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THE MOORINGS ARE IN!



MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE NEW HAVEN YACHT CLUB BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
April 7,2021 – website version

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Launch: the new launch is registered but not yet ready for use. Launch attendants should start on the 15th at 8:00. Two boats should run with two attendants in each on haul-in day. May schedule launch hours are weekdays starting at 3:00 and weekends at 9:00 until ½ hour after sunset. There will be 4 returning attendants. Interviews are scheduled to hire 2 more. Launches will accommodate no more than 4 passengers plus the attendant. Masks are required to be on the launch. Masks can be provided for launch attendants if needed. Children under age 13 must wear a life jacket on the docks. There were suggestions to install a dock box at the dock with life jackets for guest use.

Moorings: mooring mushrooms have been tagged for the upcoming work party.

Yards and Docks: The floating dock that needed repair has been repaired and is ready to go into the water. There is no date set for the piling installation. The crane to haul the boats is reserved. Haul in is the 15th of May. Masts up on Saturday May 8.

Cruise: 2021 schedule will be posted on the website.

House and Grounds: the club water has been turned on. Rich filled the water heater but it is unclear if it is lit. This can be checked this weekend for operation. The front porch looks bad.

Race: the schedule is posted on the website. Harbor racing Thursday is planned with the Pequannock Yacht Club. Richard has been the liaison in this endeavor to increase participation and form a relationship with their club. Wednesday racing in Branford will continue.

Social: The plan, at the moment, is to open the club for the Memorial Day picnic. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate, and we can be outside and social distance and wear masks when not eating or drinking. The social committee is planning a special experience and will have a semi-raw bar with oysters on the ½ shell and shrimp cocktail. Sliced filet steaks will be offered from the grill in addition to hot dogs and hamburgers.

Membership: 5 new members have joined.

Old Business: July 31st is the Mayor’s Cup. Details to follow.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting at 7:55.



Carlo sez...

These essential files are available to download. Let me know if you can't find the link in your Email:

2021 NHYC Membership & Policy Info_3-26-21

2021 NHYC Members List_3-26-21

2021 TIDES New Haven April-October

These will only be available in electronic format (saves the club money and it's easily updated during the season).

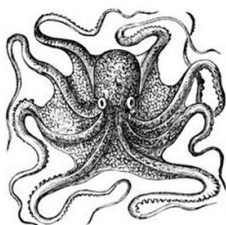
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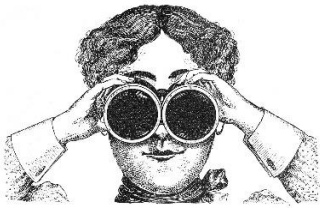
Fair Winds!

Carlo



The 2021 Mooring of the Year Award goes to Raimund's uber-talented family! It's unlikely that anyone will mistake this mooring for any another.

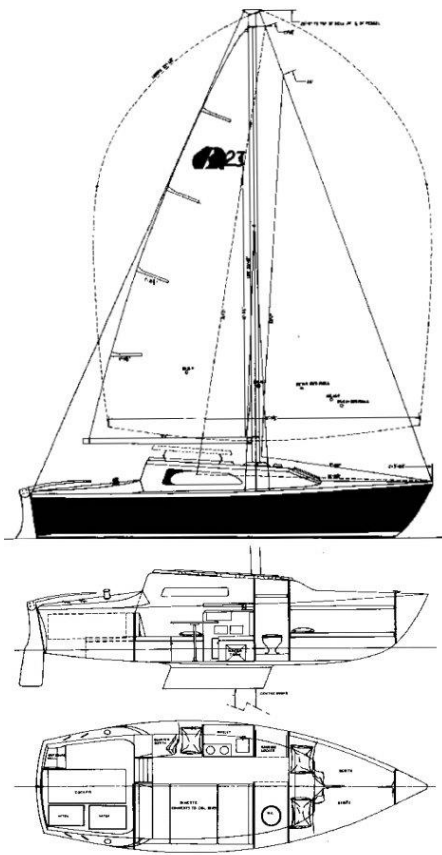




Spotted on Craigslist:

This 23-foot Grampian sailboat, designed by Alex McGruer and built in the last year of the Nixon administration, is waiting for you in Islip, Long Island for FREE. That's right, ZERO dollars! It doesn't appear, however, that you could just hop on board and sail it home.

