

# Telltales

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## The Newsletter of the Lloyd Harbor Yacht Club

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Welcome to the first edition of Telltales for 2022. We have quite a lot to catch up on, so let's do a quick recap of 2020.

With the pandemic still going strong in March, we held our Spring Speaker event virtually. We hosted a rules webinar with Dave Perry, currently chairman of the US Sailing Appeals Committee and a US Sailing National Judge. We opened the session to the public and had over 100 registrants, most from all over Long Island Sound. The seminar was well received and provided valuable insight to some of the less well understood rules. If you missed it you can watch the replay [here](#). The passcode is @f\$CqC3Q

With large in-person gatherings still discouraged in May, we combined the New Members gathering and Commissioning into one event at the LHYC Mooring. We welcomed the following new members into the fleet; Douglas & Emily Grover, Justin & Sheila McNally, Robert & Janet Olesen, and Brad & Linda Simon. We also welcome back David and Carol Largey after a few years in the frozen Midwest.

As far as the racing season went, our Fleet Captain, Ed Kawecki managed a full schedule of events with attendance almost back to pre-pandemic levels. These 40 days of races required 28 volunteer race committees to support 39 different yachts and their crews. Racing is the heart of the club these days, and we cannot do it without volunteers. We are always looking for additional support in that area, even if just an extra pair of hands. Please sign up early so that we don't risk cancelling races, and don't stress out our new Fleet Captain, Larry Murphy!

Decommissioning this year was held following the Fall Series regatta and was hosted by Chris and Ed Kawecki in their beautiful back yard. There was plenty of food drink, and canon fire that went well into the evening. This really was an event to remember.

We were able to hold the annual awards dinner as usual at Northport YC, so that was a much-appreciated reprieve from the social distancing we had to endure in the Spring. We present 21 perpetual awards in addition to the hundred or so keepers every year. In my mind, the most important award we present at the Awards Dinner is the Renegade Award. This is presented to a distinguished crewmember for exceptional contributions. This year it went to Kevin Hernon for 23 years of loyalty and significant contributions to the crew of "Zzzoom" and now on "I'll Play".

The Kaweckis stepped up again and hosted the holiday party in December at their house. I was unable to attend, but I've heard many great things from the roughly 30 people who attended. Again, big thanks to Chris and Ed.

The Annual Meeting was held virtually in January. While the minutes of the meeting will be published prior to our next annual meeting, here are some highlights. From a financial perspective, we closed the year with a positive cash flow. Our goal is to always put a little aside every year to cover unexpected expenses for things like boat repairs and race mark replacements, so once again we are in good shape. After reports from the flag officers, the new slate of officers and directors was presented, voted on, and approved. In case you missed it, the list is at the bottom of this newsletter.

We had no nominations for the Boner Award although we later learned of someone who should have been nominated. There was apparently a story about a J/44 leaving for Block Island Race Week without their spinnaker pole, but the committee only heard about it after the meeting. The Grounder award was mistakenly awarded to the wrong J/105 owner (apologies Jim!). After significant detective work, we learned that the owner of the boat pictured aground is not an LHYC member so does not qualify for the award. We are now considering whether to award the Boner to the flag officer who incorrectly nominated the Grounder!

The Skylark Award is presented for long time significant contributions to the club or to the sport of sailing. This year we presented it to Christie and Don Rave for opening their house to us for many club events over the years, for Don's more than a decade of service as the club secretary, and for his continued campaigning of his J/44 around Long Island Sound, promoting the name of the Lloyd Harbor Yacht Club.

Now looking forward, the [club calendar for 2022](#) has been posted on the web site. Some dates of social events have not yet been determined. Vice Commodore, Jim Meystrik is hard at work on planning events for February and March, so stay tuned!

I will attempt to keep future editions of Telltales shorter and more frequent, but please share with me your comings and goings to include in these newsletters. Anyone going racing in the Caribbean this winter? Taking a nice tropical cruise? Let us know so we can share with your fellow members.

Best regards,

*Art Kelley*

Officers			
<b>Commodore</b>	Art Kelley	<b>Vice Commodore</b>	Jim Meystrik
<b>Rear Commodore</b>	Ed Kawecki	<b>Fleet Captain</b>	Larry Murphy
<b>Treasurer</b>	Rob Polizzo	<b>Secretary</b>	Don Rave, Jr.
<b>Historian</b>	Leigh Sterflinger		
Directors			
June Kendrick	Arnie Lesser	Stephen O'Reilly	Maryellen Rothberg
Jack Posner	Phil Sweeney	Cesar Vallejos (PC)	