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NEW YORK YACHT CLUB NEWSLETTER

MARCH - APRIL 2005

COMING EVENTS

44th Street

CLUB HOUSE EVENTS

MARCH 1

THEATER NIGHT

Dirty Rotten Scoundrel

MARCH 17

St. Patrick's Day
Buffet Luncheon

MARCH 30

CLUB NIGHT

Bruno Troublé
"Newport to Valencia"

APRIL 12

CLUB NIGHT

Tom Perkins
Maltese Falcon

APRIL 20

LIBRARY NIGHT

Deborah Everts on Conservation

APRIL 21

Australian Wine Tasting/Dinner

MAY 5

Young Members Cinco de Mayo

MAY 12

CLUB NIGHT

NY-30 100th Anniversary

MAY 21

RTAC Start

Harbour Court

CLUB HOUSE EVENTS

MARCH 26

House Warming

MARCH 27

Easter Buffet and Egg Hunt

MAY 7

Commissioning

MAY 8

Mother's Day Buffet Luncheon

ROLEX TRANSATLANTIC CHALLENGE HIGHLIGHTS SPRING SEASON

The NYYC will be in full glory when the **Rolex Transatlantic Challenge**, chaired by A. Robert Towbin, sails from waters off Sandy Hook on **May 21st**.

The excitement will begin with a Gala Reception and Dinner-Dance aboard the Intrepid Sea-Air-Space Museum on May 19th to honor the participating captains and crews. Peter Duchin will provide the music for dinner and dancing. Dress for this event is Service Dress or coat and tie.

Thanks to Phil Asche and his Special Events Committee, an observation craft has been chartered to enable members to watch the Parade of Sail on May 21st as the racing yachts proceed down the Hudson and through the Narrows to the starting point near the former site of the Sandy Hook lightship. We expect the parade to begin at approximately 0930. Starts for the three divisions will take place between 1400 and 1500. There will be plenty of food and drink aboard the observation craft *Atlantica*, and we will cruise by some noteworthy sights in the harbor.

Members also should have received a notice that Dayton Carr, chair of Harbour Court's Special Events Committee, has reserved a group of discounted suites and staterooms for Club members on the *Queen Mary 2* departing May 28th for Southampton. Members can track the daily progress of the races, have access to the ship's bridge, attend lectures on the races and related topics and join several special NYYC events and receptions onboard. The *Queen Mary 2* is scheduled to arrive in Southampton on June 3rd, allowing plenty of time for recreation before the Isle of Wight awards ceremony and party hosted by the Royal Yacht Squadron on Sunday, June 12th at Osborne House.

The Special Events Committee has worked very hard for many months to put together a truly unique and exciting program to celebrate the Rolex Transatlantic Challenge. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to Phil Asche, Dayton Carr and their fellow committee members, and it is hoped that many Club members will be able to enjoy these outstanding events.



BRAD DELLENBAUGH TO JOIN NYYC AS SAILING DIRECTOR

Commodore George Hinman Jr. is delighted to report that **Brad Dellenbaugh** will be joining the Club as the Sailing Director.

Brad will be directing the Sailing Office team and working closely with the waterfront staff to support the activities of the Sailing Committee, the Race Committee and the Club's other on-the-water activities. We have all seen NYYC's sailing programs grow dramatically since the acquisition of Harbour Court, and the club's leadership feels strongly that it is the right time to enhance our capabilities to execute events and run races. Brad is a lifelong sailor involved at all levels of racing from dinghies to offshore yachts and the America's Cup. He is also a teacher, a sailing illustrator and a coach.



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VIEWS THE
QUEEN MARY 2

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WEEKEND PRIVACY

Are you planning a wedding? Is a special anniversary, birthday or family celebration expected soon? Does a company or an organization with which you have an association intend to have a corporate meeting or a benefit? If 75 or more guests are expected, the 44th Street Club House is available on weekends on an exclusive basis. Yours will be the only event, and your guests from out-of-town can also enjoy our overnight rooms. For more information, call or e-mail our Director of Special Events, Kathleen Nykolyk, (212) 201-4337 or nykolyk@nyc.org.

