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NEW HAVEN YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

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FALKNER ISLAND TERNS DEMAND BETTER HOUSING

The Falkner Island colony of Roseate Terns, the largest in Connecticut, is demanding better nesting boxes. Apprised of the news, your newsletter contacted the tern's unofficial spokesfowl, Dougallii Carrotbeak, [photo at right].

For almost an hour Carrotbeak inveighed against the structures currently installed on the island.

"I ask you, is this decent housing for an endangered species?" she squawked. "Is this even a rookery? Would you feel good laying an egg in a weather-beaten, delaminated plywood box with the air vents shut up with hardware cloth? Would you feel good laying an egg there? *Would you?*"

Your newsletter had to admit it wouldn't.

"The Audubon Society says this is an 'Important Bird Area.' Well, I look around and I don't feel like an important bird. I feel like a fuckin' *migrant*. Rocks and pebbles everywhere—an' I know what you're thinking; you're thinking about that old joke where they 'leave no *tern* unstoned'— yeah, I've heard that one and it ain't funny."

Your newsletter to assured Carrotbeak that the joke had never crossed its mind.

"Me and the other hens have been brooding over this mess for a while—I mean *literally*. Falkner used to be kinda nice. And it used to be safe—a few common terns and oystercatchers, but they stayed outta our way. Now we've got night herons flying over from the mainland—fuckin' *night herons*! How are we suppos't to raise fledgling under conditions like dat? I tell ya, if you and your newsletter don't *do* something, the next time you look for roseate terns on the Sound, don't even bother—we'll have gone the way of the fuckin' dodo."





Island lighthouse in palmier days (1961)

Dilapidated housing on Falkner Island.

Falkner

MINUTES OF THE NEW HAVEN YACHT CLUB BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING, 6 MARCH 2024

ATTENDING OFFICERS:

Commodore: Drew
Vice Commodore: Stocky
Rear Commodore: vacant
Secretary: Cheryl
Treasurer: Frank for Ashley
Membership Secretary: Carlo

ATTENDING MEMBERS: Debbi, Allen, Paul, Josef, Richard, Foster, Ellis, Felix, Raimund, Elizabeth, Philip, Stas, Mike

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 February 2024 meeting minutes as published. The March meeting minutes are pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Launch: report on launch committee chair search. Search for a committee chair was unsuccessful. I did recruit members who would be willing to be on the committee. It is the recommendation that these individual members be assigned a task and take singular responsibility for that task. Tasks will be determined at some point and assigned to volunteers as well as members identified on this year's membership form.

Moorings: the splicing party is coming up April 6th around 10:00. The order is in the process of being developed. The expense will be ~\$6900. Raimund will pick up paint for the moorings.

Yards and Docks: no report

Website: Paul went through website with Kaitlin to become more ADA compliant. He needs updates on social events, race committee, and cruising to add to the website.

House and Grounds: no report

Social: Main holidays are Memorial Day, July Fourth and Labor Day along with 6 sailabratons July 13,20 and 27 and August 10,17 and 24.

Cruising: no report

Membership: Right now, we have 48 full members and 3 associate members and 7 honorary. This year so far 3 full members have moved to associate, and 3 full members have left the club. We have had 3 new full members join so far. We have one pending joining.

Race Committee: Carlo has a copy of the race schedule and will forward this to Paul to put on the website.

Old Business:

Quotes for repair work on the crane, pavilion, and pilings were presented by Carlo on behalf of Rick. The crane estimate is \$2856.00. The pavilion repair is \$2676. These quotes are subject to change as Stas is going to look at the jobs. He is qualified to effect repairs if the club purchases the supplies. The pilings (specs on file) \$4500.00. Carlo recommends that we move forward on the pilings soon. The other quotes will be subject to review by the finance committee pending review of the project by Stas. No decisions were made.

Social media update:

Josef provided an in-depth proposal on how to improve the exposure of the club on social media.

Channels to target are as follows: Facebook page for external inquiries, Facebook group for internal members and

Instagram page to showcase internal and external audience. Josef outlined how this is going to happen. He will need approval to build out the business account. He will need at least 3 volunteers who can help maintain the system. There was a motion made and unanimously passed to grant approval to move forward with his proposed plan.

New Business:

Philip from the finance committee presented discussion regarding the guest mooring and possibly using that as a source of income. He recommended that we create a profile page on DOCK WA that is free to use to advertise the existence of the club and use it as a method to bill for use of the guest mooring.

