

SINGLES UNDER SAIL, INC.



# THE MASTHEAD

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## **SAVE THESE DATES**

Sat. March 18th St. Patricks Day Party  
Chip Munk's house 5-9PM

Sat. April 22nd Get Together after  
working on Boats 6 PM

Sat May 20th SUS 30th Anniversary  
Celebration and 2017 Cast Off Party  
6:30PM

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2017

SINGLES UNDER SAIL, INC.

## COMMODORE'S REPORT

By: Peter Luciano



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Spring and the sailing season is just around the corner.

The days are getting longer and the water will start to warm up, a sure sign that the sailing season will soon be with us.

Currently April 6th is the scheduled date for the Meet the Skippers meeting at the Ponus YC, a good time to sign up to help with the spring outfitting. Our first sail away is currently scheduled for the Memorial day weekend, first stop Captains Cove. This year the club cruise is currently scheduled for July 29 to August 13 a two week cruise. I would suggest you try to get to know skippers with some twilight, weekday or weekend sailing if you want to be asked to go on the club cruise.

Sailing is both an art and a science. You can get the basics from reading books, taking USCG AUX or Power Squadron courses but you need to sail to turn the science to an art. Skippers are constantly looking for competent crew members but are always willing to bring along a novice sailor who wants to put class and book knowledge to the test. You don't have to be a First Mate to go sailing but you do have to learn and have taken some basic courses or read some books.

If you let the skipper know your proper skill level you both will better enjoy the event. The skippers are working on a new form that will assist in documenting members' skills and experiences and should prove useful to both. In any event be you a Novice or a First Mate let's all look forward to an enjoyable 2017 sailing season.

Peter Luciano  
Captain  
LaBuona Vita

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By: Rick Takatsch



Hello my fellow members,

After a long winter break, most of us beginning to gear up for Sailing Season which is only a month away. Some of us are still doing things in far off places. Eventually, they too will be coming back into the fold. Once the snow completely melts the skippers can start working on their boats and looking for help to get spring commissioning done. The best time to sign up with skippers for work parties is at our annual Meet the Skippers event. This year it's back at the Ponus Yacht Club. Come early to enjoy the great food and drink at their restaurant. Another way to help work on boats is contact the skippers directly to offer your services. No experience necessary. Only the desire to help. If you have specific skills, please let the skipper know how you can help.

We have a lot of things happening on the SUS Board of Directors. First we have 4 new Board Members. Please welcome Lael Burns as Newsletter Director, Rick Keen as Director of Programs, Tony Reyes as Co-Director of Membership and Aija Klebers as Co-Director of Special Events. Special thanks to out-going directors who were instrumental in keeping our club running smoothly with a bunch of fun mixed in: Melissa Donovan as Newsletter Director, Terry Cotteral-Lagana as Director of Programs, Ginny Cameron as Co-Director of Membership, and Marie Cunliffe as Co-Director of Special Events.

We're in the process of re-organizing the Board to help streamline the way things get done in the club. I can't say much more than that until the Re-Organization Committee returns their recommendations and the Board approves it. We also have changes happening on the Website. Sometime this year we will implement a new Membership Database where members can make changes to all their information that usually was only available on the membership application on an annual basis. We're also looking into paying your dues online as well as paying for SUS Events online. We currently have an area where skippers can let everyone know they are available for sailing events. This year we're making an area for crew to let the skippers know they are available to go sailing. This is also our 30th Anniversary Year. Stay tuned for more details.

A quick note on the February edition of the Masthead that never made it to print. Our new Director was traveling out of the country until mid-February and even though I was going to step in and work with Melissa, our past Director, I fell ill and was unable to get it done.

I look forward to seeing all of you in the coming months as we gear up to our sailing season.

Cheers,  
Rick Takatsch



2017 Membership Corner  
**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:**

Kathleen Reuther

Jerry Pratt

Scott Schille

**WELCOME RETURNING MEMBERS:**

Kelly Barney

Joy Sherman

Racey Gilbert

Larry Chiamonte

Leonard Walker

Ashod Kassabian

Gary Geffner

Ellen Burke

David Mac Vaughn

Orrin Judd

William Draper

Walter Roberts

Robert Kleid

Anthony Reyes

Michael Smith

It is my great pleasure to announce that Tony Reyes will be joining the Membership team this year. As many of you know, Tony joined SUS as a new skipper in 2016 and he is full of enthusiasm about joining the Board of Directors. Many thanks to Ginny Cameron, who completed her term as Membership Co-Director. Ginny has always been one of our most endeared greeters for new members and we look forward to her continued warmth and friendliness at SUS events.