44th STREET
ROOM RATES

March 1st will mark the beginning of the **Spring Season at 44th Street**. The basic rates for bedrooms remain unchanged, but there will be some adjustment in the discounts for weekend rates and Frequent Sleepers program.

DO WE HAVE YOUR
SPOUSE'S E-MAIL
ADDRESS?

Members can arrange for their spouse to receive (separately) the regular weekly e-mail notice of club hours and events. If your spouse would like to receive these, e-mail a request to barkers@nyc.org. If you are not presently on an e-mail list, give us your address as well.

WINE COMMITTEE EXPANDS SELECTIONS

With the assistance of *Ciro Metrecano* (who doubles as chief taster), Chairman *Steven Rapp* and his Wine Committee have been working hard to broaden the wine selections offered at 44th Street and Harbour Court. In addition to looking for wines offering both good quality and good value in different price ranges from traditional sources in France, Italy and California, the Committee has been testing wines from Australia, New Zealand, Argentina, Chile and South Africa as well as states such as New York, Oregon, and Washington.

One of the innovations coming out of the Wine Committee's research will be a "Wine of the Month" at 44th Street and Harbour Court. A 1998 Chateau d'Angludet Margaux from Medoc will be our first "Wine of the Month" at 44th Street in March. It will be followed by a 2001 Castello di Bossi Chianti from Tuscany in April and Flora Spring Soliloquy, a 2002 Sauvignon Blanc from Napa, CA, in May.

At the present time, there are 59 wines and two champagnes on 44th Street's wine list. Prices range from \$141 to \$25 for the wines. The champagnes cost \$65 and \$50, and a Laurent Perrier 187 size champagne is available at the Bar for \$16.

A choice of 17 wines by the glass is available at 44th Street at prices ranging from \$6.50 to \$12.00. Pinot Noir and Merlot are the most popular reds; the Edna Valley Chardonnay from San Luis Obispo, CA is the most popular white, but a New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc has been catching up in popularity.

Harbour Court's wine selections are purchased by *Jim Chlebeczek* under the guidance of our Wine Committee. The wine list differs from 44th Street because of Harbour Court's seasonality and the tendency of many members to order a different wine in a vacation setting, but the same high standards of quality and value prevail.

All of this is to suggest that there is no better place to enjoy good wines at reasonable prices than at the NYCC. The variety of choices is designed to enhance the taste of every type of food and to fit the needs of every occasion, whether it is a multi-course formal dinner or a glass of a light wine with lunch. *Ciro Matrecano* invites you to try the "Wine of the Month" and to give him your comments after tasting some of the other selections. Moreover, he always welcomes suggestions from members who might discover an unusually tasty wine in the course of their travels.



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CLUB TO CELEBRATE 100 YEARS
OF THE NEW YORK THIRTY CLASS

The NYCC will celebrate the **100th Anniversary** of the famous **New York 30 Class** yachts with an evening of stories and pictures during a Club Night at 44th Street on **Thursday, May 12th** and a Centennial Celebration and Regatta at Harbour Court on July 16th-17th.

The first thirty-foot, one-design boat built to the then new Universal Rule was launched by the Herreshoff Manufacturing Company at the direction of the NYCC exactly 100 years ago. These yachts became a cornerstone of NYCC racing and their strict one-design rules established the benchmarks on which all other one-design classes are now modeled. Many were owned and raced by Club members including E.D. Morgan, J.P. Morgan, Alfred S. Vanderbilt, C. Oliver Iselin, August Belmont Jr., Harry L. Maxwell and Hendon Chubb.

Over the past ten or more years, there has been a resurgence in the class with as many as five yachts completely restored, and several more in the process. One of these, *Amorita* (NY-9), has returned to Club roles and has been a consistent participant as well as a successful competitor in Club events in the past decade.