CAST OFF PARTY - Sat. May 4, 2-5 PM

Join us to celebrate the beginning of Boating Season!
Cedar Point Yacht Club, 1 Bluff Point, Westport
Camaraderie, great nibbles, delicious desserts!
RESERVE BY MAY 1ST!!
Click on the appropriate fee to register
SUS Members $20/ Guests $30 BYOB

Join us for a fun filled sailing weekend!

Sail/Drive to Captain’s Cove, Bridgeport May 27 @ 3 PM
Meet at Island Dock, a launch ride for those not on boats.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND SAIL AWAY May 25-27
To Captain’s Cove & Port Jefferson
If you are available to crew, contact Vice Commodore Bill at
crewsails@gmail.com and he will try to find you a boat to sail on.

WE ARE NOT JUST PASSENGERS WE ARE CREW
MEMBERSHIP ORIENTATION

THURSDAY 23 MAY 2024 @ 6pm (prompt)
before the scheduled ON WATER SAFETY program
The Hampton Inn, 26 Mill River St, Stamford

Attendance at a membership and dockside orientation are requirements for all new members.
MEMBERSHIP ORIENTATION is required BEFORE sailing on boats.
DOCKSIDE ORIENTATION must be completed by the end of the membership year.

Please sign up with Janet (coordinator) at jcs327@optonline.net or txt 914-522-9645
if you are planning to attend.

SUS PROGRAM MEETING
Thursday May 23
The Hampton Inn, 26Mill River St.,Stamford

When on the water, Safety is the first priority!
Join us for our Program Meeting when our expert skippers, Len & Peter will demonstrate how each piece of safety equipment works.
Meet SUSers for dinner at 5:30 in the restaurant Villa Italia
Meeting & presentation start @7PM
SUS members FREE—Non-members $15
**Bulletin Board**

**Upcoming Activities**

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**Welcome New Members!**

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**May Birthdays**

- Bill Hughes 5/2
- Aija Klebers 5/6
- Ruth Waldman 5/9
- Mary Gable 5/9
- Cliona Becker 5/10

- Janet Martino 5/20
- Sherry Anderson 5/22
- Paul Burger 5/22
- Gary Silberberg 5/28

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**President’s Message—Andy Kunz**

Ahoy SUS,

Did you know pirates would frequently keep a significant portion of their crew beneath the deck? Boats with publicly exposed workers on the deck were regarded as merchant ships and classified as “above board.”

Before we know it our Sailing season will be in full swing. You may want to check your sunblock before heading out for a day of sailing.

We have an exciting Calendar of Events for our 2024 Season. Just click [here](#) to check it out!

With Aija’s resignation, I have stepped in to serve the balance of the President’s term ending Dec. 2024. We have several open positions on our Board including Vice-President & Special Social Events Director. We are covering all of our obligations and responsibilities, but we are stretched a little thin. Singles Under Sail is run totally by volunteers and we need you to step up and pitch in so we can continue to operate our club successfully and deliver on the exciting calendar of sailing and onshore activities and events. Any amount of volunteering you can provide is greatly appreciated. Perhaps you may know of a person who might co-share volunteering for a SUS event or activity or two. It’s a great way to make new friends and strengthen existing friendships (nautical pun intended). I do thank everyone for volunteering.

Hoping to see you at our upcoming events listed in this Masthead.

Thank you,

Andy
BOATING, what joy! It makes little difference whether the vessel is paddled, wind driven, or motor propelled. It's a great sport, often challenging, with some side benefits - you might even catch a fish for dinner!

When boating, safety is of paramount importance. Fires on boats are rare, but they do happen. So, let's look at some ways to reduce the risk of and how to deal with fires on your boat.

**ELECTRICAL:** Cover all your red battery terminals. Try and find out why the fuse blew before replacing it and never increase the value of the fuse. Feel all exposed wire for heat and find the reasons for it. Strain relief all wire especially in the engine room. Only the bilge pump should run with the DC switch in the off position. Never use speed nuts on wire connections. All connections should be crimped and best if sealed. I suggest you turn main DC switch off when you leave the boat.

