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Commodore Shirley Nel, Nels' Belle II

Loren Eiseley said “If there is magic on this planet, it is contained in water” For me, the magic happens on the water. I feel a peace on my boat that I feel nowhere else. There’s just something so soothing about being afloat on water. The gentle sway of the boat, the laughter and good times we share with friends.

Some enjoy the challenge of sailing, adjusting the sails just so to make the wind propel us forward, feeling the pull of the water as the boat heels.

For others, boating is all about the excitement of the race, the adrenaline rush as they jibe and tack to make the mark.

For those more adventurous souls, it’s about visiting other ports and seeing new places and experiencing new things. Or maybe going to places previously visited and reliving old experiences. There’s comfort in that too.

A few may enjoy the solitude, anchored in a secluded cove spending time with that someone special.

Sometimes a raucous raft up with revelry and free flowing libations is good for the soul.

However you enjoy being on your boat, I hope you find your joy by doing plenty of exactly that.

Have a magical summer.

Shirley.

The Sound of Silence

by JP Nel, *Nels' Belle II*

In 2017, I purchased our current sailboat, a Catalina 310. As with all boats (new and used), there are always a few things to resolve. For me, one of those was an annoying vibration that occurred throughout the RPM range.

The vibration was most likely the shaft tapping against the shaft log. There were many potential causes for this. The shaft alignment, a bend shaft, an unbalanced prop, a worn cutlass bearing, the engine mounts, something mechanical in the gearbox, or maybe a worn damper plate. Doing a quick search on the internet, many 310 owners have this issue. Most have accepted it and learned to live with it.

“Check your alignment” was the most common advice I received. This did reduce the vibrations considerably, but even perfect alignment did not resolve vibrations that still occurred at a few spots along the RPM range.

In 2018, I switched the fixed 2-blade prop with a fixed 3-blade prop. While the 2-blade prop was balanced, my theory was that a 3-blade prop would be more stable. This absolutely reduced the intensity of the vibrations (a huge improvement), but the vibrations were still there.

Powering back from Shelter Island to Huntington in 2020 forced me to listen to the vibration for about 11 hours. That's was it. A solution had to be found.

I have read about the Sigma Drive (a constant velocity joint) that allows the shaft to rotate without transmitting engine movement or vibrations. Considering my other options (new engine mounts, damper plate, etc.), this seemed like the easiest option. I ordered my Sigma Drive and installed it prior to splashing in late April this year.

I had a smile on my face from the get-go. No more vibrations! I always had a vibration when in reverse. When I put the boat in reverse for the first time after splashing, I was not sure that I was in reverse. It was that quiet (compared to before).

Here are the three questions I am asked most:

How much does the Sigma Drive cost? The model I purchased was the SD55. I paid \$615.00.

Was this an easy install? For most, it should be straight forward. For my install I struggled with removing the old coupler. I also had very limited space between the stuffing box and the transmission which made it almost impossible to fit a torque wrench into the area. One must torque the attachment bolts (8 of them) in a specific pattern (three times with specific torque settings). In the end, patience is all you need. Follow the instructions and take your time.

Would you recommend the product? So far, I have been thrilled with the performance. That said, I have only put about 10 hours on the engine as of this writing and I would like to get through the season before a full endorsement.





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MCYC Women Skippers Race

It was an ideal day for sailing on Sunday June 6, when six MCYC women took the helm in an exciting contest that truly came down to the wire. We raced around the Triangle in Huntington Bay, from the Lighthouse to Sand City to Bell 8, and back. While the racing was wonderful, and enjoyed by all who came, the day would have been even nicer if more MCYC sailors participated. Maybe next year's race will bring out more MCYC women.

First, major kudos to **Emma Hendler**, who led the way from start to finish in a resounding victory aboard her Frers 33, *Nereid*. In corrected time, Emma finished more than 7 minutes ahead of the Second Place boat. That's when things became very interesting.

In a race with various boat designs and sizes, time allowances must be made for these differences. Each boat has a handicap rating for scoring. A slower boat can win if sailed to its potential, and a faster boat can lose if it isn't. That's what made this race so close. Once the ratings were properly calculated, we were astounded that the next four boats after Emma finished only seconds apart! The 3.3 nm course took nearly an hour to complete, yet the 2nd place boat and the 5th Place boat were only 22 seconds apart!

At least one of our racers said that she felt a bit over her head before the race, and was intimidated at the thought of big boats starting together closely in an aggressive race. Those fears proved unfounded, as she found the race easy and fun. Afterward, we heard comments like "I was a little scared before the race, but it was a great experience. I can't wait to do it again!"

