Howe that they had 23 Lasers that Navy Sailing could distribute to its Branches and Commands. Again, West Ashley stepped up and asked for four Lasers.

Mr. Darryl Hickman volunteered his truck and trailer, and the Parker 21 and four Lasers were loaded on the trailer here in Annapolis. Chives Woodhead, one of the West Ashley cadets, helped with the heavy lifting. As you can see from the picture, they did an incredible job of loading the trailer. Mr. Hickman and MC Strickland drove all safely to Charleston.

## YEARBOOK

In early March sent out a notice requesting that our members update their personal information for our database and the 2007-08 Yearbook. We thank our many members who responded promptly with cards, e-mails and phone calls. If your mailing address is listed as an APO or FPO, please send us your duty station – Ship or Country. We would like to have a city/state location for your listing in the yearbook. We plan to issue the yearbook to all current members in a CD format. If you would prefer to have a hard copy, please let us know. It will help us determine the number for printing. Thank you.

## NEWS FROM MEMBER BRANCHES

### NORTHEAST REGION

#### Portsmouth Navy Yacht Club

The PNYC Officers for 2007 are: Commodore, John Carson; Vice Commodore, Paul Smith; Rear Commodore, Blair McCracken; Secretary, Beth Smith; and Treasurer, Susan Tennant. Website: [www.pnyc.net](http://www.pnyc.net)

#### Coasters Harbor Navy Yacht Club

CHNYC held its Annual Awards Banquet in November and elected the 2007 Executive Board: Commodore, Ron Oard;

Vice Commodore, Kevin Hansen; ER Commodore, Ben Riggs; and Secretary/Treasurer, Janet Belson. The CHNYC Season Opener was held on 21 April at the Newport Playhouse with dinner, a play and the cabaret. The marina & sailing center opened 1 May. The Rhodes 19 Wednesday Night Summer Race Series began 23 May, with the first of nine races. The first Waterfront Party kicked off Memorial Day weekend on 23 May with a Burning of the Socks ceremony. CHNYC now has a new website: [www.chnyc.org](http://www.chnyc.org)

## US Merchant Marine Academy

If you look at the USMMA/Waterfront website and scroll down to the Staff listing, you will find that CAPT Eric Y. Wallischeck is no longer listed as Director and Sailing Master of the USMMA Sailing Team, Yocum Sailing Center. He is now Assistant Superintendent, Division of Plans, Assessments and Public Affairs at Kings Point. Congratulations, CAPT Wallischeck! We wish you all the best in your future endeavors. Mr. Rich Cain has been on staff at USMMA for almost 20 years. He accepted the position of Assistant Director of Yocum Sailing Center in the Spring of 1998. He now serves as the Acting Director and Sailing Master for Kings Point. Website: [www.usmma.edu/waterfront](http://www.usmma.edu/waterfront)

## US Naval Academy

"President Bush has named a career submarine commander to serve as the next Superintendent of the Naval Academy. Rear Adm. Jeffrey L. Fowler, currently director of the U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Sixth Fleet, and a 1978 academy graduate, would be the 60<sup>th</sup> Superintendent in the academy's history. The Senate still has to approve the appointment." (From *The Capital*, Annapolis, Md.]

"Farr 40 Class Secretary Renee Mehl has accepted a position as Vanderstar Chair with the U.S. Naval Academy. Her new job with the USNA sailing program is to help ensure the safety of boats, equipment and teaching methods, and assessing their standard operating procedures on an ongoing basis." (From *Scuttlebutt* 2259) Website: [www.usna.edu/sailing](http://www.usna.edu/sailing)

## Annapolis Naval Sailing Association

ANSA Officers for 2007 are: Commodore, Tom Richardson; Vice Commodore, Tom Warrington; Operations, Robert Krakowski; Training, Jim Openshaw; Secretary, Georgia Martin; and Treasurer, Jan C. Gutierrez. ANSA's sailing season Opening Day was held on 1 May. The first club Ops of the year was held 6 May. A dinner cruise to Galesville took place on 13 May, and an overnight sail to Rock Hall on 19 May, which coincided with Rock Hall's Blessing of the Fleet. Memorial Day weekend marked ANSA's first Raft-Up of the sailing season.

