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*Reminder:*

**MCYC  
ANNUAL  
MEETING**

**November 6th, 2021  
Harbor Boating  
Club  
10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

**Light refreshments  
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arrive, with a prompt  
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**Commodore  
Shirley Nel,  
Nels' Belle II**

As the MCYC fleet returned from the Dragon Boat Cruise to Port Jeff, the last official cruise of 2021, other MCYC boats docked at West Shore Marina, ready to be hauled for the winter. The beginning of the end of our boating season.

This by no means signals the end of MCYC activities for the year. Our annual Decommissioning Party is scheduled for October 24. We will reminisce about all the fun we had this season, swap stories about boat repairs and close calls. But be careful who you share the near mishaps with – the walls have ears and you may end up with a Bent Anchor mention, or even the award itself!

On November 6, we will hold our Annual Members Meeting. This is a very important meeting and all members are encouraged to attend as we need a quorum to pass any of the motions.

Boys and Buoys/Gals and Gales will continue to meet over the winter months and will be returning to the Shamrock as their venue. They will meet on September 28, October 26 and November 15. Join them to share in discussions regarding everything boating!

Of course our calendar would not be complete without our biggest event of the season – the Change of Watch. This year we return to the lovely Northport Yacht Club. Be sure to mark Saturday December 4<sup>th</sup> in your calendars and join us as we dance and celebrate our wonderful club. We will also welcome the new leadership of the club for 2022.

I look forward to seeing you at these events.

**Shirley.**



## *Huntington Lighthouse Musicfest*

After a year hiatus due to Covid restrictions the Huntington Lighthouse Musicfest returned bringing together music fans, boaters and history aficionados drawn by their interest in preserving the lighthouse situated in Huntington Harbor.

The Musicfest is unique, the only such festival conducted entirely at a working lighthouse on the water.

Masthead Cove YC was well represented at the Musicfest with some boaters up close to the action while others held back on their mooring and dinked up to hear the bands

In the past, the Musicfest has drawn as many as 7,000 people who arrive in their boats for the event, and then spend the day eating, listening to some of their favorite tunes, and diving and swimming from their boats while the bands rock on. This year was no exception with boats packing Lloyd Harbor.

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## PIRATE DAY

The annual Pirate Day was scheduled for Saturday 8/28 but the weather reports from the local news and weather apps, did not prepare us for what laid out in the bay. As we left the peaceful waters of the harbor, the winds jumped from 8kts to 28-32kts with waves breaking over the bow. Pushing towards the lighthouse the call was made to postpone the events until Sunday 8/29.

Knowing that many participants had spent a lot of time and effort in transforming their vessels into true pirate ships, the option was given to be judged for the spirit award on Saturday. The crew of Tradewind chose this option. The Pirate King and Queen then did a scouting mission to Neverland. The crew of Tradewind transformed themselves into the lost girls of Neverland.

After the Saturday's judging the crews from Tradewind, Messin' About, and NB2 shared refreshments and snacks aboard Escape Plan.

A new day brought new weather and the pursuit race started promptly at 11:00. The boats that competed were NB2, Messin' About, Resolute, and Lion. Congrats to Lion and Captain Ken Hecht for both winning the race and racing single handed.

Following the race, a raft up was held on the club mooring with fellow pirates Tradewind and Yacht C joining. At this point the rest of the fleet was judged for their pirate spirit.

The Pirate King made the rounds to each Pirate ship and handed out a pirate's booty, goldfish and an orange to ward off scurvy. A Booty bag was handed out containing a bandanna, tattoos, and an eye patch. They were also given a treasure map. The map was a rough outline of Lloyd Harbor. It contained three symbols. A club burgee and two different and distinct pirate flags. The club burgee marked their location. The pirate flags marked the general direction to go; the map was all the pirates needed to find the golden totem.

The race was on to be the first pirate to hand the Pirate King the totem, not to be the first to find and get it. This lent to different strategies. Yacht C deployed the energy and stamina of the youth, to find and retrieve the totem. This payed off and they were the first to hand over the totem and win a bottle of artisan rum. Resolute and NB2 formed an alliance. Having figured out the clues before the start, and having a pair of binoculars they knew where to go. As the alliance headed over the crew of Tradewind was in hot pursuit. The alliance reached the spot first but Tradewind did not make their return easy. When they approached the pirate, ship raft up they had to make it through the waiting crews of Messing About and Yacht C. After some sneaky hand offs and diversionary tactics, the alliance of Resolute and NB2 won the second bottle of artisan rum.

Special thanks to Admiral Valerie of Escape Plan for all of her help, as well as the Brad and Linda Simons who allowed Avenzare to be a totem hidden spot.

**George Link , *Escape Plan***

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## MCYC's Multi-Talented Rich Correl

By Scott Gerber, *Late Harvest*

Who's that in these photos? Is it Johnny Weissmuller? Jack LaLanne? Arnold Schwarzenegger? No! It's Rich Correl, Masthead's very own "Jacques Cousteau!"

Some of you know Rich as an accomplished sailor. Others know him as an award-winning racer. A number of us recognize him for his biking prowess. And we all covet his unwavering and loyal friendship. BUT...

...did you know that he dons his diving gear (with the help of his co-captain, Ginger Bourguignon) and regularly cleans the bottom of *Loki 4*?! Not only does it make his boat sail fast, this activity is one of the many physical tasks that keep Rich toned and in shape.

