

## The Zephyr

### MONTHLY SAILOR GATHERING

We will be having our August Monthly Sailor Gathering this Tuesday, August 12th from 7:30 to 10:00 PM at the Neenah Holiday Inn. The Holiday Inn will provide pizza for free to us. Drinks can be purchased at the bar- with happy hour pricing until 10 PM on happy hour featured drinks. Appetizers are available half-off (happy hour prices) until 9 PM and meals can be ordered off the menu. Come out and have a great time visiting with your fellow sailors and recapping all the action from the night's race. We will have a tip jar by the pizza so be sure to show your appreciation for the generosity of the Holiday Inn!

### ALL I'VE GOT IS A PHOTOGRAPH

Be sure to have your boat and crew in fine form and looking sharp this week as a photographer will be out taking pictures for the 2014 season participation and award photos. Get out there and get your picture taken!

### SAIL RALLY RECAP

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Sail Rally this Saturday and a special thank you to those who helped with set up and take down and the High Cliff Yacht Club for welcoming us to their corn roast. We had more wind than we expected from the forecast and everyone had a great time navigating to the buoys to get their cards. The corn at High Cliff was top notch. Congratulations to the winning boats who received gift certificates to Remington's Steaks and Seafood / Fan Club Sports Bar:

Best Hand - Tafia - \$40

Second Best- Panacea -\$30

Worst Hand - Blessing -\$20

### SAILING WITH THE SHARKS

We had a lovely evening for our Twilight Picnic and Cruise. The wind was better than predicted and the large moon was lovely, even when it was behind clouds. We had shark-themed desserts and a fin hat or two were spotted. As predicted the sharks came out to feed and one was seen closely following and repeatedly breaching by a San Juan 21. See a picture below and video at our [Facebook](#) page.

### NOTE TO NODAWAY RACING FLEET FROM THE REAR COMMODORE

Hello all sailors and racers. This current season has had more than a fair share of collisions and close calls around the racecourse. I think this is a good opportunity to revisit proper starting procedures and the rules that govern them.

To begin with there has been much discussion regarding the length of the starting line. Our Club follows the rules of US Sailing, which states the starting line length shall be 1 to 1.5 times the hull length of all boats entered. The normal multiplier is 1.25. Our Race Committee has increased this first to 1.5, which is the normal maximum and on July 15 and July 22 to 2 times the fleet. You may have noticed the line seemed longer. You should have, the new line was 600 feet long! The purpose for the longer line is in response to skipper concerns especially when wind speeds are very high.

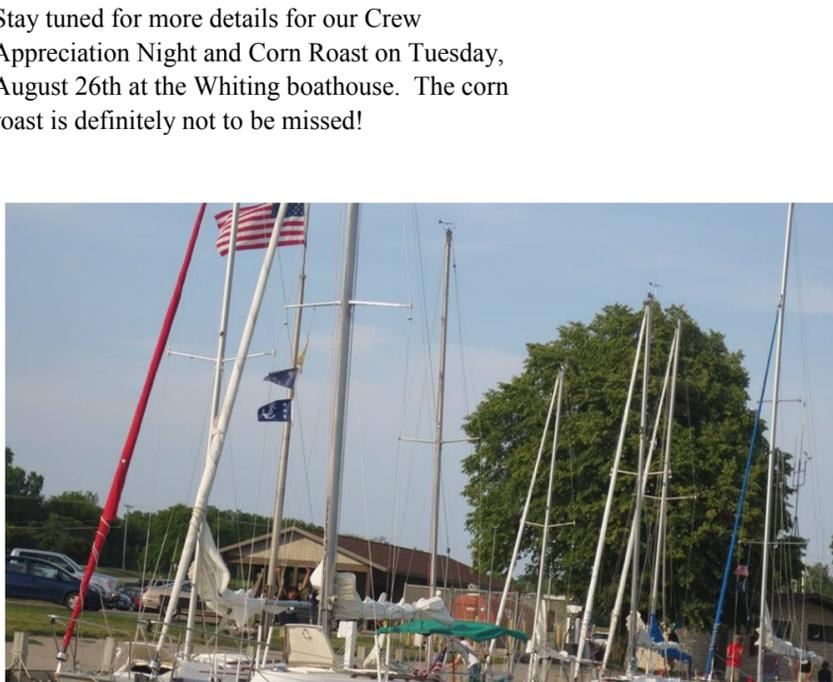
It occurs to me that the largest problem with our club is barging the line. We have all seen it and probably all of us have been guilty of this. Barging is running parallel to the line and turning upwind at the last moment to start. The problem is that a yacht to your leeward has rights and can push you up over the line early, or worse into the committee boat. This has happened. It's important to remember that a boat on the same tack as you on your lee side has rights. To make matters worse with our mixed fleet of handicaps some boats simply point much higher than others. We should all be sailing a proper course before the start at close to the same angle we will be racing at.

Rules, I like rule number one best. Avoid collisions at all costs. That's pretty simple. We need to realize that just because we are right we can't just maintain our course if it will cause a collision. We need to adopt the proper method, which is to protest a boat that has infringed on the rules. It's not a big deal, it promotes understanding and allows people involved to continue racing without injury. We should all know the rules and therefore when we break them, take our penalty turn (360 degrees) and continue racing. If a boat causes a collision resulting in damage or injury it will be disqualified from that race. I also see one additional problem on our starts. Once the five-minute start sequence has begun only the boats starting are allowed inside the starting box. This area is defined as a rectangular box the length of the start line extending one half the distance of the start line behind the marks. If you are not starting keep clear!