A motion was made and unanimously passed to move forward with allowing Philip to create a free profile page on DOCK WA for purposes of using the guest mooring as a source of revenue and to increase the profile of the club on the internet.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and unanimously passed to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl
Secretary



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RACE SCHEDULE 2024



DAY	DATE	START	RACE
Monday	May 27, 2024	1:30 PM	Hollingsworth Race
Sunday	June 9, 2024	1:30 PM	Spring Series No.1
Sunday	June 23, 2024	1:30 PM	Spring Series No.2
Thursday	July 4, 2024	1:30 PM	July 4th Race
Sunday	July 21, 2024	1:30 PM	Summer Series No.1
Saturday	July 27, 2024	12:00 PM	Mayor's Cup Race
Sunday	August 18, 2024	1:30 PM	Summer Series No.2
Monday	September 2, 2024	1:30 PM	Ray Morgan Singlehanded Race
Sunday	September 8, 2024	1:30 PM	Fall Series No.1
Sunday	September 22, 2023	1:30 PM	Fall Series No.2



THIS MONTH'S LINK:

When she came in second in the Global Solo Challenge last week, Cole Brauer became the first American Woman to race solo and around the world nonstop. She was the youngest sailor and the only female in the race. After landing in Coruna, Spain she shared her thoughts with CNN. Congratulations, Cole!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iirUc7sfU-Q>

Fiction

Fluke the Flying Fisher, episode 3

Fluke gazed up at Amore Vero in wonder. She could hardly believe she'd landed next to a ship from her old sailing ground.

"Oh, you're from the Baltic!" She exclaimed. "I'm from Finland. That is, I spent years in Finland; I'm not sure how many."

"Baltic ist most beautiful of seven seas," sighed Amore Vero. "I miss the fog and the freezing winters."

"Are you going back?"

"Cannot go back. Ist forbidden."

"Forbidden by whom?" asked Fluke, using the formal grammar she thought appropriate when addressing a larger vessel.

"Vladimir doesn't allow it. One day I speak Vladimir's secrets to journalist from ze Guardian. Now cannot go back."

"I see," said Fluke, who wasn't sure if she'd ever met 'ze guardian.'

"Eastern Baltic ist sea of opportunity for boats. I know boats in Russa started as municipal ferry boats but grow quickly into tankers. And for pleasure craft ist better still! Myself, I started as pilot boat. Now I am super yacht, but everything ist corruption."

"Corruption? Do you mean rust?" Oxidation and delamination were the only sorts of corruption Fluke knew. Happily, she had neither.

"I mean corruption of money, toy boat!" Amore Vero wailed. "With corruption you trust nobody. Nobody keeps vord. One day herring cost 12 rubles, next day hundert dollar. Buy a tousand tons of herring and herring boat become yacht. Ten-meter yacht becomes hundert meter yacht overnight. All is corruption!"

Fluke wanted to know where a herring boat could stow its nets if it became a yacht, but she didn't want to interrupt Amore Vero's story.

"You make friendly vith a tugboat, next you know tugboat ist in Siberia. Vatever ist not corruption ist oppression. Now you! You little yacht zat looks like herring boat—suddenly you can fly. Ist zat corruption, too?"

"I think it's because of the shape of my hull," replied Fluke. "I'm only just learning."

"Vell, toy boat you should maybe fly away. I see Lady M coming and you in her slip."

Fluke could just make out a black-hulled yacht even bigger than Amore Vero entering the Old Port.

"Lady M ist friend of Vladimir. You fly away now. It were best."

Fluke didn't like the sound of that, but there was no sign on the slip that said it was reserved. It looked like a normal slip to Fluke. Besides, Fluke had never taken off from the water and she didn't know if she could. Lady M moved toward them like a storm cloud on the water, her hull was shiny and smooth like obsidian and her sharp prow stabbed the water like an open scissor. A menacing black helicopter squatted on her foredeck.

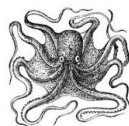
"Where I come from," thought Fluke, "if a slip that doesn't have a sign that says 'reserved,' it's open to anyone."

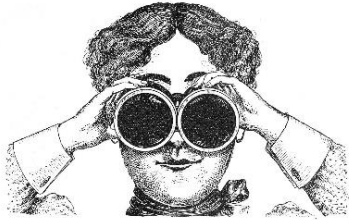
Lady M's air horns gave a long, sharp blast.

"I varn you, toy boat, you don't vant to mess with Lady M!"



(Next month: Vladimir's friend)





Spotted on Craigslist:

Play Misty for me



The seller explains that his father has owned *Misty*, a 1972 Grampian 26, for nearly 40 years but is now ready to pass it on to a good home. "He's put in an incredible amount of work to get it ready for the sailing season. The boat was ready to go in the water last year when he finally decided to sell."

"Growing up we used to sail this boat on long island sound on the weekends. The large keel created extra stability, and we could cruise at 5 knots in good wind. It includes a closet, sink, kitchen area, a space for a portable toilet,



and can sleep 4-5 adults. We would often camp out on the boat overnight."



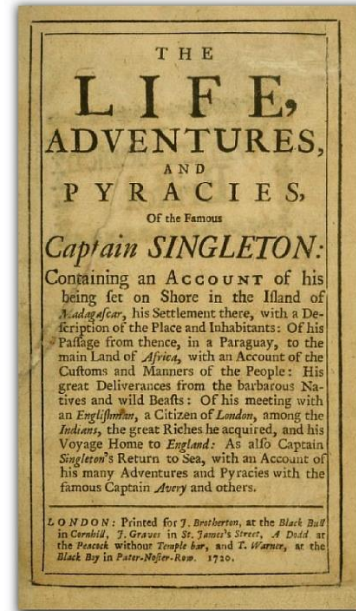
"My dad is really just looking for a good home for this boat. The price listed is negotiable. If you want to get into sailing, we'll work with you."

