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Exclusive interview!

BARBIE APPLIES FOR NHYC ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP



Taking time off from a hectic, multi-city tour to promote the new film that bears her name, the iconic fashion doll flew to New Haven to fill out an application and talk with your newsletter.

NEWSLETTER: Did you have a good flight?

BARBIE: No problem. I always have enough legroom. Avelo Airlines won't let you put a bag bigger than 14 inches under the seat in front of you—such a joke I'm only 11.5 inches tall. You could put a dozen of my bags down there!

NEWSLETTER: So, you're applying to join our yacht club...

BARBIE: Hey, I've thought a lot about this! I've always loved sailing! Of the 71 different sports I practice, sailing is definitely in the top 30. And I've got all the outfits, even a pfd, which is silly because I totally float without one.

NEWSLETTER: Why New Haven? Wouldn't Marina Del Ray or San Pedro be closer to home?

BARBIE: But I love New Haven! New Haven is the real world! The Mattel people wanted to hook me up with this gaudy plastic-looking yacht club with pink mooring balls. I mean, who needs that? Who needs all those phony people? I'm 64 years old and Mattel still treats me like a toy.

NEWSLETTER: What does Ken think about this?

BARBIE: Like, I really care what a foot-long plastic boyfriend thinks? Does Ken *think*? That's the first I've heard of it!

NEWSLETTER: Why did you choose associate membership?

BARBIE: If I were a full member, I'd have to raise my hand to vote at membership meetings. It's always been hard for me to raise my hand. I can raise my whole arm, but it makes me look like I'm putting shot—another favorite sport of mine!

NEWSLETTER: Have you got a boat yet?

BARBIE: I'm going halves on a boat with my little sister Skipper. Isn't that funny? Skipper will finally be a *skipper*!

NEWSLETTER: What kind of boat are you thinking of?

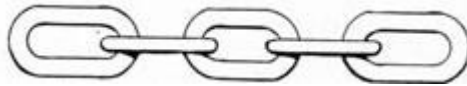
BARBIE: A Catalina 50.

NEWSLETTER: A Catalina *Fifty*? I don't think our moorings can *take* a fifty-foot boat. Phillip asked the question at the last meeting.

BARBIE: Fifty *inches*, silly! I'd get lost on a fifty-foot boat! We won't need the club hoist. If Drew takes one end and Barry takes the other, they can just drop it in the water. A thirty-pound mushroom anchor is all we need.

NEWSLETTER: What will you call your boat?

BARBIE: Skipper likes "Rose" and I like "Fuchsia." We might compromise on "Flamengo." Was that the last question? Barry's invited me and Ken to go out on *Tardis* today. Hello, are you the launch attendant? I'll need my picnic cooler, my swimsuit, mask, fins, beach towel, caftan, sandals, deck chair, VHS radio, binoculars, satellite radio and sun hat. Ken is bringing his laptop, telephone, kayak, sunglasses, fishing pole, water skis and personal submarine. Just put it all in that big, pink tote bag, okay?



THIS MONTH'S LINK: Another daring rescue in a storm



What happens when the dock you're tied to breaks free?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M5kB3vXhP4U>



BONUS LINK:

Nancy Plants shows how to turn the Japanese knotweed that's all around the clubhouse into a yummy chutney!

The video isn't perfect, and the recipe only came out "okay." But we're grateful for the suggestion.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JaikEVE5CZ0>

MINUTES OF NEW HAVEN YACHT CLUB BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING, 1 AUGUST 2023

ATTENDING OFFICERS:

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

ATTENDING MEMBERS: Debbi, Allen, Philip, Perry, Paul, Robert, Richard.

MINUTES: Commodore Drew called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A motion was made and unanimously passed to accept the minutes of the June and July 2023 meeting minutes as published. The August meeting minutes are pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Launch: the new launch is working. It floats. It still needs a new floor installed. Two new attendants will need to be hired to replace 2 that are moving to on to school. One new attendant has been hired. Fall hours kick in on 8/21. One of the 2 stroke engines needs to be brought in for maintenance.

Moorings: 1 boat dragged a mooring during the most recent storm and one broke the pennant connection. The boat that dragged was moved to 315.

Another boat broke free from the mooring. There seems to be an issue with the method of securement on the boat that broke free. There was no equipment failure. There was failure of the method of securing the boat to the pennant. The boat was secured with much effort and is now on an alternate mooring.

Moorings 316 and 308 are open for transient use for up to 8000# vessels.

There was swivel failure on mooring 102. Vessel was moved to 208. Discussed changing swivels annually to avoid this.

The catamaran that was on one of our moorings has vacated the mooring and is now on a hook in front of the seawall.

Yards and Docks: Issues per Frank: first floating old dock sleeve on the right side is causing a problem at low tide. On the left side the ramp is rubbing against the piling sleeve. The piling sleeve will need to be reset. Docks are listing. The flotation on the floating dock is part of the problem. Flotation needs to be addressed when docks come out.