Website: [www.ansa.org](http://www.ansa.org)

## Pentagon Sailing Club.

The 2007 PSC Bridge includes Commodore, Tony Skivo; Vice Commodore, Larry Paulson; Training Commodore, Roger Hammer; Bay Commodore, Jerry O'Connor; River Commodore, Hal Moore; Secretary, Rich Kowalczyk; and Treasurer, Joe Rymal. The 2007 PSC Chesapeake Bay Sailing Season has already sold out of its first five Bay training sails. Sounds like it's going to be a busy season for the PSC fleet! The first big PSC Chesapeake Bay Sailing and Social event of the season was over the Memorial Day weekend, sailing to Inner Harbor East Marina in Baltimore. Weekend festivities include a raft up and barbeque near Annapolis then a day sail to Baltimore for a fabulous dinner in Little Italy. Back by popular demand, the PSC charter trips are again scheduled in 2007 for the British Virgin Islands and for Greece.

Website: [www.pentagonsailing.org](http://www.pentagonsailing.org)

## Navy Patuxent Sailing Club

The 2007 NPSC Officers have been elected: Commodore, Jack Savage; Vice Commodore, Lee Allen; Secretary, Mark Kallio; and Treasurer, Dave Kyser. The Navy Patuxent Sailing Club held its annual Open House on 14 April at the Pax River West Basin Marina. All were welcome for free burgers and soft drinks and plenty of friendly people. The 2007 Frostbite Races began in March. Wednesday night races began 18 April. Small boat racing is set for 3 May through 1 September. The Sharp's Island Race took place on 21 April. NPSC members also plan to sail *Alert* and *Vigilant*

down to Norfolk to participate in the Norfolk Harborfest, 7-10 June. Website: [www.navyjaxsail.com](http://www.navyjaxsail.com)

## MCB Quantico Marina

The Marina has over 100 slips, offering daytime, overnight and long-term berthing for boats up to 50 feet in length, most with electric and water hookups. Dry storage is also available. Quantico offers adult sailing lessons and a teen sailing camp during the summer months. For more information, contact Tony Cruz, the marina manager at Quantico.

Website: [quantico.usmc-mccs.org](http://quantico.usmc-mccs.org)

## Norfolk Naval Sailing Association

NNSA Officers for 2007 are: Commodore, John Peterson; Vice Commodore, Bill Erwin; RC/Norfolk, Dick McCrillis; RC/Little Creek, Chuck Sterling; Secretary, Carol Buck; and Treasurer, Jim Gordon. NNSA was very involved with the Velux 5 Oceans race in March and April. The local Norfolk yacht clubs each adopted a racer and his boat, with NNSA adopting Unai Basurko and his Open 60, *Pakea*. A large NNSA contingent turned out to welcome Basurko who crossed the finish line on 23 March after 68 days at sea, sailing from Fremantle, Australia, to Norfolk nonstop. The British Navy sent a complement to welcome Sir Robin Knox-Johnston as he arrived aboard *SAGA Insurance*. The Brits challenged NNSA to a sailing race with the NNSA dinghies at the Norfolk Naval Sailing Center. We'll be waiting to hear who walked away with bragging rights from this challenge! The Velux festivities were in full swing 11-15 April as Norfolk celebrated the achievements of these sailors. Norfolk was the final stop before the last leg of the race set off on the last 3,000 miles to the finish line in Bilbao, Spain. The racers reached Bilbao on May 9, with *SAGA Insurance* finishing third and *Pakea* finishing fourth overall.

Sail Virginia 2007 will celebrate its 400 years of American history on 7-12 June. Fourteen countries will be represented as the Tall Ships parade to Norfolk's Waterfront Park. Once again, NNSA boats will participate in the 31st Annual Norfolk Harborfest set for 8-10 June. Sailboats from Pax River

Yacht Club and Pentagon Sailing Club will join Norfolk Naval Sailing members in the Harborfest parade.  
Website: [norfolknavalesailing.org](http://norfolknavalesailing.org)

## SOUTHEASTERN REGION

### Hancock Yacht Club

The HYC 2007 officers include: Commodore, Mike McCulley; Vice Commodore, Ted Goetz; Rear Commodore, Mary Louise Allen; Treasurer, Sandy Rice; Co-Secretary, Katherine Mack and Carolyn McCulley; and Fleet Captain, Mark Silcox. HYC held its annual Oyster Roast on 19 March and the HYC Spring Cruise to Nowhere, 15-17 April. HYC members once again sponsored the HYC Beer Booth at the Cherry Point Air Show on 5-6 May. Last summer HYC hosted a Cub Scouts outing for a hands-on experience sailing the Pamlico Sound. Judging from the smiles, it was a fun day for all!



