



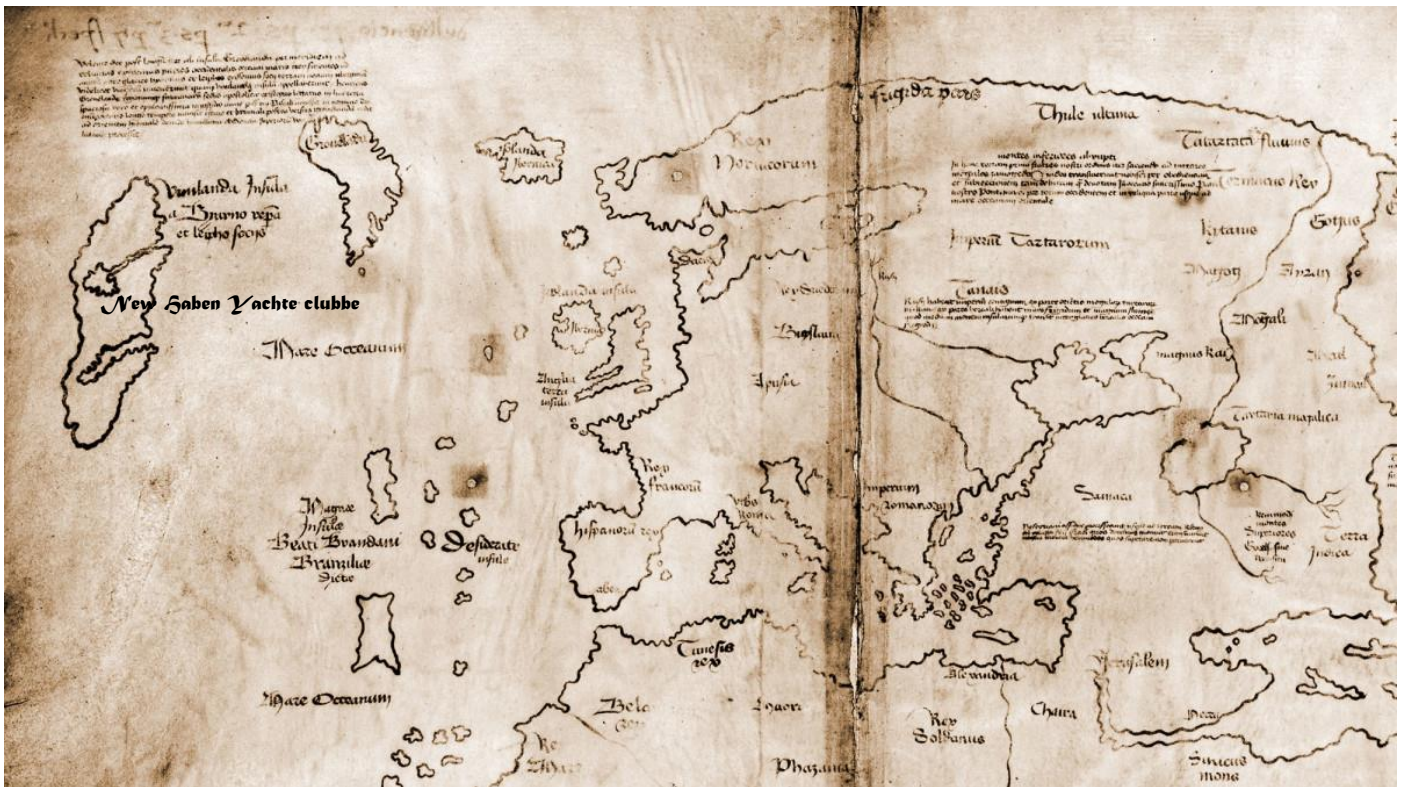
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## NEW HAVEN YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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# NHYC IS CLEARLY VISIBLE ON ANCIENT VINELAND MAP



NEW HAVEN: Researchers at Yale's Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library have long thought that the purported 15th-century map might be one of the earliest depictions of something that could be the New World. "Vinlandia Insula," shown as a large island southwest of Greenland, closely resembles a section of North America's coastline. What has hitherto gone unnoticed, however, is the inscription "New Haben Yachte Clubbe" located near a deep coastal indentation that looks very much like Long Island Sound. Principle researcher on Beinecke's Vineland Project is Dr. Dabious Mercator. Dr. Mercator now suspects that the "Yachte Clubbe" (or something very much like it) might have been on Morris Cove before the eponymous Mr. Morris ever arrived in the New World--Indeed, even before Columbus arrived in the New World.