**FUEL:** Always vent the engine room before starting your gas engine. Do not store gas containers in closed compartments. Install an auto discharge fire extinguisher in the engine room. If you don’t have an auto extinguisher in the engine room, install an opening port so that you can try and extinguish a fire without opening the engine access. Discard on shore any rags that have gas or other combustible liquid on them. Spontaneous combustion is a real threat.

**GALLEY:** Keep curtains and other combustible material away from your stove. Keep a fire blanket near your stove. If you use LPG, turn off valves at the stove and switch on the solenoid. Check the pressure at the tank then turn off the manual valve at tank. Wait about ½ hour, the pressure should not have moved. If it does, do not use the LPG system until you find the leak.

**GENERAL:** Install smoke and CO2 detectors. If someone smokes let them smoke on the deck. Install the required fire extinguishers. Boats between 26 and 40 ft need to mount two 5B or one 20 B FXs. See USCG rules for detailed information. In general fire extinguishers should be checked for proper operation. Powder fire extinguishers should be turned over and tapped every year.

In the remote chance a fire does start on your boat, here is what can you do to extinguish it. Once plastic gets to its kindling temperature it spreads fast. So you need to move fast. Have someone standing by the VHF radio to call for help. Never let the fire get between you and an exit. Use a fire blanket, turn off the source LPG or electrical. When using a fire extinguisher, make sure you use the appropriate extinguisher for the type of fire. Water is not effective on fuel or grease fires. Remember to point at the base of the fire. At about the same time you decide to use a fire extinguisher, issue a distress call. Use all available devices to get help: cell phones, push the emergency red button on your VHF radio, blow your horn, signal with your hands. Better to issue a premature distress call than let the fire get out of control. Get ready to abandon your vessel.

JUST A FEW THOUGHTS ON FIRE PREVENTION AND EXTINGUISHING. READ UP ON THE SUBJECT!!

PETE

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**SinglesUnderSail.org**

Just click on the link and you will find everything there is to know about SUS. I invite you to explore it, you may be surprised at the wealth of information. On the home page you will find the list of upcoming events with links to detailed information. You can get up-to date Membership Lists and Calendar of Activities. Have you ever checked Saling Resources? In addition to general information, you will find links to educational resources, including Americas Boating Channel, digital videos focused on boating safety and boater education. And look at Photos! You will find a collection of photos and videos going back to 2003!

Ida Lowe, SUS Webmaster
PROGRAM MEETING: David Tunick’s presentation of his solo crossing of the Atlantic was exciting and entertaining. Here is a link to part of it [Man sails solo from Spain to Stamford](#).

After working on boats

In Memoriam - Robert Lockwood

Robert had a lifelong passion for sailing. From early on, he spent summers sailing with his family on the east coast from Chesapeake Bay to Maine, and later cruising on his own boat from Long Island Sound to Maine. In retirement, Robert found a new sailing community in Singles Under Sail. He enjoyed sharing his love of the water and introducing people to sailing. He will be missed.
On Saturday April 6, we had a successful MEET THE SKIPPERS gathering held at the Coast Guard Auxiliary’s quarters in Calf Pasture Beach Park. Always a popular event, we welcomed prospective and current members to come, meet and connect with SUS skippers and their boats, and sign up to help with getting boats ready for the sailing season.

All SUS skippers participated. Thank you

Gene Celentano - CLOUD  
Bill Draper (Vice Commodore) - CUR NON  
Tom Kane - ECLIPSE  
Lori Gage- FRESH START  
Michael Burke - HAWKEYE  
Peter Luciano (Commodore) - LA BELLA VITA  
Bob Lussi - PHOENIX  
Joy Sherman - PURE JOY  
Bob Flemming - RAINBOW  
George Probolus - SACHEM  
Cindy Bunt Gardner - SHAKAREE  
Gary Silberberg - SILVER EAGLE  
Len Lipton - SNAP ROLL  
Joe DeFranco - WHITE CLOUD

We are eagerly anticipating a busy sailing season of twilight & day sails, sail aways starting Memorial Day, the annual Club Cruise, & All Aboard Sailing at the end of July. You can check our website for the latest updates to our Calendar of Activities.

So check your calendars and let skippers know of your availability to sail or let Vice-Commodore Bill Draper know you are available to sail (email: crewsails@gmail.com) and he will inform participating skippers.