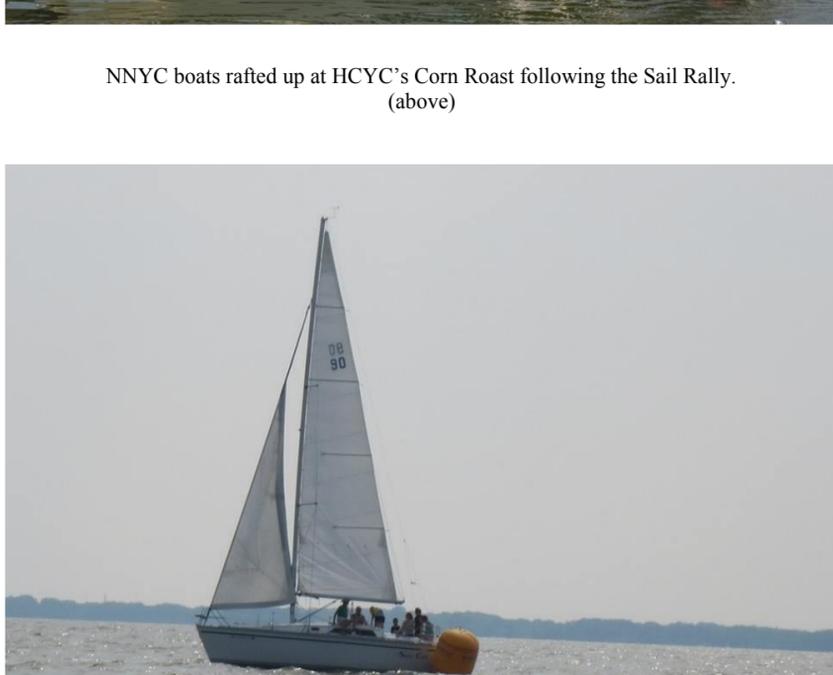
[Jim Stolla](#), Rear Commodore

### CORN ROAST

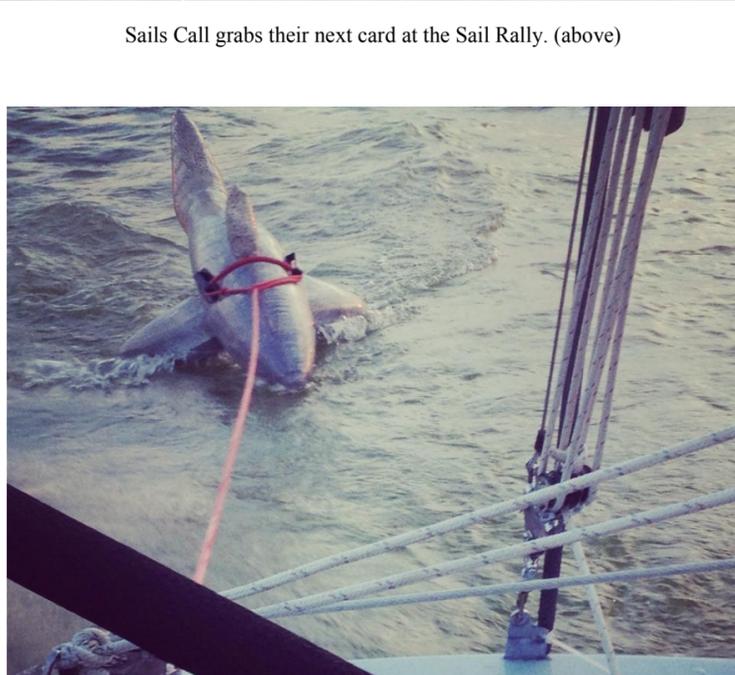
Stay tuned for more details for our Crew Appreciation Night and Corn Roast on Tuesday, August 26th at the Whiting boathouse. The corn roast is definitely not to be missed!



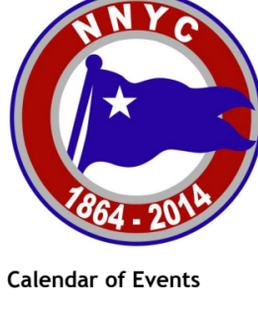
NNYC boats rafted up at HCYC's Corn Roast following the Sail Rally. (above)



Sails Call grabs their next card at the Sail Rally. (above)



A shark follows dangerously close to a boat at the Twilight Picnic and Cruise. (above)



### Calendar of Events

[Monthly Sailor Gathering-](#)  
Tuesday, August 12th  
7-10:00 PM

[Crew Appreciation Party](#)  
(Corn Roast)-  
Tuesday, August 26th

[Labor Day Race-](#)  
Saturday, August 30th  
10:00 AM

### Race Committee Assignments:

See [www.nnyc.org/race-committee/](http://www.nnyc.org/race-committee/) for more details

### THIS WEEK

[Tue, Aug 12](#)  
Ken Friedman  
Gary Rosenbeck

[Wed, Aug 13](#)  
Larry Arnoldussen

[Thu, Aug 14](#)  
Rob Bryson

### NEXT WEEK

[Tue, Aug 19](#)  
Kevin Quinn  
Peter Holzworth

[Wed, Aug 20](#)  
John Anderla

[Thu, Aug 21](#)  
Paul Ruthven

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upload them to our Facebook page and they might end up in a Zephyr!