The HYC 2007 Cub Scouts cruise was held 19 May.  
Website: [www.hancockyachtclub.org](http://www.hancockyachtclub.org)

### NWS Charleston/Short Stay Recreation Area

Press Release from SSRA:

“This season Short Stay Recreation Area is offering basic centerboard (dinghy) and basic keelboat classes. The dinghy course is designed to give the aspiring sailor the basic skills required to sail an Aqua Fin sailboat. The keelboat course is designed to provide the basic sailing skills required to sail our Catalina or Ranger 22. The course is limited to six students. Dinghy courses are scheduled for 5-6 May, 9-10

June, 7-8 July, 11-12 August. Keelboat classes are 23-24 June and 18-19 August. You must be dinghy certified prior to taking the keelboat course. The fee is \$75.00 per person and includes all course materials.

“New for 2007 are our family sailing classes. These half-day classes are for seven years old and up, however Mom or Dad or both must attend. The fee is \$50.00 per person with a minimum of \$100.00 per family. The dates are 12-14 June, 10-12 July and 7-9 August. The morning is reserved for formal sail training with an USNSA certified instructor. You are on your own in the afternoons to practice. We will keep an eye on you to make sure you do not get into trouble. When you have completed the course Thursday, you may check the boat out from 0800-1600 Friday for free...it's on us!

For information, please email Matt at [sssailing@homeexpressway.net](mailto:sssailing@homeexpressway.net)

### Charleston Yacht Club

The Charleston Yacht Club Executive Board includes: Commodore, Carlton Poulnot; Vice Commodore, Mike Messenger; Rear Commodore, Jim Smith; Fleet Captain, John Buck; Secretary, Jack Wood; and Treasurer, Keith Gannett.

Charleston Race Week was held 12-15 April. Over 150 crews competed in this event. Boats as slow as a Capri 25 and as fast as a Transpac 52 battled the tricky tides and wind shifts that define the Charleston waters. The Melges 24 and J/24 classes have shown the biggest growth with 40 boats between both classes. According to USNSA member Ned Goss, owner of Charleston-based Ocean Sailing Academy and a competitor in the Melges 24 Class, “Charleston is such a remarkable venue, not only because of the great attitude of the folks that live and sail here, but also because of the incredibly tough sailing conditions here. The College of Charleston’s top NCAA ranking isn’t rocket science. If you sail on tough water and tricky breezes, you learn to be a good sailor. Throw in a community that’s truly happy to help another sailor, and there’s no better place on earth to sail. Of course, I may be biased.”

On April 15<sup>th</sup>, 60-knot wind gusts brought tornado warnings, bridge closures, and an abrupt end to Day 3 racing. With a sustained wind of 35 knots, the 60-knot gusts rearranged the winners’ circle. When the party tent collapsed in on itself, the awards ceremony was wisely moved indoors. Charleston Race Week is an event of the South Carolina Maritime Foundation and the Charleston Ocean Racing Association. Profits from the event support the construction and operation of the *Spirit of South Carolina*, a classic tall ship serving South Carolina’s youth. (From: [www.charlestonraceweek.com](http://www.charlestonraceweek.com))

The ChYC Auxiliary hosted a Lowcountry Party & Dock Dedication on 22 April. There was much to celebrate with this dedication. With the extension of the dock, ChYC sailors will no longer be at the beck & call of the Charleston tides. “We will have water waiting on us at any tide,” says RC Jim Smith.

