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WRECK OF THE WORLD'S UGLIEST WARSHIP MAY LIE IN MORRIS COVE



A colorized photo of the French battleship *Charles Martel* taken sometime before 1914.

New Haven: Professor Carl Ferrite of the Yale Department of Magnetology thinks that NHMA1 (New Haven Magnetic Analomy 1), a large mass of ferrous metal detected by one of his instruments, might be the remains of a French battleship from the 1890s. The exact location of the sunken mass of metal is being kept secret.

While professor Ferrite refused to comment, a graduate student in his blurted out “We think it’s the *Charles Martel*.” If so, the discovery would solve one of the sea’s enduring mysteries: what happened to the pride of the Mediterranean *Escadrille*? Finished in 1897, the warship was 378 feet long and displaced almost 13,000 tons. *Charles Martel* had two heavy masts with a tall flying deck between them. Her forecandle gave her a high freeboard forward, but her quarterdeck was cut down to the main deck level aft. Her hull was given a marked tumblehome to give the 27 cm guns wide fields of fire while the ram bow made it seem as if the prow were missing. Asked to comment after the warship’s initial sea trials, Louis-Émile Bertin, the Director of Naval Construction, responded with a single word: “*chavirable*.” (prone to capsizing).

The ship is said to have disappeared while on a goodwill mission in June of 1914, shortly before the outbreak of the First World War. Your newsletter is attempting to find out if the goodwill mission might could been to a North American port. If so, why not New Haven?



New Haven Yacht Club

Launch Service Schedule

Updated 5-14-21: Anticipating the relaxing of Covid guidelines by the State of CT, the NHYC is putting in place the following launch service safety protocols at the start of the season: Launch capacity will return to 6 passengers and 1 attendant. We are asking all adults and children that are not fully vaccinated to wear a mask from the club docks to your boat and upon return. Thank you for helping to ensure everyone's safety.

Launch service for the 2021 sailing season will begin on Sunday, May 16, 2021.

During the period from May 16 through May 31 launch service will be available as follows: Monday thru

Thursday from 2:30pm until ½ hour after sunset

Friday from 12:00pm until ½ hour after sunset

Saturday, Sunday, and holidays from 9:00am until ½ hour after sunset

During the period from June 1 thru September 6 (Labor Day) launch service will be available as follows:

Weekdays from 12:00pm until ½ hour after sunset

Weekends and holidays from 9:00am until ½ hour after sunset

During the period from the day after Labor Day until "Boats Out" launch service will be available as follows:

Monday thru Thursday from 3:00pm until ½ hour after sunset Friday from 12:00pm until ½ hour after sunset

Saturday, Sunday, and holidays from 9:00am until ½ hour after sunset

(Launch service schedule may be subject to minor changes after Labor Day due to Attendant availability)

Launch Schedule 2021 rev 5-14-2021

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nhyc gets ready to launch

Kevin got above it all on *Light Brigade*



The Club was a hive of activity.



Owners worked until Friday sundown to get ready.



MOMA expressed interest in Bob's rudder.



Drew's hull turned creamy gray again.

**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE NEW HAVEN YACHT CLUB
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING 5 May 2021**

ATTENDING OFFICERS:

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

ATTENDING MEMBERS: Barry [REDACTED], Elizabeth [REDACTED], Nick [REDACTED], Paul [REDACTED], Debbi [REDACTED],
[REDACTED], Ryan [REDACTED], Raimund [REDACTED], Stephen [REDACTED], Nick [REDACTED], Kevin [REDACTED], Robert [REDACTED], Philip [REDACTED],
Gary [REDACTED].

MINUTES: Commodore Drew [REDACTED] called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. A motion was made and unanimously passed to accept the minutes of the April minutes as published. The minutes of the May meeting are pending.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS, May 5, 2021

[REDACTED]

As for membership, we have 56 members including 44 Full, 5 Associate and 7 honorary. Last year, we had 53 total members. We have 5 new full members, 1 former member returned and two resignations. There is the potential for 2 new members shortly.

Need to Discuss

- All monthly and quarterly state taxes have been paid.
 - Remaining costs for piling installation [REDACTED].
 - We had 13 members on Sunday installing docks who mostly already completed Spring work parties, do we want to give ½ day credit for efforts? Board decided no on this issue.
- Potential member with San Juan 23 on trailer would like to bring boat to yard. What is earliest date possible?

