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
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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 Cuncliffe 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
Larry Chiamonte
Gary Geffner
Orrin Judd
Robert Kleid

Joy Sherman          Leonard Walker  Racey Gilbert
Ellen Burke          Ashod Kassabian
William Draper      Walter Roberts
Anthony Reyes

Robert Kleid

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 Sailaway 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 with your questions and comments. Co-membership Director Leisa Bell

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 Pequanock 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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