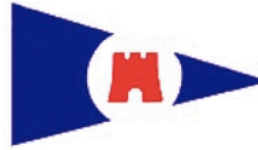




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A NEWSLETTER TAILORED TO THE FRIENDS OF NEWCASTLE YACHT CLUB



Support Marina Events



Welcome Signs

Karl Loenhart - Skipper of the Tug, the Leading Edge

The Marina shored up the West side of the inlet last fall. Perhaps even more welcome news was what many had been waiting to hear, which came in December... reports that scoop after scoop of silt were being removed from the channel floor made many faces brighten! Now the warming weather has surely got our members thinking about their boats. We've received many e-mails, calls and texts about when things would get going! As a result... here is a newsletter.

Sailors: sail selection can be important! Theseus forgot to change his sails, and as a result his father, Aegeus threw himself off a cliff. The waters he perished in are still known today as the Aegean Sea.

Moonlit Cruises

Karl Loenhart & Karl Kimmett- Illuminated Lunar Enthusiast

Last season we had some great full moons! But not many boats made it out for them. And there are not always perfect conditions. The weather can interfere, or the moonrise can occur later in the night.

This year's full moons might allow for an interesting set of cruises. For example, May has a full moon on a Wednesday. So on Friday, May 28th a very nearly full moon will rise at midnight. Let's call that Moonlight Cruise #1.

Moonlight Cruise #2 on Friday, June 25th, is the night after the full moon and the moonrise should be around 22:30.

Moonlight Cruise #3 on Friday, July 23rd, is the night of the full moon and the moonrise should occur at about 22:00 hours.

Moonlight Cruise #4 on Friday, August 20th, is two nights before the full moon and the moonrise should occur at about 20:00 hours.

Moonlight Cruises #5 and #6 on back to back Fridays in September might interest some. The 17th with a moonrise at about 18:30 hours is 3 days before the full moon, and the 24th with a moonrise at about 21:20 is 4 days after the full moon.



Karl Kimmett

Club Dates

 Friday Night
 May 28th, 10 PM
 Moonlight Cruise #1
 and Anchor Out in
 Bondhead Bay

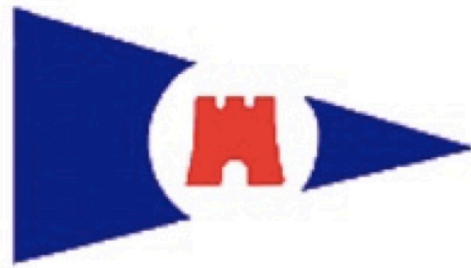
Friday Night
 June 25th, 8 PM
 Moonlight Cruise #2
 and Anchor Out in
 Bondhead Bay

Friday Night
 July 23rd, 8 PM
 Moonlight Cruise #3
 and Anchor Out in
 Bondhead Bay

Friday Night
 August 20th, 7 PM
 Moonlight Cruise #4
 and Anchor Out in
 Bondhead Bay

Friday Night
 September 28th, 7 PM
 (Begins after moonrise)
 Moonlight Cruise #5
 and Anchor Out in
 Bondhead Bay

Friday Night
 May 28th, 8 PM
 Moonlight Cruise #6
 and Anchor Out in
 Bondhead Bay



Yacht Club Vision

Karl Loenhart - Pleading for More

Proposed Club Dates

Thursday, April 1st
Memberships due

Saturday, April 24th
Spring AGM

May 15th, 16th
Potential Lift Ins

May 18th, 19th, 20th
Race Marks Deployed
Potentially

May 22nd, 23rd, 24th
Victoria Day Weekend
& Potential Lift Ins

May 29th, 30th
Potential Lift Ins

June 1st, 2nd, 3rd
Race Marks Deployed
Alternate Dates

June 5th, 6th
Potential Lift Ins

June 12th, 13th
Potential Lift Ins

The operation of any club is usually mandated, regulated, and managed in a number of ways. The outcome can be amazing or marginal. It all depends on vision and effort of its board and its members. Let me explain by way of a little example.

On July 30, '1844, John Cox Stevens and eight of his friends were on his yacht Gimcrack. (Incidentally gimcrack means a cheap and showy ornament... John might have had a sense of humour. But I depart from my example.) Anyway, John and his friends decided to form a yacht club that became rather noteworthy. In fact in '2021, one hundred and seventy seven years later, some of us and many others around the world are enjoying the race for the same £100 Cup awarded to their club's boat in '1851 England. Of course I'm writing about what is now know as the America's Cup.