⏪ 😊 SAILING SUSers are HAPPY SUSers ⏪ 😊
So, you have taken the membership orientation – sooo much new information! And now you are one step closer to being on a boat! Hmm, what did we discuss about how we get on a boat?

To start, here are the types of sailing you, as crew, can get involved in.

**TWILIGHT SAILS**—A great way to get started with SUS, and a wonderful way to spend an evening watching the sunset and sailing with other members, mostly on weekday evenings. Boats typically leave port around 6pm and return to dock after sunset.

**DAYSAILS**—This will be an out from home port and back to home port on the same day, without an overnight stay. It could be a daysail to a destination or just sailing to the wind. Both are fun! A great way to learn more about how a boat sails and putting to practice many of the skills and safety procedures you learn each time you go out, such as “one hand for the boat and one for yourself” and how to use the VHF radio.

Contact a skipper! As the season progresses, you will have the opportunity to meet them, so they are no longer “strangers.” Crew meeting skippers and skippers meeting crew is what SUS is all about. Make sure you check with them regarding what to expect, where and when to meet, and what to bring.

Crew will need to plan for some lunch or snacks/drinks Easy finger food works well especially with a breeze. Shredded lettuce is not always your friend when there is a stiff breeze and rolling seas!

Information regarding upcoming twilight and day sails, the boats planning to sail and how to participate, will be available after the Memorial weekend.

**WEEKEND SAILAWAYS & ANNUAL CLUB CRUISE**—A weekend sailaway is usually to a planned destination, Oyster Bay and Northport Harbor are two of the more popular places. Several boats usually participate, and onshore get-together activities often take place. Upon arrival at the destination, we will pick up an assigned mooring or dock, possibly raft up. Some boats may anchor. Often, we gather for happy hour ashore, or sometimes on a boat. Most destinations have a launch service so it is an easy hop to shore. Dinner may be on the boat or ashore, boat crews will decide what works for them. Overnight sails give a taste of the cruising lifestyle. Shared limited space and resources on one side, with the beauty and tranquility of a night under the stars on the other.

The plan for this year’s cruise is to go to Provincetown (Cape Cod) with stops along the way at varying ports of call (details to come.) If you want to participate in just part of the cruise, schedules can be worked out with the skippers. If the idea of the cruise interests you, talk to a skipper next time you are at a meeting to find out if there is space available for you. Cruise planning and provisioning takes time, so it starts early.

The cruise and overnight sail aways are invitational events from a participating skipper. A compatible and competent crew is paramount, with a good mixture of skills and talents, both novice and experienced. Cruising and the magic of the sea provide an unforgettable experience! and . . . . no traffic jams!

Check the club calendar for sailaways and start planning your summer on the water. If you are interested in crewing on a sailaway or club cruise email Vice Commodore Bill Draper at crewsails@gmail.com.

**CALLING ALL WORKER BEES!!**

Call a couple of skippers to offer help getting their boat ready for sailing season.

It is fun to do and a great way for the skippers to get to know you and invite you sailing.

Contact information can be found here [Skippers List](#).
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| **MARINCO 50' EEL ShorePower Cordset, 30A 125V, Yellow, $120**  
The EEL (Easily Engaged Lock) ShorePower™ Cordset has a jaw-clamp design that offers one-handed operation. Simply squeeze the wings, align and insert into your boat’s existing inlet then release and rotate to create a secure, waterproof seal. A built in light in the center of the female (boat side) connector makes hooking up to shore power at night easy. LED power indicator lights at both ends confirm that power is running through the cord and serve as an alert that the cord is plugged into the shore side power source. |
| **BRAND NEW 8” x 20” WHITE boat fender $50**  
PolyForm HTM-2, Hole Through the Middle |
| **STANDARD HORIZON INTREPID+ VHF RADIO, GX1270S $65** |
| **ACR Distress SOS Daytime Flag 36x36 $10**  
Coast Guard approved Daytime Distress Signal |
| **Davis Radar Reflector #151, $25**  
*Easily stows flat  
*Installs in seconds  
*Three perpendicular planes reflect radar from all directions |
| **BOSUN’S CHAIR Lightly used $50**  
Blue Cordura Ballistic fabric  
4-Tool pockets, various sizes  
Reinforced corners  
Easy to use  
Similar to but not identical to the photo. |

SEE YOUR BOAT (AND THE WORLD) FROM A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE!