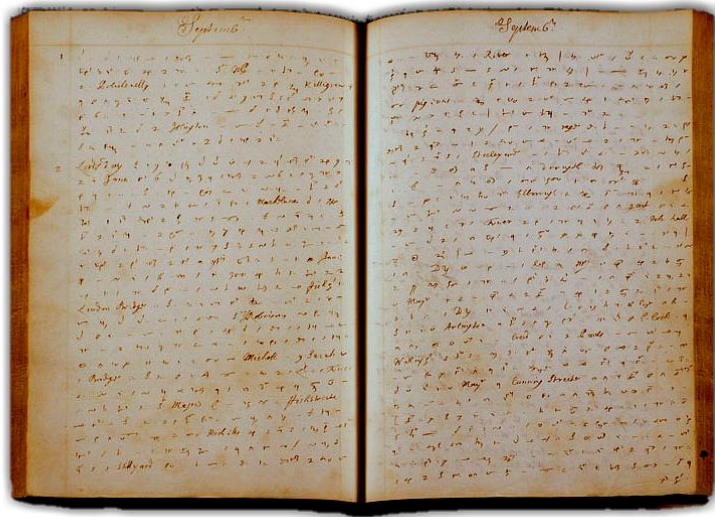




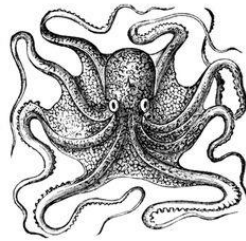
# NEWLY-DICIPHERED DIARY PAGES SHOW SAMUEL PEPYS VISITED NEW HAVEN IN 1665



The famous diarist, an important official in the Navy of King Charles II, recorded nearly everything he did and saw. Pepys’ peculiar shorthand still gives editors trouble. When the following entry for 25 October in the fifth year of Charles’ reign was examined closely, it showed notes from a previously unknown visit to North America. Apparently, not much has changed.

*October 25. (Lord’s Day) We having sailed all night (and I do wonder how they in the dark could find the way) we got by morning to Newe Haven, on the Quineepiak, and thence walked to Yale College; and there with Commissioners Herzog and Guimaraes, questioned the schelars that there might be any among them fit to be captains. Several schelars exceedingly stupid. This the Commissioners did see, but said nothing, but I think had cause to be ashamed of. We adjourned, they and I, to the Morris House on ye cove of like name, where we find the Commodore of the place, Mr. Drew R\_\_\_\_. Much talke and much dissembling of kindnesse from him, but he is a*

*false rogue, and I shall not trust him, but my being there did procure his consent to visit ye yacht clubbe which is hard by. The yard there is all in disorder and disrepair with, in particular, a wheeled crane called "beastie" which might well be retired. I took note of several miserable sloops lying about or raised on metal supports, three launches in need of repair and a mean hovel of a clubbe-house. A semblance of order in the tooke shed was the labour of Sir Nick P\_\_\_ which he would not have done save he knew I might visit. Mr. Hall also there with a great many figures which wholly escape my memory now. Thence to Branford for a merrie meal of sausages at ye Brewery with Sir Jamal R\_\_\_, Eliz. F\_\_\_ and Michael M\_\_\_—and most excellent ale which is made in that place. On to Guildford, walked to ye Shoreline Diner, and while dinner was getting ready, I did there walk to visit the library, which is a noble place, all in marble and there I did overtake three pretty mayds or women and took them with me, and I did *'baiser sur la bouche et toucher leur mains* and necks to my great pleasure: but, Lord! what a dreadfull thing it is to see everybdy in fear of the sickness, for it did fright me mightily, and hinder me of much pleasure which I would have made to myself in the company of these three women if it had not been for that. Not staying further with them, I went away, and so took horse to Newe Haven, and there staid not, but took shippe and so across the ocean and, about 8 o'clock, got to Woolwich and there supped and mighty pleasant with my wife, who is, for ought I see, all friends again with the servants, and so in great joy and content to bed.*



## *New Years' resolutions:*

# YACHT CLUB LEADERS PROMISE A DRY JANUARY

Experts say that taking a month off from drinking could help you step back and examine your relationship with alcohol. You might learn you depend on it to manage stress or feel comfortable in social situations. Or you might discover you feel better and think more clearly when you're not drinking. Then again, you might not.

Advocates of a dry January insist that it's not giving something up; it's getting something back—your edge, your energy, your clarity of thought. For sailors, however, the bar is higher: it requires us to give up alcohol in a month when we've already given up the use of water. In New England, a dry January is doubly dry.



# In memoriam Stephen Rice



We remember you beating *Pharon* to Mattatuck and back on a boat that was only a bit more than half as long.  
We remember you and Barry overcoming difficulties to help Carl sail his new boat back from Long Island.  
We remember to never idle at work parities even when the rest of us took breaks.

We miss you already, Stephen.

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

**ATTENDING OFFICERS:**

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

**ATTENDING MEMBERS:** Debbi, Felix, Elizabeth, Raimund, Philip, Nick, Paul, Richard, Stocky, Karl.

**MINUTES:** Commodore Drew called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. A motion was made and unanimously passed to accept the minutes of the November meeting minutes as published. The December meeting minutes are pending.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Launch Committee:**

**Launch:** **Outboard Motor Options** Dec-21

**Transom length of launches:**

skiff	20"
v-hull	20"
new v-hull	19 3/4"

**Shaft length of current motors:**

2 stroke motors	23"
4 stroke motors	23"

**Specs for new motors:**

<u>Mercury</u>	<u>Tohatsu</u>	<u>Yamaha</u>
model #: 9.9MLH (2022)	model #: MFS9.9EL (2022)	model #: F9.9MLHB (2022)
9.9 hp 4 stroke	9.9 hp 4 stroke	9.9 hp 4 stroke
2-cylinder	2-cylinder	2-cylinder
shaft length: 20" (long shaft)	shaft length: 20" (long shaft)	shaft length: 20" (long shaft)
tiller steering	tiller steering	tiller steering
rope start	rope start	rope start
weight: 86lbs	weight: 97lbs	weight: 89lbs
RPM range: 5,000-6,000	RPM range: 5,400-6,100	RPM range: 5,000-6,000
displacement: 12.8 cu. in.	displacement: 20.32 cu. in.	displacement: 12.94 cu. in.
gear ratio: 2.08:1	gear ratio: 2.15:1	gear ratio: 2.08:1
propeller: 3-blade alum 8 7/8" x 8 1/2"	propeller: 3-blade alum 9 1/4" x 8"	propeller: 3-blade alum 8 1/2" x 8 1/2"
single carburetor	electronic fuel injection	single carburetor
water cooled	water cooled	water cooled
3.2-gallon ext. tank/line	3.2-gallon ext. tank/line	fuel line included tank extra (\$117)
factory warranty: 3 years	factory warranty: 5 years	factory warranty: 3 years
gear shift built into tiller	gear shift located on front of engine	gear shift mounted on tiller
Defender- \$2,393	Defender- \$2,541	Defender- \$2,782 (+117)
backordered (some time in 2022)	backordered (some time in 2022)	backordered (some time in 2022)

Acquisition may come down to availability. Felix inquired about propane or electric motors. Discussed pros, cons, carbon footprint, reliability, fragile propeller on the Torquedo, charging, electric motor easier to lose to theft. We also discussed repair of current motors. Parts availability is problematic. A motion was made and unanimously approved to proceed with expenditure for a new outboard if the opportunity presents.

**Moorings:** no report. Raimund plans to tip mushrooms to minimize pooling of water in the base. Concerns voiced about safety.

**Yards and Docks:** no report. Docks and Launches have not been moved away from the seawall.

**Website:** up and running. A comment made regarding a photo on the inquiry page potentially alluding to the fact that we provide lessons in sailing. A recommendation was made to perhaps consider a replacement photo that is less misleading. A Pop-up has been installed to try to attract new membership. Check it out and make comments to Paul. Fees schedule will be posted on site. Applications will need to be pursued through Carlo. Paper form was discussed but Carlo prefers to refer them to the website.

**House and Grounds:** no report. There is a heater in the waste-water bin. Doorknob replacement is pending. Front doorknob is operational and will not be replaced.

**Social:** The Annual Banquet is tentatively going to be in conjunction with the Memorial Day Picnic.

**Membership:** better signage with website information on the property was proposed.

**Old Business:** Raimund to explore options for upgrading internet service with Go Net Speed. Phone service will be separate.

**New Business:** discussed accepting monetary honorarium in memory of Stephen Rice. If such funds are gleaned, they may be placed in a restricted fund to be utilized toward youth sailing camps in alignment with the mission of this club.

Work float outboard motor suspension systems are intact. Felix is going to fabricate wooden pads to make system fully operational. The starter on Beastie seems to be a problem. Nick is going to remove it and try to have it rebuilt.

Carlo has been approved to have a NYHC credit card if Frank becomes incapacitated. A motion was made and passed to move forward with this.

Mike will continue to be interim vice commodore while we pursue a vice commodore.

Zoom board meetings are beneficial, more participation especially for members who live remotely. Frank was able to renew Zoom membership for same rate that we had the previous year.

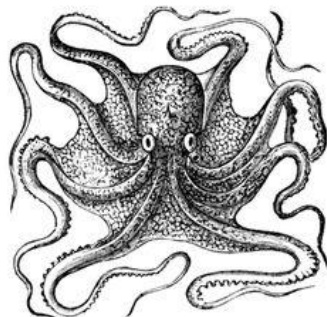
## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made and unanimously passed to adjourn at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl

Secretary



Members are invited to submit their personal displacement, horsepower and shaft length for comparison. We have many members that have held up better than our motors, two stroke or four stroke.

