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Ahoy All,

June's Summer Clam Bake started off well with hot sun and a happy group gathered with drinks and appetizers before the feasting began. As the last dinners were served our chef commented that his father was in Greenwich and it had started to pour, we could actually see it from our South Beach location, but we contentedly continued to pick apart our lobsters. I believe most people had finished their dinners when a fast moving squall emptied the beach except for a few of our "foul-weather" crowd who insisted on "weathering" the storm. After a few minutes of quite frightening pelting rain and a high wind it all died down but our spirits were dampened along with our dessert! For our Fiesta en la Playa party, July 19th, we were treated to a delicious sangria and cool frozen drinks. These were much appreciated since it had been a very hot day but a light breeze blew in giving us a wonderful evening out on the deck. We had quite a few guests who seemed to thoroughly enjoy the event and stayed chatting on the deck long after we closed-up shop. Our next event will be our Reggae Party when we will be serving Caribbean themed drinks and we will, as always, enjoy member provided appetizers. To end the season we will celebrate Labor Day with the Commodore's Reception September 7th and a final Shore Dinner later in the month. We hope you will support the club by attending these events and we encourage you to bring family, friends and any possible new members. For you sailors I have added some information on the Norwalk Islands Sailing Fleet that holds races into October, included is their contact information. I would love to include more articles of interest in The Musket, please think of what you might contribute.

Best Regards,

Sandie Kinseley, Commodore



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Minuteman Yacht Club Summer Clam Bake



It started off the perfect late afternoon at South Beach, warm sun and sand, a soft breeze, friends and family, what more could one ask? Then the sky darkened, the breeze turned to a gale-force wind, the rain began and...everyone was gone!



Deidre and Charlie continue their conversation oblivious to the deserted beach and falling rain around them. Hardy Crew!



Rain Splashed dessert went uneaten (that day!!). That's all I got folks (through a rain-blurred lens) but we had fun!



Fiesta En La Playa



2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Commissioning Day Ceremony and Reception:
Sunday, May 10, 2015 at 5pm

King Cup Race: Saturday, May 30, 2015 at 12 noon

AND

King Cup Reception: Saturday, May 30, 2015 at 5pm

Summer Clambake: Sunday, June 21, 2015 at 5pm

July 4th Raft-Up: Friday, July 3, 2015 at 6pm

Fiesta en la Playa: Sunday, July 19, 2015 at 5pm

Reggae Party: Sunday, August 23, 2015 at 5pm

Commodore's Reception: Monday, September 7, 2015 at 5pm

Shore Dinner: Sunday, September 20, 2015 at 5pm

Annual Meeting and Change-of-Watch Dinner:
Sunday, October 25, 2015 at 6pm

Holiday Party: Sunday, December 13, 2015 at 6pm

Note: Above calendar subject to change

NEXT EVENT

Reggae Party: Sunday, August 23rd 2015 at 5pm

Norwalk Islands Sailing Fleet Info & Schedule
2015 NORWALK SATURDAY CHAMPS – NOTICE OF RACE ORGANIZING
AUTHORITY – NORWALK YACHT CLUB

1. **BACKGROUND** The Norwalk Islands Sailing Fleet (“NISF”) has for many years run a popular series of weekend sailing races. This year, NISF is combining with Norwalk Yacht Club (“NYC”) to assign the running of most of the races to NYC, as Organizing Authority (“OA”).
2. **RULES** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in: 2.1 The current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS); 2.2 The current Performance Handicap Racing Fleet Regulations (PHRF) as administered by the Yacht Racing Association of Long Island Sound (YRALIS); 2.3 The Category C Minimum Equipment Recommendations of the YRALIS.
3. **ELIGIBILITY** 3.1 The series is open to boats with LOA between 22 and 60 feet, racing under PHRF rules. 3.2 The OA reserves the right to reject any entry. 3.3 Each boat entered shall submit a valid PHRF Certificate (YRALIS) or accept a rating from the OA. 3.4 The OA, at its discretion, may also have starts for Ideal-18s or other one-design classes.
4. **REGISTRATION** 4.1. All entries are to be made on-line at www.yachtscoring.com. 4.2. Boats may enter for all or individual race/s of the races comprising the Series. 4.3. Prior to the first race signal of the day, each boat intending to race shall check-in with the signal boat by sailing by and declaring her intention. There is to be no check-in by radio.
5. **FEES** Entry Fees are \$400 for the series; \$45 per individual race. For first-timers only: boats may give the series a try by signing up for their first race for only \$10 (credited against the series fee if you decide to sign up for the rest of the series).
6. **DIVISIONS** 6.1 Division I – Racing Spinnakers may sail in Division I and fly Numeral Pennant One. 6.2 Division II – Racing Non-Spinnakers may sail in Division II and fly Numeral Pennant Two. 6.3 Division III – Cruisers may sail in Division III and fly Numeral Pennant Three. 6.4 Every Non-Spinnaker Division boat shall sail with a main and jib only. A jib is defined as a headsail with the entire luff of the sail attached along the headstay. A reaching strut/whisker pole may be used with one end attached to the mast, all in accordance with RRS 1.2. 6.5 Boats may sail in any Division in any race, provided they comply with the other paragraphs of this section. Non-spinnaker boats may opt to be in Division II or III, but the OA reserves the right to reassign them in the interest of fairness to all boats.
7. **QUALIFYING FOR SEASON TROPHIES** 7.1 A boat must start at least 50% of the races completed in her Division to qualify for season series scoring in that Division. 7.2 One race must be completed to constitute a series.
8. **SCHEDULE** 8.1 The Schedule of Races is attached hereto as Appendix 1. 8.2 The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 1200. Warning signals for succeeding Divisions will be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding Division. 8.3 Post-race parties will be held at the locations noted on Appendix 1. Please contact the host club to arrange for temporary mooring or dockage as needed. (Norwalk Yacht Club can be reached by phone or VHF radio as noted in item 15 below).
9. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** Sailing Instructions will be available at www.yachtscoring.com and will also be available at Norwalk Yacht Club and from the race committee signal boat on race days, prior to racing.
10. **RACE AREA** As shown in the Schedule of Races, start and finish lines will be South of Rowayton, Connecticut in the vicinity of Greens Ledge Light, or South of Norwalk, Connecticut in the vicinity of Government Mark R”26”.