The next time you see him, you might ask what he has planned for today, and you'll be amazed at how many items are on his to-do list! Please join me in applauding all that Rich does to keep himself – and others around him – fit, healthy and youthful.

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## MASTHEAD MEMBERS VISIT LIBERTY LANDING

On 9/10-12 a small fleet of Masthead members spent the weekend at Liberty Landing Marina in Jersey City, across from the tip of Manhattan. It has breath taking views of the city skyline and the Statue of Liberty. The fleet consisted of Better Together, Windsurfer, Relentless, Tradewind, Nereid ,Risky Sunsets, and Escape Plan.

Our route took us west through LI Sound, down the East River, and west across the tip of Manhattan. Once all were settled in their slips a BBQ was held on top of the light ship that is on display. The next day's activities included lunch at Surf City, then later Windsurfer hosted cocktail hour.

When reservations were first planned it was not with the intent of 9/11 or the twentieth anniversary. When I realized I almost cancelled? I'm very glad I didn't.

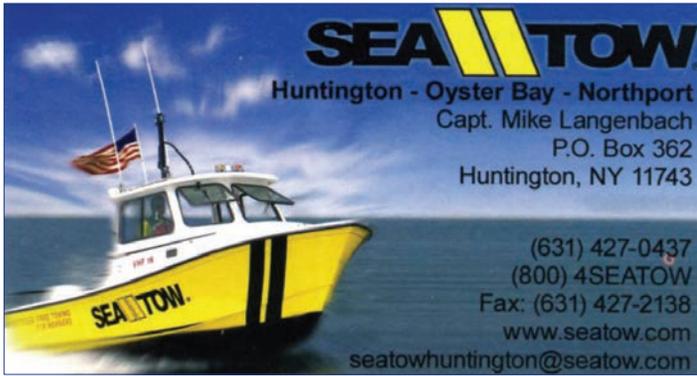
It was an incredibly spiritual and sobering experience being in this location at this time. Everything from the boat parade with fire boat salute, the tower of lights, walking through the memorial and hearing the stories was an experience that is unforgettable and I'm happy I was there for it.

As we left we made our way to the Statue of Liberty where we all took turns taking pictures of each other in front of the statue. We then made our way home the same way we came.

### **George Link , *Escape Plan***







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Fleet Race Captain Stephen O'Reilly, also a member of Huntington Yacht Club, arranged for the MCYC Board to join HYC for a lunch at Seawanhaka YC on Centre Island and a race back to Bell 8 in Huntington Bay. A number of Masthead Cove Board members participated in this event, and they enjoyed a great lunch and view at one of the oldest and most prestigious yacht clubs on Long Island. While we had 9 boats at the start of the race, unfortunately the wind died and the race was abandoned. HYC opened their Regatta Room to the sailors at the end of the day, offering a hot buffet and an open bar. A special thank you to Stephen for including the Masthead Board in this spectacular day.

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### **The Masthead Race Results**

For our Masthead Race, Sunday August 8 started as a dreary and soggy morning. Although the weather forecast promised improvement, a few sailors were deterred, and withdrew from the competition early.

That left us with six boats from a smattering of local yacht clubs, all in the jib-and-main division. We ran a triangle course in Huntington Bay, in variable winds that shifted from the NW to NE as the sky cleared.

Rich Correll and Ginger Bourguignon (Loki IV) seemed determined to avenge last year's close loss to Orion. This time, both boats ran away from the fleet. Orion led the way, but Loki IV was on their tail throughout the race.

This time, Loki IV edged Orion in corrected time, taking First Place by 24 seconds! Congratulations Rich & Ginger! Following those two rocket ships, Brad Simon (Avanzare) overcame a troublesome start to lead the rest of the cruising boats and took Third Place. Edward Brooks (Swan) was not far behind. Belle (NYC) and Promises (MCYC's Stevenson/Jakstonis) enjoyed the improving weather by basking on their vessels at a more leisurely pace. A good time was had by all!

**Submitted by Steven O'Reilly, *Water Music***



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After a very competitive Masthead sanctioned race a celebratory party was held at Wyncote YC thanks to joint members, the Conneely's. The race and party netted \$4,500 to be donated to CSHL. A special treat for all those who attended was a discussion by Cold Spring Harbor Lab's Drs. Olivia Mendevil Ramos and Jon Ipsano.

Dr. Ramos is computational biologist investigating how comparative genomics can be the way towards solving climate change and human diseases, Dr. Ipsano's research leverages integrated biological methods — including biochemistry, biophysics, structural biology, next-gen sequencing, and computational biology — to gain insight into gene regulatory mechanisms. The most amazing part of their presentation was their ability to discuss very technical research in terms that the average "boater" could understand. It was great having them at the party.

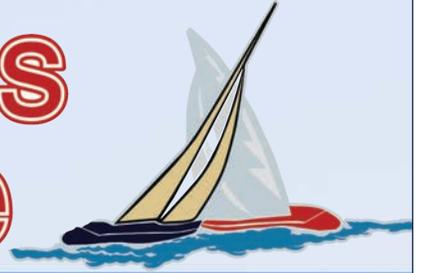
Special recognition goes to Vice Commodore Linda Simon whose charge is to organize the event and the many hands who helped: Eileen and Tom Conneely, Karen and Tom Gatto, Heidi Kern and Chris Helrich, Karla and Bill Marrero, Francesca and Keith LeClaire, Herb and Rene Lape and JP and Shirley Nel.



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