Thanks to all who came to compete, and special thanks to LHYC for use of their Committee boat.

RESULTS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Boat</u>	<u>Time (corrected)</u>
1. Emma Hendler	Nereid	43:42
2. Heidi Gerakaris	Pirate Bey	50:50
3. Judy Ambrosius	Atlantean	51:02
4. Shawn Simon	Avanzare	51:11
5. Wendy Grand	Exhale	51:13
6. Heidi Kern	Lulu	56:45

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SUNSET - MOONRISE CRUISE





Our annual Commissioning Raft-Up occurred on June 5th.

We had a total of 18 boats participate. This included 4 new members. Some participating in their first raft-up, ever!

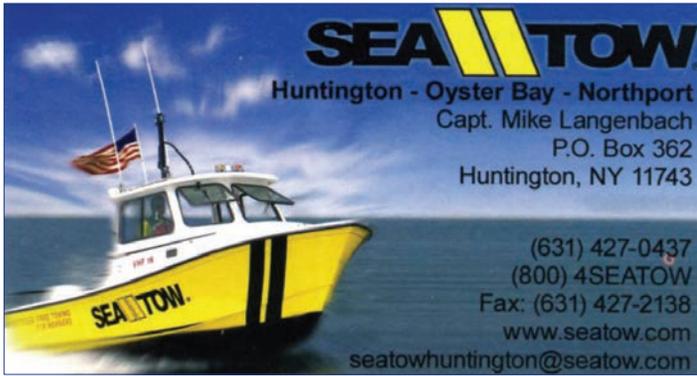
As per club tradition, we hoisted the new commodore up a mast. Thank you to Resolute for permission to use their mast.

Hotdogs were provided by the club. A total of 61 hotdogs were handed from boat to boat or delivered via dinghy by the commodore and fleet cruise captain. A big thank you to Passion, Whirlaway, Resolute, and Liberty who arrived early to setup as the center of the raft-up.

JP Nel, Nels' Belle







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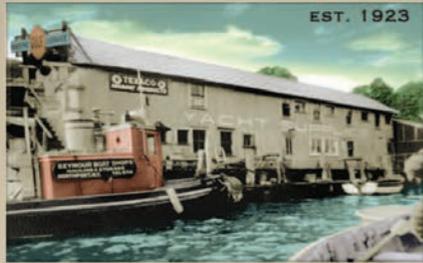

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Special thanks to port captains Dan and Jackie Martin, with a shout out to Dave Cordts for the tiki bar and sound system and to Rick Puccinelli for securing the location.

Winner of the best dressed contest: Commodore Shirley Nel and Cruise Fleet Captain JP Nel.

Winner of highly competitive egg toss contest: Herb and Rene Lape.





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King Neptune and Queen of the Seas

I would like to introduce King Neptune who is the God of Freshwater and the Sea in the Roman religion. As Queen of the Seas, I would like to tell you a bit about the King from my perspective.

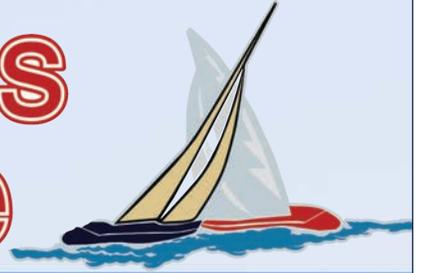
King Neptune is an **Optimistic** and **Resolute** king. He always believes that all will work out and he is unwavering when he makes his decisions. He embraces his role with **Passion** that runs from the top of his head to deep into his **Bones**. The King strikes a **Balance** between **The Office** (the beautiful blue seas) and home (also the beautiful blue seas). He pays close attention to all boats as they navigate the waters but he has a special affinity for sailboats whether they are sailing towards a destination or simply just **Messin' About**. Many days he hears the sound of bells (**Nels** of **course**) infiltrating the air. He does not let that distract him and he is **Relentless** as he creates an **Escape Plan** for all boats should the waters around them start to **Whirlaway**. King Neptune is friendly with the God of the Winds and he makes sure to have them Inhale and of course then **Exhale**, providing **Tradewinds** for all our sailboats. He has **Blindfaith** that all boaters will respect the rules of the seas and understands that boating is much safer when we work as one. As the king always says, "We are **Better Together**." In fact, wherever he goes, there is always a peaceful, **Easy Feeling**. It's as if there is **Water Music** playing around us providing **Sweet Dreams** for captains and crew out on the seas. Let's all give **Gratitude** to King Neptune as he blesses the Masthead Cove Yacht Club Fleet.



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