"Known pre-Columbian recreational boating facilities are few and far between," says Mercator, who studied maps and incunabula at the celebrated *Deutsche Gesellschaft für Kasparkartographie*. When pressed on the matter by your newsletter, he went a bit further still: "If all this checks out," he stammered, "that is to say, if this is really a depiction of the new world, It could put New Haven on the map for something besides pizza—and Yale, of course."

## **MINUTES OF THE NEW HAVEN YACHT CLUB BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING, 1 SEPTEMBER 2021**

### **ATTENDING OFFICERS:**

Commodore: Drew  
Vice Commodore: Mike  
Rear Commodore: Joe  
Secretary: Cheryl  
Treasurer: Frank  
Membership Secretary: Carlo

MINUTES: Commodore Drew called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. A motion was made and unanimously passed to accept the minutes of the July and August meeting minutes as published. The September meeting minutes are pending.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Launch: the fall launch schedule has been published and goes into effect September 7,2021. Schedule has been emailed to the list serve. The back-up launch transom needs to be repaired. It will need to be inspected prior to use before haul-out. We have 4 attendants working currently. The 4-stroke engine is still in the shop. They are having trouble getting it to run. It may need a carburetor. Expected expense is probably close to \$500.00. A new motor will cost \$3000.00. Elizabeth is in favor of purchasing a new motor. Frank recommended to move forward with the repair. We are moving forward with the repair.

Moorings: no report

Yards and Docks: no report

Website: no report

Racing: a member brought up the issue of finding members to be the committee boat for races. We discussed potential solutions to include rotating racers as committee boat or hiring a launch attendant to be on the committee boat in the yacht club back up launch. Self-monitored races with first boat crossing marking everyone else's time may also be considered. A Zoom meeting in the spring to discuss alternatives is recommended.

House and Grounds: Elizabeth discussed venting of the front porch with Kevin. Outcome of the discussion is pending.

The ice machine has been cutting off. It resets at the GFCI or at the breaker in the shed. There is a new outlet on the east side of the shed that is on its own circuit that could potentially be utilized for electricity source for the ice maker.

Social: Labor Day picnic is pending. Decisions on annual meeting and annual banquet need to be discussed soon.

Cruising: Luxury Cruise is going to be the weekend after Labor Day. Cindy will send out information soon. The Westbrook cruise was canceled.

Old Business: Dredging no report, telecom system no report.

Seawall repair timing was discussed. Nick did not buy all the supplies necessary as he was not clear on approval. \$580 was the projected cost. A motion was made and unanimously passed to move forward with the project.

New Business: Frank will contact Peter to arrange hauling of moorings

All boats will need to be off the moorings by October 17,2021. Pick up buoys need to be off and replaced with

gallon jugs to mark the spot of the mushroom.

Work parties are going to be 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of October and the 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of October.

There is a gas weed wacker in the shed that Rob the launch attendant would like to purchase. No one really knows ownership of the device. The board decided to dispose of the equipment to Rob free of charge.

Drew mention that Hamilton Marine had net floats for purchase inexpensively to mark mushroom moorings, but Frank has collected enough plastic gallon jugs for this need.

A member is inquiring about installing his own mooring ball set up with a barrel instead of a mooring ball. The board discussed the issued and decided that if he wishes to buy his own system and be present for set up in the spring, he can do that.

The flagpole needs to be lowered so that we can untangle the flag.

#### ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and unanimously passed to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl, Secretary



## Carlo sez...

Here is the fall work schedule, the tasks list, and the updated membership list. If you have date conflicts, please reach out to other members to arrange a swap and keep me informed when it has been worked out so that I can keep the schedule up-to-date. There is a lot of work to be done so we need full participation please. Also note that two members have already received fall credit for the hedge trimming work recently completed and are exempt.

2021 dates:

- 10/9 (or 10/10) - Haul boats for yard storage, weather permitting. The club hoist will not be available for club use during this process.
- 10/16 (or 10/17) - Yard stored boats masts down.
- All boats must be off the moorings by 10/17. Don't forget to pull your pick-up buoy, put it on deck, and tie the plastic bottle float to the remaining line. This is required by the mooring haul-out contractor. The club has the plastic bottles for you.
- 10/19 or 10/20 - Moorings removed by the contractor.
- 10/23 - Work party 1.
- 10/24 - Work Party 2.
- 10/30 - Work Party 3.
- 10/31 - Work Party 4.
- Take the winter off 😊 Thank you for your cooperation! -Carlo

# In memoriam Lee "Clark" Broadbent



Lee "Clark" Broadbent, 75, of New Haven passed away May 29, 2021 at the Connecticut Hospice. He was born June 15, 1945, in Jacksonville, Florida. Clark was the son of the late Thomas Lowell and Wilma Valentine Broadbent. He was preceded in death by his brother, Thomas Valentine Broadbent (Ellen Wynn.) He is survived by his sister, Beverly Broadbent Creer (Leland.) He was the adoring husband of Denise Gamble Broadbent, PhD. Clark grew up in Utah. He attended Riverside Poly Technic High School in Riverside, California. He graduated from University of California, Santa Barbara, California. He was a top swimmer and water polo player. He served two years in the U. S. Army in Vietnam. He launched a photography career with camera equipment he bought at the P.X. He settled in New Haven where he had many wonderful friends and exceptional neighbors. He became an avid sailor. He, along with his perfect partner in life and on the water, Denise, sailed on many adventures. He was also loved by his nephews and nieces and their children for his wit, wisdom, energy, and enthusiasm. At Clark's request there will be no formal memorial service, but in respectful defiance, his family and friends will be holding a Celebration of his Life at the Pequonnock Yacht Club later this year. He donated his body for research to the Frank H. Netter, M.D., School of Medicine at Quinnipiac University. His ashes will be interred with military honors at the Connecticut Veterans Cemetery in Middletown, Connecticut, in the future. Donations can be made in his name to the Disabled American Veterans of which he was a lifetime member. Rain or Shine, we are going to smile together!



## THIS MONTH'S LINK:

### The "Whomper Scene" from *Wind* (Tristar, 1992)

A bare-bones syndicate led by Matthew Modine and Jennifer Grey take on the Australians to win back the America's Cup Freemantle. Little do the Aussies know that Grey has secretly crafted a gigantic spinnaker called "the Whomper." In your newsletter's humble opinion, this is one of the only watchable films about racing sailboats. Unfortunately, it sank like a stone at the box office.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gYadO8fPjIM>

# The NHYC Sailing Seminar:

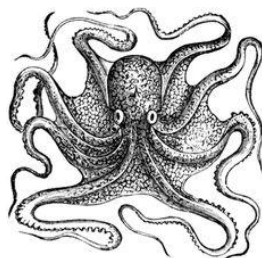
## How to Tack

Have the ship so suited with sails that she may steer herself as nearly as possible, and come to with a small helm. Keep her a good full, so that she may have plenty of headway. *Ready, About!* Send all hands to their stations. The chief mate and one, two, or more of the best men, according to the size of the vessel, on the forecastle, to work the head sheets and bowlines and the fore tack; two or more good men (one usually a petty officer, or an older and trusty seaman) to work the main tack and bowline. The second mate sees the lee fore and main braces clear and ready for letting go, and stands by to let go the lee main braces, which may all be belayed to one pin. Put one hand to let go the weather cross-jack braces, and others to haul in to leeward; the cook works the fore sheet, and the steward the main; station one or more at the spanker sheet and guys; and the rest at the weather main braces.