“The ChYC Junior sail training program will have a slightly different focus this summer - young children in Optis,” says Bob Kelley. “We are going to concentrate on young sailors, ages 7 to 12. Our classes will include beginners and also young sailors who want to become proficient racing Optis in the summer regattas. We are not going to abandon the 420s, but their main purpose in our program will be to introduce the students to a larger boat with two sails and a crew.”  
Website: [www.charlestonyachtclub.com](http://www.charlestonyachtclub.com)

### Navy Yacht Club Pensacola

The NYCP race schedule began with the Maxine #1 PHRF race on 3 March. This is the first of three races for the Maxine Series Trophy with three classes of participation: Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker and Cruiser. The Commodore’s Cup series began on 3 March. The Navy Cup was held on 19 May. NYCP plans to participate in at least eight of the 2007 Capdevielle Flying Scot regattas which began 21-22 April and will run through October.  
Website: [www.navyynpsyc.org](http://www.navyynpsyc.org)

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## WESTERN REGION

### **Navy Yacht Club Long Beach**

The 2007 Flag Officers for NYC Long Beach are: Commodore Tony Rietdyk; Vice Commodore, Allen Kent; Rear Commodore, Ron Warren; Fleet Captain, Sung Yi; Jr. Staff Commodore, Dick DeRusha; and Cruise-Out Director, Frank Farmer. Navy Yacht Club Long Beach celebrated its 40th Opening Day on 21 April in its clubhouse at Alamitos Bay. Festivities included a flyover, recognition of our Armed Forces, champagne toast, Mediterranean raft-up with boats flying their colors, great food, music and a party after the event. The racing schedule includes the Oil Platform Race, 19 May. This race is part of the 8-race Long Beach Harbor Series. The first race of this series is the "Rites of Spring Race" which was held on 17 March. NYCLB members joined in the 60th annual Newport to Ensenada Race held 27-29 April. The NYCLB Cruise-In was held 18-20 May at its homeport, and the Cruise-Out is set for 22-24 June, Cabrillo Beach Yacht Club, San Pedro. Website: [www.nyclub.com](http://www.nyclub.com)

### **Santa Margarita Yacht Club of Camp Pendleton**

SMYC is pleased to announce its Bridge Officers for 2007: Commodore, Jon Elshaug; Vice Commodore, Daniel Walker; Rear Commodore, Gary Hall; Jr. Staff Commodore, Audrey Hall; Secretary, Sue Ayres; and Treasurer, Floyce Royer. At yearend 2006, membership was 140 – 70% Sail and 30% Power. SMYC Opening Day was held 1 April with its traditional boat parade and another opportunity to celebrate and have some fun. The 2nd Annual Rattle Snake Chili Cookoff was held 28 April. First Place won a \$75 gift certificate with the proceeds going to sponsorship of four youth summer sailing camp scholarships. SMYC members also participated in the 60th annual Newport to Ensenada Race on 27-29 April. The Bob Nichols Memorial Race was held 20 May. The Father's Day cruise will take place 16-17 June with a sail to Dana Point Yacht Club. Website: [www.santamargaritayc.org](http://www.santamargaritayc.org)

### **Navy Yacht Club San Diego**

The NYC San Diego Officers for 2007 are: Commodore, Robyn Phelps; Rear Commodore, Bill Edwards; Vice Commodore, Ted Napolitano; Secretary Pete Curtin & Stan Smith; Treasurer, Bob Muff, and Jr. Staff Commodore, Blanche Gunther. The Wednesday Night Beer Can Races Spring Series began 2 May and continues through the summer. Website: [www.nycsd.org](http://www.nycsd.org)

### **Navy Yacht Club Channel Islands**

The NYCCI 2007 Bridge of Officers includes: Commodore, John Carlson; Vice Commodore, Teri Shephard; Rear Commodore, Paul Derby; Treasurer, Brad Langdale; Secretary, Fred Fry; Jr. Staff Commodore, Jean Denton; and Sailing Master, Robert Graab. NYCCI Opening Day ceremonies were held on 1 April at Peninsula Park & Clubhouse. The annual Dingy Brunch on 20 May featured three boat destinations at three different marinas for good food and lots of fun. The fourth stop, of course, is the Chocolate Factory at Peninsula Park for dessert! Website: [www.nycci.org](http://www.nycci.org)

### **Treasure Island Yacht Club**

TIYC Officers for 2007 are: Commodore, Reginald Smith; Vice Commodore, Desmond Thorsson; Rear Commodore, Russell Breed; Staff Commodore & Treasurer, Fred Gibson; and Secretary, George Knies. Opening Day on the Bay took place on 28 April. The TIYC Island Series Race will take shape on 21 April, 19 May and 9 June. The first Cruise-Out Dinner sail took place on 26 May to Angel Island and two more are scheduled for 16 June to Oakland Yacht Club. The Schreiber Cup Race will be held on 2 June. Website: [www.tiyc.org](http://www.tiyc.org)

### **Presidio Yacht Club**

PYC Officers for 2007 are: Commodore, Steve Peters; Vice Commodore, D'Vonne Hutchins; Rear Commodore, Dave Chamberlain; Staff Commodore, Marci Stern; and Treasurer, Henriette Gordon. The largest single event of the Pacific Inter-Club Yacht Association (PICYA) calendar, Opening Day on the Bay took place on 29 April. PYC members participated in the parade of boats and the many other festivities of this event.

The Commodore's Log reports, "At the last Travis Council Meeting (February 2007) it was established that PYC is an important entity to Travis AFB. We will be



soon placed under the direction of their Outdoor Recreation Department which I and others at the meeting felt would have a better understanding of how to manage a yacht club. Part of this restructuring will be established by a Memorandum of Understanding with Travis regarding their obligations to our organization. In a larger context we are part of an overall plan of the Park Service which has been developing a grand strategy for all of Fort Baker. Many of us are retired and have skills to lend. I feel it is important to lend these talents and get projects accomplished for the benefit of our Yacht Club and our future members." Website: [www.presidioyachtclub.org](http://www.presidioyachtclub.org)

### **Navy Yacht Club Everett**

NYCE Officers for 2007 are: Commodore, Ron Barrow; Vice Commodore, John Sipkens; Rear Commodore, Wally Davis; and Fleet Captain, Lynn Sipkens. Total membership of NYCE now stands at 106 – 72 Power, 30 Sail and 4 none; 86 military and 26 civilian. NYCE Opening Day took place 21-22 April. The Memorial Day weekend cruise headed to Port Ludlow.

The NYCE January meeting featured guest speaker Susan Berta of the Orca Network. "Susan and her husband, Howard, started the network a few years ago. They seemed to have a finger on the pulse of the Orcas and their location. The next thing they knew their friends and acquaintances wanted to be kept up to date on the whales. That's when they started the Orca Network. Through research and information from concerned groups like Orca Network, the Navy has learned to respect the areas that the whales are at any given point in Puget Sound while still taking care of business.

NOAA is also working with the Orca Network and keeps the Network apprised of where they are doing research and passes on the information they learned from that research." Go to the website to learn more about our whales and how to protect them and their environment:  
www.orcanetwork.org  
Website: www.nyceinfo.org

## Whidbey Island Naval Sailing Association

WINSAs officers for 2007 are:

Commodore, Jan McKinney; Vice Commodore, Hayden Watson; Rear Commodore, Gary McIntyre; Secretary, Charles Gordanier; Treasurer, John Volz; and Cruise Captain, Michele Bishai. The Frostbite Series began 3 March with six registered boats showing up to battle it out for the trophies. WINSAs won last year's Milltown Challenge and will be hosting the event this year. Hopefully they will be able to hold on to the Challenge Cup yet again! WINSAs invites all yacht owners who meet eligibility requirements to enter the 2007 'Round Whidbey Yacht Race. Pre-race activities, including a barbeque and trophy display, were held at the Cornet Bay dock & launch area in Deception Pass State Park on 4 May. This race runs a distance of 65 nautical miles. The 'Round Whidbey Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the yacht with the best overall performance. The Memorial Day cruise headed out to Stuart Island on 25 May, and the June cruisers will set sail for Sucia Island on the 9th.  
Website: www.winsa.org

## OFFSHORE BRANCHES

### NAVSTA Pearl Harbor/Pearl Harbor Yacht Club

If you're planning a trip to Hawaii, you may want to consider a visit to Rainbow Bay Marina. Sailing classes, kayaking, outrigger canoeing, scuba diving, and deep sea fishing charters are available. Visit their website for more details, www.greatlifehawaii.com

The 2007 Board of Directors of Pearl Harbor Yacht Club: Commodore, Caroline Heinrich; Vice Commodore, Dean Smith; Rear Commodore for Sail, Ann Ford; Rear Commodore for Power, Donna Austen; Secretary, Dannie

Larrew; and Treasurer, Jamie Langley. For members and guests, PHYC offers a sunset sail on the first Thursday of each month, followed by Pupus and a Social. Website: www.ussailing.net/phyc

