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The Newsletter of the Lloyd Harbor Yacht Club

Welcome to the Spring edition of *Telltale*. We have a few interesting submissions and updates this time around. Please remember to send me your stories and updates!

Member Updates

New Members

I'd like to start off by offering a warm welcome to our new members for this year. We are looking forward to meeting you all on the water this season!

Peter Braune - *Glim*

Tim and Priscilla Ebert – *L'Avenir*

Sam Morgan and Shoki Goodarzi - *Glim*

Brand and Linda Simon - *Avanzare*

Erik and Alyson Storck - *Jonrob*

Member Activities

The **2022 St. Maarten Heineken Regatta** was held in early March, with two LHYC members' boats participating. Below are some quick outtakes from the [J/Boats Newsletter](#) which has a more complete run-down near the bottom of their newsletter.

In **CSA 8**, P.C. Jordan Mindich, his wife Shannon and the crew of the J/105 *Solstice* sailed in a very competitive division. For example, day 2 was the around the island race, with a distance of 27.8nm. *Solstice* had a costly steering issue they had to repair, missing second place in that race by 37 seconds but taking a third.

Quoted from J/Boats News about the last day "In CSA 8 class, it was full-on racing on three windward-leeward courses for the finale. Every squall produced "fresh to frightening" weather conditions- gusts to 30 kts plus, blinding heavy rain, a radically shifting winds. In between, sheer joy- sunshine, gorgeous easterlies at 10-15 kts! Posting a solid, consistent performance on the final day was Mindich's SOLSTICE, closing the regatta with a 1-2-2 to take the class win."



Congratulations to the Mindichs and the crew of Solstice!

In **CSA 7**, Brian Nixon's *Spike* (driven by Sam Talbot) and crew similarly had a challenging division. The day 2 race around the island left the top seven finishers each separated by less than a minute after almost 28nm. Following that race, *Spike* was tied for first. On day 3, (from J/Boats News) "SPIKE's spinnaker burst into tatters on the big, fast, reaching/ planing leg, that caused them to take 5th place and drop down to third place overall. With a third place finish on the last day, *Spike* lost a tie-breaker for second, placing her third out of twelve boats for the overall event. A job well done, *Spike*!

BVI Spring Regatta and Sailing Festival

<Submitted by P.C. Cesar Vallejos>

Sailing under the burgees of LHYC and the RBVIYC, Brian Nixon, and the crew of *Spike* campaigned this event with a mixed crew of local talent and imported "talent" from Centerport and Greenlawn including Cesar. The five-day event starts with two fun races, followed by three days of intense competition.

Under the expert helm of Sam Talbot, *Spike* and crew scored a Third in the Scrub Island Invitational, a fun race to a resort party complete with sun, food, drink and turquoise water.

The next day the crew opted to skip the race to Foxy's and practiced instead, hitting 19kt off the wind a few times before heading back to brief and strategize. A good decision as the Foxy's racers had a long upwind slog to get home.

The next three days were filled with tactical challenges as the fleets sailed navigator courses around the beautiful BVIs. On the Windward Leeward day, a squall came down the Drake Passage and several kites exploded, making for less than calm roundings.

On the final day local knowledge got *Spike* within inches off the rocky bottom, drawing a certain British comment about her crew donning brown pants that day.

In the end *Spike* earned a hard-fought Second Overall broad smiles and great relief from one of the imported "talent".

Club Activities

New Members Reception

Our New Members Reception was held on April 23 at the home of Larry & Theresa Murphy, and what a memorable event it was! We had about 80 members come out, a great turnout and good fun catching up after a long winter. Much of the amazing food was prepared by P.C. Leigh Sterflinger and Chef Jeff Lawton, with the Board members each bringing an appetizer or dessert.



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This event also saw the inaugural New Members Regatta sailed in Murphy 7's, designed and built by Larry Murphy. With Chris Schneider acting as PRO and Megaphone, Peter Braune, Tim Ebert and Erick Storck donned PFDs, climbed into their high tech craft and raced off for a lap around the yard. Peter's boat suffered a major structural failure leaving him in distant last place while Time and Erik battled it out for first. Almost inevitably, Erik won. Would it really be a sailboat race if a Storck didn't win?