<https://newhaven.craigslist.org/boa/d/shelton-26-ft-grampian-for-sale/7723871629.html>



Wind-blown Pages

Today's snippet of nautical literature is from *The Life, Adventures & Piracies of the Famous Captain Singleton* by Daniel Defoe, which our prolific author published in 1720, the same year as *Robinson Crusoe*.



It was not long before we saw a sail and immediately gave her chase; but she proved an excellent sailer and, standing out to sea we saw plainly she trusted to her heels—that is to say, to her sails. However, as we were a clean ship, we gained upon her, though slowly, and had we had a day before us, we should certainly have come up with her; but it grew dark apace, and in that case we knew we should lose sight of her.

Our merry Quaker, perceiving us to crowd still after her in the dark wherein we could not see which way she went, came very dryly to me. "Friend Singleton," says he, "dost thee know what we are a-doing?" Says I, "Yes; why, we are chasing yon ship, are we not?" "And how dost thou know that?" says he, very gravely still. "Nay, that's true," says I again; "we cannot be sure." "Yes, friend," says he, "I think we may be sure that we are running away from her, not chasing her. I am afraid," adds he, "thou art turned Quaker, and hast resolved not to use the hand of power or art a coward and art flying from thy enemy."

"What do you mean?" says I (I think I swore at him). "What do you sneer at now? You have always one dry rub or another to give us."

"Nay," says he, "it is plain enough the ship stood off to sea due east on purpose to lose us, and thou mayest be sure her business does not lie that way; for what should she do at the coast of Africa in this latitude which should be as far south as Congo or Angola? But as soon as it is dark and we lose sight of her, she will tack and stand away west again for the Brazil coast and for the bay where thou knowest she was going before; and are we not, then, running away from her? I am greatly in hopes, friend," says the dry, gibing creature, "thou wilt turn Quaker, for I see thou art not for fighting."

"Very well William," says I; "then I shall make an excellent pirate." However, William was in the right, and I apprehended what he meant immediately; and Captain Wilmot, who lay very sick in his cabin, overhearing us, understood him as well as I and called out to me that William was right and it was our best way to change our course and stand away for the bay where ten to one but we should snap her in the morning.

Accordingly we went about-ship, got our larboard tacks on board, set the top-gallant sails, and crowded for the bay of All Saints where we came to an anchor early in the morning just out of gunshot of the forts; we furled our sails with rope-yarns that we might haul home the sheets without going up to loose them, and, lowering our main and fore-yards, looked just as if we had lain there a good while.

Two hours afterwards we saw our game standing in for the bay with all the sail she could make She came innocently into our very mouths, for we lay still till we saw her almost within gunshot when, our foremost gears being stretched fore and aft, we first ran up our yards, and then hauled home the topsail sheets, the rope-yarns that furled them giving way of themselves; the sails were set in a few minutes; at the same time slipping our cable, we came upon her before she could get under way upon the other tack. They were so surprised that they made little or no resistance, but struck after the first broadside.



Wayne's World of Racing

Hi Racers (and wannabes),

Here is a great set of seminars by Dave Perry, racing guru. There will be useful info and tips for experienced and newbie racers alike. And it's FREE! Just follow the instructions in the poster below to get the Zoom link.

Enjoy,
Wayne

Winning Strategies & Tactics Around the Course!

An Interactive, Fun & Educational online Webinar
with **Dave Perry**
presented by the Eastern Connecticut Sailing Association (ECSA)

Wednesday, April 3, 10, 24, and May 1, 2024
7:30pm – 9:00pm



Dave Perry is well known for his enthusiastic and engaging teaching style for sailors of all ages and levels, as well as highly respected for his accomplishments in, and deep knowledge of, the sport of Sailing. He is one of the sport's leading coaches and rules experts, serving on the US Sailing Appeals Committee and being the Rules Advisor for several recent America's Cup teams and the US Sailing Team at the 2008, 2012, 2021 & 2024 Olympic Games.

Schedule of Topics

April 3 – Tactics on the Upwind legs
April 10 – Tactics on the Downwind legs
April 24 – Tactics at the Marks
May 1 – Tactics at the Start

Fee: there is no fee; this is being underwritten by the Eastern Connecticut Sailing Association (ECSA)

Sign Up: there is no sign-up; just "show up" online.

Zoom link & Pre-read: The Zoom link, which will be the same for all four sessions, will be posted on the ECSA website (<https://ecsa.net>) by Wednesday, March 27, along with the Pre-read for session 1.

Recording link: Following the last session, a link to the recording of the four sessions will be posted on the ECSA website.

For additional information, contact: Paul Grady, paulgradv@me.com, 203-613-6767

Dave's two books on the rules, *Understanding the Racing Rules of Sailing* and *Dave Perry's 100 Best Racing Rules Quizzes* updated for the 2021-2024 rules, are available in print or digital format at: <https://shop.ussailing.org>



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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