The first day of spring is March 20 and although it may sound like the distant future, plans for the upcoming 2017 sailing season are in process. The 2017 applications were distributed via email on February 11, 2017. For accounting reasons, our membership year was amended to begin on January 1st and end on December 31st. However, current member privileges are valid through April 30th which is the final deadline for the 2017 sailing season. Our annual dues will remain at \$90 and those wishing to receive the printed Masthead via U. S. Mail will need to submit a \$20 processing fee.

For your convenience, the renewal applications will include your membership information as it is stored in the club's database. Members simply need to confirm and/or update their information. (If you have not received your renewal forms, please contact me!) Please don't forget to take advantage of the volunteer opportunities listed on the application form! Everyone's small contribution adds to the strength and success of our organization. Yes, both the Sailway Agreement and Skills Assessment need to be completed each year. Per the Singles Under Sail Bylaws, all new members are required to attend both Membership and Dockside Orientation classes. Dates and times of those classes will be posted in the club calendar that is distributed at the annual meeting. In addition, new members must complete at least eight hours of boating safety classes before their second membership renewal. Members who joined prior to 2015 who have NOT completed the above requirements as of April 30th, will not be able to renew their SUS membership. All non-members will be subject to guest fees at SUS functions.

2017 promises to be a fun filled year! Both Tony and I are looking forward to seeing you soon. Please feel free to contact me via [susmembership@gmail.com](mailto:susmembership@gmail.com) with your questions and comments. Co-membership Director Leisa Bell

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For Sale: 1990 Cabo Rico 38. Cutter rig, with main, 115% genoa, staysail, spinnaker. Three anchors with rodes. Power windlass. 150 gallons of water. Watermaker. Cabin heater, Dodger, Bimini, Color TV, Head, Shower, Cockpit shower and double galley sink, all with hot & cold running water. Refrigerator/freezer. VHF, GPS, autopilot, radar, solar panels, wind generator. Sleeps 7 in 2 cabins. Varnished teak throughout cabin, including floor. \$109K. Call Bob Kleid 203-394-1838

## **2017 SAILAWAYS**

May 27-29	Memorial Day Weekend: May 27 Bridgeport-Captain's Cove at Island Dock May 28 Port Jefferson-Port Jeff YC Moorings
June 17-18	Sheffield Island, Norwalk-Possible BBQ picnic on shore
July 1-4	New Rochelle-Echo Bay Yacht Club 4th of July dinner/dance
July 15-16	Oyster Bay-West Harbor raft up
August 19-20	Norwalk YC (Summer Party)-Visitor moorings
September 2-4	Labor Day Weekend September 2 Sand City September 3 Northport YC
September 16-17	Greenwich-Great Captain's Island, BBQ Picnic
October 7-9	Norwalk Harbor

## **2017 CLUB CRUISE**

This year we are going back to our traditional two week cruise and visiting four major ports: Martha's Vineyard, Block Island, Newport Harbor and Shelter Island. The Change Over will happen in Jamestown, RI in Newport Harbor. One note of interest-the Newport Jazz Festival is happening on the Change-Over weekend.

1. Saturday July 29                      New Haven                      26nm~5hrs  
    Dock or mooring at Pequannock YC
2. Sunday July 30                      Saybrook                      30.5nm~6hrs  
    Dock at Saybrook Marina or anchor out
3. Monday July 31                      Fishers Island                      18nm~3.5hrs  
    Dock at Fishers Island YC
4. Tuesday August 1                      Point Judith                      24nm~5hrs  
    Anchor at area of refuge
5. Wednesday August 2                      Cuttyhunk                      29nm~6hrs  
    Jenkins Moorings
6. Thursday August 3                      Martha's Vineyard                      19nm~5hrs  
    Mooring at Vineyard Haven (two nights)
7. Saturday August 5                      Quicks Hole                      15nm~3hrs  
    Near Cuttyhunk-Anchor overnight
8. Sunday August 6                      Jamestown, RI                      30nm~6hrs  
    Mooring at Dutch Harbor (Crew Changeover)
9. Monday August 7                      Block Island                      22nm~4.5hrs  
    Mooring at Great Salt Pond (two nights)
10. Wednesday August 9                      Orient Point                      31nm~6hrs  
    Dock at Orient by the Sea
11. Thursday August 10                      Shelter Island                      8nm~2hrs  
    Mooring at Shelter Island YC explore island or take ferry to Greenport
12. Friday August 11                      Westbrook                      22.5nm~4.5hrs  
    Anchor at Duck Island or dock at Brewers
13. Saturday August 12                      Mt. Sinai                      31nm~6hrs  
    Mooring or docks at Mt. Sinai YC
14. Sunday August 13                      Home                      16nm~3hrs  
    Back to Norwalk

All of these destinations still need to be fleshed out by Lead Skippers w.r.t. prices, reservations requirements, etc.

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