Again, I want to extend the thanks of all in attendance to Theresa and Larry for hosting such an extraordinary event, to Jeff and Leigh for the magnificent spread of food, and to all the Board members who contributed to this event. It was truly one for the books!

Outreach

Fundamentals of Sailboat Racing

P. C. Leigh Sterflinger and Art Kelley just wrapped up a three-night seminar series for sailors new to racing. This was co-hosted with CYC using their Junior Sailing Pavilion. The goal of the seminar was to familiarize people interested in racing with the basics of what a race looks like, what all those silly flags and horns mean, and how to get around the course safely. We want to grow the feet by getting more of those casual sailors out for Friday night racing, and help some of the Friday night racers move on to Wednesday nights

We had about 18 people come the first night including several who occasionally race with us but still are not comfortable on the course. The first evening was all about demystifying those mechanics. The second night was the basic right of way rules (RRS 10-17, and 43-44). We had only planned one night of rules, but the material took quite a while and was a bit overwhelming, so we decided to add a third night to cover Section C, "At Marks and Obstructions" which is a very complex subject. While attendance was light the last evening, overall the series was well received. If there is sufficient interest, we will repeat the series at some point.

The Fleet

Race Committee Boats

I am happy to announce that both Melrose and Red Kite are in the water and ready to run races! Rear Commodore Ed Kaweck did most of the work himself, painting bottoms, cleaning, sanding and varnishing Red Kite, etc. P.C. Joe Scarpulla spent quite a few hours compounding and waxing the hull of Red Kite which had seen some abuse but now looks almost new, and Art Kelley put a little time into cleaning the brown waterline. Ed has some ideas of additional work that needs to get done on the boats, so please let him know if you are available.

Thank you Ed and Joe, for putting in such an effort to benefit the club!

Wednesday Night Racing

Racing begins May 18! Get your boats ready, and [register](#) now! Discounted registration ends May 11. If you are interested in crewing for someone, let me know. If you are a skipper looking for crew, let me know as well and we will try to get people hooked up. I have a couple of crew names already.

Race for the Case

The [Race for the Case](#) is coming up fast, May 21 & 22. Discounted registration ends May 15. Fleet Captain Larry Murphy has pulled out all the stops this year. The Montauk Distilling Company is sponsoring the event supplying their rum and some hats, and we are hoping they will be able to join us Saturday evening at HYC to offer tastings of their products. HYC hosts this event with appetizers, and LHYC supplies a half keg of beer. Don't miss this after-party!



The J/105 class has incorporated this event in their calendar this year so as of today, we have five J/105s registered and are expecting a couple more. They have also coordinated a J/105 tuning clinic the prior weekend at CYC which owners of other boats are welcome to attend, but of course it will be of greatest benefit to boats similar to the J/105. CYC is offering free moorings to outside boats for both weekends so if you know anyone who might be interested, let them know. Thom Hering is a good contact for this clinic.

Prior to the start of the Race for the Case which is at 11 AM, Dan Corcoran has organized a series of practice starts beginning at 9:30, named the "Like It Never Happened Regatta". All Race for the Case

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entrants are welcome to participate. These will be a series of starting sequences with the races being abandoned moments after the start so that the boats can get back and start again.

Friday Night Racing

Our Friday night tradition of pursuit style racing begins May 27. This is a great opportunity to get involved in casual racing and enjoying a Friday night sunset sail. There is no entry fee, and tell your friends that they do not need to be a LHYC member to join. All we ask is that boats register so that we can manage the scoring.

Closing Notes

Please plan to attend our Commissioning on Memorial Day afternoon if you can. Bring your boat to raft up at the Lloyd Harbor mooring and BYO appetizers. There will be room for a few people to come out on Red Kite if you don't want to bring your own boat. V.C. Jim Meystrik will send out a reminder as we get closer and survey the weather but our goal is to gather at 1700 and have the canon ceremony at 1800.

We are looking forward to an exciting season this year with greater participation and in-person events. While we are still dealing with the Corona virus, please take the necessary precautions if you have been exposed, but join us whenever you can.

Remember, this club is run by the members. We need participation by all members on committees, but at this time especially race committee, and very soon for social events.

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