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UPCOMING EVENTS

[Click on event to get full details](#)

Thu, Apr 15 [Program Meeting: Redcoats at Compo Beach](#)
@ 7 pm ZOOM

Sat, Apr 24 [Meet the Skippers](#)
1-4 pm Ponus Yacht Club, Stamford

Welcome New Members

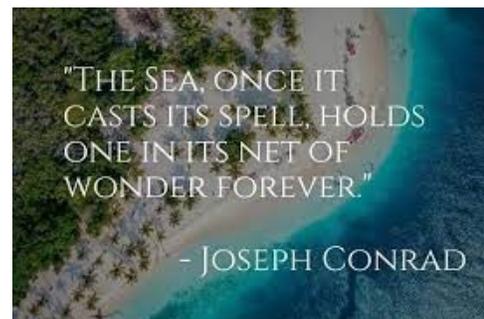
Peter Cloutier

Welcome Renewing Members

Kelly Barney	Leah Quinn
Roger Blaho	Tove Simonsen
Ginny Cameron	Bob Spears
Dean Gamanos	

April Birthdays

Jim Booth 4/7
John Cravenho 4/12
Lael Burns 4/15
Terry Cotterall-Lagana 4/21



President's Message—Terry Cotterall-Lagana



I greet you with great hope and excitement this month. As numbers of vaccinated people increase and the curve flattens, I am growing more confident that our sailing season will look like the 'good ol' days!'

To that end, last week, we had the BEST skipper's meeting! We came together and as a group we PLANNED A BEAUTIFUL, FUN and EXCITING schedule with some new ports of call and some old favorites. It was both collaborative and communicative; your skippers have outdone themselves with day sails, weekend sails, all-aboard sails, a season of fun and adventure 🚢 ⚓!

We also have some sail/drive events, some fun parties, some educational offerings and I feel like we are acting as if it's all getting back to normal. BUT TO BE SURE, although the excitement is mounting we are VERY MINDFUL OF THE RESPONSIBILITY that each of us has, which is to continue following CDC guidelines and personal health issues.

A FULL SCHEDULE OF ALL EVENTS, on and off the water, is in the final planning stage and will be presented at our Annual Meeting. Stay aware of SUS informational eblasts, check on line and read your Masthead as we communicate the latest events.

Looking forward to welcoming all members and guests back to a summer of fun and another decade of Roaring 20's!? 🙏 ❤️ ⚓ 🚢

Terry

Commodore's Corner—Peter Luciano



Getting Ready for the Sailing Season ... & This Month's Trivia Challenge

It is that time of the year when covers come off and boats get some TLC - all hands on deck! It is a great opportunity for members to learn what owning a boat is all about, as well as to meet and help skippers get their boats ready for the upcoming sailing season.

When working on prepping the bottom of a boat, wear a mask, stay covered and make sure you do not breathe in the toxic paint dust from sanding or paint fumes. Working on boats is fun, as long as you are watchful, tread carefully, so that you avoid falling and/or getting hurt. Remember, when working on the deck or standing on a ladder, it's a long way down. One hand for the boat and one for you. Unless you have some experience, let the yard move your stands and remember to make sure they are secure before working on your boat. Stands can sink into the ground or come loose during the winter.

Sailing is addictive and gets into your blood. Let's work together and get those boats out on the water so we can GO SAILING!

Now for this month's marine trivia questions:

- * How fast does the current move through the race in LIS? And when is the best time to transit?
- * Where in the world is the maximum tidal range, and what is max in LIS?

Answers found at the end of this newsletter.

La Bella Vita is getting ready for sailing in 2021

Stay Safe

Pete

Vice Commodore Report—Janet Steinberg

Let's Get Ready For Sailing Season!



Spring has arrived, the weather is getting warmer, and the days are getting longer. The Board and skippers are putting together a great calendar for the upcoming season. With vaccinations progressing and continued vigilance, we will hopefully avoid another surge and allow us a more “open” 2021 sailing season.

We have scheduled two **ALL ABOARD SAILING EVENTS** to be held this summer. The first will be a day sail on the weekend of June 19–20. Members interested must sign up in advance and will be assigned to a boat. Everyone who signs up for this event will be able to sail! Details will be provided closer to the time of the event. Mark your calendars - these events are extremely popular. The second event will be later in the season.