Ease the helm down gradually; *Helm's a-lee!* and let go the jib sheet and fore sheets. As soon as the wind is parallel with the yards, blowing directly upon the leeches of the square sails, so that all is shaking, *Raise tacks and sheets!* and let go the fore and main tacks and main sheet, keeping the fore and main bowline fast. As soon as her head is within a point or a point and a half of the wind, *Mainsail haul!* let go the lee main and weather cross-jack braces, and swing the after yards round. While she is head to the wind, and the after sails are becalmed by the head sails, get the main tack down and sheet aft, and right your helm, using it afterwards as her coming to or falling off requires. As soon as she passes the direction of the wind, shift your jib sheets over the stays, and when the after sails take full, or when she brings the wind four points on the other bow, and you are sure of paying off sufficiently, *Let go and haul!* brace round the head yards briskly, down fore tack and aft the sheet, brace sharp up and haul your bowlines out, and trim down your head sheets.

It is best to haul the mainsail just before you get the wind right ahead, for then the wind, striking the weather leeches of the after sails, forces them round almost without the braces, and you will have time to brace up and get your tack down and sheet aft, when she has payed off on the other side.

Richard Henry Dana, *The Seaman's Friend*, 1840.



# Wind-blown Pages

Your newsletter presents pages torn from nautical literature. Today's page begins *Two Years Before the Mast*, the memoir Richard Henry Dana's wrote after leaving Harvard in his sophomore year (1833) to become a merchant seaman.

The fourteenth of August was the day fixed upon for the sailing of the brig Pilgrim, on her voyage from Boston, round Cape Horn, to the Western coast of North America. As she was to get under way early in the afternoon, I made my appearance on board at twelve o'clock, in full sea-rig, with my chest, containing an outfit for a two or three years' voyage, which I had undertaken from a determination to cure, if possible, by an entire change of life, and by a long absence from books, with a plenty of hard work, plain food, and open air, a weakness of the eyes, which had obliged me to give up my studies, and which no medical aid seemed likely to remedy.

The change from the tight frock-coat, silk cap, and kid gloves of an undergraduate at Harvard, to the loose duck trousers, checked shirt, and tarpaulin hat of a sailor, though somewhat of a transformation, was soon made; and I supposed that I should pass very well for a Jack tar. But it is impossible to deceive the practised eye in these matters; and while I thought myself to be looking as salt as Neptune himself, I was, no doubt, known for a landsman by every one on board as soon as I hove in sight. A sailor has a peculiar cut to his clothes, and a way of wearing them which a green hand can never get. The trousers, tight round the hips, and thence hanging long and loose round the feet, a superabundance of checked shirt, a low-crowned, well-varnished black hat, worn on the back of the head, with half a fathom of black ribbon hanging over the left eye, and a slip-tie to the black silk neckerchief, with sundry other minutiae, are signs, the want of which betrays the beginner at once. Besides the points in my dress which were out of the way, doubtless my complexion and hands were quite enough to distinguish me from the regular salt who, with a sunburnt cheek, wide step, and rolling gait, swings his bronzed and toughened hands athwart-ships, half opened, as though just ready to grasp a rope.

“With all my imperfections on my head,” I joined the crew, and we hauled out into the stream, and came to anchor for the night. The next day we were employed in preparation for sea, reeving studding-sail gear, crossing royal yards, putting on chafing gear, and taking on board our powder. On the following night, I stood my first watch. I remained awake nearly all the first part of the night from fear that I might not hear when I was called; and when I went on deck, so great were my ideas of the importance of my trust, that I walked regularly fore and aft the whole length of the vessel, looking out over the bows and taffrail at each turn, and was not a little surprised at the coolness of the old seaman whom I called to take my place, in stowing himself snugly away under the long-boat for a nap. That was a sufficient lookout, he thought, for a fine night, at anchor in a safe harbor.

Richard Henry Dana, *Two Years Before the Mast*, 1840.

**MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS**

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