Respectfully Submitted,
Frank [REDACTED], Treasurer

Committee Reports:

Launch: There are 6 launch attendants hired, 4 are returning and 2 are substitutes. Joe investigated state guidelines for launch service. Our proposal of having 4 passengers and 1 attendant with masks meets the requirements for the state guidelines now. Joe shared season guidelines for operation. Signage will be posted at the dock stating masks required from this point on. Guidelines are subject to change as the state directs.

Barry suggested that we consider running a second launch on a staggered schedule on the weekends to avoid backups and wait times for ferry. Carlo suggested that we could have a courtesy launch that is run by a member. Members would have to be dedicated in advance. Logistics of tides for launches in/out was discussed. Review of

current policy from an operational standpoint will need to be on-going as season begins and declares itself.

Moorings: The pennant line on mooring 404 has nearly chaffed through and needs to be replaced. Raimund is going with this task to replace the pennant line. There are 3 fouled moorings that need to be addressed: 203,208,211.

Yards and Docks: docks are all installed. The metal pilings are all installed. Positioning on some may need adjustment.

Website: is up and running. Paul will post the launch schedule and operation guidelines on the website. Robert suggested that we consider publishing a website version of the minutes. A scrubbed version could go onto the website. 100% of new membership is coming from the website. Perspective new members might be curious to see how the board meetings are run.

Cruise: schedule pending.

House and Grounds: no report.

Race: schedule pending.

Social: *Sailabratons* will commence after July 4th. Volunteers are needed to host the *sailabratons*. The club reimburses up to \$100.00 for cost of snacks and drinks. Memorial Day is fast approaching. Masks are not required for outdoor gatherings. Masks will be required in the clubhouse.

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Old Business: [REDACTED]. Mike and Paul plan to address this issue.

New Business: The bank is offering a credit card to the club and Frank would like to pursue this for his use as Treasurer for club business. A motion was made and unanimously passed to allow Frank to apply for a credit card for club business.

Raimund inquired about the possibility of on-line banking for payment of dues and fees. Frank is going to make some inquiries and report in June. Pay pal option was discussed. Frank will investigate this option. Members could choose to setup automated clearing house payments for dues and fees directly into the club account from individual bank accounts.

Frontier is going to install a new fiber optic box on the other side of the hedges. SCG is going to be installing new gas lines in front of the club house and the gas lines under the house. Cable for security cameras may conflict with installation of the gas line. Cable will need to be clearly marked with paint and include depth of the cable to avoid breach. Water lines may also be in question. Frank will spray cable location with paint and alert the SCG company of its presence.

Nick has suggested that the club consider a proposal to fend the planks at the seawall with rubber facing to better protect the boats during hauling. Cost of the project would be approximately \$5,000. It is a 2-day project that will require dedicated participants that will be given work party credit. There is general agreement that the project should take place. The details will be finalized at the next meeting.

Manning suggested that the club purchase US sailing association rule books. They are cheaper in bulk of 25 at the cost of \$80.00. It was determined that club purchase is not necessary and that members should undertake this as a personal expense.

Adjournment:

A motion was made and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:18.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl [REDACTED]
Secretary

Please plan to install chafing gear on your mooring pennant if goes thru a fair lead from the fore deck cleat. It is essential to keep the mooring pennant from being abraded. If you have any questions, please contact the Mooring Chair, Raimund [REDACTED]. Thanks

From the Society Page:

New Haven Yacht Club Season Opening Picnic

Rain or Shine, we are going to smile together!

Monday, May 31st (Memorial Day)
4pm to 7pm

No charge for Members - \$5 each for guests

Raw bar, Steaks, Hamburgers/Hot Dogs/Salmon Burgers
Wine/Beer/Soda/Juice/Water

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Please RSVP by 5/26 so we know how much food to order.

Hope to see you there!

Regards,
Katie [REDACTED]

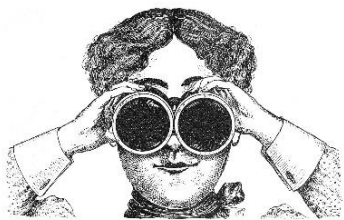


A Few Words from Manning...

Fellow sailors,

This site has some useful information about New Haven harbor, including various tide charts: <https://www.us harbors.com/harbor/connecticut/new-haven-ct/tides/#monthly-tide-chart>

Manning



Spotted on Craigslist:

For only \$1000 (or best offer) you can have a 1969, shoal draft Bristol Corsair painted like a ladybug. The 24.5 foot boat comes with mast, sails and an 8 hp, long shaft outboard.



Bug lovers, run get your net: you won't get another chance!