Boat preparations and splashing will soon be in full swing. Participating in pre-season boat prep is an integral part of what SUS crew is all about. The MEET THE SKIPPERS event is planned for April 24. Each skipper will have a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help get boats ready for the season. Spending time helping on a boat is the best way to get to know skippers and for them to get to know you, with a good chance to be invited to sail with them. Commodore Pete (Peter Luciano - La Bella Vita) and Rick Takatsch (Serenity) are already looking for help to get their boats in the water. For contact details, click [here](#) for the skippers list on our website.

Knowledge is key to safety on the water. Learning the fundamentals of boats and boat handling are the beginning of the journey. Each trip on board is an opportunity for crew to learn more and gain experience! Now is the time to check out those Boat Safety Courses offered by the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, and America's Boating Club. For new members, the basic safe boating course required by NY & CT must be completed within a year of joining SUS. Also, new members must attend MEMBERSHIP ORIENTATION (MOP) before sailing on boats. This short course will help you understand how SUS functions. MOPs are usually held before a club meeting, so contact me at crewsails@gmail.com or (914) 522-9645 to arrange this via zoom or in person. If you have not yet received a new membership package, this can be arranged at the orientation.

Now is the time to check your sailing gear. Are your sailing shoes, rain/foul weather gear and PFDs (personal flotation device) in good repair and functional? If in doubt, take your PFD to a marine store or get a skipper to help you check it out. If it is a self-inflating device, the canister may need to be replaced - check that expiration date.

Do you know people who would enjoy being part of SUS? Bring them as a guest to our next social event and participate in the joys of sailing and the community of SUS.

Let's Go Sailing! I can feel it getting closer  

For more information on any SUS sailing events/membership orientation contact:

VC Janet (Steinberg) at crewsails@gmail.com or (914) 522-9645.

BoatUS Membership
Sherry Anderson—SUS Treasurer



The SUS BoatUS membership has been renewed for the calendar year 2021. The group number is GA82384S. Renewing is \$25. But, if like me, you had no prior notification that the group discount was removed for 2021, you should be able to pay the discounted \$15 in dues. Just request it. If you are a new BoatUS member, you will still use our group number, but the dues are \$25.

FYI, in addition to the services provided (Water & Road Towing, Marine Insurance, Boat Loans), membership in the BoatUS Foundation offers savings (discounts with local businesses and their national partners), online resources (boating tips, safety courses, storm tracking and more), and advocacy (protecting boaters' rights and promoting safety). Although I have never owned a boat, I have been a member, enjoying their many benefits, particularly their magazine and emails, full of interesting information.

So, why not give it a try?



Aija Klebers "single handedly" wrangling the winter cover off Gary Silberberg's *Silver Eagle*

Answers to Trivia
Commodore Peter Luciano



*** How fast does the current move through the race in LIS? And when is best time to transit?**

According to Eldridge - a must on your boat, maximum current through the Race can vary by date from a low of 2.0 knots to a max of 5.6 knots. Eldridge contains excellent charts showing tide times as well as current direction and speeds in LIS, from flood to slack and slack to flood. In my experience, the best time to transit is from slack to tide moving in your direction so if you are late it is moving with you. Try to avoid going with or against max tide movement, it gets rough and a lot of boats fish fast moving tides.

*** Where in the world is the maximum tidal range, and what is max in LIS.?**

The highest tides in the world can be found in Canada at the Bay of Fundy, which separates New Brunswick from Nova Scotia. Tides in this coastal zone reach a peak of around 16 m (50') — the height of a 5-story building. In the USA, the max is in Alaska, about 40'. According to Eldridge, it looks like the highest tide in LIS is Greenwich with 7.4 feet.

WINTER TAILGATE PARTY





SUS ZOOM PROGRAM MEETING



What do Redcoats, spies, intrigue, whaleboats and Compo Beach have in common?

Find out on Thursday, April 15 @ 7 PM

Just click on the link below

<https://baruch.zoom.us/j/2888336051>



Come hear an exciting talk by Ed Hynes, noted Rowayton historian as he reveals the action and intrigue on Long Island Sound during America's War for Independence. With the Connecticut and Long Island coasts less than 10 miles apart in many sections of the Sound, raiders crossed every fair night either to smuggle and/or steal goods; and kidnap or kill enemies. Spies, on both sides, rounded out this dangerous cast of characters!



Singles Under Sail

Meet the Skippers

Saturday, April 24

1-4 PM



[41 Bateman Way, Stamford](#)

SUS Members - FREE ADMISSION

Complimentary snacks & soft drinks

NON MEMBER FEE—\$15

(with food and soft drinks)