Website: good web cam information was relayed during the most recent storm. No issues.

House and Grounds: no report. Gardens need to be tended. Work party obligation make up would be a good way to address this.

Social: Sailabitations for August are pending except for the last Thursday in August. There has not been good member support for these events this season. Labor Day is pending.

The Mayor's Cup went well. Weather co-operated. There was low turnout for after party.

We need to consider adjusting the social budget for next year. Having ice provided for members is another consideration as a way conserve resources.

Cruising: no report

Membership: as noted in the treasurer's report.

Race Committee: no report.

Old Business: FCC license has been approved but we have not received formal notice. IRS issue is still pending. A potential candidate for treasurer has been identified. 11 members have paid the assessment fee.

Phil questioned why we don't allow larger moorings. There are limitations with installing and hauling moorings. This can be a subject for further discussion. Helix moorings are out of the question because of the oyster bed, and they still require maintenance.

Next meeting will be first Wednesday of September at 7:00.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and unanimously passed to adjourn at 8:33p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl
Secretary



Wayne's World of Racing



Hot off the ticker, here are the Mayor's Cup results.

CLASS A Time Started 12:10:00 Course NPM Distance 15 nm Wind 7-12 kn Race Committee: Fenton

Skipper	Yacht / Hull Color	Type / Sail Number	ECSA	PHRF Rating	TCF*	Finish Time	Elapsed Time	Corrected Time**	Place in Class	Place Overall
George	Invicta White	Farr 400 USA 404	Yes	-12	1.2082	2:26:26	136.43	164.84	1	1
Brian	Spectre Silver	J/125 51356	Yes	-3	1.1883	2:39:26	149.43	177.57	3	3
Bruce	Milford Sailing Fdn. White	Melges 32 USA 211	Yes	24	1.1324	2:46:47	156.78	177.54	2	2
Richard	Park Place White	O'Day 34 IK 41976	Yes	147	0.9326	3:22:27	192.45	179.48	4	4

* TCF (Time Correction Factor) = 650/(550 + PHRF)

** Corrected Time = Elapsed Time x TCF

CLASS B Time Started 12:15:00 Course NW Distance 9 nm Wind 7-12 kn Race Committee: Fenton

Skipper	Yacht / Hull Color	Type Sail Number	ECSA	PHRF Rating	TCF*	Finish Time	Elapsed Time	Corrected Time**	Place in Class	Place Overall
Ben	Dulcinea White	Tripp 36 51503	Yes	81	1.0301	2:10:10	115.17	118.63	2	
Brendan	Good Girl Red	J100 ISV-68	Yes	100	1.000	2:07:51	112.85	112.85	1	
Jim	Meltemi White	X-372 51103	Yes	124	0.9644	DNC				
Dave	Terrapin Flyer Green	C&C 40	No	127	0.9601	2:25:39	130.65	125.44	5	
Ben	MARA White	X 332 93746	Yes	134	0.9503	2:18:49	123.82	121.20	4	
John	Diablo Blue	Ericson 23-2 23	No	260	0.8025	4:01:00	226.00	181.37	6	
Drew	Tomfoolery Grey	Tyler 29 91714	Yes	278	0.7850	2:47:04	152.07	119.37	3	

* TCF (Time Correction Factor) = 650/(550 + PHRF)

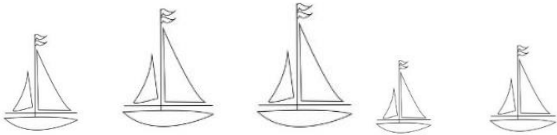
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THE MAYOR'S CUP 2023



A photo essay by Leland
(Thumbnails by Bob)





GET TO KNOW YOUR LAUNCH ATTENDANTS



Although **Savannah** is still a senior at the Sound School she's developed a slew of interests beyond the reach of most of her coevals. She took a college class this spring at SCSU on Art History and Conservation; she's reading *The Mayor of Casterbridge* for her AP English class and she's keen on military history. She's actually a naval sea cadet and wants to go into the navy when she graduates. "I'm leaning toward surface warfare, but I'm not sure if it's going to be destroyers or carriers."

For the time being, she's the proud captain of our launch—you gotta start somewhere!

"I'm fascinated by the ancient world. It's so different how they lived back then—what they thought, how they worshipped. And the architecture! The Temple of Athena!"

Oscar was born in Utah, far from any salt water except the Great Salt Lake. His family moved to New Haven when he was five and he currently attends North Haven High. He wants to go into the music industry, but not as a musician. "I play the piano—and I taught myself guitar during the pandemic, but I see myself as an agent or manager. Oscar's already picked out his college major: the Business and Entertainment Program at American University in Washington D.C.

"My grandparents were really into sailing. My dad's stepfather had a company that built beautiful, wooden boats with tan bark sails. You've probably heard of them, Edey and Duff."