## CRUISING UPDATES

S/V *Destiny* ... LCDR Dave & Peggy Scott: "Yes, we are having a good winter. Currently in Key West. Winds have been NE to E 20 knots plus for the last two weeks. Yikes. But that's the price of paradise. Today winds down to 15-20 so we were able to make it back and forth in the dinghy to the laundry without getting it or us soaked. Life is good. But back to 15-20 and gusty on Friday and through the weekend. We're looking at beginning our trek north to Hampton next week and/or the next available window. Oh yes, weather, weather, weather. Then visit kids and grandkids for a month before heading to Maine for the summer. Hopefully lucky enough to hit the one or two weeks they really have. But the lobsters are worth it." (Spring 2007)

S/V *Sundowner* ... CDR Roger & Molly Firey: "We are both well and doing fine. We became landlubbers about two years ago and sold *Sundowner* in March of 06. In many ways we were sorry to part with her. There is nothing worse than a blue water boat unhappily sitting at a pier or on a mooring year after year. She certainly served as well and we owned her a great deal and she owed us nothing. We paid \$52,500 for her in 1978 and sold her for \$40,000 in 2006. In between those dates she was our home for twenty-six years, and took us around the world three times. In addition to the circumnavigations, which accounted for about 100,000 miles we probably put on a like number of miles sailing between New England and South America which included several trips down the ICW from Norfolk to Miami, either the entire trip or in and out as weather allowed, and one up and down the Erie Canal to the Great Lakes. While we enjoyed our life afloat, we have thoroughly enjoyed getting back into the world of landscaping (we even have enjoyed cutting the lawn!) and house-remodeling so I guess we were ready for the move. Please pass on our best

regards to the gang at NSA [Naval Sailing Association] and keep up the good work." (Spring 2007)

## Bit & Pieces

USNSA has renewed its membership with BoatU.S. as a participant in the Cooperating Group Program. Our Group ID Number is **GA82665S**. Under this agreement, USNSA members can join BoatU.S. at \$12.50, half the regular annual \$25.00 dues rate. For more information, contact BoatU.S. at 1-800-395-2628 or at the website, www.boatus.com

Shennecossett Yacht Club cordially extends an invitation to the Officers and Members of the U.S. Naval Sailing Association to visit and enjoy the use of our facilities during the 2007 season. We are located in Pine Island Bay, which is just East of the Thames River in Groton, Conn. Our launch monitors Channel 68 and the launch operators will be able to direct you to a guest mooring or slip, if any are available. We hope to see you at Shennecossett. (P.O. Box 967, Shennecossett Road, Groton, CT 06340. Phone: 860-445-8211.)

The U.S. Naval Sailing Association has renewed its membership in Yachting Club of America. Visit the YCA website, www.ycaol.com, to find a list of reciprocal yacht clubs. Your **current** USNSA membership card should be sufficient to take advantage of the reciprocity agreement. It is always best to call ahead to make sure the yacht club you are interested in visiting can accommodate your needs.



Be part of Navy Sailing!

The following is a transmission dated 10 May 1977 from COMDESRON 14 to FLETRAGRU, Mayport Fla. Subject: Destroyer DivTacs Under Sail.

1. On 4 May, six skipjack sailing sloops, with junior officer skippers, got underway in Mayport basin under my tactical command. We conducted 60 destroyer tactical evolutions in two hours. These included columns, lines abreast, diamond formations, search turns, corpens, exchanges of station, changes of speed (one third, two thirds and full).
2. By the end of the first hour, a much clearer idea of relative motion and speed caught up with the skippers. The close calls were exciting, but not deadly, learning experiences. By going over difficult maneuvers enough times they became understandable and easier to remember. Progress along the learning curve was highly evident. By the second hour and by the end they had basically mastered the boats and the tactics. Signals were given using R/T procedures over a loud hailer from a chase boat and rogered for by the lift of an arm. Both delayed and immediate executive signals were given.
3. The chase boat used two quarts of gas and the boats belong to the fleet training center, Mayport. The cost of the evolution was minimal.
4. For those who think sailing is only a recreational thing, like golf and tennis, the message in this message may not make sense, but for a commodore who never gets to take his squadron to sea as a squadron to teach the ships these maneuvers, it is an invaluable training aid. The esprit and positive desire to learn the tactics by these junior officers was inspiring. Each officer did all the maneuvers rather than each officer doing one maneuver as normally happens during a one or two hour DivTac scheduled as part of a daily schedule at sea.

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