11. COURSES Courses will be “Navigator’s” courses around Government marks, to be chosen for the day from the list of courses attached hereto as Appendix 2.

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SCORING 12.1 Individual races will be scored using the Low Point Scoring System as set out in Appendix A of the RRS. 12.2 Series results will be scored using the High-Point Percentage Scoring System. 12.3 Races sailed in excess of the minimum required for qualification will be thrown out.

13. PRIZES 13.1 Daily prizes for individual races will be awarded for each Division that qualifies. Three boats per Division, per race, defines “qualifies”. 13.2 Season’s trophies will be awarded to the best three boats in each Division that qualify. 13.3 The Awards Ceremony will be held at Shore & Country Club on a date in November to be announced. Competitors will also be invited to the Norwalk Yacht Club awards party to be held on a date in October to be announced.

14. RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. The Organizing authority will not accept any liability for damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. As a condition of the participation of any boat in any race or related activity sponsored or undertaken by the Norwalk Yacht Club, the owner, helmsman and each crew member agree that the safety of the boat and the crew and the decision whether or not to start or continue to race is solely their responsibility. See rule 4, Decision to Race. Each of them waives all claims which he or she, or any heir, representative, successor or assignee, may have against the Norwalk Yacht Club and the YRA of LIS and each of their officers, trustees, members, committees, employees or agents, arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity. Responsibility for evaluating wind, sea and weather conditions rests with each competitor, as does the responsibility for the safe condition and operation of their boat, including safety equipment and rigging, and for wearing a life jacket. Assistance from the race committee, patrol boats, or other support boats and from personnel manning them is at the risk of the participant

15. **FURTHER INFORMATION:** Please contact: Norwalk YC, 10 Nathan Hale Rd, Wilson Point, South Norwalk, CT, 06854 Phone 203 866-0941 VHF Channel 78A
Sarah Starkweather Regatta Chair regatta@norwalkyachtclub.com

NORWALK SATURDAY CHAMPS 2015 SCHEDULE OF RACES

DATE	RACE	RACE COMMITTEE	START AREA	PARTY
May 16	Spring Tune-up Race	Norwalk YC	GL	Norwalk YC
May 30	King Cup	Norwalk YC	R26	Minuteman YC
Jun 13	Chanteyman Race	Norwalk YC	GL	Norwalk YC
Jul 18	Mid-Summer Race	Norwalk YC	GL	Norwalk YC
Aug 1	SHYC Evening Race1	SHYC/NYC	R26	SHYC
Aug 8	Women’s Cup2	Norwalk YC	R26	Sprite Island YC
Aug 29	Green’s Ledge Race	Norwalk YC	GL	Norwalk YC
Sep 12	Philcox Cup	Norwalk YC	GL	Norwalk YC
Sep 19	Mayor’s Cup	Norwalk YC	R26	Norwalk YC
Sep 26	NISF Challenge	Norwalk YC	GL	Norwalk YC
Oct 3	Partners’ Café Cup	Norwalk YC	GL	Partners

*Note: This material is taken directly from the [Norwalk Islands Sailing Fleet website](http://www.norwalkislandsailingfleet.com)