# Wind-blown Pages

Your newsletter presents pages torn from nautical literature. This month our scissors fell on a random page of *Live Cargo* by Francis Lynde, originally published June 7, 1926 in *The Popular Magazine*. If you want to read the rest of the story, contact the editor for the URL.

## LIVE CARGO

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all of her canvas drawing, her captain was again focusing his glass upon the distant light. Up forward the Chinese were stirring uneasily, and a singsong jabber, querulous and questioning in its intonations, came floating aft to us. As I listened, the little one laid a hand on my arm.

"See!" she whispered. "There is one other light—and it moves!"

I looked and saw that the thing most to be feared was about to happen. The pencil beam of a ship's searchlight was sweeping the sea, becoming a starlike eye when it was turned in our direction. Instantly Silvio leaped into action. An ear-piercing whistle summoned all hands; the schooner was permitted to fall off smartly; and the smuggler captain himself ran to take the wheel.

THE suddenly changed course was taking us swiftly back to the reefs we had so narrowly escaped, but the daring skipper apparently knew what he was about. Ten minutes later the flying smuggler was surging first to port and then to starboard through a tortuous channel with the white teeth of the coral shallows on either hand. Then both the searchlight and the lighthouse eye were blotted out for us by the intervention of a low-lying island on our starboard beam.

None the less, as the event presently proved, the danger of pursuit and capture was not yet averted. Turning the wheel over to the black helmsman he had thrust aside, Silvio ran forward, bellowing out orders to his sailors. With the men falling over one another in their haste to obey, additional sail was made.

Gaff topsails were shaken out, and a huge, nondescript canvas like a segment of a balloon went thundering and crackling to its place between the two masts. Under the added impetus thus im-

lee rail went under, and with an arm around my charge I scrambled for the weather rail.

For a time, while the schooner fled like a frightened bird, flinging the spray from her sharp bow until it fell in showers the full length of the deck, we clung to the rail and took our medicine in silence.

I could do little to protect my companion, though I did bundle her in her wrap and my overcoat and stood where I could take the brunt of the wind-blown showerings myself.

Knowing there must be a cabin of some sort between decks, I was more than once tempted to make a dash for it. But the consciousness that we would both be helpless in case of disaster if we were shut up below deterred me. For, on the face of things, anybody would have said that disaster was postponed only from moment to moment. The masts were bending and crackling under their overload of canvas; and when the wind blew hardest, it seemed as though nothing could save us from capsizing and being spilled into the frothy water.

What with hanging on and trying to shelter Marcia as well as I might, I had forgotten about the threatened pursuit, and it was she who again called my attention to the pencil of the searchlight which was now sweeping the waste of waters far astern. After we had watched it for a few minutes, there was a hoarse shout from somebody up ahead, the shrill yelp of the captain's whistle and a sudden rush of the crew for the sheets and halliards.

"Land!" I said, with a gasp of relief.

There it was, just ahead, a low coast with a white beach darkly fringed by a dense growth of some kind. I hoped it would be the mainland, though again my hazy recollection of the geography of the Floridian waters was telling me that it couldn't be, that we couldn't pos-

# FROM THE POETRY LOCKER

## Neither Out Far nor in Deep

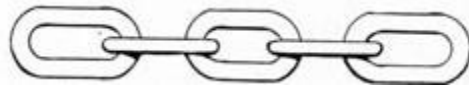
The people along the sand  
All turn and look one way.  
They turn their back on the land.  
They look at the sea all day.

As long as it takes to pass  
A ship keeps raising its hull;  
The wetter ground like glass  
Reflects a standing gull

The land may vary more;  
But wherever the truth may be-  
The water comes ashore,  
And the people look at the sea.

They cannot look out far.  
They cannot look in deep.  
But when was that ever a bar  
To any watch they keep?!

Robert Frost (1937)



## THIS MONTH'S LINK:

### A DEP / Save the Sound webinar: plastic pollution

If you're having a dry January anyway, you might as well extend the dryness to your viewing habits. Accordingly, your newsletter link takes you to an hour-long online discussion produced by The Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection and Save the Sound. The topic is plastics: which are recyclable, and which aren't. Everybody in the Club already knows that you don't recycle mylar birthday balloons by letting them float away in the sky. It behooves us all to make choices that keep plastics from polluting the Sound. Governments, manufacturers and retailers won't make them for us.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Bjd-24fzIM>

If you'd rather see something more cheerful, here's the trailer to *The Lighthouse* (2019).  
[https://www.imdb.com/video/vi2386607897?ref=vp\\_rv\\_ap\\_0](https://www.imdb.com/video/vi2386607897?ref=vp_rv_ap_0)





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