So, on this 45th anniversary year of our club's formation back in '1976 let us work together to increase this club's greatness - if only just a little.

In case you don't know, my name is Karl Loenhart and I am the Commodore. Allow me to introduce the rest of the executive, just in case you missed the announcements back in the fall. Stan MacLellan is the Vice-Commodore, Neil Watson is the Rear Commodore-Sail, Ron LeBlanc is the Rear Commodore-Power, Andraz Vatovec is the Secretary, Dave Thompson Treasurer. Directors are John Hamilton, Beata Golas, Dan Hetherington and Malcolm Byard. Ian McCann has been our webmaster.

For the '2021 club year our membership dues were again set at \$30 per household. The bylaw mentions payment by April First to allow for participation in the Annual General Meeting (AGM) this Spring. The Spring AGM will be held on April 24th this year.

Hopefully it is obvious that \$30 a year will not help us to achieve greatness! But I am equally hopeful that the plans we initiate this year will.

Proposed Club Dates

Tuesday Night 6PM
Single Handed Races

June 15th,
June 22nd,
June 29th,
July 6th,
July 20th,
July 27th,
August 3rd,
August 10th,
August 17th,
August 24th,
August 31st, and
September 7th
(No Race July 13th)

Thursday Night 6PM

Team Races
June 17th,
June 24th,
July 8th,
July 15th,
July 22nd,
July 29th,
August 5th,
August 12th,
August 19th,
August 26th,
September 2nd, and
September 9th
(No Race July 1st)

Sunday Series 10AM

Team Races
June 27th,
July 18th,
July 25th,
August 8th, and
August 22nd

Cups and Cruises

Karl Loenhart - Skipper of the Leading Edge

We have a Trophy which can be awarded for a Race to Darlington and Home. This year it is proposed that we hold one on June 19th with an 8AM skipper's meeting.



I don't know why this one is called a cup, but we have the Agar Cup Trophy, which can be awarded for a one way race to Cobourg. This year it is proposed that we hold it on July 1st with a 8AM skipper's meeting in the hopes that we arrive in Cobourg in time for some Canada Day celebrations. Some Members may also wish to join up with an Eastern cruise scheduled to begin the same day, maybe even cruising all the way to Chaumont NY for this year's Eastern Yachting Circuit

(EYC) regatta. It is hosted this year by the Crescent Yacht Club. Others might skip it all to prepare and partake in the LO 300/600?

Should we schedule another cruise leaving in the evening on July 30th or the morning of the 31st? It is the Civic Holiday weekend. Maybe a cruise is too much? Consider a one day boat rally on the 31st? And how about the 27th of August? It's not a long weekend - but maybe members can cruise then! A poker run might be nice to kick off Club Racing Weekend. The New Worlds Regatta trophy can now be awarded for the club regatta. It's proposed to be held on the 13th of September. The three races with courses around the cans are always a challenge. Particularly so for those that competed for the Newcastle Cup the day before - September 12th's race to Oshawa and back. Again 8AM meetings for those.



Proposed Club Dates

June 4th
Susan Hood Trophy Race

June 19th 8AM
Race to
Darlington and Home

July 1st 8AM
Agar Cup
Race to Cobourg
& the East Cruise

July (8th) 9th to 11th
EYC @ Crescent YC
Chaumont NY

July 10th
Lake Ontario 300/600

July 30th to August 1st
Potential Cruise

July 31st
Potential Boat Rally

August 27th to 30th
Potential Cruise

Friday September 11th
Potential Poker Run

Saturday Sep 12, 8AM
The Newcastle Cup
(Race to Oshawa & Back)

Sunday, Sep 13, 8AM
New Worlds Regatta
(3 Races Round the Cans)

Sail Racing

Karl Loenhart - Skipper of the Leading Edge

Here is a proposal for the schedule of series races. We can discuss and come to a consensus at the Spring AGM on April 24th.

I expect to donate a trophy to the club for the Single Handed series. This year for that series, twelve Tuesday nights are proposed June 15th through September 7th. July 13th might be a special Tuesday night with a festival of lights to celebrate the club's 45th anniversary. So there is no single handed race proposed for that night.

Last year Neil Watson won the trophy for the Thursday night series. This season, twelve Thursday nights are proposed as the team racing nights. June 17th through September 9th. There will be no race on July 1st as that will be a special Thursday night for those who wish to celebrate the country's 153rd birthday. Maybe some will take in fireworks at home. Others may be away to Cobourg for the Agar Cup Race. Also, The cruise East might have begun that day. There will be a race on July 8th. But some may be away then as well in preparation or travel for either the LO300/600 or the Eastern Yachting Circuit.