No pictures of the interior are available.



Helpful gestures department:

Ocean Voyages Institute, a 501c3 non-profit organization based in Sausalito, CA, reports that in 48 days its chartered sail trawler Kwai collected 103 tons of plastic garbage from the Pacific Ocean gyre — more than twice what it collected in 2019. The Institute uses GPS trackers attached to floating derelict fishing nets—they've discovered that one derelict net will lead them to others. According to recent estimates, that leaves only about 79,897 tons out there to be collected. <https://theoceancleanup.com/great-pacific-garbage-patch/>



Photo courtesy of Ocean Voyages Institute

Coming in May:

May 5 Board of Governors Meeting

10 Masts Up **

15 Large Boats in starting at 12**

31 Memorial Day Party and Hollingsworth Race

Wind-blown Pages

Your newsletter presents pages torn from nautical literature. This month we learn that Davies, the casual-seeming yachtsman from Erskine Childer's *The Riddle of the Sands: a record of secret service* (1915), is actually on a secret mission.

“There are probably hosts of forts and mines round Wilhelmshaven and Bremerhaven, and at Cuxhaven just at the mouth of the Elbe. Not that I should ever dream of bothering about them; every steamer that goes in would see as much as me. Personally, I much prefer to stay on board, and don't often go on shore. And, good heavens,” (Davies leant back and laughed joyously) “do I look like *that* kind of spy?”

I figured to myself one of those romantic gentlemen that one reads of in sixpenny magazines, with a kodak in his tiepin, a sketchbook in the lining of his coat, and a selection of disguises in his hand luggage. Little disposed for merriment as I was, I could not help smiling too.

“About this coast,” resumed Davies. “In the event of war, it seems to me that every inch of it would be important, sand and all. Take the big estuaries first, which of course might be attacked or blockaded by an enemy. At first sight you would say that their main channels were the only things that mattered. Now, in time of peace there's no secrecy about the navigation of these. They're buoyed and lighted like streets, open to the whole world, and taking an immense traffic; well charted too, as millions of pounds in commerce depend on them. But now look at the sands they run through, intersected, as I showed you, by threads of channels, tidal for the most part, and probably only known to smacks and shallow coasters like that galliot of Bartels'.”

“It strikes me that in a war a lot might depend on these, both in defense and attack, for there's plenty of water in them at the right tide for patrol-boats and small torpedo craft, though I can see they take a lot of knowing. Now, say we were at war with Germany: both sides could use them as links between the three estuaries; and to take our own case, a small torpedo-boat (not a destroyer, mind you) could on a dark night cut clean through from the Jade to the Elbe and play the deuce with the shipping there. But the trouble is that I doubt if there's a soul in our fleet who knows those channels. We haven't coasters there; and, as to yachts, it's a most unlikely game for an English yacht to play at, but it does so happen that I have a fancy for that sort of thing and would have explored those channels in the ordinary course.”

I began to see his drift...

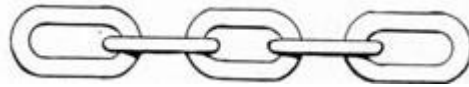




Many thanks to our sea cadet friends for helping on April 10.



Four of them lent brains and brawn to the work party that day!



THIS MONTH'S LINK: 'Stubb Kills a Whale'

This rousing number is from Dave Malloy and Rachel Chavkin's *Moby-Dick: a Musical Reckoning*.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rbx5CcMi2EU>

The play premiered at the American Repertory Theatre in Cambridge, MA in 2020. The people in orange ponchos are audience members. Your newsletter guesses that one would either have to *really* like musicals (especially sea-chanteys) or *really* like cetaceans. If neither, one might prefer to read the book: <http://gutenberg.org/ebooks/2701>



MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

If you are interested in sharing a story with other club members in a future issue, please send it to Bob. The content and focus of the story are up to you. Submissions should be limited to 500 words. The author will be able to review and accept edits before publication.

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