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Newsletter of the Hudson Cove Yacht Club

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Points of Interest

Wednesday Night Racing
Starts June 25th

HCYC Cocktails in the Park
Safe Harbor Marina
600 Beach Rd
Haverstraw, NY

(Grassy Picnic Area)
July 25, 2020
4pm

Commodore's Message

Wow, It's been some year so far! And not one we want to repeat. So we must do what we can with what we have. The Regatta has been cancelled and right now, Zoom is our best friend. We've had two Board Meetings and one General Membership Meeting via Zoom. Unfortunately, I think that will have to be the case for most of our future meetings.

At our General Membership Meeting Matt Marshall, the new manager at Haverstraw, gave us an overview of the new season:

- The marina spent a great deal of effort cleaning up and sprucing up the grounds
- The bathrooms were refurbished with new floors, sinks, toilets, and AC and that's just for now. More improvements are scheduled.
- A new security system was installed using fobs and surveillance cameras
- A new Wi-Fi system was installed
- It is not clear whether the pool will open this year
- Masks must be worn on the docks and people must observe social distancing rules

On June 18th I had a Zoom meeting with members of HRBYCA for a Covid-19 Panel discussion. Each of the clubs related their issues with opening events. The general consensus was the opening is somewhat slow and problematic when interacting with the general public. It is also obvious club events will be sharply curtailed for much of the season.

We are going to attempt an actual in-person get-together. On July 25 we will have our **Cocktails in the Park** event. Wear your mask, bring your lawn chair and your favorite beverage. I hope to see you all there. It's time to reconnect.

Chuck

HCYC April 2020 Zoom General Meeting

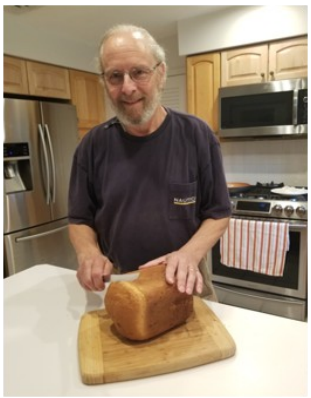
Welcome to our new members Maria & Paul Engel, Linda & Walter Perkins

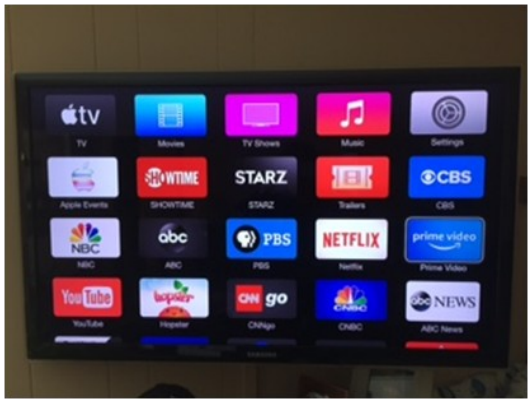
&

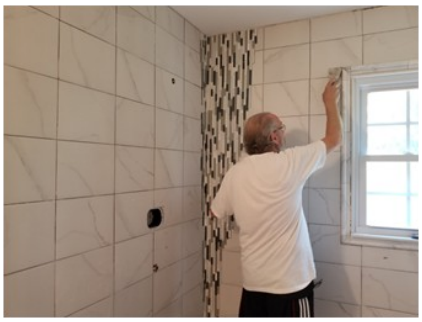
Matt Marshal, Safe Harbor Manager

From top to bottom:
Row 1: Chuck & Patsy Booth, Rita & Jerry Cohen, Linda & Walter Perkins, Cathy & Richard Thabit, Brenda & John Edwards
Row 2: Nancy & Roy DeVries, Gail & Marc Goldzweig, Maria & Paul Engel, Eileen & Chuck Manley, Gina & Herb Dietrich
Row 3: Linda & Jeff Anders, Karen & Dan Kinsley, Debbie & Eddie Frank, Carolyn & Mike Pflueger, Sharon & John Wohl
Row 4: Bob Garabedian, Matt Marshall

As we all sheltered in place, we worked on projects and discovered new talents







As we reminisce about past good times, we look forward to those in the future

DRY FEET/ WET FEET

By Nancy DeVries

After a 1200 nm passage south from Fiji to New Zealand, a sunrise morning showed me the coast of its north island. I knew it would only be a couple more hours till "feet on the ground".

Weather for a passage in these waters is frequently unpredictable and notoriously bad. Unsure about the possible conditions, I had booked my return flight with lots of time if there was a delay in departing Fiji. As it turned out, the forecasts were favorable and departure happened on schedule. Nice, as once arriving in Opua in the Bay of Islands, I had time to spare.

Planning to stay on the North Island, I connected with Habitat New Zealand and was accepted for a several day house build in Hamilton, plus an offer of home stay with a staff member while working. After that, I booked a bus tour to Cape Reinga, the most northern point of the island and spiritually important to the native Mauri people who believe that their ancestors depart from here to their spiritual homeland. It was all very interesting. On the return, the tour bus drove down the famous 90-mile beach, along the far northwest coast. It included a stop for sandboarding down the huge dunes and a drive along the hard pack at the water's edge.
Very cool to ride along the sand, with ocean almost within touching distance. But at one point, the bus had to avoid a rocky outcropping ahead and was forced to drive into the ocean water to get around it. Unfortunately, it was not visible to the driver and there was a deep sink hole. No surprise, the bus got stuck, the engine shut down, and was unable to restart. We were about 100 yards to shore and no longer on land. I was back on the water again. Water quickly seeped up to seat level, as I helped the 15 other passengers and a disabled teenager leave our small bus to wade to shore. Yikes, I was back on the water!

Technically, I still had feet on the ground, just not as planned. This was wet "feet on the sand," but in waist deep water, with waves crashing to the shore. Crowds of onlookers were beginning to gather and offer towels to us, news reporters wanting a good story, and finally a dry bus arrived to make the return to my starting point. Yes, dry feet in a sailboat across 1200 miles, and then wet feet in only a few beach miles.

MAN OVERBOARD

"Created by the Storm Trysail Foundation, the Safety at Sea video series serves as a resource for sailors. Normally, reserved for Safety at Sea Seminar participants, the Storm Trysail Club is releasing these videos to the public now for sailors to watch and learn while they are self-quarantining."

Maybe a screen shot from this important video to while away the hours until we finally get a sailing season. It is slightly different than what was presented in an on-the-water rescue by Nancy and Eileen.

This video,is narrated by Gary Jobson.

Preview YouTube video Practical MOB Recovery

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1239&v=LjQtQmX_1VM&feature=emb_logo

Contributed by Nancy DeVries

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Ordering Information is on the website under merchandise

Thank you

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