"My dad worked at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. I learned to sail at the Woods Hole Yacht Club. Our class was really small: me and three other kids. If anybody wants to race and is looking for crew, I'm available."



Member Profiles

PAUL

Our Webmaster loves to browse the bay.



My only formal sailing lessons were as a child at Hilton Head Island on a Sunfish. It was a 3 day course and the last day we set out in a 20+ knot wind to sail the sound and found ourselves stranded on Daufuskie Island. A power boat had to rescue the class and take us back to Hilton Head. The blow was from a front moving in and that day I experienced the strongest thunderstorm I have ever been through.

I got my current boat, 1972 Venture 17, from a family friend. It was our friend's husband's boat and sat in the yard for 10 years after his death. I brought it home and found carpenter ants had damaged the swing keel. I started to restore it, a year-long endeavor that included removing the deck and fabricating a new keel.

The name of my boat? That's a funny story, actually. When filling out my NHYC application, I entered TBD under the name of the boat. To my surprise, that is what was listed when the membership directory was published. The name stuck and she was recently

commissioned as "To Be Determined".

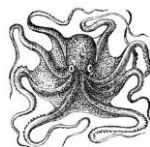
Am I looking for people to sail with? Yes, of course. I would enjoy bringing anyone along with me or aiding as a crew member on another boat. I'm always interested in improving my sailing ability. I'm not a fan of heeling the boat over too much and tend to stay off of the water on blustery days. Someday I'd like to upgrade my boat to something a bit larger as a weekender or cruiser.

Who would you most like to go sailing with? Excellent question. Probably one of the people I follow on YouTube like Josh Post or Christian Williams. I do also watch Sam Holmes but imagine I'd cause a mutiny if I spent too much time with him on his boat.

What port would you most like to sail into? I suppose sailing up to and back from Maine would be nice.

What appeals to you most about our sport? For me, it's both relaxing and technical. As an engineer, I find more complex tasks interesting. The serenity of moving through the water without having to listen to an engine is relaxing.

Have you got a personal sailing motto? Not really. I would think it would be something along the lines of being a fair-weather sailor. I try to get better at trimming the sails with every outing.

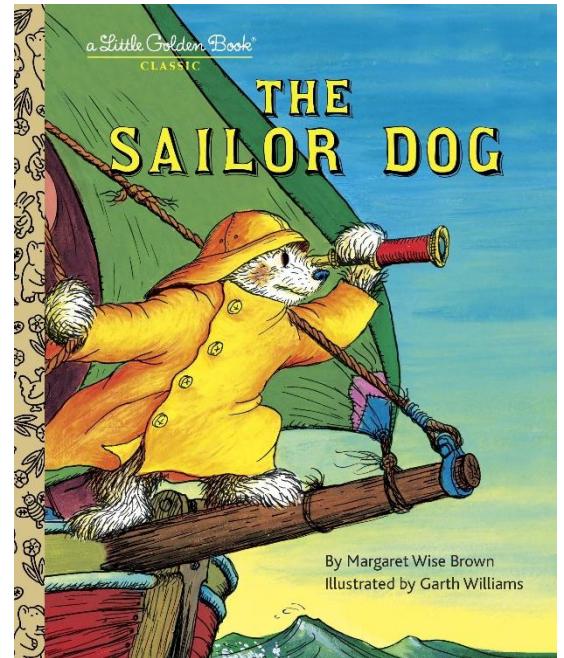


Wind-blown Pages

Your newsletter presents pages torn from nautical literature. Today's pages are from...

“ In his ship Scuppers had a little room. In his room Scuppers had a hook for his hat and hook for his rope and a hook for his handkerchief and a hook for his pants and a hook for his spyglass and a place for his shoes and a bunk for a bed to put himself in.

At night Scuppers threw the anchor into the sea, and he went down to his little room.



He put his hat on the hook for his hat, and his rope on the hook for his rope, and his pants on the hook for his pants, and his spyglass on the hook for his spyglass, and he put his shoes under the bed and got into his bed, which was a bunk, and went to sleep.



QUESTIONNAIRE FOR NEW MEMBERS (AND NOT-SO-NEW MEMBERS)

Tell us your name(s)?

How and where did you learn to sail?

Tell us about your boat?

How did your boat get its name?

Are you looking for people to sail with?

Who would you *most* like to go sailing with? (You can choose anybody, living or dead!)

What port would you most like to sail into? (You don't have to make the whole trip, just enter the port)

What about appeals to you most about our sport?

What needs fixing on your boat?

Have you got a personal sailing motto?

Please answer as many of these questions as appeal to you. Also answer any questions you can think of that are better than the questions above. Send your response (and a photo?) to Bob, the newsletter editor, at rschneider@niu.edu. He's tired of writing nonsense. He wants to write about you!

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. The author will be able to review and accept edits before publication.

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