There is, as yet, no trophy for the Sunday Series. But this season I propose that we hold races on June 27th, July 18th, July 25th, August 8th, and August 22nd.

All three of those series are for white sail racing with PHRF(LO) handicaps applied.

As a reminder we place the marks at the coordinates as follows.

North / Start	N43° 53.258 W78° 34.538
West	N43° 53.073 W78° 35.883
South	N43° 52.314 W78° 34.990
East	N43° 52.483 W78° 33.640



A Word on Reciprocity

Karl Loenhardt - Pragmatic Nomad

One of the age old benefits of yacht club membership is reciprocity. Here is the theory. Our cruising members leave their slips empty while they cruise. Reciprocal club members cruising in can use empty club slips for free. Meanwhile our members similarly benefit from free berth in the clubs that they encounter along their way. This, provided that there is a reciprocal agreement in place with those clubs.

There was once a time when pretty much the entire lake was free to roam a couple nights at a time. We still get a few requests about reciprocals every year. Some come from other clubs, and some come from their cruisers. We also have various discussions with the more active cruisers within our own club every season. But reciprocity is not without its challenges these days.

There are some great big yacht clubs on the lake. And if you haven't noticed, we are quite tiny. So is our membership fee. Memberships in those big clubs are costly and sometimes come with debentures in the tens (or hundreds) of thousands. There is a reason some see dollar signs when you say yacht club. Along with many other advantages these wealthier clubs can keep a few extra berths for the times when not enough members are away. And they own their property. One thing about our club is that we don't own our spaces. Port of Newcastle obviously does. And I'd venture to say it has been many years since reciprocity was available to the members of the Port of Newcastle. Though I could be wrong.

Things are changing in numerous other ways too, ways that are probably not often considered! A couple clubs along the North East shore have closed in years gone by. There is now a big area between Whitby and Cobourg that is, in the words of the Sail Ontario, under served. That means many boats travelling between those places almost have to stop here (or in Darlington).

All that said, there may still be some creative work arounds to be discussed where reciprocity is concerned. But at least for this year we'll probably have to continue to be prepared to cover our own transient dock fees.

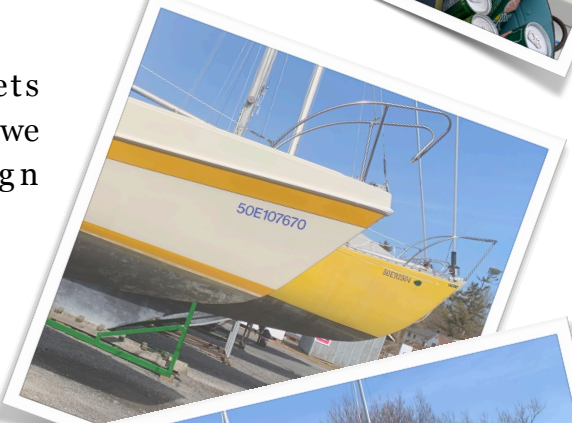


April First Approacheth! The Port probably appreciates those that get their slip fees in!

Dockside Parties

Karl Loenhardt - Fortunate Foodie

I got some new settings for the boat and our two dockside parties last year were bright spots in the season I thought. So I propose three for this season. I like how power boaters, racing sailors, and cruising sailors alike take part. Proposed dates are July 17th, August 21st, and September 25th.



Proposed Club Dates

Saturday, July 17th
Dockside Party #1

Saturday, August 14th &
Sunday August 15th
Potential One Design
Invitational Regatta

Saturday, August 21st
Dockside Party #2

Saturday, September 25th
Dockside Party #3

One Design Invitational

Karl Loenhardt - Fleeting Fleet Member

With a couple of fleets forming in the club, should we consider a one design invitational regatta?

There would definitely be some challenges and a lot of work involved. But there is nothing so fun as knowing how you did in a race without considering handicaps!

Do you own a Tanzer 7.5 or maybe even a Grampian 26? We could do it... maybe. Just in case I have proposed to reserve July 14th & 15th a one design invitational regatta?

A schedule of all the proposed dates sorted by date will be discussed for approval at the Spring AGM on April 24th

April First Approacheth! Look for the membership form included with this newsletter join or renew!